

February Clearance.



All Winter Stocks Marked at Final Sweeping Reductions for Quick Clearance

February 13th to 20th

All remaining Winter lines are now rounded up and priced to force a quick clearance. Profits are cheerfully sacrificed in order to clear decks for Spring. "New season-new goods" is our rigid policy, and we take a big loss without wincing to immediately send flying all that's left of our cold weather stocks.

This final Clearance event is so well known to our friends and patrons—so famous for its genuine bargains in the worthiest and most desirable garments and merchandise, that its importance requires little emphasis. *But we would again stress the fact that the goods involved are hurt in price only.* All are from our regular stocks, and the trustworthy quality of every item in the Sale, however low its price, may be confidently relied on.

We urge early choosing, as many of the biggest bargain lots are small and will quickly vanish.

All Womens' and Misses' Suits at 1/3 off

Every remaining Tailored Suit in our Winter stock is now offered at a clean-cut reduction of 1/3 under its original selling price. These garments are in the very smartest styles of the period, made of the most desirable materials and splendidly tailored in every detail. If you have the slightest need of a fresh suit for wearing during the balance of the Winter and the early Spring, don't fail to get one of these.

- All \$10 Suits reduced to \$ 6.66
- All \$15 Suits reduced to \$10.00
- All \$25 Suits reduced to \$16.39
- All \$35 Suits reduced to \$23.33

Fashionable Dress Goods at 1/4 Underprice

We include in this Clearance a number of this season's most desirable dress fabrics, in black, plain colors and mixtures, at reduction of 1/4 under regular prices. The bargains are too good to last long, and we strongly urge early choosing.

- At 69c to 1.33 per yd., best quality Voiles in black and colors, worth \$1.00 to \$2.
- At 49c to 1.23 per yd., Panamas in blacks and colors, worth 75c to 1.75
- At 19c to 59c per yd., Serges in all colors, worth from 25c to \$1 per yd.

Sale of Silk and Net Waists

\$7.50 to \$15 Values at \$5
All others at \$3.75

A number of the most attractively styled, beautifully made Silk Waists will be closed out during this Sale at really startling reductions. Not because there's any fault in them—all are crisply fresh and perfect—but because we need their room for incoming models.

In the collection are dressy black Waists of Peau de Soie and Taffeta, as well as a number of charming styles in fancy colors

At \$5 we have marked all Silk Waists formerly priced at \$7.50 to \$15. And offer the remarkable values at \$3.75, consisting of all waists up to \$7.50



Children's Coats at Half

Bargains that no mother of a little girl who needs a coat will want to miss. Choose any one of the warm and becoming coats still in our stock, and take it at just half price. Good selection of styles and colors.

\$2 to \$10 Coats Now \$1 to \$5

MILLINERY CLEARANCE!

To make a clean-sweep of everything remaining in our Millinery department, we have made radical reductions throughout this stock, as follows:

ALL TRIMMED HATS 1/3 off

Among these are the best-liked styles in all the favored colors of the season, including a variety of beautiful hats for both street and dress wear.

Trimmings

Including Plumes, Buckles, Fancy Feathers and all other trimming materials

at 1/4 off

\$2.50 to \$20 Skirts at \$2 to \$18

Big bargain news briefly told. Stylish separate skirts for street and dress wear, representing the remainder of our this winter's stocks, are offered at a discount of 20 per cent under regular prices.

Comprised are beautiful Skirts made of Panama, Voile and Novelty Worsteds—all splendidly tailored and styled to the minute, at 20 per cent off.

ONE-FOURTH OFF on all Fancy Belts, Bags, Collars, Scarfs, and Jewelry

Women's and Misses' Winter Coats at 1/2 off

Handsome Directoire and Empire Coats—Coats with a grace and style that will make you glad to wear them next Winter as well as for the next three months—at price savings of one-half.

These are made of handsome and serviceable materials in black and colors, and the collection includes loose, tight and semi-fitting models. They are the best values this town could show at regular prices. As now reduced they are bargains extraordinary.

- \$25 Coats, made of Kerseys 48 in. long, \$12.50
- \$5.00 Coats at \$2.50
- \$7.50 Coats at \$3.75
- \$10.00 Coats at \$5.00
- \$20.00 Coats at \$10.00

Saving of 20 Per Cent on "Munsing" Underwear



"Munsing" Underwear represents the standard of quality in Knit Undergarments for women and children. In fineness of texture, good fit and serviceable wearing quality it is without a worthy rival. Only on the rarest occasions can these undergarments be bought for less than the staple price fixed by the manufacturer. This is such an occasion. To clear our remaining Winter line, including separate pants and vests and combination garments, we have clipped 20 per cent off regular prices.

- \$5.00 Union Suits, all fine wool, \$4.00
- \$4.00 Union Suits, all fine wool, \$3.20
- 65c Garments, 49c
- \$1.00 Garments, 79c

All prices, grades and sizes

Undermuslins at 20% Underprice

Our entire stock of Muslin Underwear, including all grades from the simplest to the most elaborate, is marked at final clearance prices. These goods are of exceptional quality, made of fine cambric, nainsook and muslin, cut in liberal sizes, daintily trimmed and finished with painstaking care. At our sale prices, the "value-wise" will buy a heaping plenty for present and Spring needs. Specimen values:

200 Corset Covers, 25 to 50c, at 20c to 39c



NEW "CUCKOOS" OF CONGRESS.

Term Applied to Members Who Recently Stood by Roosevelt.

THE LATE SENATOR MORGAN.

It Was He Who Originally Used Title, Giving It to Those Who Ranged Themselves With President Cleveland in His Controversies With Congress—Now Revived on Secret Service Question—Panama Problems.

By CHARLES W. ARTHUR. Washington, Jan. 23. — [Special.]—Five million or more barrels of cement will be required in the construction of the dams in connection with the Panama canal. Most of this supply has been contracted for, and shipments in very large quantities are being made to the isthmus. The worrying part of the enterprise is in the character of the soil along the route of the canal. Contrary to the general belief, there are comparatively few quicksands encountered. Experts who return from Panama and tell of their investigations after reaching Washington say that the soil is what is called muck. It swags and changes so that a party of government officials down there may start out in the morning over the Panama railroad, and on the return trip the same day it has often happened that 150 yards of the road—rails, ties and everything—have positively disappeared in spite of the fact that the line has been in operation for years. But the information is that eventually the difficulties will be overcome, though it is admitted that the cost will be frightful. Thirty thousand laborers are now employed in the work of excavation, or about 5,000 more than were utilized by the French company when operations were commenced years ago under the famous De Lesseps. The invention of the steam shovel, the use of steel dump cars and the powerful spreaders used when the dumping grounds are reached enable the Americans to do four times as much work in a month as the French accomplished.

Unskillful Riders in Inaugural Parade.

Just now there is much scurrying around to engage horses for officials from many states to ride in the inauguration parade on March 4. Quite a number of the finest horses which are ridden are brought here by their owners from their respective homes. These, as a rule, are well trained animals and are also showy beasts. But more than half of the nags that will be seen on Pennsylvania avenue at Judge Taft's inauguration will be secured in this city and in the neighboring counties of Maryland and Virginia. Some of the country animals are not used to city sights, and they cut up all sorts of capers on account of the noisy bands, gay decorations and the shouts of the multitude as the pageant winds its way along. And any number of colonels on the staffs of governors are poor riders, having difficulty in sticking to the saddles. General Harries, head of the District of Columbia national guard, was a young man out in the far west when the Grand Duke Alexis visited this country. He says that one of the native guides out there had an idea that all the foreigners were of royal blood, and a European having been unhorsed, the fellow shouted loudly, "Come back here, every body; one of them kings has fell off."

Chinese Minister vs. American Custom.

On account of the recent death of the emperor of his country Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the Chinese minister, is compelled to observe a three months' period of mourning. He has declined this season all social invitations. Dr. Wu uses in the stationery line our style of mourning paper. He adopts more of our customs than any Chinese who ever belonged to the diplomatic circle here. Former Chinese ministers used mourning paper and cards that had unusually heavy borders. But for the taking off of the Chinese emperor Dr. Wu would have had a gay time in Washington this year.

Called White House Cuckoos.

The thirty-five members of the house—all Republicans—who voted to sustain President Roosevelt in his position with regard to the secret service question are being referred to as "cuckoos." The late Senator Morgan of Alabama originally applied that word to congressmen who stood by President Cleveland through thick and thin, regardless of his whacks at the legislative bodies. Nick Longworth, the president's son-in-law, was paired with a Democrat and did not vote.

Will Be a Notable Affair.

On the last Saturday in this month President Roosevelt is to be the star guest of the Gridiron club at the annual dinner of this famous organization. This will be Mr. Roosevelt's farewell to his newspaper friends before going to Africa, where he will remain for, perhaps a year. The Gridiron men expect to have a great deal of fun at the expense of the head of the nation, but Mr. Roosevelt is always on his mettle and enjoys such things immensely. The Gridiron autograph book is one of the most valuable and interesting in the world. As the club is a dining organization solely and has no house of its own, this autograph collection is going to be placed in the library of congress, together with a number of souvenirs and menus in a case specially arranged therefor.

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