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Muffs Scarfs

If you take the advice of the man who knows, you'll buy furs to-day—His authority for this advice is the English market—Thirty-five per cent. advance there, and it's going 'to hit' us before next season—it always has. Here are some small garments at large reductions :

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UNCONSCIOUS SHOPLIFTING.

"Talking about circumstancial evidence," said a man who was eating luncheon in a club last Friday, "reminds me of an episode that occurred in the week of last Christmas that might have placed me in a very suspicious position if good fortune hadn't favored me, for circumstantial evidence was very clearly against me.

"I was in one of the big departmental stores selecting Christmas gifts, and was at the jewelry counter, when I was made aware that something unusual was transpiring. The clerk attracted the attention of a man whom I supposed to be a shopper, but who turned out to be a detective, and he stepped up to a woman who stood on my left and politely requested her to accompany him to the manager's office.

"She went without a word, and the clerk told me that a gold chain which was being shown to the woman had mysteriously disappeared.

"'I am sure that I have made no mistake,' said the clerk, 'for I saw the chain in the woman's hand, and then it went out of sight. We are troubled very much by shoplifters.'

"In a few minutes the suspected woman walked out of the store with a triumphant air, and the detective reproved the clerk by telling him that he had made a blunder and would have to report to the manager. I thought nothing more of the matter until I reached home and took off my overcoat, when I found the missing chain in its outer left-hand pocket.

"The clever shoplifter had evidently dropped it there when the detective spoke to her. Suppose that I had been summoned to the managers' office instead of the woman, what sort of showing would I have made in the face of such evidence?

"I returned the chain the following morning, and was invited to luncheon by the manager, who was satisfied of the woman's guilt and therefore no longer feared an action for damages."

SOME GOOD THINGS TO LEARN.

Learn how to tell a story. A well told story is as welcome as a sunbeam in a sickroom.

Learn to keep your own troubles to yourself. The world is too busy to care for your ills and sorrows.

Insanity in New South Wales

Some New South Wales insane figures. Causes of madness in 1901 (out of total of asylum admissions and readmissions, 771); alcoholic intemperance, 74; worry and overwork, 27; religious excitement, 14; opium, 5; love, 7; vice (of various sex sorts), 23. These are the causes for which the patient is, so to speak, responsible, and leave out of the question epilepsy, brain-disease, etc. There are 4272 persons in N.S.W. asylums. Unmarried men seem to be twice as liable to insanity as married men; unmarried women only exceed married ones in insane asylums by ten per cent. Proportionately to population, Roman Catholics predominate in the N.S.W. asylums. Nearly 50 per cent. of the cases are other than N. S. W. natives. As regards occupations, miners, laborers, seamen and shepherds contribute 1570 to the total of insane persons, domestic servants 633, "no occupation" 700, commercial men 223, agriculturists and pastoralists 183, professional men only 70.

Lightning Remedy for Cramps.

Some people have cramps pretty often; others only now and again. But when you do have them it is a mighty quick relief you want. Polson's Nerviline is as sure as death to relieve cramps in five seconds—it is instantaneous; just a few drops in sweetened water and the pain is gone. Buy a bottle of Nerviline to-day and keep it handy. Nerviline is a common household necessity, and only costs 25 cents. DR. HAMILTON'S MANDRAKE PILLS CURE CONSTIPATION.

Ghosts That Write Novels

And Ferrets That Wear Eyeglasses and Petticoats.

They do not dub themselves "ghosts" and "ferrets," of course. They are "literary assistants," and the terms are well known in the workaday writing world of London.

The "ghost" is usually, altho by no means invariably, of the sex male. The "ferret" is most often a woman.

The first named earns his bread, and usually not a very great deal else besides, by writing stories and articles for authors or journalists, who have succeeded in making some sort of a name for themselves, or have, at all events, the ears of the editors.

The latter confines her attention to "ferreting" out facts, incidents, dates, and other information such as is in constant requisition by every busy writer.

The "ghost" is usually paid by a system of percentages. That is to say, if his employer and patron gets a couple of guineas for an article or story, he (the employer and patron) hands over anything between one-third and one-half that sum to his coadjutor.

This sounds a somewhat one-sided sort of arrangement, but, in reality, it is not so. For one thing a "ghost," no matter how gifted, rarely turns out an article or story exactly as it appears. It has to be touched up, added to here and there, and often in part rewritten by the nominal author thereof.

For another, the average "ghost" is always thirsty, always impecunious, and his employer must, therefore, be always prepared to let him have an advance—a "sub," Mr. Ghost calls it—and that, too, on work which may never find a market.

"Ferrets" are paid by the hour, and are, on the whole, a hard-working and conscientious, if humble, class of literary toilers. They are mostly maiden ladies of uncertain age, and they spend the bulk of the waking hours of their somewhat humdrum existence in the British Museum Reading Room.

There they may be seen any day between Christmas and Christmas, eyeglassed and demure, verifying dates, classifying, cataloging, indexing, translating; and all for pay that a bricklayer's laborer would not be permitted by his union to accept.

They elaborate wonderful plots for stories, too, sometimes, in their spare moments. One of them once brought the present writer one. She asked half a guinea for it at first, but afterwards "came down" to a florin. The principal incident was a murder. A wicked stenographer killed his wife with a poisoned typewriter, and hid her body in the works.

She seemed sorry when I said I had to decline it. I was sorry, too. But I reflected that there was a limit even to the patience of editors; to say nothing about the patience of the reading public.

There are musical "ferrets" also, and musical "ghosts." Doubtless you have often wondered at the persistency with which certain melodies occur and recur, again and again, in the popular airs that succeed one another month by month, and year by year.

It is the "ferret," working in conjunction with the "ghost," who is responsible. The former searches out somewhere half a dozen catch musical phrases, a bar from an Italian oratorio here, a bit from a German fugue there, and the latter twists them and welds them together into one more or less harmonious whole.

Occasionally their audacity is such as to make the uninitiated fairly gasp. It is not so very long ago, for instance, since one well-known musical "ghost" calmly annexed the tune usually associated with Byron's "Maid of Athens," altered the time from slow to quick, wrote for it a new set of lively and up-to-date words, and sold it to a famous star of burlesque.

By her it was introduced into a go-as-you-please musical extravaganza then running at one of the principal London theatres, and quickly became the rage; nor was the trick discovered until both words and music had become well-nigh worn out thru constant repetition.

If you can recall the tune of the "Maid of Athens," as it used to be sung 20 or 30 years ago, just strum over the opening bars on your piano, playing it about four or five times more quickly than it ought to be played, and you will probably be able to recognize and recall the ditty in question.

Some musical "ghosts" make good money at times. One, who is usually to be found at the "York" corner in the Waterloo-road between midday and midnight during six days in the week, recently sold three separate songs in as many hours to three different composers, receiving a guinea from each.

A day or two previously he disposed of, this time direct to the publishers, a set of "Russian dances" under a Russian name; a sentimental ballad, to which was appended the per name of Adrian Bell; a valse, supposed to have been written by a woman—at all events, there was a woman's name on the cover; and a Parisian ditty of the chansonette order, to which was affixed an entirely mythical French-sounding cognomen.

This sort of thing is, of course, all right, from the "ghost's" point of view. Doubtless, also the music-sellers, or some of them, at all events, find the practice not unprofitable. But it is apt to become a bit confusing, nevertheless; especially since the craze began for affixing foreign names to dance pieces.

Indeed, one well-known publisher with whom the writer conversed recently, went so far as to state that it was practically impossible nowadays to really determine "who's who" in the music-composing and song-writing world. Even those behind the scenes are almost completely in the dark; while the buying public are, of course, entirely so.

One of the most celebrated of our latter-day lyric writers has half a dozen "ghosts" working for him constantly; besides which it is an open secret among the fraternity that he is willing to buy outright any moment any work by an outsider that is original, catchy, and likely to be of service to him.

Not a few, too, of our leading novelists, men whose names are literally on everybody's tongues, employ two or three "ghosts" all the year round.

The author invents the plots, and continually supervises, inspires, suggests, adds, manipulates. But the actual work of writing and filling in the details is done by another hand, and that other the "ghost's."

No living writer, however, has made anything like so systematic and extensive a use of "ghosts" and ferrets" as did the elder Dumas.

At one time, during the zenith of his fame, he employed a corps of some forty-odd "literary assistants," as he preferred to call them, and by their aid was enabled to turn out in the course of comparatively few years more than 1200 novels, romances and plays.

The thing became a public scandal at last, and justified Cassagnac's bitter jibe.

"Have you read my latest book?" enquired Dumas, who loved flattery.

"No," replied Cassagnac, "I have not. Have you?"

Royal Swans.

Did you know that Queen Alexandra has a pronounced fondness for swans, and it is due to her influence that the King has lately signified that these birds must not be neglected on the royal and public waters? The Queen learned with sorrow that many swans have succumbed to this severe winter, their poor bodies having been found frozen into the Thames. A flock of swans on the large piece of ornamental water in the private garden of Buckingham Palace are Her Majesty's special delight, and orders have been given to increase their number, which means that special care must be devoted to the swanneries in secure situations on the river Thames. One can foresee how popular this ornamental bird will shortly become in this part of the world, now lovely Alexandra has taken it under her own gracious wing, as it were. There is much swan literature which is exceedingly interesting to students of English customs, while the laws made specially for the protection of the graceful creature are decidedly curious. The Marquise de Fontenoy says concerning this essentially royal bird that the male is known as the "cob" and the female as the "pan." "The latter suggest Penelope, the most faithful of wives, and this is quite appropriate, for the lady swan is constant to her mate and affectionate, while the 'cob' is most attentive and faithful to her. Indeed, the swans belonging to King Edward and Queen Alexandra may be said to possess the final mark of civilization, since, as they pair for life, they must be described as monogamists."

Reign of the Card Table.

Rather reluctantly hostesses are yielding to the general demand and are providing card tables for those of their guests who prefer that form of entertainment to dancing or conversation. Reluctantly, because they realize that cards are altogether too attractive, and that every table will have its complement of quiet, absorbed players who certainly do not add to the general entertainment.

"I consider cards at an evening function as a regular wet blanket, and yet what is one to do?" exclaimed a hospitable matron recently. "They now seem to be considered as necessary concomitants of every dance. But," she continued, "I draw the line at my little musicals. There I will not risk the rivalry of the 'tapis vert'! A friend of mine recently sent out invitations for an evening at home with 'music and cards' written in one corner. Of course, everyone went eager to play cards, and no one wished to listen to the music, which was really extremely good; so she had the mortification of having her artists play and sing to a comparatively empty music room, while the great proportion of her guests were either seated at the card tables or waiting their chance to 'cut in' and play as soon as possible. Besides the useless expense she had been put to, she mortally offended Signor Basso and Mme. Silvertone, who, I am told, declared that they had never been so slighted in any house before! 'I might just as well,' she said, 'have simply given a card party and spared myself all the outlay and annoyance. Nobody wished to listen to the music, and everyone wished to play cards.'"

When Coal Was Prohibited.

From Tit-Bits.

It makes the present generation smile, especially during the present high prices of coal, to read the accounts which have come down to us concerning the prejudices which were formerly entertained against certain articles which are now of everyday consumption.

For instance, it is said that when coal was first used in England the prejudice against it was so strong that the House of Commons petitioned the King to prohibit the use of the "noxious" fuel.

A royal proclamation having failed to abate the nuisance, a commission was issued to ascertain who burned coal within the city of London and its neighborhood, to punish them by fines for the first offence and by the demolition of their furnaces if they persisted in transgressing. A law was finally passed making it a capital offence to burn coal in the city and only permitting it to be used by forges in the vicinity. It is stated that among the records in the Tower of London a document was found according to which a man was hanged in the time of Edward I. for no other crime than having been caught burning coal.

Defend Amalgamation.

The suit of the City of Toronto against the Toronto Electric Light Company and the Toronto Incandescent Light Company will come before the Civil Assize Court next week. The amalgamation of these companies was in contravention of an agreement between the Toronto Electric Light Company and the city, and the city seeks to break the combination. The companies at first denied the amalgamation, but now admit it, and base their defence on the ground that the city was aware of the negotiations at the time and did not oppose them.

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Men's

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Men's Coon Coats, were 50.00, for 35.50
Men's Wallaby Coats, were 30.00, for 23.50
Men's Wombat Coats, were 18.00 and 20.00, for 13.50
Men's Black Calf Coats, with Russian lamb and beaver collars, were 32.50, for 23.50

Ladies'

12 Single Skin Red Fox Scarfs, were 9.00 and 10.00, for 6.50
3 Double Skin Red Fox Scarfs, were 15.00, for 10.00
9 White Fox Single Skin Scarfs, were 18.00, for 13.75
6 White Fox Double Skin Scarfs, extra fine, were 35.00, for 27.50
11 Blue Fox Single Skin Scarfs, were 20.00 and 25.00, for ..... 16.50 and 18.00
2 Blue Fox Double Skin Scarfs, were 40.00 for 32.50
7 Sable Fox Skin Scarfs, were 12.50 and 15.00, for ..... 7.50 and 12.00
6 Grey Fox, Scarfs were 12.00, for 6.50

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It is the exceptional home when one can sit close to the window at this season without quickly feeling the chill that is often the precursor of a heavy cold. In France, where the heating arrangements are exceedingly deficient, they have a simple arrangement for the windows in winter that might be adopted with advantage here. It is called a window screen, and is both useful and ornamental. It consists of a flat padded cushion of velvet or satin, either plain or decorated with embroidery, and is hung in front of the lower sash of a window to keep out the drafts. It is kept in place by means of small rings covered with a bow of ribbon which fastens on small hooks screwed into the sash.

In Canada, where the weather is still more severe, extra precautions of the same sort are taken, and a number of thick pads filled with autumn leaves and caught together like comfortables are fastened to the lower sash and sometimes down to the floor itself—especially in the case of bow windows.

This system of padding is especially desirable in the nursery, or any room where the children spend much time. Children are prone to gravitate to the windows, and many attacks of croup or heavy colds are apt to be the result unless some such protection is provided.

In one large bow window, noticed lately, there were about a dozen thick pads over-lapping each other around the lower part of the window and reaching down to the floor, where they were fastened by small tacks and strips of carpet binding, while another pad on the floor was fitted up snugly to the window like a mat in a Japanese room.

Discharged, of Course.

From The Baltimore News.

"The prisoner's downfall you have admitted to be due to gambling," said the judge.

"Quite correct, your honor," replied the defendant's attorney.

"Prisoner at the bar," resumed the court, "I am inexpressibly shocked. Gambling is a monster of so frightful mien, sir, that sir, to be hated needs to be seen! How can you leave your trusting wife and little children at home and go to your club to waste your substance in draw poker and auction?"

"One moment, judge!" exclaimed the prisoner's attorney.

"Well?"

"You've got it wrong. This man doesn't know an ace from a jack. His wife plays bridge whist!" !

Now and then a stage scene, impressive in itself, becomes too realistic for the nerves of the audience. A few weeks ago an old-fashioned melodrama was presented at a certain theatre in San Antonio. In one scene the villain catches the heroine and endeavors to intimidate her with threats of murdering her lover. The scene was well acted, and the audience absolutely breathless, when suddenly with a sharp whirr, a long rope came coiling out of the darkness, a noose settled round the unlucky villain's neck, and in an instant he was jerked across the footlights into the orchestra. A cowboy in the audience, carried away by his feelings, had lassoed the object of his aversion.

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20 MILES FROM CARACAS.

Caracas, Feb. 20.—A revolutionary army, estimated at 2800 men, has reached a point about 20 miles south of Caracas. The revolutionists and the government troops sent out against them occupy strong positions.

A Picture.

A sweep of sky—deep blue—
And pure white snow upon a frozen river;
And fir-clad hills like sentinels, forever
Dark lined against the sky's bright hue.

A little sleepy hamlet, and a ridge
Of wharf above the frozen water.
Beyond them, down the river further,
A bit or roadway and a bridge.

And silence all around—
The brooding silence of a dying winter,
When nature bends her ear to catch a whisper
From springtime, stirring in the ground.

R. T. N.

Injured Doing Well.

At a late hour last night alll the persons injured in the Grand Trunk wreck at Whitby were reported to be progressing favorably. The passengers delayed by slight injuries have proceeded on their way, and those in the hospitals and in their homes are doing nicely.

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Asthma sufferers need no longer leave home and business in order to be cured. Nature has produced a vegetable remedy that will permanently cure Asthma and all diseases of the lungs and bronchial tubes. Having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases (with a record of 90 per cent. permanently cured, and desiring to relieve human suffering, I will send free of charge to all sufferers from Asthma, Consumption, Catarrh, Bronchitis and nervous diseases, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail. Address with stamp, naming this paper, W. A. Noyes, 847 Powers Block, Rochester N.Y.

FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY

Decided to Observe March 6 as Bible Society Sunday.

Montreal, Feb. 21.—An important conference of the representatives of the British and Foreign Bible Society was held here to-day to take steps for the proper celebration of the Centenary of the British and Foreign Bible Society in 1904, and to discuss the advisability of the federation of all the auxiliaries in British North America. It was decided to observe Sunday, March 6, 1904, as Bible Society Sunday thruout Canada and Newfoundland in union with the rest of the empire, and deputations were appointed to appear before the church courts of Canada with a view to securing their sanction and co-operation. It was also decided that in addition to the annual offering made to the parent society a special thankoffering of at least $50,000 be raised thruout British North America, during the centenary year, toward the parent society in translating and circulating the Bible thruout the world.

The chairman and secretaries were appointed a committee to prepare a memorial to the various church courts on the subject. The formation of a Bible society to include all the auxiliaries in Canada and Newfoundland was brought up, but as there seemed to be some misunderstanding among the auxiliaries on the subject, it was agreed to refer the matter back to the auxiliaries with instructions to report to a future meeting.

The executive of the Upper Canada Bible Society with Rev. Dr. Shaw, Rev. F. M. Dewey, Judge Forbes, Rev. Dr. Armstrong, and Rev. Dr. Almon were appointed to receive and make appointments for the representatives of the parent society, who are coming to Canada this year. The Upper Canada executive was entrusted with the selection of a suitable deputy or deputies to represent the Canadian auxiliaries at the celebration to be held in England in March, 1904.

DOESN'T WANT VACCINATION

Editor World: In your issue of Friday last, and the press of Thursday, I see the Provincial Board of Health have been busy, drafting some more of their death-dealing schemes. I think it is about time the people rose up and tried to stop the crime and superstition of vaccination being forced upon them. It is hard to get at the facts of the crimes caused by this curse, but I will give a few of the deaths that are charged to this practice. Lucille Sturdevant, aged 6 years, home in Buffalo, the gravestone states, died of vaccination poisoning; also, Clifford S. Martin of Philadelphia, Pa., aged 4 years. These are only two of, perhaps, many thousands, for it is a well-known fact that when the vitality of the body is weak, which is always the case after vaccination, it is much easier to contract a disease. It is a pity that the doctors have not more humanity in them than to try to get an act passed, bringing millions of people suffering, and, in some cases, death, for I believe there are a large number caused by it, either directly or indirectly, simply to satisfy the profession, or the desire for gold. Vaccination will not prevent smallpox. Doctors dare not go so far as to claim it will, nor will it lessen the danger of death, as, in places where it has been tried, the death rate is quite as high as in unvaccinated localities. Take Cleveland, for instance, under seven months of sanitation, smallpox was stamped out, and only 31 cases were reported, with 6 deaths. But the health boards raised such a row about the people going unvaccinated that Dr. Fredericks, the Medical Health Officer, was forced to vaccinate again, and reported that 10,000 were being inoculated daily. In the four months following, there were 1059 cases and 171 deaths. This does not speak well for vaccination. The same state of affairs exists in many other places where the two have been tried. There has been trouble in Pittsburg recently between the citizens and the Medical Health Officer, thru the latter issuing orders that every man, woman and child must be vaccinated or leave the city. There were a few who ignored the order, and the courts have been trying to settle the matter. The same trouble existed in England. For many years the people refused to accept the law regarding vaccination, and leagues were formed thru the whole country to fight the matter. The parents were fined, and, in some cases, turned out of their homes, thru seizure being made on their goods to pay fines, and it was not till Queen Victoria appointed a commission to investigate the matter that the trouble stopped. After seven years the report was handed in, and, on the strength of it, an amendment was made to the law, granting exemption where declaration was made before two magistrates. If we must submit to these inhumane butchers, let us have a loophole similar to this to crawl out of, for there are thousands of good Canadians who will shout "No coercion" and fight these bloodsuckers to the bitter end. Laws of this description have always made trouble. There is one thing—these men cannot carry out their evil designs without first appealing to parliament, and I trust the members representing our fair Province will not place too much confidence in what their Health Officer states, for he is simply the tool of the whole body of professional sharks, known as physicians; but let them investigate the matter for themselves. I do not think they will have any trouble in finding hundreds of men quite as good as Dr. Bryce, who will be honest enough to state their own opinions, and who will throw professional precedence to the dogs.

There are very few physicians who have made smallpox or vaccination a special study. This is proved by the blunders often made in outbreaks of the disease. If they knew as much about it as they think they do, they could easily get the disease under control. But that would not pay. There are a few men who come out boldly against these methods, and give us their honest opinions, such men as Dr. M. J. Rodenmund of Appleton, Wis., who visited a pesthouse, and passed his hands all over patients suffering from smallpox, smearing his hands, coat and handkerchief with pus taken from the sores. The same evening, without washing his hands or changing his clothes, he attended a party, and was very demonstrative in his affection toward his friends, shaking hands, and coming in contact with them in every way possible. When the facts leaked out, there was great danger of him being lynched, and he had to leave town; but as no contagion could be traced to his action, it soon died out. But, one thing was noticeable—the doctors and medical journals were mum on the subject, as a row would have exposed their fraudulent teachings, and consequently financial loss. I would like to see the citizens of our fair Province rise against the passing of the most cruel, barbarous and bloody law that was ever conceived. It might be as well to call the attention of the lawmakers to the fact that the passing of such a law will mean trouble to such a degree that the famous Manitoba School question was small in comparison to it.

C. H. Cobby.

East Toronto, Kingston-road.

In the Children's Court.

Yesterday moring William Harrington, Bennett Wienburg, William Gray, James Stevenson, Hyman Glass and Abraham Glass, all under 16 years of age, were arraigned in the Children's Court and pleaded guilty to petty thefts from stores on Yonge-street. The two Glass boys were remanded to the Shelter for two weeks, and the others released on suspended sentence.

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Parents whose boys are real boys, which is to say if they are hard on their clothes, will note with pleasure that the Men's Store has come across a clearing lot of Boys' Suits and odd Tweed Coats. We have marked them very cheap for Monday because we know it's near the end of the winter, and all the boy wants is something to do him till Easter. Still these are nice Suits, and though the price is a small one, they should last him till the warm weather.

150 Boys' 3-piece Suits, to fit boys 10 to 16 years, made single and double-breasted sacque style, in dark navy blue serge, also tweed, plain grey and neat check patterns, sizes 28 to 33 chest measure, regular 3.50 and 4.00, on sale Monday at 2.49

Boys' Odd Tweed Coats, sizes 27 to 34—these are odd from 3.50 4.00, 5.00 and 6.00 suits, assorted patterns, light and dark colors, well lined and made, on sale Monday at 1.69

40c Unlaundried Shirts, 29c.

360 Men's and Boys' White Unlaundried Shirts; made from good quality shirting cotton; smooth, even thread; open back; single or double pleat; reinforced and continuous facings; made with wristbands; sizes 14 to 18; regular price 40c; on sale Monday at ..... .29

Children's Fur Caps Reduced.

30 Boys' or Girls' Extra Choice Grey Lamb Caps; medium and regular curl; light or dark shade; good linings; regular price $3.50; Monday 1.98

26 only Boys' Nutria Beaver Fur Caps; deep wedge shape; choice dark and heavy fur; satin lined; regular price $2.50 and $3; Monday 1.65

50 only Child's White Iceland Lamb Fur Caps; wedge shape; satin lined; regular price $2; Monday ..... .50

The Great $3.50 Shoe for Men.

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The best Shoe for the money made in Canada.
Every essential of the $5.00 Boot is found in the Victor.
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A $5.00 Boot for $3.50.
All sizes, widths, styles.

Two Special Watches.

We offer for Monday exceptional values in Gold Filled Watches. We secured a special price on these Watches which we pass over to you. We back the maker's guarantee of 20 years on these cases:

19 Young Men's Thin Model Gold Filled Cased Watches, the cases bear our personal and maker's guarantee to wear and keep their color for twenty years or will be replaced by a new case. The cases are fitted with American jeweled movements, nickel, Breguet hairspring and are guaranteed to be perfect timekeepers. These Watches would sell in the regular way for 10.00, Monday, special 7.85

17 Ladies' Gold Filled Cases, the product of the famous Fahy Watch Case Co. and American Waltham watch movements, guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded, Monday, special 7.85

Metal Bedsteads Monday.

A Saving List of More Than Ordinary Interest.

On Monday we will have a great special purchase of Iron and Brass Beds waiting for you at the Furniture Sale. We know that people are gradually coming to the point where the metal Bedstead will almost universally take the place of the wooden Bedstead. So many good reasons recommend it. This year we made arrangements for an extra large quantity of the metal kind for the Furniture Sale, but owing to delay we have not been able to advertise them before. Monday we will devote our chief effort to Metal Bedsteads however, and we have made the prices distinctly and emphatically LOW. When you consider the difficulty of underbuying such a popular line of furniture from the prosperous manufacturers who are shipping furniture to the northwest by the carload, you will appreciate this programme of ours for Monday.

Iron and Brass Bedsteads, 2¼ in. post pillars, white enamel finish, brass knob trimmings, sizes 3 ft., 3 ft. 6 in and 4 ft. 6 wide. Regular price $3.75. February Sale price Monday 2.97

Iron and Brass Bedsteads, white enamel finish, 1 inch post pillars, fitted with brass top rods, brass knobs and ornaments, sizes 3 ft. 3 ft 6 and 4 ft. 6 wide. Regular price $6.50. February Sale price Monday 4.67

Iron and Brass Bedsteads, white enamel finish, heavy post pillars, sizes 3 ft. 3 ft 6 and 4 ft. 6 wide. Brass top rails, brass knobs and vases, extended bow shaped foot ends. Regular price $8.00. February Sale price Monday 5.77

Iron and Brass Bedsteads, white enamel finish, 1 1-16 inch post pillars, brass top rails, fancy brass escutcheons, brass scroll and ring ornament, 3 ft. 6 and 4 ft. wide, bow foot. Regular price $10.00. February Sale price Monday 7.15

Iron and Brass Bedsteads, heavy post pillars, white enamel finish, high head ends, bent top brass rods, fancy knobs, ornaments and spindles, sizes 3 ft. 6, 4 ft. and 4 ft. 6 wide. Regular price $11.50. February Sale price Monday 7.95

Iron and Brass Bedsteads, 1 1-16 inch post pillars, white enamel finish, double scroll brass top rod head and foot, fancy scroll brass trimmings, new design, 4 ft 6 inches wide. Regular price $16.00. February Sale price. Monday 11.90

Iron and Brass Bedsteads, heavy post pillars, white enamel finish, bent scroll corners, 1 1-4 inch brass top rod, fancy scroll, brass ornamented, size 4 ft. 6 wide. Regular price $20.00 each. Feb. Sale price Monday 15.45

Iron and Brass Bedsteads, new fancy designs, heavy post pillars and heavy scroll iron and brass fillings, head ends 5 ft. 6 in. high, extended foot ends, sizes 4 ft. 6 wide. Regular price $30.00. February Sale price Monday 22.90

All-Brass Bedsteads, 1 1-16 inch post pillars, head ends 63 inches high, extended foot ends, fancy mounts and vases, sizes 3 ft 6 and 4ft. 6 wide. Regular price $19.50. February Sale price Monday 14.85

All-Brass Bedsteads, 1 1-4 in. post pillars, head 66 inches high, extended foot end, double sizes only. Regular price $25.00. Feb. Sale price Monday 19.25

All-Brass Bedsteads, 1 1-2 in. post pillars, heavy fillings, extended foot ends, double sizes. Regular price $35.00. February Sale price Monday 27.90

All-Brass Bedsteads, 1 1-2 in. post pillars, extra heavy fittings, bow-shaped extended foot, fancy scroll top ornaments. Regular price $39. February Sale price Monday 31.75

Woven Wire Spring Mattresses at $1.25, $1.49, $1.73, $2.37, $3.00.

Mixed Mattress $1.98, $2.28, $2.68 and $2.98.

Fibre and Cotton Mattress $4.88.

Fibre and Felt Mattress $4.78.