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16500 FOR A HAT.

Extraordinary Extravagance of a New York Woman.

It is enough to make even the most extravagant daughter of Eve exclaim to learn that a New York society woman recently paid \$16500 for a single hat, says The Philadelphia Ledger.

The hat was ordered from a Philadelphia milliner who had managed to secure the cream of society's custom. The price originally named for it to the intending purchaser was \$1800, but it was found that less material was required than first anticipated, and \$150 was deducted from the estimate.

Four Russian sable skins, absolutely flawless and of the finest quality procurable, were used in the making. The largest of the skins, all of which were of the costly East Siberia quality, measured 14 inches in length, and the fur was of a rich dark brown, fine in texture and very glossy.

The hat frame was a big flare, rolled slightly on the left side. Great skill was required in covering it with the fur in the most artistic manner, and without the aid of scissors. There was no trimming whatever except in the sable tails, which were utilized to the best possible advantage.

When it was finished every employe in the millinery establishment took turns in visiting the workroom to have a peep at it, and every one, from the head woman, who is struggling along on a salary of \$100 per week, to the little errand girl, who feels passing rich on her weekly stipend of \$8, had some opinion to voice as to its beauty. It was altogether a new experience to see a triumph of their art displayed at a figure over the thousand-dollar mark, even in that palace of high prices, and the excitement was a par with the record-breaking price.

When the hour for trying on the hat was at hand, the purchaser expressed a feeling that the hat milliner, if the customer did not like it, the matter would take on a serious aspect, and it had to be remodelled much trouble would result. But all fears proved groundless. The purchaser expressed unqualified approval of the effect, and the entire staff of saleswomen agreed with her in thinking the hat a most successful one, and that there would never be the slightest danger of seeing a duplicate in this or any other country. She handed in her cheque for \$16500 with the nonchalant air of one who pays for a glass of soda, and was at her own carriage in a proud and contented mood.

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Efforts of Municipalities and Rural Districts to Compete With Private Enterprises Alarm Big Corporations and Result in Meeting of Managers.

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Addressed by newspaper men, all were more or less animated in their remarks, which were well received. The speakers represented a company owning privileges which were being taken away from the province. "The acquisition by some sections of interests in public utilities makes this organized society an out part imperative if we would save what we have invested, to say nothing of extending our holdings."

Something Under the Surface.

This was the plain statement of the case made, but he denied that there is something even deeper than the surface indications in the meeting. First what the real object of the organization at this time means is the source of interest. The franchise corporations have been handed together in this part of Canada for some time for mutual benefit and to move successfully fight now as their source from which their existence has been generally suspected by many business men.

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CAKE WALK OF OLD TO-DAY.

How the Dance Originated and Became Famous.

Lots of folks have told how the cake walk came into being and all the tales have been different. This is what "Proctor's Book" says. The origin of this sort of antic dance, says the book, is about it; and he should know.

"It goes back to slavery days, long before 'de wah' was thought of," said Proctor to a New York Sun reporter the other night.

"You see, in those days the negroes did not have much chance to amuse themselves, so when the opportunity came, you can gamble on it they took it. Once in a great while their masters would give them a holiday, say around 'cove' shucking time.

"The slaves would gather in a barn or one of the plantations on a moonlight night and some of the sports would engage in a corn shucking contest, in which all were allowed to compete. The corn was piled in the centre of the floor and the first man who found a red ear of corn was declared the winner. As a reward he was allowed to have the first prize, a girl who was his partner for the rest of the evening. Then the floor was cleared and a dance followed.

"The dance was a cross between a shamble and a strut, but it was original with the negro and exceedingly funny. Once in a while one of the dandies would try to emulate the white dandy by walking across the floor, with head erect and chest expanded. The others would jeer him, but he kept on walking until he got tired and sat down. In due time the rest of the negroes took the walk up.

"On all of these occasions the old mammas would bake cakes of corn meal placed on a layer of cabbage leaves over hot ashes. It was the custom to carry the cakes for all hands to partake of in a corn shucking contest. Some of the mammas used to bake extra cakes as a prize for the couple making the best showing. That's just how the cake walk originated."

"The genuine old southern cake walk was introduced in New York in the early '70s by colored waiters who had worked in restaurants in the south. One who held the championship for many years was Tony Brown. He was as black as Hades and was a dandy to the core. Brown was a funny fellow, and when he came north and showed folks how he could prize walk he made it."

"Brown was a fine waltzer, too. He could hold more cups of coffee on one arm without spilling a drop than any man I ever saw. He got a job in a restaurant on Sixth Avenue, and there he got the customers by carrying twenty cups of coffee at one time. He was daffy on cake walking, and when he had a cup of coffee in each hand he would strut up and down the floor was a caution.

"One night at a prize walk Brown at-

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Medical Practice in India.

From The London Lancet.

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The "reptile cure" was prescribed for a patient attacked with violent headache. A large snake was caught in the jungle, and after its jaws had been properly secured it was wrapped round the sufferer's head. The poor snake died in a few minutes, but the patient made a rapid recovery.

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The Needs of Spring.

The mildness of the air, the warmth of the sun, the lengthening days, all betoken an early spring. Every line of news in the following list of economies is of immediate importance, because almost every line is timely. Things you want for spring—to wear, to use in the house, to replace with or repair. We've arranged spring bargains in every department. Read the list and come and share them to-morrow.

Bargains for Men

Suits, Rain Coats, Boys' Suits.

100 Men's Suits, consisting of Canadian and English tweeds, in grey, brown, green and black, and fawn checks, and broken plaid patterns; also worsted finished serge, and black only, made up in the correct single-breasted accurate style, sizes 35-44, regular \$8.50, \$7.50, \$8 and \$10, Friday, \$4.50

Men's Medium Fawn Covert Cloth Rain Coat, made in the long loose Raglanette style, with vertical pockets and cuffs, fancy plain linings, seams taped and well-sewn, good value, regular \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$4, Friday, \$2.29

75 only Boys' Good Strong Canadian Tweed Three-Piece Suits, in brown and grey and green and fawn mixtures, and neat checked patterns, made in single-breasted style, and lined with good, durable Italian cloth and strongly-sewn, sizes 7-35, regular \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$4, Friday, \$2.29

62 Boys' Two-Piece Suits, a balance of odd lines, consisting of English and Canadian tweeds and serges, in single and double-breasted and Norfolk styles, light and dark shades, well-trimmed and finished, in sizes 7-28, regular \$2.75, \$3, \$3.25, \$3.50 and \$4, Friday, \$1.85

Shirts and Undershirts

Bargains in Men's Furnishings.

40 Men's Neglige Style Soft-Front Shirts, new goods, for spring and summer wear, this lot consists of stylish patterns and colors, made both plain and pleated bosom, attached and detached cuffs, these shirts are manufacturers' samples, in sizes 15-1 1/2 only, made from fine imported French cambrics, chambrays and Madras cloths, and would sell regularly at \$1.25 and \$1.50, on sale Friday at \$1.00

Yonge Street Window.

200 Men's Merino Underwear, shirts and drawers, made from neat striped material, well-made and finished, the proper goods for present wear, all sizes, regular price 35c and 40c, on sale Friday at 25c

8 dozen Men's Silk Garter-belts, made from fine quality elastic web, in pink, white, black and blue colors, solid cord and nickel fasteners, regular price 20c and 25c, on sale Friday at, per pair 9c

12 dozen Boys' and Youths' Suspenders, good solid elastic web, sold wide buckles, woven ends, good width web, these are odds from our regular stock, which sell for 25c and 30c, on sale Friday at, per pair 9c

300 Men's Flannelette Night Shirts, made from good quality flannelette, in neat pink and blue stripes, collar attached, extra length, large bodies, well-made and finished, sizes 14 to 17, regular price 50c, on sale Friday at 30c

Men's \$2.50 Hats, 79c

200 Men's Stiff and Soft Hats, colors mostly pearl, soft, fawn and brown, a few black, prices were \$1.00 to \$2.00, Friday, Bargain 79c

20 dozen Children's Tam o'Shanters, assorted colors and styles, plain and named bands, regular prices 25c and 35c, Friday, 15c

80 only Men's and Boys' Fur Caps, in Astrakhan, half Persian, German otter and electric seal, wedge and Dominion shapes, regular \$2.50, Friday, on clear \$1.00

17 only Men's Fur Coats, in black dog, Russian buffalo and Corsican lambs, sizes 28 to 48 bust measure, worth up to \$25, Friday Bargain \$15.00

Men's \$2.75 Boots, \$1.95

110 pairs of Men's Box calf and Dongola Leather Laced Boots; the box calf boots have heavy double Goodyear-stitched extension soles; the soles of the dongola boots are lighter and closer trimmed, regular value \$2.75 per pair, Friday, Bargain, all sizes \$1.95

Socks for Friday

Men's Fine Pure Wool Plain Black Cashmere 1-1/2 Hosiery, perfectly seamless, double toe and heel, medium weight, regular 30c, Friday, per pair 20c

Telescope Valise Bargain

100 Canvas Telescope Valises, grain leather straps, a cap-bucked handle, neatly finished, a good strong case, regular 95c, Friday Bargain 70c

Linoleum Sale for Friday.

For Bargain Day the Linoleum Sale will emphasize all those popular-priced lines which have been so well appreciated by customers all week, and in addition a 25c line of oilcloth which will be the eight o'clock attraction at 17-1-2 cts a yard.

75-cent Linoleum on sale at	48c.
54-cent Linoleum on sale at	38c.
41-cent Linoleum on sale at	33c.
20-cent Stair Oilcloth on sale at	15c.

25-cent Oilcloth on Sale for 17-1-2.

5626 square yards good quality Oilcloth, 1 1/2, 1 3/4, 2 and 2 1/2 yards wide, in a large range of patterns and colorings, in light, dark and medium shades, suitable for any room or hall. This oilcloth is worth 25 cents per yard, on sale Friday, per square 17-1-2c.

Book Bargains

42 copies of Chamberlain for 1903, regular 10c edition, Friday 5c