

# SMOKE SALE ADJUSTMENT!

Owing to the fire which occurred in the adjoining building all our stocks of Ladies', Gent's and Children's Shoewear on our second floor have been slightly damaged by smoke only.

Although damage is of the very slightest, in preference to allowing ANY damaged merchandise to remain in our store as first-class footwear, beginning **TO-DAY** we offer our entire stock of Ladies', Gent's and Children's Boots and Shoes on our second floor, consisting of over 3000 pairs at



## FIRE SALE PRICES!

# AMERICAN BOOT & SHOE STORE,

333 Water Street.

### SIDE TALKS.

By Ruth Cameron.

#### DO YOU KNOW ANYONE LIKE THIS?

You have heard the old saying that "truth is stranger than fiction."

I wonder if you know that often it is so much stranger than fiction that a true story might not make good fiction because it would not sound true. People sometimes suggest to the Authorman, that plots for stories, strange things that happened to them, and are surprised, and sometimes offended, when he says that they would not do for a story because they would not sound true.

"But they are true!" they say, quite convinced that he is anything but a stupid.

#### They Sound Untrue.

Likewise, letters sometimes come me from Letter Friends who want to make some experience of writing a text for my column, but who cannot be accommodated because, although the experience may be true, doesn't sound true, doesn't run true, isn't anything about which the average human being would say: "Yes, that's been my experience too." Yesterday I received the following letter. I cannot quite make up my mind whether it belongs in the class have described or not, so I am going to quote it and leave it to my readers to judge whether the woman is a type or just an extraordinary individual:

#### Husbands and Daughters.

"My dear Miss Cameron: There is a person who seems to have escaped your notice, or if you have already strayed her, the article has escaped me."

"I refer to the lady who whines, whose husband would give Daughter his and for a football, if she wanted it, but he never will do a thing for me." "What she says is a reason, but, believe me, there's a reason." "For many years I wondered why the situation was as it was and then mutual friend kindly enlightened me. It so happened that he was present on three separate occasions when gifts were presented to the two sons—wife and daughter."

"First, let me see what happened when Daughter received her gift."

these remarks are quoted from life."

As it happens, I never have met a woman as brutal as that. I have met women who weren't quite as tactful as they might have been when their husbands gave them things they didn't want, but no woman who ever deliberately showed it. Perhaps my readers have been more, or rather less, fortunate.

#### Dye Silk Stockings, Blouse or Sweater in Diamond Dyes

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Hot water is so often wanted quickly that it is a mistake to allow the tea kettle to be empty at any time.

#### The Wheat Pool.

The demand presented by Mr. Wood of Alberta, for a renewal of the Wheat Board, is an ultimatum to the King Government. The Government contains members like Hon. W. R. Motherwell, who based his campaign in the West on promises to renew Government control of the marketing of the crop, and it contains members who are disinclined to get back to the war crisis. The Conservative Opposition has demanded a decision on the matter, and offered to suspend the present debate on the Address in order that the Western farmers may be satisfied, before planting time, respecting the conditions under which

they will market their wheat.

During the campaign, Mr. Meighen offered the West a scheme of a voluntary pool. This was highly commended by many Western business men, among them men who strongly opposed Mr. Meighen politically. The voluntary pool does not invade, to the producers, as he sees fit with his own produce. The pooling of even a large part of the Western crop would put into operation a strong regulating force, capable of exercising an important influence on international quotations. If Premier King, who dodged a direct stand on this matter when he was in the West last, grant a compulsory pool, such as the Wheat Board operated, he will tread on many tender toes in the West. If he does not, he will have to adopt Mr. Meighen's practical expedient. The official leaders of the Grain Growers' Association may have strong convictions on the benefits of a renewed Wheat Board, but the body of Western farmers is not at all unanimous respecting it. The success of the Wheat Board in making the participation certificates worth almost half of the net prices received by the farmer for wheat during the December and January slump has not deceived the more astute traders respecting the changed conditions under which a Board for 1922 would have to operate.

There is, however, need for some central organization, financed by the

Government of the banks, which will make advances of, say, 75 cents a bushel on wheat at the beginning of the market season, and hold the grain for regulated selling. Millions of dollars could be saved to the producers by a financing system that would prevent dumping of huge supplies at one time on markets that naturally give way. Grain speculators who buy in September, October and December, calculate on good profits in February, March and April from the change in the market pressure. After the crop is out of primary hands, quotations go up. The outlook is for better wheat prices next Autumn, but assurance from the Government of a stable plan for handling the situation would be of immense help in putting the West really to work.—Ex.

#### His Courage Evaporated

GIVEN A CHANCE TO KILL HIMSELF, BUT FAILED.

LISBON (Associated Press).—About 20 soldiers, sailors and civilians have been imprisoned on charges of being connected with the assassination of leading government officials last October. The investigation of the crimes continues but the identity of the superior officers who are supposed to have ordered the assassinations or at least to have permitted them have not

been discovered. "Golden Tooth," one of the sailors implicated, has taken to making scenes in court when he is called to be questioned. He has repeatedly declared that if he had a weapon he would kill himself. To test his courage the judge arranged that an unloaded revolver should be placed on the table near where he sat in the court room and when he made the usual threat, the judge said: "Well, do so, there is a pistol near." "Golden Tooth" hesitated and then took up the weapon, pointing it against his temple and laid it on the table, saying that he thought better of it. He threatened that he would kill Cunha Leal, the then Premier, when he was freed.

#### THE SPARTAN.



VALT MATON

The Spartan, sorely smitten, kicked up no angry coil, but murmured: "It was written that I should have a boil; and now said boil is growing, its throbbings never still, to all the people showing a prophecy fulfilled. I mew not like a kitten, nor whinny like a mare; things come as they were written, and man must

grin and bear." I have a boil that's throbbing with zeal beyond compare, and you may hear me sobbing around a city square. I have no Spartan training to cope with such a plight, and, bitterly complaining, I walk the floor all night. And neighbors come and chide me, and protests wildly make; they hate to live beside me—I keep their cows awake. And peepers come and tell me I'll have to can my wail, or with their clubs they'll quell me and run me off to jail. I'm civilized so vastly, in cotton wool so reared, that every ache seems ghastly, and makes me rend my beard. And so I view the Spartan with something like disdain, though nothing can dishearten that martyr in his pain. Oh, he is sorely smitten, with boils upon his brow, but says he, "It was written, so why kick up a row?"

Fish balls: Peel and chop fine eight baked potatoes. Add 1 can of fish flakes and 1 egg, well beaten. Season to taste with pepper and salt. Mix well, shape into balls and fry in pork drippings or cooking oil.

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#### MUTT AND JEFF—

#### HERE'S A "SILLY" IDEA.

—By Bud Fisher.

