

# THE PEOPLE'S STORE

## GREAT HALF PRICE SALE

### Beginning Wednesday, July 27, Ending Saturday, August 6

We are expecting our Fall Stock to begin to arrive soon and to make room for it we have decided to clean up all odd lots of Summer Stuff at a price. That price on most of it will be **HALF PRICE**---any old price to get rid of it.

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**Shut Out From the Sources.**  
 "No wonder Jones is such an ignorant." "What is the reason?" "He shaves himself, has his wife cut his hair and doesn't read the sporting page."

**Keeping Employed.**  
 "He seems to be very busy." "He always is." "What does he do?" "Tries to make people believe that he is of some importance."

**Modern.**  
 "Is this house for sale?" "Yes." "Plumbing in good order?" "I should say so. Plumber looks after it every week."

**Fine String.**  
 Simple Simon went a-fishing In his mother's water pail And, as you have doubtless heard it, Didn't catch a single whale. But the sequel wasn't printed In the little story book, For he got a string of microbes Fast as he could bait his hook.

"Are you going to marry Jack, Ethel?" "I think so." "I dare say he is deliciously happy." "Perhaps. He doesn't know about it yet."

**Of Course.**  
 "Do you like yachting?" "I just dote on it." "What is the color scheme of your new costume?"

**Recent Inventions.**  
 Concrete beehives form the subject of a recent patent. An ingenious French optician has invented a case fitted with lenses and mirrors in such a manner that a user can see over the heads of a crowd in front of him.

A stomach telescope, invented by a London surgeon and in constant use in a hospital in that city, enables a doctor to see the exact condition of the entire interior of the stomach of a patient.

### BLINDING A SHARK.

**A Pearl Diver's Ruin by Which He Made Good His Escape.**

A successful diver must possess great courage and nerves of steel. Such a man connected with a large wrecking company was visiting some years ago the pearl fisheries in the gulf of California, where sharks abounded. On one of his trips in quest of the pearl oyster he had a narrow escape from a fearful death.

He had been instructed never to stir from the bottom until he had looked up and around. Fortunately he heeded the advice. Having filled his bag, he glanced quickly about and caught sight of a huge shovel nosed shark watching him.

In an emergency men think fast. Near the diver was a large rock. He moved quickly to the other side of it, hoping to dodge the ferocious monster, but the maneuver did not work. The shark watched every movement, changing his position by a slight motion of his powerful tail.

Time was precious, and the diver conceived the idea of blinding the shark by stirring up the mud. Under cover of that he might escape. He worked for dear life and had the water thick with mud in less than half a minute.

Slipping around the rock again, he rose to the surface, having barely strength enough to reach the side of the boat, and was hauled on board just as the voracious man eater made a rush for him.

**Romeo Not Taken Seriously.**  
 Juliet was only fifteen years old, but she thought she was quite grown up. One evening, says Mrs. R. A. Pryor in "My Day," she was receiving on the moonlit veranda a young man caller. He, too, it seemed, considered himself grown up. The anxious youth was moved to seize the propitious hour and declare himself. Juliet wished to answer correctly and dismiss him without wounding him.

She assured him mamma would never consent.

A voice from within—they were sitting beneath her mother's window—settled the matter:

"Accept the young man, Juliet, if you want to. I've not the least objection. And let him run along home now. Be sure to bolt the door when you come in."

Evidently the mother had small respect for boy lovers and wished to go to sleep.

### A Prince Edward Island Legend.

There is a delightful legend among the people of Point Prim to the effect that when the English attacked the French fort at that place a chain ball from one of the attacking vessels cut the steeple from the old church located on the very point. In falling it toppled over the promontory and carried the bell which it contained into the sea. Dwellers along the point affirm that from time to time the sound of that bell comes over the waters at eventide and that its phantom tone is ever a warning of a fierce storm or some imminent danger to those who make their living by the spoils of the ocean.

**His selfishness.**  
 "He has every confidence in himself."

"Why shouldn't he have?" "I don't know that he ever made any great success."

"What's that got to do with it? He never went back on himself, did he?"

**Undesirable.**  
 "They turned away a lot of people last night."

"Must have had a good house."

"No."

"Why did they do it, then?"

"They wanted to levy on the ward-robbers of the cast."

**Different Sort.**  
 "Children weren't saucy and impudent when I was young."

"Weren't they?"

"I should say not."

"I presume they had a different sort of training from what we have had"

### Humor and Philosophy

By DUNCAN M. SMITH

#### THE BLUFF AND THE ACTUAL

**THE** haughty prince who struts the boards And orders slaves about, He makes the merchant princes fawn And throws the villain out. But when the tailor calls next day With trouble in his eye Then he appears to be a man Retiring, modest, shy.

Between the facts and the pretense There yawns a gulf indeed. The paper millions of the stage Are not a friend in need. The realistic drama may Be true to life in fact, But when the curtain falls begins The real pathetic act.

The actor man upon the stage Has everything his way. It never troubles him to have A bunch of bills to pay. A million is the same to him As twenty cents or less. Financial worries are, indeed, The least of his distress.

But when he comes to make his peace With butchers and their kind The play made money does not talk To give him peace of mind. A million of the stage's wealth Won't bring to him a crumb Or flag the milkman on his way Or buy a stick of gum.

**Liberal Education.**  
 "Have you a diploma from a law school?" asked the examining judge.

"No, your honor," replied the candidate for admission to the bar.

"Ever study law?"

"Not exactly."

"Then on what grounds do you ask for admission to the bar?"

"It's just this way, judge. I was the only witness who knew anything about the case in a trial, and the lawyers read all of the lawbooks that were ever written before they would let me testify, and I concluded it would be a pity to let so much information go to waste."

"You pass."

**Hardly Ideal.**  
 "Do you have plenty to eat at your house?" asked the prospective farm hand.

"Enough to feed two men after we are through."

"And plenty of work, I suppose."

"Sure. That is what I want you for."

"There is always some drawback."

**She Knew Him.**  
 "He wants to marry his stenographer."

"And won't she have him?"

"On one condition."

"What is that?"

"That she shall pick his stenographers for him."

**Heroic.**  
 "I can only work under pressure."

"That is all foolishness."

"No; it is a fact."

"I suppose you have a steam roller back of you when you want to produce something very fine."

**Fine Line of Lies.**  
 "I always tell the truth."

"You do?"

"Yes."

"What do you tell?"

"Anything that enters my head."

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