

SPRING DRESS GOODS

We are ready for you--we are right up to date. Our new spring stock of dress goods is in and we want you to see it. Some of it is beautiful beyond description. We can give you only an inkling of what it is, in this advertisement. You must come and see it for yourself. You get first choice if you get here first.

Spring Dress Goods.

- 46-inch salt-and-pepper effects in green, brown, blue, red and black, the very newest, at, per yard..... **\$1.00**
- 52-inch snow flaked ziboline, in assorted shades, per yard..... **\$1.00**
- 42-inch Bedford cord with a fancy silk stripe, in black, brown and navy, per yd. **\$1.50**
- 38-inch fancy checks for children's dresses and ladies' waists; come in a variety of colors, black and white, black and red, brown and gray, green and gray and brown and blue, at, per yard..... **50c**
- 36-inch all-wool plaids at, per yard..... **50c**



Solid Colors and Black.

- Etamines from..... **60c up**
- Voiles from..... **60c up**
- Mohairs from..... **50c up**
- Granites from..... **30c up**
- Melrose Cloth from..... **50c up**
- Henriettas from..... **25c up**
- Serges from..... **30c up**
- Plain and fancy striped Oxfords, 32-inch, per yard..... **15c**

Spring Waistings in stripes and solid colors—

- 15c 25c 35c 50c 75c and 85c per yd.

Cotton Etamines in delicate evening shades, sage green, light blue, pink, tan and black, 27-in., per yard..... **35c**

PERCALES.

- Over 100 different patterns to choose from in light and dark..... **10c**
- Our stock of fancy Gingham, Madras Cloths and Silk Zephyrs is now complete in all price cloth from..... **8 to 35c**

Extra Shoe Values for This Week.

- Childs' Sat. Kip little gent's low heeled shoes, sizes 6 to 8, regular price \$1.15, now going at..... **89c**
- Sizes 8 to 11, reg. price \$1.35, now going at..... **\$1 18**
- Sizes 11½ to 2, low heeled, excellent wearing shoes, \$1.50, now..... **\$1 27**
- Childs' lace kangaroo calf shoes, soft, tough leather, sizes 6 to 8, reg. price \$1.25, now..... **\$1 08**
- Sizes 8½ to 11, same as above, reg. price \$1.50, now..... **\$1 35**
- Misses' lace and button shoes, kangaroo calf, and fine quality of kid, reg. price \$1.65, \$1.75 and \$1.85; now..... **\$1 49**
- Little gent's Soudan kid, ¼-top lace shoe, 8½ to 13, reg. \$1.50, now..... **\$1 35**
- Youth's Soudan kid, ¼ top lace shoe 13½ to 2, regular price \$1.75, now..... **\$1 58**
- Boys, Soudan kid, ¼ top lace shoe, 2½ to 5½, reg. price \$2.00, now..... **\$1 79**
- Ladies' vici kid, heavy welt soles, patent or kid tips, lace shoes, \$2.50 value, now..... **\$1 98**
- Ladies' vici kid, heavy McKay soles, fair stitched kid tips, lace shoes, \$2.50 value, now..... **\$1 98**
- Ladies' ¼-top street boot, in lace only, velour calf or heavy dongola, Scotch edge, all sizes and widths, a good value at \$2.50, now..... **\$1 98**
- Men's fine enamel bals., sizes 7 to 11, reg. \$3.50, now..... **\$2 95**
- A lot of men's shoes, not all sizes, to close out..... **98c**

Men's, Boys' and Children's Hats.

For Spring Wear.

- Mens Fur-Hats
- \$1 00 \$1 25 \$1 50 \$2 00**
- \$2 50 and \$3 00**
- Boys' Hats at
- 50c 75c and \$1 00**
- Children's Hats at
- 25c 40c 50c and 75c**



NEW LACE CURTAINS--Dainty, fresh, durable Lace Curtains for dining room, parlor or bed room, at **50c 75c \$1 00 \$1 25 \$1 50 \$2 00 \$2 25 \$2 50 \$4 00 and \$4 50** per pair.



UNDERSKIRTS
..... IN
GREAT
VARIETY

Mercerized
Sateen
Petticoats

SELLING AT
\$1 00 \$1 50
\$1 75 \$2 00
and **\$2 50**

Dressing Sacques.

27 Eider down dressing sacques, regular \$1.50 and \$2.00 value, now going a..... **\$1 25**

Ladies' Belts, Beltings and Belt Buckles.

Ladies' Belts, New Spring Styles, selling for **20c 25c 40c 50c and 75c** Belting **25c 35c 40c and 60c** yd. Belt buckles from **15 to 80c**

Bargains in Domestics.

- 7 yd.-wide bleached muslin at **5½c**
- 5c " LL brown sheeting
- for..... **4½c**
- 8c yd.-wide fine brown muslin **6½c**
- 1000 yards indigo blue and turkey red remnant calicoes regular 6c value for..... **4½c**
- 12½c good, heavy shirting, now, per yard..... **10c**
- 5c cotton flannel, per yard..... **3½c**
- 7c outing flannel, light, yd..... **5½c**
- 9-4 unbleached sheeting, 16c value now..... **12½c**

Cassimere and Worsted Corduroy

Pants at Reduced Prices.

- \$2.00 cassimere pants, now **\$1 60**
- \$2.50 cassimere and worsted pants now..... **\$2 00**
- \$3.00 cassimere and worsted pants, now..... **\$2 40**
- \$4.00 cassimere and worsted pants, now..... **\$3 20**
- \$1.75 corduroy pants, now..... **\$1 50**
- \$2.50 corduroy pants for..... **\$2 20**
- Special discount on all other grades

10c

Misses' Seamless Ribbed Hose, Fast Black, for, per pair

10c

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Our grocery department contains everything in that line--high-class goods, lowest prices.

The Reader

Hall Caine and Marie Corelli are the victims of "The Literary Guillotine" in the February number of The Reader, and a more amusing piece of literary satire cannot well be imagined. "The Correlli-ling of Caine" it is called and the fun begins when the two authors meet in their cells while awaiting trial. The trial does not last long, but it never lags and is full of good things worthy of the reputation of the judges, Mark Twain and Oliver Herford. Here is a quotation showing the irrepressible Mr. Herford to advantage:

"Yes, just one question, Mr. Caine. Now, I have here a copy of 'The Eternal City,' and on page 6 I find a sample of Roma's talk when she was a baby. I'll read part of it aloud: 'Oo a boy? . . . Oo me brodder? . . . Oo lub me? . . . Oo lub me eber and eber?' Now, Mr. Caine, I want to ask

you this: Is that, in your opinion, an accurate reproduction of the manner in which children talk?"

"Yes, sir, absolutely—at least, of the manner in which Manx children talk."

"Oh, I see!" said Herford—"their words haven't any tails, have they? I have finished with the prisoner, your honor."

The Reader has numerous other contributions of interest, notably a very frank article, "Italy in Fiction," by Amy A. Bernardy. The writer is evidently an Italian and discusses, without gloves, the misrepresentations of Italian life to be found in the fiction of Mr. Marion Crawford, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, Marie Corelli, Hall Caine and Ouida. Other contributors to this number include William Wallace Whitelock, Clinton Scollard, Douglas Story, John Paul Boccock and Bliss Carman. The Reader continues to

show individuality, and is full of entertaining reading for intelligent readers. It is a magazine not to be missed.

Different Now

Editor Independent: When the republicans had control of our government, the postoffice department was the pride of the nation; but since John Bull and the Jews got control, they seem to think they have a perfect right to interfere with any mail matter they choose, especially if it does not indorse their views.

It's about time some people in the United States were turning "boxers." John Bull is no longer English, but a Jew. What's the difference between a John Bull republican and a gold-bug democrat? (One doesn't know any better and the other does.—Ed. Ind.) The coal barons make much of property rights in their dealings with the

labor element, but in their dealings with the men who hold the mortgages they stand silently by and see their property, or the greater part of it, confiscated or appropriated—and never say a word about property rights.

E. C. SCOTT.

Ray, N. Y.

J. L. Duffin, Oshkosh, Neb.: Please answer through The Independent whether or not Holcomb was a supreme judge when Bartley was convicted. (No; Holcomb became supreme judge in January, 1900; he was elected in the fall of 1899.—Ed. Ind.)

J. P. Potter, Naples, N. Y.: I am very much pleased with The Independent and will do all I can to help you along. I am first a Lincoln republican, next a populist and free silver man, and now am a Bryan democrat.