

WHISKARD'S Rebuilding and Alteration Sale.

228, 280 and 282 DUNDAS STREET.

BY THE WAY.

—We've been too busy during our **REBUILDING AND ALTERATION SALE** to do anything but attend to our business, which consists of selling our **DRYGOODS, FANCY GOODS, MILLINERY** at the lowest prices. But it seems some other people are taking quite an interest in us. They are attributing the crime to us of selling goods at a "ridiculously low price." That's right. That's what we are doing right along every day, and shall continue to do so, and we think our customers will not object. Here are some of our ridiculously low priced hosiery:

Children's Plain Wool Hose, 5c pair.
Children's Plain Wool Hose, 10c, 3 pairs for 25c.
Children's Heavy Ribbed Wool Hose, 20c, 2 pairs for 25c.

HERE YOU ARE AGAIN :

50 DOZEN Ladies' Fine Wool Hose, worth 25c, for 15c pair.
Ladies' Fine Cashmere Hose, 25c, 29, 32c 35c.
Ladies' Wool Overstockings, regular 35c, for 25c pair.

NOTHING LIKE

Such low figures were never quoted before on such goods as we are now pricing. Every price is a revelation of the buying possibilities a little money presents.

Heavy Blue Denim, 10c yard, worth 15c.
Heavy Satin Ticking, regular 20c, for 15c.
Striped Silk Velvet, navy, brown, cardinal, regular price 75c, sale price 25c.

Striped Silk Plush, regular \$1.25, sale price 50c yard.

\$1 Featherbone No. 390 Corsets, 69c pair.

Children's Crib Blankets, 25c and 29c pair.

Stair Linen, worth 15c and 20c, for 9c yard.

OUR PRESENT ARRAY—

of peerless values must add new laurels to a wide wreath of the popularity of our stores.

New Art Muslins, wide widths, bordered, 5c yard.

Curtain Fancy Scrim, double fold, 10c yard.

New Art Satens, just in, 12c and 19c yard.

Baby Ribbons, all colors, silk and satin, 1c yard.

Ladies' White Lawn Apron Muslin, fancy border, at 15c, 20c, 25c yard.

New Plaid Satin Ribbon, just in, 7c, 10c, 12 1/2c, 15c yard.

DRESS SILKS—SPECIAL VALUE.

Black Satin Merveilleux, 49c, worth 75c yard.

Black Satin Merveilleux, 59c, worth 85c yard.

FANCY DRESS AND WAIST SILKS, 19c, 24c and 27c yard.

We have just received several special lines in DRESS GOODS, in blacks, fancy silcians, lustrous, wool and silk plaids, plain lustrous. All at prices that will surprise you. More about them later. In the meantime call and see them. They are in stock on our counters for sale at SALE PRICES.

Spring Fashions

Trimmed skirts will be very much in evidence among fashionable gowns, both for day and evening wear, but not to the exclusion of the plain, elegant, unadorned skirt, as long as it is well cut and well made, and is well preferred by many of fashion's leaders.

Quaint little Normandy bonnets with peaked crowns and chin straps, and company many of the costly Lenten gowns. The majority of them are made of fabrics matching the costume, and very often a tiny mouchoir muff is added that is suspended from the neck by a narrow ribbon or a tiny cord of finest gold.

The new skirts are gauged, corded, tucked, knife-pleated, or laid in firm accordion pleats. They are considerably less flaring without losing anything of their attractive cachet, and are much less cumbersome than the skirts of past seasons. Some of the skirts are shirred on the hips alone, the back plain and full, the front forming an apron that is trimmed down each side.

The possession of half a dozen pretty slip-waists of net, cotton, fancy tulle, silk, or satin affords the wearer any number of beautiful changes of the toilet at comparatively small expense—as twelve yards of black satin or moire will make the effective background for all of these various changes, this is the fashion being all that is required for a gracefully gored skirt, a bolero jacket, or a deep or narrow girle, as best suits the wearer.

Sleeves are now made tight-fitting from wrist to armhole, double breasted, or with a single button, and are becoming to the top of the arm. This arrangement is more novel and ornate than the simple puff or fan, which is another means of giving width to the shoulders, and is far more becoming to the figure than the threatened close-sleeved skirt that outlines the arm from shoulder to wrist in severe, unattractive, uncompromising fashion.

Cordings rival tucks in favor, and these are exceedingly popular with modists just now. Cording near the waist are convenient for regulating the fullness of the skirt at this portion of it. Say there is a dress with cordings about two inches apart immediately below the waist; this insures plainness about the hips, the skirt expanding in umbrella shape below the cordings. The cord must be fairly thick to insure the desired effect, and many modists use the circular mode in making a corded skirt.

Violet does not seem to have decreased in popularity this season, in spite of its having been the rage last winter. It is the most prominent color at all fashionable functions, and its general use is especially noticeable to any one who will stand at the back of a well-lit audience-room. Waists and costumes, and even the furniture of violet are seen on at least one-third of the women present, and the flower itself is everywhere, worn as a corsage bouquet, embroidered with black feathers on a "picture-hat," or with other flowers upon a dress bonnet, tucked in the belt, pinned on the shoulder, carried in the hand, while the breath of violet perfume makes the air unpleasantly heavy at times.

Tucks have long been considered a simple trimming for childish gowns, but Fashion is doing her utmost to insist that tucked skirts, tucked bodices, sleeves, etc., are entirely suitable for women who have passed their second, third and fourth decades. Skirts for the spring and summer will be tucked to above the knee, or otherwise heavily tucked on the upper instead of the lower part of the skirt. If near the hem, the tucks are moderately wide. About the hips they are narrower, and as a rule the pleats are laid perpendicularly. The horizontally tucked skirt, bodice, yoke, and sleeves with which we are now growing familiar, date back to the gowns of 1877 and 1887, and in histories of dress we see illustrations of this style in very early Victorian fashions. A pretty velvet

skirt on a model for an Easter gown is cut in one piece throughout, being sufficiently wide at the top to simulate a small puff on the shoulders. The skirt is gathered at the waist, and tucks are arranged at this part of the sleeve; below, the fullness is sloped to the arm, and at the wrist it is tightly and then extends into a pointed collar-shaped cuff.

The meadow larks were calling so sweet and slow and pondering. And bonobos shook their bags of money in the air.

And long, long ago came, through the meadows, my little Silverhair.

'Twas long, long ago, but the daisies shone as brightly.

The old, old daisies and the buttercups, and the old, old butterflies, they fluttered as on light.

For then the meadow was young that now is so old!

Her cheek was like a rose-leaf, her eyes were blue and gleaming. Her heart was like an open flower below the cloudless skies;

'Twas long, long ago, and she went so still and listening.

With the deep blue of heaven sinking in her eyes.

And she saw the blue sky lying down upon the daisies.

And wandered on and dreamed the rim of heaven was there;

And she dreamed how she would be like the daisies, my little Silverhair!

And when she gazed the hillock, the sky lay still beyond her.

Resting on the mountains, oh, far and far away!

And she wondered, "Shall I ever through the fields of heaven wander, my little Silverhair?"

And life seemed so long, that old, old summer day.

'Twas long, long ago when she vanished in the shadow.

Her children called her old, her locks were white as the snow.

But oh, did life seem longer than your journey through the meadow—

Little Silverhair, my little Silverhair!

—Irene Putman.

The People Are Convinced.

When they read the testimonials of cures by Hood's Sarsaparilla. They are written by honest men and women, and are plain, straightforward statements of fact. The people have confidence in Hood's Sarsaparilla because they know it actually and permanently cures, even when other medicines fail.

HOOD'S PILLS are the only pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla. Easy and yet efficient.

That the blood should perform its vital functions, it is absolutely necessary it should not only be pure but rich in life-giving elements. These results are best effected by the use of that well-known standard blood-purifier, Ayer's Sarsaparilla.

Piles! Piles! itching Piles!

SYMPTOMS—Moisture, intense itching and stinging, mostly at night; worse by scratching. If allowed to continue, tumors form, which often bleed and alternate, becoming very sore. Swayne's Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in many cases removes the tumors. All druggists, or by mail, 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. Lyman Sons & Co., Montreal.

Recurrent men cashiers of several Minneapolis establishments have been replaced by women, and the action has led to another discussion as to whether women are more trustworthy than men.

They are three times as many muscles in the tail of a cat as there are in the human hand and wrist.

Worms cause feverishness, moaning and restlessness during sleep. Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator is pleasant, sure and effectual. If your druggist has none in stock, get him to procure it for you.

Kur-a-Kof, for Coughs and Colds, 25 cents, at Anderson & Neilsen's drug store.

Western Ontario. London Knights Abroad

In Ten Minutes.

Old Neptune Probably Got a Consignment of 200 Plows.

The Shortage of Brant's Late Treasurer Found to be \$6,700.

Hesperia hotel licenses have been increased \$50.

The Oxford Pat Stock Club will hold their next show in Ingersoll.

Rev. W. M. McKibbin, of Millbank, intends to resign the pastorate of Knox Church in London.

The Soho cheese factory, recently destroyed by fire, will be rebuilt at Drumbo.

The creditors of James Ross, an East Zorra farmer, have decided to sell him out.

The congregation of Rev. I. M. Moynihan presented him with \$40 and silverware.

Brantford will build a new school, to be called the Albion street school. The cost will be about \$4,000.

The manufacture of butter in connection with the Waterford cheese factory, will be commenced shortly.

Mr. James Currier has resigned his position as town clerk of East Zorra, and will stand a reduction of salary.

G. W. Holman, for eleven years a clerk of Oshawa township, was given a gold watch and chain on leaving for Seaford.

Byron Sparks was committed to the Penitentiary, Kingston, for stealing a watch.

Dr. Gustin, of St. Thomas, has received word from Wesley Grimes, of Deer, Alberta, that his buildings have been burned and all his furniture lost.

The members of the Chatham bar have adopted an address of condolence, which will be engrossed and presented to the relatives of the late Sheriff Mercer.

Woodstock town council, by a vote of eight to seven, rejected the recommendation of the finance committee that \$100 be granted to the India famine relief fund.

Brant County Council had a meeting Wednesday, when Auditor, McCosh's report was taken up. An important party late treasurer's (W. S. Campbell) shortage to the county council, \$6,700.

Mrs. Robert Jamieson died on Saturday at West London, aged 71 years. She and her husband were among the earliest settlers of Aldborough.

Mr. Jamieson died four years ago, aged 77 years.

The Liberals of East Elgin met in Aymer on March 9 to elect officers and transact business.

It is expected that Hon. John Dryden, the Minister of Agriculture, will address the meeting.

The coroner's jury which investigated on Monday the death of William Travis, of Brantford, who died under mysterious circumstances, returned a verdict of manslaughter.

Deputy Sheriff Meeson, of Chatham, has received an order for the release from prison of W. W. Taylor, the old man from whom he was kept for six months, the only charge against him being poverty and old age. He will be taken care of in future by a writ.

A dress was issued on Wednesday in a suit for \$3,000, begun by Duncan C. Ferguson, of London, and owned by Stevens Manufacturing Company, of London. Mr. Ferguson had his thumb blown off and sustained internal injuries in the boiler explosion on Arch.

Ferguson's property.

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Temples of This District at Windsor and Detroit.

A Preceptory of Instruction—Grand Ball at Detroit.

The Religious Ceremony Very Brief—The Pair Previously Wedded by a Justice—The Bride's Dress.

Windsor, Feb. 24.—A preceptory of instruction for the London Masonic district was held at Windsor yesterday.

Most eminent Sir Knight William H. White, Montreal, supreme grand master, was present, accompanied by P. P. Sir Knight Tressouler, Montreal.

A special car carried the following Sir Knights from London and Chatham: K. E. Sir Knights D. B. Burch, J. S. Dower, A. Carrothers, A. E. P. Sir Knights J. A. Campbell, W. J. Carson; Sir Knights W. T. Stenbury, E. J. MacRobert, T. H. Lusk, W. P. Kingsmill, J. A. Gaudin, C. W. Davis, F. C. Davis, A. T. Cooper, H. M. Douglas, F. A. Andrews, O. Brenner, W. H. Escott, J. T. Stephenson, W. W. Wyatt and C. Charr, London; Grand Prelate Rev. J. R. Battisby, R. E. Sir Knight T. C. McNabb, P. P. Sir Knight N. W. Ford, of Chatham, and Sir Knight W. R. Hickey, of Bothwell.

Most eminent Sir Knight Geo. C. Davis, of London, were too ill to be present.

Windsor's Sir Knights met the visiting brethren at the depot and escorted them to the Manning House, where the supreme grand master was quartered.

The supreme grand master was escorted to the temple, and received a hearty welcome.

A group of the Windsor Sir Knights proceeded to the Windsor ferry, met the Sarnia Sir Knights, 25 in number, and escorted them to the temple.

where they were introduced to the supreme grand master, after which he conferred the degree of Knight on the Red Cross in a most impressive manner, which led to many complimentary remarks.

The preceptory was then adjourned for lunch.

After lunch the Order of the Temple was conferred by the London preceptory in a most creditable manner, as every officer is an expert in his work.

The Malta degree was conferred by the Windsor preceptory, which they received the highest compliments from the supreme grand master.

A 4 p.m. grand master was escorted to the foot of Woodward avenue, Detroit, by the Canadian Sir Knights, who he met by the grand commander of Michigan and escort, and taken to the Russell House.

Hon. Hugh McCurdy, past grand master of the Grand Encampment, and Edward D. Wheeler, grand commander, represented the American bodies.

A grand ball and banquet was given last night in honor of the occasion, at which Detroit Commandery displayed the emblem of its won for years for supremacy in drill.

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Men are at work on both sides of the line, and it is expected that the structure will be completed next May.

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