



### Pre-Inventory Clean-up

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Take advantage of these tremendous values of Fur-trimmed and Plain Winter Coats during the next three days.

HILLS DEPT STORE

A Good Place to Trade

### STRIVING FOR PERFECT LENS

WASHINGTON (AP)—Twice in the last five months have scientists and workers at the Bureau of Standards endeavored to produce a 50 inch disc of perfect optical glass, and twice have they failed to accomplish this very difficult task. Undismayed, they are preparing for the third effort. It can be done, for in Germany a 72 inch disc was once brought into existence, and Dr. G. K. Burgess, director of the bureau, will continue until success crowns his labors. Then he will have a prize indeed, and an American university will be provided with a five foot reflector about which to build a wonderfully efficient telescope for astronomical observation.

### SOLDIERS LOSE IN MOTOR CAR ASSEMBLY TEST

One of the most interesting features of the air circus recently held at Grissley Field, California, was the contest between civilians and soldier mechanics in stripping army cars down to the bare frame and re-assembling them.

The cars selected were two Dodge Brothers cars standard equipment in the U. S. army, built in 1917. The contest rules allowed four men on each team, but the winning civilian crew— from the service station of J. E. French company, the San Francisco Dodge Brothers dealer— numbered only eight men and a foreman.

### Seeks Oil



It's against the law to drill an oil well on a little tract of ground like Mrs. F. J. Patterson's town lot at Wortham, Tex. But she's doing it. When big oil companies leased land all around the aged widow's tiny 1/2-acre tract, she said they were trying to squeeze her out. So Mrs. Patterson begged an opportunity to seek oil on her property too. She told the railroad commission of her 20-year struggle to give her only son proper medical attention. And the commission had a heart.

### Bad Eggs Make Bad Hatching



### JAPAN WORTH 51 BILLIONS

TOKIO (AP)—The total wealth of Japan is approximately 102,000,000,000 yen, (\$51,000,000,000) according to a statement published by Hirooaki Takahashi, one of the country's foremost statisticians. (The total wealth of the United States is given for 1921 at \$200,000,000,000.) Mr. Takahashi traces the growth of the national wealth from the time of the opening of the country to foreign trade— by Commodore Matthew Perry of the United States Navy, 71 years ago, down to the present. The increase in that period has been twenty-fold, since Japan's wealth in 1853 is placed at about 5,000,000,000 yen. The greatest increase came during the World War, when the national wealth jumped from 28,000,000,000 yen in 1912 to 92,000,000,000 in 1921, owing to huge war profits made by Japanese industry. In spite of the post-war depression and the great earthquake of 1923, the increase has continued, and Mr. Takahashi now places the national wealth at 12,000,000,000. Osaka is the richest city of Japan, according to this authority, while Tokio comes second. The per capita wealth of all Japan is put at 1,718 yen or \$55.5 (in the United States it is \$2,800 per capita.) For Tokio it is 2,275 (a ranking next after Tokio it is wealth at Kobe, Kioto, Nagoya and Nagasaki.)

Huge Sums Paid to Ease Traffic LONDON (AP)—The widening of the Strand, in the heart of London, in an expensive proceeding, according to H. H. Gordon, a former London county councillor. He places the cost at \$25,000,000 a mile. Traffic congestion makes the operation necessary.

You can take the boy's Christmas horn and use it for a funnel, if you will need a funnel. If he advertises it, he knows it's good!

Swiss Scrap Steam Locomotives ZURICH (AP)—The Swiss national railways will spend \$3,000,000 in 1925 to continue the work of electrifying the entire railway system of the country, according to the government budget for 1925. Already 400 miles of track have been electrified, and next year is to witness the electrification of 52 additional miles.

Largest diamond in the world is worth \$100,000, but a small one may be prized more highly.

### Sixth Message

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### BUGS HELPED TO FIND MINE

YAGO, Nayarit, Mexico (AP)—Crawling cockroaches by the thousands recently led to the discovery of a new mine, fabulously rich in the days of the Spanish conquest. A young American mining engineer, Frank E. Davis, of San Francisco, found the apertures.

The old vein, measuring more than 14 feet in width, was intact. It carried high values in silver and gold, and is now being worked.

The mine once was operated by Spanish miners in the time of Cortez. It had been lost for nearly 115 years, for the Spaniards abandoned it when they were forced to flee to Spain at the outbreak of the Mexican rebellion for independence in 1812. Church writings recorded it as one of the wealthiest producers of the day. The mines had christened it Las Cucarachas, meaning cockroaches, because of its peculiar attraction for these creatures, which inhabited it in vast numbers.

Before describing the location, the Spanish operators sealed the entrance and effaced outward signs of their labor. They expected to return shortly, but they never came back, for the Mexican rebels were victorious. The secret of the treasure-trove perished with the priests and was buried among records of the early church.

At the time of the revolution against President Diaz, when Americans were scarce in many parts of the country, Davis, just out of college, was in the village of Nayarit. He took refuge with an aged priest in the ancient church at Compostella, who concealed him in secret corners of the crumbling building. The priest confided in Davis some rare records of the mining operations of the Spanish conquest, along with a description of the famous Cucarachas Mine, but the exact location was not stated. For years after this Davis searched for the hidden mine. He failed to find a trace, but did discover near Yago, Nayarit, a virgin property rich in gold and silver. This was developed, but he never lost interest in his original quest. Months later Davis chanced on an old mine but a few hundred

yards from the property he was seeking. The heavy tropical rains had kept the secret of the mine. Davis took men and ropes and was the first to be lowered into the ruins. He had scarcely descended into the depths of the ancient workings when he became aware that the walls were alive with cockroaches. His search was then over, for he had entered the famous storehouse of wealth of the Spanish padres.

A friend tells us he gave her a lipstick for Christmas and is getting it back when she thanks him.

If money really talked, an old dime could tell some wild tales about what it used to buy.

While a movie comedian's wife has secured a divorce it was not because he threw her pin around.

### Watch This Space For ASH BROS.' January Sale

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