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LADIES' WOOL SHAWLS, in gray, cardinal, cream, white and black, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 each.

THE HAZING AT
WEST POINT ACADEMY.

R. C. Booz, the Dead Man's Brother, Vindicates the Character of the Abused Cadet.

West Point, N. Y., Dec. 23.—At the Booz inquiry yesterday the military court took the testimony of R. C. Booz, a Buffalo civil engineer, who is a brother of the young man whose death started the present investigation into hazing as conducted at West Point. Mr. Booz said:

"I received a letter from my brother shortly after he went to the academy. In it he said he felt strange at the place, as it was his first experience away from home. In the second letter, which I got about the beginning of August, he told me that he would be called out to fight in about a week. He complained of having had to take tobacco sauce, and suffered from a sore throat in consequence. He claimed that it was forced down his throat, and he had to swallow it or choke.

"In other letters he complained of being hazed, and said that he was being treated more severely than others, and suggested that my father allow him to send in his resignation. Oscar was not fresh, and was not the kind of a boy that would be hazed."

Continuing, the witness said that he had objected to Oscar's leaving the academy. He had seen Oscar after he left, but had not spoken to him of his treatment.

Mr. Booz then said that he wished to vindicate his brother's character in face of published reports of what had been said by Lieut. Coe as to his dullness and deficiency in studies. He said that Oscar had completed his preliminary studies in such a manner as to prove that he was not dull. Statements had been made as to his brother's untruthfulness and cowardice. "He was neither," said the witness, sternly.

DEATH AT A DANCE.

Middleboro, Ky., Dec. 23.—Frank Davis, Buck Chadwell, Estep Morgan, and Richard Davis quarreled last night at a dance at Walnut Hill. A pitched battle ensued, in which Frank Davis was killed, Morgan and Dick Davis were mortally wounded and Chadwell slightly wounded.



The Croup.

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Mulum in Parvo.

The miners at Hazleton, Pa., propose to present a home to President John Mitchell.

Mayor Patterson, of Bismarck, N. D., has been arrested for keeping a gambling house.

J. J. Vipond & Co., wholesale fruiters, Montreal, have assigned. Liabilities \$17,500.

Delia Fox married John Levy in New York yesterday and says she will go in for comic opera again.

Roosevelt has refused to permit the extradition of Rockefeller and the Standard Oil magnates to Texas.

More men are being put to work at the Kingston locomotive works, and before long the works will be running under full strength. At present there are 140 men employed.

Rev. Dr. Thos. Murphy, one of the most eminent Presbyterian clergymen of Philadelphia, died Wednesday at his home, after a brief illness. Dr. Murphy was born in county Antrim, Ireland, in 1823.

Hon. J. M. Gibson has presented to the Law Association of the County of Westworth a bust of the Hon. Sir George William Burton, who has lately retired from the position of chief justice of the court of appeals.

Learned men and women from every educational center of the United States gathered at the University of Pennsylvania yesterday to attend the opening session of the congress of archaeological and philological societies of America.

The failure of the well-known banking firm of Francisco, Martinez, Negrete & Sons, of Guadalajara, has created a sensation in the city of Mexico, where the firm has for many years been identified with its business development. The liabilities are \$2,500,000.

Rev. Father O'Leary, the brave chaplain of the Royal Canadian Regiment, is in Toronto. It is stated on good authority that an effort is being made in Ottawa to have Father O'Leary appointed chaplain to the senate, which is now vacant on account of the death of the late Rev. Dean Lauder.

At Marietta, Ohio, Abraham Johnston and wife, both over 80 years of age, were bound, tortured and robbed by a gigantic negro Thursday night, at their home. After securing all valuables, he left his victims still bound. Mrs. Johnston was almost totally paralyzed from the shock, and her husband was badly injured.

The sessions of the Geological Society of America opened at the Albany (N. Y.) Boys Academy, Thursday. Dr. B. M. Dawson, director of the Geological Survey of Canada, president of the society, delivered his address, after which a number of scientific papers were read. The meeting will last three days.

MISS WILKINS TO WED SOON.
Boston, Mass., Dec. 23.—The marriage of Miss Mary E. Wilkins, the authoress, and Dr. Charles Manning Freeman, of Metuchen, N. J., will take place shortly after the holidays, and a honeymoon trip to Europe will follow. Dr. Freeman is spending Christmas with his fiancée and accompanied her on her annual Christmas Day tour about the old factory town at Randolph, while she presented gifts to all who serve her. The storekeepers' families, those of the butcher, and even the station carriage driver get a little remembrance from Miss Wilkins every year, and she always receives a hearty welcome.

WAR OFFICE
CREATES A
SENSATION

Resignation of Gen. Sir Henry
Coville Demanded.

Rev. Dr. Parker Disappointed at the
Outcome of His Newspaper Venture
—Big Blaze in Old London.

A STARTLER.

London, Dec. 23.—The war office has begun the promised reform of the army in a sensational manner. It has demanded the resignation of Major-General Sir Henry Coville, commanding the infantry brigade at Gibraltar, and recently commanding the 9th division of the South African field force. Gen. Coville refuses to resign, and he is now on his way to England. The news is all the more startling, as the question of Gen. Coville's responsibility for the Yeomanry disaster at Lindley last May was fully investigated by the authorities when Gen. Coville returned from South Africa last summer. After the investigation Gen. Coville was reinstated in his command at Gibraltar, in September last.

The attitude of the war office indicates that the new regime in the Pail Mail will reverse the decisions of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wolseley, in regard to some of the recent commanders in South Africa.

Gen. Coville, like Gen. Methuen, has always been a great social personage in London, and a prominent club man. He has had a most distinguished military career, has been repeatedly mentioned in dispatches, and is familiarly known as "Oggers." He is also a well-known author, and on the occasion of his marriage created a stir by going on his honeymoon in a balloon.

REV. DR. PARKER DISAPPOINTED.

The Rev. Dr. Parker, pastor of the City Temple, referred in the course of his Christmas sermon to his week's editorship of the Sun, a half-penny afternoon paper. His remarks revealed that he was disappointed by the failure of his anti-gambling crusade in that paper. He said he almost feared it was impossible for a daily paper to live without gambling. Christians were dead or it would not be so. A theoretical Christian laid aside his Bible and hymn book for the lowly beggar. A Christian of this type barred the greatest reformation the world would ever see, namely, in the region of journalism. Continuing, Mr. Parker said: "The letters I received from nominal Christians during my editorship disgusted me. Christians are becoming invalids, and the church is a hospital. Nurses are wanted. Manliness is dead."

PROTEST FROM PICQUART.

A Paris cable says: Col. Picquart has written to M. Waldeck-Rousseau, warmly protesting against the inclusion of himself in the amnesty bill. He says he does not wish to owe his rehabilitation to a measure, and indignantly repudiates the rumors that compensation will be offered to him now that he has been amnestied. He declared that in order to show the falseness of such stories, he renounces his appeal to the state council against the decree placing him on the retired list, thus disposing of the accusation that he is seeking advancement or decorations.

FIRE IN LONDON.

One of the most serious fires which have occurred in the east of London during the last ten years broke out Thursday at the East India docks. Five immense sheds filled with goods, including a thousand bales of hemp, and quantities of jute, were consumed. The shipping in the neighborhood and other warehouses were saved by the great exertion of the firemen.

THE CAZAR'S MONUMENT.

Diplomatic circles have been informed that the czar will leave the Crimea within a week, but will not arrive here before the Russian new year, spending the intervening period with the Grand Duke Sergius, uncle of the czar and governor of Moscow, whose wife is a sister of the czarina. A scaffolding is being erected for the annual ceremony of blessing the River Neva by the czar.

THE AUSTRALIAN PREMIER.

London, Dec. 23.—William John Lyne, who will probably be distinguished in British colonial history as the first prime minister of Australia's federal government, is now the prime minister of New South Wales. The governor-general of the commonwealth of Australia, at present the Earl of Hopetoun, has requested the premier to form a federal ministry. Mr. Lyne is a product of the political science of Great Britain, and has been one of the governments of the world. He stands for the moderate reform principle rather than for the extreme socialistic programme so largely advocated in those colonies.

LORD ARMSTRONG.

London, Dec. 23.—Lord Armstrong, whose death has been announced yesterday, was born in Newcastle-on-Tyne March 23, 1810. He did not receive a university education, but early in life showed a strong bent for engineering, and while a very young man invented the hydro-electric machine for developing frictional electricity. This invention won him a fellowship in the Royal Society, and his subsequent application of hydraulic power and invention of the Armstrong rifled cannon caused his elevation to the knighthood in 1858. He was created a peer in the Queen's jubilee year, 1887. From 1858 to 1863 he was government engineer of rifled ordnance, and since that time has been at the head of the Elswick Manufacturing Company, at Newcastle, one of the largest establishments in Europe. He was three times president of the Institution of Mechanical Engineers, and was president of the British Association in 1883.

BROTHER AND SISTER DROWNED.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 23.—On Christmas day, Daniel McDonald, while crossing Washabuckett River, near Beddeck, was drowned. His sister, Annie, observing her brother in the water, rushed to his assistance, and with the result that she herself met a similar fate.

The young man, who was 30 years of age, was the only support of a widowed mother. The woman was 35.

TWENTY LOSE THEIR LIVES.

London, Dec. 23.—A telegram from Salonica says a body of Bash-Bazouks surrounded a Greek church, Alban, and after smashing the win-

dows set fire to the edifice. When the worshippers tried to escape they were driven back into the flames, and twenty were burned to death. Many of the Christians were wounded by stones and knives.

ARSENAL BURNING NIGHT AND DAY.

London, Dec. 23.—A dispatch to the Morning Post from Hankow says that Viceroy Chang Chih Tung has personally requested the missionaries to return to their posts in the provinces of Hunan and Hupeh. The dispatch adds that the viceroy is exceedingly anxious about the demand of the powers that arms and munitions of war shall not be imported into China. His arsenal at Hankow is working day and night.

CABLE NOTES.
Edmund Morrison Wimperis, vice-president of the Royal Institute of Painters in Water Colors, is dead in London.

MINE OF DIAMONDS

Discovered in New Mexico by a Kimberley Expert—Believed To Be the Real Thing.

Alamogordo, N. M., Dec. 23.—A prominent railway official here has just received a box of 50 gems closely resembling and alleged to be diamonds, found near Capitan, the coal camp on the line of the El Paso and Northeastern Railway, 80 miles north of this place. The stones were found by J. J. Blow, formerly associated with the De Beers Consolidated Company of Kimberley, South Africa, who has been secretly investigating the field for the past month, and a letter from him accompanying the shipment states that they are either diamonds or something so closely resembling the gem that they deceive him. They successfully stand every crude test known.

The gems will be sent away for final analysis.

STRATFORD'S POULTRY SHOW.

Stratford, Ont., Dec. 23.—The annual exhibition of the County of Perth Poultry Association was held here on Wednesday and Thursday. Upwards of 1,200 birds were on exhibition, and each class was well represented, and the show is acknowledged to be the best the society has ever held.

WANTS DAMAGES.

Toronto, Dec. 23.—The master-in-chambers has granted a change of venue from Hamilton to Toronto for the trial of the action by James Lewis against Grace Hospital trustees. The infant child of Lewis was an inmate of Grace Hospital from birth in September, 1899, until February, 1900, and while there was badly burned by the accidental removal of the cork from a water bottle applied to it. The baby died in November, and Mr. Lewis is now suing for unstated damages, holding the hospital authorities responsible for the accident, which, it is claimed, caused death.

Athletes are short-lived and giants seldom live out the allotted time of threescore and ten. They expend too much vitality.

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