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CHAPTER XXII.  
MISCHIEF BREWING.

"My dear fellow, shall we talk politics on such a night?"

And he laughs indolently.

"Yes, it is all very well, my prince; but if you see the bushel of letters which arrive every morning—the inquiries, anxious, imperative, imploring—"

"If you knew how deeply grateful I am that you spare me the necessity of seeing them, mon ami!" retorts the other indolently.

"Thanks; but they must be answered. All the world waits patiently for your nod or your shake of the head, but the world expects one or the other."

"It shall have it some day," is the reply; "there is no hurry. Give the other side rope enough, and they'll hang themselves!"

"Meanwhile we are to stay here and rusticate—is that it?"

Elliot shrugs his shoulders.

"How can I say?" he replies quietly. "I don't care to go up to town, just yet—if you are bored—"

"Oh, it interrupts Sydney with a self-deprecatory laugh; "I'm never bored—though, upon my word, I'm sorry if we mean staying that they've broke up the party here. One may grow tired even of that old witch's jokes and the earl's forty-eight. Of others games there is none left. But I suppose while the hermit's mood is on you, and the charm of that old river still holds out for you, I must be content. By the way, there is one thing I wanted a word with you about: Did you see young Ainsley?"

Elliot nods carelessly.

"Yes, what about him?"

"Did you take to him—do you remember him?"

"Yes, of course; he seemed a nice kind of fellow."

"So I thought—lucky dog!" goes on Sydney, puffing at his cigar deliberately. "The earl was talking about him yesterday. Now his uncle is dead, he's rather an important personage in the county, and the earl was saying that it might be as well, perhaps, if he was in Parliament—of course, on one side."

"Yes," assents Elliot absently.

"You think it rather a good idea—so do I. Just the sort of man for the county. Of course the earl is interested, as head of the family?"

"Why so?" asks Elliot, indifferently.

"Why?" echoes the other, with an affectation of surprise. "Why, he will be—and soon, I suppose—one of the Rosedale clan, by marriage."

"Oh!" says Elliot. "Which of them is he going to marry—Lady Ethel?"

"Lady Ethel!" exclaims Sydney, with a laugh. "Lady Ethel! By Jove!—no! I fancy she looks at higher game than James Ainsley—and a baronetcy in prospect."

"I don't know any other eligible Rosedale."

Sydney Calthrop smiles.

"Have another cigar?" he says, handing the case. "You forget Miss Trevelyan!"

The hand extended to the cigar case feels as if it had been burned; and the schemer, not daring to lift his eyes, feels the stern stare of haughty surprise.

"Miss Trevelyan!" says the cold voice. "My dear Sydney, gossiping

must be contagious! Avoid the countess, if you don't want to imbibe a love of match-making! Miss Trevelyan! Where did you pick up that absurd rumor?"

"Not so absurd but that it obtains general credence," is the calm, almost indifferent reply; "it's an accepted thing throughout the whole place! You are so indifferent to any but the great comedies that the little farces escape your notice, my friend!"

At the light, half-contemptuous tone which compares Kitty's—his Kitty's!—engagement, though it be only a falsely rumored one, to a farce, the dark frown comes down heavily upon Elliot's brow.

"It is a match contracted, I believe, from the most juvenile period of the happy young individual's existence. Perhaps you have not noticed it, because Ainsley has been away, and—ah, I forgot—I think there has been a kind of tiff—a lover's quarrel, which I thought they had made up the other night."

Elliot stops suddenly, and confronts the speaker with a sternly inquiring hauteur.

"The other night? What do you mean?"

"By Jove! I have let the cat out of the bag!" says Sydney, with a look of dismay. "I forgot that I was sworn to secrecy."

An oath, barely suppressed, causes him to turn with an air of astonishment.

"Speak out!" is the instant retort, stern and emphatic. "What is the secret you allude to?"

"Only a very petite one," says Sydney. "A little escapade—one of those stolen little tete-a-tetes which are so sweet to lovers because they are stolen."

There is a moment's silence, then in cold, measured tones that plainly show that no such trifling will be permitted, Elliot Sterne says:

"Do you mean to convey the impression that Miss—Miss Trevelyan and young Ainsley planned a secret meeting, and that you were a confidant? I beg you will speak out!"

"My dear fellow, how seriously you take it. After all it is no unpardonable breach of the proprieties that two young people—engaged to each other from their childhood—should steal away from papa and mamma and spend the evening at the theater."

Elliot Sterne starts as if the person beside him had struck him a palpable blow, instead of merely stabbing him to the heart with a few careless sentences.

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CHAPTER XXIII.  
THE SERPENT'S STING.

THE two men stand and look at each other; it is Othello and Iago, in the sweet, dewy freshness of an English evening, instead of the hot stillness of ancient Venice—Iago, with a commonplace countenance, upon which there lurks, notwithstanding, something of the audacity and cunning of the Iago of old; Othello, in faultless evening attire, with a proud, cold face that struggles to repress all evidence of the passions within. They stand apparently in amicable conversation, outwardly listless and composed; inwardly tortured by the furies of love, jealousy, intrigue; and above them the moon rises, piously serene, casting her silvery eye over them, as if with a smile of scorn for the littleness—the insignificance of that thing of a moment—man!

Elliot Sterne is the first to speak.

"Do you say," he says, in measured tones, lower even than usual, icily collected and cold, yet, as the other knows, conveying a challenge in every inflection—"do you mean to say that Miss Trevelyan was at the theater in company with Mr. Ainsley?"

"Certainly!" with a smile.

"What theater?"

"The venerable little theater in the town here—Beverley."

"When?" sternly.

"When? The night before last!"

Why I don't understand why you should take the matter so seriously!"

"The night before last!" repeats Elliot Sterne, ignoring the concluding remark, and looking down, as if reflecting. "How do you know that it was her—how do you know that you are not mistaken?" he says, more quietly than he has yet spoken, and with a palpable—too palpable inspiration of hope.

Iago smiles inwardly as he proceeds to destroy that hope—to withdraw that last plank from his friend's fast-drowning faith.

"How do I know? Why, my dear fellow, I saw her there myself!"

"You were there, then?" says Elliot Sterne, fixing his eyes upon him.

"Yes!" with a shrug of the shoulders—"guarantee, I'll admit; but what would you? If you consign me to the dullness of a country house, you cannot wonder that I should seize anything in the shape of a diversion for madam, the countess, et cetera, et cetera! Yes, I was there, and found the thing more trying than even I expected; I assure you, it required a whisk of Jockey Club to remove the odor of gunpowder, sawdust, and orange peel which clung to my clothes," and he laughs lightly.

But there is no answering smile upon the other face. You can scarcely expect the victim of an auto-da-fe to laugh because his executioner chooses to be humorous as he lights the faggots.

Elliot Sterne, with a dark frown, walks slowly on in silence. Then he looks up.

"She was not alone with Mr. Ainsley?" he says. "You did not see them alone?"

"Yes," replies Iago lightly; "indeed, I made myself useful; for to tell the truth, Mr. Ainsley is not my idea of a cavalier servant. He lacks that valuable quality in all men—and a lover particularly—tact and presence of mind."

Elliot Sterne flushes hotly, then grows pale at that wondrous word—lover! Kitty's lover!

"I was in a box opposite them, and from what I saw I concluded that Mr. Ainsley, dazzled and confused by his happiness, no doubt, had lost his head, and that," slowly as he knocks the ash from his cigar—"and that there was every likelihood of Miss Trevelyan being mixed up with the crowd."

He glances aside and sees the proud face wince, and a thrill of malicious joy runs through him and encourages him; he knows instinctively what torture there is to the proud, exulting spirit in the thought that the girl he loves should be exposed to the rough jostling of a vulgar crowd—to the certainty of recognition, and possibly ribald discussion.

Elliot Sterne does not speak, but looks straight before him with the same constrained frown.

"It was no business of mine, of course," continued Iago, with a little deprecatory shrug of the shoulders; "and no doubt I had better have gone my way, like—not like the Samaritan, but the other fellow; but I suppose I am growing old and benevolent, and I thought that I could help the young couple to escape the awkward consequences of their little harmless imprudence—not to say impropriety."

Elliot Sterne turns his head with a swift, angry gesture at that word, but constrains himself as before.

"So," resumes Sydney Calthrop, "I went round to their box—braved the dangers of the excited and unruly crowd congregated round what the manager, in highly complimentary language, terms the refreshment room and got the young people a fly."

Elliot Sterne looks up, as if about to speak, but Iago goes on easily:

"They were very grateful, for to tell the truth, something of the force of their escapade was beginning to dawn upon them. By the way, I only saw Mr. Ainsley—I fancied that Miss Trevelyan would take it better if I kept out of sight."

Elliot grimaces bitterly.

"Go on!" he says lightly; then, with another spasm of hope; "that is all, I suppose? You got them a fly, and rode back to the Hall with them?"

Sydney Calthrop laughs.

"That is what we intended."

"We—whom?" says Elliot Sterne quickly.

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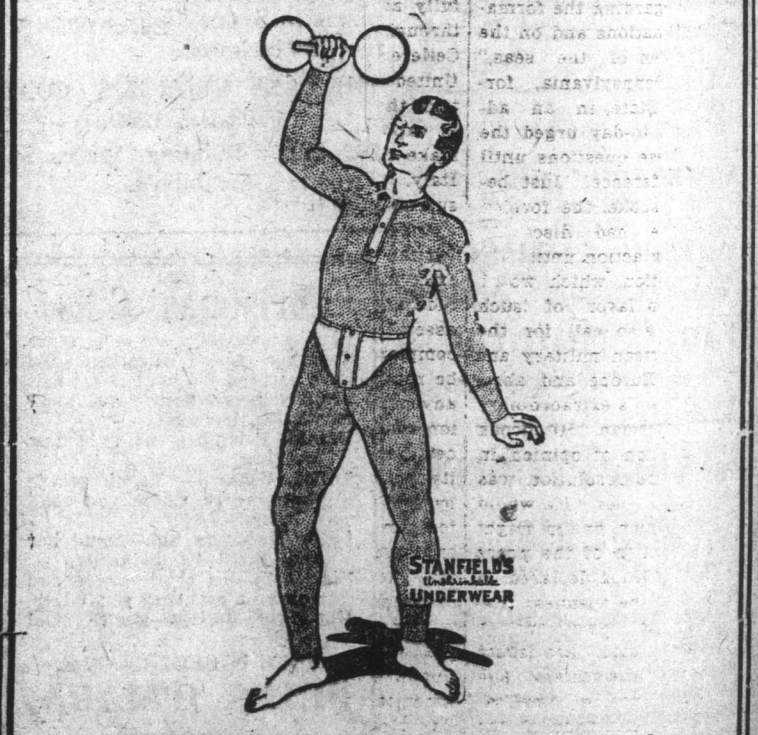
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DECORATING FLOWERS—Poppies, Gold-an Balls, Butter Cups, Wild Roses, Sweet Peas, Daisies, Chrysanthemums, etc. in bundles containing up to 12 sprays, also Mistletoe and Wild Grasses. Just the nicest lot of decorating flowers to be seen anywhere, and so conveniently arranged in our new showroom that you will find choosing a pleasure; values up to 90c. a bunch. Sale Price **63c**

# The Royal Stores Ltd.

- WOMEN'S CASHMERE GLOVES—Grey, Natural and White with self-points and natural doe linings; all sizes. Reg. \$1.25 pair. Sale Price **\$1.05**
- MEN'S KNIT WOOL GLOVES—Blue and White, and Plain Grey. Reg. \$2.30 pair. Sale Price **\$2.00**











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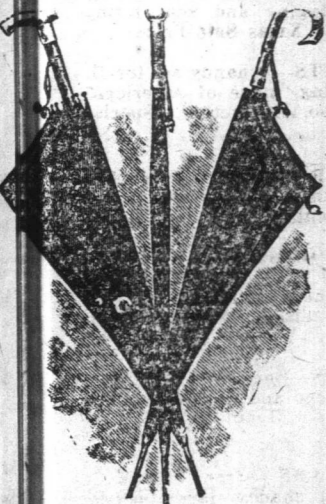
men to hatters the world over—  
English Hats, Stetson's American  
models. These makes are not to be  
more. A limited supply of Velours

GLOVES.



Gloves—well, rather! He is wait-  
ing for Xmas to see if he gets them as  
gifts he makes up his mind. Our stock  
is the largest and most select in the city. All  
at special prices. ... \$1.25 to \$2.50  
if lined or unlined ... \$3.50 to \$7.50

UMBRELLAS AND WALKING STICKS.



Don't doubt what to give him. Let it be an  
Umbrella Walking Stick.  
We have specials in both from a cele-  
brated English firm. Look them over before  
it's too late. Ask to see our Silk Um-  
brellas they are wonderful.

"SPECIAL OCCASION" WEAR.

about the Xmas festivities this year.  
to get to take the lid off and enjoy our-  
selves we have Peace. Consequently  
all that some Evening Dress Wear. We  
have better supplied with Dress Shirts,  
Vests, Gloves, Black Silk Hosiery, &c.  
to help you every want in this line.

COMFORT FOR HIM if you give him  
Silk Socks. Last year you waited too long  
to get his size. Why not get them  
now the size range is complete.

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Shop Early

HUNTING CASE WRISTLET WATCHES.  
Our special in Wristlet Watches. This  
has a silver hunting case, luminous dial,  
and good strong strap. Special  
Xmas Sale Price \$9.75

James Paired LIMITED

Shop Early

Boy-Proof Watches.  
BOY-PROOF WATCHES—Called boy-proof  
because they are strongly made to stand  
rough usage: a Watch he can depend  
on, in gummetal case. Special  
Xmas Sale Price \$1.45

Here's IMPORTANT NEWS  
Knowing that there are many  
get through, we have outlined some  
every case as GIFT  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, MONDAY AND CHRISTMAS EVE.

Gloves always find a place  
on your GIFT List.

LADIES' LINED-KID GLOVES.—These are beauties, best  
quality Tan Kid, warm woolly lining, 2 Dome wrist.  
Get her size. Regular \$3.25. Xmas Sale  
Price \$2.95

MEN'S KID GLOVES.—The Special Gift for Him—a pair  
of wool-lined and fur-lined wrist Tan Kids, with  
patent strap. Regular \$5.00 pair. Xmas  
Sale Price \$4.75

LADIES' WOOL GLOVES.—of the warmest  
make in plain shades and some nice Hea-  
ther mixtures, usually sold at  
\$1.20. Xmas Sale Price \$1.05

GIRLS' GLOVES.—In plain shades of Navy and  
Cardinal, also Black or White, warm wool  
gloves in assorted sizes. Special  
Xmas Sale Price 45c

BOYS' WOOL GLOVES.—The best and warm-  
est for hardy boys, all Scotch Wool Gloves  
in nice Heather mixtures, assorted  
sizes. Regular 90 cents pair. Xmas Sale  
Price 80c

MEN'S WARM WOOL GLOVES.—Real warm  
winter gloves in shades of Khaki, Grey, Na-  
tural and Black; Gloves worth  
\$2.00 pair. Xmas Sale Price \$1.80



Neckwear! Another Inseparable Item from  
Your GIFT LIST.  
Some Charming NECKWEAR for MEN and BOYS.

MEN'S HIGH-GRADE NECKWEAR.—Our best line of  
Neckwear is presented for this Sale, a wide assort-  
ment assures satisfactory choice. Our moderate  
price for such Neckwear assures you value. He  
will be expecting a New Tie, it's here. Don't wait  
until the last moment—buy now. Special 95c  
Xmas Sale Price

BOYS' NECKWEAR.—A very special lot of Neckwear,  
in plain and fancy Silks, wide flowing end style, all  
brand new stock, offering one of our very best  
values in pleasing Neckwear. Reg. 40c. 32c  
Xmas Sale Price

MEN'S HANDKERCHIEFS.—Excelsior Handkerchiefs in  
white, or coloured border and hemstitched, others  
in H. S. Irish lawn. Reg. 28c. each. Xmas  
Sale Price 25c

THE BOSTON GARTER.—Drop a pair into his socks, it  
will be a surprise gift for brother or father Xmas  
morning. He likes the Boston Garter best. 37c  
Xmas Sale Price

MEN'S all Silk SHIRTS

MEN'S SILK SHIRTS.—A choice gift—an all  
Silk Shirt, coat style, double cuff, and soft  
detachable collar to match; these offer you a  
very pretty assortment of striped patterns.  
Regular \$7.50. Xmas Sale \$6.95

MEN'S NEGLIGE SHIRTS.—This line offers  
you a big range of good-looking patterns, coat  
style Shirts soft cuffs, true to fit sizes.  
Value for \$2.50. Xmas Sale \$2.25

MEN'S WINTER CAPS.—Some very respectable  
looking Tweed Caps for Winter wear, light and  
dark Tweed patterns, ear protection folds  
angled inside when not in use. Now is the  
time for His new Cap. Reg. \$1.75.  
Xmas Sale Price \$1.55

MEN'S BATH ROBES.—Loose fitting Bath Robes  
in mixed shades, pink and white, blue and  
white, girdled, large spacious pockets; a gift  
for a life time. Regular \$8.00.  
Xmas Sale Price \$7.00

NEW TABLE CLOTHS, Napkins, Etc., for Christmas,  
EXTRAORDINARY VALUES.

HEMSTITCHED TABLE CLOTHS.—These offer  
you top-notch value in inexpensive Table Cloths,  
pure white, nicely patterned and with hem-  
stitched border. Regular \$2.60. \$2.30  
Xmas Sale Price

WHITE DAMASK TABLE CLOTHS.—It's not  
Christmas without a new table cloth, here is  
special value then, pure white, with Canadian  
Maple and Landscape pattern. A beauty.  
Regular \$3.80. Xmas Sale \$3.60  
Price

AND NAPKINS TO MATCH.—High-grade White  
Damask Table Napkins to match the good table  
cloth advertised herewith; size 25 x 25; hem-  
med ready for use. Reg. 40c. Xmas Sale  
Price, each 35c

COLOURED TABLE COVERS.—A limited stock  
of these. Just the cloth you would like for  
brightening up for Christmas time; pretty green  
and old gold mixture. Reg. \$3.50. \$3.25  
Xmas Sale Price

A "Round Dozen" of  
Xmas Values.

BUTTONED GAITERS.—  
As a sensible gift, give  
Gaiters. We offer child-  
ren's and misses' in a  
dependable make, neat  
fitting.  
Child's. Special... \$1.85  
Misses'. Special... \$2.10

LADIES' TAN RUBBERS.—Real Dark Tan, with spoon heel; a  
close clinging and neat-fitting Rubber; sizes  
2 1/2 to 5. Xmas Sale Price \$1.35

SMOKER SETS.—A handy set for Daddy, if he is a smoker; rus-  
tic looking, made of American birch; keeps all his smok-  
ing accessories together. Special for Xmas Sale, per  
set 45c

CARIBOU BROOCHES ON PEARL.—A very neat Souvenir  
pearl showing the Caribou head on silver rimmed  
brooch, circular shape. Xmas Sale Price 55c

BOYS' AND GIRLS' HOCKEY JERSEYS.—Heavy Wool Jersey  
with roll collar; some in Crimson with white collar and  
cuffs; others in Grey with Crimson roll collar and cuffs;  
assorted sizes. Regular \$5.00. Xmas Sale \$4.70

TEA CLOTHS.—English White Linen Tea Cloths, rather neatly  
embroidered and finished with a worked wavy edge; a Cloth  
for years. Regular \$1.50 each. Xmas Sale \$1.28

PILLOW SHAMS.—Strong White Cotton Shams, daintily trim-  
med with shadow lace insertion and lace edged. A pair  
would make a tidy gift. Regular 80c. each. Xmas 74c  
Sale Price

TABLE COVERS.—Crimson and Green mixtures in serviceable  
dining room cloths, fringed; regular beauties. \$5.65  
Reg. \$6.00. Xmas Sale Price

LADIES' HOUSE SLIPPERS.—Cozy looking Felt House Slip-  
pers, leather sole and heel and padded insole;  
fancy front. Reg. \$2.00. Xmas Sale Price \$1.78

PILLOW CASES.—With a pretty all embroidered end, strong  
American cotton make Good value for 90c. Xmas 79c  
Sale Price

TRAY CLOTHS.—Rare examples of pretty drawn thread work  
on white linen, wide hemstitched border; fifty  
looking. Reg. \$1.50. Xmas Sale Price \$1.28

AS A GIFT  
one of our brand new  
SILK  
UMBRELLAS  
the Gift she is not  
expecting.

A treasured gift would be one of these  
good Black Silk Umbrellas which  
have just opened; they are the latest  
finish, the very best quality and a good-  
ly variety of pretty handles to select  
from. Special Prices, \$4.50, \$5.00,  
to \$10.00.

Practical GIFTS  
From the SHOWROOM  
SPLENDID VALUES.

EIDER DRESSING GOWNS.—  
These come in Children's and  
Misses sizes, comfortable gar-  
ments they need for immediate  
wear; fancy mixtures in Saxe,  
Fawn and Grey; to fit 6 to 4  
years. Reg. \$3.50. \$2.89  
Xmas Sale Price

EMBROIDERED KERCHIEFS.—  
Dainty things, Irish embroide-  
red, with double rows of hem-  
stitchings, others lace trimmed;  
half dozen in each box. Regular  
\$1.00 box. Xmas Sale 87c  
Price

BIBS AND FEEDERS.—Some  
splendid wash bibs in white  
pique and brilliant Torchon lace  
trimmed and some Feeders in  
white Terry Cloth with blue or  
pink borders. Reg. 20c. 15c  
Xmas Sale Price

STYLISH COLLARS.—Immense  
assortment of pretty Collars, in  
roll, sailor, and shawl, etc.,  
some in voile, others in fine Mus-  
lin, Groppe, and Broadcloth and  
Plain Silk, trimmed with Flit  
lace, hemstitched; the newest for  
Coat or Dresses. Regular 80  
cents each. Xmas Sale 69c  
Price

WHITE LAWN CAMISOLES.—A  
very pretty assortment, some  
Swiss Embroidered trimmings  
and fine pin tucks, others lace  
and insertion trimmed, straps  
and short sleeves; if you want  
value or a gift for some friend,  
its right here in these pretty  
camisoles. Reg. \$1. 82c  
Xmas Sale Price

HAT PINS.—Serviceable Hat Pins  
with Sterling Silver rims, some  
set with Stones, others with  
Blue Bird and Pansy heads and  
Brilliant. Regular 40c. value.  
Xmas Sale Price 19c

LADIES' PURSES.—Black leather  
purses with strap at back, mirror  
inside; the new flat shape in  
purse, strong, durable and  
neat. Reg. \$1.40. \$1.26  
Xmas Sale Price

INFANTS' WOOL SWEATERS.—  
Comfort for the baby, a nice  
warm wool Coat Sweater, all  
white make with blue or pink  
facings, nice roll collar; sizes to  
fit 2 years. Regular \$3.00.  
Xmas Sale Price \$2.75

JOB LINE of Ladies' New Knit UNDERWEAR

Extra special value in Ladies' Underwear for winter wear. Cream  
and Natural shades, high neck, long or 3/4 sleeve; pants ankle length;  
all sizes. These are regular \$2.00 per garment. Xmas \$1.39  
Sale Price, per garment

Santa is taking advant-  
age of the occasion.  
So should You of these  
Values.

PLAID HONEYCOMB QUILTS FOR  
BABY.—These are crib size and come  
in a large pale blue and white check  
heavy honeycomb make; wide bound  
edge to match; for crib or sleigh.  
Special, each Xmas Sale Price \$1.50

CREAM WOOL LEGGINGS.—For the little ones we have some  
all Wool Leggings, over the knee height and slip-over  
style; assorted sizes. Regular 75c. Xmas Sale 65c  
Price

MEN'S SOFT FELT HATS.—The man that likes a good smart  
looking Hat will find it in these, and in likable shades of  
Greys and Browns, wide silk bands, lightweight and easy  
fitting. Regular \$3.50 value. Xmas Sale \$3.00  
Price

LARGE WADDED QUILTS.—For the colder nights here are  
some in Crimson and Green, others Crimson and Gold; all  
covered in good quality plain satens. Reg. \$9.98  
\$10.50. Xmas Sale Price

SPECIAL 78c. VALUES.

We have gathered together a lot of fancy linen pieces  
including  
TEA CLOTHS, SIDEBORD CLOTHS, PILLOW SHAMS,  
PILLOW CASES, TRAY CLOTHS, CENTRES,  
and BATTENBURG PIECES, Etc.,  
all suitable and very acceptable gift goods; values run up  
to \$1.00 each. It's worth your while to see the as-  
sorted. Your choice during this Xmas Sale. 78c

Special! MEN'S COAT SWEATERS,  
Extra Value.

In a heavy Brown make, large convertible collar, 2 side  
pockets. We can give you these in full sizes. A splendid gar-  
ment for the out-of-door man. Reg. \$3.00 value. \$2.65  
Xmas Sale Price

New Hosiery  
for Xmas.

LADIES' CASHMERE HOSE.—Fast Black,  
plain cashmere finish Hosiery, medium  
prices. Just right for present wear, as-  
sorted sizes. Reg. 70c. Xmas 65c  
Sale Price

BOYS' AND GIRLS' HOSE.—Good wearing  
Stockings in a heavy rib finish, cashmere  
like; just the kind Sandy would like to  
fill; we have all sizes. Reg. 65c. 57c  
Xmas Sale Price

MEN'S 1/2 HOSE.—Navy and Black Cash-  
mere, plain finish. These are value to-  
day for \$1.00 the pair. Xmas Sale 85c  
Price

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