

THE BIG DEPARTMENT STORE.

It is a Small City in Itself, with Schools, Hospitals and Other Helps for Employes.

In a large number of stores the early morning hours are devoted to instructing new employes, and at this time cash girls and boys gather around the inspector's desk, learning to measure off goods, verify sale-slips, wrap and tie the parcels and handle money sent to and from the cashier's desk.

A few firms conduct actual schools for their younger employes, giving instruction in the rudimentary branches—reading, writing, arithmetic, language and geography—thus taking the place of night schools for their girls and boys employed in the cash department or the stockrooms. A number of well-known New York firms in their establishments in Philadelphia, Chicago and New York offer this advantage for a few hours daily, and find both boys and girls most appreciative students, writes Anna S. Richardson, in Woman's Home Companion.

If an employe is detained at home by illness or a death in his family, a statement to this effect in writing must be sent immediately to the office. Failure to comply with this rule means that the delinquent will be hauled before the superintendent on his return to duty, and an explanation will be demanded.

Many firms issue to each employe regular statements of the latter's standing, showing how his sales compare with others in his department or class. These are much like report-cards at school.

If an employe is taken ill while at work he reports to his floor-walker, and is released, the time lost being deducted from his pay check. An exception to this general rule may be noted at one of the mammoth New York stores, where the firm and the Employe's association have jointly established what is known as the sickroom. An employe temporarily indisposed may report to the physician in charge, and if a brief rest and the administration of simple remedies prove efficacious he takes possession of one of the comfortable cots provided for this purpose, and returns to his duties when able. He does not lose this time. If the physician pronounces him unable to work he is supplied with medicine and ordered home, his pay being docked in the usual way. Medical attention and prescriptions are gratis in either case.

Poker Won.

After dinner one very disagreeable night last week a certain Madison avenue physician, looking from his office window and seeing the rain beat against the glass, decided that he would have a quiet, uninterrupted evening at home. He was soon in his house coat, a novel in his hand, and tobacco smoke was curling around him. About ten o'clock some one rang the doorbell.

"The doctor is wanted right away at —," began the caller.
"He can't go, sir," answered the servant, quickly. "He left word that he was not well, and that unless it was a case of life or death he would not venture out."

"Well, you tell him he must come over; we need him to sit in a poker game."

"Oh, you're Mr. B—, are you? Step in please, and I'll see."

A minute later the servant reappeared with: "The doctor says he'll be right over."—N. Y. Post.

GENIAL CUSTOMS INSPECTOR.

Entertains a Lady Traveler with His Chat While He Paws Over Her Wardrobe.

"Yes, ma'am, very sorry, ma'am, but it's me duty. Eh, nothing dutiable there? Well, that's for me to say, ma'am," relates the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "Your keys, please. Pop! and there we are! Very nicely packed, I'm sure. That's something we can't learn to do here, ma'am. Nice garments, ma'am. And now we'll toss it over here on the dock, ma'am. Silk waist, eh? It looks innocent. I'll drop it here, ma'am. You watch it to see that nobody steps on it. Is this real lace, ma'am? Very nice effect, I'm sure. That would please my wife immensely. She don't on lace, ma'am. You certainly have some very nice things, lady. Is this all handwork? That's real cunning with the narrow-colored ribbons run through it like that. Yes, I have to throw 'em around. There ain't no other place. But don't you worry, it's a good deal cleaner here to-day than usual. It's so nice to have things in sets. Oh, yes, I'm pretty near the bottom. There! that's all. There ain't nothin' dutiable that I can discover, ma'am. Don't mention it. Shall I check the stuff back again?"

Boston is Unique.

A Chicagoan had been taken around Boston all day to observe her bulwarks, but had failed to observe any of those symptoms of paralysis which are acceptable to the Bostonian mind. "Now confess," said the Bostonian host, after the burden and heat of the day, "isn't Boston a unique town?" "Unique," mused the westerner. "I believe that word is derived from two Latin words, unus, one, and equus, horse. I think Boston is a unique town."—Chicago Chronicle.

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The train departed from Decatur an hour and forty minutes late, and had, besides the regular equipment, President Ramsey's private car. Wabash officials say that the new engines will make a hundred miles an hour before the summer is over.—St. Louis Republic, April 11th, 1902.

A "Yesless No."

Ding—Miss Bonde is nothing if not up to date; y' know she refused Cholly by wireless telegraphy.

Dong—A woman's no is often yes. "But this was a 'yesless' no!"—Baltimore Herald.

The First Boarding-House in History.

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Mrs. Bacon—Why do you suppose they call employment agencies bureaus?

Mr. Bacon—Because a fellow can never find what he wants in one, I suppose.—Yonkers Statesman.

Nothing is more injudicious than to give your honest opinion when it is specifically asked for.—Puck.



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CATTLE—Beef steers	4 45	6 70
Native stockers	3 35	6 00
Western steers	3 25	6 35
HOGS	5 00	7 30
SHEEP	4 50	6 75
WHEAT—No. 2 hard	74 1/2	
No. 2 red	79	
CORN—No. 2 mixed	63 1/2	
OATS—No. 2 mixed	43 1/2	44
RYE—No. 2	60	
FLOUR—Hard wh't patents	3 45	6 35
Soft wheat patents	3 75	6 40
HAY—Timothy	10 00	14 00
Prairie	6 50	13 00
BRAN—Sacked	91	92
BUTTER—Choice to fancy	18	21
CHEESE—Full cream	12 1/2	
POTATOES	1 05	2 00
ST. LOUIS.		
CATTLE—Beef steers	4 00	6 00
Texas steers	3 40	6 00
HOGS—Butchers	7 00	7 32 1/2
SHEEP—Natives	4 40	6 50
FLOUR—Red winter patents	3 65	6 30
WHEAT—No. 2 red	81	83
CORN—No. 2	64	65 1/2
OATS—No. 2	43 1/2	44 1/2
RYE	60	
BUTTER—Creamery	17	21
DRY SALT MEATS	5 75	10 00
BACON	10	12 1/2
CHICAGO.		
CATTLE—Steers	5 10	7 40
HOGS—Mixed and butchers	6 90	7 25
SHEEP—Western	5 25	6 15
FLOUR—Spring patents	3 40	6 30
WHEAT—No. 2 red	84	85
CORN—No. 2	62 1/2	63
OATS—No. 2	43 1/2	44
RYE—May	60	
LARD—May	10 23 1/2	10 25
PORK—May	17 30	
NEW YORK.		
CATTLE—Steers	5 00	7 30
HOGS—Western	6 75	6 90
SHEEP	3 50	6 00
WHEAT—No. 2	88 1/2	90
CORN—No. 2	70	
OATS—No. 2	46	

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