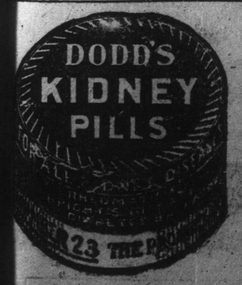
ence Among the Ancients.

d so it happened that about 650 there arose Thales who, by his experience and the persistent usiasm with which he carried on stigation, earned the title of her of science." And so also, tly after him, Anaximander, by mitting his knowledge to writing, ght into existence the first scien- manuscripts. The sixth cen- like the seventh, was still a od of origins. It saw the physi- researches of Pythagoras, and the orical studies of Hecataeus. In fifth century, Greek learning hed its climax. This age was re- ndent with the names of Thucy- es, who wrote history with criti- care; of Heraclitus, who con- ed of a universal reign of law, of Hippocrates, the "father of dicine." Its greatest characer was rates, the barefooted questioning he market places of Athens. With burning enthusiasm for truth, great teacher attempted, by t and candid debate, to aid men make their concepts clear, and to words definite meanings, trust- that through the correct use of reason they would arrive at a cenition of superiority of right ions. The fourth century was h an advance and a decline. It prised the work of Plato and stotle; the one elaborating the cepts of Socrates with poetic ver, the other systematising know- ge in truly scientific form. But in s age the demand for brilliant su- ficial learning as an asset for mbers led to the rise of the So- sts. These popular teachers, by ir careless sweeping generalisa- ns and their rhetorical embellish- nts turned the Greek mind aside m the simple pursuit of truth, d entangled it in unprofitable meta- rsical speculations. — Engineering agazine.

ermany Reaps as She Has Sown.

llied troops are now in occupation important places on the right bank the Rhine, their presence affording, should hope, convincing proof to rmany of the firm purpose of the vernments which sent them there. e second offer put forward by Dr. ions was hardly less futile than the ginal. It pretended to arrange a tem of payments covering the next years. But the Prime Minister no difficulty in showing that even s modicum of permanency was il- ory. It was made dependent upon results of the plebiscite in Upper esia, the arrangement collapsing if vote went against Germany. Thus, Simons had the hardihood to pro- e something which, within the next weeks, might be completely ef- ed by the Silesian electorate. all wonder, under such circum- nces, that the Germans were re- ed another week in which to think esh; and, simultaneously with the ection of their offer, the Allied nies were ordered to occupy the rts specified in the ultimatum. The vements of the troops are, however, y the police measures inseparable m the steps now being taken to ex- ct reparation. Of these measures, most novel is that providing for rment by its nationals to the easury of an Allied States of a cer- n percentage of the purchase value German goods. The German nufacturer gets a Treasury receipt m the particular Allied Exchequer olved in the transaction for this tion of his money, and this receipt Government will exchange for per marks. The British, and, of rse, the other Allied Governments, l, therefore, receive payment in re- ct of reparation in their respective rencies, thus eliminating, in this tter, the danger of introducing w confusion into the international change. This ingenious idea was comed by the Germans. It conse- ently need not be regarded as a alty, and will doubtless find a place any permanent scheme which may evolved for liquidating their in- ebtedness to the Allies. With the y of the British, French, and Bel- n troops into Dusseldorf, the death- w was, we should hope, given to rman dreams of Allied dissension. e Berlin statesmen, with the frantic titude of drowning men, clung to straw until its vanity was re- led in the fresh humiliation that s now overtaken their country. In far as she can pay, the Allies are solved that Germany shall pay, and she persists in doubting the tenacity that resolution, her disillusionment likely to involve her in new mis- rtunes.—News of the World.



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A very pretty selection of White Waists in Brilliant and Striped Repp, with Rose or Saxe collar and Cuffs; long sleeves, convertible neck; assorted sizes. Reg. $2.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$1.98**

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Very handsome models for little maidens from 4 to 6 years; Cream Serge make with a black stripe, that sets the coat off and gives it a distinctiveness; embroidered collar and cuffs; belted style. Reg. $5.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday.. .. .. **$3.49**

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MAN'S OWN NEEDS

SENSIBLE BRACES—Plain, heavy elastic web Braces, with all leather fastenings; not The Police Brace, but just as strong and neater finish. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. .. **48c.**

MEN'S TWEED OVERALLS—Strong Cotton Tweed Overall Pants and Jackets, fleeced back, well finished. Reg. $3.00 value. Friday, Saturday and Monday, per garment **$2.69**

NECKWEAR SPECIAL — Some very handsome Silk Neckwear, in the long free flowing end style; plain and fancy makes. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday .. **55c.**

BOYS' OVERALLS — Stout Blue Denine Overalls for big boys, patch pockets, double stitched, reliable make; assorted sizes; $2.00 value. Friday, Sat'y. & Mon. **$1.79**

MEN'S NEGLIGEE SHIRTS—All sizes in good looking Striped patterns, double soft cuffs; one of the best Shirt values for some time. Special Friday, Sat'y. & Mon. **$1.78**

BOYS' COLLARED SHIRTS—Blue and White Gingham Top Shirts with a snug set collar. A few dozen to clear away. Reg. $1.40. Friday, Sat'y. & Mon. **$1.10**

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The Attention of the Housewife
to some Very Special Values on Needed Things for Springtime

BALL FRINGES — Some pretty Ball Fringes for trimming curtains and drapes; White, Saxe, Navy, Brown and Green. Friday, Sat. and Monday, yard .. **14c.**

CUSHION CORDS—These are beauties, silky finish, extra long, with large tassel ends and such lovely shades of Brown, Gold, Green, Purple, Rose, Saxe, Navy, Helio and Crimson, etc.; others in two tone. Special Friday, Sat. and Monday .. .. **59c.**

"STARTEX" TOWELINGS—"Startex" Towelings excel in point of wear; woven with linen both ways; known everywhere for their superior quality. Reg. 60c. yard. Friday, yard. Friday, **47c.**

WHITE ROLLERINGS — Soft White Turkish Towelings for your roller. Reg. 33c. yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday .. .. .. **28c.**

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WHITE QUILTS—38 only pure White American Quilts. These are much desired for wearand serviceability; uncommon looking patterns, plain hemmed edge. Reg. up to $3.50. Fri., Sat. and Mon. **$2.65**

TABLE DAMASKS—Pure White, and a beauty; large floral patterns, strong, durable and offers very superior value. Special for Friday, Saturday and Monday, yard .. .. **95c.**

WASH GINGHAMS — For children's summer frocks, overalls and rompers and such like; pretty checks and plaids. Friday, Sat. & Monday, yard.. **23c.**

CHINTZ CUSHION COVERS—Serviceable Cushion Covers, reversible, with twisted cord edge; pretty colorings to select from. Reg. $1.10. Friday, Sat. and Monday.. .. .. **92c.**

DAINTY PILLOW SASES—Just opened several dozen of soft White Linen Pillow Cases; ever so beautifully embroidered at one end, hemstitched also. Reg. $1.70 each. Friday, Sat. & Monday **$1.49**

JOB TOWELS

A whole basketful of White and Half Bleach Turkish Towels; any size you may want. They figure out much cheaper than the regular. Select yours now.

Little Boys' $2.50 Jerseys for $1.59

Best grade English make, plain shoulder, roll collar; sizes 18, 20, 22 and a few 22 inch. Just what he needs for Spring wear. Reg. up to $2.50. Friday, Saturday & Monday **$1.59**

FANCY TABLE COVERS—Very serviceable Covers for any table; large floral patterns in pretty shades on White or Fawn grounds. Reg. $1.80. Friday, Sat. & Mon.. **$1.45**

STAIR OIL CLOTHS

15 inch American Stair Oil Cloths, with cotton back, plain centre and bordered, others fancy. Special Friday, Sat. & Monday.. **29c.**

SHELVINGS—Fancy bordered Oil Cloth Shelvings, with scalloped edge; just what you need to tidy up your cupboard or dresser. Friday, Saturday & Monday, the yard .. .. **9½c.**

GREATEST GLOVE VALUES for YEARS

This Week At BAIRD'S

LADIES' WHITE GLOVES—Washable Suede fabric Gloves, white with black stitched points and black with white points; 2 dome wrist. Friday, Saturday and Monday Special **29c.**

LADIES' BLACK KID GLOVES—Sizes 5½ to 6½ only in real good quality Black Kid. Values up to $2.50 pair. Friday, Saturday & Monday .. **$1.10**

SIDEBOARD CLOTHS — Lace and insertion trimmed Sideboard Cloths, pretty centre piece and embroidered. Reg. $1.40. Friday, Sat. & Monday **$1.28**

LADIES' SILK GLOVES—Black and Tan Silk Gloves, mostly small sizes; the quality is excellent; 2 dome wrist. Values to $1.00 pair. Friday, Sat. and Monday.. .. .. **69c.**

LADIES' WHITE GLOVES—An assortment of all White Lisle and Suede fabric Gloves. These latter are choice for early Spring wear. $1.00 value. Friday, Sat. and Monday .. .. .. **69c.**

PILLOW CASES — Neatly embroidered Pillow Cases, showing a hemstitched end also; these are a good strong make. Reg. 90c. each. Friday, Sat. & Mon. **79c.**

SPECIAL OFFER
of Wool Tweeds and Fast Navy Serges
For Friday, Sat. and Monday

ENGLISH WOOL TWEEDS.

Double width, a pretty mixed Grey or Mottled Brown; very suitable for boys' wear, as it is unusually strong. Reg. $7.50. Friday, Saturday and Monday.. .. .. **$5.95**

RAGLAN CLOTH.

A pretty Fawn shade Raglan Cloth, double width; superior quality. Value for $12.00 yard. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$8.85**

NAVY WOOL SERGES.

Fast Navy Serges for men's or boys' shirts, particularly good quality; just what a chap likes for his Sunday suit. Reg. $13.00. Friday, Saturday and Monday **$10.20**

James Baird LIMITED

Getting Married by Post.

FUNNY FANCIES OF IGNORANT BRIDEGROOMS.

"Sir, will you please send me a marriage licence for a soldier in khaki? Postal order for 10s. 6d. enclosed. Yours truly,——"

This is an example of the case with which some bridegrooms think marriages can be licensed and settled. Some do not know the names of the girls they want to marry. Apparently they think they can take out a license carry it about with them until they meet the right girl, and then get married without any further trouble.

The ignorance of some people is illustrated by the extraordinary answers they make to the questions asked on the forms sent out by the Surrogate in Doctors' Commons, Creed Lane, Ludgate Hill, London, who supplies license to those desiring to marry without publication of banns. These licenses cost £2, but one of the parties has to attest to a certain affidavit.

"I know the contents of the affidavit," was written down by various perspiring bridegrooms as follows:—

"I know the contents of the acts of David."

"I nobly contend with the 'appy davit."

"I know the contents of the antedated."

"I know the contents of the epidemic."

Another wrote: "Does the law forbid marriage bttween a man who is a British subject and his mother's sister, who is also a British subject?" He had evidently got mixed up with the Deceased Wife's Sister Act.

It was a Scotsman who wrote: "I want a license because the marriage only lasts for seven years, and at the end of it we can part if we do not agree. I have only known her a short time."

Instances of quaint Ignorance are given by Mr. Arthur S. May in his handbook on "Marriage" (Longmans, Green). He was once told that if a portmanteau "resided" in a parish for fifteen days its owner was entitled to a marriage licence; that under recent changes in the law a man may marry his maiden aunt by proxy; and that parental authority ceased at eighteen years of age.

As a matter of fact, while a boy of fourteen and a girl of twelve can get married according to law, the consent of parent or guardian is necessary in the case of all persons under twenty-one. And for the benefit of those who are thinking of marrying French or Belgians, it might be mentioned that in France the consent of parents is required up to the age of thirty, and in Belgium up to twenty-five.

Silly Whims.

Referring again to the extraordinary ideas some people have in regard to the filling up of marriage forms, Mr. May says he has seen the applicant's nationality described as "Anglo-British," "Domestic Servant," and "Presbyterian Scottish." One man, when asked the length of his residence, said, "500 yards," and another "a quarter of a mile."

There is a tragic side to this unconscious humour. On one occasion a woman named Ney insisted, for an idle frolic, on having her banns put up in the name of Wright. Years passed and children were born, and then her marriage was pronounced to have been void from the first.

A poor ignorant woman, the legitimate of Job and Martha Hodgkinson, who had always been known as Mary Hodgkinson, gave her surname as White when she put up her banns, because, by a curious error, the name of her parents appeared as White in her baptismal certificate, and she thought she was bound to follow it. On that ground her marriage was annulled.

A Woman's Revenge.

The trial of Mrs. Clara Hamon, who fled from Ardmore, Oklahoma, into Mexico, after the shooting of her uncle, Colonel Jake Hamon, "the King of Mushroom Oil Millionaires," and afterwards crossed the border into Texas and surrendered to the police, began at Ardmore a week ago. She is charged with murdering Colonel Hamon.

The Colonel's widow has employed as special counsel to assist the prosecution Mr. James O'Brien, the famous Chicago lawyer, who earned the title of "Ropes" while serving as prosecuting attorney at Chicago many years ago, because of his success in sending criminals to the gallows.

The widow, whose home is at Chicago, interviewed at Ardmore, declared:—"I brought Mr. O'Brien with me to this trial because he has the reputation of getting convictions. I am going to the limit to get this woman fully punished for wrecking my home and for the life she took. She stole Jake from me and my two children and sent me into exile. Then she shot him down. I intend to demand her punishment to the end." Clara Hamon's defence will attempt to show that the Colonel dominated her through will power, and his death resulted when a revolver was accidentally discharged after he had struck her with a chair in a drunken frenzy. Her life with Colonel Jake Hamon, as revealed in her diary, will form part of the revelations at the trial.

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