

Tangled Bank Accounts.

"It is remarkable," said an old bank employee, "how few people keep their bank accounts absolutely correct. At ordinary times this failing is not conspicuous, because books are usually balanced when there is still a credit to the depositor's account. When the balanced book is received with the vouchers the usual discrepancy is found after much labor in an omitted entry, either deposit or check or in the form of an error in addition or subtraction. The thing is usually settled at home without our help. But when a lot of women go to a bank, each one with a check already made out representing her balance, then look out. Fortunately I have had no experience in that way, but I know that not one woman in ten—and I am charitable with the figure—keeps her book correctly, and many women keep no record at all. We have one depositor who used to receive an overdraft notice regularly every month. Now, by an arrangement with her, we give her notice when the balance nears the \$100 mark. Men laugh at the women for their failure to keep their bank accounts right, but except when a book-keeper does the work for them the men are nearly as bad."—New York Tribune.

Flour Tests.

Since more bread is eaten in the course of a lifetime than any other article of food, it behooves us to have it of the best possible quality. Even in this era of strict pure food laws flour will be adulterated, so it is up to us to be able to test its purity for ourselves. The chief ingredients that are mixed in flour are whitening and alum, both of which can be discovered by simple tests. To discover alum in flour it is only necessary to remember that it coagulates with milk. Soak a piece of bread in water until it is entirely dissolved, then put it on to boil with an equal quantity of milk. If there is any alum lurking around great clots will be formed. Even simpler is the test for whitening. Moisten the thumb and first finger with a little olive oil and rub between them a good sized pinch of flour. If it turns brown, but does not get sticky, its purity is pretty certain. Whitening's presence will be shown by a sticky, pasty feeling and no discoloration.

Found a Customer.

"My friends, are you aware with what vile compounds you insult your stomachs?" said an eloquent preacher in a mining town recently. After a short pause he continued: "The stuff served to you at the dramshops here is not honest whisky, but a mixture of alcohol and water colored and flavored with fusel oil and chemicals. You can go to any drug store and for 50 cents buy enough of these ingredients to make a barrel of the stuff you drink!" As he reached this climax a great burly man jumped up and, waving a five dollar bill high in his hand, exclaimed in stentorian tones: "One moment, please. Here is my last V. Give me that recipe. I would sooner possess it than a gold mine!" A hearty cheer by the audience ended the meeting. The preacher prudently withdrew, richer in experience and more circumspect in his remarks at subsequent gatherings.—Buffalo News.

To Aim Straight Is Human.

Anthropologists have remarked that taking aim is a human characteristic that even the anthropoid apes cannot be said to share. Apes and monkeys frequently throw nuts and sticks, sometimes with unpleasant consequences to others, but they show little or no ability to take accurate aim. The baboon is said to excel somewhat in this respect, but still it would never pass for a marksman. Accuracy of eye and the judgment of direction and distance that are involved in real aiming have been developed only by man and are among the tokens of his intellectual superiority.—St. Louis Republic.

Delicious Supper Dish.

For Swiss eggs, a delicious supper dish, spread the bottom of a baking dish with two ounces of butter. Cover this with thin slices of American cheese. Place four eggs over the cheese, taking care that the yolks are not broken. Season with pepper and salt, pour around the eggs two tablespoonfuls of rich cream and cover the top with grated cheese. Bake it for ten minutes, garnish with parsley and serve with fingers of dried toast.—New York Tribune.

Training.

"Why, Nettle," said her mother, "what in the world are you pounding your doll with your father's slipper for?" "Because she refuses to obey me, mamma," replied the little miss. "I'm not going to have the neighbors saying that I spared the slipper and spoiled my child."—Exchange.

He Dodged.

"So Borroughs owes you money? Well, I think he'll pay you back some day, but you can't make him hurry." "Don't you believe it. The mere sight of me walking along the street has made him hurry several times lately."—Philadelphia Press.

The Sniffing Britisher.

The cold, self contained Britisher is mostly a dreadful fiction, and in situations that seem to him at all emotional he grows as sniffling weepful as any native miss.—Sydney (N. S. W.) Bulletin.

His Dream.

The Colonel—Do you believe in dreams? Little Jones—No. I married one!—London Opifion.

Some trains of thought do not carry much freight.—Philadelphia Telegraph.

BIG BARGAINS



Santa Claus Kills the Price Demon

J. LEVITT OREGON CITY, OREGON
TWO DOORS SOUTH OF POSTOFFICE

Is desperate and will ruin the Christmas prices on goods in Oregon City. With New York manufacturers pounding at our doors, offering us tremendous discounts for advance payment of bills, and our shelves and tables fairly groaning beneath the load of the best Clothing, Hats, Shoes and Furnishing Goods ever brought to Oregon City. We will

Cut Prices, Smash Prices and Knock Prices out of all semblance of value

And must sell \$5000.00 worth of goods in the next five days. A DRASTIC UNDERTAKING. Bnt Mr. Levitt has said, and it must be done, although it will ruin the profit of every merchant in Oregon City on Holiday trade. Frenzied, frantic, furious price slashing such as you have not witnessed in many a day, values that will set the town agog. Here are a few prices that get the money.

Men's Clothing

Right here we must drive the price knife right to the hilt, it seems a shame to slaughter this fine line of up-to-date suits, but here is where the major portion of the money lies and we must sacrifice this stock in order to raise the needed cash.

All the season's newest and nobbiest weaves and fashions in the smartest colorings imaginable, the ideal Xmas gift for the man.

\$6.90 buys choice of about 50 Suits in single and double breasted broken lines, some worth up to \$12.50.

\$8.80 buys suits in the newest weaves, the stylish greys, etc.; wool and worsteds actually worth to \$13.50.

\$10.90 buys the handsomest dress or business suit you ever saw offered at \$15.00.

\$13.90 for fine dress suits in single or double breast, blue or black serge, fancy worsteds and ribbets, the pick of the best \$20.00 suits.

\$18.75 choice of our Schloss Bros. clothing, the choicest of styles and colors, hand finished throughout, suits that are built to fit and the equal of the best made-to-order suit on earth actually worth to \$30.00

Overcoats

All the newest fashionable and ultra-fashionable models, the nobby top-coats, the slyish 52-inch long coats and the popular cravenettes, in all the late shades and cloths; a Xmas gift that will be appreciated.

\$4.95 for long coats in blacks and fancy colors, really worth to \$8.50.

\$6.65 for top coats in black, also the new shades of covert cloths easily worth \$10.00.

\$8.90 buys cravenettes and long overcoats in hand-made, stylish weaves, hand tailored, the very coats you see elsewhere at \$12.50.

\$11.90 for fine overcoats and cravenettes, superb in construction, perfect in design, and shades that please the most particular; worth to \$18.00.

\$13.90 for the best overcoats and cravenettes, hand work, the height of perfection, in the most exclusive colorings of the season, worth up to \$25.00.

Men's Pants

Hundreds and hundreds of odd pants varying in weight from the heavy work pants to the finest of dress trousers

all to be sacrificed at the following prices:

95c large lot work pants, well made, in good serviceable materials, worth \$1.50.

\$1.59 for Men's corduroy pants, the kind that are always sold for \$2.50.

\$2.35 for fine dress trousers, new, stylish patterns, and all the up-to-date shapes, worth up to \$3.50.

\$3.35 for the pick of the best ones, hand worked, broken from some of our highest priced, the biggest bargains, fall values up to \$6.00.

Boys' Suits

Handsome, nobby, stylish suits for the little man, all the new styles and patterns. Just the thing for the child's Xmas present.

\$1.15 for all wool suits, reefer style, worth to...\$2.50

\$1.90 for wool and worsteds, Buster Browns and others..... 3.50

\$2.35 for best boys' suits, little beauties..... 5.50

Shoes for the Entire Family

Carrying one of the largest shoe stocks in Oregon City, we are well fitted to fill your every need whether it be soft sole shoes for the baby or the heavy logging shoes for men, and the newest and most fashionable styles and the product of the best makers in the United States all go at ridiculous sacrifice prices.

59c broken lot children's shoes, sizes 10 1/2 to 2, some worth to \$1.75.

\$1.10 for boys school shoes, many styles to choose from, worth to \$2.00.

\$1.35 for Ladies' and Misses' street and dress shoes, all styles, heels and leathers worth \$2.00

\$1.85 for Ladies' and Misses' fine dress shoes, good enough for any one, worth to \$2.50.

\$2.35 for Ladies' finest Strootman dress shoes, none better made, always sold at \$3.50.

\$1.65 buys Men's work shoes, strong and solid, worth \$2.50.

\$2.45 for dress shoes sold elsewhere at \$3.50.

\$3.35 excellent dress shoes, gun-metal, patent colt, etc., new, nobby last, worth \$5.00.

\$4.55 Krause loggers, water tight, worth \$6.00.

\$6.65 Stillson best logger made, worth \$8.00.

Hats

All the season's stylish shades and shapes; hats to fit your face and prices to fit your purse.

\$1.45 for soft and stiff hats, black brown, tan, pearl and grey colors, worth to \$2.50.

\$1.90 for clean nutria fur stock hats, Knox, Dunlap and Stetson shapes in all the fashionable shades, worth to \$3.00.

\$2.65 for the famous "Leader" in all the smart styles and shades, the best hat ever sold at \$3.50.

Holiday Furnishings

Before selecting a gift for the man or boy be sure to visit our mammoth furnishing department, which is replete with all the fads and fancies of the day, and fairly bristling with bargains.

- 5c for men's white handkerchiefs, worth.....10c
 - 15c for men's pure silk initial handkerchiefs, worth...25c
 - 25c for mens pure silk initial handkerchiefs, worth...50c
 - 50c for men's pure silk initial handkerchiefs, worth...75c
 - 50c for men's suspenders nicely boxed, worth.....75c
 - 25c for men's pretty suspenders, worth.....35c
 - 10c for men's fancy hose, worth.....20c
 - 12c for men's fine wool hose, worth.....25c
 - 20c for fine fancy hose, worth to.....35c
 - \$1.50 fancy silk mixed vests, worth to.....\$2.50
 - \$2.35 fine vest, an ideal gift worth to.....\$4.00
 - 39c for work shirts worth.....50c
 - 55c for dress shirts worth.....75c
 - 65c for dress shirts, golf or negligee, worth.....\$1.00
 - 85c for Lion brand shirts, worth.....\$1.25
 - 19c for neckwear, new shades, worth.....35c
 - 39c for fine neckwear, just the thing, worth.....50c
 - 85c for flannel overshirts worth to.....\$1.50
 - 65c for gauntlet gloves for driving, worth.....\$1.50
 - \$1.10 for dress gloves, desirable gifts, worth.....\$1.50
 - 95c for sweaters, all wool, worth.....\$1.25
 - \$1.65 for fine wool sweaters, worth to.....\$2.50
 - 45c for sanitary fleece underwear, worth.....75c
 - 85c for all wool underwear.....\$1.25
 - 55c for embroidered slippers, worth.....75c
- And hundreds of other little "fixins" for men and boys including umbrellas, suit-cases and trunks; it is almost impossible to describe all the articles; come and see the goods; we know our prices are bound to suit you.

Amazing, Startling and Astounding as these price reductions may seem to you, nevertheless you will find every article just as represented at this Great Sale. Strike while the iron is hot, come early while the selection is at its best, you cannot afford to miss this opportunity. A DOLLAR SAVED IS A DOLLAR EARNED

Levitt's Clothing Store

Two Doors South of Postoffice

OREGON CITY, OREGON

Look for the Green and White Signs

Vacation at the U. of O. for the Christmas holidays begins today and continues until January 5. The railroads have granted reduced fare for students, and most of them will take advantage of the offer to spend the holidays with homefolks and friends.

cold rain almost four hours and was nearly dead when found. Dr. Page, of Oakland, says recovery is possible, although Smythe will be left a cripple.

Burglars entered the Banks Restaurant and Lodging-house Wednesday night, ransacked the building and carried away several valuable articles of clothing belonging to the occupants.

MARRIAGES.
ENGLE-VAUGHN—At the home of Mrs. Flave Painter Dec. 18, 1907, Albert Engle and Miss Viola Victoria Vaughn, Judge Grant B. Dimlick officiating.

The heavy rains of a few days ago broke the enormous jams of logs in the Washougal river, where 40,000, 000 feet of logs are ready to come down for the mills.

The Tigardville Telephone Co., operating in Washington and part of Clackamas county, is building a line into Oregon City, to connect with the Home company.

Gresham High School's debating team comes to Parkplace this evening to debate with the debating team of that school. A special car has been chartered.

Two inches of snow fell at Forest Grove Wednesday night, but is disappearing by rain. The half inch that fell Monday night was all of the ground the day following.

A masquerade ball will be given in Metzger hall, Gresham, on Christmas eve.