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One Great Feature

In January selling is our display of white goods. Fresh cases of goods bought for early showing and marked at prices that give them quick selling powers. Bleached and unbleached cottons, sheetings, pillow cottons, etc., receive the lion's share of attention this month. Nainsooks, dimities, lawns, laces and everything pertaining to ladies' underwear are now on full display.

For to night and Monday we want special interest centered around these items:—

Ladies' White Satin Collars, with embroidered chiffon ties attached, reg. \$1.00, for..... 48c	2 pos. heavy effect Camel's Hair Plaids for skirts, reg. price 75c a yd. for..... 48c	Children's colored Cashmere Gloves in cardinal, blue, tan and brown, all a size, reg. 15c and 20c a pair, for..... 6c
Ladies' Embroidered Chiffon Bow Ties, in pink, sky, cardinal and white, reg. 50c, for..... 25c	2 only Skirt lengths, Camel's Hair Plaid, elegant colorings, reg. price \$4.00 each, for..... \$2.60	Men's all-wool Undershirts and Drawers, reg. 50c, for..... 35c
Ladies' colored Cashmere Gloves, in cardinal, tan and brown, reg. 25c, for..... 9c	3 pos. English Worsted Cloth Checks, made expressly for separate skirts or tailor suits, very nobby, 44 in. wide, reg. \$1.25 a yd., for..... 69c	Fancy Japan Tinselled Chair Tides in pretty colors, reg. 30c to 50c each, for..... 8c
Ladies' colored Cashmere Gloves, best quality, in good shades of tan and brown, reg. 50c a pair, for..... 23c	2 pos. Black Mohair Blister Crepons very effective, reg. \$1 a yd., for..... 68c	Scotch Gingham Apron Squares, with white borders all around, fast colors, reg. 25c each, for..... 5c
	Half Price Sale of Jackets.	

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....January Clearing Sale Big Drive in Linens....

The extremely low price at which we sell fine linens, make this a desirable place to buy, you are always sure of getting exactly what you pay for. If we sell you linen it is linen, when it's a union cloth we tell you so. Just now we are offering a large range of fine LINEN TABLING and NAPKINS at Clearing Sale Prices and economical buyers will govern themselves accordingly.

66 in. Heavy Cream Damask, all linen, in new patterns, reg. 50c quality. Sale Price.....	43c	NAPKINS— $\frac{1}{2}$ size Linen Napkins, choice patterns, Sale Price per doz. 48c, 58c and.....	72c
60 in. Heavy Union Damask, half bleached, in choice patterns. Sale Price.....	22c	$\frac{3}{4}$ size Linen Napkins, fine quality satin finish, desirable pattern. Sale Price per doz.....	97c
64 in. Cream Damask, fine heavy quality, new designs, warranted pure linen. Sale Price.....	47c	$\frac{3}{4}$ size Napkins, pure quality, fine finish, new designs. Sale Price per doz.....	\$1.43
72 in. Fine Bleached tabling, pure Irish linen, grass bleached, in handsome designs. Sale Price.....	72c	26x26 in. Fine Satin Damask Napkins, pure dew bleached, handsome designs. Sale Price per doz. \$2.25 and.....	\$2.50
62 in. Union Damask, extra quality, heavy firm weave, in neat designs. Sale Price.....	33c	Extra Large Fine Napkins, pure grass bleached Irish linen, superior quality, choice designs. Sale Price per doz. \$3.50 and.....	\$3.89
Double Damask, superior quality, pure dew bleached, extra satin finish, very choice patterns. Sale Price 94c and.....	\$1.17	Table Cloths, 2 yds. x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ yds., fine bleached damask, choice designs. Sale Price.....	\$2.43
Turkey Red Tabling, 64 in. wide, extra quality, warranted fast dye. Sale Price.....	38c	Table Cloths, superior quality double damask, fine satin finish. Sale Price.....	\$3.38
Turkey Tabling, 58 in. wide, good heavy weight, firm weave, new pattern. Sale Price.....	23c		

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BALDOON.

A few days ago Thomas Stokes, while saving a pine board, felt the saw strike some metallic object and, on investigation, found imbedded in the wood an old brass baggage check once belonging to the Great Western Railway and bearing the number 5563, and in a good state of preservation. He would like to know if anybody can explain how it got into the board, or how.

Grace church lot has been tiled on both sides of the church and in front of the lot, and then across Bear Line way and back to the front being laid on account of the frost being too deep, but was completed by a lot of willing neighbors making a "bee," and the pastor takes this opportunity to thank every one of them for their kindness.

The news of Canadian valor in South Africa was read with eager interest and intense delight by our truly loyal

and patriotic citizens, and we who stay at home are willing, if the Fenians care to try conclusions with us, to rank among the "absent-minded beggars." Miss Lizzie Rankin, of Dover Centre, gave a New Year's party to a number of her young friends on Wednesday evening, 10th inst.

John Gannier has been under Dr. Agars' care for surgical treatment, and we believe an operation has been very successfully performed. The fact is, though we do live in Dover, and away from towns and railways, we have access to medical advice and skill of first-class order.

The blue rock bird trap arrived on Wednesday evening, and is now at headquarters, ready for the shooting match of the season.

Maple City would be benefited if so connected with one of its best rural feeders. Already our neighbors are getting ready for harvesting a big supply of ice, which at the present time is in very prime condition in the bay.

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NO CHANGE IS REPORTED

In the Transvaal War Situation.

A CORRESPONDENT SENDS A MYSTERIOUS WARNING THAT ALL WILL GO WELL. CENSORSHIP NOW VERY STRICT.

London, Jan. 15.—The War Office issued at midnight a despatch from Field Marshal Roberts, dated Cape Town, Sunday, Jan. 14, 8.30 p. m.—"There is no change in the situation to-day."

The War Office simultaneously issued the following from Lord Roberts, dated Cape Town, Jan. 13, 3.30 p. m.—"Methuen's cavalry reconnaissance returned on Jan. 11, went twenty-five miles into Free State. Country clear of enemy except patrols."

"All quiet at Modder River. French reconnoitered around the enemy's left flank on Jan. 11 with cavalry and horse artillery to bombard Boer laager east of Colesburg Junction but was unable to outflank the enemy. Reconnaissance of cavalry and mounted infantry issued north of Bastard's Neck and examined the country north of the ridge."

"Gatacre reports no change."

"All well on Dec. 23 at Mafeking."

MYSTERIOUS REPORTS.

Durban, Jan. 12.—The entire absence of news from Chely or Frere Camp continues, but there is a persistent rumor here that Ladysmith has been relieved.

Boer Headquarters at Colenso, January 11, via Pretoria, via Lorenzo Marques, Friday, January 12.—Everything points to a great battle within the next few days.

Ladysmith for the last two nights has been firing rockets. The object is not known here.

Ladysmith, Friday, January 12 (by heliograph).—The besiegers have been quiet for two days, but can be seen in active movement on the distant hills. We have perceived two small bodies galloping with two machine guns.

The Boer heavy pieces on Bulwana Hill have not been fired for two days. More Boer dead have been found at the base of Caesar's Camp. All is well here.

BOERS DISCOURAGED.

London, Jan. 15.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail, dated January 12, from Pietermaritzburg, says: "Sir Charles Warren marched with 11,000 men eastward from Frere, by way of Weenen. His scouts found no sign of the enemy at Groblers' Kloof and Colenso was ascertained to be deserted."

"There are rumors that the Boers are preparing to leave Natal, discouraged by their failure to reduce Ladysmith. All the colonials and irregulars have been placed under Gen. Warren's command."

"Among the Free Staters killed in the attack on Ladysmith on January 6 was Commandant De Villiers who, but for his well-known friendliness to England, would have been commander-in-chief of the Free State forces."

The Standard publishes the following from Ladysmith, Thursday, Jan. 11, by heliograph, via Weenen: "The Boers are fortifying positions north and west of Ladysmith, doubtless with a view of securing a safe line of retreat should their opposition to General Buller's advance fail. The still surround Ladysmith in large numbers and may be contemplating another attack."

"It is known, however, that they are greatly depressed by their heavy losses. Prior to Saturday they were perfectly confident of their ability to

defeat the garrison and take possession of the town."

ALL IS WELL.

London, Monday, Jan. 15, 4 a. m.—Lord Roberts' enigmatical announcement—"No change in the situation," does nothing at all to allay public anxiety or to explain the mystery surrounding Gen. Buller's movements on the Tugela, and although there is a disposition to regard the despatch as dismissing of Saturday's advance rumors, the week has opened in a state of suspense almost equal to that of last week, because it is recognized that a failure of Gen. Buller's present attempt would seal the fate of Ladysmith. Presumably "No change in the situation" refers to previous despatches sent to the War Office, which have not yet been revealed to the public. Except the announcement of the seizure of Potgieter's Drift and of the advance of Gen. Warren there has been no news from the Tugela for a week. A ray of hope is in the fact that the same silence prevails from the Boer side. If the announcement of Gen. Warren's movements is correct, it is evident that Gen. Buller's forces are spread over a very wide front, perhaps 25 miles, and in the event of a sudden fall of the river, his operations might be full of danger.

Sir Charles Warren's advance probably means an attempt to seize Hlangwane Hill, the main point of the Boers south of the Tugela. Upon the success or failure of these operations depends the whole future of the campaign. Until the result is known Lord Roberts will be unable to decide how to dispose of the two divisions and the reinforcements now arriving.

A WARNING MESSAGE.

The special correspondent of the Daily Telegraph at Frere Camp, in a despatch dated Jan. 10, after describing the situation as already known, says: "Possibly you may not hear from me for the next two days or so, but believe me, all will go well." It is impossible to doubt that this absolute closing of all the channels of information is due to the censorship, the strictness of which has been redoubled since the landing of Lord Roberts and Lord Kitchener. The War Office stated Saturday midnight that no further news from the front has been received and from any other source had come to hand during that night. As usual, when news is scarce, the rumor-mongers have been busy.

The latest story floated Saturday night was that the intelligence which had reached the headquarters of the Scots Guards was that Gen. Buller had again sustained a serious defeat. Inquiry at Wellington Barracks showed that while such a rumor had reached there, it was neither official, nor in any form deserving of credence.

A despatch to the Times from Lord Roberts says:—"A leading Transvaaler says the Boers will make another desperate attempt to reduce Ladysmith."

FOUGHT LIKE DEMONS.

London, January 15.—A special despatch from the Hoofdlager, at Ladysmith, dated Jan. 9, via Lorenzo Marques, describing the assault on Jan. 6, upon Ladysmith, says:—"The British made no attempt to hold the first line of breastworks, but made an exceedingly stubborn resistance at the next row. Every inch was stubbornly contested, and conspicuous bravery was displayed on both sides."

"After 10 o'clock the British and Boer fire slackened, and a terrible individual contest ensued among the riflemen for the possession of Plat-Rand Ridge. At noon a heavy thunderstorm interrupted the battle, lasting for two hours."

Although the burghers succeeded in ultimately gaining possession of most of the British positions on the western side of the Plat-Rand, they were finally obliged to retire from most of the ground they occupied. The British were most strongly entrenched, their redoubts being skillfully loopholed, and the combat was so close that rifles were frequently fired at arm's length. It was a hand to hand encounter. The men on both sides fought like demons and the horror and bewilderment of the scene could scarcely be paralleled.

"The operations were continued next day (Sunday) on a smaller scale, but it is reported that as a result of one of the forlorn hopes, one gun and two ammunition wagons were captured."

CHICAGO MARKETS.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat—Dec.	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	66 $\frac{1}{2}$	66 $\frac{1}{2}$
May.	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$
July.	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$	67 $\frac{1}{2}$

Corn—Sept.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
May.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
July.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$	3 $\frac{1}{2}$

Oats—Sept.	24	24	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24
May.	24	24	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24
July.	24	24	23 $\frac{1}{2}$	24

Pork—Dec.	11 02	11 12	11 00	11 12
May.	11 02	11 12	11 00	11 12
July.	11 02	11 12	11 00	11 12

Lard—Dec.	6 05	6 15	6 05	6 15
May.	6 05	6 15	6 05	6 15
July.	6 05	6 15	6 05	6 15

Ribs—Oct.	5 87	5 90	5 87	5 90
Jan.	5 87	5 90	5 87	5 90
May.	5 87	5 90	5 87	5 90

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