

GRAND ANNUAL SPRING OPENING

Having received the entire consignment of our heavy spring purchases and arranged same on our floors, beginning tomorrow morning, Monday, April 8th, we will inaugurate our Annual Spring Opening—by exhibiting to the people of Omaha and vicinity the largest and finest stock of Furniture, Carpets and Stoves, House Furnishing Goods of every description, ever shown under one roof in the city. Our large establishment is filled from basement to roof with the newest and most desirable goods to be obtained, which we are selling at unprecedented low prices—either for Cash or Credit.

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Divan
Parlor and
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Mahogany or curly birch.
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Price for Entire Suit, \$29.00.

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SPRING OPENING PRICES.

500 Mattresses, worth \$2, sale price	1 30
500 Wood Seat Chairs, sale price	10 00
100 Chamber Suits, worth \$18, sale price	10 00
65 Parlor Suits, 5 pieces, worth \$35, sale price	13 50
700 Bedsteads, worth \$3.50, sale price	1 38
150 Bedsteads, worth \$12.50, sale price	6 90
200 Baby Carriages, worth \$2, sale price	3 00
400 Extension Tables, worth \$8.50, sale price	3 00
108 Folding Beds, worth \$12, sale price	7 00
650 Cane Rockers, worth \$3, sale price	95
18 Cliffontiers, worth \$12, sale price	7 45
68 Lounges, worth \$8, sale price	4 80
75 Divans, worth \$12, sale price	4 80
101 Book Cases, worth \$9, sale price	4 50
27 Chenille Couches, worth \$12, sale price	6 00
120 Goblet Seat Rockers, worth \$6, sale price	2 90
65 Push Rockers, worth \$6, sale price	3 00
150 Tea Sets, worth \$2, sale price	3 65
410 Dinner Sets, worth \$12, sale price	7 00
100 Toilet Sets, worth \$3, sale price	1 85
200 Piano Lamps, worth \$18, sale price	3 50
75 Lamping Lamps, worth \$4, sale price	1 70
200 Bedsteads, worth \$3, sale price	1 45
100 Folding Tables, worth \$2, sale price	1 00
95 Center Tables, worth \$2, sale price	1 00
40 Combination Book Cases, worth \$18, sale price	12 00
35 Hall Racks, worth \$9, sale price	5 00
10 Hall Racks, worth \$18, sale price	7 50

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This handsome carriage, rattan, with oak trimmings, silk plush pillows, silk parasol. Price... \$10.50

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 \$20.00 worth... \$2.00 down, \$1.00 week, \$4.00 month
 \$30.00 worth... \$1.50 week, \$5.00 month
 \$50.00 worth... \$2.00 week, \$7.00 month
 \$75.00 worth... \$2.50 week, \$8.00 month
 \$100.00 worth... \$2.50 week, \$10.00 month
 \$200.00 worth... \$4.00 week, \$16.00 month

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CAUGHT BY A CLAM.

Exciting Adventure of a Pearl Diver Who Encountered a Giant Bivalve.

"One does not usually regard the clam as a dangerous animal," remarked my friend, Jack Ballantine, as he shook a silver pepper box over a plate of the delectable little neck bivalves, "yet the narrowest escape of my life was from a clam.

We had just set down to dinner at the Parker house, by a front window, overlooking the statues of the knee-breeched Franklin and his compatriot, in front of the city hall, across School street.

Jack Ballantine was an old schoolmate. I remembered him as the adventurous spirit among the boys, but had not seen him since we graduated from the Latin High school, a dozen years before, till that very day. Coming down town to business in the morning, I had met him face to face by the big frog pond on the Common, and we had engaged to dine together and bring our life stories up to date.

"Not being a dyspeptic or otherwise impaired in your body," said I, smiling across to his sturdy, bronzed face, "your terrible clam could hardly have been of the Little Neck sort."

"Hardly," replied Ballantine, with a laugh. "The clam that captured me would have made a meal for a regular fairy tale giant. It weighed probably twenty pounds and its tremendous shells four or five hundred pounds more."

"You must mean the Giant Clam of East India waters," observed I, inquiringly. "I believe the single shells of that great bivalve are sometimes used for holy water fonts in Catholic churches."

"Yes and in the islands of Oceania for babies' bath tubs," said Ballantine. "The particular tridacna gigas in question, however, with which I had but a faint acquaintance, was alive and a dozen fathoms deep in the Torres strait, between Queensland and New Guinea."

"Your swimming and diving were great in the old Latin school days, I know," said I. "But seventy odd feet is rather a fishy dive."

Ballantine smiled. "It was, anything but a fish story to me at the time," said he; "and for a few horrible minutes I expected never to get to the surface to tell it."

"But since you had, suppose you relate it to me now."

"So, while the Little Neck clams were removed and we waited the next course, Ballantine began the story of his extraordinary adventure.

"I believe you went to your uncle in London after our Latin school acquaintance," remarked I. "You wrote me on arriving there, but not afterward."

"Yes, Uncle Ballantine had mining and pearling interests in Queensland, and I went out almost immediately after reaching London. I was located at Cooktown, on the northeast coast."

"Named after Captain Cook, I suppose."

"Yes, and the river on which the town is located was named after his ship, the Endeavour, for it was into that very river mouth that the old sea explorer put for repairs a century before the town was founded in 1770."

"So, on the newest of continents, you found historic ground."

"Pearly near Queensland."

"Aid. The region and the life were full of interest to me, and I soon became familiar with mining on land and pearling at sea. We had quite a fleet of luggers--vessels of five to twenty tons, two short masts, and manned with crews of half a dozen natives, Koukaks, Japs, Chinese, or Malay nabobs. One of our captains was an old Nantucket whaler, and I now and then went out to the fishing grounds with him.

"On one of these pearling trips we went up the coast, around Cape York, into Torres strait. It was there I had my narrow escape from a clam.

"Almost at the start we struck rich bottom, and our diver was bringing up three or four hundred pairs of shells a day--worth about that number of dollars. By the end of the month we had a cargo of eight or ten tons. Of course the mother-of-pearl lining of the shells is the bread and butter of

but there about me all was motionless, all was noiseless.

"For a brief space I leaned against a mass of coral and looked down. The heavy, greenish precipitation had departed and I rejoiced in the novelty of the scene.

"White coral growths loomed beside me, branching, tree-like, a reefy forest, and again in rounded shapes like huge toadstools topped turly. There were sea fans, and swaying palm-like seaweeds twenty feet in height.

"Then this under-world was a last departing search for success, I beheld, resting in the branching coral before me--and to this day I marvel at the miracle of it--an iron bar, pointed at one end, a veritable crowbar.

"All these events came swifter than the falling of the giant clam, with the rage of the bar and the strength of desperation. For a suffocating moment the struggle was unlit as something vast and strange, and I was set at its center.

"Curious fish, fantastic in form and gorgeous in hue, gathered about in a staring inquisitive circle, like the crowd around some zoological wonder at a fair.

"Everything was magnified to twice its real size. I did not realize this familiar face at first, but as the crowd around me hurried jerks for the shell bag, because I believed I had discovered oysters of enormous and unprecedented size, but they went into the bag's mouth without distinct regard to its owner.

"Presently the drawing of the life line told me that the boat was drifting faster than the rope was being paid out, and that I must move in the same direction. Pearl oysters are not found in beds, but scattered over the bottom, and the fisher has to search over considerable areas of bottom, by the custom to beat up against the tide or current, and quite a decided current sets in from the Pacific through Torres strait into which the Indian current, the old sea-fucker I have mentioned went down, on recovering from the daze of sudden descent, I saw a crotch of the coral before him a bottle of Bass' pale ale, and a bottle of beer, why not a crowbar?"

I was not equal to this conundrum, so I asked as to the after effects of his adventure.

"Well, of course it was a shock of course, like every one after a descent, I lied at night, ears and mouth, and for a week coughed up blood from the bursting of minute blood vessels in the lungs. Before we got back to Cooktown, however, I was Jack Ballantine again. And yet," he added, as he scratched his head, "and as a first act of recovery, I dropped it into his coffee, with all the courage of distance, I believe I would rather encounter today a dozen little necks than one tridacna gigas."

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was drawn up half dead into the boat. But I had no knife; in that sudden backward fall I had lost hold of it. I now looked about for a knife, but none was visible.

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been built by the members of the Ministering Children's League in the United States, which number of homes for destitute children, and it also supports nearly fifty cities in different hospitals for children.

It is not, however, a secret, great deeds to which we must do in a small way what ever we can," said the countless of Meath to the children the day the league was founded. "I say 'in a small way,' because we must not expect to be always doing great things; all you here have ten fingers to work with, and a warm heart to love with. Don't dream that you cannot be of use, that you cannot all be ministering children."

This was in 1885; during the year five other branches of the M. C. L. were started, and now, as was said at the first, there are over 40,000 members, and branches in every part of the globe. Each has its own part to work for. For instance, the children of the league in Charleston, S. C., raise \$25 each year for the support of a little orphan in Japan.

His name is Sadawo Kamyama. He is a Christian, and his little friends in Charleston hope that when he is shown he will study for the ministry. The small sum of \$25 in gold is now sufficient for his support for one year. Not long ago Sadawo wrote a letter in Japanese to the M. C. L. and sent his photograph with it. It was an interesting letter, which reads, when translated, as follows:

"My Honorable Friends: Are you honorably well? I am now 8 years old. I am living now with my grandmother and aunt.

"The badge which is worn by each member of the league is a silver maltese cross, engraved with the letters 'M. C. L.' Membership cards are also given.

How to start a branch.

When it is desired to start a branch of the M. C. L. in any town or village, the first step is to obtain the consent and if possible, the co-operation of the clergy. Then write into the central secretary for this country, Mrs. Headrick, and Paris, France, to receive the work done by the children, and also any money which may be collected for charitable purposes.

What can the boys do?

This is the question which has often been asked. A few suggestions regarding the things which any boy can do to help those who are less fortunate than themselves, may not be amiss. A lady who has had much experience as one of the secretaries of the M. C. L., has made up a list which, however, does not profess to be a complete one.

1. Scrap books, made as durable as possible.
2. Scrap books filled with newspaper clippings are always found acceptable in hospitals. Short poems, amusing stories, conundrums, puzzles and paragraphs of general interest should be chosen.
3. Magazines and illustrated papers can be collected and covered with gold leaf to preserve them. Being lighter than book books they are most useful for sick people.
4. Old toys can be mended and made to look as much like new as possible.
5. Small pictures of soldiers, animals, etc., can be mounted on thick paper, then cut out and placed on pieces of cork.
6. Boys can gather flowers, or raise plants for the sick shut up in hospitals. They can do errands, distribute magazines, read aloud to the blind, aged or sick persons, in fact there are just as many things for a boy to do as for a girl and if he is in good earnest he can find or make ways that no deed may be without a deed to crown it.

A Little's a Woman.

Cincinnati Tribune: "The queen regent of Spain takes a great deal of time to reply to Secretary Graham," said Mrs. Dukans. "That is so," replied Mr. Dukans. "She asks for all the world like a woman who is waiting in the parlor to take her to the theater, when they are already fifteen minutes late."



of an old castle which had long remained untenanted, but within this year a young knight arrived at its gates, proclaimed himself heir to the estate, and furnished his bare and shabby rooms. Rich tapestries adorned the walls, luxurious furniture was placed in all the apartments, and a retinue of servants was collected. Soon victors arrived, and the people of the little village were astonished by the brilliant costumes, the magnificent feasts, the gay hunting parties, and the revelries that succeeded each other so rapidly.

The lord of the castle chanced one day to see Jeanne, and dazzled by her beauty, sought her hand in marriage. The mother consented, and the day was arranged for the wedding, which was celebrated in the chapel of the castle, in the presence of the bridegroom's friends. A brilliant festival succeeded, to which all the village people were invited, and much they enjoyed the splendor of the scene and the many wonderful things they had to eat.

When the feast was ended and all the guests had departed, the bells of the tower

of the castle rung, and the lord and lady were seated at a banquet table. The lord, who had been drinking, was in a state of great excitement, and he turned to the lady and said: "I have just received a letter from my father, in which he has informed me that he has died, and that the inheritance of the castle and its contents is now mine. I have just received a letter from my father, in which he has informed me that he has died, and that the inheritance of the castle and its contents is now mine. I have just received a letter from my father, in which he has informed me that he has died, and that the inheritance of the castle and its contents is now mine."

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Not far from this village rose the tur-