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cumstances, work the ground so early that it
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safety, establish a mulch. It will even pay
to do this with a disk or harrow rather than wait too long for the ground to get dryy enough
to plow, for the mulch made at this time does nore, perhaps, than any other in conserving
soil moisture. To show the amount of wa-
ter that ter that this early mulch saves, even in a short
time, a test was made on two pieces of ground,
in every way alike except that one was plowed seven days carlier in-the spring than the other.
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largely to what is absorbed by the plant and
evaporation. It is this moisture in the soil evaporation. It is this moisture in the soil
that goes up through the capillary /tubes to the
surface and is lost. If these tubes open directly into the air, it
is obvious that the movement through them
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mum amount of water will be lost. Our problem is to break up this direct com-
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Men's Suits a Special for Friday



These Feather Boas are New Arrivals



Some New Veilings That Are Interesting

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Interest is Being Well Maintained

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For Ladies'-New Goods Received Dailydefings, New Costumes, New Silks, New Ribbons.

## Big Sale of Wool Blankets

 for Friday$\mathrm{O} \stackrel{\mathrm{N} \text { Friday we will place on sale a manufacturers' stock of Blankets, } 3,000 \text { pairs }}{ }$ in the lot, in white, red and grey. We bought the stock'at a great sacrifice, the state of the markets in the big business centres making it necessary for this manufacturer to turn these goods into money. Consequently we bought them at our own price, and have marked them very much under regular price, to insure a quick turnover. This is a rare oppootunity, and one that all should take advan-
tage of. On sale Friday, starting at $8.30 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. Be on hand early.

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White Wool Blankets a
Grey Wool Blankets at
Red Wool Blankets
\(\$ 2.90, \$ 3, \$ 3.50, \$ 4, \$ 5, \$ 5.75\) \(\$ 2, \$ 2.50, \$ 3, \$ 3.50, \$ 4\) and \(\$ 5\)
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## Some Splendid Savings on Kitchen-

 ware Oddments
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MORE NEW COSTUMES OPENED TODAY

## Stationery and Book Department

## Tan is the Fashionable Color

 for Footwear

| Men's Denim Overalls and Cottonade Pants Regular $\$ 1.00$ Qualities on Friday 65c |  |
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| Notion Necessities Half Price and Less |  |
| Size and 3 . Reg. prices isc Prichy . . . . . . . . . $5 ¢$ |  |
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| Paper Friday for 5c |  |
| at Persuasive Prices |  |
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Notion Necessities Half Price and Less

10c and 25c Crepe Tissue Paper Friday for 5c

## Three Lines of Ladies' Skirts

 at Persuasive Prices
and blue and black Vicuna
each seam.
Special price.. .. $\$ 3.75$
$\$ 4.50$

