



**SOCIETY MAN BY DAY;
A BURGLAR BY NIGHT.**

Prominent Middletown, N. Y., Man
and Leader of Fashion Confesses
to Looting Homes.

Middletown, N. Y.—The alleged confession of Charles Boos, until a few days ago superintendent of the Wall-hill Transit company's lines in Orange county, has amazed this city and solved a spectacular police mystery. According to the police he admitted



HE AIDED THE POLICE IN THEIR HUNT.

to them that he had robbed one of the largest department stores in the city, besides several residences in the last few months.

Boos testily reminded the police that he himself had raised the hue and cry one night a few weeks ago when a burglar was chased out of the residence of a wealthy man. He said the police were close on him before he got out of the house and that he ran ahead of them shouting: "Stop thief. Catch that man!"

This ruse worked so well that Boos resorted to it again a few nights later, when he had forced his way into the home of J. L. Pendleton, and from which he was frightened by an alarm.

Boos is regarded as a modern social highwayman. He drew a large salary as superintendent of the big transit corporation and lived in good style in handsomely furnished apartments on one of the best streets in the city. He was apparently one of the busiest men in town, seemed to have no time for anything but his work, and appeared an exemplary man of business. He was arrested on a charge of stealing copper wire from the company and selling it to a junk dealer. Officials of the company were his accusers.

A subsequent search of Boos' fine apartment revealed plunder for which the police had long been looking and which it is alleged was taken from a department store and private residences. When the loot was discovered, Boos, it is said, confessed.

Wed. Day at Versailles.
Louis XIV. had just announced "I am the state."

"Then," responded a courtier, "your majesty is North Carolina and I am South Carolina."

Herewith the monarch was compelled to set 'em up again.—N. Y. Sun.

Young Mr. Staylate.
"Up in the polar country they have nights that are six months long."

"Gracious, wonder what they do with the slow young man who comes in to spend the evening and never knows when to go home."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Season of It.
Gebhart—What, so hard at work just before Christmas?

Carson—That's just why. My wife threatens to buy me some absurdly expensive Christmas, present, so I'm making a little extra working overtime.—Chicago Daily Ex.

Nothing in It.
"Care will kill a cat." Huh! There's another ridiculous proverb.

"Why?"
"Why, I've taken all-manner of care, but I can't kill our cat. She always comes back."—Philadelphia Press.

Never Close to Her.
"I've always heard," the maiden said, "that he was miserly."
But I must say he's never been so very close to me."
—Judge.

SHE HAD MONEY.



Miss Verie Rich—Am I the only girl you ever loved?

Hard Up—Yes, dearie, you are the first girl I could afford to love.—Philadelphia Press.

Proficiency.
"Have you learned to manage your automobile?"

"Perfectly," was her serene response. "I have run over two people and Aida's hurt the machine a bit."—Washington Star.

The Proof.
"Dolly had offered to sing at Ethel's musicale."

"I thought she hated Ethel!"

"Well, that proves it, doesn't it?"

—Frank.

DO I A BATTLE FIGHT?

If Then, my Christ, to-day
Shouldst speak to me and say:
What battles hast thou fought for Me?
Show me thy scars; I fain would see
Lovers' deep of victory.

If Then shouldst speak, my Christ:
My Leader and my King;
And bid me lay my wounds in sight,
The scars borne just for Thee in fight,
What love-scars could I bring?

Do I a battle fight,
Do I a stainless shield
Bearing where I tread, in sacred trust
Trampling sin's every vice to dust,
Along the battlements?
—George Klingie, in Christian Work.

MAN'S OWN WAY.

It Has Led Away from God, But
Christ's Sacrifice Brings Us
Back Again.

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned, every one, to his own way;
and the Lord hath laid on him
the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6.

The Bible shows that God loved and still loves men. The natural condition of men is sad and awful.

Gone astray: Gone away from God, our rightful owner. Wanderers in paths of error! We are wrong! Heedless, thoughtless, giddy, ourselves wandering. Out of the way for the sake of being out of the way. Nothing is made by it. Inclined to backslide from God, and altogether unable of ourselves to return to Him again.

Turned to his own way! What a comment on man's independence and free thinking and free agency! Man's "own way" is the way in which man pleases to go, and it is going astray; it is setting up for ourselves to be our own masters, to do what we will, and have what we will.

God has a plan of procedure to save us from this fatal course. He laid on Christ "the iniquity of us all" and he carries the weight of those who accept Him. He has become Saviour, Redeemer of guilty men—the propitiation for sin. God chose Him: Laying the iniquity on Him is God's way of salvation, and there is no other. Our sins are made to meet upon Him.

O spotless Lamb of God,
So holy, good and pure,
On Thee our guilt is laid!
In Thee we are secure!
Teach us to cling to Thee,
And never "go astray";
O keep us, guard us all,
That we shall pass away.

Then when our earthly sojourn
We close our dying eyes,
Give us, with Thee, a "place"
"A mansion" in the skies.

THE WISH OF THE HEART.

Such Is the Truly Uttered Prayer—
Story of the Shepherd Boy
and His Prayer.

A story is told of a little shepherd boy who was obliged to keep watch over the sheep, and so could not go to church. But in his heart there grew a longing to pray to God, as they were doing in church. He had, however, never been taught any prayer, and so, kneeling down, he began with closed eyes and folded hands saying the alphabet, "A, B, C, D," and so on to the end.

"What are you doing, my little man?" asked a gentleman passing by.

"Please, sir, I was praying," replied the boy.

"But why are you saying your letters?"

"Why," said the little fellow, "I did not know any prayer, only I felt I wanted God to take care of me and help me to take care of my sheep. So I thought if I said all I knew he would put it together and spell all I wanted."

"Bless your heart, my little man! He will, when the heart speaks right the lips can't say wrong," said the gentleman.—The Christian.

SENTENCE SERMONS.

Attempt something; be something. Unattempted means unaccomplished. Evil must be conquered, not merely defeated.

Many a soul has been dimmed by the shadow of a sin.

God may forgive, but He does not always take away the power of memory.

To an active nature idleness is intolerable, but rest is pleasant to a man given to industry.

He who would walk in his garden in the cool of the day must first have his garden to walk in.

The ark of bulrushes was for an individual; the ark of gopher wood was for a family; but the ark of the covenant is for all.

Works without faith are like earthen vessels of flowers on a statue—they may add to its beauty but they do not change its character.

A man of God is one who does the will of God, who lives on the high level of his profession, who prays and keeps the receiver to his ear waiting for the answer.

Many a life is transformed under the power of religion as the windows of a dwelling are made to glow under the light of the setting sun. They are luminous only as the light from above falls upon them.—United Presbyterian.

Two Debts.
By diligence and economy a man may set all his debts paid save two. But, let him strive as he may, he will still owe God more love and the world more service than he can ever discharge.

Five in Cadix Arsenal.
CADIX, Spain, Dec. 11.—A fire in the Cadix Arsenal destroyed two torpedo boats which were under repair and caused other damage to a great extent. One man was killed.

Weather Forecast.
Fair and clear, with winds.

ASTOUNDING REVELATION CLOTHING MANUFACTURERS SEEK RELIEF

Loaded to the Gunwales with Millions of Dollars Worth of High Grade Men's, Boys' and Youths' Clothing that Failed to Sell Because of the Warm Weather in the Early Fall, They Have Asked the Retailers to Come to their Aid.

Murphy & Blish

The well known American Clothiers and Gent's Furnishers of Sayre have been among the first of the retailers to respond to the call and have secured an entire new line of winter Clothing, Underwear and Gents' Furnishings that will be placed on sale

Thursday, December 14

at their Lockhart street store, next the postoffice, and the cut in the prices has been made so deep that there is not a man, young or old, in this section that can afford to pass them by. The reason for this astonishing cut is plain. Manufacturers expected a big fall trade. The big concerns ran their factories night and day during the summer months anticipating the biggest business in the history of the clothing industry. They were grievously disappointed. Mild October and November weather was responsible for a big slump in manufacturer's sales and now at the very outset of winter they find their warerooms crowded with goods that must be disposed of at any price. Naturally they look to the retailers for relief, and the latter have promised to do their best.

The manufacturers need the money that is invested in their enormous output of Clothing and they are sending it to the retailers with instructions to cut the price to the core. The consumer is the only one who will profit by this transaction. Legitimate cut price sales just previous to the holiday season is a hitherto unheard of proposition and an innovation in the business world, but the step is justified by the conditions and if you fail to take advantage of the opportunity to secure high grade clothing at almost your own figures, you only are the loser.

The stock which will be placed on sale is positively the largest and finest ever displayed in a Clothing store in this valley.

It would require a sheet many times the size of this to list the clothing bargains which will be offered at this sale, therefore you will have to be content with a few, and witness with your own eyes the thousands of others when you visit the store. Here are a limited number of low priced offerings that will prevail during this money-saving event.

Men's Suits

Every suit we show is well worth consideration. Evers new and snappy style, single and double breasted coats with new collar, wide lapel, broad athletic shoulders and shape retaining front, beautifully tailored and finished with careful attention to detail, made of Scotch chevots, tweeds and worsteds, in the noblest patterns and colorings the markets produce.

Single and double breasted sack suits for men, in black and blue chevots, tibets and undressed worsted, former price 18.00, sale price **\$12.62**

Men's sack suits, single and double breasted styles, made of excellent fabrics in handsome patterns that were 15.00, now **\$10.98**

\$10.00 and 12.00 suits, sale price **\$7.98**

Black and blue chevots containing all the fashion kinks and style changes that expensive clothing boasts **\$3.90**

Boys' Clothing

Boys' suits sizes 8 to 17 years made of warm serviceable fabric, sturdily tailored and very smart styles, regular value 5.00, 6.00 and 6.50, sale price **\$3.50**

\$3.00 and 3.50 suits cut in mannish lines in single and double breasted styles **\$2.25**

\$2.00 and 2.25 suits, containing every kink and wrinkle that the most fastidious young boy can wish for, from \$1.40 to **\$1.25**

Young Men's Pants

Young men's pants \$2.50 and 4.00, now **\$2.75**

\$2.50 and \$3.00 pants, now **\$2.00**

\$2.00 pants, now **\$1.35**

Overcoats for Old and Young

Overcoats, medium length for men, very popular and dressy styles which have many admirers, cut single breasted with full skirt, fine velvet collar, broad shoulders, beautifully lined throughout, made of meltons, friezes and kerseys, \$18.00 and 20.00, now **\$13.25**

Long overcoats for men and young men, handsomely tailored and lined, \$13 and \$15 **\$9.50**

Double breasted overcoats for men and young men, the season's dressiest style, cut long, loose and roomy, with or without belt, \$8 and \$10, sale price **\$6.75**

Men's smart overcoats that were formerly \$7, now **\$5.00**

Young men's long belted overcoats, in black and fancies. Former price \$9.00, now **\$4.98**

Haberdashery Department

Heavy fleeced lined shirts and drawers, former price 60c, now **29c**

Mixed gray hose **7c**

75c and \$1.00 dress shirts **39c**

Kod and blue 10c handkerchiefs, now **2c**

35c suspenders, now **8c**

Boys' knee pants, 50c and 75c, now **38c**

\$1.50 black derby hats, fall and winter styles **92c**

Heavy wool hose, 25c, now **19c**

Men's 50 and 75c heavy jersey shirts **39c**

Men's \$1.00 fleeced lined heavy jersey shirts **79c**

Boys' knee pants **19c**

Boys' single vests **27c**

Boys' caps **15c**

Children's fleeced lined underwear, worth 25c and 35c a garment **19c**

Single Coats

Single coats for men in all sizes, in black and gray, worth \$4.00, sale price **2.25**

Men's all wool reefers, were \$5.75, now **3.75**

Black Irish frieze, made with extra high collar, double breasted, wool lined, \$8.00, now **6.90**

Heavy canvas coats in black and brown, wool lined, were \$1.50, now **97c**

10 dozen boys' vests, former price 50c, now **27c**

Suits for Young Men

Young men's single and double breasted suits brimful of all the character that the most particular young man could wish for. \$12.00, 15.00 and 18.50, sale price **\$8.75**

\$8.00 and 10.00 suits, sale price **\$6.25**

\$6.00 and 7.00 suits, sale price **\$4.50**

Remember this is a cash sale. Absolutely no goods charged. Money must accompany all orders. A small amount of it does a large business at this sale. Store brilliantly lighted at night. Store open early and late. Don't forget the location and date of the opening.

MURPHY & BLISH

Clothiers and Haberdashers, Next Door to Postoffice, Sayre, Pa.