

Silk Department.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS to last until January 1.

LOT 1.
16 yards good black gros grain silk, \$16.
16 yards black or colored French failles, \$16.
16 yards black Armure silk \$16.
16 yards black satin rhodamas, \$16.
Regular price of the above, \$1.85.

LOT 2.
16 yards guaranteed black gros grain, \$25.
16 yards guaranteed black French faille, \$25.
16 yards guaranteed black armures, \$25.
16 yards guaranteed satin rhodamas, \$25.
All of lot 2 we sell never less than \$1.85 and \$2 per yard.

LOT 3.
16 yards very fine double face alama royal, best American make, for \$32.
16 yards elegant gros grain silk, French and American make, \$32.
16 yards beautiful satin de Lyon, French make, \$32.
16 yards best satin merveilleux, French make, \$32.
Our retail price for this lot, \$2.50 to \$3.

LOT 4.
This lot includes gros grains, satin de Lyons, failles, alama royals, etc., and was made specially for the London retail trade; are the best silks in the American market today. Are retailed for \$3, \$3.25, \$3.50, \$3.75 and \$4; will be reduced in proportion to the other goods. Also velvets and plushes.

Dress Goods Dept.

For a nice Xmas present the most appreciated and useful is a fine dress pattern. Anticipating the demand for these goods, we have draped our east show window with a few sample patterns so as to give gentlemen an idea of how they look made up. The prices are within the reach of all, ranging from \$3.15 a pattern to \$15 and \$25. The styles are all new and colors the most desirable. Broadcloths are also very stylish and serviceable and the prices much lower than early in the season.
\$4.25, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00.

For children's dresses:
40-inch all wool plaids at 50c.
40-inch French plaids at 55c.
40-inch imported plaids at 75c and 80c.
40-inch imported serges at 50c.
40-inch hennetias at 57c.
40-inch hennetias at 75c and 81c.
40-inch serges at \$1.25.
40-inch flannels at 50c.
40-inch flannels at 75c and 87c.

THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGION.

How It Will Tend to Promote the Happiness of the People.

ELOQUENT LECTURE BY BISHOP KEANE.

An Apostrophe to America and a Foreboding Denunciation of the Liquor Business by the Learned Prelate.

Bishop Keane of Washington delivered his lecture, "The American of the Future" in St. Philomena's cathedral last Tuesday night. It was a very able, but lengthy effort, and it is regretted that only a few extracts may here be reproduced.

After describing the innumerable dissensions and divisions into which Europe had been divided and the consequent national enmities and prejudices that had resulted therefrom, he said that Europe was in this condition that the providence of God opened up America as a refuge for the oppressed, as a fresh field for the advance of Christian civilization; a new world in which there should be no entanglements of the past, no old grudges, no old rivalries, no old animosities, no old hatreds, no old divisions, no old lines, which made Europe a vast camp of jealous rivals. Here men of all nationalities could come together and that they were brothers; could come and take one another by the hand and stand together as equals, as fellow men, as fellow citizens of one great blessed common country and the nearest realization of a blessed brotherhood of men that the world has ever seen. Here men could come and stand together on the basis of their common humanity, without any of those distinctions which set class against class in feudal Europe, with no pre-eminence except that of the more advanced, no superiority except that of superior devotion to work and superior attachment to the common weal. Here everyone recognized that the rights of every man were equal; that the inalienable rights bestowed upon every man by his creator. Those inalienable rights were the basis of the American constitution. Thus under the guidance of the providence of God, our country grew to be the grandest embodiment of popular government the world has ever witnessed.

Nearly all the colonists had suffered religious persecution of one kind or another, and they naturally brought to their new homes some of the old prejudices. It is an historical fact that during colonial days the sects were arrayed against each other, but the providence of God could not permit that to continue. Catholic Maryland was the first to unfurl the banner of liberty, other colonies joined in the noble work. In the struggle for liberty churchmen shouldered their arms with dissenters and Catholics with Protestants; Catholics joined with Puritan New England as they marched with Washington to victory, and thus the providence of God crushed out all those old animosities and showed the American people that while not yet united they could agree to disagree in Christian charity and friendship; that while here no man need sacrifice his conscientious principles, yet he has to respect the consciences of others, while faithful to his own. The old Christian spirit of toleration and charity for the love of God; of persecuting one another for the love of Christ was swept away, and the amendment to our constitution warning congress to keep its hands off religious matters, rendered it impossible for any spirit of Caesarism to find a foothold in our land.

But let it not be imagined that this amendment to the constitution was prompted by any religious indifference; on the contrary it was prompted by a regard for religion in order that religion might be placed beyond the reach of either political violence or political hypocrisy, leaving it free and secure to guide the people according to their consciences. For our country has never forgotten that warning of our country's father, Washington, that we cannot hope to maintain our civilization without morality, and there could be no more

SPECIAL SPECIAL SPECIAL.

Scotch tweeds, 54-inch, a big bargain at 52c.

40-inch Scotch chevrot, a genuine good material, at 65c.
42-inch French homespun checks—no wear out to this cloth, at 75c.
Printed cashmeres in lovely designs for tea gowns a specialty. The prices are reasonable and the quality the finest made.

Note—This is a great opportunity to buy goods at prices never before quoted and do well to look over our stock before purchasing their holiday presents.

Shawls.

We are also showing a line of Imported Indian Shawls at \$12, 15, 18, 20, 22.50, 25, 30, 37.50, 40 and up to \$150.

Cloak Department.

Here we are, more useful Christmas presents than any other department in the house.
The ladies' first choice is always a handsome sealskin cloak, jacket or wrap. We have them at the right prices.
A handsome plush saque at \$18, \$20, \$22.75, \$30, \$35 and \$40.
Also just received a new line of imported French evening robes, nothing finer to be seen anywhere.

Ladies' jackets in all the latest styles at \$5, \$7.50, \$9, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18 and \$20.
We have also Christmas presents for the children, a nice heavy winter cloak for \$3, \$4.50, \$5, \$5.50, \$6, \$7, \$8, \$9 and \$10.

Ladies' Handkerchief Department.
We have a large assortment in this department and you will find it easy to make a selection to suit your friends.
Can give you plain hemst, in 1, 1 and 1 1/2 in., at 5, 10, 15, 20, 25 up to 75c; and a good all linen 1 in. hemst handkerchief, six in a fancy box, at \$1.50 a box.
Have a large assortment of embroidered handkerchiefs at \$1, 10, 15, 25, 35, 50, 65, 75 and 85c.
Our line at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.65 up to \$2.50.
We have as nice present a line of fancy handkerchief boxes with 1 handkerchief in a box.
A silk mull embroidered handkerchief at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, and \$1.75.
A silk hemst, silk handkerchief at \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75 and \$2.
A ladies' broadened silk handkerchief at 25, 35, 55, 75c and \$1.

Pocketbooks, Purses

AND CARD CASES.
A good serviceable pocketbook at 35, 50, 65 and 75c.

A good leather pocketbook at \$1.

.25, \$1.50 up to \$3.
A combination card and pocketbook at 75c, \$1.50 and \$2.

A card case at 75c, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2 up to \$3.
A good leather purse at 25, 35, 50 up to \$1.25.
Needle books at 20, 25, 50 and 75c.
Ladies' (work box) companion at \$1.25.

Blanket Department.

SECOND FLOOR.
In this stock we have some great bargains. Owing to the mild weather we will make from now until the holidays prices that will save you 10 to 15 per cent.

Comfort Department.

Our fine display of eider-down comforts are unexcelled for pattern and quality—we commence them at \$5, worth \$7.50.
A few slightly soiled at \$3.75, regularly sold and worth \$16.50.

Flannel Department.

A new stock just received in a great variety of patterns and colors, from 75c to \$2 per yard.

Xmas Presents.

A most desirable gift from one friend to another, and one that would be much appreciated, would be:
A California blanket.
A wrapper blanket.
A pattern of French flannel.
A carriage robe.
An eider-down comfort.

Linen Department.

Secure your Christmas presents while the assortment is large.
The following are goods most suitable for a Christmas gift, being both useful and ornamental:
Just received another shipment of our handsome table cloths with napkins to match. We have marked them still lower than the others. We must make room for other goods.
Prices are \$6, \$8, \$10, \$12, \$15, \$18, \$20, \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, \$50, \$55, \$60, \$65, \$70, \$75, \$80, \$85, \$90, \$100, up to \$150 per set.
LARGED DAMASK SETS.
The largest assortment of this class of goods to select from in the city, and we defy competition. All the latest designs and coloring, which no other house can show.
Prices are \$4.50, \$5, \$6, \$8, \$10, \$12, \$15, up to \$22.50 per set.

FINE TOWELS. FINE TOWELS.

Nothing handsomer for a Christmas gift than one of our elegant damask towels. They come in all the rich and rare colorings. No other house can show you these goods at any price. Prices range from 75c, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.25 and \$2.50 each.

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We call special attention to Christmas presents underneath. Also to the list of goods suitable for Christmas presents. We have given great attention this year to purchase good and moderate prices, in keeping with the character of the times and think we have succeeded.

BED SPREADS. BED SPREADS.

From now until Christmas we intend to sell an immense quantity of bed spreads.

100 full sized bed spreads, entirely new—other hand and feet \$2 for \$1 or cheaper spread; our price for this sale will be \$1.50 each.
100 extra sized Marseilles bed spreads—large assortment of patterns to select from. For this sale we will sell them at \$2.25 each. This is the cheapest spread ever sold in Omaha.

Fiver spreads at \$3, \$4, \$4.50, \$5, up to \$10 each.

The above list of goods are exceptionally good value and we would urge you to make your selections early while the stock is complete. Mail orders receive careful attention.

Millinery Department.

Millinery for Christmas presents. You can buy a stylish hat or bonnet from \$3.50 to \$10 and \$25. Misses' or child's from \$2.50 to \$10. Untrimmed felt hats from 75c to \$2. An endless variety of birds, wings, feathers, fancy trimmings, etc.

Come early and secure first choice.

Umbrellas.

Good black silk umbrellas with plain and fancy handles from \$2 to \$20 each. A special line of black silk umbrellas, warranted, with natural wood handles and fancy trimmings, at \$4, worth \$5. A large assortment of black lace handkerchiefs from \$1.25 to \$10.
Black Spanish guipure lace scarfs from 60c to \$4.50 each.
Black hand-run Spanish lace scarfs from \$2.75 to \$13.50 each.

Men's Furnishing Department.

We have just put in stock a large and well selected stock of leather goods suitable for Xmas presents.
Gents' traveling sets at \$1.50 up to \$6.50.
Gents' picnic sets for \$2.75 up to \$3.
Gents' rubber line toilet sets for \$1.75 to \$3.
Another shipment of fine neckwear in all the newest colorings and shapes, four-in-hand, Teck's and the new Ascot, put in at \$1.50 to \$2.50.
Also, a large lot of four-in-hand and Teck's at 25c each.

A large lot of gents' colored border initial linen handkerchiefs, put up in a handsome box, for \$1 per doz.
Everything in plain and colored border linen and silk handkerchiefs; price from 25c to \$1.
The newest thing in linen handkerchiefs is a solid black at 25c and 50c each.

The largest assortment of gents' silk and cashmere mufflers in the city at 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.50 to \$2 each.
A fine full dress shirt in pique satin and fancy embroidered linen fronts at \$1, \$1.25 to \$2.50.

The Magic Cave.

Our doll department is now complete with washable dolls of good quality at 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c. Bisque heads, jointed dolls, 25c, 30c, 35c, 40c, \$1 up to \$9. Dressed jointed dolls; dressed in cloth and flannel dresses, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$2.50 and \$4. A large assortment of rubber dolls.

Children's slings with heavy iron round runners, 75c, worth \$1.
The Falcon sleigh, round runners, \$1, good value at \$1.50. Also, the bench and sled, at \$1 to \$1.50. The combination sled and bench, boards, suitable for boys and girls, at \$1.25. Large size writing desk with stool, varnished and finished in good shape, at \$2.50. Hard wood writing desk, revolving top, with two drawers, at \$3.50, sold elsewhere at \$5.

Tables, 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25. Chairs, 25c, 50c and up to \$2.50. Ash bureau, with black walnut ornaments, at \$1.25, \$2 and \$3.50. Willow cradles at 40c, 45c, 50c. Large easel and black board at \$1.50. Willow doll perambulator at 50c, \$1, \$1.50, \$2 up to \$5, handsomely fitted, with parasol, the finest line in Omaha.
Wood axle express wagons at 25c and 50c.
Iron axle express wagon at \$1.
Iron express wagons at all prices.
Rock maple ten pins, 50c, 75c and \$1.
The iron toy department of our Magic Cave is complete in itself, including fire carts, horse carts, hook and ladders, fire and police patrols, carts, carriages, sleds, and hundreds of other things, at marvelously low prices.

Tin Toy Department—We have a large assortment of tin toys, consisting of horses, dogs, cats, monkeys and other canine animals.
In our game department we have a full line of all the newest and latest games.
Rocking horses at \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.25, up to \$5. Shoo-fly rockers, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$1.75. Combination rocking horses, wheels, rockers, righty adjusted, forming extra seat and propelling handle.
Swing horses, 18 inches high, with hair tail and main, cloth saddle, nicely finished, \$2.25.
The combination shoo-fly rocker, suitable for swing, jumping and rocking, fine for children, only \$2.50.

Steel barrel air guns, \$1.75, sold elsewhere for \$2.25.
Basket Department—Ladies' standard work baskets, knitting baskets, small open work baskets, collar and cuff, button and shoe, and other kinds. A large assortment of plush goods, including the following articles: Gents' dressing cases, ladies' work boxes, gents' shaving cases, manicure sets, ladies' toilet cases, a fine assortment of dining and tea sets, drums, guns, trunks, boxes, horns, mouth organs, musical boxes, whips, musical tops, balls, Christmas blotters, pen-guns, and hundreds of other articles in the Magic Cave too numerous to mention.

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Religion in the Army.
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He is claimed by those who favor the increase in the number of chaplains that there is great need of a more thorough moral discipline among the officers and soldiers of the regular army, and that there are not enough chaplains to do the work properly. It is held further that the authority and jurisdiction of the chaplain is too much circumscribed by the regulations of the army, and so far as practical effect is concerned, the army might almost as well be without chaplains as to have them under such restrictions.

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The ladies of the First Congregational church will have a Christmas entertainment on Wednesday evening, December 18, at 8 o'clock. They will serve supper and sell Christmas articles.

Rev. Willard Scott will deliver a lecture before the Congregational club in the evening of December 18, at 8 o'clock. His subject will be "The Spirit of the Puritans."

The Congregational club of Crete will celebrate "Forefathers' day," December 18, and the Congregational club of Lincoln, Omaha and Fremont have been invited to take part. Rev. Mr. Bass of Fremont will deliver the address in evening.

After several months of leadership experience the First Christian church has finally found a pastor. Rev. T. E. Cranfield of Salem, O., has accepted the call and will enter upon his duties on Monday. He is said to be a man of excellent character and of indefatigable energy and zeal.

Since the arrival of Rev. Robert Atkinson, the recently installed pastor of the South-west Presbyterian church, the spiritual temperature of that congregation has been on the rise and the desire for more earnest work in every department of religious work is

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