

ALLIGATORS

IN QUEEN ST. WEST!

We cannot say that it was the attraction of the alligators, so much as certain pecuniary considerations which led to our bending our steps towards No. 521; when however we had reached our destination, we learned a lesson or two, which we consider worth learning. One circumstance in connection with our visit which was about as inconvenient as it was novel, may be worth relating, on account of its ulterior bearing, and that is, that a brisk succession of customers set in, in utter disregard to the interruption they caused in the conversation between the proprietor of the alligators and the writer: one of these, a laboring man, astonished the writer by walking off with a pair of boots for \$100; then came a girl who had hers for \$1.25; a lady took three pair for \$2.40; another had a pair for \$1.25; then came a lady who had hers for 50c., another, a pair for 75c., and a man took a pair for \$1.20, with laces to boot, a girl also bought a trunk on rollers for \$3.50. All this led to the natural reflection that boots, in certain circumstances, must pay better than driving a quill. It led to enquiry also how such rapid sales were brought about; the answer to this enquiry was two-fold—that Mr. Hardy exercises his best judgment in buying, and buys for cash—in regard to the sales he effects, the solution of their steady annual increase is traceable to that confidence on the part of Mr. H.'s customers (the result of seven years' experience) which leads them to repeat their purchases

AT THE ALLIGATOR

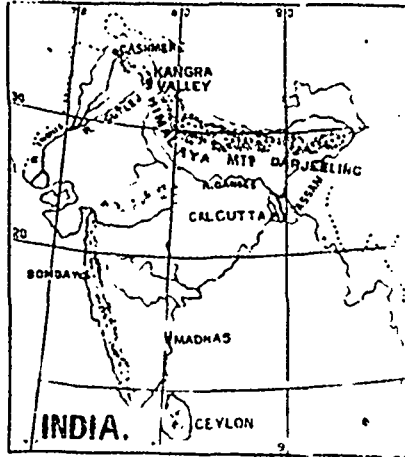
The extent of the variety available at this store is perhaps best exhibited in Mr. H.'s own words:—

You can have them high or low,
(The right boot high, the left one low,
(If your fancy suit you so);
You can have the toothpick tee;
You can have them good or bad,
(To make you glad, or make you sad);
You can even have them punch,
(Though, maybe from that you'd flinch),
You can have them great or small,
(Bound to suit the whims of all);
(Buy what you will, you won't have trash,
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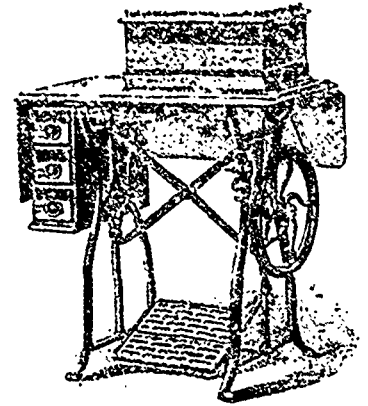
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