

A Big Cut-Down Sale For February

Here Are Some of The Money-Savers This Week:

No. 5 Meat Miners	\$3.35	Scrub Brushes	20c.	Glass Hand Lamps	48c.	Butchers' Knives	30c. up
No. 10 Meat Miners	\$5.30	Stove Brushes	23c.	Footed Hand Lamps	63c.	Knives and Forks	\$3.40 doz. up
Food Choppers	\$2.80	Hair Brushes	15c.	Glass Stand Lamps (A)	63c.	White Handle Knives	\$3.00 to 10.50 doz.
Large Kitchen Forks	18c.	Cloth Brushes	20c.	Glass Stand Lamps (B)	90c.	Nickel Silver Tea, Dessert & Table Spoons	
Large Kitchen Spoons	10c.	Nail Brushes	10c.	Fancy Stand Lamps (B)	\$1.64	Nickel Silver Dessert & Table Forks	
Emery Knife Sharpeners	10c.	Tooth Brushes	12, 15 & 20c.	Fancy Stand Lamps (O.B.)	\$1.92	Community Sil. Tea, Table & Des. Spoons	
Cake Turners	10c.	O' Cedar Mops	\$1.70	Hall Lamps	\$5.50 up	Stainless Dessert Knives	
Stove Lifters	10c.	Imp Soot Destroyer	20c.	Hanging Lamps	\$7.25 up	Stainless Table Knives	
Stove Pokers	10c. & 15c.	Linco Soot Destroyer	45c.	Rubber Cement	14c. btl.	Scissors	6c. & 63c. pair
Plungers	45c.	Flash, per tin	19c.	Office Mucilage	10, 15, 20c. tin	Rogers' Table Spoons	\$5.25 doz.

We are also offering our stock of Silverware at a very low cut figure as our stock was late arriving.

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Farmer's Daughter as Society Queen.

THE AMAZING CAREER OF AN ADVENTRESS.

Who was Mrs. Gordon Baillie, who cut such a brilliant and romantic figure in the world of fashion a generation ago?

Society reporters exhausted their superlatives in describing her beauty—her "coronal of golden hair," her exquisite complexion, the queenly grace of her figure, her irresistible charm, the costliness of her gowns and jewels. And her beauty was rivalled by her philanthropy.

She was a woman who appealed strongly to the imaginative. She was also a woman of mystery. None knew who she was, or where she got the gold she squandered so regally.

The secret many would have given much to discover was, in fact, hidden in the birth registers of Peterhead; for it was at Peterhead that this lady

of fashion and charity had been cradled thirty years earlier, the daughter of a small farmer and a maid-of-all-work. But if Mary Bruce had no heritage of birth, she was dowered with beauty, ambition, and a scheming brain; and in 1872 we find her living luxuriously in a pretty villa at Dundee on the credulity of the local tradesmen.

When Dundee got too hot to hold her, Mary took wing to Edinburgh, where she played the "fine lady" at the cost of her dupes until again she was obliged to fly to other pastures. And we see her, now in London, now in Paris, Rome, Florence, and Vienna, dancing her light-hearted way across Europe, living like a princess, and leaving behind her a wake of debts and creditors.

Back in London we see the farmer's daughter masquerading as Miss Ogilvie White, installed in a sumptuous house near Regent's Park with a staff of servants, a lady companion, and the finest equipages in London. So full is her exchequer that she en-

ters into negotiations to purchase a daily newspaper and a theatre.

And now Miss Ogilvie White disappears, and Mrs. Gordon Baillie takes her place—a lady of fashion, a coveted guest in the houses of the great, with a palatial home of her own in the West-end. She has a legion of admirers and sycophants, and a retinue of lovers eager to win the hand and fortune of London's most alluring widow. And the most infatuated of them all is a baronet who has seen eighty years of life, but who is by no means too old to lose both head and heart to a woman of such compelling attractions.

The baronet is comparatively rich. He pours his gold into her lap, and she spends it right prodigally. And when the baronet's friends come to his rescue, determined that he shall be plundered no longer, and institute an inquiry into her methods of spoliation, she finds it prudent to disappear once more.

A few months later we find our adventurous lady wearing a wedding

ring as wife of one Richard Percival Frost, a good-looking, well-born man, who has lived on his wits and found the process difficult. With the help of his wife's clever brain and what remained of the baronet's money, he plunges into wild speculation which ultimately lands him in the Bankruptcy Court with liabilities of £130,000 and almost invisible assets.

Meanwhile, his more level-headed lady sets out on a new career of adventure. She assumes the role of philanthropist, takes the poor Skye crofters under her wing and devotes herself to their service. In the depths of winter she visits Skye, scattering her money right and left among the destitute peasants, and travels all over the island, addressing them and cheering them, received everywhere as a heaven-sent deliverer. In her zeal she voyages to Australia to acquire lands on which her beloved crofters could begin a new life under brighter auspices, and returns with a grant of seventy thousand acres in Victoria, lauded throughout the Brit-

ish Empire as a Queen of Philanthropy.

It is not long, however, before Mrs. Baillie's sun begins to sink. Back in England with her ne'er-do-well husband, she finds life at last a difficult problem. Duples are hard to find, and wary when caught. She is driven at last to the dangerous expedient of the bogus cheque. She purchases goods from tradesmen, pays for them with a cheque above their value, and receives the surplus cash as her change. The goods she sells, the money she pockets, thus reaping double spoil; for the cheques are all dishonored. To evade the law she and her husband are constantly on the move, with changed names and addresses every few weeks or days.

To such a perilous game the end was inevitable. Defrauded creditors and the police were everywhere on their track, and after drawing thirty-nine dishonored cheques on a West-end bank, the hand of the law at last caught them.

brazen it out in Court, declaring that at the worst she had only done what scores of fashionable women constantly do—incur debts which she had not the means to pay. Her plea that she fully intended to pay her creditors later fell on deaf ears. Her fraudulent design was too obvious; and her punishment was just and inevitable. Five years of penal servitude was her sentence; her husband escaped with eighteen months' imprisonment.—Tit-Bits.

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Anna Prater, a negress, has been listed as 115 years old by Federal census enumerators. She was born in South Carolina, she said, was sold fifteen times as a slave, acted as "Mammy" to 52 white children, and ran away from three masters, only to be captured each time. While telling her life story she busied herself with sewing.

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