

Sealing Notes.

The S. S. Diana, Capt. B. Barbour, sailed yesterday, taking 133 men. She sails for Pool's Island tomorrow, from which port she will clear for the fishery.

The S. S. Neptune, Capt. S. Wiley, sailed yesterday for Channel, whence she clears for the voyage. She carries a crew of 203 men.

The S. S. Erik, Capt. D. Martin, sailed from here yesterday with 109 men. She proceeds to Channel where she will sign on about seventy more.

The S. S. Bloodhound, Capt. Jessie Winsor, sailed for Westville yesterday afternoon. She carries a crew of 175 men, and sails from Westville on the 12th inst.

The S. S. Kite is now taking supplies and signing her crew of 70 men to-day. The Kite will be commanded by Capt. Burgess, and will prosecute the fishery at the front.

The Ranger sails for Pool's Island tomorrow and will clear from that port. She is making her 43rd annual trip to the icefields this year.

A swindler now under indictment in the United States, advertised "Throw away your glasses." Those who sent him five or ten dollars received in exchange a small box of tablets which the United States mail officials found could be manufactured for twenty-five cents per thousand. There is no medical, chemical or mechanical means of restoring to normal an eyeball which is irregular in shape for such is the condition in most cases when glasses are worn for constant use. Hypermetropia, myopia, and the various forms of astigmatism are simply cases where the cornea, or clear front portion of the eyeball, is not absolutely spherical, and there is no other known means of overcoming such defect excepting by adjusting glasses. It is to be hoped that none of our Newfoundland friends have been duped by the swindler referred to above. You are always safe in consulting H. H. Trappell, Eyeglass Specialist, St. John's, when your vision requires attention.—Feb 27, ed. tt

Salmon And Trout.

(New York Sun.)

Anglers who are counting the days before the season opens for trout and salmon will be interested in the discussion in the London Times. Are fish color blind? The answer of most knights of the rod and tackle will be an indignant negative: if salmon and trout are blind, why do they jump at iridescent flies? It was a question that interested Herbert Spencer, who whipped many a stream in Scotland for salmon. It was even said—and there is nothing more entertaining in the discussion in England—that the great scientist humored himself in the Alne or another river to put himself in the place of a salmon and gaze up at a floating fly. It seems from the following testimony that Mr. Spencer preferred flies that were not brilliant:

"About the year 1876 I succeeded him a day or two after he had been fishing on the Alne flowing into Loch Alne on the Sound of Mull. I asked my host's gillie, who showed me Dr. Spencer's flies, scum-brown hackle buzz ones of his own creation. The answer to my query, if the philosopher caught fish with them, was very affirmative, though somewhat expressive of surprise."

Another friend of Herbert Spencer writes that he always rejected the artificial gaudy flies, preferring to make his own lures. Sir Herbert Maxwell admits that salmon may be able to see colors under some conditions, but doubts whether a fish, any more than a human being, can see the color of a fly with the high light of the air above it. That seems to explain why Herbert Spencer did not use bright flies. "One angler, evidently a veteran, declares that the size of the lure at the surface draws the salmon, and that it is indifferent to colors, but this same authority is inclined to think that the trout has a fancy, but a capricious fancy for color; one day he darts for a silver doctor, and the next he spurns it for a black dog."

Arthur Walker, 27 Charlton Street (off Springdale St.), Groceries and Provisions, School Supplies and Stationery, Fruits, Nuts, Candy and Soft Drinks, Stationery, Cakes and Pies, Bread Milk, Daily Papers, Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes, Thread, Laces, Perfume, Liniment, Needle Packages, Picture Post Cards, Postage Stamps, etc. Changeable Window Signs for shops, etc. Splendid device to boost trade; easily applied. Autoharps and Zithers tuned and re-stringed. Agency for Columbia Zithers and Pathophones; no needles required. Jan 6, v. f. s. tt

All manner of bindings are making their appearance in connection with dresses, suits and coats.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY BARGAINS AT THE "ROYAL"

REDUCE YOUR COST OF LIVING	Linen Collars. 12 doz. White Linen Collars for ladies, The latest Golf and American shapes, fourfold Linen; 2 in. and 2½ in. Reg. 20c. each. Friday & Saturday 15c	Blouse Robes. Dainty patterns in Cotton Challie and Linen Blouse Robes. The Challie Robes have printed designs in various colors; the Linen are finished with self-colored embroidery; kimono sleeve effects. Reg. 65c & 70c. Friday & Saturday 55c	Misses' Flette Nightdresses. Newly arrived, a line of American Nightdresses for girls of 6 to 14 years, made of high grade Flette in plain and striped patterns, round neck & sleeves finished with self frills. Reg. 75c. each. Friday and Saturday 63c	Ladies' Aprons. A splendid lot of serviceable Aprons in White Linen, large roomy sizes, with and without bodices. Reg. 40c. ea. Friday & Saturday 33c	REDUCE YOUR COST OF LIVING

Bargains in Hardware. Wire Broilers. Special for ... 9c Folding Coat Hangers. Reg. 13c. each for ... 11c Skirt & Trouser Hanger. Reg. 15c. each for ... 12c Extending Curtain Rods. Special for ... 6c Clothes Brushes. Reg. 55c. each for ... 48c Hair Brushes. Reg. 60c. each for ... 53c Tooth Brushes. Reg. 35c. each for ... 28c Nail Brushes. Reg. 40c. each for ... 34c Scrub Brushes. Reg. 22c. each for ... 19c Oval Hand Mirrors. Reg. 25c. each for ... 22c Chamois Cloths. Reg. 35c. each for ... 29c	Family Scales. to weigh 24 lbs. Regular \$1.95 ea. 1.73 Can Openers. Reg. 20c. each for ... 17c Veribrite Venol Furniture Polish. Reg. 50c. for ... 43c Bread Knives. Reg. 35c. each for ... 29c Thermidor Night Lights. Reg. 25c. each for ... 21c Chip Potato Cutters. Reg. 20c. each for ... 17c Spice Boxes in sets. Reg. 55c. set for ... 49c Porcelain Head Picture Nails. Reg. 17c doz for ... 14c Brass Wall Picture Hooks. Reg. 40c. doz. for ... 34c	40c. Band Velvets for 20c. yard. Never have high grade Band Velvets been offered for so little. This is a clearing line; colors of V. Rose Reseda, Saxe, Purple, Brown and Prune; 4 inches wide. Values 40c. a yard. Friday and Saturday 20c.	Smallware and Notions. Combination Mirror & Picture Frames. Made of strong White Metal, size 4 x 6; wire rest. Special, each 13c Lucky Kaffir Bangle. Woven Wire Bangles, made in England; worn by all Kaffirs for luck. Special, Friday & Saturday, 2 for 5c Compasses. The "Eagle" Compass, strongly made for school use; fitted with piece of best quality drawing pencil. Special, ea. 9c Phoenix Patent Dusters. A new idea in Dusters, made from Rope Manila Tissue; strong white wire handle. Special for Friday & Saturday, each 6c	Crayons. Assorted Colored Crayons for school use, in neat cardboard boxes, 6 in a box; real good quality. Special, 2 boxes for 5c Asoka Blotting Pads. Neatly cut pads of Blotting Paper, containing about 50 sheets; the right size for office use. Special for Friday and Saturday 10c Toilet Pins. A new stock of dainty Toilet Pins, colored heads and fine steel stems; made up in cones. Special, 2 cones for 4c Circular Brushes. Another large supply of these popular Brushes have just arrived, polished wood handles. Special, Friday & Saturday, each 12c
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LADIES' BOOTS.

75 pairs Black Dongola Kid Boots, new and up-to-date styles in Buttoned and Blucher, patent tips, medium soles, Cuban heels; sizes from 2½ to 7. Reg. \$2.00 pair. **Friday & Saturday 1.85**

LADIES' BOOTS.

Over 100 pairs in Black Vici Kid, Buttoned and Blucher styles, patent hump toes, low heels, flexible soles; all sizes. Reg. \$2.50 pair. **Friday and Saturday 2.25**

INFANTS' BOOTS.

A large assortment of Black and Tan Dongola Boots for infants, in sizes from 3 to 6; spring heels, button and lace styles. Reg. 80c. pair. **Friday and Saturday 72c**

\$1.25 KID GLOVES for 80c.

We intend clearing out some lines of Kid Gloves in Tans, Browns, Beaver, Grey, Navy and Green. There are a few damaged pairs among them, but the rest are perfect. Usually sold at \$1.00 and \$1.25 pair. **Clearing Price, Friday and Saturday 80c**

CHILD'S GLOVES.

6 boxes Colored Cashmere Gloves, Suede lined, shades of Beaver, Natural, Black, Grey, Navy, Tan and White; 2 dome fasteners. Reg. 25c. pair. **Friday and Saturday 20c**

MEN'S BUCKSKIN GLOVES.

Splendid line of well made Gloves, lined with Gazelle; strong dome fasteners, double stitched; all sizes. Reg. \$1.60 pair. **Friday and Saturday 1.35**

\$4.10 Corsets for \$2.50.

La Diva Corset.

The La Diva Corset, newest models for stout people. These Corsets are self-reducing, made by the noted D. & A. factory; guaranteed rustproof and unbreakable; medium bust, 6 garters; sizes 26 to 36. Reg. \$3.50 & \$4.10 pair. **Friday & Saturday, \$2.50.**

Ladies' Knit Underwear.

Ladies' Fleece Lined Underwear, consisting of Pants & Vests. The Vests have high neck, long sleeves, and the Pants are ankle length, roomy, well made; double stitched at all points where the strain is heaviest. **Special for Friday & Saturday, 49c. per garment.**



MEN'S TIES.

Good quality Silk Knots, with stud fasteners, light and dark shades; newest designs. **Special for Friday and Saturday 10c**

COTTON DRESS FABRICS.

Splendid new fabrics in Cotton, guaranteed to wash and keep their colors; assorted designs in a variety of good shades; all 31 inches wide. **Special for Friday and Saturday, per yard 10c**

TEA CLOTHS.

White Linen Tea Cloths, size 32 x 32, beautiful patterns, trimmed with insertion and lace, well finished. These Cloths are newly arrived. Reg. \$1.15 each. **Friday and Saturday 88c**

TURKISH TOWELS.

Here's some splendid values in White Cotton Turkish Towels, with red borders; extra large size and heavy quality. Reg. 35c. each. **Friday and Saturday 30c**

TEA CLOTHS.

A nice assortment of Tansoured Tea Cloths in White Linen, beautiful designs; size 32 x 32. Reg. 60c. each. **Friday and Saturday 49c**

TABLE NAPKINS.

Highly Mercerized Table Napkins, American manufacture, guaranteed grass bleached; size 12 x 13 ins., assorted patterns. **Special, Friday and Saturday, 6 for 15c**

TABLE CLOTHS.

3 doz. only Linen Table Cloths, brilliant Damask finish, size 2 x 2 yards, nicely hemmed; splendid patterns. Reg. \$1.25 each. **Friday and Saturday 1.08**

Linoleum Mats.

Another supply of these popular Mats are offered on Friday & Saturday. They come in the same good patterns and colorings that make them so desirable and serviceable in every home; size 27 x 45. **Special for Friday and Saturday, 52c.**

Handkerchief Bags.

These are real handsome, made of Black Imitation Leather, with Pebbled and Diamond Embossed finish, fitted with outside pocket; strong leather handle and good reliable clasps. Reg. 60c. each. **Special for Friday and Saturday, 48c.**

Men's Silk Handkerchiefs.

High grade Cream Silk Handkerchiefs for men, medium size, plain and fancy colored borders in assorted patterns. These Handkerchiefs have a soft satiny finish and the silk is guaranteed not to split. Reg. 55c. each. **Friday and Saturday, 45c.**

LADIES' HOSE.

A job lot of plain and ribbed Cashmere Hose are offered. These are guaranteed all wool and have seamless feet; sizes SW, W and OS. Usual prices 40c. pair. **Friday and Saturday 32c**

LADIES' HOSE.

500 pairs Black Worsted Hose, heavy quality, ribbed, all sizes; well shaped legs, spliced heels and toes. Reg. 45c. pair. **Friday & Saturday, 39c**

CHILDREN'S HOSE.

A large supply of Black Worsted Hose for children of all ages; Hose that will stand any amount of hard wear. Sizes 00 to 3. Reg. 25c. pair for ... **20c**
Sizes 4 to 7. Reg. 40c. pair for ... **32c**

HEARTH RUGS.

New stocks of Hearth Rugs are arriving. For this week we have picked out this line: Axminster Hearth Rugs, size 27 x 63; rich handsome colorings in a variety of new attractive designs, hemmed ends. Reg. \$3.00 each. **Friday and Saturday 2.48**

HEARTH RUGS.

This is another line from our new stock. This one has fringed ends, size 25 x 53; and comes in beautiful oriental designs, assorted colorings. Reg. \$2.10 each. **Friday and Saturday 1.78**

Ladies' Purses.

Good Reliable Leather Purses, English made, assorted styles, fitted with strong metal clasps, &c. Reg. 20c. each. **Friday & Saturday 15c.**

Fine Groceries.

1 lb. tin Salmon. Reg. 16c. for ... **14c**
Special—Large cakes Glycerine Soap. Reg. 12c. cake for ... **8c**
1 lb. pots Tangerine Marmalade. Reg. 35c. pot for ... **30c**
Large tins Stove Polish. Reg. 10c. tin for ... **6c**
½ pt. tumbler's Apple Jelly. Reg. 15c. each for ... **12c**

Great Underskirt Values.

A large assortment of Cream Flette Underskirts are offered for Friday and Saturday at a clearing price. These Skirts are well shaped and nicely trimmed with Torchon Lace and Embroidery. The regular prices were \$1.10, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.50 and \$1.65 each. **Friday and Saturday they sell at 99c.**

MEN'S BOOTS.

50 pairs only Black Vici Kid Boots. The styles are both Blucher and Balmoral; heavy soles, wide and easy fitting; all sizes. Reg. \$3.20 pair. **Friday and Saturday 2.95**

LEATHER LEGGINGS.

The latest shapes in smart Leggings for men, close fitting styles with latchet fasteners, in Tan only. Reg. \$2.25 pair. **Friday and Saturday 1.90**

WHITE SHIRTS.

8 doz. only fine White Linen Shirts, with short stiff bosoms, medium cuffs, open at back, shaped armholes, reinforced shoulders. Reg. \$1.75 ea. **Friday and Saturday 1.40**

MEN'S SHIRTS.

Another line of Shirts, Dark Working Shirts in Grey Cloth and Mixed Tweed, well made, good sizes, double collars, &c. Reg. \$1.00 each. **Friday and Saturday 88c**

HALF HOSE.

Black and Grey Cashmere Half Hose, plain and embroidered, assorted sizes, guaranteed fast Black, seamless feet. Reg. 40c. pair. **Friday & Saturday 34c**

Mail Orders for Goods advertised here must be accompanied by Cash.

The Royal Stores Ltd.

The Giraffe.

By GEORGE FITCH.

Author of "At Good Old Slwash."

The Giraffe is the skyscraper of the animal kingdom. It is a medium sized animal whose neck has been stretched out by Nature in a frivolous mood until it is long enough to use as a wireless mast.

The giraffe inhabits Africa with very poor success, being enthusiastically eaten by lions, tigers and other overgrown cats. Nature spends goat's time on the giraffe's neck, that she failed to develop its powers of defense and also neglected to give it a voice. Armed with six feet of throat and no larynx, the giraffe is not even able to complain against a cruel fate which compels it to suffer in silence instead of raising a roar like a member of Congress who has been left off the appropriation committee.

The giraffe has a tastelessly designed body and looks somewhat like a zebra which has stretched itself out of shape trying to get its head out from between a pair of fence palings. It has a long prehensile tongue which it wraps around the topmost branches of young trees when feeding and uses to pull off leaves and fruits. The giraffe's neck is a snap as far as eating goes, but it is a miserable failure when it comes to drinking. When thirsty the giraffe finds a water hole and then folds himself up like a camp chair and hoists water up its long-distance gullet like a young water works plant. It is useless to try to catch the giraffe by poisoning him, as he does not notice the effects until the next day when yesterday's meal arrives at headquarters.

The giraffe is very shy and can run like Ty Cobb stealing second. Large giraffes are worth \$10,000 apiece to menageries and 37 cents to farmers. One giraffe let loose in Michigan would eat up a peach orchard a week—from the top down. An effort is now being made to tame them and teach them to act as portable telephone poles for military use, but it has not been a success. As soon as a giraffe is tamed, he catches cold in some section of his neck and wanders into the labyrinth in hence. Nothing would be more annoying to the farmer than to have to get up early on a hot day and bury a deceased giraffe in an old artesian well.

STOP COUGHING!

It's quite as foolish as it is annoying to keep on coughing since

PHORATONE COUGH MIXTURE

is sold all over Newfoundland and is guaranteed to soothe and heal the irritated parts at once, and to rapidly destroy the very cause of this aggravating nuisance. Hundreds of persons are complaining every day about the cough that colds have had for a long time, and are not able to get rid of it. Don't let a cough or cold hang on you day after day and run the risk of catching and developing the "cough" that is not easy to throw off. You will avoid all this worry (about the cough or cold you have) by obtaining

PHORATONE COUGH MIXTURE

at once. (Manufacturers also of Stafford's Price 25 cents a bottle; postage cents extra.

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Count is Acquitted of Double Murder

Berlin, Feb. 25.—The trial at Meitz of Count Mienzinski, a Polish member of the Reichstag, for killing his faithless wife and her young love who was his nephew, ended Saturday with a verdict of acquittal. The double murder took place under tragic circumstances at the Count's castle at Dakowo Mokre, December 20 last. The Count discovered his wife and her nephew, the dissolute young Count Mienzinski, his wife's bedroom and killed the both with a shotgun. He asserted he had heard a noise and thinking burglars had entered the house fired the dim light and killed the woman and man without knowing who they were.

The trial lasted only two days, apparently there was much sympathy with the Count, who had forgiven his wife for two previous occasions. He was separated from her for seven years after the second of these affairs, but took her back, and then began the intimacy with her nephew.

An inflammable dart, for use aeroplanes was tested last week France in the presence of military experts with satisfactory results. The dart carries a small reservoir containing gasoline, which explodes on contact. Its purpose is to set fire dirigible balloons or buildings.