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T	THE EVENING TIMES AND STAR ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 19'1		
Z	NEW BRUNSWICK'S GREATEST SHOE HOUSE The Once-a-Year Clearance Sale	The Evening Chit-Chat By BUTH OAMERON "P ASSAIC, N. JThe diamond engagement ring as a symbol of plighted faith is a 'symbol of inferiority,' according to Dr. M. O. Kershet, a physician, whose engagement to Miss Gertrude Risker has just been announced. "At the reception where the announcement was made Dr. Kershet surprised the guests by giving Miss Risker a set of elegantly bound books by Victor Hugo, Balzac, George Bernard Shaw, Isben, Tolstoi, Zangwill and others,	A Big Array of Special Lines FOR SATURDAY NIGHT AND MONDAY SHOPPERS Hosts of Dainty and Practical Items for My Lady's Wardrobe as Well as Many Household Necessities AN EXCEPTIONAL WAIST HOSIERY BARGAINS A Sale of DESCE COODS
	WHICH has been such a pronounced success will be continued during the coming week. Daily we are adding new lots. The object of such a sale is to effect a complete clearance of all odd lots, broken sizes, samples, etc., so that when the Spring trade starts we shall be able to offer our customers brand new goods. Still it is well to remember that all the goods offered during the life of this sale are fresh goods taken from our regular stock. No old outlandish shapes or styles. If your size, width and shape is here— buy them, you will save money.	Instead of an engagement ring." So announces a newspaper item. A most interesting and intellectual departure, surely, but it seems to me that the very reason Dr. Kershet urges for his innovation is the reason that will make it unlikely to become a custom. This is his argument "In times long ago a man either captured his female partner or purchased her from her parents with presents. When she was his, he placed a crude ring upon her finger. It was regarded as a symbol of inferiority and made the ware appear in the light of personal property. Miss Risker will not be my chattel, but my equal, my companion and helpmeet." I am afraid that Dr. Kershet is reckoning without fem- ine instinct in his desire to dispose of the ring because it is the mark of possession. To whether she admit it or not, the average woman, however clever, however intellectual, however superior to her masculine acquaintances she may be, WANTS TO BE POS- SESSED. I was reading in some biography the other dayI can't seem to think just whose it was-of a woman to whom her fiance offered a choice between a diamond locket with their pictures in it, and the conventional ring. "She liked the idea of the locket very much," says the biographer, "because it would be different, but she finally chose the ring because it seemed to mark	 VALUE For Saturday Night Beautiful Lingerie Waists of fire Persian Lawr, fronts embroidered in solid or Imit Bebe Irish designs, well strates embroidered in solid or Imit Bebe Irish designs, well strates (1990) Saturday and Monday 29c, pr. Saturday and Monday 29c, pr. Saturday and Monday 29c, pr. Suturday and
	WATERBURY & RISING King Street Union Street Mill Street	her as more peculiarly his." For the very reason, you see, for which Dr. Kershet would condemn it. Woman wants to be pursued. She wants to be captured. She wants to be marked "my property.' There's no use blinking it. There's no use trying to theorize it away. Whether it's the best way for her to feel or not, that's the way she does feel. The woman who is lonely without her drunken husband to beat her has plenty of "sisters under the skin" in all ranks of society. No. Dr. Kershet, you may be right in your ideal, but you are miles, or rather centuries, away from actual conditions. We may be capable of being companions and helpmeets, but I am afraid we are likely to love best the lovers who have enough of the caveman left in them to want us to be property, too.	DAINTY SCRIMS BEST GRADE SHAKER BLANKETS Fine Printed Scrim, in conventional block designs, blue or green figure on white background, regular 22c., Sale 9c. yard Large Size Shaker Blankets, with very slight flaw in some of them, pink and blue borders, Sale \$1.29 pair Big Reductions in LADIES' COATS AND WOOL GOODS BARGAINS IN HOUSEHOLD LINENS, BLANKETS, CURTAINS, COMFORTS, etc. Special WASHING Stocks AND JABOTS (Second Floor) Curtains, comforts, etc. Large range of dainty Swiss embroid-cred jabots, some edged very fine imit, thread lace, others with trimming of thread lace.



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