

VIRGINIA COURTESY.

By Its Operation Mr. Culpepper Came Into His Own.

It is the story of a polite and polished Virginia gentleman and his landlady, also polite, polished and a Virginian. It rained on a day not long ago, and when Mr. Culpepper looked for his umbrella in the terra cotta tile in the hall it was not there. Mr. Culpepper was far too courteous to say that somebody had taken it. He didn't even say it was gone. He merely looked at the terra cotta tile and cherished regrets. It was raining, and he had no umbrella. The courteous landlady came upon him and divined his trouble.

"Haven't you any umbrella?" she asked. "Oh, that's too bad! You mustn't think of going out without one. Just wait a moment till I get you mine."

Mr. Culpepper protested, but when Virginia meets Virginia courtesy is bound to prevail in the end. The landlady went upstairs and presently returned with an umbrella.

"There," said she. "Take it. I shan't need it today, and you are perfectly welcome to it, perfectly welcome."

And the grateful Mr. Culpepper stepped out and unrolled an umbrella which was the very one he had lost. Courteous Virginia gentleman, courteous Virginia landlady, and you needn't ask me how the umbrella came to change owners, for I don't know. Neither does Mr. Culpepper.

Diagnosing Under Difficulties.

Dr. Sundberg, former consul to Baghdad, related with much gusto an adventure that befell him in a Mohammedan harem in Baghdad. One of the wives of a rich merchant fell sick, and Dr. Sundberg was called in to prescribe for her. With a pardonable scientific interest the western physician waited. Enter a black gunnysack. It is the patient. The doctor would like to feel her pulse. A white hand is slipped through an opening. Good. And her tongue—impossible! No man save her husband may see the face of a woman and live or, more accurately, no woman may unveil her face to any man save her husband and live. His professional interest aforesaid deeply aroused, the diplomatic doctor insists. The difficulty is at length solved by the eunuch in chief. Though the woman may not lawfully unveil herself, the doctor under the circumstances might perhaps be allowed to crawl in under the gunnysack and so examine the telltale tongue. "Delighted, I'm sure," says the doctor, and does so. Then after the most thorough diagnosis imaginable he prescribes, as did Abernethy before him, "A little sun and air!"

The Origin of Starching.

The course of history carries us back no further than the year 1564 for the origin of starching in London. It was in that year that Mistress Van der Plasse came with her husband from Flanders to the English metropolis "for

their greater safety" and there professed herself a starcher. The best housewives of the time were not long in discovering the excellent whiteness of the "Dutch linen," as it was called, and Mistress Plasse soon had plenty of good paying clients. Some of these began to send her ruffs of lawn to starch, which she did so excellently well that it became a saying that if any one sent her a ruff made of a spider's web she would be able to starch it. So greatly did her reputation grow that fashionable dames went to her to learn the art and mystery of starching, for which they gladly paid a premium of £4 or £5, and for the secret of seething starch they paid gladly a further sum of 20 shillings.

Byron's Fatted Goose.

One of the stories concerning the traditional dish of roast goose on Michaelmas day refers to Lord Byron, says an English newspaper. The poet always insisted in keeping up old customs in small things, such as having hot cross buns on Good Friday and roast goose on Michaelmas day. This last fancy had a grotesque result when he was in Italy. After buying a goose and fearing it might be too lean Byron fed it every day for a month previous to the festival, so that the poet and the bird became so mutually attached that when Sept. 29 arrived he could not kill it, but bought another and had the pet goose swung in a cage under his carriage when he traveled.

CURE FOR HICCOUGHS.

Simple Scientific Remedy That Gives Immediate Relief.

An attack of hiccoughs brings its victim less sympathy perhaps than almost any other ailment, the main reason being that, except in very rare cases, it is not attended with fatal results and that in most cases it attacks otherwise healthy persons. Still, it is one of the most annoying and most obstinate of difficulties. While the effort to cure it is being made it generally disappears, yet it resists the most vigorous effort of the will to control its vagaries.

A hiccough is a quick, involuntary, inspiratory movement of the diaphragm, brought suddenly to a stop by an involuntary closing of the glottis. The muscles that control these two portions of the human anatomy are incessant workers. They wait on every breath without being guided by the will and even work while we sleep. While they do their duty life passes, tranquil, calm and pacific, but if from any cause a disturbing element enters into their bellwick they rebel, are beyond the control of the will and, having no guide, as it were, run away, and, like any runaway, have no care for the damage done. The effort to remove the disturber is the cause of the hiccough, and the following method of treatment arrests these muscles in their wild escapade, brings them back to their duties, and, like the patient servant

ants they are, they resume their work and life becomes as placid as before.

First, expel all the air from your lungs very, very quickly. The portion of the body they attend to is, as it were, collapsed, and now commences the next and concluding part of the cure.

Second, commence to fill your lungs with air, but do so very slowly, but steadily. Pucker your mouth, and if possible leave an opening of your lips no larger than a pin, and through this inhale the air. Fill your lungs, raise your arms and throw out your chest, and when you are full these muscles resume their regular duties and the hiccoughs are gone.—Brooklyn Eagle.

History Made Palatable.

Joseph Salvador, the French historian, and Jules Sandeau, a novelist, made their meeting at a public reception the occasion for a dispute as to the respective places which they occupied in the world of letters.

"The reading of history is like a pill—it needs the sugar coating to make it palatable," argued the novelist.

"Ah, but it is the ingredient which cures, not the coating," remarked the historian.

"Then let us divide honors," said Sandeau, "for if it were not for my sugar coating your historical facts would dry on the shelves."

Every bird, sooner or later, comes down from its perch.—Schoolmaster.

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One of the largest in this section of the country. Former prices \$2.50, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, all go at \$1.50.

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Big assortment of all wool and plush caps. We cut prices in this sale as follows: Men's plush caps 35c; Boys' plush caps 15c.

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For Ten days only. As we must make room for Spring Goods. Come soon as our door opens Friday morning to get your bargains and choice of anything in our large stock at Slaughter Prices.

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Our prices are always lowest and this sale is made for your benefit—to still gain your valued patronage. Do not fail to be among the first in this rush at CLEARANCE SALE.

Our Pants

A fine line and comprising a beautiful assortment. All wool, worth \$3.00, 3.50, 4.00, go at \$1.48.

Lot No. 2—A handsome assortment; you cannot begin to get it elsewhere at this sales' price. Former prices were \$4.00, 4.50, 5.00, 6.00, all go at \$2.98. Come in and make your selections from stock.

WORK PANTS. A big line; former price \$1.25, 1.50, 1.75, all go at 75c.

OVERALLS. Union made, heavy weight, any size you want, former prices 50, 65, 75c, all go at 38c, or 75c suit.

Gents' Furnishings

We offer to you a big line of gents' furnishing goods—the largest in this section of the county—at surprisingly low prices to our trade, as follows: Fleece lined underwear, former prices were 50c, 65c, 75c, 95c, go at special sale for 75c suit. This is of the finest line.

ALL WOOL Underwear, fine assortment worth \$1.28, 1.50, \$1.75 apiece, at this sale all go at \$1.50 a suit or 75c piece.

CHILDREN'S Underwear. Heavy fleece underwear, sizes 18, 20, 22, 24, 26—all go at 15c.

HATS FOR MEN, YOUTHS, BOYS.

A fine line of latest styles and colors, former prices, \$1.00, 1.50, 2.00, 2.50,—cut prices in this sale as follows: Our \$1.00 hats go at 65c; \$1.50 hats go at \$1.00; \$2.00 hats go at \$1.25; \$2.50 hats go at \$1.50.

Happs

HAVING a big and fine assortment to yet select from after the several hundred we sold this season, now what is left goes at special sale prices as follows:

Happs that are worth \$1.00, \$1.25, go at 50c.
Happs that are worth \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50 at 1.00.

Hosiery

LADIES', Misses and Children's all wool hose fine assortment, worth 40c, 50c, all go at 19c pr.

Men's Shirts

A very big line of all wool shirts, all sizes, ranging in prices from 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, worth other places from \$1.00 to 2.50.

MEN'S WORK SHIRTS.

Stripes and checks go at this sale for . . . 15 cents.

MEN'S FINE DRESS SHIRTS.

Worth \$1.00, 1.25, 1.50, all go at . . . 75 cents.

Fine Line Suspenders.

All colors, all styles, worth 35c, 40c, 45c, 50c, go at 19 cents.

Window Shades all go at 8 cents.

Trunks, Suit Cases and Telescopes. A large line goes in Clearance Sale at one-half their value.

We have not space to enumerate the vast amount of stock, to select anything you want. And as this sale is for ten days only, we kindly ask you to not forget to be among the rush at Clearance Sale from Jan 8th to 18th.

DON'T FORGET!

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Ladies' Suits and Skirts

We have one of the finest lines in this or any other town in the country. As you have a grand assortment to select from—here goes our special cut prices.

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Worth anywhere from \$8, 10, 12, our prices \$4.50

LADIES' SKIRTS

Worth \$4.00 4.50, 5.00, all go at : \$1.98
Worth \$4.00, 5.00, 6.00, all go at : \$2.98

Dry Goods

OUR dry goods and notion department is of the choicest assortment and variety—on this we make a special cut of 25 per cent. in all departments. As we have not got space to numerate this big line we ask you to call, as everything must go.

Ladies' Coats

OUR sales have been so that we are only in a position to offer you a few now remaining. We sold a vast amount of them, those yet left in our stock we offer you as follows at special sale, from \$2.00 to \$5.00. Do not miss this.

Ladies' Capes

WE have a few still left—that will cost you from \$8.00 to \$10.00 elsewhere. We give you your choice, at from \$1.75 to \$5.00.

Children's Coats

ALSO a very few left—give you your choice, from 35 to 50 per cent less selling price or cost.

Shoes

OUR shoe department is complete and your selections cannot be secured elsewhere twice their value. Ladies' shoes worth \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, all at 94c. Men's and Boy's shoes, fine assortment from 98c up. Men's heavy buckle artics worth \$1.50 at 90c.

Millinery

A nice line to select from, worth anywhere from \$2.00, \$2.25, \$2.50, all go at 75c.
Lot No. 2—Hats worth \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$8.00, \$10.00, all go at \$2.50.
This is for special sale of 10 days only.

SPECIAL.

Fine Table Oil Cloth, 8-4 wide, at special sale of 10 days, now now goes at 50 cents.
Still better, grande L'poleum, 8-4, worth at any other store from \$1.00 to 1.50, now goes at 75c a yard.