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### Dangers of the Sea.

The fourth day a perfect mountain of water, the biggest sea I have ever seen in all my life, came towering up and fell on the Roddam. I thought she was foundered, but she shook it off, and we saw that the after deck house and the hand steering gear had been carried away as clean as cutting off the top of a cake. A piece of the truck had got jammed in the wheel chains, and the next bash the rudder got broke the chains. In half a minute we were wallowing helplessly in the trough of the sea, and I knew that another big sea would end the chapter. Getting the men together, I made a try at getting the chain picked up and spliced. The steward, who was a brave lad, went over the side and got up the loose end. We had tied ourselves together for the work, and that was all that kept us from being washed overboard. In a few minutes we had connected up the chain with a strong strap and were ready to get back amidships when the wreck of the hand steering gear, which was swinging free, came clipping around and caught the steward's leg, taking it off like a butcher chops off a bone.—Metropolitan Magazine.

### Gifts at Baptism.

Gifts to infants on their baptism are of ancient origin. Formerly the sponsors generally offered gilt spoons to the child. These spoons were called apostle spoons, because the figures of the twelve apostles were carved at the top of the handles. Rich sponsors gave the complete set of twelve, while for those who were not so opulent four was considered the proper number, and poor sponsors would content themselves with offering one. In the latter case the handle of the spoon generally exhibited the figure of any saint in honor of whom the child received its name. It is in allusion to this custom that, when Cranmer professes himself to be unworthy of being sponsor to the young princess, Shakespeare makes the king reply: "Come, come, my lord, you'd spare your spoons."

The mug or spoon and fork offering of the present day appears as a very debased survival of a really beautiful christening offering.—Westminster Review.

### The American Honeymoon.

Faithful in few things, the American public yet remains true to an old honeymoon tradition which assigns those to whom Europe is an impossible expense to Niagara Falls and Washington, the national capital. In these two centers bridal parties have been since long before the civil war the pride and the prey of hotel men and cabmen. Modern maids may consider them a little old fashioned, but when the time comes to choose a wedding tour the west, the middle west and the rural east of the United States are still true to Niagara Falls and Washington. It is in the spring and summer, when of course the larger number of marriages take place, that these resorts are so popular. In the winter New York itself is the Mecca of the newly wed.—London Telegraph.

### Early Horse Race Prizes.

Prizes for winners of horse races hundreds of years ago took curious forms. The earliest was the "briglia d'or," or golden bridle. After this the prize in England was a bell. This idea was taken from the custom among owners of pack horses of decorating the best horse, which led the cavalcade, with a bell, so that on dark nights and in dangerous places the whereabouts of the leader might be known and the others follow boldly. At Carlisle, silver bells were raced for by the moss troopers and dalesmen and specimens of these bells are still retained in the town hall.

### Few Solid Gold Dinner Services.

They say it is all nonsense talking of solid gold dinner services, for there are not more than three or four of them in the world, and they are too small for use in a party of any size. In many large houses in England and also in the United States a quantity of silver gilt plate, which looks precisely the same, is in use, but the feeling prevails that silver gilt is not as "becoming" to other table furniture as pure, dazzling silver plate and that it must be displayed with great discretion.—Boston Herald.

No matter what cares, anxieties or sorrows may vex or sadden you, do not prove yourself a weakling by going down before them, but show yourself noble in rising above them and molding them to life's purpose. Rather bear an insult than give one; rather dry a tear than cause one to be shed. How many celebrities we would have if men would be as anxious to make their own fame as they are to unmake the fame of others.

## GREAT

# - Closing Out Sale - Still Continues!

Goods at 10 to 50 per cent less than we ever sold them.

In these times when a dollar is worth so much go where that dollar will buy the most.

Another large shipment of goods to arrive this week, to fill out our fast depleting lines. My aim is not to have a dollars worth of merchandise in Stayton Jan. 1st, 1905. To this end I am working, and want everything to close out at one time, like the "Mighty One Hoss Shay."

The old saying is not true unless you make it so—  
"Dimes and dollars, dollars and dimes,  
An empty pocket book is the worst of crimes."

Lay away your prejudice. Let me help you keep dimes as well as dollars in your pocket book.

It is a duty you owe yourself and family to show your manhood and independence, to buy where you think you can do the best. Here is how I put dimes and dollars in your pocket book.

\$4.00 late style patent leather shoe closing out prices.....\$2.75

\$3.50 vici kid flexible sole shoe, sale price.....\$2.50

A lot of shoes good for school purposes at 50c on the dollar.

\$1.50 yd 44 in. all wool ladies dress goods, fall styles, per yd....\$1.12½

1.50 yd 50 in. all wool ladies dress goods, fall styles, per yd....98c

2.00 yd 56 in. all wool ladies dress goods, fall styles, per yd....1.35

1.00 yd 50 in. all wool ladies dress goods, fall styles, per yd....75c

75c yd 40 in. all wool ladies dress goods, fall styles, per yd....55c

60c yd 40 in. all wool ladies dress goods, fall styles, per yd....50c

\$10.00 men's very dark grey all wool suit, neat pin stripe, a nice suit for the money, good value at \$10.00; sale price..\$6.25 (Here is \$3 and 7½ dimes in your pocket book.)

\$18.00 men's dark wool suit, smooth finish, with light silk thread showing very prominently, making a very neat and attractive suit of clothing—Good value at \$18.00. Sale price.....\$12.50 \$5 and 5 dimes in your pocket book.

\$7.50 men's dark navy blue all wool suit, good for business suit for one year, and then good for another year's hard wear. Closing out price...\$5.00 \$2 and 5 dimes in your pocket book.

Bring these prices with you to the store.

### Outing Flannel.

Outing Flannel	Credit Price	My Price
.....8c	5c yd	
.....10c	7c yd	
.....12½	10c yd	
.....16c	12½ yd	

**G. D. TROTTER,**  
STAYTON, OREGON.

### Killing Rare Birds.

Commenting on the craze for killing rare birds wherever they may be found, a writer in London Truth says: "I should have thought that the fact that a bird is rare would be reason for not killing it. I suppose the idea is that, however rare a bird is, something may still be done to make him rarer."

### A Comet.

The following whimsical account of the nature of a splendid comet is given in an old French military journal: "It is a parcel of old stars who, being no longer fit for service, have been discharged on half pay and, to save expense, have agreed to mess together."

### Timber Land, Act June 3, 1878.—Notice for Publication.

United States Land Office, Oregon City, Oregon, September 21, 1904. Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the act of congress of June 3, 1878, entitled "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by act of August 4, 1892, David B. Smith, of Salem, county of Marion, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 6498 for the purchase of the N½ of N½ of Section No. 12, in Township No. 9 south, range 3 east, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at Oregon City, Oregon, on Thursday, the 8th day of December, 1904. He names as witnesses: William T. Clark, of Gates, Oregon, Robert Moorehouse, of Elkhorn, Oregon, Charles Rains, of Elkhorn, Oregon, Daniel Rains, of Elkhorn, Oregon. Any and all persons claiming adversely the above described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before said 8th day of December, 1904. ALGERNON S. DRESSER, Register.

### A Boy's Wild Ride for Life.

With family around expecting him to die, and a son riding for life 18 miles to get Dr. King's New Discovery for consumption, coughs and colds, W. H. Brown, of Leesville, Ind., endured death's agonies from asthma; but this wonderful medicine gave instant relief and soon cured him. He writes: "I now sleep soundly every night." Like marvelous cures of consumption, pneumonia, bronchitis, coughs, colds and grip prove its matchless merit for all throat and lung troubles. Guaranteed bottles free at all druggists.

## New Meat Market

We have opened a new market in Stayton in the old Davie & Briggs stand and carry a fine line of

**Fresh and Salt Meats**  
Bologna, Lard, Etc.

Our prices are reasonable, and our meats first-class. Your patronage is solicited.

**Stowell & Denny.**  
Shop in charge of A. C. Thomas.