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Standard Stoves at less than standard prices, material the best that money can buy. There is no better stove on the market than ours; they are up-to-date in every respect, and will give perfect satisfaction in use. We have them in one, two or three wicks and at very moderate prices.

Basement Specials for Tuesday.

3 dozen Black Bristle Hairbrushes, well made and regular size, Tuesday price, each 15c
5 dozen clothes brushes, concave back, level edges, rounded end, palm-wood centers, regular price 15c, price on Tuesday, each 9c
3 dozen Towel Rollers, hardwood, varnish finished, and 18 inch rollers, worth regular 20c, on Tuesday, price 10c
Best Corn and Bean Seeds, in 12-pound packages, regular 10c package, Tuesday price, package 5c

GLASSWARE.

A lot of Nickel Top, Salts and Peppers, plain and imitation cut glass, worth regular 10c each, Tuesday price 4c
Another shipment of those elegant Glass Vases just received, 12 inches high, clear glass and very suitable for flowers for the table, price 10c to 25c

Screen Doors and Windows, now is the time to buy them, to get the most benefit from them.

Wood's Fair

Visit our art Room and see Our display Of China. A few more Curtain Stretchers Left at \$1 each.

THE MACHINISTS' STRIKE

No Work at Stratford for Six Weeks—No Settlement in Sight.

Stratford, Ont., May 14. — The situation between the Grand Trunk and the striking machinists remains much the same. The men have reached a point where they are simply waiting for the company to make a move. Up to now this has not been done.

Persistent rumors are in the city that the shops will open on Monday. This is contradicted by Master Mechanic Patterson, who declares that the repairs necessary for the efficient working of the shops are not yet completed. Rumors were current today that the company was importing machinists from Montreal, but this, on good authority, is denied.

When the shops here do open there will be a crucial time for the attitude of the company and the machinists will then be put to a test. Meanwhile, it is a serious problem for the city, with so many skilled and fairly well-paid men only getting strike pay in lieu of their regular wages.

This is the sixth week of these conditions. The situation is more strained as the local efforts by the mayor and

others appear to be useless, as the men look at the question as being of wider range than simply affecting the local shops.

TO AID TORONTO 'VARSITY

Whitney Expected to Vote Substantial Sum at Once.

Toronto, May 15.—Premier Whitney will today announce in the Legislature his intention to introduce a bill to aid the University of Toronto. There was another conference at the Parliament buildings on Saturday between several members of the Government and the members of the University Senate, when the question was thoroughly discussed. At a formal meeting of the cabinet a decision will be made as to what shall be done for the institution this session. It is said the bill will be introduced only if the necessity for new buildings, these include a physics building, a convocation hall, on a much larger scale than has usually been talked of; residences for students (there is now near the university one residence for women students); and the buildings for the new general hospital, which will be more closely connected with the university than before. To all these projects, it is understood, the Government will vote substantial aid at once.

FROM GIRLHOOD TO WOMANHOOD

Mothers Should Watch the Development of Their Daughters—Interesting Experiences of Misses Borman and Mills.



Every mother possesses information which is of vital interest to her young daughter. Too often this is never imparted or is withheld until serious harm has resulted to the growing girl through her ignorance of nature's mysterious and wonderful laws and penalties. Girls' over-sensitiveness and modesty often puzzle their mothers and baffle physicians, as they so often withhold their confidence from their mothers and conceal their symptoms which ought to be told to their physician at this critical period.

When a girl's thoughts become sluggish, with headache, dizziness or a disposition to sleep, pale in back or lower limbs, eyes dim, desire for solitude, when she is a mystery to herself and friends, her mother should come to her aid, and remember that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will at this time prepare the system for the coming change, and start the menstruation period in a young girl's life without pain or irregularities.

Hundreds of letters from young girls and from mothers, expressing their gratitude for what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has accomplished for them, have been received by the Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co., at Lynn, Mass.

Miss Mills has written the two following letters to Mrs. Pinkham, which will be read with interest:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— (First Letter.) "I am but fifteen years of age, am depressed, have daily spells, chills, headache and back-

ache, and as I have heard that you can give helpful advice to girls in my condition, I am writing you."—Myrtle Mills, Oquawka, Ill.

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— (Second Letter.) "It is with the feeling of utmost gratitude that I write to you to tell you what your valuable medicine has done for me. When I wrote you in regard to my condition I had consulted several doctors, but they failed to understand my case and I did not receive any benefit from their treatment. I followed your advice, and took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and am now healthy and well, and all the distressing symptoms which had at that time have disappeared."—Myrtle Mills, Oquawka, Ill.

Miss Matilda Borman writes Mrs. Pinkham as follows:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:— "Before taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound my months were irregular and painful, and I always had such dreadful headaches. But since taking the Compound my headaches have entirely left me, my months are regular, and I am getting strong and well. I am telling all my girlfriends that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me."—Matilda Borman, Farmington, Iowa.

If you know of any young girl who is sick and needs motherly advice, ask her to address Mrs. Pinkham at Lynn, Mass., and tell her every detail of her symptoms, and to keep nothing back. She will receive advice absolutely free, from a source that has no rival in the experience of woman's ills, and it will, if followed, put her on the right road to a strong, healthy and happy womanhood.

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ELECTRICITY IS TO OUST STEAM

Railway Congress Sees General Adoption of It as Motive Power.

Washington, D. C., May 14. — The conclusions adopted by the International Railway Congress which closed its seventh session here yesterday were officially announced today. One interesting conclusion related to railway rates, on which, after a prolonged discussion in which every country in which railways are operated was represented, the congress unanimously expressed its conclusions as follows:

"Tariffs should be based on commercial principles, taking into account the special conditions which bear upon the commercial value of the services rendered. With the reservation that rates shall be charged without arbitrary discrimination to all shippers alike, under like conditions, the making of rates should be as far as possible have all the elasticity necessary to permit the development of the traffic and to produce the greatest results to the public and to the railways themselves."

Regarding methods of treating railway ties chemically, or otherwise, to protect them against deterioration and destruction by wear and by the elements, and by that way to lessen present demands upon the country's supply, it was determined that some method of preserving ties was desirable, and it was urged that careful records of experiments should be kept, with a view to the adoption of the most successful.

With regard to locomotives the conclusion was that "the power of locomotives is more limited in Europe than in America owing to lower allowance of weight per axle. Even engineers generally agree in thinking that compounding admits of the construction of engines giving a maximum of power and economy."

Light railways (branch roads) merit in the highest degree the attention of public authorities, the congress concludes. It is also desirable that state governments and local authorities should endeavor to secure the construction of such railways under the form of subsidies, relation of requirements or other means of assistance, the support which they need both for construction and for operation, so that all parts of the country may be adequately served.

The movement toward the electrification of certain American railways lends additional interest to the consideration by the delegates of automotors. The congress declares that experiments with this class of vehicle should be continued.

"It may be expected," the conclusions say, "that from now on automobile cars and automobile trailers will constitute a valuable means of transportation, which on some lines will have a great future. Owing to the saving in the number of employees required, the possible reduction in cost of maintenance, the material reduction in the cost of traction and better utilization of rolling stock and the smaller extent of station installations required, it will be possible materially to reduce the cost of work on lines with little traffic, and with the cases of other lines result in a material improvement in the working of some classes of lines. These will certainly effect a change in the system of operation in the case of a great number of lines, and appears to have a real future before it."

NOW IT'S THE GREEN PERIL

Use of Absinthe in France Filling Asylums and Jails.

Paris, May 15. — Another crusade against the evils of absinthe has been inaugurated. The consumption of "the green peril," as it is called, continues to increase, despite the many warnings issued by physicians and despite the work of the Government in pointing out by placards the deadly effects of the drink upon the human body.

In Belgium, as has been cabled, the manufacture and sale of absinthe has been prohibited by the Government, and it is hoped soon to induce the French Government to take similar action.

Maurice Talmeyr, one of the leaders of the anti-absinthe crusade, says that of 2,000,000 gallons of absinthe are consumed annually in France. The startling increase of lunacy is attributed to the widespread use of absinthe. In 1890 there were only 10,000 registered lunatics in France; now there are 80,000. Dr. Garnier, the criminologist, considers the use of absinthe one of the chief causes of the increase of crime. In his "Folie a Paris" and his "Criminal Instinct," Dr. Garnier gives numerous cases in proof of this, declaring that if absinthism and alcoholism are not the sole motors of moral perversion, they may be considered the predominant causes of the same. The doctor further says that in a family addicted to alcoholic stimulants, absinthe is put into the soup, and that "alcoholism, lunacy and crime form a somber trilogy closely united and intertwined."

M. Talmeyr, who quotes Dr. Garnier, is more emphatic than the medical man in his denunciation of absinthe, which he says makes maniacs, epileptics, idiots, murderers and monsters.

THE SULTAN IS BACK

He of Johore Is Cutting a Wide Swath in Old London.

London, May 15.—The Sultan of Johore is again in London and is spending his money more freely than ever. It is an open secret that the Government is doing nothing to discourage this Indian potentate in his reckless career of extravagance.

Having bought his and his families' loyalty long years ago by the rather expensive system which obtains in the Government of the Indian Empire, the authorities are eagerly awaiting the time when he will be so absorbed by the money that he will be only too anxious to "mow his kingdom" and make a compulsory loan subject to the King, instead of a powerful potentate.

The "ladies in the chorus" of the Gaiety Theatre earnestly hope that the Sultan will long remain in town, for, like the much-talked-of Azha Khan, His Highness of Johore has very large tastes in diamonds and is most lavish in his distribution of "sunbursts" and pendants.

It is not only Gaiety girls who make a fuss over him, but also such high society as the dismay and disgust of the India office, certain society women whom the Sultan has met, and a certain "vulgar," do not scruple to make a "dead set" at these easy-going and easily-flattered sovereign chiefs of India.

A French scientist has made some interesting observations as to the love of different wild animals for the sea. The polar bear, he says, is the only one that takes to the water and is quite jolly when aboard ship. All others violently resent a trip on water, and were brought up to their feelings until seasickness brings silence.

THE FRENCH STRIKES

Barbers, Plasons, Chinaworkers and Bakery Boys Out.

Paris, May 14. — France is passing through a real crisis in strikes. The workmen and masons of Albi are on strike, the miners of St. Etienne are on strike, the bakers of Marseilles are on strike, all demanding a "living wage" as a minimum, the limitation of day's labor, and a weekly holiday.

The baker boys of Nantes, have organized a strike, which took an unhappy turn when they wished to hinder the delivery of bread and to break into the shops of the masters. These have come to terms by agreeing on one day leave monthly.

But the most original and most dangerous strikers are always those of Angers. They have the singular idea of laying siege to the factory of an employer named Beaulieu, and of preventing him from going in or coming out in order to get supplies of food.

It has been necessary to call gendarmes and soldiers, for the Government cannot allow such acts of actual civil war, and the result is manifestly concerned in not letting the French public believe it is incapable of assuring order.

THE REAL COUNT AND THE BROOCH

Exciting Chase Up Broadway After Nobleman Who Kicks.

New York, May 15.—His black waxed mustache, which measures half a foot from the nose, and all the shaved hair above an enormous white silk puff tie. His long dark cutaway coat partly hid a waistcoat of the same color. He was matched by the spats on his pointed shoes. With all this he displayed a small pot hat, a silver-mounted cane and light tan gloves. He went into La Bolt & Co.'s jewelry store, 54 West Twenty-third street at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and handed to Louis Chanaud a card inscribed, "Le Comte Taggi, Conte Carlo."

Carlo, for short, wished, in French or Italian, not to be disturbed in the back of the store, which is caged in like a paying teller's booth, he was introduced to Julius M. Strass, who presides there, and the door was locked from the outside. Mr. Strass displayed his stock on a mahogany table.

Carlo wished to purchase a brooch, and examined many brooches, but none suited. He wanted clear blue stones and just enough of them to make a center for a diamond. Finally he picked out five clear blue uncut stones of 1/4 carats and a 2-carat stone for a center. He wished the stones set in a small star-shaped cluster, and the draftsman was sent for. He drew up a brooch on a piece of cardboard that suited Carlo. The piece, it was agreed, would cost \$2,000. All the time Carlo kept up a chatter about himself and his friends, and about the world, and he had won the affections of one of the most beautiful of them all, True, his estates in the south of France were somewhat mortgaged, but what did he care, with 30,000 francs on deposit at the Waldorf?

Salesman Strass and Chanaud suggested a deposit.

"Certainly," said Carlo, "come with me to my bank and I will arrange the matter. They went to get their hats, inadvertently slamming the cage door shut behind them. The piece, it was agreed, would cost \$2,000. All the time Carlo kept up a chatter about himself and his friends, and about the world, and he had won the affections of one of the most beautiful of them all, True, his estates in the south of France were somewhat mortgaged, but what did he care, with 30,000 francs on deposit at the Waldorf?

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Great Sale

Remnants. Colored Dress Goods.

From one and a-half to six yards in length. All will be sold regardless of original price. Everything we have in this section in short ends will be cleared at this sale. A special chance to secure material for a good summer dress at a very low price. The best lot of Remnants we have ever put on our Bargain Counters. Come early.

Chiffon Taffeta Silks.

Chiffon Taffeta is the fashionable Silk for Suits. Our stock is now complete—every piece purchased for this season has been received, and we urge all customers whether you've been waiting to see the complete line or not, to choose now. Owing to some late deliveries we have marked them at very close prices. This is a great opportunity to save money on stylish Silks, as the styles now shown are a season in advance. Note the new arrivals.

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See our new shades in pure silk, rich finished Louise Silks, in moss green, olive green, elephant gray, chestnut brown and navy blue. At only, yard..... 75c

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50 Pairs \$2.00 Lace Curtains to Sell at Only \$1.59 Pair.

Just at the right time we are making this special offer in Lace Curtains. In the midst of the housecleaning season you have probably discovered that your old curtains will not last another season. Tuesday we give you a great chance to replace them. None of this special lot to be sold before Tuesday.

50 pairs Fine Nottingham Lace Curtains, in white and navy, 54 to 57 inches wide, 3 1/2 yards long, finished with famous overlock stitch edge. These are in handsome border designs and insertion effects, with figured and dotted centers; very serviceable curtains. Our regular price is \$2.00 pair, your choice Tuesday of four patterns, for, pair..... \$1.59

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