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MINER BROTHERS.

Spring is now here and with it comes the necessity of spring suitings and light weight goods. We are amply prepared to show you the finest line in the city. A look through our immense stock of goods will convince you.

Our immense stock of **ORGANDIES** and **LAWNS** are moving very rapidly. If you wish anything in this line it will pay you to call and examine our stock.

In **WOOL** and **SILK NOVELTIES** our stock is complete. Everything you see in our large assortment is entirely new.



\$3.50 Ladies Double cape Mackintosh; dark blue cashmere medium dark lining, usually sold for \$5.00. (Like Cut.)

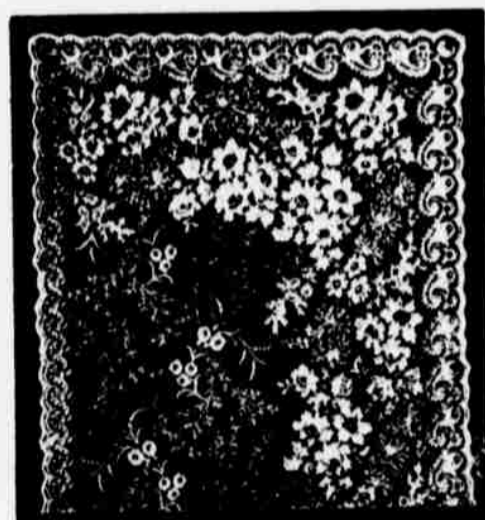
\$5.00 Ladies Single Cape Mackintosh; dark blue cashmere always sold for \$6.00.

\$3.50 Men's tan colored box coat Mamkintoshes, worth \$4. (Like Cut.)

\$2.75 Men's Black Wales Mackintosh, with cape, worth \$3.50.



Lace Curtains.



47c per for 30x80 inch Lace Curtains worth 60c. you will find this sterling quality 60c, 90c and \$1.25 per pair for Lace Curtains. \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$3.00 for full size Lace Curtains.

SHOES.

Wolfe Bros., of Columbus, Ohio, manufacture one of the best lines of medium priced shoes in the country. 60c to \$1.25 in Children's. \$1.50 to \$1.75 in Ladies'. Ladies' vic' kid, hand turned, lace, cloth top, latest shape, worth \$1.50. \$1.25 to \$3.50 Ladies shoes in all shapes and grades of stock. \$2.75 to \$3.50 We are local agents for the celebrated John Stroetman shoe. None better in style, fit and quality of goods. \$3.25 Bentley and Olmstead Men's Klondike Vic' Kid shoe latest toe, hand welt guaranteed, worth \$1.00. \$3.00 same shoe in quality and style in machine sewed. \$2.50 Men's lone calf in congress or lace, single, double and three soles, worth \$3.00. Examine our line of Smith-Wallace children's shoes. They are exceptional values.

MUSLINS.

31c for yard wide unbleached muslin. 40c for yard wide unbleached L. L. muslin. 50c for yard wide unbleached best L. L. muslin. 70c per yard for yard wide Pepperill R. muslin. 80c for yard wide heavy unbleached muslin. 50c per yard for yard wide bleached muslin. 60c for yard wide Farmers Use muslin. 70c per yard for yard wide heavy muslin. 71c for yard wide Lonsdale fine muslin. 10c per yard for Lonsdale cambric. 15c per yard for Ruby Long cloth. 16c for 9-4 unbleached sheeting worth 20c. 16c for 9-4 bleached sheeting worth 20c. 20c for 10-4 bleached sheeting worth 25c. THESE ARE SPECIAL VALUES.

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10 yds Standard Prints 30c.

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Spring CAPES

\$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00.

Thoughts About Cuba.

BY "NEMO."
Three years and more have elapsed since the present Cuban Rebellion broke out. It is probable that in history past or to come no parallel to its conditions will be found. The rulers of the island, unable to defeat the insurgents are themselves undefeated; and the insurgents, elusive and triumphant and enduring beyond usual measure in guerilla warfare are no nearer the actual accomplishment of their purpose than they were at the outbreak of hostilities. Nature and her ghastly hand-maiden, Pestilence, have fought for the insurgents; but Nature's battlings have been balanced by new arrivals of Spanish soldiers—men, some of them, boys, many of them—forced almost at bayonet point to take the places of the diseased and the dead. Against the doggedness of the insurgent the pride of the ruler has been matched. The insurgents can hold out indefinitely; the Spaniards will.

While the stubborn warfare of these unyielding forces has proceeded with fluctuating results that in the long run have practically balanced each other, a third army of human beings has been slowly ground to destruction. Of their woes we must think, and having thought, we must act. Though the Spaniards have been chiefly confined within the limits set up by themselves; prisoners, in fact, within their own fortifications, yet they have retained a fear-compelling power over the feeble minds of the children and the timorous natives of both sexes who were afraid to fight and did not dare to flee. These pacificos quietly obeyed the government when orders went forth in the country regions to gather within town limits and stay there. The expected freedom to live in peace under the Spanish army changed at once to death dealing bondage. Unable to cultivate land to any great extent, herded together in huts unfit for swine, suffering from lack of food, and by lack of food rendered more helpless and weak spirited than before, they have died like flies in autumn; and in dying have suffered woes that are unequalled even by the bloody sufferings of the Armenians or the plague-ridden starvation of the Hindoos. The language of a moderate woman like Clara Barton, the famous Red Cross heroine; and the stories pictured by the truthful camera, more than justify these comparisons. In one hospital alone—a place where care and tender oversight are expected—four hundred of the pacificos have died of starvation. The burdens of the insurgents, who, in rebelling did so in full expectation of the fortunes and misfortunes of war, have been as naught beside the woes of these unhappy non-combatants. Where Spain has slain its hundreds by fire and by sword, it has slain its hundreds of thousands by hunger and by neglect. This has taken place and is still doing so within ninety miles of the land that declares in favor of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

The war measure of Spain against harmless ones will ever stand out prominently in the annals of the brutalities of which our race is capable. This is not war with its glamour of excitement and of chance, but relentless murder without the shedding of blood.

When a man sees a weak one persecuted and refuses to side with the weak he is no man. The rule for a man is the rule for a nation. Murder of women and children, helpless and enfeebled and starving, is at our door, at last we begin to appreciate it. Their broken lives, their untimely deaths, their wrongs to a happier condition are making themselves slowly understood among our people. Every stratum of society is permeated. The great underlying love of fair play is stirring this nation north and south. And it is girding itself to punish and not to wage war.

are pure and our minds unconfused. The wild talk of a bandaging official like DeLome is nothing to our great conservative millions. War or even the thought of war over such a matter is unworthy our contemplation. It would be an absolute reversion to the barbaric ferocity of olden times. We have grown away from such things. The selfish motives of tobacco factories and sugar gamblers in pointing out to a great, fair-minded country a chance to filch from Spain, because she is weak, that which is hers as truly as New England is ours, has moved us only to contend and not to approve. We refuse to add to our radical problems at the nod of self-seeking men. The heart of the nation is unresponsive to such temptation, and furthermore even the terrible Maine disaster, with its sorrow and its loss, has grandly shown to the world that we are slow to anger and plenteous in conservatism. Despite all guesses to the contrary, our people have refused to believe that the Spanish government could be suicidal enough to have direct connection with the disaster. We believe that she would foresee more damage to herself than to us in this sudden and horrible event. If this were all that had happened, an indemnity would be sufficient, and a war be quite contrary to international precedents.

But while this nation, set in might to lead the western hemisphere, can stand insults to its vast self it cannot permit inhumanity to its weak neighbors. It will enter into conflict with Spain not because certain of victory, but because Spain slaughters the innocent. This nation believes in the glories of peace, but it must be "peace with honor" and not with dishonor that assuredly comes from silence in the presence of brutal abuses. By its own past, it knows full well the horrid cost of war, yet its great, true, heroic heart beats high to declare that it is better to die in protecting the defenseless than to live in falsehood to its own grand past. Its conscience is aroused. Its arm is bared to smite and that swiftly, lest there be none of the starving left to save.

With such a pure motive, its actions will have the cordial good will of European nations. Short, decisive work will be made of the solemn task, and when the smoke has cleared justice will have been done to the unjust, and "Cuba Libre" may then develop in quiet its own individuality.

AMERICA'S SUMMONS,
Stand fast, America!
Troubles are falling;
clouds cover Cuba's star,
Sad hearts are calling.
Strong sons of liberty!
Mindful of others,
Not vain your natal cry—
"All men are brothers."
Soft have your slumbers been
Since your hard testing,
Shaded by laurels green,
Rightfully resting.
Now when oppression's sting
Calls you to waken,
Rise, like the eagle king,
Night dews off shaken.
Go not in anger forth,
Forced by faction;
"Noblesse oblige"—not wrath
calls you to action.
Soon may war's cruel din
Hotly enfold you;
Yet when dark days begin
Truth shall uphold you.
Stand fast, America!
In the world's story,
All men shall praise a war
Waged not for glory.

FRANCIS H. TABOR.

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