A PICKPOCKET'S RUSE.

only by Piggott, but by the many to

he confided his experience. It was a cold winter evening, and the lady on whose purse Piggott had designs

stood looking at the holiday finery so temptingly displayed. Piggott said

that he tried all the arts known to his craft for the extraction of the wallet,

but all in vain, until, as a last resort, he fished a toothpick from his pocket and, reaching around, tickled the lady's

ear. Instinctively she raised her hand to brush away the invading insect or

It was only an instant, but it was long enough for the expert pickpocket

not identify the pale faced, fashiona-

bly dressed young man at her side as

the person who had robbed her, and if she had accused him there would have been no proof against him, as the swag was at once passed to a pal

who stood ready to receive it and run

Piggott was not even arrested for that crime, and the lady's ludicrous outcries

furnished material for mirth long aft-

LAYING UP A COMPETENCE.

Something That Practically Any Mar Can Do Through Self Denial.

"There are some men of genius," said Mr. Nippingly, "who accumulate

by far the greater number of fortunes, including those of moderate dimensions, and these form the great majority of all, are made by the very sim-

ple process of living within one's in-come and investing the surplus with

more or less wisdom, but always where

it will be safe.
"The older I grow the more amazed

I am that more people don't lay up a competence for themselves, as most anybody can do, by beginning early in life to live within their income and sticking to that course faithfully. Did

I do this myself? No. Am I, however, having learned the wisdom of

this course, now making a beginning? I am obliged to say 'No.' I am still

spending all I get and laying by noth-

"There are some lessons that we all

benefits that arise from the exercise of self denial. We get from this at

once the direct benefit of what we

one of those golden keys in his posses-sion, eager to help him and waiting

only for him to bring it in use."-New

A woman who had an Arabic glass cup of the fourteenth century and did

not know its value took it to the Brit-ish museum. After due consideration

the expert, to her surprise, said that,

might be worth \$2,000. The woman

shuddered, because she had been carrying in a crowded London omnibus a

bit of glass worth so much money and

it had miraculously escaped smashing.

Finally, wanting money more than Arabian glass, she sent the object to

an auctioneer's. Fancy her amazement wnen, starting at \$2,500, the Arabic

cup went by leaps and bounds and was

finally knocked down for the nice sum

Actually the Arabic cup was worth

very much less, but it so happened that there were two rivals at the auc-

tion, who bid against each other.China, Glass and Lamps.

Aggravating the Offense.

"It was this way, your honor," ex-

claimed the youth who appeared to be the spokesman-"we were out for a

said his honor, his face hardening .-

little lark, and we caught a jay."

er.-San Francisco Bulletin

The Trick by Which He Once Got Jack Piggott, the noted pickpocket, used to tell a funny story about the difficulty he had in picking the pocket of a fashionably dressed woman who

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LADIES' COTTON GOWNS

20 only Ladies' Cotton Nightgowns, mother-hubbard yoke, cambric frill, with wide insertion placquet down front; the material 75c.

18 only Ladies' Cotton Gowns, mother-hubbard

LADIES' CORSET COVERS

Ladies' Corset-cover French cut with 25c frill of Embroidery around neck, special

Ladies' Corset Covers, with V shaped neck, two frills of Embroidery, made of very fine 40c cambric, special at......

Ladies' Corset covers, made of fine Lonsdale, with square cut neck, trimmed armlets and two of insertion down the front, 50c

Ladies Corset Covers fronts and armlets, trimmed with torcheon lace and insertions, very 75c fine Lonsdale Cambric, special.....

LADIES' DRAWERS

Three dozen Ladies' Drawers, made of heavy cotton, with one and one-half inch hem, and cotton, with one and one man the three tucks. The Cotton itself is worth 25c the money, special.....

Two dozen Ladies' Drawers, with umbrella frill of Lonsdale, with two clusters of hemstitched tucks, very special at......

Ladies' Drawers, with umbrella shaped frill, with Hamburg embroidery 75c

HOUSEKEEPING LINENS

Full bleached, pure linen Table Damask, superior quality, and French Belfast make, in all new designs, regular 65c., special.

50c.

Full bleached, Satin finished Damask, in choice designs, Irish manufacture, full 72 in.

wide the regular 75c line for

wide, the regular 75c. line, for..... Extra fine full bleached, satin finished Damask in extra fine patterns, made in Belfast, and worth \$1.00 per yard, for........

BARGAIN DAY ON SATURDAY.

This Week we Begin Our Annual Sale of White Wear. Long ago began planning and buying for this sale. In several instances we cleaned up odd lots away below the market values, and by so doing we were enabled to obtain splendid Goods for less money than we probably can at any future time, and every visitor to this sale may share in the savings thus effected. The goods we put on sale are :—Ladies' White Wear, White Cottons, Factory Cottons, White Quilts, Table Linens, Table Napkins, Lace Curtains, &c.

WOMEN'S UNDERWEAR.

BARGAIN DAY ON SATURDAY.

25 only Ladies' White Skirts, three tuck, and a two-inch hem, made of fine Lonsdale finished Cambric, worth 65 cents; white goods 50C.

20 only Ladies' White Underskirts; three tucks with 5 inch frill of fine Lonsdale Goods, full skirt, the regular \$1.00 values, White 75c.

15 only Women's Underskirts, with deep umbrella frill of Embroidery; goods that are worth in the regular way \$1.25; white goods **90c.**

18 only Women's Underskirts, with deep umbrella frill of embroidery, and three tucks, made of very fine quality cambric, special sale 1.00

UNBLEACHED LINENS

Cream or half-bleached Table Linens, guaranteed pure linen, 56 in. wide at

Superior quality of rich satin Damask Table Linen, 72 inch. wide, in new and exclusive patterns, all pure linen, and special **90c.**

Fine half-bleached Damask of Scotch manufacture, 56 in. wide, in a variety of patterns

Extra heavy half-bleached Table Linen, superior quality, all pure linen, at ,...

Extra heavy half bleached Table Damask, in rose, thistle and harp designs, 60 inches wide, all pure linen, very special 50c

WHITE QUILTS

Two dozen soft make Honeycomb Quilts, with knotted fringe all round, the regular 750

3 dozen white Crochet Quilts, soft finish, Mar easily acquire, but never turn to our own advantage. One of these is of the

ends, and a bargain at.....

save, and self denial nourishes strengthens and broadens the will and Two of Marselles Quilts, very handsome pattern enables a man constantly to do and to earn more and more. "There's simply nothing like self de-nial. It is the key to every one of life's treasures, and everybody has

Our Great Mill Remnant Sale.

One bale of 1,200 yards of fine Bleached Cotton, all lengths from 2 to 10 yds., and all different qualities. The prices are all marked in plain

One Bale Mill of Ends of Factory Cottons, from 2 to 20 yards. These were bought before the recent advance in cotton. We are selling them below the regular value.

Another great bargain in Table Linens and Toweling. Two bales of manufacturer's ends of Table Linens. Some are a little soiled, but perfect Goods. They will be sold at bargain

ere's about the same difference betw do Underwear and the usual store kinds between the old and new method of photography. The right kind is sold in very few places. people who have lots of money to whom this Underwear sale would mean nothing special, but everybody isn't rich, and to those ladies who have the least money, this White Wear Sale appeals to space; will not permit us to use cuts, or even mention all the different lines we have in stock. We have from the least to permit us to use cuts, or even mention all the different lines we have in stock. the most expensive varieties in our collection. "See our show windows."

3 FARTHINGS.

THE GREAT BARGAIN HOUSE.

THE BUSY STORE.

MOUNT SALEM.

Mr. John Hawley, sr., is at present very poorly.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Hilliker are spending this week with the latter's mother at Avon.

Mr. James Clarke spent Saturday and Sunday at Tilsonburg.

A number have been taking advantage of the good sleighing and are hauling logs to Aylmer for Mr. Still, of St. Thomas.

The noted Bell Ringers, of Thamesentertainment in the church at this place on Jan. 29th. Further anouncements later.

A number from here attended the oyster supper at Copenhagen on Tuesday night last.

Miss Ella Brown is spending a few days at Mr. R. H. Lindsay's, at Copenhagen.

PLUM PUDDINGS AND MINCE PIES often have bad effects upon the small boy who over indulges in them. Pain-Killer as a household medicine for all such ills is unequalled. Avoid substitutes, there is but

one Pain Killer, Perry Davis'. 25c. and 50c. Sickly children made strong and healthy

byusing Miller's Worm Powders.

Sale Register. Wednesday, Jan. 24th .- Clearing sale of

farm stock and implements, the property of John Charlton, lot 22, con. 11, South Dorchester, 3 of a mile east of Mapleton, at 1 p. m., the following:-1 dairy cow, supposed to be in calt, 11 yearling steers, 4 yearling calves, I span matched brown horses, I bay mare, 1 sorrel horse, 1 democrat, 1 waggon l waggon box and spring seat, 1 waggon jack, 1 neckyoke, 1 pair democrat shafts, 1 hay rack, 1 Massey-Harris mower, 1 Tiger hay rake, 1 plow, 1 corn cultivator, 1 set iron harrows, 1 set iron cultivators, 1 Noxon ford, have been engaged to give an | drill, 2 corn cutters, 1 pair light pleasure | employ of L. Stover, as baker. sleighs, 1 cutter, 1 string bells, 1 set heavy double harness, 1 set light single harness, 2 norse collars, 1 wheelbarrow, 1 corn planter, I large kettle, I milk can, I milk cooler, 1 buggy top, I cooking stove, kitchen chairs, sideboard, I six octave organ, piano case. R. H. Lindsay, auctioneer.

Friday, Jan. 26, 1900 .- Administrator's sale of farm stock, implements and real estate, the estate of the late Isaac Ostrander, lot 4, con. 6, Malahide, 2 miles south-west of Aylmer, at 1 o'clock, p. m., sharp the following:-1 general purpose horse, 3 dairy cows, I top buggy, harness, plows, I corn cultivator, I road scraper, I barrel cider vinegar, 2 sugar kettles, I x-cut saw, I grindstone, 50 sap buckets, 10 tons hay, 12 bush. buckwheat, 2 bush. beans, 25 bush. potatoes, 90 bush. oats, I5 bush. wheat and

chess, 100 bush. corn in ear, ½ bush. seed corn, 4 bush. clover seed, cornstalks. Also at the same time and place the two farms will be offered for sale. One hundred acres being the south half of lot 4 in the 6th concession of Malahide, and 100 acres being the north half of lot 1 in the 3rd concession of Ma'ahide. W. Warnock, administrator, R. H. Lieden, acuticus, contents and the same concession. H. Lindsay, auctioneer.

SPRINGFIELD.

Mr. Laur, of Vienna, is now in the Miss G Dexter arrived home

Wednesday from visiting friends in Mr. and Mrs. H. Wiltse returned their home near Toronto this week,

after visiting friends here. Mrs. H Carby, of Ingersoll, is visiting friends in town.

Miss Lottie Hildreth, of St. Thomas, is visiting her parents here Mrs. Pace, of Vienna, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Baxter here.

"Who said yeast cakes?" Rev. W. G. Brown, of Hamilton, a

magistrate said, not unkindly, "with scaring the complaining witness nearly out of his senses by putting him through some mock ceremony of initiation. I can make allowance for exuberance of spirits among college students, but sometimes this exuberance

Mrs. Squire Johnson is on the sick

Mr. Gray was the guest of Mr John Liddle this week

> Bourke Cockran studied law under Judge Theodore L. Dwight. One day the professor asked a question which seemed easy, but was really difficult. With his magnificent voice Cockran answered the best he could, adding as a

is carried too far."

Chicago Tribune.

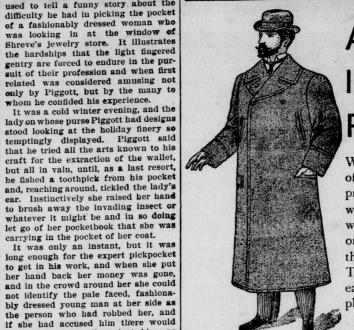
urday Evening Post.

saving clause, "Such, I take it, is the common law." The good old doctor gleamed benignantly through his spectacles. "That would be all right, sir, if you had made it uncommon law."-Philadelphia Sat-

To make paper fireproof nothing more is necessary than to saturate the paper in a strong solution of alum wa ter, and when thoroughly dry it will resist the action of flame.

The inhabitants of Cochin China much prefer rotten eggs to fresh ones.

The Bargain House of Aylmer



A Big Drop In Overcoat **Prices**

We want to close out the balance of our Winter Overcoats. We're prepared to drop some money, and want to do it quick. If you are in want of an Overcoat, or will need one for next winter, you will find this a money-saving opportunity. The quantiities are limited, so the early pickers will get the best

Men's heavy Ulsters, made from Harris' best Frieze, in fawns, blacks and browns, high storm collar, muff pockets, heavy tweed linings, high-class tailoring; were big value at \$8 now

Men's heavy grey diagonal Cloth Overcoats, fly fronts, velvet collar, heavy Italian linings, were big value at \$5.50 now \$4.

Men's Black Frieze Overcoats, velvet collar, heavy Itali n linings, were big value at \$6.50, now \$4 95 great fortunes by great strokes, but

were big value at \$6.50, now \$4.75

Men's black Beaver Overcoats, fly fronts, velvet collar, heavy Italian linings, were big value at \$6.50, now \$4.75

Men's fine blue Beaver Overcoats, double breasted, velvet collar, check linings, were big value at \$8 50, now \$6 75.

Men's Brown Curl Overcoats, fly fronts, heavy Italian lining, velvet collar,

were big value at \$11.00, now \$8 00 Men's Grey Curl Roseberry Ulsterettes, fly front, Velvet collar, heavy Italian lining, were big value at \$11.00, now \$8.00.
Boys' heavy Frieze and blue nap Ulsters, high storm collar, heavy linings, sizes 22 to 25. to clear \$2.50.

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Boys' heavy Black Frieze Ulsters, high storm collar, heavy tweed linings, sizes 26 to 28, were big value at \$3 75. now \$3.00.

Youth's heavy Celtic Tweed Ulsters, high storm collar check linings, sizes 34 and 35, were big value at \$5.00, now \$3 50.

Foys' Brown Curl Reefers, heavy satin linings, trimmed with pearl buttons, were big value at \$3 75, now \$3 00.

10 dozen Men's Randam Fleeced Underwear, full range of sizes, were big sale at 70c, per suit, now 50c, per suit.

7 dozen Men's fancy striped Drawers, were big value at 40c., now 25c. These are all this season's Goods, and perfect at every point.

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Banquet

but a bargain feast—a spread to help your pocket book. You are invited; so are all your friends.



Every cent you invest in our seasonable stock will go for thoroughly honest and reliable goods. Come and save enough money to be merry over.

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Our New Stock is Replete with Bargains

Inspect our goods, examine the quality, learn the prices, and you will find that it is sometimes economy to spend money and extravagant to save. This is one of the times. All summer Goods at

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Clothing, Shoes, Hats, Gents' Furnishings.