

Mary Again.

ANOTHER BUDGET OF NEWS.
 Editor Evening Telegram.
 Dear Sir—I do feel mad enough to say something, but I must not say it or everybody will know I am mad. But what am I mad about, some person will say? Oh that Harbor Grace correspondent of yours, who let my poor sister come here and did not think her good enough to mention her in his items, has the cheek to tell me that mackerel is fish and that fish cannot live in the country. What nonsense. Sure nearly all the ponds in the Island are in the country, and in every pond there are fish, good Newfoundland fish, of course not mackerel, but fish all the same. I don't intend to say much, but at Tom's suggestion I say that while your correspondent cannot boast of as many grey hairs in his head as Mary, still I'll bet a wager that he has more brass in his face. With these few remarks I dismiss him, and forget the whole thing.

Well, Mr. Editor, the Christmas season is now in full swing. Tom and I had a delightful time. We spent a day at Spaniard's Bay, and we had a long chat with one of the few Tories there. They never fail to try and coin something to keep their courage up, but this fellow thought he had something new, and something that would win a lot of votes for his party. "Look here," said he, "the only thing I hate is to have to wait three or four days after Polling Day to hear the result of the Poll. But Sir Edward is going to change all that. He has given the thing great thought, in fact he has been for several months trying to remedy the evil and he has at last hit upon a plan whereby the result of the Poll will be declared the same evening. Talk about Bond's Ballot Act, said he, it was never completed until Sir Edward took a hand in it." Well, Mr. Telegram, you may bet all the money the People's Party paid for newspaper support for the past four years, that I was just boiling over by the time he finished this preamble. Well, said I, that is good news to me. I was at the Nickel at St. John's last summer when Mr. Rossley intimated that what he wanted should be quick, so no doubt that is where Sir Edward got the idea, and if I am any judge, and I am, then Sir Edward will get it good and hot and quick on the evening of the Election. Thanks, Sir Edward, for your thoughtfulness. Had you been so "quick" in reducing taxation, developing our coal areas, giving us, elective Road Boards, and a hundred and one other things during the last four years, it might have been better for you, when you come to give an account of your stewardship. Tom asked our Spaniard's Bay friend to tell us how much money the present Government has spent in picnics to their friends during the past four years, and although he seemed very intelligent before, he answered quickly by saying he did not have education enough to tell us. Well, Tom laughed, and I laughed, in fact we all laughed and so, like Mr. Rossley, our Tory friend of Spaniard's Bay got it good and "quick."

In conclusion, I am only going to ask all the fairminded people in this country, to consider well the state of affairs in this country now and compare it with that which existed from four to fourteen years ago and tell me is a dollar now as good as 70 cts. were then, or is it any better than 50 cents were then. Don't jump at a conclusion because Cousin George is in the Custom House, or some other relation in another position where the pay comes out of the revenue. My old man says the cost of living is made high by so many people living out of the Government, out of the revenue I suppose I should say, and even then they are not satisfied unless they can keep a shop or store, or run an hotel in the bargain. Our friend of Spaniard's Bay, had by this time got his breath again and he said: "Why there is not half enough Government officials to do the work required of them. The imports have increased so much under the present rulers that more Customs officials will have to be put on." He said he was sure of that, as he was promised a job. I asked him how many Government officials were to-day drawing the life-blood out of this little "garden of Eden," and I had to laugh again when he said, "Oh I have not got learning enough to tell you." Ha! ha! said Tom, you got it again good and quick.

The good Book tells us that after seven years of famine came seven years of plenty. But to my mind four years of famine will satisfy the Newfoundlanders and the year that is now drawing near us will see the tide of prosperity forcing its way around our shores, and the "clean out" Government will be forced to take a back seat.

Well, we are home again, Mr. Editor, and as this is a quiet night I thought I would jot my little experience on paper for your readers.

Before I close, I must tell you that Tom just brought in a pretty calendar from one of our up-to-date merchants and the first thing I noticed was "Coal a Specialty," but said I it would be better to substitute that

Great Opportunities for 1913 Friday and Saturday Sales.

Well, now that 1912 has passed and sunk into oblivion, with some there will be retained a memory of something which that year impressed them. With us it was a truly remarkable year, thanks to your hearty co-operation in participating in our sales, the success of which, we pride ourselves, lies in the fact that in conducting those sales we make it a point to place goods of quality pared to the smallest margin of profit to induce fast selling, and with our increased staff and the exceptional facilities our fine store affords, and the extra efforts which we intend to put forth this year, ought indeed to bring 1913 up to, and we might hope for a record one as 1912 has been, and is by us thus retained a memory of 1912.

LACE CENTRE CLOTHS.
 18 only Fancy Lace Centre Cloths, size 36 x 86; plain centre, with fancy openwork corners and fancy running border. Reg. 55c. Friday and Saturday, each **46c**

MEN'S 3/4 HOSE SUPPORTS.

10 doz. of this lot with improved and protected buttons good quality elastic in assorted colours. Reg. 10c. Friday and Saturday, pair

MEN'S KID MITTS.

20 doz. of extra good quality Kid Mitts, lined throughout and with knitted double woollen wrist; for a good wearing and durable mitt; this cannot be beaten to-day. Reg. 60c. Friday and Saturday, pair

15 DOZ. OF MULESKIN MITTS.

These are made some with fore finger, other without finger, double knitted wool wrist, heavy lining; for general outdoor work or hard wear this is a dandy. Reg. 65c. Friday and Saturday

BRACES.

5 doz. of Police Braces, strong leather fittings, secure rivets and firm elastic; also a line of the Cyclo ball-bearing braces, gives with every movement of the body, made from selected stock. Reg. 30c. Friday and Saturday

8c
55c
61c



LADIES' WOOL CAPS.

The season demands a warm and stylish cap, this you have in our New Woollen Caps, in colours of Cardinal, Brown, Saxe, Navy, Reseda; also a few Cream Knitted with buttons on side. Reg. 55c. Friday and Saturday

COLLAR SUPPORTS.

30 doz. of the improved Collar Supports, in celluloid, 1 doz. on card. Friday and Saturday, 2 cards for

26c

47c

5c

GLOVES, Etc.

GLOVES AT THE GLOVE COUNTER IN THE GLOVE HOUSE.

25 doz. of Ladies' Kid and Suede Gloves, assorted fasteners. White, Cream, Black, Tan, Green; also in this lot a few pairs of higher grade Gloves slightly stained; all one price. Friday and Saturday, pair **49c**

18 doz. Men's Lined Kid Gloves in Tan and Brown, Austrian fleece lined, 1 dome fastener, firm stitching, and not a clumsy Glove, but finely finished and having a classy appearance. Reg. \$1.40. Friday and Saturday, pair **1.23**

CHILDREN'S WOOL GLOVES.
 9 1/2 doz. of these in assorted makes and sizes, some plain others fancy. Values in these run up to 30c. Come and have your choice. Friday and Saturday, pair **19c**

Something Interesting in Footwear

LADIES'
 68 pairs of Ladies' Laced and Buttoned Dongola Boots, high heel, black toe, with patent leather toe, new shapes; size 3 or 7. Reg. \$2.00. Friday and Saturday **2.76**

LADIES'
 32 pairs of Felt House Slippers, in colours of Cherry, Steel, Straw, Beaver, Sage and Saxe Blue; this is a very warm, cozy and comfortable house slipper with Burlap Sole. Reg. 75c. Friday and Saturday **66c**

MEN'S.
 38 pairs only of Men's Dongola Blucher Cut Boots, Block Toe, medium heel, in sizes from 6 to 10; this is a smart and stylish boot for a low figure. Regular \$2.40. Friday and Saturday **2.16**

LADIES'
 44 pairs of Ladies' Knitted Wool House Slippers, just the thing for the sick room or bedroom slipper, in colours of Pink, Red, Blue and Black, double turn over edge and silk bob at instep. Reg. 65c. Friday and Saturday, pair **59c**

WHEN YOU'RE DOWN TOWN HAVE A LOOK AT OUR SHIRT WINDOW.

88c. MEN'S SHIRTS 88c.
 12 doz. of Men's American Shirts, pin stripe, fashionably cut shirts, laundered cuffs, soft bosom, fit, style and workmanship in every garment. Regular \$1.00. Friday and Saturday **88c**

Art Serges and Fringes.

3 pieces of Art Serge, 50 inches wide, in colours of Green and Cardinal, good weight. Reg. 55c. Friday and Saturday, yard **47c**

CURTAIN FRINGES.

27 1/2 yds. of Wool Ball Fringes in Green and Cardinal only, fancy figured band with wool ball; just suited for the line of Art Serges we mention above. Regular 12c. Friday and Saturday, yard **10c**

BALL FRINGE.

10 pieces of Ball Fringe, in colours of Pink, Pale Blue, Orange, Cardinal, Green and Mixed Colors; also White. Friday and Saturday, yard **3c**

Smallwares and Notions

At Tempting Prices.

Safety Pins, best American finish, 2 cards for **5c**
 Safety Pins, 4 cards for **5c**
 Bundles Tape, 12 pieces for **5c**
 200 yard reels Black and White Sewing Cotton, 3 for **9c**
 Mohair Boot Laces, 2 doz. for **9c**
 Violet Powder, 3 packets for **7c**
 Fuller's Earth, 3 packets for **7c**
 Hair Brushes **19c**
 Hat Brushes **19c**
 Baby Talcum Powder, 3 tins for **10c**
 Talcum Powder, extra large, per tin **10c**
 Talcum Powder, Royal Vinolia, per tin **19c**
 Vinolia Shaving Sticks **15c**
 Vinolia Tooth Paste **15c**
 Embroidery Outfit, containing Silks, Needles, Wax, Transfer Sheets and book of instructions **13c**
 Boxes Stationery **13c**
 in alyptus and Camphor Ice, per tin **5c**
 Bay Rum, per bottle **14c & 15c**
 Toilet Soap, 2 cakes for **9c**
 Toilet Soap, 3 cakes for **7c**
 Toilet Soap, Turkish bath, per cake **6c**
 Cream of Lilies, per bottle **15c**
 Nursery Hair Lotion, per bot. **15c**
 Household Ammonia, per bottle **9c**
 and **15c**
 Hairpins, 8 packets for **5c**
 Pearl Buttons, 4 doz. for **5c**
 Dress Fasteners, 2 doz. for **5c**

GINGHAMS LIKE THESE CANNOT BE BEATEN FOR THE PRICE.

18 pieces of Checks Gingham, 27 inches wide, assorted colored checks large and small, in colors of Navy, Light Blue, Browns, Greens, etc. Value for 10c. Friday and Saturday, yard **8c**

23 pieces of American Gingham, in bright colored checks, fancy stripes and plain colors, 26 inches wide; one of the best values ever offered in Gingham; good value for 12c. Friday and Saturday, yard **9c**

SHIRTINGS!

Another arrival of American White Shirts, 2,000 yards in the lot, widths up to 36 inches; a splendid grade, no filling, beautiful soft finish. Friday and Saturday, yard **11c**

QUILT COTTONS.

33 pieces of American Quilt Cottons, these come in a variety of pretty patterns, something new in each one, Paisley imitation patch work, fancy stripes, light and dark shades and warm colors. Friday and Saturday yard **8c**

VALUES LIKE THESE SHOULD APPEAL TO YOU IN HOISERY.

24 doz. of Women's Black Cashmere Hose in assorted ribs; a nice weight cashmere for present wear unequalled. Reg. 35c. Friday and Saturday **29c**

MEN'S.

10 doz. of Men's Black Worsted Ribbed Half Hose; this line comes in a fine, heavy weight in various sizes. Reg. 30c. Friday and Saturday **26c**



SIR,—Look to your self this cold weather and provide a Sweater Coat at a Saving Price.

MEN'S SWEATER COATS.
 27 only in Navy, heavy wool knit and finished with V Neck fancy self color facings and pocket, fashioned wrist. Reg. \$2.20. Friday and Saturday **\$1.95**

White Honeycombe QUILTS.

33 only of these, size 62 x 88, in heavy quality and with knotted fringe ends. These are a special lot, for Friday and Saturday **1.29**

WADDED QUILTS.

13 only, size 64 x 78, all in light colors, neat floral designs. These constitute the balance of our cheaper line of Wadded Quilts in American make. Prices to \$2.30. Friday and Saturday **1.95**

5c.
each.

word for "variety," considering that not an ounce of that very necessary article can be purchased in this town to-day.
 But enough for the present, and you will hear from me again soon.
 Yours, &c.
 MARY.

Hr. Grace, Dec. 27, '12.

Cable News.

Special to The Evening Telegram.
 WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.
 The World's production of gold 1912 was \$5,000,000 greater than 1911, the total being \$465,000,000, according to the preliminary estimate announced by George E. Roberts, Director of Mines.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 2.

Eugene W. Dahl, travelling freight agent on the Grand Trunk railroad and his young son, were killed to-day when hit by a train on the Cincinnati-Lebanon Northern Railroad tracks at Pleasant Ridge.

HALIFAX, Jan. 2.

The Governor-General has signed an order, commuting the death sentence of Hubert Grant to life imprisonment. Grant was sentenced to be hanged next Wednesday for the murder of Thomas Donaldson at Birch Cove, last May.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

The possibility of an early general election is widely discussed to-day, in view of Premier Asquith's pointed question to the Unionists in the House of Commons, yesterday, when he asked them to declare clearly what their attitude would be if the Home Rule Bill were submitted to the electorate for approval.

DELHI, Jan. 2.

The Viceroy of India, Baron Hardinge, is not recovering as quickly as was expected, from his wounds. The city doctors in attendance declare that he is suffering considerable pain, and remains in a feverish condition. A further operation, it is said, will possibly be necessary, in order to remove some fragments of the bomb which remain embedded in the flesh of the shoulder.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

The Daily Telegraph quotes a rumour that the Ambassadorial Conference will temporarily suspend its sittings as Austria and Russia, acting on the advice of Britain, have entered into direct negotiations with regard to the delimitation of the frontier of Albania. A despatch to that journal from Constantinople says that the people of the Ottoman Empire are more hopeful of peace for two reasons, first because the Sultan has postponed his intended visit to the Tchatalja lines, and secondly because an understanding has been reached between Turkey and Bulgaria with regard to the despatch of food and medicines to Adrianople.

LONDON, Jan. 2.

Peace negotiations will be broken off, according to Dr. Danff, the chief of the Bulgarian delegation, unless the map which the Turkish envoys are now preparing, showing the proposed boundary between Bulgaria and Turkey should prove to be in accordance with the terms laid down by the Allies.

WILMINGTON,

North Carolina, Jan. 2.

The British steamer Alcazar, bound from Port a Pic, Hayti, for Philadelphia, went ashore early to-day at Cape Lookout. Her calls for assistance were picked up here by the Revenue cutter Seminole, which left for the scene, and will probably reach the Alcazar this evening. The Alcazar is 2,000 tons and sailed from Port a Pic on December 17th. She carries no passengers.

On Second Thought.

A woman's idea of an unparadise mistake is to have her crepe de chine gown referred to as chiffon.
 If you save your money you will be called a "tightwad." If you scatter it you will be referred to as a "spend-thrift."
 It is also demanded of a father that he be frugal and save money to set his sons-in-law up in business.
 An Ohio clergyman says kissing is worse than wine. Tank Beverly says the clergyman's phraseology is inapt. "What he should have said," Tank maintains, is that "wine is better than kissing."
 Now that it seems pertinent to ask, who put the alum in baking powder?
 No man believes the sign which reads, "This Means You," applies to him personally.
 No man of fifty feels as young as ever, no matter how much he lies about it.
 A man may admit his wife has her faults, but he is always ready to defend his bird dog against any aspersions that may be cast upon it.
 A woman will forgive a man for whipping her, but she hates the one who steps on her skirt to her dying day.
 When a man can restrain his indignation long enough to shed his coat the fight never comes on.