

# ATTRACTIVE SHOWING OF EASTER NOVELTIES

If You Want Anything and Will Buy It Here, You Will Save Money.

**N**EXT WEEK will be Easter Week at this store. It's impossible to crowd into six days the big business we have planned to do, so we add Saturday of this week and make a full seven-day event of it. Early Saturday morning the enthusiasm starts, and if the great bargains offered are any criterion, then the next seven days will be the most enthusiastic week of selling London has ever known. No advertisement is large enough to contain a complete list of all the many great opportunities for buying new and handsome goods—the kind you will surely require within a very few weeks. Then take advantage of these money-saving opportunities.

## Introducing the Nicest That Money Can Buy.

### New Dress Skirts.

Black Chevrolt, 7-gore flare skirt, tailored seams, and stitched strap, trimmed with covered buttons, cloth facing, with 5 rows stitching, inverted pleat, all sizes, ..... \$2 50  
Black Vienna Cloth, 4-gore skirt, trimmed with corded line clusters of two, and covered buttons, tailor cut, deep facing, with stitching round length, inverted pleat, ..... \$4 50

### New Underskirts.

Black Mercerized Underskirts, with 15-inch flounce, trimmed with two frills at top and bottom of 5-inch accordion pleating. Splendid good value at, only, ..... \$1 50  
Black Mercerized Underskirts, 10-inch flounce, trimmed with two narrow frills, edged with ruffles, top frill finished at heading with black braid. Great value at, only, ..... \$2 25

### New Wrappers.

American Print Wrappers made with yoke back and front, extra wide skirt, with deep flounce, bishop sleeves with cuffs, waist lined, all in figured stripes in colors of black and white, red and white, etc. Wonderful value at only ..... \$1 00

### New Kid Gloves.

Perrin Freres & Co.'s Waterproof Kid Glove. Proof against perspiration and spotting in damp, rainy weather or sultry atmosphere. Can also be washed like Lisle Gloves, white and champagne, pair, ..... \$1 25  
Perrin's Yvonne Suede Glove, in whitetan, mode, gray and black. Every pair fitted. Only, pair, ..... \$1 25

**NEW VEILINGS—Graduating Spot,**  
only 35c yard.

Such an assemblage of good bargains will undoubtedly be a great attraction to careful buyers at this season, when so much has to be bought. Come Saturday—pick the best we have, and with every pick save money.

### Newest Dress Goods.

As a Dress Goods House we have made our reputation. We select the very latest and most handsome weaves and mark them low enough to enable everybody to buy. These are only a few of the many showing:  
New Voiles, in gray, green and champagne, 40 inches wide, special at, per yard ..... 50c  
42-inch, all pure wool Flaked Canvas Cloth, in all colors at, per yard ..... 45c  
46-inch Serge, in black and blue only, thoroughly scoured, and shrunk, all pure wool, special value at, per yd. 50c  
Basket Santelle, in gray, green, blue, champagne, cream and black, very pretty, at, per yard ..... 50c  
Crepe de Chines, in all colors, cream and black, at, per yard, from 75c to ..... \$1 25  
Flaked Noppe Canvas Suitings, in all mixtures, desirable, at per yard, 65c and ..... 75c  
New Waterproof Goods to hand, 60 inches wide, in gray and fawn, wide, guaranteed shower-proof, at, per yd. \$1 25

## Grand Millinery Opening Next Week.

### Greatest Curtain Values.

You'll want curtains soon, and this is your great chance to buy. Best value ever shown in Lace Curtains. Ten pretty lines, 3½ yards long, finished both ends. Pair ..... \$1 00

### New Mercerized Vestings.

A complete range of these popular White Waists from 20c to 50c. In fancy stripes and small patterns. New Black and White Vestings, at 40c. In fancy stripes and patterns. There is always a great demand for this class of goods. Alert buyers will select while the assortment is at its best.

### Beautiful New Silks.

20 pieces Colored Tarnish Silk in green, pink, cerise, rose, blue, heliotrope, brown, regular price 50c; on sale Saturday at, per yard ..... 25c  
Japanese Corded Wash Silks in cream and black, in five different patterns, at, per yard ..... 35c  
Black Beau de Soie Silk, pink edged, special at, per yard ..... 75c  
Plain Japanese Silks in full range of colors, in three different cloths:  
20½-inch, for per yard ..... 25c  
23-inch, for per yard ..... 30c  
27-inch, for per yard ..... 50c

### New Spring Waterproofs.

DIRECT FROM MANCHESTER.

Gray and Fawn Cravenette, extra wide sack back ulster, narrow collar and revers, wide sleeve, fly front, pockets, all sizes, for, special at \$5 00  
Dark Gray Cravenette, loose coat Ulster, single fitted cape, military collar, bishop sleeves, trimmed with stitched bands of black silk and gun metal buttons, fly front, buttoned with silk cord. Fawn Cravenette trimmed with bright and dull gold buttons, made in the same style, all sizes, to sell for ..... \$7 00

### New Silk Waists.

New Taffeta Silk Waists in gun metal shade, made with plain yoke, trimmed with straps, front pin tucked below yoke on either side of white waist, small pearl buttons on straps and pleat in front, top of sleeve pin tucked, strapped collar, very new and pretty, for ..... \$5 00  
Black and White Check Silk Waists, made with yoke pin tucked and 1-inch tucks going across front below yoke, new bishop sleeve, up-to-date and stylish ..... \$3 50  
Japan Taffeta Silk Waists, front pin tucked, Valenciennes insertion set, wide waist, small pearl buttons on straps and pleat in front, top of sleeve pin tucked and insertion set in, colors black and white only, for ..... \$3 75

# GRAY & PARKER 150 Dundas St. and Carling.

## Vera's Love Affair

The old man crouched a little further back upon his chair, but otherwise remained unmoved, and smiled as if in answer to that loud coarse laughter, with a remarkable successful effect. Then, suddenly, he stiffens himself, and looks straight at Sedley.

"And now, what is it you want?" he asks tersely, his tone ringing cold and clear through the room, though very low.

"Now, I like that! 'Pon my soul! You're the very one for me," says Sedley, slapping his leg. "To the point, you say—well, here it is—I want part of the swag. No more, no less. My silence is worth a good deal to you, I imagine, with those girls hanging round and ready to pop in it—"

"How do you know about them?" interrupts Dysart with a curious start. "Who told you—who I mean," controlling himself by a supreme effort. "How did you know they were living here?"

"How did I know they were living at all, you mean," says the other, with a wink. But he was wrong there. "Why, what d'ye think brought me across? The knowledge that there were those who could make it worth your while to buy me off. See, old covey?"

He rises and bumps Sedley familiarly on the shoulder. "Twas a crony of mine in Glasgow who wrote me word (native o' these parts he is); but he wrote promiscuous-like, not knowing anything of our business."

"I see, and you wrote back to him, saying you were coming over to England once again?" questions Dysart, his eyes now fastened upon the other.

"Most natural, but you did not drop a hint of your business, eh?"

"Fish! What do you take me for? Let another into a chance of getting half of my own rights! No, sir, I did not even tell him I was coming to England."

"No—not even that?" The eyes now seem to be burning, so lurid is their light.

"Not to him, nor any other man, there or here. I took ship without bidding good-bye to a soul, landed at Plymouth, and came on here without exchanging a confidence with a soul; and I'll go back again without a word to a soul, on this subject, if you treat me as I deserve and expect to be treated."

"Ah! Well, I confess I am glad to hear that," says Dysart in a curious tone. "Then no one knows of your business here?"

"I've the pull over you, you see, old chap, when we consider that those girls are in the next room, as it were. A word to them, and—"

"I thought when I gave you that check, on your leaving for Australia, twenty years ago, that you considered yourself indemnified for—any risk you may have run?"

"There was no risk for me. I did nothing. 'Twas my silence you bought."

"Ah! you are wrong there, I think," gently. "There is such a thing as compounding a felony. You may have heard of it?"

"I have. It don't frighten me," says Sedley indifferently. "I'm thinking you'll pay up rather than let it come to open court."

"You are evidently of a deep penetrative mind. But to return to our argument. When I paid you that sum you agreed to accept it as a final payment. You signed a bond, I remember, that—"

"Would you like me to show up that bond—to your eldest niece, let us say?" asks Sedley, with a contemptuous sneer. "Try. It will cost you a trifle more than I shall, I bet you. 'Twill cost you all."

"You gave your word then," says the old man doggedly. "You swore—"

"Pah! You make me sick," interrupts Sedley violently. "What have you got to do with the value of an oath, with the word honor in any form? Though, indeed, a false oath would be a good deal in your line. Why look here now, savagely. 'Low as you think me, I never did what you have done; poor as you know me to be, I wouldn't stand by your shoes for a great deal. I never robbed the orphan, the fatherless; I never defrauded my own—"

"Silence!" cries Dysart, in a terrible tone, rising to his feet, his face ashen. He is trembling in every limb. Then it is all over; he conquers the excitement, and sinks back in his chair again, weaker, but outwardly perfectly calm. "Name your price," he says.

"Five thousand pounds," says the other coolly.

"Five thousand! You must be mad!" "Not one penny less. My silence is worth that—and more. But that will do for the present."

"I haven't it! I swear I haven't," says Dysart, in an agitated tone. "Then you'll find it. Pshaw, man! d'ye take me for a fool that I don't know what you're worth—what the value of this property is—I, who lived on it as steward, as trusted agent, for so long? Give up that hope, Dysart; I know if I said twenty thousand there would be no reason why I should not get it."

"You forget the expenses of an estate like this. And I have a son—an expensive son; and then, these girls; they, too, are thrown upon my hands. 'So am I,' says Sedley, with a burst of vulgar mirth. 'Come, don't imagine you can impose on me. I tell you, raising his voice, 'I would think as little of going into that room out there, and telling your nieces of that first will, than—'"

"Hush—hush!" says Dysart, in a sharp tone, with wild fear. He rises quickly, if noiselessly, to his feet, and stands like a ghost before Sedley, his arms upraised.

"Not another word, not a breath on that subject here. Walls have ears. How dare you even hint at it within the house? Is there no safer place, think

you? Be silent, I tell you, as you value your life! It is rather melodramatic—a trifle stagey; but the actor's get-up redeems it from mediocrity. The agony of apprehension expressed by the expressive face, the very pallor of that face, round which the long, venerable hair is streaming as it escapes from beneath the ghastly skull-cap that crowns the head; the marvelous power of those strange, brilliant eyes; the feebleness of the gaunt, emaciated frame—all impress Sedley in spite of himself. Yet, with a determination not to be done, common to common natures, he affects an indifference he is far from feeling. (To be continued.)

## DECIDING GAME IN CUP SERIES

Possession of Carling Trophy To Be Battled For Tonight at the Jubilee Rink.

The deciding game in the Carling cup series is to be played at the Jubilee Rink tonight between Preston and the Aberdeens. The possession of the cup is not to be decided on a series, but it will go to the club securing the highest number of goals in the two games, the first of which was played on Wednesday night.

The Aberdeens then scored six to four for the visitors, and from the showing made by the Preston boys in that game, it is not considered likely that the Aberdeens run much risk of losing the cup. The ice is in good condition. Mr. Jack Brown will referee the match.

The Hortons have intimated that if the Carling cup is retained by the Aberdeens they will issue a challenge.

**CHAMPIONS MEET.**  
Listowel, Ont., March 17.—Harrington, champions of district No. 2, O. H. A., and Listowel, champions of the Northern League, played an exhibition match here tonight. The visitors scored the first seven goals and at half time the score was 7 to 2 in favor of Harrington. In the second half the locals reversed the score, and the game ended 13 to 9 in favor of Listowel.

## ONTARIO BOWLERS ARE REORGANIZING

Woodstock, March 17.—At a well-attended meeting of the members of the Woodstock Lawn Tennis and Bowling Club, held in the W. A. A. club rooms last evening, the following officers were elected:

President—D. W. Karn.  
Vice-President—E. W. Waud.  
Treasurer—F. Crossley.  
Secretary of Bowling Club—Alex. Gardner.

Secretary of Tennis Club—H. N. Orr.  
Committee of Management—Fred Millman, J. S. Scarff, A. M. Clark, J. Beattie and Henry Little.  
Representative to Western Bowling Association—D. W. Karn.  
Skins—D. W. Karn, Alex. Gardner, F. Millman, E. W. Waud, John Pascoe and J. S. Scarff.

The greatest enthusiasm was mani-

fest in the proceedings, and the prospects for a successful year are most encouraging. The membership promises to be exceptionally large.

The St. Matthew's Lawn Bowling Club, of Toronto, met Tuesday night at the residence of G. R. VanZant, Gerard street east, for their annual meeting. The following officers were elected: President, Charles Caldwell; vice-president, Dr. G. S. Cleland; secretary-treasurer, Dr. Kennedy.

About 25 members were present, the proceedings being thoroughly harmonious.

## TOOK THE IRISH INTO THE CAMP

The Macs Score Another Victory at Thistle Club On St. Patrick's Day.

The Scotchmen of the Thistle Curling Club got so very "chesty" over their recent victories over the "All Comers" rinks, that when St. Patrick's Day was close at hand they came to the conclusion that they might as well celebrate the occasion by a "wind-out" of a rink or two composed of the Sons of Old Ireland.

While the Thistle Club has some very game Scotchmen, it also boasts of some Irishmen who refuse no challenge, not even one to play the game which the Scotch call their own, and thus it was that two rinks were made up to play the heather lads. As the Scotchmen expected, they won, the score standing seven shots in their favor, each of the Scotch rinks finishing up. The score:

Irish. T. J. O'Murphy, 5; S. O'Seely, 3; C. O'Seely, 3; R. O'Reid, skip, 11; J. McEwen, 1; H. O'Ranahan, 1; W. McIntosh, 1; A. O'Tillman, 1; W. T. O'Strong, 1; J. McDermott, skip, 1; M. E. O'Holmes, 9.

Total, 27. Total, 30. Majority for the Macs, 7 shots.

**CLOSE MATCH AT FOREST.**  
Forest, Ont., March 17.—Two rinks of the Thedford curlers came to Forest this afternoon and played a friendly game. The score stood 51 to 41 in favor of Forest.

## YANK CLUBS AFRAID OF THE CANADIANS

The Canadian triumvirate, which is in charge of the Canadian athletic arrangements for the World's Fair at St. Louis, has started work in earnest. At a meeting at Montreal a circular was drawn up, in which the various athletic bodies to whom it will be sent will be asked what they intend to do regarding the athletic carnival that will take place at the fair, and in which suggestions are made for their guidance.

These circulars will be sent all over the country. Just at present the prospects do not seem any too bright for a general representation of Canadian lacrosse teams in the World's Fair lacrosse competition. Inquiry from Mr. Sullivan, the secretary of the American Athletic Union, has elicited the reply that no expenses will be allowed whatever to visiting teams, and this would mean that each club would have

to spend about a thousand dollars at least. It is said that this clause about refusing expenses was inserted in the rules for the lacrosse competition at the request of some of the United States clubs, who fear competition with Canadian clubs.

## FOOTBALL TO ORGANIZE ON MONDAY.

A meeting postponed from last Wednesday night will be held on Monday evening at the Y. M. C. A. for the purpose of reorganizing the city football league. All clubs interested are requested to have representatives in attendance.

## WENT TO PIECES IN LAST ROUND

Mike Ward Worsted in His Bout at Chicago With Gardiner, of Lowell.

Jimmy Gardner, of Lowell, Mass., outclassed Mike Ward, of Sarnia, Ont., in their contest at Chicago last night, and after six rounds of one-sided fighting was given the decision. Ward was in trouble in the third round, and each succeeding round found him growing weaker. At the end of the fight he was decidedly groggy. Ward tried hard to even matters in the last round, but after one minute's fighting, he went to pieces, and clanked constantly to keep from being knocked out.

**FIGHTERS IN CUSTODY.**  
Chicago, March 17.—Prize Fighters Benny Yanger and Aurelia Herrera, who engaged in a fierce six-round bout at the America Club Monday night, were arrested today. Edwin White, matchmaker of the club, also was arrested. The men are charged with violating the state law pertaining to boxing exhibitions.

**SOME BOUTS AT NEW ORLEANS.**  
New Orleans, March 17.—Jimmy Kelly, of Chicago, defeated Dick Woulfe, a former jockey of Philadelphia, in two rounds, at the Young Men's Gymnasium Club, last night. Sullivan, of Louisville, defeated Bogan, a local man, while Kid Gregson, of this city, beat Young Jacobs, of Washington, in the preliminary bouts, each in three rounds.

**BOXING.**  
COMMENCED TO TRAIN.  
New York, March 16.—James J. Jeffries has arrived here after a week's tour with his theatrical company, and will at once make preparations for his departure for the west, where he is to meet Jack Monroe for the heavyweight championship.

The Jeffries-Monroe battle is scheduled to take place the latter part of May and the champion wants to get in about eight weeks of good solid work before entering the ring. The champion has been taking things easy for the past couple of months.

Jack Monroe has lost little time since he outpointed Sharkey at Philadelphia. Monroe realizes that he has the opportunity of his life before him in his go with Jeffries and he is going to make a grand effort to carry off the honors. He will go direct to the coast after completing his theatrical engagements and plunge into work as he has never before.

**PITZ TO SAY SOMETHING.**  
Bob Fitzsimmons will announce in a

few days whether or not he will accept Kid McCoy's challenge to fight for the middleweight championship of the world, or else declare his intention of retiring from the ring forever. His reason for not answering McCoy's deft just now is a reply from St. Louis relative to his new business venture in that city, which he expects at any moment, and which will determine whether he will continue to fight or cast aside the padded mitts for good. It is Fitzsimmons' intention to open a restaurant in the fair grounds in St. Louis, which he has every reason to believe will bring in more money than he could make by fighting again.

**TENNIS.**  
WOODSTOCK IS READY.  
The Woodstock Lawn Tennis and Bowling Club has elected the following officers: President, D. W. Karn; vice-president, E. W. Waud; treasurer, T. Crossley; secretary of bowling club, Alex. Gardner; secretary of tennis club, A. N. Orr; committees of management, Fred Millman, J. S. Scarff, A. M. Clark, John Beattie and Henry Little; representative of Western Bowling Association, D. W. Karn; skips, D. W. Karn, Alex. Gardner, F. Millman, E. W. Waud, John Pascoe and J. S. Scarff. The greatest enthusiasm was manifested. The prospects for a successful year are most promising.

**RING.**  
OLD FIGHTER'S DEATH.  
New York, March 16.—Flood, who fought John L. Sullivan nine rounds on a barge anchored in the East River, near Hell Gate, in 1880, died suddenly today at the Knickerbocker Hotel of heart disease. It is believed Flood was 55 years of age and apparently in perfect health. He was employed as a detective by a firm of horse dealers and was well known to horsemen throughout the country.

**TURF.**  
PLUNGER RESTORED.  
Action of considerable importance to the racing world was taken at the meeting of the stewards of the Jockey Club recently.

One of the first things done at the meeting was the reinstating of John J. Ryan, whose get-rich-quick scheme have made him famous from Maine to California. This was followed by the restoration of Jockey Willie Shaw to favor.

Ryan was ruled off the turf by the Port Erie Association on Sept. 14, 1898. No cognizance was taken of this ruling by the Jockey Club till Oct. 31, 1898, when Ryan was barred from the metropolitan courses because he had made himself generally obnoxious through his sensational betting operations and his defiant attitude toward the stewards.

In order to get rid of him the Jockey Club dug up the old ruling of the Port Erie Association. Since then Ryan has been able to make his peace with both the Port Erie people and the stewards of the Jockey Club. He was recently reinstated by the Port Erie Association, and in view of this fact the stewards yesterday rescinded their action.

Chris Fitzgibbon will do the starting at Benning this year.

**YESTERDAY'S TURF WINNERS.**  
At New Orleans—Rainald (T. Dean), 3 to 10; Tommy Foster (J. Hennessy), 4 to 1; Stella Allen (Hicks), even; Deresko (J. Matthews), 4 to 2; Macbeth (Livingston), 9 to 2; Burke Cochran (Ramsdell), 20 to 1.

Hudson Bay is the third largest enclosed marine area in the world, being next in size to the Mediterranean Sea and the Caribbean Sea, and a bill is now before the Ottawa Parliament to change its name to the Canadian Sea.

Lady Dudley, wife of the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, is a woman of the kindest impulses and has greatly endeared herself to the Irish people.

**DONOVAN SAYS HE HAS BEEN THROWN DOWN**

Former Manager Patsy Donovan, of the St. Louis Nationals, has placed his

**Ayer's Hair Vigor**  
So young? And hair turning gray? Why not have the early rich color restored? It is easily done, every time.