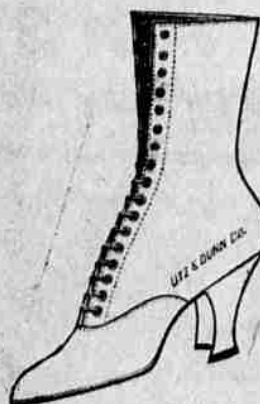


# First in the Field with a Thoroughly Representative Showing of the New Things for Spring

## Those Women who Have Seen our Collection of the NEW SPRING WASH GOODS

have pronounced it the most novel the prettiest and largest collection of wash goods in the city. Before buying we would suggest an inspection of these fashionable and yet moderately priced, new, wash fabrics. Every new kind and style is here ready to be made into the prettiest of Spring Dresses and waists. Priced 10c, 12c, 15c, 18c, 25c, 35c, 50c, 60c a Yard



## Shoe Styles of the Hour for Men, Women and Children

Pretty creations for women and misses fresh from the style designers of "Utz and Dunn" and "Pingree" shoe factories. All sizes and widths—in all leathers, lace or button styles—priced \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 For men this store is exclusive agents for "Tilt" and Nettleton shoes. Highest grade line of men's shoes made—all sizes and widths—"Tilt" shoes \$3.50 to \$6.00—Nettleton shoes \$6.50 and \$7.00.

## THE NEW NECKWEAR STYLES

Added to our Neckwear Assortment are selling fast—Smart Dainty Neckwear—Cape, Spanish, Chavilier Effects in Collar and Cuff Sets and Separate Collars—Every style that will be worn this Spring—All priced at .25c and 50c



Something to Please Every Customer, all That's Desirable in Style and Quality, all in our "Finest in the City" Showing of Women's Ready-to-Wear Apparel--

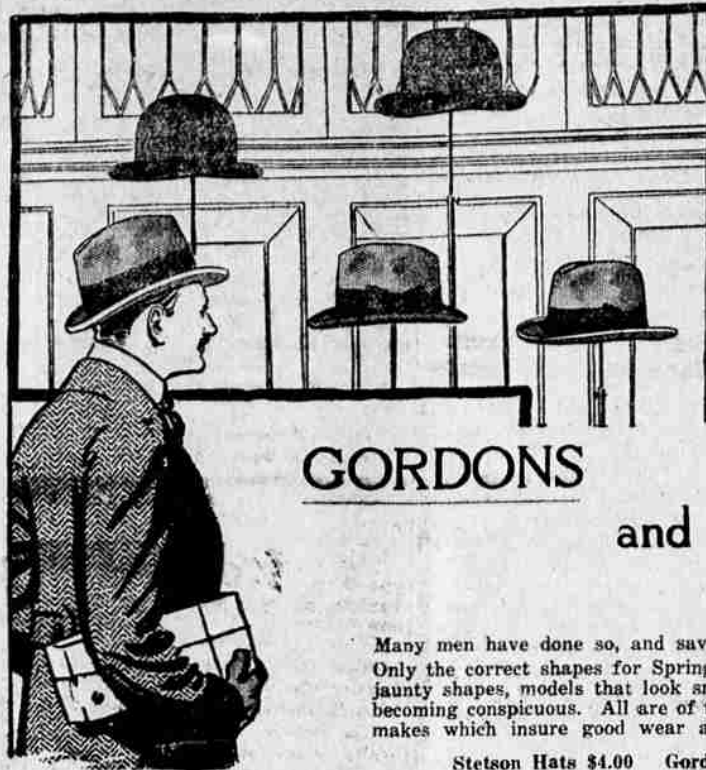
- New Spring Suits ..... \$15.00 up to \$47.50
- New Spring Coats ..... \$10.00 up to \$35.00
- New Spring Dresses ..... \$10.00 up to \$37.50
- New Spring Skirts ..... \$ 4.00 up to \$15.00

## WE TAKE PHONE ORDERS

New April Designers and Patterns are Ready



Mail Orders Promptly Filled



GORDONS

and

STETSONS

Many men have done so, and saved time and trouble. Only the correct shapes for Spring wear are displayed—jaunty shapes, models that look smart and brisk without becoming conspicuous. All are of the Stetson and Gordon makes which insure good wear as well as good looks.

Stetson Hats \$4.00 Gordon Hats \$3.00

Before Buying Your Spring Hat see our Window Display of the New

## Also you Men Will Find us Ready to do You a Lot of Good for Your Clothes Money

This is the value giving store of La Grande; the place where the money you spend represents more good results to you than any other. We're demonstrating value here in our \$20 and \$25 suits. They're specially made for us exclusively by Hirsch Wickwire & Co.; they show you how good its possible to make clothes to sell at \$20.00 and \$25.00; the good tailoring, the fine styles and the smart new fabrics. They're as good as they look and better than they cost. ALSO— We care a good deal about the trade of the man who wants something good in a Suit at \$15.00; we've got some unusual values for him; 100 per cent pure wool or worsted; all late patterns; all sizes \$15.00.

## See the New Spring Shirts

They're just in and they're corking good values—every one bright with the spirit of Spring. The prettiest new shades and combinations you'd care to see. And the materials are fine—See some of them displayed in the window—Pick now while the assortments are complete. New Manhattan Dress Shirts ..... \$1.50 and \$2.00 New Standard Dress Shirts ..... 75c, \$1.00, \$1.25

## We Dress the Boys Right: Too, and do it Very Economically

You'll find every thing in the way of good clothing and furnishings for boys. We invite you're early inspection of the New Spring Stocks, and call your particular attention to the splendid assortment of

- Boy's "Best Ever" Suits, guaranteed all wool, 16 special features \$5.00 Up
- Boy's "Kaynee" Blouses with no tapes or strings, priced ..... 50c
- Boy's New Spring Four-in-Hand Ties, at ..... 25c
- Boy's Medium Weight Union Suits, for Spring wear ..... 50c
- Boy's "Black Cat" Hose, reinforced sole, triple knee, pair ..... 25c
- Boy's Suspenders and Leather Belts, priced ..... 25c
- Boy's New Spring Wash Suits, newest styles ..... 75c to \$1.50
- Boy's Caps, the best quality in town, at ..... 50c



## New Arrivals Have Added Greatly to our Already Large Showing for Spring of--

- New Spring Fancy Wash Silks, Per Yard ..... \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.75
- New Spring, Wide Striped Percales, per yard ..... 10c and 15c
- New Spring Gingham, yd. 10c and 12c
- New Spring Curtain Serims, yard ..... 20c
- New Spring Curtain Cretonnes, per yard ..... 12c to 50c
- New Spring "Klostersilk" tating and crochet thread ..... 10c ball
- New Boudoir Caps, of pretty laces, ribbons, etc. .... 25c and 50c
- New Spring "Nemo" Military Belt Corsets ..... \$3.50
- New Henderson Corsets ..... \$1.00 to \$3.50
- New College Striped Middy Blouses ..... \$1.25, \$1.50
- New All Leather Hand Bags ..... \$1.00, \$1.25, \$2.25

### THE OBSERVER

BRUCE DENNIS, Editor and Owner

#### DEATH ENDS RED TAPE.

A man who became so sadly tangled in federal red tape that there was, for two years, no land where he could abide, has reached the end of his wanderings.

Nathan Cohen, after business and domestic misfortunes, suffered a mental breakdown, and the United States immigration authorities compelled a steamship company to return him to Brazil, where he had resided before coming to this country. Brazil would not permit him to go

ashore and so a steamer cabin became his home. Charitable organizations interested themselves and he was placed in a sanitarium pending the close of war, when an effort would have been made to deport him to Russia, the place of his birth.

Not only was Cohen in the grip of circumstances which he could not influence, but the officials who ordered the strange life he was fated to live for two years had no more power over his destiny. Fixed rules and regulations took their course with him.

Probably he did not suffer excessively and a continuous ocean voyage is not a hardship for a mental invalid. When he at last escaped from the weary complications it was through

the offices of that kindly liberator, death.

Man struggles to control the forces affecting his personal course; most seem freer than Nathan Cohen, but for all existence remains a pressing problem until it is solved in the same manner his was.

#### THE SENSES.

It is a very sage criticism which Dr. Charles W. Eliot, president of Harvard University, passes upon modern educational systems when he says, in a pamphlet, that cultivation of the perceptive powers of children is neglected, the senses permitted to go untrained, while an attempt is made to upholster the kind with super-

ficial culture. We have been taught to know rather than to do; to make use of the observations of others rather than to see for ourselves.

Whether a child is to be a painter or a lath operator, he needs training in the effective contact between himself and the world of outward things, which is made possible only by skill of eye and hand.

Dr. Eliot, intimates that every school should be a laboratory, a place of doing experimentation, research.

The primary education of animals is accomplished through the play instinct. A kitten learns to catch mice by pursuing a spool; a boy learns to make a living and to enjoy the riches of the universe by memorizing algebraic formulas. Dr. Eliot, and

other wise in human nature, plead for a return to the fundamentals, plus the profits and benefits of science.

#### MUST AGREE OR STAY OUT.

The New York legislature is considering a measure to end the struggle, now become monotonous, between theatre owners and critics who write unfavorable reviews. Certain of these gentlemen have been refused admittance to play houses whose offerings they have condemned.

The touchiness of the managers is understandable, however puerile their preventive measures may seem. They object to exposing their plays to the blasts of sophisticated journalists whose utterances will warn the public

to keep off.

This touchiness is shared by most members of the human family. We do not welcome our critics to the place wherein our real selves are exhibited. We are cordial to the flatterer when he appears at the box office, and hand him a perpetual pass to our friendship, but the one who, by spoken word or manner, manifests disapproval of our performance, we frown upon.

If the improvement of the stage were desired by these sensitive managers, they would throw open their doors to all kinds of comment. The man who actually would know himself and combat his faults will hear, with gratitude if not with cheerfulness, exposure of his failures in any terms, from anyone.