

# Spring Goods.

We simply meet conditions in quickly showing these handsome materials for early spring and summer wear. Shrewd women know the value of first and early choosing to be followed by early making and the dismissal of spring and summer dress worry.

**BLACK DRESS GOODS** The moderate weight Crepon and gauzy Grenadines will be favorites for spring and summer in black goods.

**NEW SILKS** The charm of first choice—the day you look forward to is here.

**MUSLIN UNDERWEAR** Different from the usual underwear.

**PRETTY COTTON WASH STUFFS** The arrival of immense lots of summer wash goods has transformed our basement store into a garden of flowers.

**NEW PERCALES** Our new spring stock of percales has arrived and we can safely say a bigger stock and greater elegance and quality has never before been displayed on our shelves and shown on our counters.

**LACES AND EMBROIDERIES** We are now preparing to show new cream lace edgings—cream all over lace—cream or white oriental laces in all grades—silk laces in black or white.

**HANDKERCHIEFS** Another week's news for women for handkerchief gath'ring.

**M'CALL'S BAZAR PATTERNS** We are agents for these celebrated patterns.

**COLORED MORREN Skirting** in black, brown, grey, pink blue and cream—25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, 100.

**WE SELL THE EBONY BLACK SATEN**—absolutely water proof, absolutely a fast black—36 inches—15c, 20c, 25c, 30c and 35c per yard.

**SIX BOSTON FIREMEN KILLED.** Caught in the Ruins of a Five-Story Building.

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### UNIVERSITY'S OWN EXHIBIT

Will Show Fossils and Other Interesting Bits of Bull Life.

### SKETCH PLANS OF MUSEUM SUBMITTED

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**SPRING STYLE HEADQUARTERS** Our shelves and counters are crowded with the following foreign wash fabrics.

**ORGANDIES**—Imported sheer organdies—light and dark grounds—broad and floral and dresden designs—price 45c per yard.

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**REAL SCOTCH SWISSES**—Genuine Scotch Swissses—fancy woven in Scotch plaids and checks—price 45c.

**REAL HIGH DIMITIES**—In light and dark grounds—with small effects—price 45c per yard.

**SCOTCH GRENADES**—In light and dark grounds—with small effects—price 45c per yard.

**DRESS GOODS**—Newest things these new comers—First how to an Omaha public on Monday morning.

Pretty colored stuffs have pushed aside the winter dress goods and have made room for the new comers.

**SPECIAL IN CAPS** Some odd lines in embroidered silk caps that were \$5, \$1 and \$1.25.

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Right at this time anything in connection with Francis C. Grable seems to be of interest to the public and particularly so in this community, where he was quite well known.

Francis C. Grable is the son of Jonathan Grable, wealthy farmer of Franklin county, Ohio. He was born on a farm near the town of Pataasko, about forty miles from Columbus. He received a common school and academic education, and on leaving school went to work as clerk in the general store and postoffice at Etna, O. When 18 years of age he came to Brownville, this state, and engaged in clerical work. Soon after this he was elected justice of the peace. Leaving Brownville in 1875, Grable went to Falls City, Mo., with capital furnished by relatives, engaged in stock raising, and was successful. He was elected justice of the peace in the fall of 1876. Leaving Falls City he went to Kearney, where he first engaged in stock raising and then in real estate and townsite business.

Small towns were then beginning to spring up throughout the state and Grable got first interested in a prospecting party and began the struggle for wealth with an unlimited amount of nerve, a clear head and few dollars in money. For awhile he lived the life of all real estate dealers in small towns, and managed to make a little money. He was very fastidious in manner and dress, and was looked upon by his neighbors as a superior man.

He took up the irrigation business and his first big scheme in this line was floated from the country surrounding Greeley, Colo., where he now owns a large horse ranch in charge of a nephew.

The scheme of the company was to run ditches through the desert surroundings and make of it a great farming and producing country, cut it up into ten, twenty and forty-acre tracts, and sell them as fruit and other farms to laboring men. This scheme was successful in part, and now have nearly all right had not the company bought a large tract of land from a western syndicate that is said to have swindled Grable's company out of about \$40,000 on back taxes, which had not been paid on the land.

This land was not located near water, nor could water be carried to it owing to the ruggedness of the country between it and the rivers. Engineers were sent out and looked over the ground; a geologist or two prospected the ground and finally the company came to the conclusion that a large underground river flowed beneath the tract.

This river was to be tapped, artesian wells sunk and irrigated supply water to be secured. The engineers surveyed the ground, the ditches were dug and the land platted, and sold. Many Nebraskans sold their farms to buy land in the new topsia. The export of specie was: Gold, \$196,500; silver, \$1,024,572.

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