

Only Three Weeks More and Then Easter

Time flies; this is an old and very true saying, and at an important season of the year like this the time is inclined to slip around unnoticed until the important day has arrived and nothing has been done. Don't let that happen to you. Do your shopping now and in addition to having it over, you have the benefit of an early choice from a good assortment instead of having to be satisfied with almost anything at the last minute, new goods in every department for Easter trade.

Ladies' Hand Tailored Spring Suits



We have added many new suits to our stock during the last few days. The styles this season are particularly pleasing, being a radical change from those formerly worn. Smart new models, the portend to beauty, the tailored made suits have been gradually changing from the severely plain garments to the dressy ones of the present season, these possessing all the features of the best imported creations.

Ladies' Smart Tailor-made Costume, in new green and white striped effect, hip length coat, fitted back, single-breasted front, fastened with cord and buttons, threequarter length sleeve with cuff, collar and cuffs inlaid with silk and covered with cream applique, new circular cut skirt finished with three-inch bias fold. Price **\$40.00**

Ladies' Stylish Costume, in navy Venetian cloth, 27-in. coat, semi-fitting back, cutaway front, full-length sleeve with cuff, collar, cuffs and seams finished with stitching, skirt fifteen gore, with pleat at each seam and finished with three-inch bias fold. Price . . . **\$26.00**

Men's Handsome Spring Coats and Suits

What a wonderful advance there has been in the manufacture of Men's Ready-to-Wear Garments. When this branch of the business was in its infancy many men were inclined to refer with contempt to a man wearing ready-made clothing. What a difference now! The ready-to-wear business has developed into a science, and it is the man wearing a garment thus made that is the best dressed, that is easily explained by the fact that only competent operators are employed in making these garments, each working only at a part of which he is an adept worker, the combined efforts of these artists—it is no exaggeration to call them such—producing an excellence that custom work cannot excel and seldom even equal, men in Victoria know that the makes we carry are some of the best, and that our clothing can be bought with the same money-saving opportunities that mark all branches of our business.



Prices Range from **\$8.75 to \$30.00**

Garments That are Smart, Snappy, Stylish
Garments of Individuality and Exclusiveness
Garments of Superior Quality and Workmanship
Garments That Appeal to People of Taste
Garments That are Absolutely Correct

Some Very Interesting Spring Shoe Suggestions for Men and Women

Women's Ultra Spring Footwear at Low Prices

As we have the sole agency in Victoria for the Queen Quality Shoes for Women we are able to show exceedingly nice exclusive styles for fashionable footwear. These shoes are made in Rochester, New York, and for general excellence of make and superiority of style cannot be beaten. We carry a large and varied assortment of all shapes, and can fit any foot, and please the most particular. The sole agency price marked on the soles of each pair. Prices range from \$4.00 to \$5.50 per pair, in Vici Kid, Oxford Ties, Lace and Button Boots.



WOMEN'S GOLDEN BROWN CALF BLUCHER OXFORD, 5th Avenue last, military heel, welt sole, stamped, per pair . . . **\$4.00**
 WOMEN'S GOLDEN BROWN CALE, Colonial Tie, with buckle, welt sole, Cuban heel, stamped, per pair **\$4.50**

WOMEN'S PATENT C O L T WHOLE FOXED BUTTON BOOT, custom made, welt sole, Cuban heel, matt kid top, stamped, per pair **\$5.50**
 WOMEN'S VICI KID BLUCHER LACE BOOT, custom made, welt sole, Newport last, Cuban heel, patent tip, stamped, per pair **\$5.50**
 WOMEN'S PATENT KID LACE BOOT, dull kid top, military heel, medium sole, Gem last, stamped, per pair **\$4.00**
 WOMEN'S KID BALS, patent tip, Newport last, medium sole, Cuban heel, stamped, per pair **\$4.00**
 WOMEN'S KID B U T T O N BOOTS, welt sole, military heel, patent tip, stamped, per pair **\$4.50**
 WOMEN'S TAN CALE, circular, foxed, welt sole, Cuban heel, 5th Avenue last, stamped, per pair **\$4.50**



WOMEN'S GOLDEN BROWN VICI KID LACE BOOT, welt sole, London last, Cuban heel, stamper, per pair **\$5.50**
 WOMEN'S PATENT KID BLUCHER OXFORDS, dull kid quarter, Cuban heel, light sole, stamped, per pair **\$4.00**

Newest Footwear for Men Moderately Priced

In Gentlemen's Footwear we handle a most extensive assortment, including the nicest styles of the best manufacturers. We can show lines that are not to be seen elsewhere, and styles that will commend themselves to even the most fastidious person. We also have the selling of Keith's Konqueror Shoes exclusively for this city. These shoes are made by Preston B. Keith, Campello, Mass., and have a most enviable reputation in the shoe world.



Men's Tan Russia Calf Blucher Bals, Pike last, welt sole. Per pair **\$5.50**
 Men's Tan Calf 2-Buckle Oxfords, welt sole. Per pair **\$5.50**

Men's Calf Blucher Oxfords, welt sole. Per pair **\$3.50**
 Men's Dongola Kid Oxfords, medium sole. Per pair **\$2.50**
 Men's Calf Blucher Lace Boot, special medium sole. Per pair **\$3.00**
 Men's Patent Calf Blucher Oxford, welt sole. Per pair **\$4.00**
 Men's Gun Metal Oxfords, welt sole. Per pair **\$4.50**
 Men's Calf Button Oxfords, hand welted. Per pair **\$5.00**



Men's Tan Kid Blucher Lace Boot, welt sole. Per pair **\$3.75**
 Men's Tan Kid Blucher Oxfords, welt sole. Per pair **\$3.50**

Men's Tan Kid Blucher Lace Boots, medium sole. Per pair **\$3.00**
 Men's Dongola Kid Blucher Lace Boots, welt sole. Per pair **\$3.50**

The Corset as an Essential to Dress



Many do—but again, many do not—appreciate the importance of the corset in dressing. For instance, new coats and costumes require new corsets. To get the full benefit of the outside garments the figure must be in harmony with the prevailing styles. That is where the corset comes in. We have many new models, presenting the latest achievements of the best corsetiers of Europe, United States and Canada, each model designed expressly to conform with the requirements of the spring styles of dress. We handle the celebrated Royal Worcester Corset exclusively for Victoria. This corset has a world-wide reputation for general worth, and in this line it is always possible to obtain the very newest and most up-to-date models.



Still More About Our Millinery

New and exclusive millinery creations are still arriving. Our Show Rooms are a veritable garden at present. It certainly will convince anybody that spring is at hand to visit them, and they are visited every day by crowds of admiring women who wish to have their hats selected and made ready before the last minute Easter rush starts. It happens at somewhat regular intervals that the creators of hat styles seem to excel themselves in producing handsome and stylish millinery, and this season they seem to have reached the zenith of their powers in that respect. More beautiful creations would be hard to imagine, and then there is always a certain superiority and individuality about our millinery that appeals to any person wanting something a little different from the ordinary. Best come and look them over. You'll not be sorry for coming.



Stylish Dress Materials

We are adding, ever adding, to our already well-assorted stock of fine dress goods. If you intend having a dress made up before Easter give the dressmaker a chance and buy now. You will find that we can please you no matter what you may be looking for. Our range is most comprehensive, and includes all the latest and most asked-for cloths in all the new shades and colorings. Don't be afraid to ask to see them. We will be pleased to show these goods to you at any time. We mention here some excellent lines that we are offering

- at **50c**
- CREAM DELAINE, all-wool, 38 inches wide **50c**
- CREAM BEDFORD, 38 inches wide **50c**
- CREAM CREPE DE CHENE, all-wool, 38 inches **50c**
- CASIMERE, fine Henriette finish, all-wool, in cardinal, dark cardinal, brown, wine, navy, sky, pink, brown and black, 40 inches wide. Per yard **50c**

\$2.25 Quality Muslin Blouses, Monday \$1.50

This is the best blouse offer of the season, and when we say that we have in mind the many excellent ones that have preceded this one, but these are a few lines that we are able for various reasons to sell much under price. They are all new goods, just opened, and at the price marked we don't expect them to stay with us very long. Descriptions of two of the styles:

LADIES' MUSLIN WAIST, made of fine soft mull, mercerized, hand embroidered in a dainty and handsome design, has cluster of fine shoulder tucks which give the fullness required, large full threequarter sleeves, with tucked cuffs and attached collar, with fine valenciennes lace, back trimmed tucking in yoke effect, size 32 to 44. This waist is a beauty. Regular \$2.25. Monday **\$1.50**

LADIES' MUSLIN WAIST, made with beautiful all-over eyelet, embroidered front trimmed with tucks, large full threequarter sleeves, with deep tucked cuffs buttoned in the back, with box pleats down centre, with four half-inch tucks on each side, a pretty design and regularly sold for \$2.00. Monday **\$1.50**

Our Boys' Clothing is Sure to be of Interest

It will not do to forget the boy in buying the Spring outfits for the family, and we can certainly give you Boys' Clothing that is all right. Our goods are hard to beat for quality, and the workmanship displayed in the make-up is par excellence. They impart a tasteful dressy elegance to the boy that is bound to please both him and the parents. Then another important—at least to the parent who have to foot the bill—are the splendid wearing qualities of the goods we sell, and the exceptional values we offer for the prices asked. We are showing a beautiful range of the best garment to buy for the boy the Norfolk Suit, ranging in price from **\$2.75**

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