

GREAT JULY CLEARING AND STOCK REDUCING SALE

In order to sell out all Summer Merchandise, odds and ends and reduce the stock, we have made reductions from **10 to 50 Per Cent Discount** on Dress Goods, White Goods, Wash Goods, Silks, Ribbons, Laces, Embroideries, Hosiery, Underwear, Domestic, Table Linens, Shoes, Oxfords, Men's Furnishings and Women's Ready-to-wear Garments.

20 Per Cent Discount

on Ribbons, Corsets, Fancy Hosiery, Gloves, Laces, Embroideries, Parasols, Fans, Umbrellas, Collars, Back and Side Combs, Barrettes, Neckties, Bandeaux and Jabots, Dress Braid and Trimmings.

Children's Mull Hats Half Price

One lot of Children's fancy Trimmed Mull Hats, in colors Blue, Pink and White, worth up to \$1.50, to close at.....HALF PRICE

Table Oil Cloth 13 1-2c

One lot fancy designs Table Oil Cloth, dark colors only, good quality, per yard.....13c

15c BELTS 15c

One lot of Elastic Belts in Brown, Blue and Black, while they last, each.....15c

Percales and Muslins

25 Pieces 32-in., Percales in assorted colors, regular 10c. Sale price, per yard.....6c
 35 piece 36-in., Percales in all the new shades and patterns, regular 15c. Sale price, per yard.....11c
 17 pieces good grade Unbleached L. L. Muslin. Special, now per yard.....5c
 One lot 36-in., Bleached Muslin, our advertiser, same cloth as hope, regular 10c. Sale price, per yard.....7c
 One lot 36-in., Silklines in fancy and plain colors, worth to 12c. Sale price, per yard.....8c

20 Per Cent Discount

on all Dress Goods, Silks, White Goods, Linings, Dress Gingham, Table Linens, Napkins, Muslin Underwear, Curtain Nets, Gauze, Underwear, Bed Spreads and Hammocks.

Domestics Underpriced

35 pieces Amoskeag Checked Apron Gingham in assorted checked. Sale price.....5c

American Prints 4 1-2c

One lot of American Prints in short lengths in Grey, Blue, Black and White, fast colors, per yard.....4c

SPECIAL DISCOUNT ON ALL PRINTS.

9c Crash Toweling 6c

10 pieces 18-in., Twilled Shanon Crash Toweling, regular 9c. Sale price, yard.....6c
 15 pieces 17-in., Cotton Crash Toweling. While it lasts, per yard.....4c
 25 pieces 17-in., Linen Toweling, regular 10c value. Special sale price, a yard.....7c

Special discount on all Towelings, Tickings, Prints, Shirtings, Denims, Sateen, Cotton Battings and Sheetings.

Sheets and Pillow Cases

25 dozen Bleached Hemmed Sheets, full 9-4, 50c value. Sale price.....35c
 20 dozen Bleached Hemmed Sheets, full 72x90, good quality, regular price 60c. Sale price.....47c

Special Discount on all Other Sheets and Pillow Cases.

TRUNKS, TELESCOPES, SUIT CASES, OVERALLS, WORK SHIRTS, SUSPENDERS, HANDKERCHIEFS, COLLARS AND GLOVES.

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ON ALL FELT HATS, STRAW HATS, DRESS SHIRTS, MEN'S BELTS, WINDSOR TIES, JEWELRY, DRESS GLOVES AND BOYS' BLOUSE WAISTS.

STAR WHITE SOX THIRD BASEMAN



Purtell, the rather diminutive but stellar third baseman of the Chicago White Sox, was tipped off to Manager Jennings of the Detroit Tigers when the young man was playing with the Decatur club in the Three-I league. Several scouts had looked him over on the strength of his showing in the box scores of his games. He was in the habit down there, while playing third, of getting about four assists, three to five put-outs and one or two errors a day, along with from two to four hits and a stolen base or two. Jennings wrote to a friend in Rockford, Ill., who had undertaken to keep him posted on the talent in the Three-I league, and the friend replied that while Purtell was a great young player and of unusual promise, he was under-sized, not matured as yet, and that he needed more seasoning. Jennings let Purtell slip and the next season found him with the Sox. He has rendered consistent service to Comiskey and looks like one of the best youngsters in the game.

TWO GOOD PLAYS THAT ARE NOT OFTEN USED

Former Baltimore Star Shows Easy Way to Steal Third with Aid of Batman.

All good baseball plays are not being used these days.

At least that's the opinion of Jake Stenzel, the former outfielder for some years a member of the famous Baltimore team.

"There is no doubt that the game has gotten better in a general way, and that there are more real good players in the business now than there were 20 years ago. But at the same time some extremely strong plays are being overlooked these days by players who could easily put them through.

"For instance, you don't see third base stolen very often, yet it's the easiest steal on the field. All you have to do is to have co-operation between the batsman and the base runner on second, and the thing can be pulled off nine times out of ten.

"The way we used to do it was to have the batsman make a bluff at bunting the ball with a man on second. The moment he did this the runner on second would chase for third. The third baseman, thinking a bunt was to come off, would come running forward, leaving his base uncovered so that the runner could get there unmolested. Of course, the batsman would not hit at the ball; or striking at it, would aim to miss it, so that there would be nothing to prevent the runner reaching third.

"Another play that you don't see often these days is that of hitting the ball slowly past the pitcher toward second base with men on third and first, and the team on the field playing back for a double play. We used to pull that off time and again in Baltimore. It's better than the 'squeeze' play in that a fast man can beat out the tap more than half the time.

"I don't know why these plays have been neglected; but they certainly have, and the game would be much better played if they were used often."

Tom Loftus Back on Job.

It now looks as though Jake Beckley's days as a manager are few. George Tebeau announces in Kansas City that he has practically closed with Tom Loftus to take the Kaws in charge, and that the former major league leader will probably direct the team during the coming series with Toledo. Jake was never seriously regarded as a manager, and his players took his orders as jokes more or less. But the old fellow is "there" with the ginger, and the club kept up a constant chatter and was never regarded as beaten. Loftus has never been much of a success as a leader, but he has had a lot of experience and may be able to get the outfit started up the ladder.

Hickman Is Cleveland Scout.

Charlie Hickman is one of Lajoie's scouts now. The last bit of work Hickman did for the Cleveland team was the recommending of Pitcher Clum, a left-handed pitcher who is setting things ablaze in the Virginia state league. Hickman's recommendations were so good that Lajoie hiked himself down for a peek at the wonderful southpaw flinger. Several other big league teams are after Clum now, but Hickman was the first man on the field and Lajoie can have the pitcher if he wants him.

SOME BASEBALL LOGIC.

Timing the ball is the great secret of successful batters.

If a batsman does not have the natural ability to time a ball he might as well cease trying to play the game.

Good hitting, considering the course the natural ball player, generally depends upon the physical and mental condition of the man. When he is in good shape his eyes are clear and his brain works quickly.

Every pitcher on every team knows just what kind of a ball each man can hit, and just what will fool him.

The man who is going ahead at a championship clip needs no help from the crowd, yet he is the very one who receives all the applause and credit, while the other fellow, who may be the better player, is a subject for jeers and jibes.

Almost any chap with any ability at all can develop himself into a good fielder by going out and purchasing one of those pillows and wearing a good hole in it. Then all he has to do is to judge the ball.

ONE OF THE CUB TWIRLERS



When Ed. Ruelbach is able to locate the plate he is one of the hardest pitchers in the business to hit. However, it usually takes until well along in the season to master his control sufficiently to be able to pitch an entire game.

Kommers to Join Giants.

Capt. Adrian C. Anson of Chicago, supposedly representing Manager McGraw of the New York National league club, has closed a deal with President Ruppel of the Beardstown association, whereby the contract with the big outfielder, Kommers, who led the Illinois-Missouri league in batting last year, and is second in the standing issued this season, goes to the Giants. The consideration for the transfer was not made public.

TRADES UNION CHARACTERS

Rev. Charles Stezle Writes Entertainingly of the Business Agent.

If he were a fool, he wouldn't be on the job—that is, he wouldn't be there very long. There are lots of people who are all the time trying to have him make a fool of himself. That he doesn't slip up oftener is to his credit.

There's the chap, for instance, who tries, without any conscience, to bribe him, either before or during a strike. A big roll of bills must look awfully tempting to a fellow who never in all his life saw so much money at one time. It's a fine thing that those who really know are aware that mighty few men give way to the temptation.

But there's another class of men who try to make a fool of the business agent—I refer to the labor union men who think that the chief function of the business agent is to be a "good fellow." He is expected to "set them up" to the boys when he has won out in a particular proposition, and he is considered a chump if he doesn't do so on general principles, anyway. Meanwhile, he not only spends for the purpose money that should be used in supporting his own family, but he makes himself just so much less capable of properly transacting the business of his organization.

Why should a business agent be looked upon as a sort of an easy mark simply because his salary is paid by the trades union of which the men referred to are members? Why should he be considered a "cheap skate" just because he doesn't always hand out a dollar when some other fellow is hard up?

If the business agent is doing one-half of what the members of the union expect of him he is doing twice as much as he ought—when it comes to a question of earning his salary. Not

every business agent earns his salary. Some of them are costly even though the union pays them no salary at all. But if a business agent is making good fifty-two weeks in the year—for, of course, he isn't expected to take a vacation—in a quiet, business-like way, keeping the men at work rather than constantly calling strikes instead of using his brain power to settle the difficulty without resorting to warfare—if he's doing this, he's a pretty good sort of a man to keep on the job. When the time comes to call a strike—and there will come such occasions—he'll be in a much better position to win, than if he had previously weakened his forces through petty strife, just because it was the easiest way out. For anybody can issue a strike order, provided that he has the authority. It doesn't require much brain power to command men to quit their jobs. But it demands a whole lot more in the way of genuine ability to keep men on their jobs and yet have them receive all that a strike could possibly win for them. If war is hell, then strikes are "purgatory." But if men must strike, let's at least give them a decent argument for doing so, and then stand by them till they win out. And if they lose, let's stand by the right kind of a business agent, anyway, for he's done the best he knew how.

HOW IT WORKED IN OHIO.

Scab Cigar Factory Brought All Kinds of Trouble to Its Owner.

Will J. Rohr, in a late issue of The Chronicle, the official labor paper of Cincinnati, tells in a graphic way how a scab cigar factory got what was due to it in Ohio. Mr. Rohr's story is as follows: "Recently a deputy factory inspector secured admission to a cigar factory wherein a cigar by the name of 'San Felice' was

manufactured. When the inspector got through with that rat concern and child-employing shop there was an aggregate of thirty-eight convictions under the labor laws of Ohio, and an aggregate fine of \$950 assessed against the concern. The convictions were had under violations of the hours of labor and the employment of children. If all users of tobacco cared at all for the lives of the little girls and boys they would smoke nothing but blue-label cigars and tobacco. Men and women would make those cigars, and the little ones would be in the schools and enjoying the springtime of life. As it is, the people who traffic in the labor of children care nothing about anything but the making of money, and have no compunctions in rolling the lives of little children into the non-union products which they ask a beneficent but all-too-easy public to purchase. Discriminate against child and sweatshop labor by taking nothing but what bears the union label of the organized worker."

THANKS, AWFULLY!

Will M. Maupin, deputy labor commissioner for the state of Nebraska, and editor of the Wageworker of Lincoln, was elected president of the Nebraska branch of the A. F. of L. formed last week. His election assures the success of the organization. Now, "Watch us grow."—Washington Trades Unionise.

UNITY OF ACTION SOUGHT.

"We also have on foot a move to form a joint legislative board, consisting of a representative from the State Federation of Labor and the four railroad brotherhoods. I can assure you that this is of the greatest importance to labor, for if we want to get fair labor legislation we must be united, as

it is absolutely necessary for labor to present a united and harmonious front to the legislature and to the enemies of progress."—D. C. Hayes, Chairman Legislative Board, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Minnesota.

OUR MICHIGAN SHEPHERD.

We congratulate Mr. Fordney, congressman from Michigan. We had not looked to find in congress so brave and patriotic an American.

We had not before heard of Mr. Fordney, but apparently he is a man without fear.

Facing Joe Cannon and all his retainers, Mr. Fordney had the hardihood to declare, "I am the friend of the American sheep."

Thanks, we need friends.—New York Daily Call.

ELECT OFFICERS.

Boot and Shoe Workers Abolish Referendum in Election.

The International Boot and Shoe Workers' Union at Syracuse, N. Y., last Saturday, after abolishing the referendum for the first time, elected officers in convention. The general officers were re-elected. They are: President, John F. Tobin, of Boston; vice-president, Collis Lovely, of St. Louis; secretary-treasurer, Charles L. Baine, of Boston; members of the general board, T. C. Farrell, Emmett T. Walls, and Warren M. Hatch, of Brockton; Gad Martindale, of Rochester; Z. Lesperance, of Montreal; C. E. James, of St. Paul; George Bury, of Cincinnati, and Mary Anderson, of Chicago. General auditors, August Wilkinson, of Cincinnati; Minot A. Burrell, of Randolph, and Patrick Gillen, of Brooklyn. The convention lasted a week.