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## New Spring Dress Goods And Silks

We invite all who can to come this week to see our New Spring Silks and Dress Goods, our stock of which is now ready, with a completeness and richness such as only can be found in this store. From London, Paris, Vienna, Berlin and New York, the fountain sources of all goodness and elegance in Dress Stuffs come these many charming creations. To see the display is to make you a buyer, but we do not ask you to buy—we want you to see what is correct and fashionable in Dress Fabrics.

### New Spring Suitings

Venetian Covert Broadcloths, heavy weight for tailored suits, at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.  
Fine finished Broadcloths, in colors, at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.  
English and Scotch Homespun Suitings, grays and fawns prevailing, at \$1.00 and \$1.25.  
Fine English Worsted Checks, combined in white and many other colors and overchecks, \$1.00 and \$1.25.  
Scotch English and Canadian Homespuns, plaids for skirts, at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.

### Silks

Novelty insertion and tucked Silks, latest New York novelties for trimming, \$2.00, \$2.50 and \$3.00.  
Black Dress Silks, in Peau-de-Soie and Gros-Grain, at \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50.  
A beautiful range of Japanese Silks, for waist and dresses, at 45c, 50c and 75c.  
Very fine Satin in all the shades, 24 inches wide, special per yard, 50c.  
A magnificent range of French Novelty Silks, for waist at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$2.00.

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..Spring Styles..

## HATS

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For this spring the shapes are particularly attractive. We should be pleased to show them to you.

### The Barrington Derby

Is incomparable in quality and fashion

Price \$2.50

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At \$2.50 in Black, Brown and Oiler is a \$3.00 Hat as measured in style, finish, of stock and workmanship

Price \$2.50

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### DOUBTS LAURIER.

Mr. Chamberlain Feared to Strain His Loyalty

By Asking For More Troops so he Sent to the Australian Colonies.

London, March 5.—Mr. Chamberlain exhibits almost painful anxiety to keep in touch with the party in power in Canada, the latest instance of which is in his cable to the Australian government asking if they could raise 2500 troops. As published here, the report said "in the event of the imperial troops being needed elsewhere," and several papers interpreted this to mean that the government feared European hostility. But, it is learned that Mr. Chamberlain merely asked for troops neither mentioning nor contemplating any such contingency as conveyed by the erroneously reported addition to the request. It was originally intended that these troops should come from Canada, perhaps augmented by many Britishers from the United States who by letters to consuls, the war office and others, had volunteered, and with these form a body of 5,000 rough riders for service in South Africa, under Gen. Sir Frederick Carrington. However, swayed by the differences in the Canadian parliament and the reported disinclination of the Canadian premier, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, to come out boldly in favor of sending more troops, Mr. Chamberlain has left Canada out in the cold, and has asked Australia to furnish the men.

The great amount of design work done at the Victoria Avenue Green Houses is sufficient proof of the excellence of the work. Nothing but the best at the lowest prices. Telephone 181.

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## New Wash Goods

People used to have the idea that it was time enough to look around for and buy Summer Wash Goods when need time was at hand. It is surprising how many folks nowadays anticipate their needs and buy early. They have the advantage of first choice, they make their selections when stocks are at their best. If we were to repeat the many complimentary things said every day of our wash goods collection, you would think we were getting canceled. If we can interest you to the extent of looking we will be satisfied.

New Gingham, 25 pos. fine imported gingham, in fancy plaids, checks and corded effects, beautiful color combinations, warranted fast dye, extra value at 12½c.

New Shirt Waist Prints, in lovely stripe patterns, fine quality cloth, 30 in. and 32 in. wide, in all the new spring colorings, absolutely fast, same quality, sold all over town at 12½c, our special price 10c.

Duck Suiting—40 pos. Dress Duck Indigo and Blue, Butcher's Blue, good heavy cloth, large range of patterns, warranted fast dye, special at 12½c.

Galates Suitings, in stripes and plain colors, English and American makes, very special at 12½c, 17c, 20c and 25c.

Colored Piques, fine heavy cloth, in handsome new stripes and polka dots, would be excellent value at 15c, our special price 12½c.

American Percales, "Standard" and "Superior" brands, full 36 in. wide, extra fine heavy quality, in the latest New York designs, rich new colorings, absolutely fast, 2 yds. makes a shirt waist, special per yd. 17c.

New Prints—50 pos. good heavy prints, in blue and red grounds, large range of new patterns, fast dye, extra value at 12½c.

35 pos. New Prints, in light and dark grounds, neat dainty patterns, in floral, stripes, checks, dots, etc., very special at 6c and 7c.

India Dimity, a very fine dainty fabric, in pretty new designs for shirt waists, etc., warranted fast dye, special at 20c and 25c.

8½k Warp Zephyra, superior quality, in new designs and dainty colorings, will make a beautiful waist, very special per yd. 60c.

3000 yds. New Prints, 32 in. wide, an immense range of new style patterns to select from, warranted fast dye, special at 10c and 12½c.

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## THE BOERS' LONG TOM

How it Came to Fall Into the Hands of the British.

London, Monday, March 5, 4.30 a.m. — A despatch, dated Durban, on Friday last, says:—"Correspondents, who have returned here from Ladysmith, say that the relief came quite unexpectedly. At noon on Tuesday, the firing of Gen. Buller's army seemed to recede instead of to approach, and the garrison was consequently depressed. Everybody was startled to hear the garrison's 4.7 firing. It had not been used much of late, owing to the diminishing ammunition. On hurrying out it was found that the Boers were trying to remove the big gun on Bulwana by the erection of a derrick. This proved that something extraordinary was happening. The other garrison guns then directed their fire on Bulwana, with the result that the Boers were compelled to abandon the attempt with the derrick. Later on they placed the gun on a wagon, which capsized in a donga. During the afternoon, whenever the Boers were seen approaching, the British resumed the shelling of Bulwana. About four o'clock, a terrific storm broke over the town, just after a message had been telegraphed from Wagon Hill that the Boers were in full retreat. Other officers said they believed they could destroy British cavalry, but most people supposed that the wish was father to the thought. As soon

as the storm ceased, the British guns began shelling Bulwana, gradually concentrating the fire on the left and driving the Boers before them with the object of preventing the Boers from hampering any British approach. An hour later a party of the British horsemen could be seen crossing the flat below Bulwana, at a distance of some miles. It is impossible to describe the excitement and enthusiasm among the troops that followed. Most of the townspeople had been driven into the houses by the storm and did not learn the good news until later. The storm broke out again at seven o'clock in the evening. It must have seriously hampered the retreating Boers. The British gunners kept a sharp watch to prevent any further attempt to remove the Bulwana gun. The British naval gun was fired at intervals through the night, and in the morning a force was sent to look after the gun and occupy Bulwana. Lord Dundonald's force went after the retreating Boers, while 1,000 of the best men of the garrison went towards Elandsburg in the hope of being able to cut off the enemy. It is now seen how near Ladysmith was to starvation and the exhaustion of ammunition. The town could hardly have withstood another Boer assault or have held out much longer. The Daily News has a despatch from Ladysmith, which says the supplies on hand were only enough to provide full rations for four days. The town might have held out another month, but scarcely beyond that.

## AT ABRAHAM'S KRAAL.

The Boers are Rallying to Oppose Lord Robert's Advance.

THE BALL AGAIN BEGINS.  
London, Monday, March 5. — The Morning Post has the following despatch from Osofontein, dated March 3:—"Gen. French made a reconnaissance to-day and encountered the enemy in force. They were occupying a table-shaped kopje. Shots were exchanged, a Boer gun replying."  
JOUBERT HAS 15,000 MEN.  
London, March 5.—A message from Paardeburg says—Gen. Joubert is concentrating his force at Abraham's Kraal, near the junction of the Kraal Spruit and Modder rivers, and is said to have between 12,000 and 15,000 men all mounted.  
JOUBERT RALLYING THEM.  
London, March 5.—Beyond the signs of a general retreat of the Boers throughout Cape Colony, there is little news from the front. Lord Roberts, in his despatches to the War Office thus far published, says little, but he is undoubtedly active in some direction.  
The Onsdand, the organ of the Afrikaner bond, says:—"The Boers will now confine themselves to the defensive, abandoning an offensive policy."  
A despatch to the Times from Osofontein, dated March 2, dilates upon the "increasing difficulty of telegraphing as the army advances through the enemy's country." The correspondent says:—"Forage for horses is almost unobtainable on the journey. The whereabouts of the enemy is not exactly known, but the mobile commandoes are hovering around our army. We anticipate opposition at Abraham's Kraal, 30 miles east of Paardeburg, where Gen. Joubert is reported collecting a force from the whole of the Ladysmith forces with the northeastern Free States."  
"President Steyn arrived at the Boer camp at Abraham's kraal on the morning of Feb. 27, and harangued the burghers, exhorting them to remember Mahaba and deliver Cronje."  
Abraham's kraal, as shown in the War Office maps, is a group of three kopjes, situated at the junction of Kraal spruit with Modder river. It is a natural point of concentration where the Boers could make exceedingly strong, but after the proofs of the mobility of the army of Lord Roberts, it may be doubted whether they will make a really serious attempt to bar his advance there.  
A noticeable feature of all the recent operations at the theatre of war has been the active employment of colonial forces, which is in marked contrast with the policy adopted at the beginning of the war. The Australian colonists have decided to provide the 2,500 men Mr. Chamberlain recently asked for.

COLONIALS' GOOD WORK.  
Dordrecht, Cape Colony, Sunday, March 4, 9 a.m.—Gen. Brabant's colonial division, after a night march, is now attacking the Boers in a strong position at La Bushagene Nek, on the road from Dordrecht to Jamestown.  
Later—The engagement is proceeding with great vigor, and the Boers are gradually retiring before the British shell fire from three positions. A heavy rifle fire is being exchanged, where the British are engaging the Boers on the right flank. So far the Boers have had no big guns in action.  
Evening—Gen. Brabant's advance to-day was most satisfactory. After marching and bivouacking over night, the force reached the strong entrenched position, which they occupied and now hold, the Boers being on the opposite hill. The British will remain to-night in the captured positions, although the Boers brought two guns into action, and made determined efforts to retake them. The British

losses are six killed and eighteen wounded.

THE BOER RETREAT.  
Colesburg, Cape Colony, Sunday, March 4.—A reconnaissance with two troops of Australians and two guns found the wagon bridge over the Orange River intact. Fifty Boers on the other side were taken by surprise and the British galloped to their larger, some miles on the Free State side. Price's command has moved seven miles north of Colesburg. The Boers during their occupation denied themselves rather than see the British wounded suffer.

BOER ANNOUNCEMENTS.  
Bloemfontein, Orange Free State, Friday, March 2.—via Lorenzo Marquez.—The Federals have resolved to abandon the territory around Renaberg, and the retreat has been effected under the protection of mounted burghers.  
It is officially announced that on Feb. 27 Gen. Cronje, with from 2,000 to 3,000 men, surrendered owing to scarcity of food and ammunition. The President (Krugger) is issuing a stirring address to the burghers in Natal, who are falling back on Bigardberg.

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## Stand the Family In a Row

How many are there in it? Three, four, five, six? How many are in need of shoes? What kinds are wanted? Remember that this is a family shoe store, that we have every good sort of shoe for father, mother and all the children down to the tot who takes the little bootee. And the prices are as right as right can be.

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RUBBERS  
Misses' now..... 25c  
RUBBERS  
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