

NEW FRONT IN STORE BUILDING

ENTRANCE PROTRUDES FAR BACK IN BUILDING.

Gardiner Building Now Being Furnished Within by Lessee.

The California front to the new Gardiner building on Adams avenue has been completed and S. H. Dalton, who will occupy the place shortly is now constructing the shelving within the building. The front of the first floor is made so as to give a great deal of display window space notwithstanding that the building is narrow. The entrance runs back into the center with windows on either side and is the same style that is much in vogue in California now.

The second floor has not been leased though several have made application for sublets. The entrance will be gained by the left hand theatre stairway, then swinging off to the new building. There is a balcony on the first floor.

DIVORCE IN ANCIENT ROME.

One Woman Had Eight Husbands In Five Years.

"We are assured by Seneca," says the historian, "that there were women in ancient Rome who counted their ages not by their years, but by the husbands they had had. Juvenal tells of one woman who had married eight husbands in five years. Divorce was granted on the slightest pretext. Many separated merely from love of change, disdaining to give any reason. The Aemilius Paulus, who told his friends that he knew best where his shoes pinched him.

"Rich wives were not much sought after by wise men. Their complete emancipation made them difficult to manage. Accordingly, since both rich and poor wives were objectionable, the large majority of men never married at all. In most cases a Roman bridegroom knew practically nothing of his wife's character until after marriage.

"Marriage for the Roman woman meant a transition from rigid seclusion to almost unbounded liberty. She appeared as a flatter of course at her husband's table whether he had company or not. She could go where she liked, either to the temples of Isis and Serapis or to the circus and amphitheater. She had her own troops of slaves, over whom she ruled without interference."

THEY ATE LEATHER.

The Way Morgan's Pirates Prepared Their Tough Food.

The infamous Captain Morgan and his piratical crew were sometimes in tight places at Panama and on one occasion were reduced to eating their leather bags.

"Some persons," says one of the company (Esquemelin, whose narrative is reproduced in "The Buccaneers in the West Indies"), "who never were out of their mothers' kitchens may ask how these pirates could eat, swallow and digest these pieces of leather, so hard and dry, unto whom I only answer that could they once experience what hunger—or, rather, famine—is they would certainly find the manner by their own necessity, as the pirates did.

"For these first took the leather and sliced it in pieces. Then they beat it between two stones and rubbed it, often dipping it in the water of the river to render it by these means supple and tender. Lastly they scraped off the hair and roasted or broiled it upon the fire. And, being thus cooked, they cut it into small morsels and ate it, helping it down with frequent gulps of water, which by good fortune they had with them."

Coquelin Made the Audience Wait.

The architect Binet was a friend of the elder Coquelin. He delighted to speak of a performance of "Cyrano de Bergerac" in which he went to grade the great actor in his dressing room between acts.

"I advise you to wait," he said to the actor, "in the company of the 'Cadets of Gascony'."

At that moment word came to Coquelin that the curtain was rising for the next act.

"Wait, wait!" exclaimed Coquelin.

"Leave me here alone with Binet."

"My friend," he said to the architect, "it is with pleasure that I am now going to repeat the passage which has pleased you. For me your approbation is worth more than the plaudits of the whole house."

And while the audience waited he gave anew for Binet alone the "Cadets of Gascony."—Cris de Paris.

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