

**ATHENS.**

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Athens, the capital and principal business city of Greece, is one of the best known towns east of Rome and investors looking for quick and profitable returns in real estate will do well to look it over.

Athens had 167,479 population in 1907, but the census was notoriously defective and did not include the suburbs. The estimated population, according to city, telephone and school directories, as well as street car receipts, is now 300,000.

Athens is superbly located for business, being in the center of a rich farming and commercial territory, and having through its seaport, Piræus, steamer lines to America, Italy, England and other countries. In 1905 its tonnage as a seaport was greater than that of San Francisco and New Orleans combined. The city already has two railroads with trains running regular to Corinth, Thebes, Scutari and points north, and several new lines have been projected. The Commercial Club of Athens is an active and enthusiastic organization maintaining handsome club rooms and employing a paid secretary to advance the business interests of the town.

Athens offers unsurpassed manufacturing sites at reasonable prices, and its low freight rates are bound to attract large industries. It already has eight cotton mills, forty-five cognac distilleries, fourteen steam flouring mills, eight soap factories and thirteen shipyards, and could use a steam laundry, a cement block factory and an automobile repair shop.

Athens as capital of Greece is noted for its handsome and commanding buildings. The parliament house, polytechnic institute, university and royal palace are much admired by visitors. A syndicate has lately been formed to erect a fourteen story office-building on Main street and a new twelve story hotel with a Pompeian room and rathskellar is a thing of the near future.

Athens must not be confused with the original city of this name, which still lies scattered over the outskirts of the modern town and was built over the hills in such a manner as to make good street car service impossible. The old Athens was founded about 2,500 years ago, and has been a dead one for 1,500 years. Many ruins of the old town are left and create much interest among archaeologists who rush through the city, past the botanical garden and other sights of interest and spend all their time taking pictures of the Parthenon, a ruinous old powder magazine which is assessed at \$34.25.

**Effects of Feeding Upon the Quality of Eggs.**

Experiments were carried out by the French Academy of Sciences, in order to test the effect of feeding on the quality and size of eggs to find out how to produce the biggest eggs. Three lots of ducks were fed on carnivorous, piscivorous, and vegetarian diet. Those fed on the fish diet laid the greatest number of eggs, but they were of the poorest quality. The heaviest eggs were laid by those fed on the flesh diet, whilst those fed on pure grain diet also beat the piscivorous-fed birds, both for quality and weight of egg.

This was very forcibly brought home some years ago by the discovery that under certain circumstances ducks laid black yolked eggs. The reason for this puzzled the owners for some time, until it was discovered that the ducks were consuming a number of acorns daily. The husks of the acorns contain tannin or tannic acid, which acts upon the iron that is found in the yolk of an egg, forming a black tannate, which imparts an inky appearance to the usually golden yolk. The American poultry raisers have also experimented in this direction, and they are agreed that the best quality and heaviest eggs are got from fowls fed on grain with a small percentage of flesh food. Strange to say, they hold that the foraging for insect and such like life has a deteriorating effect on the quality of the egg, and they are also unanimous in the finding that too much green-food has a similar effect on the quality and weight of an egg. It is on this account that they agree that the Asiatic brown-tinted eggs are of a better flavor, as these breeds are but poor foragers, and depend on the grain feeding more than the lighter and more active breeds.

On this theory spring eggs are of a better quality than those laid during the summer months or early autumn, when insect and plant life are abundant. If good eggs, and likewise vigorous chickens, are wanted, the fowls must have the best quality grain foods at all seasons of the year. The difference in weight can easily be noted, but the difference in quality can only be ascertained after the eggs are cooked.—North British Agriculturist.

**SUPERB VALUE GIVING Best Describes Our Programme For Friday and Saturday.**

Believing that you are more interested in the bargains themselves than in reasons why we are able to give such unusual values, we set forth this list of reasonable items in terse and direct language. In other words, we let the Goods and Prices

**SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.**



**\$2.90 White Lawn Blouses for \$1.25.**

5 doz. only; every one an exquisite example of design, newest patterned embroideries, laces, groups of small tucks, &c. The styles are numerous and perfect in detail; all sizes. Reg. \$2.90 each. Friday and Saturday... **\$1.25**

**GLOVES! GLOVES!**

**\$1.00 KID GLOVES FOR 65c.**

The balance of our stock of Job Kid Gloves. These Gloves are really what we claim them to be—Dollar values. They come in all shades and sizes. Special, per pair... **65c**

**CASHMERE GLOVES.**

A splendid lot of Colored Cashmere Gloves, best Milanese; 2 dimes. We have them in ladies' and children's sizes. Special for Friday and Saturday, per pair... **20c**



**Staple Goods.**

These prices will appeal to all careful Housekeepers.

**LADIES' JULIETS**—Elastic Side Shoes, 140 pairs in superior Vici Kid, patent and plain tips, medium soles and rubber heels; sizes from 2 1/4 to 7. Reg. \$1.80. Friday & Saturday... **1.65**

**LADIES' FELT SLIPPERS**—A new line of Cosy Felt Slippers, in colors of Crimson, Brown, Navy, &c., elegant draw ribbon trimming, &c., in a full range of sizes. Special for Friday & Saturday... **95c**

**TABLE NAPKINS**—Pleasing patterns in White Damask Linen Table Napkins, size 20 x 20; hemmed ready for use. Special Friday & Saturday, each... **10c**

**WHITE SHEETS**—3 doz. pairs only of the "Victor" Brand Sheets, made of superior Twilled Cotton; size 2 1/2 x 3 yards, hemmed, soft finish. Reg. \$2.50 pair. Friday & Saturday... **2.20**

**TAMBOURED TEA CLOTHS**—Beautiful new designs in White Tambooured Tea Cloths, size 27 x 27. These designs are bound to appeal to all. Special for Friday & Saturday, each... **28c**

**NEW SIDEBOARD COVERS**—In White Linen, trimmed with hand made Lace and Insertion, Swiss Embroidered centres. These Cloths are 60 ins. long. Reg. 80c. each. Friday and Saturday... **65c**

**AMERICAN PILLOW CASES**—45 doz. of the popular "Rosedale" Brand Pillow Cases, made of plain unfilled White Pillow Cotton; size 21 x 36. Special Friday & Saturday, each... **16c**

**WHITE SHIRTING**—1200 yards of High Grade English White Shirting, 32 inches wide; absolutely free from dressing. Special Friday & Saturday, per yard... **10c**

**AMAZON CLOTHS & TWEEDS**—A large and varied collection of Colored Cloths and Tweeds are offered this week. They come in all popular colors and, like everything else, they are marked very low. Special for Friday and Saturday, per yard... **63c**

**WADDLED QUILTS**—Still another lot of Waddled Quilts or Comforters. The time will soon be here when these will be in great demand. "Be prepared." Secure one of these on Friday & Saturday for... **2.55**

**Showroom Specials**

Absolutely without equal anywhere.

**WHITE LAWN APRONS**—5 dozen only, without bibs, flounce nicely trimmed with Swiss Embroidery. Reg. 45c. each. Friday & Saturday... **37c**

**VANITY BAGS**—3 doz. only Smart Vanity Bags, in Kid and Chamol's Leathers. They come in assorted colors and handles. Sp.1. Friday & Saturday, ea. **45c**

**TAFFETA RIBBON**—Another line of Plain Taffeta Ribbon, with fancy looped edges, 1 1/2 inches wide. We have it in all shades. This Ribbon is in great demand for fancy work, &c. Special, per yard... **5c**

**CHEVILLE HAT MOUNTS**—This is a great opportunity to the home milliner. We offer a large assortment of Chenille Hat Mounts, in all shades, at a great reduction. These come in various fashionable styles and will sell on Friday & Saturday at, each... **39c**

**LADIES' NIGHTDRESSES**—In good quality Flette, plain and striped patterns, assorted styles, square & round neck; some with pretty Sailor Collars. Reg. \$1.25 each. Friday & Saturday... **1.10**

**CORSET COVERS**—Woollen Corset Covers, with long and elbow sleeves, high necks, &c.; well made garments, wearing qualities beyond question. Reg. 65c. each. Friday & Saturday... **58c**

**COLLAR SUPPORTS**—Latest American styles White Metal Spring Collar Supports, jewelled pins. Special Friday and Saturday, per card... **12c**

**LADIES' COLLARS**—The popular Eton Collar, worn by nurses, business women, &c. They are made of the finest White Linen and come in all sizes. Reg. 20c. each. Friday & Saturday... **16c**

**CHILDREN'S CAPS**—Knitted Wool Toques and Stocking Caps, in colors of Navy, Crimson, Grey, &c.; some finished with long tassel. Reg. 65c. each. Friday & Saturday... **55c**

**LADIES' CASHMERE HOSE**—In Black only, assorted ribs, seamless soles and heels; all sizes. Reg. 37c. pair. Friday and Saturday... **32c**

**CHILDREN'S HOSE**—In Ribbed Cashmere; strong serviceable Hose; to fit children of all ages. Sizes 0 to 3. Special from... **20c**

**GROCERY**

3 lb tins Pork and Beans. Reg. 15c. for... **12c**  
3 lb. tins Sliced Peaches. Reg. 25c. for... **20c**  
2 lb. tins Early June Peas. Reg. 15c. for... **12c**  
3 lb. tins Bartlett Peas. Reg. 20c. for... **18c**  
Choice Green Peas. Reg. 7c. lb. for... **5c**  
Morton's Potato Flour, in 1 lb. pkts. Special... **9c**

**CROCKERY**

Fancy China Fern Pots, large. Reg. 90c. each for... **75c**  
Fancy Glass Cake Dishes, 10 in. size. Special... **75c**  
Fancy China Teapots. Reg. 60c. each for... **50c**  
Cut Glass Preserve Dishes, 6 in. Reg. 60c. for... **55c**  
Cut Glass Pickle Dishes. Reg. 50c. for... **45c**  
Cut Glass Finger Bowls. Reg. 50c. for... **45c**

**Men's Furnishings.**

A Feast of Seasonable Bargains.

**MEN'S CARPET SLIPPERS**—4 dozen pairs only well made Slippers, designed for comfort and service; full range of sizes. Reg. \$1.00 pair. Friday & Saturday... **85c**

**LEATHER LEGGINGS**—Black Leather Leggings with latchet fasteners. These Leggings are shaped to fit snugly at all points. Special Friday & Saturday, per pair... **1.55**

**MEN'S BOOTS**—All Blucher styles in Patent Leather, Vici Kid and Tan; assorted shapes and makes; all sizes. Reg. \$4.75 pr. Friday & Saturday... **4.30**

**GENT'S HANDKERCHIEFS**—A new line of White Lawn Handkerchiefs with 1 1/2 in. colored borders, hemstitched; a nice assortment of colors. Special Friday & Saturday, each... **14c**

**MEN'S GLOVES**—Aberdeen knit in Grey and Heather mixtures, all sizes; guaranteed seamless, leather bound at wrists. Reg. 65c. pair. Friday and Saturday... **55c**

**SILK TIES**—Seldom have we seen such good values in Men's Fancy Silk Ties as are represented in this lot. The colors and designs are far superior to many lines at double the price—fashioned String Ties. Only, Special... **10c**

**WHITE SHIRTS**—7 boxes of White Linen Shirts, with short stiff bosoms, roomy bodies, opening at back; medium cuffs, correct sizes. Special for Friday & Saturday, each... **90c**

**NEGLIGE SHIRTS**—A new distinctive lot of Soft Bosomed Shirts, smart dressy looking patterns. This lot is comprised of English and American models, each the best of its kind. Special for Friday & Saturday... **1.29**

**HALF HOSE**—Huge assortments of Men's Socks, consisting of Black Cashmere, plain and ribbed; also Fancy Mixtures and Embroidery Black Cashmere, in all sizes. Reg. 40c. pair. Friday and Saturday... **34c**

**JOB CAPS**—Knitted Wool Turban and Nansen Caps for boys; extra special values; sizes to fit all heads. Special Friday and Saturday... **15c**

**Hardware Department.**

Hall Lamps, Ruby and Pink Globes. Reg. \$2.40 ea. for... **\$2.00**  
Hanging Library Lamps. Reg. \$3.85 for... **\$3.44**  
Mrs. Pott's Sad Irons. Reg. \$1.15 for... **\$1.05**  
Chamoisin Polishing Cloths. Reg. 50c. for... **44c**  
Pastry Boards. Reg. 55c. for... **49c**  
Carpet Sweepers. Reg. \$3.00 for... **\$2.73**  
Round Linen Baskets. Reg. \$2.40 for... **\$2.15**  
Brass Hand Lamps. Reg. \$3.45 for... **\$2.93**  
Wise Cake Coolers. Reg. 22c. for... **19c**  
Climax Safety Razors, with 12 Blades and Automatic Strip. Reg. \$2.60 each for... **\$2.39**

**DOORMATS.**

**ROPE DOOR MATS**—Size 28 x 17, Plain Centres & Red Painted Borders. Special Friday & Saturday, ea... **21c**  
**WOOL DOOR MATS**—14 doz. Mottled Wool Door Mats, size 12 x 30; assorted colors. Reg. 85c. each. Friday and Saturday... **30c**

**Made 'Em Blush.**

A large basket of freshly-caught crabs sat on the floor of a Chester, Pa. street car last Sunday afternoon. Two men sat above them talking of a prospective crab supper. The crabs

squirmed uncomfortably. The man continued to talk. Then within the basket something like a tandem play was suddenly arranged. The cover opened. A crab march began. Up the aisle of the car, under rows of seats, the emancipated shellfish stealthily picked their way—until

the leader of the movement suddenly stopped hypnotized. In front of him, even at his very claw, was something that made his hard-shelled modesty blush within him. Two trim ankles, holed with whitish silk, peeped forth from a modish slitskirt. For a moment the astonished

crustacean could only gaze his wondering admiration; then slowly the claw-jaws parted, extended, closed. Sudden movement—screams—riot! "You beast," cried the owner of those ankles to the innocent man behind him, "keep your feet where they belong!" Alas, that night the crab

that had touched those ankles, writhed in anguish in the boiling pot—Fishing Gazette, Sept. 27.

**MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPER.**

**Wild Sheep of Nova Scotia.**

As Sure Footed as Antelopes and as Vigilant as Chamol's.

Was the ordinary domestic sheep the original beak comb? Was it intended to browse upon seaweeds and the tangled flossam of the ocean? These questions are suggested by conditions on the east coast of the Province of Nova Scotia.

Here is an archipelago of thousands of isles, wooded and rocky, their vegetation telling of the warmth. The waters of the sea have anointed from the Gulf Stream. Four hundred years ago the hardy French voyagers who first settled this part of Canada hailed these pretty islands with delight. They settled there before they would trust themselves upon the mainland, and there they turned out their live stock—Shaggy Breton pulchres, hardy little Jersey-like cows and lanky sheep.

The sheep thrived where the cattle and the horses found the problems of existing difficult. Soon they paddled in the shallow waters of the outgoing tide in their desire to catch at the floating eel grass and luscious kelp. Then the discovery came that swimming was not beyond their powers, and they used to remain prisoners on single islands when there were scores of others for them to visit.

So it came about that they peopled numbers of the islands, and straggling along the whole coast line became a man's flock, having returned to a pristine wildness. Their former owners drifted inland and after some years the islands were left to their old-time solitude. The sheep could not be reclaimed and were left to their own devices.

So it comes about that in Nova Scotia, especially in Guysboro county, there is to-day a breed of big sheep loaded down with heavy wool of as many years' growth as they are old, perfectly wild, living on the sea coast. Swift on their feet they are as alert to danger as their cousins, the mountain sheep of the Pacific coast. They jump from cliffs to considerable height, trusting to their heavy fleece to save their bones from harm. They are ready on the instant to plunge into the waves and swim off to safety.

They are sure-footed as antelopes, vigilant as chamol's. This, too, despite the fact that they are always rolling in fat.

They are partly carnivorous, these sheep of the sea coast. At least an observant waterer will notice that they nose away at the soft spots of the beach after eel worms and mussels and chewed clam shells are commonly to be met with on their pasturages. But their regular food is dulse, eel grass and kelp.

In the winter they are apt to suffer. The spray dashes into the fleece walls of ice form. Many sheep are drowned here while feeding on sea weed. Were it not for the dangers of the winter season the sheep would become exceedingly numerous, for they breed quickly and not very many of them fall before the autumers.

**Population of Russia.**

Probably the majority of misadvised persons in this country, if asked about the population of the Russian Empire would say it is somewhat more than a hundred million. That is the figure it reached about thirty-five years ago, and it was less than eighty million at the time that persons sixty years old or thereabouts were learning their geography lessons at school. It is somewhat startling, therefore, to come upon the statement that the estimated population of the Empire on January 1, 1912, was 171,900,000. In 1897, the population was 129,000,000; in 1859 it was 74,000,000. The growth, therefore, in a little more than half a century has been nearly 100,000, or more than the entire present population of the United States. And this vast increase has been only in comparatively small territory due to the absorption of new territory. Russia in Europe, taken by itself, is credited with a population of more than 140,000,000, so that less than 30,000,000 is to be set down to the whole Asiatic area. It is distressing to think how little in the way of improvement in general well-being is reported as accompanying the enormous growth of numbers.

**Not True.**

"Why didn't you make use of the report Johnson brought in last night?" said the editor-in-chief to one of his "subs."

"What report?" inquired the "sub."  
"The story of the madman who was throwing sovereigns about the streets; it would have made a most interesting item, and would have been exclusive, too. I see the other papers haven't got it."

"Well, I didn't use it because I thought it wasn't true."

"What made you think so?"  
"Why, because I felt sure that if it had been, Johnson would have been following the man yet!"