

**Youth Kills Messenger**

**EXPRESS CAR BUT FAILS TO GET BOOTY.**

Chicago, Dec. 31.—A youth held up an express car crew of the Viking express, Chicago and North Western Railroad, passenger train near Highland Park, Ill., last night, shot and killed the messenger, locked up the train conductor and baggageman, and escaped with a futile attempt to open the safe, which contained bonds, jewels and other valuables valued at upwards of \$20,000.

Emmett Dickey, 44, Milwaukee, was slain when he attempted to open the safe, which contained bonds, jewels and other valuables valued at upwards of \$20,000.

The robber, believed to have been aided by at least two confederates, fled from the passenger train as it pulled into Winnetka, another suburb, and abducted a taxi driver with his automobile and forced the man to drive him to Evanston, where he left the taxi, and another automobile, apparently waiting for him, and disappeared.

**Houdini at Sing Sing**

**SHOWS PRISONERS HOW EASY IT IS TO ESCAPE.**

New York, Dec. 23.—Sing Sing's 1,000 prisoners spent Christmas evening watching Houdini. Earlier in the month a round robin signed by many of them had challenged him to escape from a chest made in the prison.

Houdini got out of the box in 12 minutes, and then, for good measure, gave a two-hour entertainment, including his choicest bits of magic and legerdemain and conversations with departed spirits.

The spirit reprimanded Mike, the warden, for waking him up in the morning by rattling the milk-bottle, and Butler, the piccolo player, received the following message from a departed pal:

"Dear old friend,  
No longer for me yearn,  
I've gone to where the Angels are,  
I was too tough to burn.  
One of Houdini's party remained in Sing Sing—a rabbit which he miraculously produced. A life termer asked to keep it as a pet.

Houdini gave a special demonstration of how to get out of the hangman's noose.

**Irishwoman Runs**

**Pirate Bus Fleet**

**MRS. KELLY MAKES LONDON SIT UP AND TAKE NOTICE.**

Miss Helen Jane O'Farrell Kelly is the first woman in London to own a fleet of omnibuses.

Though she is only 26, she has an ambitious scheme of getting together a really big "pirate" fleet. She told a press representative, that she has five buses running, and three more in order.

"Our buses are painted green and called the 'Shamrock' fleet. So far we have done very well. The only difficulty we experience is finding a garage."

Miss Kelly is herself an experienced driver of commercial vehicles, and during the war drove a heavy motor lorry. "I should run one of my own buses if the regulations permitted," she added. "As it is, I am exclusively on the business side of the firm."

Explaining how she came to establish the enterprise, the youthful manager said the family interests were one time in house property, but she considered the bus business would prove more interesting and lucrative, and they made a start with it.

"I shall have as many buses built as the business warrants," she said, and I am quite satisfied up to the present."

**Murder Picture in Victim's Eye**

**MAN WITH AN AXE IN HIS HAND.**

Berlin.—Extraordinary proof of the guilt of Herr Angerstein, who is accused of murdering his wife and two other persons on December 2 was provided, states the Wolff agency, by a photograph of the eyes of the victim.

The eyes of the murdered man, a clerk in Angerstein's employ, were held open and photographs of them were taken showing a picture of the murderer with an axe in his hand impressed on the retina.

Professor Bohner, discussing the report in the Kolnische Zeitung, states that there is nothing improbable in it. The retention of an impression on the retina has been noted since the early seventies of the last century, and it has been discovered that in a moment of great emotion of the nervous centres the retina not only mirrors an object but retains the properties of a photographic plate and that the picture retained as long as the substance of which the retina is formed remains unchanged.

It seems more sanitary to drain food on cheap paper napkins than on brown paper.



**INVENTORY TIME FINDINGS**

**BRING NOTABLY GOOD VALUES From Every Corner of this Vast Store.**

**It's a time when a little expenditure brings HEAPING RETURNS**

As often occurs when particularly good values are announced from this Store—Early Comers must necessarily pick up the plums, and as we cannot restrain them from doing so, we urge our patrons to at all times respond as quickly as possible to our Special Value Sales—it pays!

**FRIDAY, SAT. AND MONDAY**

**CLEAN-SWEEP SALE LADIES' COATS**

Fur-trimmed models, straight line effect, in Heavy Tweed and Cloth; pretty mixtures as well as Plain Tan, Fawn and Navy; this season's Coats—all of them, offering a really wonderful worth-while opportunity to pick up a good service-giving, stylish Winter Coat for a very modest outlay. See these to-day.

Special **\$11.98** Special



**Comfort Things--Scarves, Sweaters, Underwear, Bloomers, Nightgowns, etc.**

**NEW SCARVES**—Snug Scarves, all Wool, 54 inches long, fringed ends; shades of Fawn, Saxe, Navy and Brown. **98c.**

**SLEEPING SUITS**—Children's White Flannel Sleeping Suits, round collar, buttoned front, pocket, assorted sizes. **Friday, Saturday and Monday, \$1.39**

**COAT SWEATERS**—Children's snug Wool Coat Sweaters, to fit 5 to 12 years; shades of Emerald, Reseda, Saxe, Cardinal and Purple, Sailor collar, belt and pocket. **Regular \$5.00. Friday, \$2.49**

**GIRLS' BLOOMERS**—A few dozen pairs of White Jersey Bloomers in assorted sizes, elastic waist and knee. **Clearing 59c.**

**LADIES' UNDERWEAR**—White Fleeced Jersey Vests and Pairs; sizes 36 to 50 inches; round neck, short sleeves; Pairs ankle or knee length; open and closed. **The Garment \$1.08**

**LADIES' BELTS**—Patent Leather and Kid Belts, assorted, with Pearl and Metal buckles. **Regular 70c. Special 47c.**

**NIGHTGOWNS**—Ladies' White Flannellette Nightgowns, V neck, long sleeve, hemstitched and feather stitching and broad trimmings; assorted sizes. **Just \$2.54** for Friday, Saturday & Monday.

**LADIES' COLLARS**—Pretty "Peter Pan" Collars in embroidered Linen, all Whites, offering natty styles, up to 30c. **49c.**

**JACQUETTES**—A clearing line of Corduroy Jacquettes, in White, Sand, Red and Yellow, rolled collar, three quarter sleeves, Crepe-de-Chine tie at side; sizes 36 to 44. **Regular \$3.50. \$2.49** Friday, Saturday and Monday.

**CHILDREN'S DRESSES**—Smart little Cotton Dresses to fit 5 to 14 years, Navy shade, long sleeves, pleated skirt and embroidered in coloured silks. Our regular selling line at \$3.50. **\$2.49** Friday, Saturday and Monday.

**JUMPERS**—A swell line of Silk Jersey Jumpers, long and three quarter sleeves, round neck and girdle, in Navy, White and Grey, trimmed Jade, Grey trimmed, Brown, Sand trimmed, Lemon, etc. **Just for Friday, Saturday and Monday \$2.98**

**Clearing Line Lace Curtains**

2 1/2 yards size, White Net centre, sparsely patterned, fancy edge and bordered; Were \$3.50 pair. **Special the \$2.48**

**BOYS' WOOL GLOVES.**

A line of warm Wool Gloves in fancy Heather mixtures; closed-wrist; in various assorted sizes. **Special 54c.**

**BOYS' CAPS.**

Knitted Caps, double through and through, with roll turn up, suitable for girls or boys; assorted shades. **54c.**

**CROSS-BARRED SCRIMS.**

A couple of pieces of White Cross-Barred Scrims, small pattern, very neat. **The yard 32c.**

**Two Whopping Values in Velour Hats**

Our underpricing does not in any way underestimate their becomingness and their fitness for the season at hand. Limited quantity, extraordinary value, extraordinary offer. See these to-day.

**SILK HATS**—With broad corded silk bands; shades of Pearl, Sand, Beaver, Beak and Black. **Were \$4.25. Special \$2.90**

Another line embracing velours in assorted shapes and likeable shades, silk lined, style toppers and great for Winter wear. **Regular \$6.00. \$4.90** Special



**We are Nipping PRICES for the Nippy Spurt**

**GREY BLANKETS**—Nice go-between Blankets, medium Grey shade, Crimson and White striped borders. Sold singly **\$1.18**

**HEAVIER BLANKETS**—Dark Grey go-between Blankets, weights, close and warm, striped borders; 42 x 74 size. **Special, each \$1.59**

**COTTON BLANKETS**—Single bed size, 45 x 72, worked edge and striped borders. **Singly \$1.25**

**Special Underpricings on Wanted QUILTS**

**COLOURED QUILTS**—Full size fancy Green and White Top Quilts, fringed; nice weight ones for winter time. **Reg. \$5.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday \$3.35**

**DARK QUILTS**—Two-tone weight top quilts, Navy and Green, quilted all over, last for years. There is comfort in their extra weight. **Regular \$7.00. Special \$6.49**

**WADDLED QUILTS**—Fancy Art covered Waddled Quilts; sizeable, serviceable and a valuable asset these cold nights. **Were \$6.50. Special \$5.75**

**CASEMENT POPLIN**—Just a piece of V Rose Casement, 36 inches wide, a nice close one, to stop draughts and at the same time tone up a room. **43c.**

**Double Width Tweeds.**  
We offer several pieces of double width English Tweeds with a nice soft Wool finish, suitable for men's or boys' wear, light and dark patterns. **Reg. \$2.50. Special \$2.58** Fri., Sat., & Monday

**Men's Arctic Stockings**

**MEN'S ARCTIC STOCKINGS**—Great heavy weight full length Winter Stockings, in mixed Greys; great for—in fact especially for roughing it winter time, logging and camping, etc. **Just to hand. Special,**

**1.80 and 2.40**

**Smallwares**

**COLGATE'S FLOBIENT FACE POWDER**—Extra fine grade. **15c.**

**BABY'S BALM BORATED TALCUM**—Large Tin **35c.**

**ARMOUR'S TOILET SOAPS**—Assorted odours; large cakes **9c.**

**ARMOUR'S GLYCERINE SOAP**—Large size cakes **15c.**

**BRILLO**—The great cleanser of enamelware, aluminiumware, etc. **19c.**

**MUSTEROLE**—A valuable remedy for Winter ailments. **48c.**

**SALT CELLARS**—Oval shape in imitation cut glass **10c.**

**NIPPLES**—Dark amber Nipples, in dust proof cases **20c.**

**MENTHOL WOOLS**—All colours. **The Card 3c.**

**BOOT LACES**—The doz. **10 1/2 12c.**

**MENTHOL TISSUE**—Very handy for mending rents and tears in clothing. **The package 5c.**

**Men's Shirts, Slip-ons, etc. in the Men's Department**

**TOP SHIRTS**—Full body Shirts, Slip-over style, double soft cuffs, all natty striped patterns; better quality than usual. **\$1.80**

**BOYS' SHIRTS**—Top Shirts in neat appearing stripes, each with collar, remarkably good value. **85c.**

**NANSSEN CAPS**—Men's One-Piece Nanssen Caps in Light and Dark mixtures, warmly lined, great Caps for stormy days—nippy days; they envelop the head, ears and face, small peak front. **Special \$1.40**

**MEN'S SLIP-ONS**—Wanted things. Great comfort, all Wool make, nice for indoor or outdoor wear; choice of plain Fawn, and Brown trimmed Fawn, assorted sizes, sleeveless with V neck. They are all wearing them now. **New Year Year Special \$2.25**

**MEN'S SOCKS**—Winter weight Wool Cashmere Socks, ribbed finish, in assorted Heather mixtures. **60c.**

**BOYS' COAT JERSEYS**—Coat style and Slip-Ons, with snug roll collars and pockets; shades of Grey, Brown, Maroon and Green; assorted sizes, up to \$2.00 each. **98c.**

**BOYS' NIGHTSHIRTS**—Just imagine! Well made, fancy Striped American Flannellette Nightshirts, with turn-over collar; sizes to fit up to 16 years. **Extraordinary value. Our New Year Special \$1.00**

**MEN'S SHIRTS**—See this line of Champagne shade, canvas cloth Shirts with buttoned down peak collar and double buttoned cuff. Shirts that look different. **Special \$2.00**

**Little Chaps KNITTED SUITS**

Coats, Pants, Caps, Mitts

Shug warm Knitted Wool Suits for outdoors, Coat with turn-over collar and belt; Pants full length to ankle, with Cap and Mitts to match; shades of Brown, Burg, Moss and Turquoise. **Regular \$4.25. Special,**

**2.98**



**Fair-Haired Folk Dying Out**

**Their Chances of Survival Under Modern Conditions.**

In a recent report of the London County Council it is stated that a striking feature of an open-air school for convalescent home is the preponderance of children of the fair type—Italians, Jews, and Welshmen. It is added, thrive and prosper under town conditions, where the fair-haired Northern languishes.

This is borne out by observations over a long period, and there can be no doubt that in fighting the battle of life in most parts of this country the fair are handicapped against the dark.

Children of the Northern type—fair-haired and light-eyed—are susceptible to certain diseases, such as diphtheria, scarlet fever, and rheumatism, and in some centres of population, particularly London, their physical development is not equal to that of the dark-haired. This is strikingly shown in stage spectacles, most of the children chosen for which are Jews. Sometimes seventy-five per cent. or more of those selected (solely on account of physique) for a London production are of the Hebrew race.

Later in life the fair have to contend against a similar inequality. They are unsuited to factory work, often suffer from a peculiar dread of closed spaces, and languish more or less in thickly-populated districts. Because, too, they have relatively little protective pigment in their skin, they are affected by the summer heat and glare in such districts, and often become neurasthenic. Under these conditions it is only the dark-skinned who can remain thoroughly efficient.

This inadvisability of the fair to urban life is shown by their distribution. Of every one hundred persons in our population, according to judicial statistics, forty-three are light, six red, and fifty-one dark-haired. Incidentally, the proportions sentenced to imprisonment are forty-two, five, and fifty-three respectively, compared with forty-four, four, and fifty-two admitted to lunatic asylums. So the fair are not specially addicted to crime, at any rate.

The light-complexioned, however, are not equally distributed among their darker brothers and sisters. They are much more common in the country than in towns, particularly in the northern parts of England and in the north of Scotland.

Even in towns, the Northern type is much better represented in the suburbs than in the thickly-populated parts. Everything shows, therefore, that town life is not suited to the fair. Both as children and as adults, they do not easily tolerate the conditions under which so many millions of our population are obliged to live.

Indeed, we are slowly but surely losing some of the types with which England is always associated by foreigners. Where, for instance, are such fair beauties as used to be drawn upon largely for the front row of the chorus? The type is certainly not extinct; but the theatrical manager will tell you that, whereas it was formerly plentiful, it is yearly becoming more difficult to find.

Scientists assure us that the fair race is dying out in this country. It is not the oldest—at least two dark-haired peoples having come to our shores before it—but for all that it is disappearing before the march of civilization. Modern conditions are wholly unsuited to it. The fair, however, need not be alarmed. Their extinction is taking place slowly—very slowly.—Tit-Bits.

**Who Discovered America?**

Columbus was beaten by twenty years in the discovery of the American mainland. Tobacco was not a native product of the American Indians, but had come to them from Africa.

These interesting theories were advanced and defended at the world congress of Americanists, held in Gothenburg, Sweden.

Dr. Sophus Larsen, of Copenhagen, offered evidence that a Portuguese admiral, Joao Vas Corte-Real, commanded by his king to discover the lands, had in 1474 reached the shores near the mouth of the St. Lawrence River. This region was afterwards called "Storkisland," and, according to a history of the Azores, Joao Vas was made Viceroy over part of these islands in 1474 as a reward for his discovery. Charts published as early as 1534, said Dr. Larsen, and Joao Vas Land in the Labrador region.

Professor Leo Wiener, of Harvard University, presented a theory which conflicts with the history we learned in our school days. He declared that tobacco was well-known in Europe before the discovery of America, and that America got it from Africa. His theory is based on language researches in which he had been able to trace back the use of the word "tobacco" in various spellings, and in many countries, to times long before the voyages of Columbus.