

EATON'S SEMI-ANNUAL SALE NEWS

Some of the Saturday Bargains

Men's Smart Walking Sticks, Half-price and Less

In the collection are offered many kinds of wood, including mahogany, apple and pearwood, and some are very tastefully mounted in sterling silver, more or less elaborately, and several have horn tips. All at half-price and less, each, \$1.00.

Second Day's Special Selling of Writing Paper

In our big special selling of writing paper for Saturday is a splendid grade with a fine, smooth finished writing surface. The size is 4 1/2 x 6 1/2, with square shaped envelopes to match. Paper may be had either ruled or plain. Five quires—120 sheets, special price, 12c.

Extra! Linen Finish Sheets, Ready for Use—Pair, \$1.15

English-made, full-bleached sheets, 2 x 2 1/2 yards, and hemmed all ready for use. Semi-annual sale price, per pair, \$1.15.

English Crochet Bedspread, excellent strength and weight, finished with handsome ends, size 70 x 90 inches. Semi-annual sale price, each, \$1.20.

36-inch Longcloth at 7 1/2c Yard

Every yard shows a saving that makes early shopping profitable for this longcloth is not only of strong English make, but is full bleached and ready to use for many domestic purposes. 36 inches wide. Semi-annual sale price, yard, 7 1/2c.

Sports Coats at 79c

In Misses' sizes, of English worsted yarn, angora finish, sizes 12, 14, and 16 years—two-tone, such as navy and white, and white and navy, with white also cardinal. Have roll collar and horizontal down plain knit front of a 9 o'clock rush special. Semi-annual sale, 79c.

Girls' Dresses, Saturday, 98c—Many Half-price

Children's Fine White Voile and White Linen and Embroidered Dresses in several styles. Little French designs, have round and square neck, short, set-in sleeves, and are finished with embroidery, brocade, and lace. Others have a full skirt, with a full lace insertion. Brocade panel, skirt tucked, with embroidery. Sizes 4, 5 and 6 years. A 9 o'clock special. Semi-annual sale, 98c.

Men's Suits at \$7.95

It's the Semi-annual Clear-up in our Men's Suits Department of the numerous short ends of suitings that come from a season's work—lengths that were suitable for one to two suits of a pattern, one of the great clothing buying opportunities of the year. The selection is so fine and the suits are offered at the price of the materials. Come at 9 o'clock.

Mintel Clocks at \$4.85

These clocks have the lustrous finish of solid mahogany, due to the exquisite hand-arranging of their hardwood frames. They have imitation ivory pillars on the sides, mounted with dainty, gilt trimmings, grooved and extended base and top, and rounded and ornate feet.

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You Might Search Far and Long to Find Paintings You Would Like Better Than These in the Great Half-price Sale

Included Are Landscapes, Interiors and Marines From Some of the Most Eminent Modern Painters in France, Holland and the British Isles

PIERRE LOUIS VAUTHIER, of Paris, Chevalier of the Legion of Honor, and Medalist of the Salon, is one of the artists who has contributed to this collection in our Galleries. His "Inundation of the Seine Valley" is an exquisite rendering of grey and green tones permeated with a subtle vaporous quality. It is available at \$87.50—half-price.

H. A. Dievenbach, a painter of characteristic Dutch interiors, who exhibits in some of the most important exhibitions in Europe, is well represented by "Grandfather's Visit," a charming portrayal of typical home life. This has been reduced to \$200.00.

Great Sale Clearance of Sterling Silver Card Cases and Vanity Purses

THESE ARE HIGH-GRADE, hall-marked silver cases at prices that represent a substantial saving:

Card Cases, plain bright finish, full size with vanity case on outside, hand chain attached lengthwise on some, endwise on others. Semi-annual sale, \$7.50.

Card Cases and Vanity Purses, dainty leather lining, with pockets for calling card, car tickets and change. Some fitted with memo and pencil, others with mirror and vanity. The cases are in plain bright, hand-engraved, engine-turned, and plain with engraved edge. Semi-annual sale, each \$10.00.

Another lot, fitted with silver lining, comprises card cases, vanities and coin purses. Extra heavy weight, hand-engraved. Semi-annual sale, \$15.00.

Sterling Silver Bedroom Clocks, Saturday, \$5.00

Exquisite little clocks in Chipendale and Old English designs. Guaranteed movements. An extraordinary offering. Make early selection. Semi-annual sale, each, \$5.00.

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George Murray, Gold Medalist Royal Academy, has a delightful little landscape, "Sunlight and Shadow," which is half-price, \$17.50.

Boys' Overcoats and Suits at Sensational Prices

BOYS' "RED RIVER" and Fur-collared Coats at \$1.85 — Grouped together are a number of popular Red River coats lined throughout with red flannel and fitted with hood, also blue coats with fur collars, in sizes for boys of 2 to 6 years. The whole lot has been priced for early rush Saturday morning at less than half-price, each, \$1.85.

Less than half-price for Boys' Fur-collared Overcoats—Another item to provide lots of buying excitement at Store opening. These coats are made from a heavy dark grey tweed, and have imitation Persian lamb collars and quilted body linings. Sizes 24 to 28. To rush out at much less than half-price Saturday morning, \$2.45.

Remarkable Sale Pricing on Boys' Fine Suits, \$2.65—These are double-breasted bloomer suits, made from tweed in medium grey with Italian cloth body linings. Bloomers in full-fitting style. Sizes 24 to 28. Semi-annual sale price Saturday, \$2.65.

—Main Floor, Queen St.

Interior Decoration at Special Mid-season Rates

THESE ARE THE DULL MONTHS on the decorator's calendar—the midseason that lies like a little valley of quiet between the rush of early Winter and whirl of early Spring. And, to keep our large staff of workmen busy during this interval, special rates for papering and painting have been inaugurated.

Furthermore, wall coverings of various kinds are greatly reduced for the Semi-annual, while every day new papers are arriving for the great February Sale of house furnishings, thus affording rare opportunity for the decorating of a room at exceptionally small outlay.

Upon your request a man will be sent to your house to take measurements and submit estimates. The direct telephone to the Decorating Department is Main 1491.

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Choice Carnations, Freshly Cut, Half-price

Just think of it! Cut flowers for half-price in Mid-winter—Carnations in full bloom, fresh from their beds, and other blossoms at exceptionally low prices:

Carnations, assorted colors, per dozen, 50c.

Yellow Daffodils, per dozen, 50c.

Red, Oxblood, Yellow and White Tulips, per dozen, 40c.

Paper White Narcissus, per doz., 30c.

Roman White Hyacinths, per dozen, 40c.

Dutch White Hyacinths, per doz., 60c.

Early ordering is advisable for best selection.

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You Were Inquiring?

Readers wishing advice on the subject of dress, house decoration, books, pictures, etc., will, upon writing to "The Scribe," receive a reply in this column. Mark envelope "The Scribe."

Associated with "The Scribe" is "The Shopper," who will personally select any merchandise desired by those who, for some reason, are not able to come to the Store to shop in person. "The Shopper" will answer by mail any requests for information relative to styles, prices, etc. Mark envelope "The Shopper."

"Somebody's Mother."—Thank you very much for your nice remarks—though to be termed "a household word" does make one feel a little like a breakfast food or a tooth paste.

Regarding the Boy Scout books, the author you mention, G. Harvey Ralphson, is an American Scoutmaster; the series he has written dealing with the Movement in the United States. The books are 25 cents each, some of the titles being: Boy Scouts in Mexico; or, On Guard With Uncle Sam. Boy Scouts in the Canal Zone; or, The Plot Against Uncle Sam. Boy Scouts in the Philippines; or, The Key to the Treaty Box. Boy Scouts in the Northwest; or, Fighting Forest Fires. Boy Scouts in a Motor Boat; or, Adventure on the Columbia River. Boy Scouts in an Airship; or, The Warning from the Sky. Boy Scouts in a Submarine; or, Searching an Ocean Floor. Boy Scouts on Motorcycles; or, With the Flying Squadron.

"The Canadian Boy Scout" is 25 cents; the same price; and "The Boy Scout Annual" is specially priced at \$1.25.

F. R. M.—Don't you think white tulle is a happy accompaniment to white satin? I should suggest cutting the decolletage "V" shape, and outlining it with soft folds of the tulle—letting them come from underneath, of course, like a chemise. As for getting out that satin from the artificial flowers, success depends on a good deal on the nature of the satin. Some of those soft wool-back weaves will wash as well almost as a pocket handkerchief. If yours is one of them, soak the stain in a little salt and water, and then wash it in castile soap. But it won't be wise to experiment with a scrap of the satin before attacking the gown itself.

W. R. B.—You have proved a pretty able substitute for your "better half," but your advice, mainly, mind has forgotten to state whether the room is well or badly lit, and whether the ceiling is high or low, and whether the curtains and woodwork are to be changed to suit the new paper. If there is a Western or Southern outlook, I should suggest the use of light-colored blue paper (provided that tint will harmonize with the present curtains, if such are to be retained). In this case it would be nice to have the woodwork painted white. If the windows face East or North, a golden brown, amber or burnt color paper would be a wiser choice, though with any of these I should prefer oak effect. In any of the shades mentioned, a plain oatmeal paper would be good. A splendid line is procurable at 20c a roll—80 inches wide.

Peter Pan.—No mask that bears any resemblance whatever to Uncle Sam is available. Sorry to disappoint you.

Doubtful.—You must add another dollar to your expectations, I'm afraid. A good pair of girls' skates can be supplied at \$1.25, and the skating boots at \$2.50 a pair.

The Scribe

"From a Woman's Standpoint"

At the request of certain readers of this column, the sketches which have appeared from time to time under the above caption have been published in booklet form. Anyone desiring a copy may obtain it by sending her address to "The Scribe."

primary estimates generally exceeded actual cost by 13 per cent, estimates exceeded bids by 26 per cent, and costs exceeded bids by 16 per cent. In certain sidewalk contracts, the department's preliminary estimates exceeded the tenders by over 100 per cent, and paying contracts a similar excess of 25 per cent.

The introduction of the "time unit cost" bids is suggested instead of the present lump sum practice now in use, the former system being simply the unit cost of each separate item such as grading, curbing and flagging. The practice of the commissioner to enter bids in competition with private contractors is one of the few present methods that is commendable.

Pumping Water. Regarding the pumping of the water supply, the report finds the present conditions unsatisfactory because the provincial hydro-electric power now in use is not supplemented by some other system, preferably the Toronto Electric of emergency. Unless some such arrangements can be effected, the experts declare that the electrically driven pumps are impossible for Toronto. Under the present system, the cost of operation during "peak load" time is prohibitive and necessitates the operation of the pumps by steam from two to six hours each day, for which purpose furnace fires have to be kept going 24 hours in the two to six-hour gap in the hydro.

The present main plant for sewage disposal is found to be wholly inadequate and ineffective in its work, although it cost \$150,000, and will have to be supported by sludge digesters before it is efficient.

Other sections of the report find that the city sidewalks lack uniformity in construction, are dirty and in bad repair, that water rates should be equalized by charging the actual cost of installation to householders, that there is delay in issuing permits to public service corporations for substructures.

It is also declared that Toronto needs a technically trained engineer, as well as the present commissioner of works.

WORKS SYSTEM CUMBERSOME TOO MUCH LEGAL RED TAPE

Next to Impossible to Finish Work Within a Year—Pumping System is Unsatisfactory—Sewage Disposal Plant Inadequate and Inefficient—Trained Engineer Needed.

After an analysis of approximately 200 contracts handled by the works department, the Bureau of Municipal Research, in a Civic Survey report issued yesterday, says that the system at the city hall is so cumbersome and that the legal steps which must be taken by the works committee, the board of works, the assessment department, the board of control and the city solicitor are so involved that it is next to impossible to finish any work within a year.

Thirteen months is the average time required for the completion of work by a private contractor, and 12 months by city labor. As a result of the red tape and unwieldy practice existing, it has been found that 12 per cent of the contracts analyzed were undertaken before the final execution and approval of the actual documents. Sixty-six per cent of these were also started before the formal order to begin had been issued by the works department, and 74 per cent of the contracts under scrutiny exceeded the time limit specified.

The Remedies. To remedy such conditions as these, the following recommendations are made:

1. That more care be given to preparation of the engineer's estimate of quantities and total cost.

2. That the court of revision be authorized to review only the apportionment of the cost.

3. That the board of control and the

work as possible and as soon as possible, to relieve the present situation. It was suggested that work of cutting and grading be started in the Ashbridge's Bay district immediately.

Complaints were registered against the city's system of paying men. If a man works for one day he has to wait for a week before drawing his pay. Controller Simpson informed them that at the meeting of the board of control yesterday morning, a peremptory order was issued to the city treasurer that the men should be paid as soon as they are laid off work.

Union Steel Work. Mr. Drayton, chairman of the Dominion Railway Board, is considering the request of yours that a peremptory order be issued by the railway board to the railways to