

## The Middle Ground

By MARION RUBINCAM

TRYING TO UNDERSTAND  
Chapter 48.

"You see, if we had a lot of money," Jane went on, "we could have a big house—big enough at least to be able to get away from each other now and then."

"Married people oughtn't want to get away from each other," Mrs. Talbot interposed.

Jane straightened up, with a little impatient sigh.

"That's just it, mother," she said. "That's just the trouble with your point of view and ours. You put everything down by what people ought to do, or ought not to do."

"How else can you?"

"You can't judge them that way," Jane went on. "You have to look at them as you find them. People ought to live nice, peaceful moral lives—but they don't. They ought to sleep with their windows open, and take lots of baths and exercise to keep themselves fit—but they don't. You mustn't blame them, you must take them the way they come."

She went on after a pause—

"Most married people are unhappy because they see too much of each other. I quite agree with Donald about that. When you have a large house that in itself is pleasant, and efficient servants to keep it nicely and to arrange tempting meals; and when you can have your own rooms to get away from people, to be let alone and work and think—well, don't you see, it is quite different. We would have to be in one or two little rooms, and would always be under each other's feet, in each other's way, we would always be looking at each other—and Donald is nervous and impatient. No, I would not do, not even if I could wish that."

"That's why most marriages go wrong. People see too much of each other. They don't let each other alone. Then Donald would feel that it was expected of him to provide a nice home for me, and he would feel badly because he couldn't—there are so many reasons why he is a wastrel marriage."

"Do you want to marry him?" Mrs. Talbot asked suddenly.

Jane nodded her head, slow, tears dangerously near her eyes, fascinated so her mother would not—as though her mother would not notice!

"I'm old-fashioned enough to say it, really," she answered. "But it is, because, so why talk of it?"

"But if Donald is in love with you?"

"That's what makes it quite alright for him," Jane said. "He knows—we both know—that we are very much in love. He will never be in love with another woman, and I know—just as surely as though I could a little life ahead of me, that I will never love another man. I couldn't."

Again she paused, brown eyes gleaming as she thought of her love. "There is no one in the world like Donald," she said softly. "So that would be the difficulty. I mean, whether we married or not? Thinly thing is to be really in love."

"Do you mean that you would give up the question?" Mrs. Talbot hardly asked.

"Listen, mother. You heard me say the other night that she was waiting to marry a rich man, the man she could find. She says she is not to do it deliberately, eyes open to make a career for herself, when she is in love with the man. Now, do you think that is right?"

"There was a long silence."

"I want her to marry Dick," Mrs. Talbot said suddenly.

"That's not the question. What is another way. Which of these women do you think was bad—Tait, who married for a home, because it was that or go out and work that little girl at home who felt love, and, as father says, was wrong?"

Mrs. Talbot thought.

"Neither was good—I suppose I have more respect for the women who really are in love, though. She does not have given up something—though your father would never agree."

Jane drew a long breath.

"Six months ago you would have said that. Perhaps, after a while you will be able to understand."

"I will never understand that which is wrong is right. It is wicked—to marry."

"Even if the other thing is to go on all my life eating my heart out for a man I love—to go on as you know how narrow and faded—your old maid's life. Look at the living near us at home! It's my life, why can't I live it as I want—if it is not hurt others?"

It was a cry from a hungry heart. Mrs. Talbot was surprised at its intensity.

"But Jane," she cried—you have—you are not going to go with him. You haven't—"

Tomorrow—The Faithful Dick.

## Heart Problems

Dear Mrs. Thompson: I am 18 years old and taking dancing lessons and want to go to the private dances. How can I have a chance to go, as I don't care to go to the public dances and don't seem to know any of the fellows who attend private dances. I thank you.

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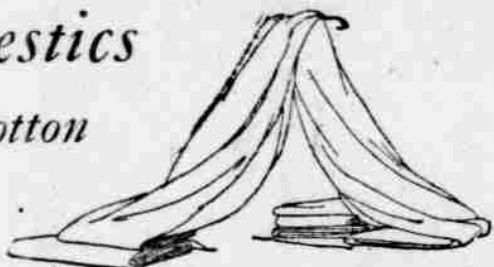
## January "Distribution Drive"

A sale that is more than an ordinary CLEARANCE SALE—a determined effort to help clear the way for the dawning NATIONAL PROSPERITY

—BARGAINS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT  
—BE ON HAND EARLY TO SHARE IN THESE MANY SAVINGS

There is just one big thing to be done by the merchants and people of this country in order to clear the way for the greatest prosperity that our nation has ever known. Nothing stands in the way of full production by factories everywhere except the merchandise now on hand in stores throughout the United States.

In this sale we are doing our part by reducing prices to the very lowest—much below the prices we can afford to sell them. We consider it our part in the work of bringing prosperity back. Following is the remarkable array of extraordinary offerings that we have created to inaugurate our January Distribution Drive.

Domestics  
and Cotton  
Dress  
Goods

The lowest prices in cotton goods for many years. Savings in every department. It will repay you well to stock up on necessities during these Sale Days.

With a steady to rising cotton market, these prices will not be duplicated for many months to come.

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	Unbleached.	Bleached.
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9-4 width	57c	59c
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Apron Gingham, good quality, checks in blue and white, green and white; red and white, brown and white; black and white, special ..... **15c**  
Cotton Poplins, regular 35c values, special at ..... **25c**  
Lot of Percales, light and dark patterns, specially reduced to **19c**  
Lot of Dress Gingshams, values 25c and 29c, now yard ..... **19c**

## Hosiery

for Men, Women and Children.

In specially arranged groups, priced at reductions for this January Event.

Lot of Ladies' Wool Sport Hose, green heather shade, regular \$1.50 value ..... **98c**  
Ladies' Mercerized Hose, navy and black and brown and black, resembles wool and silk, special ..... **49c**  
One big lot of Ladies', Children's and Men's Hosiery—cotton, mercerized and hile. All sizes in the lot but not all sizes in each style. Regular values, 35c to 65c; in a clean-up price of ..... **15c**  
Ladies' Glove Silk, lace stripe hose, black or brown, reduced for this January event to ..... **\$2.98**

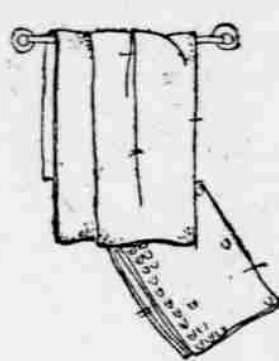
Men's Imported Lisle Hose, fancy colored Clock, brown or black, reduced to ..... **69c**  
Men's Silk Fibre Hose, extra heavy quality, black and brown, special ..... **50c**  
Ladies' \$2.50 Full-Fashioned Pure Thread Silk Hose, reduced to ..... **\$1.98**  
Lot of Ladies' Pure Thread Silk Hose, now at ..... **98c**  
Ladies' Pure Thread Silk Hose, extra heavy quality ..... **\$1.50**  
Lot of Infants' Hose, black only; cotton or wool, size 4 and 4½ only, special ..... **5c**

Silks and Wool  
Goods

A January Sale of Silk and Wool Goods that spells savings in every item. An excellent time to purchase dress, skirt or waist materials to be made up in the early spring.

All-Silk Japanese Pongee, 12mm weight, regular \$1.29 value, special for this sale **98c**  
All Silk Pongee, excellent for draperies, special at ..... **75c**  
Silk Shirtings, large assortment of stripes, Roman and pin stripes, special ..... **\$1.29**  
Messaline, yard wide, all light shades, regular \$2 value ..... **\$1.59**  
Crepe Poplin, special per yard ..... **\$1.50**  
Silk Poplins, reduced for this sale to **89c**  
Plain Taffetas, a special group worth \$2.25 and \$2, special **\$1.59**  
Silk Tricotine, in brown, blue, white, jade and American Beauty, special per yard ..... **\$1.59**

Lot of Plaid Dress Goods, dark colors, suitable for children's dresses and skirts, per yard ..... **19c**  
Lot of Wool Goods, 40 inches wide, in this lot is included checks, plaids, stripes and plain serges, reduced to ..... **98c**  
Lot of All-Wool Plaids and Stripes, also plain Serges and fancy weaves, regular \$2.75 and \$2.50 values, special at ..... **\$1.98**  
Lot of \$3.50 Wool Goods, special **\$2.65**  
Men's All-Wool Suitings, regular \$5 yd. values; special during this January event, a yard ..... **\$2.98**  
Wool Tricotine, brown, black, taupe, open and turquoise, yd. **\$2.65**

Towels  
and  
Table  
LinensAt Greatly Reduced  
January Sale Prices

All Linen Brown Towels, 18 inches wide, 35c value, special **25c**  
Part Linen Toweling, half bleached finish, regular 18c value, special ..... **12½c**  
Bleached Toweling, red stripe border, linen finish, special ..... **15c**  
Steven's All Linen Crash, 17 inches wide, special ..... **19c**  
All Linen Huck Towels, made in Scotland, special this sale **69c**  
Fancy Embroidered Huck Towels, \$1.25 value, special while they last ..... **49c**  
Huck Towel, hemstitched border, special at ..... **39c**

Plain White Huck Towels, hemstitched borders, regular \$1 value, special ..... **59c**  
Fancy Turkish Towels, value to 75c, now **49c**

Plain White Turkish Towels, values 50c, now ..... **29c**

Lot of Plain White Turkish Towels, values 50c, now ..... **29c**

Lot of Plain White Turkish Towels to close at ..... **19c**

Turkish Wash Cloths, special ..... **10c**

Knit Wash Cloths, special ..... **5c**

All Linen Damasks, reduced during this sale, one-fourth off.

## Underwear

January Sale Prices on all Underwear—Underwear for the entire family—at greatly reduced prices. These reductions affect Carter's Underwear as well as all other standard brands.



For a limited time during this January Event—we offer a discount of

**20 PER CENT**

on all Underwear—including Carter's underwear for the entire family.

Ladies' Union Suits, one big lot of garments medium weight, regular values \$1.75 and \$1.98, special ..... **98c**

Lot of Men's and Ladies' Two-piece Garments, to close the lot at One-Half Price

Children's and Misses' Union Suits in special group values of \$1.50; special ..... **98c**

Ladies' 1-piece Flannellette Pajamas, regular \$2.50 values, special ..... **\$1.49**

Lot of Boys' \$1.75 and \$1.50 Flannellette Union Suits, special **\$1.25**

Children's \$1.25 Flannellette Sleepers, \$1.25 values, special ..... **59c**

Gowns, hemstitched around the neck, regular \$1.50 value ..... **89c**

Children's Flannellette Petticoats, regular \$1.25 value, special for this sale ..... **89c**

Ladies' and Misses' Sateen Bloomers—white and pink, special at ..... **89c**

## Ready-to-Wear

CHOICE OF ALL LADIES' SUITS—Regular values from \$29.50 to \$98.50; Sale price ..... **HALF PRICE**

LADIES' COATS—Choice of one big lot of Ladies' Coats, regular values \$25.00 to \$97.50. Now ..... **½ Price**  
Choice of all Plush Coats, long or short at ..... **½ Price**  
Lot of \$1.50 Wash Waists, choice at ..... **½ Price**  
ALL CHILDREN'S COATS, Dresses and Middles ..... **½ Off**

LADIES' DRESSES—One lot of Ladies' Dresses, including many new models in wool and silk materials, beaded models, embroidered models, regular values \$17.50 to \$75. Choice ½ Off  
GEORGETTE, Crepe de Chine, Satin and Wool Jersey Waists and Blouses, choice ..... **½ Price**  
Furs go at a discount of ..... **33 ⅓ %**

January Clearance of  
MILLINERY

Lot of Ladies' Trimmed Velvet Hats, values up to \$7.50; to close at only ..... **\$1.00**  
Lot of Ladies' Trimmed Hats, values up to \$10.00; special for this sale ..... **\$3.50**  
Choice of all Ladies' Fall and Winter Hats ..... **HALF PRICE**  
Children's Hats at special sale price of ..... **HALF PRICE**

Lot of Children's Velvet Hats, regular values up to \$1.50; this small lot to close at only **29c**  
Lot of Ladies' Trimmed Hats, values up to \$15.00; choice for this sale at ..... **\$5.00**

## Corsets &amp; Brassieres

SECOND FLOOR

Showing Special values in Gossard, Kabo and W. B. Corsets—also Treo Girdles, Nature's Rival Brassieres and other corset accessories.

Lot of Low Bust, elastic top girdles, flesh color, sizes 20 to 30, to close lot at **\$1.00**  
Medium Bust Corset, brocade materials, sizes 29 to 30, special during this January event ..... **\$1.50**  
Lot of 75c and 50c Brassieres, only **39c**  
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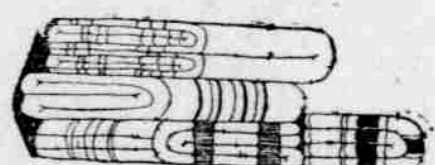
In special January Display and Sale—at prices the lowest they have been for many years.

Grey Cotton Blankets, 66x80, colored borders, regular \$2.25 values, special, pair ..... **\$1.50**

Lot of Blankets, Fancy Plaids, pink and blue, tan and grey, sizes 66x80 and 64x76—regular values \$3.98 and \$4.50, special ..... **\$2.98**

Lot of 66x80 Woolnap Plaids in blue or yellow, \$5.00 values, per pair ..... **\$3.75**

## Blankets



Large 74x84 Woolnap plaids, pink, blue or tan, regular \$6 value, special ..... **\$4.98**

Wool Blankets, size 70 x80, pink, blue and tan, regular \$10 value; special ..... **\$8.75**

Blanket Comfortable, the single bed blanket or double weight material, woolnap finish, size 64x78, regular \$5 value, special **\$3.98**

First  
Floor  
Special

Ladies' Handkerchiefs—a large assortment of plain and embroidered cornered handkerchiefs, values 25c; special ..... **10c** or 3 for **25c**  
Values to 50c, special ..... **19c** or 3 for **50c**

Ladies' Boxed Handkerchiefs, regular values 29c to \$1 box, special ..... **¼ Off**

Silk Boudoir Caps, values 29c to \$2, special at ..... **½ Price**

Small Lot of Ladies' Suede Gloves, most large sizes, black or white, value to \$1.25, special ..... **39c**

All Ladies' Silk Gloves, all colors, all sizes, at ..... **20c Off**

Windsor Ties, plain large sizes, black or white and fancy silks **25c**

All Veilings by the yard, special ..... **¼ Off**

Special lot of Children's Handkerchiefs, embroidered corners, values to 15c; special at ..... **5c**

Fancy Ribbon, 6 inches wide, value 39c; special ..... **25c**

Lot of Ladies' Long Cashmere Gloves, brown and beaver, strap wrist, 16 button length, regular \$1.75 value; special **\$1.39**

Boys' Plush and Felt Hats, reduced ..... **¼**

Japanese Blue-Print Scarfs; also lace scarfs regular values \$1.25 to \$3.98; special ½ Off

All Remnants, Cotton, Silk and Wool ½ Price

Boys' Suits, Corduroy and Wash Suits, regular \$1 to \$4 values; special ..... **¼ Off**

Ladies' Dress Aprons, special values at ..... **79c, \$1, \$1.79 and \$1.98**

Lot of Men's and Boys' Slipover Jackets, wool jersey and shaker knit, regular values \$2 to \$5, special ..... **½ Price**

Lot of Boys' Sweaters, small sizes, red trimmed in grey, special at ..... **98c**

All Children's Sweaters reduced ..... **¼**

Lot of Girls' Angora Tams and Knit Scarfs, values \$1 to \$3; special ..... **½ Price**

Lot of genuine Leather Purses, in special groups at—

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