

Discovery of Gold  
in British Columbia.

It has been asserted that the early gold miner, who, having made forty thousand dollars among the Cariboo Mountains, wasted the whole sum in champagne, which, of course, was sold at a fabulous price in those distant and almost inaccessible camps. For days he feasted all his neighbors and every newcomer who would drink with him, and made use of the last of his fortune by smashing with twenty and thirty dollar nuggets a costly mirror that hung in the bar room.

Others who deserved a better fate, and were instrumental through their discoveries in making large fortunes died poorer than the very latest arrivals at the diggings. Conspicuous among these many cases of hard luck, was the discoverer of the famous William's Creek, a German named Dietz, who, not long after his discovery, was living in Victoria, a broken man, dependent on charity. One of his companions, a Scotchman named Ross, met with an even less enviable fate. He died of starvation in the woods, after attempting to record his sufferings on his tin cup, on which he scratched a few disconnected words.

While Dietz was living on charity in Victoria and Ross was starving to death in the forest, other men were amassing fortunes with their picks and shovels. Thus a miner named Cunningham realized on an average nearly two thousand dollars a day throughout an entire season, and a claim belonging to a man named Diller produced the enormous amount of 102 pounds of gold, or almost the equivalent of \$20,000, and that too, in one day.

Long and Dangerous Journeys.

News of the finding of wealth like this spread like wildfire, and men poured into the camps and mining areas by the thousand. The early arrivals were mostly from California, where the local gold fever by this time was somewhat abating. These American miners took ship at San Francisco and came up to Victoria, where they outfitted, and then set out for the gold fields of the interior. Eastern Canadians were somewhat slow in setting out for the camp of the Cariboo, and when they did a long and dangerous journey lay before them.

Many took ship for the Panama, crossed the Isthmus, and then took ship again up the coast. Others went to British Columbia direct by the overland route. By the way of Detroit, Milwaukee, and St. Paul they reached the Red River Settlement, where Winnipeg now stands. There they made up little parties and crossed the prairies, passed through the Rocky Mountains, and then followed one of the great rivers southward. It was a journey attended with great peril, and many a gold hunter from the East, instead of finding the mining camps and a fortune, found a grave in what was then the wild Canadian West.

Colossal Tombs of Tinian

Although the colossal columned tombs of Tinian, an island north of Guam, in the Mariana group, were first discovered by Lord George Anson, an English naval officer, in 1744, it was not until July of last year, when the Bishop Museum of Honolulu sent a naturalist to Tinian, that these ruins have been accurately measured, excavated and photographed. Human remains and a great quantity of stone implements were found. These prove that the Mariana Islands were inhabited by Polynesians in prehistoric times, and the islands were in the path of the Polynesians' folk track from Asia to their present home.

The pillars are monoliths of hard island rock, fifteen feet high, five feet four inches square at the base, weighing over thirty tons. They are surmounted by a hemispherical top-piece weighing over seven tons.

The pillars are arranged in two parallel rows, five in a row. The study of these sites (many have been found in Tinian) points to the conclusion that they were monumental, religious structures, marking the site of religious ceremonies, of cannibalistic feasting, of human sacrifice and of burial.

Tools chipped and polished from basalt lava were the only implements these primitive people had with which to carve out these huge monoliths. In comparison with the largest single block in the Egyptian pyramids, it should be noted that the Tinian stones are larger by five tons. It will be remembered that the cultured level of the Egyptians was vastly superior to the primitive Polynesians' folk in that the Egyptian workmen used tempered bronze saws set with jewels (diamond of corundum.)

Household Notes.

Before straining pea soup add a half can of tomatoes. The soup will have a delicious and different flavor.

If soup, gravy or a vegetable is too salty, stir in a little coarse brown sugar, and the dish will be improved.

To procure a soft, rich shade when dyeing add a package of black dye to a package of the color desired.

Lettuce should be dried in a clean old napkin. Gather the napkin up in the hand and shake it round and round.

THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND MONDAY OPPORTUNITIES  
Every Day, in Every Way, Values Grow Better and Better at--BAIRD'S.

## SPRING GOODS

In all their Newness and Niceness occupy the Centre of the Stage.

Seldom has the Store blossomed forth with such lovely Merchandise to greet A NEW SEASON.

Special!

Ladies', Misses' and Children's

BOOTS

at \$2.49

They're piled on our counter and ready to pick from: a splendid range throughout, some sturdy Boots for boys as well, values up to \$5.00. Thursday, Friday and Monday

\$2.49

## Wash Fabrics

CHECK SUITINGS—These are something new this season, soft Crepe like finish, in pretty gingham patterns, lend themselves beautifully for suits, frocks, rompers, etc. Reg. 50c. Thursday, Friday and Monday 47c.

BATINE SUITINGS—You will be delighted with these—their beautiful shades—their quality and their becomingness, shades of Hello, Rose, Pink, Sage, Sky, Lemon, Brown, Champagne and White, 36 inch. Reg. 55c. Thursday, Friday and Monday 49c.

CASEMENT CLOTHS—36 inch plain shade Casements, reversible, in V. Rose, Sage, Pink and Green, new goods. Reg. 45c. yd. Thursday, Friday and Monday 39c.

PRETTY RIPPLETTES—A couple of pieces of fancy, in nice colour blendings for summer tops, and a piece of spotless white. Reg. 40c. yd. Thursday, Friday and Monday 37c.

COLOURED VOILES—Double fold, figured voiles in light, medium and dark patterns, suitable for young or old, in long remnant lengths, exceptional value. Thursday, Friday and Monday yard 33c.

## CHINTZ You will never tire of

See this SPECIAL!

SPECIAL—300 yards of handsomely patterned chintz in long remnant pieces, some fine heavy makes for covering purposes, slipcovers for furniture and such like, an extraordinary value. Thursday, Friday and Monday 47c.

CHINTZ—36 inch Turkish Chintz, beautiful large floral and foliage patterns, reversible, serviceable and ornamental. Reg. \$1.30 yard. Thursday, Friday and Monday \$1.18

COLOURED LINES—Indian Head Linens, in plain shades of Nigger, Navy, Rose, Sky, Grey and Gold, 34 inch width. Special Thursday, Friday and Monday 28c.

BUTTERFLY MUSLINS—36 inch, pink ground with pretty coloured butterflies, all over, nice for nightdresses, kimono. Reg. 33c. yard. Thursday, Friday and Monday 29c.



## HOSIERY All new arrivals here are presented this week



LADIES' HOSE—Several pretty Heather mixtures in assorted ribs, nice cashmere weight. Thursday, Friday and Monday \$1.29

SPORTS' HOSE—Broad ribbed Heather Cashmere Hosiery, very popular shades, 80c. value. Thursday, Friday and Monday 69c.

CHILDREN'S HOSE—Fast black Hosiery in a full range of sizes, reinforced heels and toes. Special Thursday, Friday and Monday 35c.

FLEECE HOSIERY—Ladies' plain black ribbed Top Hosiery, very popular. Reg. 45c. Thursday, Friday and Monday 35c.

## Chosen from the New Things

now tumbling in daily

In our

## Gent's Department

SILK NECKWEAR—Pick up some pretty Neckwear from our latest shipment. These we offer look exactly like \$1.00. Special 59c.

PJAMA SUITS—In soft Mercerized Chambray, plain shades, finished off with silk frills, sensible for home or abroad. Special the Suits 44c.

CRIS-CROSS BRACES—Neat, narrow elastic Braces, refined looking, all leather fastenings; a good brace for a small 45c.

MEN'S BOOTS—Good wearing Black Dongola Boots, Butcher cut, block toe and military heel, inexpensive footwear. Reg. \$5.50 value. Thursday, Friday and Monday \$4.39

SOFT COLLARS—Kane Krease soft Collars, popular styles, collar that look well in all occasions. Special 3 for 75c.

CASHMERE SOCKS—Neat Clock effects on soft warm cashmere, nifty heather mixtures, assorted sizes. They're special 79c.

NEW SHIRTS—Style, again; new to-day, showing neat pin stripes on white ground, soft cuffs, coat style of course, \$1.25 every wanted size. Special

SILK SCARVES—New Spring Scarves in rich Silk, smart looking College stripes, fringed ends; a nice change from your wool scarf. Special \$1.45

SHANTUNG SHIRTS—Shantung Linen Shirts, look well at all times, neat, attractive and cool, looking for Summer time, collar to match, peak front. \$2.20 Special



## Men's Navy Blue RAGLANS.

RAGLAN WEATHER IS COMING—We are ready for it with our first shipment of Navy Raglans, double breasted style, good rain shedders, correct sizes, assure you perfect fit, we introduce them at \$24.50

James Baird

## Curtains Towels

LACE CURTAINS—Left-overs from our White Sale. Just 26 pairs of them—White, 3 yard size, nice Lacey patterns. Reg. \$2.00 pair. Thursday, Friday and Monday \$1.48

CROSS-BARRED SCRIMS—All White Cross-barred Scrims with a neat fancy self border; real strong and real good. Reg. 19c. value at 19c.

ECRU CURTAINS—3 yard size, full width, English Lace Curtains, large all-over patterns; value for \$4.00 pr. Thursday, Friday and Monday \$3.24

GINGHAMS—Domestic Gingham in mixed Blues, Pinks, Greens and Greys; good washing Gingham. We are going to clear them Thursday, Friday and Monday at 19c.

ROLLER TOWELS—Made Towels nearly 2½ yards of material in each. Reg. 55c. Thursday, Friday and Monday 54c.

TURKISH TOWELS—Family size, unbleached Turkish Towels, colored stripe and fringe. Reg. 55c. each. Thursday, Friday and Monday 48c.

GLASS TOWELING—Your choice of Crimson or Blue cross barred Crash Toweling, 13 x 20 inch width. Thursday, Friday and Monday 29c.

CRIB BLANKETS—Fleeced Cotton Blankets, White with colored stripe borders; just crib size. The pair Thursday, Friday and Monday 45c.

## SHOWROOM Opportunities

The New Things are coming in thick and fast. Have a look around

SILK JERSEY VESTS—Pink Silk Jersey Vests with silk shoulder strap and draw; sizes 36 to 42 inch. Reg. \$2.50. Thursday, Friday and Monday \$2.29

BUNGALOW APRONS—Large, full fitting Aprons in plain and striped, shades of Navy, Sage and Pink, belt and pockets, 75c. value. Thursday, Friday and Monday 65c.

FEEDERS—Infants' Pink and White and Blue and White Turkish Feeders, ample size. Thursday, Friday and Monday 12c.

LADIES' FEATHER HATS—Jaunty style Feather covered Hats, the newest mode, in shades of Henna, Mole, Grey, Navy and Black. Values here to \$3.00. Thursday, Friday and \$1.87

KNITTED WOOL DRESSES FOR BABIES—Just the cutest little knitted wool Dresses you could imagine, in plain shades with contrasting neck, cuffs and skirt edge, plaited draw at waist. marvellous value, be the first to see them. Reg. value at \$2.50. Thursday, Friday and Monday \$1.10

HAT ORNAMENTS—Pretty effective Concets in Bead and Straw numerous shades; they are hooked for clearance 9c.

GARTER ELASTICS—Dainty Elastic Gartering, shirred ribbon finish, plain shades; Pink and Sky, Cardinal, Black and White. Thursday, Friday and Monday 32c.

SILK SCARVES—Coloured Throw-over Silk Scarves, in shades of Champagne, Rose, Sage, Pink, Henna, Brown, Black and White. Reg. \$1.50. Thursday, Friday and Monday 99c.

GIRLS' UNDER PANTS—Grey fleece-lined Underpants, ankle length to fit 2 to 8 years. Thursday, Friday and Monday 39c.

LADIES' BLOOMERS—Fleece lined Bloomers, in shades of Navy, Grey, Brown, Pink, Cream, White and Black, sizes 36 to 44. Reg. \$1.30. Thursday, Friday and Monday \$1.08

LADIES' SKIRTS—The latest in smart looking street skirts, in fancy tweeds and gabardines, pronounced triple effects, button trimmed, sizes 26 to 32, they just arrived to us Reg. \$7.50. Thursday, Friday and Monday \$6.49

## NEW ARRIVALS IN KITCHEN WARES

BUCKETS—Extra large, Heavy Grey Enamel Buckets. 89c. Each

RICE BOILERS—Heavy Grey Enamel; large \$1.10

GALLON MEASURES—Heavy Grey Enamel Gallon Measures, lipped. Each 59c.

SAUCEPANS—Blue and White Enamel Saucepans; extra weight 90c.

ROASTERS—Use them, they're fine; oval shape; aluminum. Special \$2.79

ROASTERS—Round, family size, aluminum make; last for years; 2 styles. Special \$1.79

CUPIDORS—Broad lipped, painted Tin Cupidors; assorted colours. Each 19c.

RINSING PANS—Extra deep Tin Rinsing Pans. Each 84c.

HOT or COLD BOTTLES.

All Aluminum, handy size for night time, travelling. Individual size and easy to carry; keeps food hot or cold for hours; not bulky. Special 89c.



## PADDY GREEN RIBBONS

for St. Patrick's Day

Rich-looking colour-ful Silk Taffeta Ribbons, four inches wide, nice for Hair Ribbons for the Little Miss, equally suitable for Bows or for Hats. A special lot for St. Patrick's Day. The yard

32c

