We must unload!—not a matter of choice—not a matter of judgment—but a matter of compulsion—our stock is too large for this time of the year—and we must unload at any cost—this is an opportunity that is seldom to be had—a money saving sale to the public—and those needing any furniture, carpets, stoves, draperies, etc-will profit by taking advantage of this great sale and obtain goods at less than one-half their real value-

Deninsular base burner-

Handsomest of all stoves in design of pattern and nickel trimmings-contains duplex grate ample magazine capacity. Swing top with automatic acting magazine cover-tea kettle attachment-large bailed ash pan-perfect damper system-elegant brass top ornument-large hot air flue circulation, insuring ventilation \$2375 2 tons of coal-op sale this week

The wonderful "Estate Oak"

heating stove is placed on sale this week at a less price than others ask for plain oak stoves-The Estate oak is the only stove that has a jointless ash pit, thereby making it absolutely air tight-all the doors are accurately fitted and instead of sliding draught doors it has a screw register—it is the finest looking stove on the market—guaranteed to hold fire 47 hours with one charge of soft coal—

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baker-and warranted in every respect-this

loading sale we will offer our regular \$14.50 cook stove for only \$9.65-this stove is made of heavy smooth castings and is nicely trimmed with nickel-an excellent

f you are contemplating the

the purchase of a steel range here is your opportunity-The "Star Estate" steel range is known throughout the land-They stand for the highest in quality-workmanship-durability and operation-they save their cost in fuel

thereby making them the cheapest and best \$2950 ranges on earth—this week we place on sale \$2950 the regular \$50.00 steel range for ...

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voir, weighs 650 pounds, very large top, and as its weight indicates—very heavy—size of o en 22 inches wide, 20 inches deep, 14 inches \$2975 high—this stove is generally retailed at about \$2975 \$65.00-our price during this sale

In a chilly day, or for some side room, nothing is nicer than a good oil heater, we have them in a number of styles and prices-As a special bargain we place on sale a \$6.00 Coal Oil Heater for only...... \$60.00 Stewart Heater-

on sale at \$18.00 Franklinite Heater-very pretty and made to keep you warm-this week 8.50 \$24.00 Parlor Cook-a heating and cooking stove combined-has a good sized oven-13.50 comes in very handy at times-this week ..

\$4.00 Cannon Stove-a good, plain, low-priced 190 heater-this week \$15.00 Laundry Stovethis week \$7.50 Box Heaters-

\$35.00 Store Heating Stoves, made by P. B. Beckwith, maker of the Genuine Round Oak-on sale this week at

this week

Curniture—prices cut Marpets

now and have them paid for price of cotton goods. before Christmas-

8	\$5.00 Reed Rocker_	20 0
ě	this week	2.4
ł	\$12.50 Onyx Tables_ this week	5-9
ı	\$20.00 Leather Couches_ this week	9.8
Į	\$25.00 Hat Racks_ this week	
ı	\$1.50 Canvas Cots_ this week	71
Ì	\$6.50 Library Tables this week	2.9
l	\$8,50 Tapestry Rocker_ this week	3.9
ı	\$8.00 Antique Extension Table	3.9
i	\$1.40 Oak Dining Room Chair this week	
ı	\$22.00 Onk Sideboard- this week	13.5
ı	\$10.00 Oak Bookense_ this week	4.9
ı	\$19.50 White Enamel Dresser this week	9.7
ı	\$50.00 Oak Parlor Suite— this week	24 5
ı	\$24.50 Folding Bed_ this week	13.5
ı	\$7.50 White Enamel Iron Bed this week	3.4
	\$22 Antique Bedroom Suite this week	14.9
	\$12.50 Wardrobe— this week	6.7
١	\$2.75 Oak Center Table— this week	1.6
	\$15.00 Only Combination Bookense and writing desk this week	
ĺ	\$4.50 Kitchen Safe— this week	2.6

\$10.50 Child's Folding Bed-

\$10.00 Tapestry Couch...

this week

\$1.50 Axminsters_ S1.25 Velvet this week \$1.50 Body Brussels_ this week 90c Tapestry_ this week 70c All Wool Ingrains. this week 45e Rag Carpet_ this week 30c Hemp Carpetthis week 35c Mattings... this week 75e Linoleums_ this week 50e Oil Cloth_ this week 75e Door Mats.

this week

\$6.50 Lined Fur Rug_ this week

this week

worth \$19.00_ this week

this week

9x12 Japanese Rugs-

7x10% Japanese Rugs_

\$4.50 30x60 Sakai Rug-

\$15.00 Misfit Brussels

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Gx9 Japanese Rug-

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35c Window Shades.

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We offer it this week as a special bargain for only

We also place on sale a pretty 2.25 Toilet Set-the shape is new 2.85 and large-with a handsome

3.40 nothing near as nice for the money any-where but here—Set inc. udes s'op jar—worth regularly \$6.50—on sale this week only

amps beautiful B

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with large round burner-Balearic centerwhich is the very latest there is-together with a pretty gold decorated globe—Tris combination generaly sells for \$7.50-ver place it on sale this week for

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Efforts Made on M-n-of-War to Establish Well Organized Pigeon Lofts for Regular Naval Messenger Service. By E. W. MAYO. · 本本本本本本本本本本本本本本本本本本本本本本本

pigeon such a remarkable and attractive bird. Yet these same qualities have caused him to be enlisted as a regular member of the milltary service in at least two European countries. In France, where the problem of communication in time of war has received more attention perhaps than anywhere else, every Important military post has its dove cote and the training of the pigeons to carry messages between distant posts is a recognized branch of military work. The rearing and training of the birds has been reduced and an exact art and the skill and speed; which some of them display is marvelous. Several attempts have been made to in-

troduce the use of carrier pigeons in the land and naval operations of the United States. It will doubtless surprise most readers to searn that we actually have such a service at the present time. Though the government has not openly recognized this modest errand boy, there are several quasi official military pigeon stations managed by officers of the army and navy and encouraged by the heads of the two departments. The chief of these and the one where most of the experiments are carried on is at the Annapolis Navai academy. It was started several years ago by Prof. Henri Marion, who was familiar with the use of the pigeons

in France and was an enthusiastic believer in the value of the birds as war messengers. The first pigeons used were obtained from Belgium. No attempts at long distance fly-ing were made until the brood had increased to considerable size and had become accus-tomed to its new quarters. Since then a wariety of interesting experiments have been made. Prof. Merion and his assistants have come to the conclusion that the region within which the birds can be used to the greatest advantage is marked by a radius of about 0 miles from the central point of operating therefore advocated the establishment litary pigeon posts at points 250 or 300 miles apart along the Atlantic coast.

Though the government, moving with pro-

verbial slowness, has so far failed to adopt his suggestion Prof. Marion succeeded in interesting a number of officers in different posts in his plans and they have taken to managing pigeons on their own account purely for the sake of the interest and excitement in the work. Pigeons have been ex-changed between Annapolis and Governors feland in New York herbor, and birds bear-ing messages have made the flight in a little

vocates of carrier pigeons believe they could be of the greatest use. The problem of com-municating between ships at sea when they are several miles apart has always been a knotty one, but more difficult and more important still is it to keep up communication between land and naval forces in case they wish to act together in making an attack. From experiments carried on on board the cruisers New York and Brooklyn and the different training ships it has been found that the carrier pigeon is the most rapid and

It would be hard to find a more peaceable, for short distances is faster then the tele-orderly and quiet member of the feathered community than the carrier pigeon. It is his factionate disposition and the strong love of home that takes him back to it from the greatest distances which makes the carrier make thirty miles an hour for seven or eight hours at a stretch. Two years ago when a couple of birds were released from the New York 300 miles out, at noon, sea, they arrived "The objection that has been raised to

"The objection that has been raised to the use of pigeons on board of ship is that from the fact of the vessel's moving about ing the snake's tail." One player is selected the birds will lose the strong homing in- to be the ctacher, and the rest range them-

they use one about two inches in diameterand throws it perpendicularly on the ground. As it rebounds she strikes it back with her open hand. This she does as often as she can do so without moving from her place in the circle, but when it rebounds nearer to some other girl-as it will be sure to do soon it is the part of that girl to strike it down. So the game goes on till some girl falls to hit when she should, or to make it rebound at home a little after six o'clock on the same and then she is cast out of the circle. The day, having made nearly fifty miles an hour throughout the afternoon.

and then she is cast out of the circle. The game goes on till only one girl is left, and then she has the honors of the game.



TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF THE FIRST CARRIER PIGEON INTO PARIS

stinct which makes them valuable. We have found that this is not the case, for the birds will find their way back to the ship even when it has moved its position many miles between the time of their leaving and their return. Though we haven't had a chance to try our feathered friends in actual warfare the men often make use of them for the sake of novelty in sending messages to their friends on shore and from 400 to 500 miles child playing for the row is graduated by more than four hours which is rather better friends on shore and from 400 to 500 miles out at sea they have never failed to find their pocates of carrier places.

In Belgium, where pigeon racing is as of seventy miles an hour for short distances. From thirty to forty miles an hour is, how-ever, the average speed of the average bird. Though not by nature strong of wing or equipped for long flight, the birds have been known to cover great distances. Probably the longest journey of which there is any record was made some ten years ago. A family of birds had been taken from Paigium to New York where they were to be bred that the carrier pigeon is the most rapid and taken from Eaigium and and sas. Liteutenant Smith, Use New York, where they were to the berd and trained. They were released from the to the subject said of the pigeon massenger they had been thoroughly done stated and straightway disappeared. They were released from the windows service recently:

"We are so eccustomed to relying on mechanical means of sending information now-basis that we are apt to look upon the use of birds as belonging to a less ingenious are their native cole in Beiglum. How they had not solve for fact the earrier pigeon can out the mail under ordinary conditions and trained. They were released from the cole for they had been thoroughly domesticated and straightway disappeared. One of the before sof the British navy whom old solders of the Crimean still recal with warm foodness was Captain William Peel, their first on their wonderful schievement they were picked up a shell with his own hands and picked up a shell with his own hands and picked up a shell with his own hands and picked up a shell with his own hands and picked pickes shaggy coat. "He's can be served buck's shaggy coat." He's can be described attention to hew York, where they were to the before they had been taken from Eaigum and the mine," said one of the mine, said one of the mine, and there is little doubt that the miners, as he stroked Duke's shaggy coat. "He's can be not their down that the mine, and the mine, said one of the mine, and the individual there is little doubt that the miners, on the driving the dark the individual to their them in the saved many a life, too, and there is all there is little dubty that the miner say he less the saved buck's shaggy coat. "He's can be easily and trained. They were released from the can remain the mine," said one of the mine, and trained. They were released from the can remain the mine," said one of the mine, say here the coal remains and trained. They were say here the can remain the mine," said one of the mine, say here the coal rema

child playing, for the row is graduated by size, the catcher must not push any one in the row, and the chain of the row must not be broken, either action constitutes a "foul;" great a sport as horse racing is in England when the "fall" is caught that child becomes and America, the birds have made a speed catcher, and the catcher becomes the tail. A variation on this game is for the catcher

tries to defend that child under the same co

to cry out that he will catch a child. "Which child do you want," asks the head of

the row, and then the catcher says third, or fifth, or whatever he will, and then the row

near which it had fallen during a bombardment, and threw it over the top of the earthworks just before it exploded; of how when
the sandbags around the magazine caught

which it had fallen during a bombard"Well, sir, it's solemn truth," he continued, "that there isn't a miner in existence
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That Detroit girl who has sued for \$299
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The Japanese children play some good away the burning rags, and of how he always games that might help American youngsters through a wintry afternoon. The girls, big girls, too, have a very pretty ball game that they call "Yemari," which means hand ball, but it is not at all the same thing as the hand ball we know. A number of them stand in a circle, one of them takes the bull—

away the burning rags, and of how he always games that might help American youngsters set the example in his battery of walking just as soon as the demp gets into his neighborhood he'll begin to act uneasy and to move around like he was on plus and needles. After about two minutes of this he'll cut and run like split for the lift. The men know the signs now and as soon as Duke begins to move around they make a grand frush for the car and he carries us out.

Tommy—I beat all but seven of the boys junction of you? Tommy you? How many were there of you? Tommy to the car and he carries us out.

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own spirit. THE WAY TO SLEEPYTOWN.

Nixon Waterman.

Which is the way to Sleepytown?
Look in the blinking eyes of brown;
Or you may find the misty track
Hid in the half-closed eyes of black.
Winding about and in and through
The slumberous eyes of dreamy blue,
Or stealing across the eyes of gray,
Oh, there you may find the drowsy way.

Follow along the crooked street, Follow along the crooked street,
Twisting about two tired feet—
Feet that the whole day through have trod
Paths that led to the Land of Nod;
Keep on going until you come
To weary fingers and weary thumb,
Or the lips within those gates of pearl
Is the languid tongue of a boy or girl.

The path you seek will lead, maybap, Into the peace of a downy lap, Where angels have sprinkled the dews of rest
In a gracious cradle of arms and breast.
Further along and the way has led
To the calm of a prayer-encircled bed,
Where mother is kissing the eyelids down,
And that is the way to Skepytown. THE MINE MULE.

Animals Who Mave Lived Their Lives The march of improvement has finally overtaken the mine mule, and, like the car horse

and their more aristocratic relative who drew the ancient stage coach he must go. Steam and electricity have driven out the other two. and now the third powerful agent of man's will, compressed air, threatens to displace the humble mine mule. Whoever has seen him at work will agree that he is different from any other animal in existence. From the time they enter the mine the mules never leave their underground quarters until accident, old age or lameness renders them unfit for further work. Some-times, of course, the mine is shut down or part of the workmen are laid off, and then perhaps the mules are taken to the surface and turned out to enjoy themselves. It is amusing to watch them then. From living so long in the dark many of them have become entirely blind. All of them are so unused to the bright sunlight that for the first few days they go groping about, searching for the shadiest spots, and evi-dently wondering what has come over the world to make it turn so brilliant. It takes them some time, too, to make up their minds to cat the green grass, and there have been cases where the mules have hung disconsolately about the mouth of the mine, showing unmistakable signs of home-sickness until they were back again in their dark, unpleasant quarters which they had come to

cok upon as home. Some of these rough-coated old mules are s wise as they are ugly in appearance. In the Ressmore mine, in the Pennsylvania district, there is a mottled gray mule who is nearly thirty years old, according to the men miner knows old Duke, and has a friendly pat or a morsel from his dinner pail for the faithful brute.

THE SNAKE'S TAIL.

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The SNAKE'S TAIL.

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The SNAKE'S TAIL.

That Detroit girl who has sued for \$299

damages for breach of promise to marry evidently has been critically examining her makes him uneasy. You could set off a blast to swim.

"Papa, I wish you'd whip me." "Whip marked down from \$300.

"Five times since I have worked here has spell "emperor." You should not end the old Duke given us warning and never cuce word with an "e-r." If you will notice, all titles denoting power and greatness—at least, pened we were dashing along the second level in his car and there was a cave-in I see! Just like "janitor."

That shut off the other "You must have had a fine time. Sambo, married than they will to hear the gospel treated because he hugged and kissed her. Fortunately, the judge discharged him. According to the experience of a Topeka ciergyman, people there will pay more to be married than they will to hear the gospel treated because he hugged and kissed her. Fortunately, the judge discharged him. right behind us. That shut off the other "You must have had a fine time. Sambo, married than they will to hear the g gang and would have exught us if we had when you were a little boy," said little Jack to the colored waiter. "Your nurse couldn't forming marriage ceremonies than he wender we all love that old gray mule, and have told whether your face was clean or a your said that they will to hear the gray with a funny significant. spot to lay his bones when he gets through working in the mine."

side at once set to work to dig them out, but old gentleman at the hotel.

risoned miners.

Many other stories, good and bad, are told

allowed to remain in the home to regain carried it away from the boxes of powder does get to rampaging around we have to leave out the swear words, mother turn, after a disappearance of seventeen

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The yellowest thing in weddings was the marriage of a Boston couple, who stood up to be married in a lion's cage at the Zoo. We trust that the ceremony used was the shortest permissible one.

A western Ontario girl threw a chip at a young man, put her hands under his arms and tickled his chin, and then had him ar-

forming marriage ceremonles than he does

wender we all love that old gray hode, and not."

A sensational case with a dumy size of the law his bones when he gets through "Don't cry, Buster," said Jimmyboy after reported from El Reno, Okl. A couple arrived at the principal hotel and registered spot to lay his bones when he gets through working in the mine."

In the Carbondale district a story is told of a mine mule that saved some lives in a different way. A party of workmen were caught by the falling of the roof of one of the characters. Their corpusates on the out-"You are a nice little boy," said the kindly jured wife arrived from Kentucky and caused the goutleman at the hotel. "Thank you," the arrest of the pair. The deserted man the arrest of the pair. and woman had never seen each other before, but while waiting for requisition papers from Kentucky they stopped at the same hotel and formed an acquaintance. Having a common grief, they became interested in each other, and, on the day the requisition papers were to errive they astonished the officers by eloping on their own account, going to Texas, where they are now sup-posed to be. The first pair of elopers were released from jail, and the Kentucky officer returned home, after informing the local pair that he "hoped a rattlesnake would bite again to help a couple of men trade wives. The Boston Transcript says: "The report of the engagement of the historian, George Sheldon, of Deerfield, to Miss Jennie Maria Arms of Boston and Greenfield, his just been received in Greenfield. Mr. Sheldon is 78 years old, and is a native of Deerfield. Ho is a descendant of the sixth generation of the noted Easign John Sheidon, who built the famous Indian house of Deerfield. Mr. Sheiden is the founder of the Pocumtuck Valley Mcmorkil association, and the historian of Deerfield and also of Northfield. He has represented his native town in both branches of the legislature and is yet a hele and vigorous man, whose presence is much sought at the frequent historical gatherings up and down the Connecticut valley. Arms is the daughter of the late George A. Arms, who died several months ago. been a teacher in natural sciences in Boston For a number of years she has been a valued assistant at the rooms of the Natural History

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"Why, papa," said Frances, who was look came to the rescue. As his sharp ears caught the faint "thud thud" of the picks he hammered lustily on the wall with his heels and is a picture of me, taken when I was quite

the imprisoned men were soon overcome by said Tommy, "Have you any little the gas that filled their small cage and could brothera?" "Yes," said Tommy; "I've got the gas that filled their small cage and could not respond to the tapping of their friends' brothers to burn, but I'm rather short on picks and so guide the rescuing party in the papes. We've only got one,"—Harper's right direction. In this cris's the old mule, Buzar, who had been caught along with the men, "Wh

by this signal the rescuing party worked young, their way in just in time to eave the im-"Well," commented the little girl 'it doesn't look as much like you as you look now."