The Perplexity Column

As Done by the Jaded Journalist

By STEPHEN LEACOCK.

Instantaneous Answers to All Questions.

(All questions written out legibly with the name and address of the sender and accompanied by one dollar, answered immediately and without charge.)

Harvard Student asks:

Can you tell me the date at which or on which, Oliver Cromwell's father died?

Answer. No.

Student of Mathematics asks:

Will you kindly settle a matter involving a wager between myself and a friend? A bet B that a pedestrian walking down hill over a given space and alternately stepping with either foot, covers more ground than a man coasting over the same road on a bicycle. Which of us wins?

Answer. I don't know which of you is A.

Chesaplayer asks:

Is the knight's gambit recognized now as a permissible opening in chess?

Answer. I don't play chess.

Reuben Hoob asks:

For some time past I have been calling upon a young lady friend at her house evenings and going out with her to friends' nights. I should like to know if it would be all right to ask to take her alone with me to the theater?

Answer. Certainly not. This column is very strict about these things. Not alone. Not for a moment. It is better taste to bring your father with you.

Auction asks:

In playing bridge please tell me whether the third or the second player ought to discard from weakness on a long suit when trumps have been twice round and the lead is with dummy.

Answer. Certainly.

Lady of Society asks:

Can you tell me whether the widow of a marquis is entitled to go in to dinner before the eldest daughter of an earl?

Answer. Ha! ha! This is a thing we know—something that we do know. You put your foot in it when you asked us that. We have lived this sort of thing too long ever to make any error. The widow of a marquis when you should by all rights call a marchioness dowager (but we overlook it—to you nobody is barred in entitled (in any hotel that we know or frequent) to go in to dinner whenever and as often as she likes. On a dining car the rule is the other way.

Vassar Girl asks:

What is the date of the birth of Cachalot?

Answer. I couldn't say.

Lexicographer asks:

Can you tell me the proper way to spell "dog?"

Answer. Certainly. "Dog" should be spelt, properly and precisely, "dog." When it is used in the sense to mean "a dog" or "one dog," but two or more dogs—in other words, what we generally mean—we are accustomed to call the plural—it is proper to add to it the diphthong, a pronounced with a hiss like Z in soup.

But for all these questions of spelling your best plan is to buy a copy of Our Standard Dictionary, published in 19 volumes, by-up, at $40.

Ignoramus asks:

Can you tell me how to spell "cat?"

Answer. Didn't you hear what we just said about how to spell "dog?" Buy the Dictionary.

Careworn Mother asks:

I am most anxious to find out the relation of the earth's diameter to its circumference. Can you, or any of your readers, assist me in it?

Answer. The earth's circumference

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is estimated to be three decimal one four one five nine of its diameter, a fixed relation indicated by the Greek letter pi. If you like we will tell you what pi is. Shall we?

"Brink of Suicide" writes:

Can you, will you, tell me what is the Sanjak of Novi Bazar?

Answer. The Sanjak of Novi Bazar is bounded on the north by its northern frontier, cold and cheerless, and covered during the winter with deep snow. The east of the Sanjak occupies a more easterly position. Here the sun rises—at first slowly, but gathering speed as it goes. After having traversed the entire width of the whole Sanjak, the magnificent orb, slowly and regretfully, sinks into the west. On the south, where the soil is more fertile and where the land begins to be worth occupying the Sanjak is, or ought to be, bounded by the British Empire.

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Demand for Homes Is Greatest in the History of the U. S.

Newlyweds by Thousands Now Building "Love Nests"—Contentment With Market Life Shown.

By International News Service.

Washington, April 14.—Demand for "love nests" is the greatest in American history.

Newlyweds by the thousands who have never had a home are leaving the "old folks" and setting up for themselves and as a result the residential building boom has reached record proportions.

Unofficial estimates made for the International News Service by Dr. John M. Gries, chief of the housing division of the Department of Commerce, fixed residential building for the first four months of 1923 at nearly $700,000,000.

Contracts let for all building for this period were estimated at $1,400,000,000.

Construction of residences is from 15 to 30 per cent heavier this year than in the spring of 1922, in spite of the increasing cost of materials and maintenance of wage scales in the building trade crafts.

Contentment Reigns.

"Happiness and content among the newlyweds is following the home-making program," Dr. Gries declared.

"Young folks can't always live with the 'old folks' and stay young and happy. The unusually large number of marriages during the war, high cost of living and house scarcity, sent thousands of newly married couples to live with their parents a few years ago. Now many, married as long as two or three years are preparing for their first real home."

In spite of the tremendous construction program Dr. Gries believes the house shortage in the United States is still over 1,000,000 two years ago.

The large cities are working a determined fight against the shortage, residential buildings being heaviest in New York, with Chicago second, and Los Angeles third. Detached and semi-detached houses are increasing in popularity in the big cities.

Labor Situation Good.

"The labor situation in the building trades is regarded as fairly good," Dr. Gries said. "Agreements have been signed between contractors and unions in most cities. The existing rate of wages was instituted after the creases in pay were granted in most cases."

The housing division and the bureau are co-operating with home builders and by standardization of plans and specifications and of materials going into the house economies are being effected.

More than 200 house plans for residences of from three to six rooms costing $5,000 to $8,000 have been drafted by the architects small house service bureau, which has received the endorsement of Secretary of Commerce Hoover. A great variety of designs is available, selected from all sections of the country.

Building costs this year are slightly more than 15 per cent higher than early in 1922, according to figures secured by Secretary Hoover

Father Posing as Man of Leisure Gets Jail Term

Sam Schultz Accused of Working Only Two Weeks in Two Years by Sister-in-Law.

Sam Schultz, 619 South Twentieth street, lived "the life of a gentleman of leisure for years," his sister-in-law, Mrs. John Lanzo, testified in juvenile court Saturday.

Women's eyes welled with tears and men shook their heads pityingly as she gave the court these specifications for such a career:

"I have often carried groceries to his basement home—many in the course of the afternoon he was too lazy to come after them, although I was paying.

"He has seated himself at the table, placed a cigaret on a tray, and ordered himself, while his wife and his three babies, Louise, 11, Buddy, 8, and Ruth, 11 months, went hungry.

Children Fed at Aunt's.

"More than once his wife, almost fainting, has sneaked the children out at night and brought them to my house that they might have something to eat.

"I've paid his rent since last November.

"We got him a job at a bakery where my husband is employed, but he said, 'Hell,' this is a woman's job,' and quit. They had threatened to fire him because his talk was so foul.

"He's let me take care of his children and I have had to move because the landlords wouldn't permit infants around their apartments.

Worked Two Weeks.

"He worked two weeks in two years.

"He spends his time around pool halls and wears a relative's pants and shirts.

"While his wife lay sick he called a furniture company and told it to come to take back its furniture.

"He let Louise remain away from school because she had no shoes to wear.

"Years of promises brought nothing and his wife desired him five weeks ago. He thought she had jumped off the Douglas street bridge, but she's working here somewhere—I don't know where.

Boasts of Laziness.

"Nobody can make me work," has been his boast.

Schultz played with "Buddy" while he was being denounced.

Judge Leslie A. Day asked for his defense.

"I ain't got nothin' to say," he replied. "She's a woman."

The judge sent him to jail and ordered a complaint to be filed against him charging nonsupport.

Kisses Children.

Schultz made the rounds of his children, kissing each goodby.

"A big chance his babies have to grow fat on them," was Mrs. Lanzo's farewell to him.

Mrs. Lanzo, 1617 South Twenty-fifth avenue, was awarded custody of Louise and the other two children were ordered sent to the Child Saving Institute.

According to estimates, there are 2,000,000 spinsters and bachelors in Japan between the ages of 20 and 40.

THE BRANDEIS STORE

Beginning MONDAY—One Week of Wonderful Bargains

Women's Chamoisette Gauntlets
75 dozen pairs of Kayser's strap-wrist chamoisette gauntlets, self and two-toned embroidered backs; in beaver, mode, beige, gray and mastic; 1.00 values; per pair, 75c
Main Floor—North

Thread Silk Sweaters
Pure thread silk sweaters, in fur-edge models, in black, brown, navy, almond green, flesh and white and purple; lovely sweaters, suitable for wear with the new separate skirts. Each, 7.69
Second Floor—North

Three-Quarter Sport Socks
For Misses, Children and Boys; in plain and fancy colors, also plain with fancy colored tops; just the thing for spring sport wear; regular 59c quality; special, per pair 29c
Main Floor—North

Jersey Silk Vests
The run of the mill, slightly imperfect, with ribbon or Jersey silk straps; all are reinforced; regular or extra lengths; in flesh and a few orchid; all sizes; regularly 2.00; each, 1.19
Third Floor—Center

New Swiss Embroideries
Thousands of yards of Swiss and nainsook embroideries, 4 to 18 inches wide; all well made, with eyelet and open-work edges; 12½c and 25c values; special, per yard, 7½c
Main Floor—Center

Robes and Tunics
Direct from Paris; samples in steel, jet spangled and beaded; panne velvet, chiffon, black, white, blue, pink, violet and other shades; 35.00 to 65.00 values; special, 15.00
Main Floor—Center

Unusual Fur Specials
One-Skin Opossum Choker
In brown and gray; specially priced at 6.49
Brown Coney fox scarfs; special at 6.49
One-skin Stone Marten chokers, special at 17.49
Second Floor—North

Monogrammed Paper
24 sheets of suede finish linen note paper and envelopes in white, pink and blue; monogrammed for you with one, two or three initials in gold, silver or blue; all orders delivered in 10 days; per box 49c
Main Floor—North

Smart Deauville Scarfs
A novelty that has endeared itself to all young women and girls. In our Neckwear Department we have them in wonderful batik and Paisley patterns; high-grade scarfs usually sold at 1.50 to 2.50; special, each, 1.00
Main Floor—East

Plain Turkish Towels
1.500 of these plain white Turkish towels, in the 18x38-inch size; big bargain for hotel keepers and housekeepers; regular price, each 20c
Main Floor—East

50-Pound Cotton Mattress
A 50-pound processed cotton mattress, roll edge; covered with fancy art ticking; in all sizes; a mattress that sells regularly for 15.00; priced for this sale, each 9.95
Seventh Floor

Women's Spring Hats
200 fresh new hats, in a wide variety of styles and colors; made of braids, timbo cloth, milan and black combinations; a becoming shape for every style of feature; hats worth up to 7.00; for 3.95
Second Floor—East

Cotton Crepe Kimonos—Made of good quality crepe in Japanese patterns; many are silk trimmed; elastic waist bands; all colors; regularly sold at 2.50; an unusual value at the low price of 1.49
Third Floor—Center

Sample Fancy Linens—Scarfs, shams, babies' pillow cases; a clean-up from one of New York's largest manufacturers, Loch & Schoenfelt; pieces are worth up to 65c each; special 15c
Basement—Center

Men's Work Shirts—Made of light blue chambray; strong, well-made work shirts, with faced sleeves and double stitched throughout; lie-down collar style; in sizes 14½ to 17; specially priced, each 48c
Basement—Arcade

Women's Handkerchiefs—All linen and fine lawn, in plain white and fancy embroidered corners and colored effects; all hemstitched; slightly soiled from display; 3 for 25c, or, each, 8½c
Basement—Arcade

Old Ladies' Shoes—Old ladies' comfort shoes; made of fine dongola kid skin; in either the common sense wide toe or more dressy style toe; hand-turned soles; with either flat or military rubber heels; sizes 4 to 9; 4.00 value; special, pair 2.98
Basement—Arcade

Women's House Slippers—One-strap style, made of pliable black suiteria kid; hand turned leather soles and rubber heels; in sizes 4 to 8; comfortable shoe to wear about home; specially priced, per pair 1.00
Basement—Arcade

Toilet Goods
50c Pompeian Face Powder, Day Cream or Rouge, special 39c
Kolynos Tooth Paste, special 19c
Creme Oil Soap, per dozen bars, 75c, per bar 6¼c
Combination Water Bottle and Fountain Syringe; 2-qt. size; special, 89c
Hospital Cotton, per pound 38c
Squibb's Mineral Oil 1.60 Mavis Face Powder, special, 49c
Twin Compact Rouge and Powder 89c
Rubber Sheeting, 36 inches wide, per yard 49c
Cuticura Soap, bar 19c
Main Floor—West

French Voile Blouses
Fine sheer French voile, made up into overblouses and trimmed with lace and embroidery; long sleeves; other tuck-in models with long sleeves and turn-back cuffs and collars, edged with real filet laces; hand-made dainty blouses with V, Tuxedo and Peter Pan collars; each, 1.79
Second Floor—West

Coats, Capes, Wraps
For women and misses; straightline, side-tie, side panel and circular models; plain tailored or trimmed with fur; of Veldyne, Arabella, Fashiona and Lustrosa; 39.00 to 65.00 value, 33.00
Second Floor—West

New Spring Frocks
For women and misses; of georgette, novelty silks, satin Canton in the latest spring models for street, afternoon and sport wear; made to sell at 19.75 to 35.00; specially priced at 16.00
Second Floor—West

New Spring Frocks
For women and misses; of Canton, Crepe Romain, Flat Crepe, Crepe Renee, in straightline and side drape models with variations in tunics and basque styles; made to sell at 39.00 to 49.00; specially priced at 28.00
Second Floor West

Spring Wash Fabrics
40-inch fancy printed Dress Batiste, fast colors, 25c
36-inch White English Repp Suiting.
36-inch Japanese Cotton Crepe.
36-inch Indian Head Cloth, white and colors.
36-inch White Flaxon, sheer, crisp quality.
All priced for this sale, at 25c per yard
Basement—North

Unbleached Sheeting
90-inch Pequot; known to every housewife as the foremost domestic sheeting for bed spreads, full size bed sheets and pillow slips; less than mill cost; special, per yard 65c
Limit of 10 yards to each customer; no mail or phone orders.
Basement—North

Imported Ginghams
150 pieces fine Zephyr ginghams, including Anderson's famous Zephyr gingham and other equally famous brands; in plaid and two and three-tone effects; special, per yard 45c
Basement—North

Women's Sport Hose
In silk and wool; fancy heather mixtures and brown, black and many in tan, black and color combinations; all wool and silk; qualities that sold regularly for 2.00; specially priced, per pair, 1.00
Main Floor—North

Japanese Blue Prints
60-inch Japanese blue print table covers, in assorted designs; fine for breakfast and luncheon cloths, and to save your better linens; regularly 1.69; special, each 79c
Main Floor—West

American Lady Corsets
Made of strong pink coutil, boned throughout with black boning; these models are particularly suited to the slender figure, being boned from hips and low top; sizes 19, 20 and 21 only, each, 33c

Men's Fine Shirts
Of woven madras or printed madras, in a wide range of desirable patterns; all in good colors; made to sell at 1.50 each. All sizes, 14½ to 17. Special, each, 98c

Men's Fine Socks
Men's Fine Socks—Mill runs of silk lisle, fiber silk and all silk socks, in all sizes; an unusual opportunity to buy your season's sock supply at a low cost, firsts in these grades are priced 40c, 50c and 75c; per pair, 15c
Main Floor—South

"Mogul" Overalls
Also Jackets—Just 600 garments. The standard overall of America; full railroad cut, two-seats garments; 239 Eastern Dealers buy quality; double stitched seams; 2.25 value; per garment, 1.65

Men's Spring Caps
New one-piece top effects; well lined and made from all wool suitings; light and dark patterns; styles to suit individual requirements; all sizes; regularly 1.50; special, each 85c

New Spring Suits
For Women and Misses—Two-piece models in box coat or straight lines; trimmed in embroidery; suitable for sport and street wear; worth 39.00 to 55.00; priced at 29.00

Girls' Coats and Capes
Shown in all new materials; tweeds, fleeces, novelty fabrics, nicely tailored in swaggerstyles, belted styles; many lines to select from; a very popular shades; sizes 6 to 14, 8.49

White Irish Poplin
Burton's white Irish poplin, 36 inches wide; highly yarn mercerized; beautiful lustrous silky finish; fine for summer wear; suits, boys' clothing, separate skirts; worth 75c; special, per yard 59c

Braeloch Ginghams
32-inch Braeloch Zephyr dress gingham in plaids, checks and plain colors. Beautiful fabrics for dresses and children's clothing; in 3 to 12-yard lengths; worth 48c; per yard 25c

Silk Mixed Gingham
32-inch silk mixed tissue gingham, made in England of superior yarns; mostly tinted effects; a good variety of colors for summer frocks and children's wear; per yard value at, 39c

Fancy Turkish Towels
Large size, with blue stripe in center, hemmed thread Terry cloth; hemmed ends; a wonderful opportunity to stock your towel cabinet with bath towels at a low price; regularly 59c; each 39c

Infants' Play Clothes
Play suits in chambray, blue piped in red, trimmed with pearl buttons; short sleeves and square neck; peg top styles worn by either boys or girls; sizes 1 to 6 years; special, each 79c

Infants' Knit Shirts—Made and finished in the most practical manner; comfortable for the little wearer; made of cotton and finished at neck with shell stitching; sizes 0 to 1 year; special each 19c
Third Floor—East

Boys' Fine Blouses
1,000 fine blouses of high-grade madras and percales, in neat checked stripes and solid color styles; collar attached; all sizes, 6 to 16; 85c values; full cut; special, each 55c

Two-Trouser Suits—The "Brandeis Special" suit for boys is made of fine, allwool fabric in colors to suit your boy's taste; snappy Norfolk styles; all sizes, 6 to 18; both pairs of knickers are full lined and reinforced 29.75
Fourth Floor

Wardrobe Trunks
Five-ply fiber body, bulged top, hinged head, automatic lock, round corners and brass hinges; laundry bag, dust curtain and hanger; slide box and hat drawer and other features; priced at 29.75
Fourth Floor

New Embroidery Flouncing
Swiss, nainsook and cambric embroidery flouncings; 3 to 14 inches wide; a very suitable material for lingerie and children's and infants' wear; 25c values; special, per yard, 12½c
Main Floor—Center

New Val Wash Laces—French and English val, also Zion City val edges and insertions; many sets to match; round and drawn mesh; in widths of ½ inch to 2 inches; 15c values; special, per yard, 9½c
Main Floor—Center

Muslin Underwear
Gowns, Chemise, Bloomers and Step-Ins; fine soft finish nainsook, crepe and batiste; many trimmed with embroidery, open work and lace; embroidery, blue and white; 1.69 values; per garment 85c
Third Floor—Center

Women's Silk Negligee—Kimonos and breakfast coats of gros de londre taffeta, crepe and a few of satinettes; pretty styles, including straight line and skirt effects; all sizes and colors; 5.00 values, 3.29
Second Floor—West

New Printed Crepes
2.75 to 3.45 qualities; a splendid variety of light and dark colors, in oriental and Egyptian fascinating patterns; some of the best styles for dresses and sweaters 2.28
Main Floor—North

Wool Jersey Cloth
54-inch all-wool jersey; a fine weave suitable for one and two-piece sport and school frocks or for outdoor sports; shown in a variety of new spring shades; 1.98 quality; special, per yard 1.35
Main Floor—North

Fancy Turkish Towels
Fancy Jacquard border; extra large size towels of heavy absorbent Turkish cloth; a luxurious towel for the bath; regular 1.25 value; reduced for this great sale; each 89c
Main Floor—West

Cutie Mamma Doll
The prettiest little mamma doll you ever saw; 14 inches high; fancy gingham dress and bonnet to match; pretty curly hair and shoes and stockings; 2.50 value; special, each, 1.39

Cunning Jumping Rabbits—You would think they were alive to see them hop all over the place; just press the little bulb and away he hops; a pleasing toy for the younger children; 75c value; special at 50c
Main Floor—Arcade

Leather Hand Bags
Genuine leather bags in all the new and novel shapes; silk and leather lined; of grain seal, India grain, vachette and many grain seal, India grain, vachette and many other and other finishes; regularly 1.98 and 2.50; special, 1.25

Men's Pocket Knives—Genuine stag horn handles; two blades; nickel plated bolsters; also knives with rine ends and nickel plated key chains complete; regular 1.50 values; special, each, 50c

Floor Coverings
Fine inlaid linoleum that will stand the hardest wear; the colors go through to the back; suitable for homes, restaurants and offices; a wide selection of patterns in tan and taupe; 6 feet wide; 2.25 value; square yard, 1.69

Heavy Cork Linoleum—Best quality linoleum, 12 feet wide, smooth printed surface; will cover most rooms without seams; a variety of patterns and colors; including some pretty tiles; per square yard, 1.10

7-6x9 Velvet Rugs—All-wool face velvet rugs; woven in one piece; neat new patterns; for small rooms and bedrooms; in rose, tan and taupe shades; an exceptional bargain; a 24.50 rug for 19.50
Sixth Floor—West

BEGINNING Monday—One Week of Wonderful Bargains
That tells the whole story. This great sale, with its remarkably low prices, was made possible by the "Lookout in the Forctop," the system that is ever operating in the interest of our customers. Preparations Store to the advantage of our customers. Preparations for this great sale have been under way for several weeks. Every department in The Brandeis Store participates. Every department head was instructed to offer the best seasonable merchandise at prices that are in this vicinity to The Brandeis as to bring every woman in this The results of our efforts are even Store during this sale. The results better than we expected. Read this advertisement carefully, examine the prices and you will agree that no better offering of merchandise has ever been made in this One Week of The Bargains offered in this advertisement are for Monday only. Do not let any previous engagement interfere with your attendance upon this sale. Day by day new offerings will be made. Large crowds will attend this sale, and we urge everyone who can possibly to so shop early. Every possible arrangement is being made for the comfortable reception of service during these sales. Come early. Shopping will depend upon the prompt service of The Brandeis Store is famous among the BRANDEIS & SONS.

Linen Handkerchiefs
Sheer imported linen handkerchiefs; hemstitched; with a dainty rose of embroidery; French and hand-rolled hems; a dainty hand-made handkerchief worth 59c; each 25c

Women's Fine Handkerchiefs—In all pure linen and Sheamrock lawn; linen laces are hemstitched and have fancy embroidered corners; in white and colors; also some hemstitched with colored initials; good, large size; specially priced 25c
Main Floor—East

New Bertha Collars
Silk and eight inches wide; Oriental effects; these are wonderful collars for wear with the plainer frocks to give them the needed effect of ornamentation; 98c to 1.25 collars at 59c

Collar and Cuff Sets—Peter Pan sets for school girls; charming effects in eyelet embroidery; also special pretty patterns of unusual becomingness; priced for this sale at per set 12½c
Main Floor—East

Girls' White Frocks
Fancy white organdie, Swiss fine voile and lawn; many elaborately trimmed in lace, embroidery, medallions or ribbons; sizes 2 to 6, 8 to 14 and 15 to 19; 1.00 to 2.98 values; special, each 99c

All-Wool Sweaters—For women and misses; all good styles and in the new spring shades and staple colors; perfectly made garments usually sold at 1.50 to 2.95; all sizes; very specially priced at 1.69
Basement—East

Stamped Buffet Sets
Three-piece sets consisting of scarf and two doilies; on high-grade white material; hemstitched for crocheted edge; in two designs requiring little work to finish; regularly 69c; special 35c

Stamped Luncheon Sets—Pretty sets for bridge or luncheon; of fine linen cloth with four napkins to match; on high-grade white material; dainty patterns; worth 1.75; requiring very little work; regularly 1.95; per set, 98c
Third Floor—West

Wall Papers
Grass cloth, two-tone and tapestries, suitable for living room, dining room and halls; large selection; values up to 50c; sold with borders to match; per roll 19c

Odorless Paper—20c plain oatmeal wall papers, in all shades, with cut-out borders to match; special, per roll 6½c
Fifth Floor—West

Sheffield Silverware
Beautiful and attractive pieces of silverware, including cheese and cracker plates, sandwich plates, bread trays, salad bowls, fruit compotes; bright finish, 2.89 priced edges; 5.00 and 7.00 pieces; each

Wilton Velvet Rugs
8-3x10-6 size; finest quality Wilton velvet seamless rugs; fringed ends; suitable for living rooms and dining rooms; a variety of colors; 60.00 value; special, each, 45.95

Heavy Axminster Rugs—9x12 size; one of the finest grades with deep rich nap; heavy fringed ends; will lie smooth on the floor; most attractive designs; in blue, rose, tan and taupe; 62.50 rugs, at 49.75
Sixth Floor—West

6 x 9 Axminster Rugs
These are durable and heavy and come in neat oriental patterns; suitable for any small room; colors are tan, green and rose; heavy turned ends; regular 29.00 rugs; special, 20.75

Pretty Rug Rugs—Those pretty little rag rugs for bedrooms and bath rooms are fringed both ends and washable; in plain blue, pink, with fancy border stripe; 3.00 value; special, 1.95
Sixth Floor—West

Children's Boxed Handkerchiefs
One for every day in the week; every one a different color and design, starting with the name of the day it is to be used. Regular 50c; special, per box of seven, 39c

Men's Linen Handkerchiefs—Men's pure linen linen handkerchiefs, white hemstitched with embroidered initials; also corner initials; a fine white initials; good, large size; specially priced 25c
Main Floor—East

Pretty Novelty Curtains
Lot includes ruffled dotted marquisette curtains with tie-backs to match, Quaker lace curtains with tie-backs to match and lace curtains with lace edges and insertions; 3.50 to 5.00 values; per pair 1.98

Extension Curtain Rods—A heavy quality metal tubing with curved or straight ends; regular 25c values; strong and certain to hold your curtains without sagging; complete with fixtures and fasteners; special, each 9c
Sixth Floor—East

Tuscan Curtain Nets
There are 1,000 yards of curtain nets in this lot; the nationally advertised curtain material in plain and beautiful all-over figured patterns that were made to sell at 1.25; special, per yard 69c

New Terry Cloths—600 yards of this fine over-drape material, in new spring patterns of floral, bird and striped designs; wonderfully effective when used for overdrapes and portieres; per yard, 59c

Housefurnishings
Garbage Cans—Made of heavy, corrugated iron; tight fitting cover; 15-gallon size; special, 1.79
Aluminum Dish Pans—10-quart size; extra heavy; highly finished; regularly 1.25; special, each, 72c
Food Chopper—Family size; with four different sized knives; special at 98c
Ajax Cabinet Gas Stoves—Four large burners; white enamel oven door panel; 16x18 inch oven; special, 19.98
Moth and Dust-proof Cedar Bags—54-inch bags; overcoat size; special, 59c
Genuine XXX Tin Boilers—For washing or cooking; 6, 8 and 10-gallon sizes, 59c
No Deliveries

Housefurnishings
Garbage Pails—Made of heavy galvanized iron, strong bail and cover; regularly 89c; special, 59c
Cut Glass Water Set—Consisting of 6 cut glass tumblers and 2-quart cut glass pitcher; special, per set, 98c
Johnson's Star Floor Wax—1-pound can, special, 39c
Bread Boxes—White enamel finish; hinged cover; ventilated; special at 98c
Pearl White Soap—Large bar; the best laundry soap; 10 bars for 25c
Toilet Paper—Large 1oo rolls; crepe; special, 5 rolls for 25c
Extra Heavy Wood Chests—With hinged cover; very specially priced, 39c
No Deliveries

Wool Jersey Cloth
54-inch all-wool jersey; a fine weave suitable for one and two-piece sport and school frocks or for outdoor sports; shown in a variety of new spring shades; 1.98 quality; special, per yard 1.35

Worsted Poiret Twill—44-inch Poiret twill; one of the finest Poiret twills made; of selected yarns, closely woven, nicely finished; ideal for suits or one-piece dresses; in navy blue 1.95 only; 2.59 quality; per yard, 2.15

Linen Huck Towels—18x34-inch size; hemstitched; with a fine, silver bleached linen huck which you cannot duplicate in regular stock for less than 75c; you are specially priced for this sale, each 35c

Melrose Black Sateen
36 inches wide; lustrous, glove finish; a fine raven black; a grade that is ideal for petticoats, bloomers and is usually sold at 49c; special, in this sale, per yard, 35c

New Satine Flouncings—Satine flouncings in colors and black; with ruffles or tucks; a large variety of patterns; all are of the 75c to 85c grades; very specially priced in this sale, per yard, 59c

Silk Canton Crepes
2.98 to 3.45 qualities; Canton crepe's firm weave and rich pebble surface commend it for style and service; its vogue is undiminished; our sale price is under the manufacturer's present cost; per yard 2.35

Wool Canton Crepe—54-inch all-wool Canton crepe, an ideal fabric for spring wear, especially drapy and soft and full of good wear; all the modish shapes, including dark tan and navy; 2.45 quality; per yard, 1.98
Main Floor—Center

Fine Turkish Towels
A fine assortment of heavy Turkish towels; double thread Terry cloth with deep hemmed ends; a wonderful opportunity to stock your towel cabinet with bath towels at a low price; regularly 59c; each 39c

Plain Huck Towels—In medium size; 200 dozen of these towels in red and white bordered huck; a splendid buy for hotel keepers as well as housewives; hemmed ready to hang; regular 2.25 value; priced, per dozen, at 1.50
Main Floor—West

Spanish Silk Lace
All-over laces and flouncings; a wide variety of patterns; 36 inches wide; in black, white, brown and the new spring shades; fine for dinner dresses; 2.50 values; per yard, 1.59
Main Floor—Center

Soap Specials
Cudahy's White Infant Castile Soap, per bar, 2c
Old Dutch Cleanser, can, 8c

Phonograph Record Albums
10-inch canvas back record albums, with heavy green envelope pockets; an indispensable convenience for keeping your records safe from scratches; 3 for 1.10, 39c or, each

Phonograph Needles—One million steel needles in loud, medium and half-tone sizes; regularly priced at 10c per package; now 6 packages of 100 each for 45c, or, per package of 100, each 5c
Main Floor—West

Phonograph Supplies
Reflexo Super-point needles; regular 15c seller, sale price 25c
Gilt-Edge needles. A specially dipped steel needle, guaranteed to play 10 records without changing; a regular 15c package, in this sale, per package 2 packages for 25c
All tonsue-medium, loud and extra loud.
Main Floor—West

Cafeteria Special
Monday—Spareribs and Sauer Kraut with Mashed Potatoes 25c
Our Cafeteria is specially prepared to handle large crowds during this sale, each
Main Floor—West

Fine Lace Curtains
In filet, Scotch and Nottingham weaves; in a variety of new and pretty patterns; 2½ and 3 yards long; in white and ivory and Egyptian; very specially priced, per pair, 1.39

Window Shades—Oil and water opaque window shades, in the wanted colors; 6 feet long; mounted on reliable rollers; regularly sold at 65c; priced for this sale, each, 37c
Basement—West

Notion Specials
Shinola Shine Cabinets—Consisting of cabinet, lamb's wool brush, dauber and one box of Shinola; worth 1.50; special 1.15
O. N. T. Star Crochet Thread—Special, per ball, 5c
Silk Thread—All staple shades; 50-yard spools; each, 4c
Yugo Sew-on Corset Garters—Regularly 25c; per pair, 15c
Shell Hair Pins—Regularly 10c; special, 2 boxes for 15c
Singer Sewing Machine Oil—Regularly 10c per bottle, 10c
Ocean Pearl Buttons—An assortment of sizes; special, per card, 5c
Carbon Dressing Pins—300 in paper, 3c
Rust-proof Hooks and Eyes—Per card of 2 dozen, 5c
Main Floor—South

Community Silver
Oneida Community Silver Par Plate—the discontinued Primrose pattern at a reduction of 33⅓ per cent.
Teaspoons—Set of six; regularly 1.50; sale price, 1.17
Tablespoons—Set of six; regularly 2.00; sale price, 2.00
Dessert Spoons—Set of six; regularly 2.50; sale price, 1.83
Salad Forks—Set of six; regularly 2.50; sale price, 2.50
Cold Meat Forks—Regularly 1.10; sale price, 1.10
Berry Spoon—Regularly 1.75; sale price, 1.67
This pair plate is guaranteed for ten years, and has double the plating at points of greatest wear. An unusual bargain.
Basement—Center

Brazil Nut Fudge
A delicious confection, one of the best sports in our candy department; full of creamy fudge, flavored with chocolate and vanilla and filled with fresh Brazil Nuts; special, per pound, 29c
Main Floor—West

New Narrow Ribbons—For trimming and the braided girdles so smart just now; also used a great deal with the summer frocks; of these ribbons come in stripe, two-tone and metal effects; special, per yard, 15c
Main Floor—North

The Omaha Bee Information Bureau

Through our Washington Information Bureau The Omaha Bee will answer direct to the reader any question of fact, with the exception of medical, legal, love and marriage subjects, or any subject requiring extended research.

Simply write your question as plainly and briefly as possible and mail to The Omaha Bee Information Bureau, 1013 New Hampshire avenue, Washington, D. C., enclosing a 2-cent stamped, addressed envelope for reply. Be sure to write your name and address plainly on the return envelope.

There are many causes of being too stout—eating too much, working or exercising too little, and sleeping too long are the principal causes. In conduction, the use of any drug or remedy is utterly useless. If the drugs produce any effect it is due to interfering with digestion and assimila-

Omaha Bee Information Bureau,
4035 New Hampshire Avenue,
Washington, D. C.
Gentlemen:
Kindly send me a copy of the REDUCING DIET which you have compiled from government sources. An addressed envelope and two loose 1-cent stamps are enclosed.
Name .....
Address .....
City .....
State .....

tion. Therefore, the only safe method of reduction is to change to a diet avoiding excess starches and sugars. The Omaha Bee Information Bureau has compiled from government sources a diet which will contain enough food to feel comfortable and still promote reduction. A copy of this diet will be sent to any reader on receipt of an addressed envelope, two loose 1-cent stamps and the following coupon:

Frozen Sea Water.

Q—Does sea water ever freeze?

A—Yes, but at a very low temperature and the ice is very imperfect.

Longevity of Alligators.

Q—How long do alligators live?

A—The length of the natural life of alligators is not only long, but indefinite. It has always been supposed that because they grow very large they must be very old. Alligators in captivity have been known to live for 40 years, while some of the sacred crocodiles of India, which are closely related to alligators are believed to be over a century old.

Jew With Columbus.

Q—Who was the Jew supposed to be with Columbus when he discovered America?

A—There is a tradition that Luis Santiacci, a Jew, who sailed with Columbus was the first man to set foot on the new sill.

Airplane to Cuba.

Q—Is it true there is an airplane line between this country and Cuba?

A—Yes, it runs between Key West, Fla., and Havana, Cuba. The distance is about 100 miles and the trip takes only about 45 minutes.

Letters Carried.

Q—About how many letters does the postoffice department handle in a year?

A—Last year they handled about 19,000,000,000.

Easter Sunday.

Q—I have always been told that Easter Sunday fell on the first Sunday after the first moon after March 21. If this calculation is correct why was April 1, Easter Sunday. This rule would make April 8, Easter Sunday.

A—Your rule is partially correct, but instead of the date of Easter being computed by our moon, it is determined by the calendar of the Jewish moon, which is not of an arbitrary character, but is based on Eurcpean latitudes. If the real moon was used in making the determination, Easter Sunday this year would have fallen on April 8.

Postage Stamps for Collectors.

Q—Where could I write concerning the sale of postage stamps to collectors?

A—Address the "Philatelic Stamp Agency, U. S. Postoffice, Washington, D. C."

Withdrawing Rural Delivery.

Q—Is there any likelihood of rural delivery being withdrawn in sections of poor roads?

A—Section 4 of the rules of the postoffice is that the roads must be in good condition to accommodate all seasons of the year. Failure to do this is considered sufficient reason for the withdrawal of established rural free delivery from a locality.

Denver's 'Bunco' System Exposed by Prosecutor

District Attorney Tells of Operations of Notorious Swindlers and How They Were Apprehended.

An elaborate system of extracting (not painlessly) large sums of money from unsuspecting victims has been broken up out in Denver.

District Attorney Philip S. Van Cise of Denver has given much credit for the arrest and conviction of 20 of these "bunco" men to the help of the "bunco" system perfect.

Bankers are said to be interested by Van Cise's inside story of the scheme. A few days ago he helped to this story, to a Denver club. He gave details of the sinister influence of the "bunco" ring not only in Denver but in other cities, which were more colorful than the average detective story.

Van Cise likened the "bunco" men to spiders awaiting the arrival of an unfortunate fly. He told of the astounding influence of the "bunco" men in public affairs, of its deadly menace to those who refuse to be its victims and of the difficulties which beset him in his efforts to trail and trap members of the ring.

Swindle Well Organized.

"This was no amateur swindling proposition on a gigantic scale," related Van Cise. "The gang's headquarters was on the second floor of the Union Pacific building on Seventeenth street. There was a man on the 'lookout,' was a man kept at the window during the entire day, his duty to see the signals of the 'stooges' who had a victim.

"It was the 'lookout' who sent the mysterious stock exchange operator down the street to meet the victim and the victim. He also sent a 'baiter,' the man who endeavored the victim and the 'bunco' men.

"The baiter was to see that nothing went wrong that the victim; on his squeal; that the teller at the bank made no mistake in giving the victim the large sum of money; that nothing happened to the victim on the way from the bank to the fake stock exchange."

Van Cise then went on to explain that after the victim had "invested" his money in the fake stock he was taken to a safety deposit box by "Duff," the manager of the fake stock exchange.

Blonger Guided the Crime.

"Leo Blonger was the guiding hand behind the scenes," continued Van Cise. "It was his job to see that the victim was fixing had to be done. It was Blonger who evolved the skills so that a sucker who squealed to the police was quickly ushered out of town which he generally did after the police were performed quietly on the streets of Denver, and the victim was given a passageway.

"The losers were driven along the streets,