

A GRAND FINISH!

Final Clean-Up on Everything.

We've knocked the underpinning from prices. We want to clean up all our WINTER STOCK—all odds and ends—before bringing out the New Spring Goods.

Now is a Good Time to Buy



Jackets, Capes, Furs, Walking Skirts and Dressing Sacques.

- Jackets Divided in Three Lots.**
- Lot 1—4.50, 5.00, and 6.00 Jackets; now **3.58**
 - Lot 2—7.50 and 9.00 Jackets; now **5.98**
 - Lot 3—11.00, 11.50, 14.50 and 15.00 Jackets; now **9.25**
- Ladies' Automobile Coats in Two Lots.**
- Lot 1—11.50 and 12.50 Coats; now **6.98**
 - Lot 2—13.50 and 15.00 Coats; now **9.98**
- 5.00 Cloth Capes with silk braid binding; sale price **2.98**
 - 23.00 Astrakhan Capes; now **13.75**

- Ladies' Flannel Waists**
- in 3 lots to close out. 1—\$1.50 Flannel and worsted waists now **99c**
 - Lots 2—\$2.25 French flannel waists now **\$1.58**
 - Lot 3—\$3.00 and \$3.50 waists now **\$2.18**

- Dress Goods**
- 36-inch hair lined striped canvas cloth and Viceroye suitings, regular price 60c, sale price, per yard **43c**

Our Great Shoe Sale
Is Drawing to a Close.

DON'T WAKE UP, when it's too late, and blame us for not giving you warning. We are still offering the greatest shoe bargains you ever saw—**Bargains for every member of the family, young and old.** We want nobody to say, after it's all over, that we didn't give him fair warning. Stir up your neighbor, tell him what he's missing by not reading the papers. Sale will last but one week longer. Come now—we can fit almost any foot that grows.

A few samples of what's going on here:

- Infants Kid Button Shoes 2½ to 5, regular 60 and 80c, this sale **30c**
- Child's Kid Lace and Button Shoes, sizes 6 to 11, regular 90c to \$1.25 **79c**
- Misses Kid and Dongola Shoes including high top, heavy and light soles, 11½ to 2, \$1.75, \$1.85 and \$2.00 **\$1.48**
- Little Gent's Shoes 9 to 13, youth's 13½ to 2 sale price **99c**
- Boys' Shoes Vici kid Box calf and Kangaroo calf, 2½ to 5½, worth up to \$2.00 **\$1.49**

- Women's Shoes.**
- Vici Kid, Kangaroo Calf, lace and button, all sizes, regular \$1.50 and \$1.75, sale price **\$1.28**
 - Vici kid and box calf bals stock and patent tip, \$2.00 value for **\$1.59**
 - Kid and velour calf storm boots, all sizes, price \$2.50; sale price **\$1.98**
 - Patent colt, welts and turns, B to E, reg. \$3.50; sale price **2.87**

- A Snap in Men's Shoes.**
- Satin calf, lace and congress, \$1.50, and some \$2; sale price **1.20**
 - 2.00 Shoes for **1.48** 2.00 Shoes for **1.95**
 - 3.00 Shoes for **2.45** 3.50 and 4.00 Shoes **2.98**
- A Special Discount on Everything in Boots and Shoes. Buy now and Save Money.**

20 PER CENT OFF
On Flannel Shirts, Sweaters, Lined Gloves and Mittens, Mullers, Outing Flannel Night Gowns, Caps, Neckwear, Men's Cassimere and Worsted Pants, Corduroy, Jeans and Cottonade Pants, and Boys' Knee and Long Pants.



Furs at Closing-Out Prices.

- One set Muffalone Boa and Muffs, reg. price 20.00; closing-out price **13.35**
- One set Dark Marten Boa and Muff; reg. 18.00; clean-up price, per set **12.00**
- One set Beaver Muff and Collarette; reg. price 13.00; sale price, per set **8.67**
- 5.00 Muffs— **3.35** 2.75 Muffs— **1.83**
now now, each.....
- 4.00 Muffs— **2.67** 1-3 Off on all other Furs.

- Golf Skirtings.**
- 29-inch Skirtings in gray, regular 35c, sale price, per yard **23c**
 - 29-inch, regular 60c, sale price, per yard **39c**
 - 56-inch Chalk-lined Skirting, in gray only, regular 1.00; now **69c**

- 1-5 Off** on Dress Goods, Suitings, Silks, Velvets, Flannels, Blankets, Comforts, Outing Flannels, Flannelettes, Shawls, Flannel Skirts, Shirtings and Fleece Wrappers.
- Velveteens** 18-inch Velveteen in brown, tan and gray; reg. 35c; now **19c**

- Remnant Clearing Sale.**
- 1900 yards Simpson's and American Prints in gray, black and white and standard fancies worth 6c; clearing sale price **3c**
 - Remnants in Worsted Dress Goods **13 to 1-2 OFF.**
 - 20 doz. Misses' Seamless Fleece Hose, 5 to 9, reg. 10c; sale price, per pair **7c**

SPECIAL DISCOUNTS
on Prints, Ginghams, Muslins, Percales, Denims, Tickings, Shirtings, Table Oil Cloths, Sheetings and Dress Linings.

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917-921 O, OPPOSITE POST OFFICE.

- Men's Jersey Shirts and Cardigan Jackets.**
- Eighteen only, Jersey Knit Shirts, worth 60c, sale price **37c**
 - Fifteen only, Jersey Knit Shirts, worth 90c, sale price **67c**
 - One lot Jersey Knit and Cardigan Jackets, reg. \$1 and 1.25, your choice, ea. 79c **\$1.50** Cardigan Jackets now **\$1.20**
 - One-Fifth Off on all Others.

The Hen or the Nest

Editor Independent: In its comments on "The Hen or the Egg," The Independent misses it in assuming them to be the analogues in their relationship to the human unit and society. The egg and the incubator would seem a truer one.

There is no necessity for knowing which was first, the hen or the egg, as both are the products of nature. If the hen be insisted upon as the necessary analogue then the nest would be the true analogue of society.

If society was here before any living human unit presented itself upon the scene, so were there nests before any present day hens or eggs put in their appearance; and for present purposes these two are the same, both being the products of nature; while nests, incubators, and society are the products of life—artificial.

Because nature operates in part through its vital form, we cannot merge these forms in nature without destroying them; and is not that the purpose of all merging? It will never do to think of so doing for it gives the instinct of self-preservation the lie direct; and society could not possibly benefit itself by the destruction of

all its units. Here is a cleavage presenting itself with nature's own stamp upon it; let the rattlesnake speak for nature with its venomous fangs.

This is the cleavage of the historical record of humanity. It's the broad cleavage of the prehistoric ages between the earlier races of Europe and western Asia; and those intruding stocks from the Fiji to the Sandwich islands. It was the cleavage in all ages between the cannibal and the anti-cannibal.

Our socialistic friends, and the supernaturalistic theologians, are interested in this matter and from motives of self-interest one would look for them to take a hand in such a discussion, for they are or they are not the friends of humanity. They must affirm or they must deny the fact expressed in the federal declaration that all men are born equally endowed with certain inalienable rights, and that by men we understand all human units, man, woman or the newly born babe.

Deny that fact and what becomes of American political society? It leaves it a mass of wriggling humanity. Deny that fact and what becomes of conceptions of justice or equity? They are

impossible. That mass of wriggling humanity would have no voluntarily reasoned out mentally binding force to hold them together. Anarchy could not be more truly defined than in the absence of such a voluntary force. The Asiatic has ever been without such a force. Their bonds were always from without themselves. The robbers' physical superiority, or the robbers' mental exterior force; fear of the supernatural.

The chasm of this cleavage the American people are confronting today, in the Baers-Pierpont Morgans and all the corporations and commercial system beneficiaries. A stand somewhere they must take before long. Could there be a better preparation than such as comes of a discussing the primary or bottom facts and in trying to discover what they are?

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A Practical Benefit

Mr. Thomas Stoner, Watson, Mo., sends The Independent the following problem:

"A stockman bought 100 head of hogs and sheep. He paid for No. 1 hogs, \$15.25 each; for No. 2 hogs,

\$2.75; for No. 3 hogs, \$9.50; for No. 4 hogs, \$7.25; for No. 5 hogs, \$5.00 each; and for sheep, \$2.50 per head. How many of each kind did he buy for \$900?"

Mr. Stoner would like a solution showing by what rule it was obtained. He thinks it would be beneficial for educational institutions to offer cash prizes for the solutions of such problems, believing the knowledge would be of practical benefit. The Independent is not inclined to agree with this. The most practical knowledge of arithmetic is first to know how to add a column of figures quickly and accurately; second, to multiply quickly and accurately; third, to understand subtraction and division, and fractions and percentage. Who ever heard of a stockman going out to buy 100 head of animals for even \$900, paying all the way from \$2.50 up to \$15.25 each for them? No one—outside of imaginary stockmen in up-to-date arithmetics.

Harry E. Butler, Union, Knox Co., Me.: I like The Independent very much. Heard Mr. Bryan at Rockland July 25 last; it was the best speech I ever heard. Knox is the only democratic county in Maine and we are Bryan men, too, most of us.