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Epsom Salts . .
The Popular Drug

Epsom salts, plain common epsom salts, has the reputation of being the drug most sold by Lincoln druggists. Of course the estimate is made on the quantity sold and not the amount of revenue derived therefrom.

One Lincoln drug firm buys epsom salts by the barrel. And a half dozen are disposed of during the year's business. The drug is used to a considerable extent in compounds but the bulk of the trade is due to the fact that it is the household physic. Most other drugs are seasonable, but epsom salts have a ready sale at all periods of the year.

Other articles in the druggist's stock vacillate in rapidity of sale with the season. Early in July and until late into September there is a hue and cry for stomach and bowel remedies. Quinine next advances to the center of the stage. In the winter there is turmoil for cough, cold and lung preparations.

Prescription business in Lincoln has greatly increased in volume during the past two weeks. This forms a reliable index to the sick list of the city. For the next two months people fall sick in great numbers. For nearly every one there must be a prescription or a favorite patent remedy.

Nostrums and patent medicines have their boom days and dull season. Preparations that sell well the year around usually have enough whisky in them to cause an ecstatic feeling in the purchaser.

Druggist trade is extremely variable. One article may be a strong seller with one man and his competitor across the street may have no call for it whatever. A customer buys a preparation. His neighbors hear of it. They come in in great numbers to buy. A sort of local clique is formed. And every druggist has his own peculiar line of remedies and sundries.

Few pharmacists can tell what drugs are least salable. It often happens that goods get stale or in such a state from old age that the conscientious prescription clerk cannot trust them. These are thrown away and charged to profit and loss.

Cocaine used to have a flourishing sale in several of the leading uptown drugstores. It is not true now. Just as much cocaine is sold now as formerly but it is the less enterprising who transact the business. One druggist used to buy cocaine in twenty-five ounce lots. Now he purchases an ounce at rare intervals. He "froze" his cocaine trade out.

"It is an uncanny sort of business," he said to a Courier representative, "and I don't want it. They come in and beg piteously when they haven't any money and they are a source of worry and vexation when they have. Besides, they present a pitiable spectacle. I decided to let some one else do the business and shoved up the price of cocaine."

"A fiend is very keen to notice how much of the drug he is getting. As soon as they saw the amount diminished they tried elsewhere. Now no cocaine goes out of here unless it is in a prescription. I like this state of affairs much better. The other fellows are welcome to sell the stuff if they want to."

The activity of a man's life is a natural foe to sentiment.

Prospects of Poland

Russia never loses an opportunity, and she has been quick to revenge herself upon Germany's unwelcome interference in China, Persia and Turkey. Bitter attacks upon the Prussian administration of Poland have been allowed to appear in the Russian press, which has even been encouraged to criticize the misdeeds of Russian officials themselves. Russia thus enters the arena as the friend of Polish aspirations, and a situation arises in which the establishment of Poland as a buffer state is not out of the bounds of possibility. Such a development would be greatly to Russia's advantage, for she would be relieved of Germany's near neighborhood without losing a possible outlet to an ice free port. In this connection I will record the savage sentence passed upon Colonel Grimm, the Russian traitor, whose disclosures are said to have cost an expenditure of 1,200,000 pounds upon altering fortifications. So comparatively paltry a sum is no measure of the

damage inflicted, for the information notoriously included a general plan of campaign, in which France was equally involved, and rebuilding a bridge will hardly help matters much. The arch-culprit escaped a death sentence by pleading guilty in the fullest sense of that word, and an extenuating circumstance is said, with bitter irony, to have been his enclosure of spurious information among the genuine secrets handed over to Germany. Possibly this detail, like the bridge-building, is supplied with a view of putting the German war office off the scent. In any case, the sentence passed upon Colonel Grimm, with its twelve years of mining at Saghalien, its solitary confinement in the dark, and its periodic fasts, has frightened the wretched man—a gambler, by the bye—into asking to be shot forthwith. He prefers not to be reprieved.—London News.

A novel poster was seen by a recent sojourner in Nova Scotia. It was printed on rough paper with red paint, in a childish hand, and was tacked to a telegraph pole in a conspicuous position: "There will be a concert and fair in Mrs. Parson's sitting-room today, July twenty, at two o'clock sharp. Admission: adults, five cents; children, two cents; babies, two for a cent."

Some Reasons
Why You Should Insist on Having
EUREKA HARNESS OIL
Unequaled by any other.
Renders hard leather soft.
Specially prepared.
Keeps out water.
A heavy bodied oil.
HARNESS
An excellent preservative.
Reduces cost of your harness
Never burns the leather; its
Efficiency is increased.
Secures best service.
Stitches kept from breaking.
OIL
Is sold in all
Localities
Manufactured by
Standard Oil Company.

New Lincoln JOHN S. CAIN
Proprietor
130 S. Tenth
Street **Bowling Alleys**
Everything New and Strictly First Class
Ladies Especially Invited

FitzGerald LINCOLN'S PROGRESSIVE STORE **FitzGerald**
GREATEST OF ALL LINCOLN SALES

The Annual July Clearing Sale

The semi-annual event every shrewd buyer awaits. The money saving sale of the summer season. The unalterable policy of this house to carry no goods from one season to another forces every department manager to close out every vestige of summer merchandise. No matter what the cost; no matter what the loss. All Hot Weather Goods must go.

Commencing Monday Morning, July 21st, at 8 o'clock

75,000 Yards of Wash Dress Goods
AT 30c, 40c, AND 50c ON THE \$1.00
ABSOLUTELY THE GREATEST WASH GOODS CLEARANCE IN OUR HISTORY.
PHENOMENALLY PRICED.

Read—Your choice of 195 different styles and colors of fine Satin Striped Tissue de Organdie, the most popular wash fabric of the season. The designs of these goods can be seen in no other fabric; the colorings are a work of art, absolutely fast; material washes well; extremely suitable for evening or street dresses. Sold everywhere for 35c. During our great Clearing Sale, at half price, or per yard, **7 1/2c**

Read—Your choice of 500 pieces of best Imported Irish Dimity, Genuine Egyptian Tissues, Pineapple Tissues, French Tissues, Organdie Persienne, Satin Stripe Batiste, Fancy and Plain Madras, Plain and Dotted Swisses in black and colors, all worth 25c and 30c. During our Great Sale, for, per yard, **15c**

Read—Your choice of 700 pieces of Fine Printed Batistes and Dimities, including a recent purchase of 350 pieces of all new fabrics, in a handsome range of navy, black, colored, and white grounds, every yard worth and sold at 15c and 20c. During our Great Clearing Sale, buy them at per yard, . . . **10c**

Read—Your choice of 800 pieces of all the 12 1/2c, 10c, 8 1/2c, and 7 1/2c Wash Fabrics in our stock, including 50 pieces of 15c Printed Futaine Fantasie, and 40 pieces of fine Zephyr Dress Gingham, absolutely the greatest offer ever made in this store at this season. Per yard, **5c**

Remnants READ—Your Choice of any and all Remnants of Wash Goods, including all the fine Short Lengths—not an iota reserved—at half and less former Remnant price. **Remnants**
1 TO 10 YARD PIECES
100 Remnants regular 50c; Remnant price 25c; Now 12 1/2c per yard.
50 Remnants regular 25c; Remnant price 12 1/2c; Now 5c per yard.