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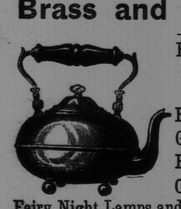

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Lowest Quotations Given on Special Supplies.

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New Goods at Popular Prices.
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New Year Cards, Companions, Albums, Boxes, Purses, Bibles, Bill Books, Pocket Books, Card and Cigar Cases, Collar and Cuff, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes; Shaving Setts, Miscellaneous Books and Fancy Goods of all kinds.
LOWEST PRICES.
D. McARTHUR,
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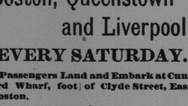
No Humbug.
Before purchasing elsewhere call at the
MEDICAL HALL
and inspect my stock of
Perfumes Plush Goods, Manicure Sets, Combs, Brushes, Mirrors, Xmas and N. Y. Cards suitable for the holiday season.
This being the closing sale of Plush Goods, Oxidized Silver and Manicure Sets, I feel disposed to give my customers a bargain for cash.
R. D. McARTHUR,
St. John, N. B.



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ALEX MARTIN, Agent.
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JAMES McDADE,
51 and 53 Mill Street,
has now on hand a large assortment of
Stoves and Ranges,
INCLUDING THE PALACE RANGE,
HALL STOVES and FRANKLINS,
and is prepared to put in Hot Air Furnaces where required,
All sorts of House and Kitchen Tinware, and Mill and Ship Supplies, in that line, on hand.
Galvanized Iron Work in town or country attended to promptly and at reasonable rates.

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LONDON FOG AND GRIP.

CAPT. OSBORNE LEFT PRACTICALLY A WIDOWER AFTER SIX MONTHS—DAVITT'S UNHAPPY LIFE EMBITTERED BY HIS LATEST DEFEAT.

Gladstone and John Morley at Work on a Home-Rule Scheme—Its Latitude Will Depend on Gladstone's Hoped-For Majority at the General Election—Princess Mary Chooses Her Bridesmaids—Gowns to be Worn and Ceremonial to be Observed.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—This dreariest of Christmas weather finds nearly every household with somebody ill in bed. Influenza has again become epidemic, particularly in South London, and the death-rate has rolled up enormously.

The railway service has been completely disorganized even express trains being delayed from four to five hours, and the time-tables have been altogether discarded. Everything has been run in a go-as-you-can fashion. The channel boats, both at Dover and Holyhead, have not been able to cross. The stations are blocked with freight and angry passengers.

The street traffic in London has been impossible. The buses could not run and money could not tempt the cabmen to venture out.

Nobody can tell how many people, who lost their way in the fog, walked off bridges and docks into the Thames, but no fewer than eight bodies of people accidentally drowned were discovered in one afternoon.

Buildings were allowed to burn and much valuable property has been destroyed simply because the fire engines could not leave their stations.

Nor was the Stygian darkness confined to London. All England seems to have been enveloped in it. The City of Paris was at anchor for nine hours before she dared to venture out of the Mersey.

Patti, who sailed with Nicolini and Arditi, came very near missing her steamer.

The City of Paris got away from Queenstown before the Germanic reached there with her broken crank-shaft, so that all the Germanic's passengers were obliged to remain at Queenstown for another steamer.

Nearly one thousand bags of American mail, which should have been sent on by the City of Paris instead of by the Germanic, must wait at Queenstown until to-morrow, when they will be forwarded by the slow old Bothnia.

MRS. OSBORNE'S DISTRESSING CASE.

Scotland Yard will give no information as to what action it proposes to take in the great "pearl case," but if a warrant has not already been issued, it is because of the legal and technical difficulties as to the precise form it should take and the particular charge which should be preferred.

The Hargreaveses refuse to prosecute Mrs. Osborne for felony, but the courts have the power to compel them to give evidence. The charge of perjury remains, though logically the theft of the jewels should first be proved. It is alleged that it is the discussion over these difficulties which has led to the delay in taking action.

Meanwhile, from all that can be learned, Mrs. Osborne has left England. She has not been seen since Tuesday. Even after the tailor Benjamin's exposure Mrs. Osborne still denied her guilt to her husband.

He went to the Bank of England, took with him the marriage settlement signed by his wife, compared the signature on the bank-note with that on the marriage document and went away a convinced man.

But whether Mrs. Osborne is prosecuted or not, her career is over. It will be impossible for Capt. Osborne to take her into the society which he frequents. He could not introduce her to his brother officers in the regiment. He is widowed after just six months of marriage

TORIES REJOICE OVER REDMOND'S VICTORY.

Redmond's return for Waterford has given the Tories what they regard as a great triumph. Up to the day of polling it was generally thought Davitt would win.

A strange thing is that Davitt, of all men, should be rejected by Irishmen as not extreme enough. He is far more extreme than ever Parnell professed to be.

This defeat is a severe blow for Davitt, especially as he entered the contest because he was regarded as invincible.

Davitt has not had a lucky life. Nine years he spent in prison. He started the Land League, but Parnell controlled it. He founded a newspaper lately, but it failed. He might have entered Parliament for any Irish constituency in three southern provinces until November of last year. At that time he declined Parliamentary honors. Now he seeks them and is defeated,

There is some talk of finding him another constituency, but Irish politicians think it hardly worth while, with a general election so near to have another contested election.

GLADSTONE AND HOME RULE.

John Morley's sudden departure for Biarritz with Gladstone was for the purpose of discussing the new home rule scheme. Gladstone has never condescended to go into the details of the subject even with his lieutenants, but the time is rapidly approaching when it will be necessary to have some scheme at least partially prepared.

Whether it will see the light before the general election is very doubtful. The truth is that not one but several schemes will be drafted, and which one is actually to be presented will depend on the size of Gladstone's majority. If it should not exceed fifty the home rule bill will dwindle down to small dimensions.

PREPARING FOR THE ROYAL NUPTIALS.

Now that the date of the royal wedding is really fixed for Feb. 27, society is agog with preparation.

Princess Mary has already selected her bridesmaids. They are Lady Margaret Grosvenor, third daughter of the Duke of Westminister; Lady Dorothea Murray, daughter of the Duke of Athole; Lady Alexandra Hamilton, daughter of the Duke of Abercorn; Lady Catherine Thynne, daughter of the Marquis of Bath; Lady Evelyn Lindsay, daughter of the Earl of Crawford; Lady Victoria Leveson Gower, daughter of the late Earl Granville; Lady Eva Greville, daughter of the Earl of Warwick, and Lady Gertrude Molyneux.

In making this selection the Princess Mary almost strictly followed court

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etiquette custom, which prescribes that of eight bridesmaids two shall be daughters of dukes, two of marquises and four earls' daughters. In this case three bridesmaids are daughters of ducal houses, one is the daughter of a marquis, four of earls—so that the rule is only departed from in one instance.

England, Ireland and Scotland are all represented. There is a little doubt that personal inclination has been to a great extent, put aside, in order that national pride may be gratified.

The bridal dress will be trimmed with Honiton lace and orange blossoms. The bridesmaids will wear white and silver, trimmed with May blossom, in compliment to the brides pet name ("May").

The marriage will be conducted with full state ceremonial, the ladies wearing court dresses with long trains.

Invitations went out this week to various European sovereigns, and telegraphic replies have been received, in which the ruling sovereign either intimated his intention personally to be present or of sending a representative of his imperial family. The King and Queen of Denmark have promised to come.

NO MORE SAWDUST.

A Brooklyn Invention That Cuts Logs With a Knife.

A new lumber cutting machine was tried recently at the works of the Bradley draw cut lumber cutting company, Greenpoint, L. I., many lumbermen being present. The experiment was highly successful. The machine, upon which Dr. Bradley and Thomas S. Crane of Newark have been working for the past five years, is 42 feet high. Its weight is 45 tons. The object of this invention, which may largely do away with the use of buzz saws, is to economize time and the lumber itself. The machine will take a log 8 feet long and cut boards from it at the rate of forty a minute of any width from 1-32 of an inch to 1 inch in thickness. There is not the slightest waste of material in the cutting. It is calculated that when saws are used one-fourth of the wood is wasted in saw-dust and planing if inch boards are being cut. In sawing boards 1-16 of an inch in thickness the loss is 215 per cent. of the boards turned out.

The knife is three feet long and weighs 500 pounds. It works with a draw motion a sort of combination of knife and saw which prevents the fibres of wood from breaking. The roller preceding the knife compresses the wood and aids in this matter, which the inventors found was the most difficult of the ends to be attained. The knife is moved by a wooden connecting rod, fastened to a wheel ten feet in diameter. Every revolution of this wheel makes a board.

The machine is fed by an apparatus which is controlled by two screws set in Babbitt metal. A chain gear connects the two screws so that they move with absolute accuracy thus making the board exactly the same width from one end to the other. A system of cogs is so arranged that by chaining the size of the cog wheel the width of the board to be cut is regulated. The total out put of the machine when in running order will be from 'eighty thousand to one hundred thousand feet a day.

The new invention, it is said, will revolutionize the making of boards for cigar boxes, backs of pictures, butter boxes, and the like. Ash, cherry, birch and basswood logs can be cut. The boards dropped from the blade as smooth as if rubbed with sandpaper.

"With our saws," Mr. Lewis said, "we cannot cut dry lumber at all, and this machine cuts anything. Neither could our saws cut a board 1-32 of an inch in thickness as this will. But the best thing it will accomplish will be the tremendous saving in the wood itself."

Dr. Bradley and Mr. Crane have persistently stuck to this project for five years, and at last they think their reward has come. The machine will undoubtedly be introduced shortly in all the big lumber tracts of the country. The logs can be floated by stream right down to it and then shipped out to civilization all ready for use as boards.

New York Central to be Indicted,
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A morning paper says, the District Attorney of Westchester county will present evidence before the next grand jury which will probably result in the indictment of officials of New York Central system in connection with the accident at Hastings. It is alleged that the station agents had not been notified of the discontinuance of the Croton way train.

The Weather.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—Forecast—Light showers; southerly winds, increasing in force; warmer, probably followed by colder weather Wednesday night.

The Mexican Revolution.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

LAREDO, TEXAS, Dec. 29.—Last night 800 Mexican soldiers arrived in New Laredo, Mexico from Saltillo. They will proceed down the river at once in pursuit of the revolutionists,

London Stock Markets.
LONDON, 12.30 p m.

Consols for money	95 3-16d
Consols for the account	95 1 -1d
United States Fours	
Do Fours and a half	103
New York, Penn and Ohio first	93½
Canadian Pacific	85
Erie	
Do Seconds	113½
Illinois Central	
Mexican Ordinary	
St Paul Common	84½
New York Central	122½
Pennsylvania	53½
Reading	30½
Mexican Central New Fours	
Spanish Fours	
Money 2 @ 2½ per cent.	

Liverpool Cotton Markets.

LIVERPOOL, 12.30 p. m.—Cotton dull and weak; American middlings 4¼d; sales 7,000 bales; speculation and export 1000; receipts since last report, 144,000; Am 132,800 bales. Futures easy.

Liverpool Cotton Markets.

Liverpool, 4 p m—Cotton American midd Dec 4 4-64d; sales 6,100 bales Am. Futures closed easy.

SAMUEL WHITEHORNE does not import five million cigars at one time neither does he pay five million dollars duty, but you can always find a fresh lot of Havana cigars at his place, such as Flor de Juan Lopis, Felix Garcia, Dias Garcia, Modella de Cuba, and other famous brands. Call and see them at City Market building, 45 Charlotte street.

SHORT'S
VIOLET-ORRIS
SACHET POWDER,
"A Delicate and lasting perfume, imparting the true Violet odor." Hundreds of packages of this powder were sold during the Christmas season of last year.
Popular packages 5, 10 and 25c. each at
SHORT'S PHARMACY,
Jeffrey's Hill.

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CITRON,
Fresh Leghorn, Just arrived.
RAISINS,
London Layers, Cabinets, Clusters and Choicest Valencias and Layers.
CURRANTS,
New, Fresh, Choice Fruit.
WHOLESALE ONLY.
JOSEPH FINLEY.

Watches
—AND—
Diamonds.
A. B. SMALLEY,
91 Prince William Street.

HAVING replenished my stock in all departments for the Holiday Trade, I am able to show everything of a desirable character in this line.
IN LADIES' WATCHES, I have an especially fine selection from the most moderate in price to the highest class of manufacture, which for variety and tasteful design are not to be surpassed in the city.
LADIES' DIAMOND and GEM RINGS and Useful Stones, Diamond Brooches and Bar Pins of the very Newest Designs.
GOLD CHAINS, GOLD SPECTACLES, Gold Pens and Pencils, Opera Glasses, French Clocks and many other things that are useful and suitable for presents at this season.
Jewelry of every kind made to order.
A. B. SMALLEY,
91 Prince William Street.

THE QUESTION OF THE DAY
—IS—
What to Buy for a Xmas Present
Now what better could you buy than a Ladies' Kid Lace Shoe with patent tip or plain toe; or a Fine Kid Slipper with plain or beaded toe. 20 different styles to select from and at all prices.
Men's Fancy Slippers and Patent Leather Evening Shoes.
Genuine Moose Moccasins 75c., Children's to 11's, Men's sizes.
Storm Rubbers and Overshoes 5 to 10 per cent. less than you can buy them elsewhere.
JOHN H. McROBBIE,
94 KING STREET.

W. H. COCHRAN, - - 40 King Street.
The Most Taking Boot in the Market for Fall:
Gents French Calf,
CorkSoled Congress
and Balmorals.

AMERICAN CLOTHING HOUSE.
Annual Xmas Sale of Fine Tailor Made Clothing.
OUR Counters will be the centre of attraction for low prices, as we are determined to clear out the largest and best assorted stock ever before offered in this market. Customers and the public generally are invited to attend, as there will be genuine bargains.
AMERICAN CLOTHING HOUSE, - - Cor. King and Canterbury Streets.
S. RUBIN & CO.

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A MADHOUSE ON FIRE.

PANIC AND TERROR IN A MICHIGAN ASYLUM.

Hundreds of Lunatics Set Free and Saved—Fascinated by the Flames Many Court Death, Though Attendants Think all are Rescued.

PONTIAC, Mich., Dec. 26.—The eastern Michigan insane asylum was discovered to be on fire at 11 o'clock this morning.

Fifteen minutes after the first alarm was sounded, the occupants of the wing—500 women—were turned loose. Screaming frantically, the maniacs surged through the corridors, where the air was already filled with smoke. Tongues of flames were visible through it all, and the sight filled the demented creatures with terror. Some ran like wild animals, trampling their slower companions in their mad efforts to escape. Others were paralyzed with fright, and stood rooted to the spot, with eyes staring with horror.

The attendants heroically endeavored to rescue the helpless. Rushing hither and thither, dragging the hesitating ones from their rooms, they drove the insane women into the open air. Some, when once upon the outside, would break and rush for the building again.

Supt. Burr and his assistants on the medical staff gave directions for the removal of the inmates, and by their excellent and valiant labors all, it is believed, were rescued alive, though a report is going about that several women were seen at the windows after the patients were supposed to be all out. They had torn off every vestige of clothing, and were laughing in hideous glee at the approach of the flames. When last seen they were standing in the midst of sheets of fire, gesticulating wildly, and with their long hair flying dishevelled about their faces. The attendants had done all in their power, and nothing was left but to try to save the rest of the asylum. Spectators declare they heard shrieks of anguish from the demented victims yielding their lives to the flames, but in the confusion it was impossible to distinguish the screams of the frightened maniacs without from the outcry of those within, if any there were.

A strenuous effort was made to convey the patients to the cottages for safe keeping. It was utterly impossible. A few of them were induced to retire to the shelter, but the great majority of the 500 demented women huddled together in the cold, piercing wind and gazed wildly upon the fire.

The fear was that the fire would make its way across to the south wing, where nearly 700 men were confined. Preparations were made to remove the men, if it became necessary.

In the south wing, from the moment the flames came in sight the wildest excitement prevailed. The men tore about their rooms yelling like demons, not from fear as it seemed, but rather from exultation. The fire filled them with terrible ecstacy. A few appreciated the danger and their terror was pitiful.

One life is known to have been lost, but scores of the poor lunatics, who were forced to stand in the bitterly cold blizzard for hours before they could be housed, have suffered severely. Many, too, it is believed, have escaped to the woods during the excitement, and searching parties are now out in quest of them.

The loss will not fall below $200,000.

Federation in Australia.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

MELBOURNE, Dec. 29—Earl Hopetown, Governor of Victoria prorogued the colonial parliament today.

He regretted, he said that difficulties had arisen in dealing with the commonwealth bill, but he believed the federation of the Australian colonies was only delayed, not defeated.

The financial prospects of the colony were promising, he added, and good reports had been received concerning the harvest.

Chilian Matters in State.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—No news is obtainable at the state or navy departments to-day respecting Chilian matters. No movements of ships were reported and officials say there is no change in situation.

Will not Propose Arbitration.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29th.—A despatch from Valparaiso, to the Herald says:—There is not much foundation for the report cabled from Washington that the Chilian government is likely to propose arbitration as a way out of Baltimore trouble.

Rev. Mr. Shirry Acquitted.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA, Dec. 29.—Rev. Mr. Shirry, charged with the embezzlement of $30,000 from Nebraska and Kansas Farm Loan company, of which he was treasurer, has been acquitted of charge.

Ottawa Personals.
SPECIAL TO THE GAZETTE.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29th.—Premier Abbott and Sir John Thompson arrived last night for Cabinet today.

Hon. Mr. Chapleau is confined to bed at Sherbrooke Eastern Townships with la grippe.

No Hope For Scanlan.
BY TELEGRAPH TO THE GAZETTE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—J. Scanlan, insane actor, is worse today. Hope of his recovery has been abandoned. He probab t live long.

The following epitaph is in Lanesboro, S. C.: "Here lies Jane Smith, wife of Thomas Smith, marble cutter. This monument was erected by her husband as a tribute to her memory and a specimen of his work. Monuments of this same style, $250."

Lieutenant Foster, of the third Peary Arctic expedition, says that he conversed with a man across the harbor of Port Bowers, a mile and a quarter away, and it has also been asserted on good authority that at Gibraltar the human voice has been distinctly heard at a distance of ten miles.

Israel Pierce was buried in Hunt cemetery, at Troy, Pa., twenty-nine years ago. His relatives decided recently to remove the remains. The body was found to be completely petrified and preserved, and was so heavy that it taxed the strength of six men to lift it.

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LOCAL MATTERS.

LATEST GLEANINGS BY THE GAZETTE REPORTERS.

Many Things They Have Seen and Heard of During the Day.

POINT LEPREAUX, Dec. 29, 3 p. m.—Wind, south west, strong, cloudy. Ther. 32.

A CHRISTMAS TREE.—The Carleton Calvin Baptist church will have a Christmas tree for the children of the Sunday school to-night in the basement of the church. All the congregation are invited as there will be a very interesting programme carried out.

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL.—The passenger traffic on the railways this season is far below the usual run during the Christmas holidays. Perhaps this is accounted for by the fact that the country is not attractive enough in winter without snow to induce the young folks and others to visit the old homesteads at Christmas according to their general practice.

SKATING CHALLENGE.—Edward Dalton, of this city, called at the GAZETTE office this afternoon and left the following challenge:—

I will challenge William Ramsey to skate me a one mile race in the Victoria rink at the first tournament.

If he wishes to accept this offer he might plesse leave word at this office.

Yours truly,
EDWARD DALTON.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE GAZETTE;

My Dear Sir: In last night's issue of the Globe, the writer of "account of Court's Block fire" states that the fire started in rear of my shop. Now I want to distinctly say, that this is not so, and the person who saw the fire first can safely say the same.

Yours very truly,
Signed, REUBEN K. HIGGINS.
St. John. N. B., Dec. 29th., 1891.

ACCIDENT TO REV. MR. PARKER'S CARRIAGE.—Rev. I. N. Parker in company with his wife was driving out to the Methodist church at Coldbrook on Sunday evening where Mr. Parker was to hold service. When they reached the one mile house a carriage from behind collided with them in such a manner as to render the reverend gentleman's vehicle useless. Neither he nor Mrs. Parker were injured. They returned to the city, procured another carriage and reached Coldbrook considerably behind time but service was nevertheless held.

Police Court.

The preliminary examination of Fred Graf charged with feloniously assaulting Mary Taylor a 10 year old daughter of James Taylor of the North end came up this afternoon.

Obtaining Goods on False Pretenses.

Josephine Hunt, the woman who was a witness in the Walker's wharf shooting affair, was arrested this afternoon by officer Rankine on a charge of obtaining goods under false pretense. She went into William A. Eddlestone's china and glass store on Haymarket square and asked to see some cups and saucers. She chose one, and had it wrapped up and asked Mr. Eddleston to charge it to Mr. William J. Dean. She said that Mr. Dean had sent her to purchase one and she thought she could get it in Mr. Eddleston's store as cheap as any other place. Mr. Eddleston, was a little suspicious because Mr. Dean had never had anything charged there before, so he told officer Rankine to watch what she did with the goods.

Officer Rankine noticed her going in several houses so he followed her into one of them and found her trying to sell the cup and saucer, and a shirt for 75 cts. She sold the shirt for 50 cts., when she found she could get no more for it. Then the officer asked her what her name was: she told him that her name was Stevenson and said she owned the shirt. When the officer arrested her she gave the 50 cts, back to the woman, and took the shirt again.

The Home of John Milton.

The cottage in which John Milton wrote "Paradise Lost" is still in good repair, and is now within two miles of a railway station. Walter Besant visited the place recently and writes thus concerning it:

"What will the pilgrim see? First, a village—almost a little town—lying retired, a quarter of a mile from the high road, with a few old houses and a good many new houses: these are backed by trees and gardens; it has a lovely church filled with brasses and monuments of ancient worthies—some of them of the 13th century. The church was old even then, for this is one of the villages which stand on the site of an East Saxon settlement, planted here what time the Britons were being slowly driven westward. For twice 600 years there have been farms and ploughed fields, rustics, and milkmaids, in this quiet corner, out of the main track, forgotten and passed by in all times of civil war, plague, pestilence and famine. Hither came John Miltou when the plague was raging in London. He chose the last house on the south side of the village, so as to be quiet. It is a four-roomed cottage. On the ground floor is a kitchen—which in his time was a living room, and a little "parlor" which was his. Perhaps he slept in it as well as worked in it. Here are two tables at which he wrote. here two or three stools on which he sat; here is the fireplace arranged as he left it; here the closet where he kept books and things; the window is the same, with diamond panes and casement; it looks out under a thick vine upon a small garden, now gay with many-colored dahlias; in Milton's time it had herbs—sage, thyme, fennel, borage, lavender' boyslove, and the country flowers which still are cultivated by the cottagers. Outside, the cottage is plastered, and shows the black timbers. It has a low gable and a porch covered with a climing rose. Beyond the garden is an orchard.

A clergyman in England, in an earnest address to his parishioners advocating the establishment of a cemetery, asked them to consider the "deplorable condition of 30,000 Englishmen living without Christian burial."

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Gents' Congress Boots;
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