

Women's \$1.50 Shoes... Countermand Sale Price... ..90c.. The Big Store.

BABY'S PORTRAIT. (Sketches by his mother.) A little head of shapely mold, Two baby eyes so bright and bold, A dainty little nose; Two little cheeks so round and fair, With tiny dimples hiding there Like dewdrops in a rose. A little mouth so fragrant sweet, A tiny dimpling chin so neat, And both just made to kiss; Two cunning ears each in its place, A baby forehead set with grace, Whose photograph is this? Two sturdy shoulders, broad and square, Two chubby hands so fat and fair, And cunning feet so coy; A roguish smile for you and me, Sweet baby ways; now, don't you see The portrait of our boy? —Pearson's Weekly.

TAKING IN MR. MOODY.

How His Confidence Was Abused by the Natives of Bethany.

When D. L. Moody went to Bethany during his travels in the east, he was very soft hearted over all the multitude of beggars there, not only because the place is so unusual, but because he was moved by its beautiful traditions. He gave quantities of "backsheesh" and then asked if any of the children had the names of Mary and Martha. Yes, indeed, they had. And that opened his pockets again.

The news of his generosity spread through the village, and new claimants came until his visit seemed likely to result in a fight for existence. The case was getting desperate, and he told the dragoman to call for silence while he made an address. Then he said:

"I have come 6,000 miles to see this little village of Bethany. It was a place my Master loved to visit, and I have come to see it because he loved it. I am very glad to meet you all, but now I want to be alone. I have no more backsheesh, and I bid you good by."

A fine looking boy of 16 replied to the address. He spoke fluently and with the grace of an orator. Mr. Moody was delighted with the beginning of his oration, but not with its conclusion.

"We are glad to see the gentleman and his friends who have come so far, but the gentleman must not think that his actions are equal to the importance of his visit. Six thousand miles is a long way to come, and the gentleman must have sacrificed much to make the visit. In consequence it is natural for us to expect that he would be munificent in backsheesh. This he has not been, and we now expect that he will give us a great deal more."

Mr. Moody was so disgusted that he abandoned the situation entirely and hurried away with his friends.

"I did think," said he, "that boy had a soul above backsheesh."

"And did you think, too, that some of the children were named Martha and Mary?" he was asked.

"Certainly. Why not?"

Nothing; only they were all boys."—Youth's Companion.

A Settler.

A 5-year-old boy went with his mother to make a calf. The lady of the house, who was fond of children, told him she meant to ask his mother to let her have him. "Don't you think your mother would let me buy you?" she asked.

"No, ma'am," answered the little fellow; "you haven't got money enough."

"How much would it take?" she continued.

"Three hundred dollars," said the boy promptly, as if that would settle the matter at once for all.

"Oh, well, then," said the woman, "I think I can manage it. If I can, will you come and stay with me?"

"No, ma'am," he said, with decision. "Mamma wouldn't sell me anyhow. There are five of us, and mamma wouldn't like to break the set."—Buffalo Enquirer.

Demand For Excelsior.

The present annual production in this country of excelsior is about 60,000 tons. Put to a great variety of uses, excelsior is most commonly used for packing purposes, and in such uses it is employed for many very different kinds of things. It is used, for example, in the packing of things so fragile as eggs and various so solid as iron toys. In the various uses to which it is put excelsior is most in demand where manufacturing is carried on, so that the larger part of the great quantity of this material now produced in this country is used east of the Mississippi river.—New York Sun.

Like nearly all Natal rivers, the Tugela is not navigable, and a bar of sand stretches across its mouth.

COLENSO RECALLED

RECENT BRITISH DISASTERS IN SOUTH AFRICA REVIVE MEMORIES.

THE BOERS SHOW MUCH ACTIVITY

Defeat of the Queen's Arms at Magesburg Described as One of the Worst Setbacks of the War From the British Viewpoint at This Stage of Affairs.

London, Dec. 17.—The following dispatch has been received by the war office from Lord Kitchener:

Pretoria, Dec. 15.—Five officers and 316 men, Magesburg prisoners, have been released. The Boers surrounded and captured 120 of Brabant's horse in a defile in the Soutpansberg district. Colonel Bonfield, moving on Vryheid, defeated the Boers with heavy loss, driving them from Schepers Nek and capturing a quantity of arms. The Schepers Nek movement occurred Dec. 13.

The Boers who attacked Vryheid Dec. 10 lost 100 killed and wounded before they retired. The fighting lasted all day, the enemy drawing off at 7:30 p. m. The British loss was six killed, 19 wounded and 20 missing. Our casualties include two officers who died of their wounds.

Lord Kitchener, after announcing that the released Magesburg prisoners have arrived at Rustenburg, says that the Boer force divided into two portions, one moving south and the other west.

General Kitchener's supplementary dispatch referring to the disaster at the Magesburg demonstrates that the catastrophe is among the worst of the war.

All the forebodings and criticisms which Colenso gave rise to a year ago have been resurrected by the disaster at the Magesburg. The war office has nothing to do but "grin and bear it" and trust to time. Until General Kitchener's forces are transformed into mounted infantry and the mounted police get to work, Mr. Broderick sees little hope of improvement in the military situation. But who ever was responsible for the surrender at the Magesburg is likely to suffer, for the new war office officials are determined to make examples of generals or any other officers guilty of such gross mismanagement.

Lord Kitchener is reported to have sent a fresh and urgent request to the government to send out every available mounted man. With General DeWet again escaped through the British cordon in the neighborhood of Thaba N'chu, the serious affairs at Vryheid and Zastron, and the Magesburg disaster confronting the British people, they may well begin to ask, as they do, why Lord Roberts is allowed to come home.

SOME SURE THINGS.

Bets to Be Avoided by Those Who Never Tried the Feats.

Bets to be avoided by those who are cocksure they can do all things are those relating to athletic feats. It would seem that a good runner could easily give a start of 50 yards in 100 to a man who was doing the 50 yards by hopping on one leg. But few runners, if any, can afford to give that amount of start to any man who is at all strong on his legs. For the first five yards or so they go at practically the same pace, so that to run 95 yards while his opponent is hopping 45 he has to go more than twice as fast, and it is a weak man indeed who cannot hop 50 yards in ten seconds.

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A MISTRIAL

Jessie Morrison's Ordeal Was All For Naught.

Morrado, Kan., Dec. 15.—Jessie Morrison's trial for the murder of Mrs. G. Olin Castle, whose life she is charged with having taken because of her love for Castle, ended yesterday afternoon in a hung jury. Although the jury did not agree on a verdict, the result of their deliberations came near being an acquittal. Almost from the start, and before the case had been discussed by them, nine of the jurors voted for acquittal and three for conviction, the three holding out for manslaughter in the fourth degree, the punishment for which ranges from six months in jail to two years in the penitentiary. The jurors had been out since Tuesday morning, and for the last three days, realizing that they could not reach a verdict, they had waited patiently for their discharge.

Two Vitally Important Cases.

Washington, Dec. 18.—In the United States supreme court yesterday argument was begun in two cases, the decision of which is expected to fix the status of Porto Rico and the Philippine Islands and other insular possessions acquired through the war with Spain, with respect to the United States proper; to say whether their people are citizens, and to indicate whether the constitution follows the flag.

Boers Cross the River.

Cape Town, Dec. 18.—Seven hundred Boers have crossed from Orange River Colony into Cape Colony near Allwal north, and have reached Kaapstad.

SHORTHAND WRITING.

Accuracy is of Much More Importance Than Speed.

"Speed is by no means the most necessary thing in shorthand writing," explained an experienced stenographer, "but with some teachers it is made the great consideration, often at the expense of everything else. The big thing in shorthand is legibility, for there are many who can write fast enough, but who are unable to tell what it means after it has grown cold. I have been a stenographer, depending entirely on it for my living, for 25 years. During that time I have, of course, picked up some knowledge on the subject. I have been the stenographer for two cabinet officers, four assistant secretaries and three or four senators. Incidentally I have worked for a year as the private secretary of one of the big bank presidents in New York city.

"All of this experience has proven one thing very conclusively, and that is that there is no necessity for any stenographer who does amanuensis work to write over 120 words a minute and in 90 cases out of 100 no necessity to write over 100 words a minute. Indeed, I know of at least 25 stenographers who are drawing the largest kind of salaries as private secretaries who have assured me that they have never been required to average as much as 90 words. Under these circumstances it seems strange that some teachers of stenography will excite pupils to write 150 to 200 words per minute and endeavor to make them believe that such a railroad speed is a necessity. Such a practice does actual injury, for it discourages many from even learning a moderate speed.

"There have been instances where it may have been necessary for stenographers to be able to write over 200 and more words a minute, and there is a legend hanging about the senate chamber that General Hawley, for 10 or 12 minutes in a speech, once spoke 225 words a minute. The average speed of senators in speeches does not reach 110 words and in dictating letters rarely reaches 100 words."—Washington Star.

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The Worm Turned.

Mrs. Enneke—You let people domineer over you too much, Henry. You should learn to say "no" occasionally.

Mr. Enneke—Yes; that's right, and I wish to goodness you had said it on a certain occasion.—Chicago News.

..To The Ladies.. WHAT TO GIVE THE MEN-FOLKS FOR CHRISTMAS.

A perplexing question easily solved at our store THE STORE FOR MEN-FOLKS.

IF YOU want to make them happy at Christmas time, give them something they want, something that is practical and useful. Here is a store of good things for men, bought for men to wear. We have made it a study to tickle the men folks' fancy. Ladies, we are at your service. How happy the men-folks will be when they discover you trying to hide a package BEARING OUR NAME. Not many misgivings can the lucky fellows have about their Christmas.

HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS.

- Men's Fancy Vests, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 up to \$6.00. Magnificent assortment.
- A beautiful line of Neckwear at 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00.
- Gloves for street, dress and driving at 50c, 75c \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.
- Fancy Shirts at 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.
- White Shirts, 50 cents, 75 cents, \$1.00, \$1.50 and \$2.00.
- Collars, per dozen \$1.15 and \$1.75.
- Cuffs, per dozen \$2.00 and \$2.50.
- Full Dress Shields, \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.50.
- Nightshirts, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 \$1.50 and \$2.00.
- A great assortment of Suspenders at 25c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.
- Silk Suspenders, handsomely boxed, 75 cents, \$1.00 and \$1.50.
- Howard Hats, guaranteed, \$3.00.
- Fine Umbrella and Cane Sets.
- Beautiful Mackintoshes.
- Good Umbrellas.
- Linen Handkerchiefs 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.00.
- Silk Handkerchiefs, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50.
- Mufflers, a beautiful line, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$2.00.
- Pajamas, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

CLOTHING SUGGESTIONS.

- Men's Fine Trousers, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, up.
- Men's Fine, absolutely all wool suits, at \$7.50, \$8, \$9, \$10, \$12, \$15 and up.
- Men's Fine, absolutely all wool overcoats from \$7.50 to \$30.00.
- The Lord Raglan Overcoat from \$8.50 to \$25.00.
- Storm Ulsters, long, roomy sort, large collars in all fabrics.
- Prices—\$7.50 to \$25.00.

Gus Rosenthal, The Squire Man. Decatur, Indiana.

LINCOLN WAS GRACIOUS.

Invited the Theater Usher to a Seat in His Box.

"I never was much of a Republican," said a gentleman who was born and reared in Washington, "but I loved Abraham Lincoln. He was one of the most lovable men I ever met. I was an usher at the National theater, and about two weeks before the assassination John Wilkes Booth and Susan Denin were playing there. Mrs. Lincoln having expressed a desire to see them in 'Romeo and Juliet,' I was sent to the president's house to say that a box had been reserved. In the evening, Mrs. Lincoln being indisposed, the president and little Tad Lincoln came, and I showed them to the box.

"As Tad entered he turned and said, 'Come in, Lew.' 'Oh, no,' I replied; 'that would not be right.' Tad then turned to his father and said, 'Pap, you have no objection to Lew coming in?' Mr. Lincoln, with a smile and motioning me to a seat, replied: 'No, Tad; certainly not for any of your friends. We will be glad to have your company.'

"I told Tad that my business would not allow me the privilege, and, thanking both father and son, I returned to my duties with a light heart and with an admiration for the president I have felt for but few men, and since that incident I have often recalled it and expressed my sorrow that he met with a death so untimely."—Washington Star.

Awkward Compliment.

There is such a thing as being too persistently complimentary. A candid and well meaning professor who had witnessed the performance of a little play in a private house in which his hostess had taken the leading part met the lady as she came from behind the curtain.

"Madam," he said, rushing up to her, "you played excellently. That part fits you to perfection."

"Oh, no, professor," said the lady modestly. "A young and pretty woman is needed for that part."

"But, madam," persisted the professor, "you have positively proved the contrary!"—Pearson's Weekly.

In the Dumps.

There was once upon a time an Egyptian king, so it is said, who built a pyramid and died of melancholy. His name was Dumops, yet there are probably few persons who know that they are perpetuating the memory of his tragic history when they remark that they are "in the dumps."

Extraordinary Temerity.

"I told that Boston girl I didn't like Emerson."

"Was she displeased?"

"Displeased? She got nearly as mad as she did when I said that beans could be baked without salt pork."—Chicago Record.

Character Shown by the Nose.

"Here is an article in the paper that says a woman's character can be determined by her nose."

"Well, there may be something in that, but there's a surer way. No one can make a mistake concerning a woman's character if he will look at the noses of other women who meet her. The extent to which they turn up at such times shows just what she is or isn't."—Chicago Times-Herald.

LEGAL ADVERTISING.

NOTICE OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS.

Notice is hereby to the stockholders of the Decatur National Bank of Decatur, Indiana, that there will be a meeting of said stockholders at the banking rooms of said bank

Tuesday, January 8, 1901,

between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for said bank for the year 1901.

C. A. DUGAN, Cashier.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

Notice is hereby given that complete and detailed specifications including full and complete drawings have been prepared, adopted and filed by the board of commissioners of Adams county, Indiana, in the office of the auditor of said county for the construction of county asylum buildings on the lands belonging to said county now occupied for asylum purposes. Sealed proposals will be received by said board of commissioners of Adams county, Indiana, at the office of the auditor of said county until 10 o'clock a. m. sharp, on

Tuesday, January 22, 1901,

for all labor and material and for the construction of said asylum buildings in accordance with plans and specifications prepared by Kune Kibbe, architect, and adopted and filed by said board and now on file in said auditor's office. Each bid must be accompanied by a good and sufficient bond equal to the amount of bid, signed by at least two freehold sureties, or a surety company, to the approval of the board in all things as provided by law. Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check drawn against monies deposited in some reliable bank in Adams county, Indiana, in a sum equal to three per cent, of said bid. Said check shall be payable to said board of commissioners and shall be held as a guarantee of the performance of said bid, should the same be accepted. Each bid shall be accompanied with a proper affidavit as required by law.

Each bid is to be made on printed form furnished to the bidder on application to the auditor, the same to be filled out according to the schedule and in the manner and form therein described.

Bids will be opened on Tuesday, January 22, 1901, and contract awarded January 23, 1901.

SAMUEL DOAK, } County Commissioners. JOSEPH E. MANN, } FRED KEEPPERT, }

Attest—ABE BOCH, Auditor.

NOTICE OF SALE OF GRAVEL ROAD BONDS.

Notice is hereby given, that I, Jonas Neuen-schwander, as treasurer of Adams county, Indiana, will on

Monday, January 7, 1901,

at the room of the board of commissioners in the auditor's office in the city of Decatur, Indiana, receive sealed bids for the sale of certain bonds known and designated as "Macadamized Road Bonds" authorized and is-

sued by the board of commissioners of said county for the construction of the "Monroe township central macadam road" and the "Pleasant Valley and Oak Grove macadam road," each of said roads being in Monroe township in said county. The issue of bonds for the Monroe township central road is \$24,850 and of the Pleasant Valley and Oak Grove road is \$15,225. Each set of bonds is divided in forty equal series, one series payable every six months, and bear interest at the rate of four and one-half per cent per annum secured by coupons attached. Bids will be received until ten o'clock a. m. of said day, separate bids will be received for each set of bonds. Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check in an amount equal to three per cent of the amount of the bid, drawn against monies deposited in any reliable bank in said county, such check shall be made payable or indorsed to the board of commissioners, and shall be held as a guaranty for the performance of said bid, and should said bid be accepted the said check shall be forfeited should the bidder fail to comply with the conditions of his bid, each of said bonds will bear date of December 15, 1900, and should the bonds not be ready for delivery on the day said bids are received the interest at four and one-half per cent will be refunded by the promoter from December 15, 1900, to the day when the purchase price is paid to the county treasurer and the bonds delivered.

The Treasurer reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

JONAS NEUENSCHWANDER, 412 County Treasurer.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT OF ESTATE.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors, heirs and legatees of Levina Harris, deceased, to appear in the Adams circuit court, held at Decatur, Indiana, on the 4th day of January 1901, and show cause, if any, why the final settlement accounts with the estate of said deceased should not be approved; and said heirs are notified to then and there make proof of their claims, and receive their distributive shares.

BERNARD P. HARRIS, Adm'r.

Decatur, Ind. Dec. 10 1900.

NOTICE OF SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

State of Indiana, County of Adams, ss.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Frederick Shank deceased, will offer for sale at public auction at the late residence of said decedent in French township, Adams county, Indiana, on

Friday, the 28th day of December 1900

the personal property of said estate, consisting of 4 milk cows, 6 head of sheep, gray mare, brown mare, spring colt, 2 heifers, 2 calves, 2 sows and 16 pigs, 10 small pigs, 43 shooks corn fodder, 2 tons of hay, 193 bushels of corn, about 270 bushels of corn in crib, 45 bushels of oats, pair bob sleds, 2 grain cradles, 2 perches of stone, 2 piles of lumber, grain box, step ladder, 3 pitch forks, dung fork, curry comb and brush, harness, single set of harness, set of work harness, 3 packages of stingles, cart, two horse rig, two horse wagon with trucks, large grain box 2 ropes, cythe, brush cythe, broad ax, 3 axes, spike tooth harrow, spring tooth harrow, 2 breaking plows, cutting box, mowing machine, grain drill, 2 scap shovels, pulley and rope, raking mill, 2 shovels, 2 clank kets, 12 spade, wheelbarrow, 2 single shovel plows, 2 double shovel plows, grub hoe, set of seed corn, set of fly nets, 4 bushel cover seed work vice, spray pump, 4 corn planters, saws, grain and stuffer, bed 2 barrels, barrel of vinegar, maul boat, 2 double trees, iron kettle, 2 paint cans, lot of jars, grind stone, shav-ing horse, 2 corn cutters, wrench, 2 log h-k, pruning knife, pipe wrench, carpenter tools, cross cut saw, 3 augurs, 2 drawing knives, hoes and rakes, 3 post augurs, buck saw, ditch leveler and many other things not herein mentioned. Said to be in a "pick a m."

TERMS OF SALE: All bids to be five dollars and under cash in hand, over five dollars a credit of nine months will be given, the purchaser giving his note, waiting valuation and appraisalment laws, with approved security.

MARY M. SHANK, Administratrix.

JOHN C. MORAN, Attorney.

J. W. McKEAN, Auctioneer.

Decatur, Ind. 12-28-00.

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