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Lot of 25 Coats
Fancy Mixtures, Black and Plain Colors
Values to \$16.50, Each
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Annual Clearance Sale

Tomorrow morning begins our great ANNUAL garment in "The House of Tone" reduced, many The variety of styles, the wide range of fabrics, make this the greatest possible sale of the year for garment assemblage. Facts and figures here given woman, who appreciates bargains, to be present.



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Our highest grade Long Coats in tan coverts and broadcloth, both fitting and semi-fitting, beautifully tailored—every one a distinct bargain:
\$24.00 Coats ...\$18.00 \$30.00 Coats ...\$22.50 \$34.00 Coats ...\$25.50
\$28.00 Coats ...\$21.00 \$32.00 Coats ...\$24.00 \$35.00 Coats ...\$26.25

All Furs One-Fourth Off

Our Scarfs, Ruffs, all the newest neckpieces and muffs, made up in the very latest styles, in a high grade of mink Isabella fox, ermine, sable and gray squirrel, Jap mink, opossum, etc.—now on sale at one-fourth off:
\$4.50 Furs ...\$3.40 \$12.50 Furs ...\$9.38 \$27.00 Furs ...\$20.25
\$9.00 Furs ...\$6.75 \$18.00 Furs ...\$13.50 \$45.00 Furs ...\$33.75

All Silk Petticoats Quarter Off

Lustrous Taffeta Silk Petticoats of highest quality, well made, perfect fitting, with full flounce and dust ruffle, in black, all the dainty colors and fancy Dresden effects:
\$7.50 Petticoats ...\$5.63 \$15.00 Petticoats ...\$11.25
\$10.00 Petticoats ...\$7.50 \$18.00 Petticoats ...\$13.50
\$14.00 Petticoats ...\$10.50 \$20.00 Petticoats ...\$15.00

COATS SUITS FURS WAISTS

100 Suits at Only One-Half Price

Handsome broadcloths, worsteds and imported materials of all the most desired colors, artistically modeled, with many unusual style touches; button, braid and satin trimming. These astoundingly low prices suggest the bargain opportunities—there are still others:
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\$28.00 Suits ...\$14.00 \$38.00 Suits ...\$19.00 \$55.00 Suits ...\$27.50

All Waists One-Fourth Off

Perhaps in no other one line is our exclusive style idea more strikingly demonstrated than in our high-class novelty waists. Our elegant cream and colored nets, soft satins and silks, in all the evening shades, distinctively tailored, are now offered at one-fourth reduction:
\$12.00 Waists ...\$ 9.00 \$17.50 Waists ...\$13.00 \$22.50 Waists ...\$16.85
\$15.00 Waists ...\$11.25 \$20.00 Waists ...\$15.00 \$25.00 Waists ...\$18.75

All Separate Skirts Quarter Off

Voiles, serges, worsteds, etc., in black, navy, brown, green and dark mixtures, cut on the newest models; many trimmed, others plain tailored:
\$10.00 Skirts ...\$ 7.50 \$14.00 Skirts ...\$10.50 \$18.00 Skirts ...\$13.50
\$12.00 Skirts ...\$ 9.00 \$16.50 Skirts ...\$12.35 \$21.00 Skirts ...\$15.75

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The Bartholomew Company

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Sturdy Americans in Appalachians

Sympathetic View of Mountain Folk Little Known to the Outside World.

THE vast mountain region of the South is slowly coming to recognition as one of the characteristic features of America. The geologists found out about it years ago. The historians know about its ruggedness—the people who came out of its mysterious depths, with their cave-made powder to help General Jackson at the battle of New Orleans, and the "loyal Tennesseans" who found utterance in the shrill voice of "Parson Brownlow" in 1861. The spectators are getting hold of it as a place for investment in coming lumber camps and coal mines. And several story writers have exploited it as a source of literary material.

Let us make our investigations in a more sympathetic spirit. "The country is the people," and we will concern ourselves with these isolated kinsmen and fellow-countrymen of ours whose homes are in this remote upland realm. What is their life and heart?

We must all be judged somewhat by our externals, and the outer aspects of the mountaineer's life are primitive and poor. But as we become familiar with his circumstances, we find them not devoid of comfort and even culture.

To one familiar with American history or the traditions of any of our "old families" it is soon revealed that the mountaineers are living in the pioneer, colonial fashion. Their outward circumstances differ from our own in the absence of the improved, the "new-fangled" and the distinctly modern appliances. As our grandfathers lived in Western New York when that was a frontier, so the mountaineers are living now. Their travel is measured by the endurance of oxen or horseflesh and their thoughts are not disturbed by all the rush of modern life.

Take the conditions of country life anywhere, and intensify them many degrees and you will have mountain life as it passes on today in the pine-scented atmosphere of the Blue Ridge and the great Smoky Mountains. It must often and often be stated that the mountaineers are not the "poor whites." "Poor white trash" is the term applied to the unfortunate people who lived in the midst of slavery, owning neither land nor slaves. The mountaineer is a colonial survival, with all the pride and self-respect which belongs to a landholder, and his lack of worldly superstitions, rather than otherwise, contributes to his noble independence of spirit.

But all this must be found out by sympathetic approaches, for our mountain friend is reserved, shy, not to say suspicious, and often appears at a great disadvantage in his first contact with "furriners."

To begin, then, with the pioneer conditions we have remoteness from markets and a corresponding shift in farm activities, many of the old-fashioned household manufactures—soap, sorghum molasses ("long sweeten") and the beautiful products of the dress in industries—surviving. Ready money is scarce and to be gotten mainly from forest products, where there are streams to float the logs, and from cattle—a crop that can walk to market.

Such a community in the Appalachian Mountains, as on the old New York or Ohio frontier, naturally rears large families, and has a much intensified family life and family feeling. Parents and children, brothers and sisters, are much shut in to their own society, and the feeling of the clan grows. Many of the activities and conventionalities of life

are quite powerless to assert themselves in these isolated valleys.

The fight with nature is still of a primitive order. A tree is an enemy. We find great "deadings"—fields where the trees have been killed and left standing in ghastly nakedness so that the little bull tongue plow may scratch the soil between them, and the sun shine to mature the crop. Much skill is shown in plowing in such fashion as not to leave the soil unduly exposed to the washings of the heavy Southern torrents. The fight with briars and bushes is a hard one, and you may see the whole family—father, mother, boys and girls—not to be pitied, but rather congratulated on a toll at once so sociable and so healthful.

Out of this intense family feeling grows the feud. In a sparse population the government fails to inspire either confidence or dread, and when a man is killed by some drunken bully the impulse is strong

for the "next of kin" to take justice into his own hands.

The antiquarian finds endless interest in the British survivals which are readily traced when one begins an intelligent search. Here is the pattern in a "bed liver" which you have seen, perhaps, in English tapestry, and which must have been transmitted from mother to daughter for two or more centuries. Here is a snatch of song that you will not easily find in a book, but which harks back to circumstances of English town life quite remote from the experience of the singer. Professor Shaler, of Harvard, once found a man in Wise County, Virginia, hunting with an English cross-bow! Of course he owned a rifle as well, but powder was hard to get, and he had not lost the tradition of the art by which the famous cross-bow had been made among his British forebears. We say British because the Scotch and English strains are everywhere mingled in the mountains. The traveler stopping at a lonely cottage may hear the mother quiet an unruly child by

saying: "Behave now, son, or Clavers will get you!" It is doubtful whether the woman knows anything of the bogy she thus conjures up to "hand the wretch in order," but she is really referring to Claverhouse, the Scotch rough rider who harried the Covenanters in ancient days!

One of the most important things to learn about life in the mountains is that Appalachian America contains all grades of society. They are clad much alike, and all are sufficiently primitive to the gaze of an outsider, but the distinctions are real and keenly felt. Every county has its aristocracy—its select families that hold themselves quite apart from the common when it comes to marriages and higher social functions. Far below the landowners are the renters. The mountains have their share of idleness, and of crime, but the wiles of the mountaineers are largely of the Homeric type, which are really less corrupting than the sins of a more artificial condition. In general, the sins of ignorance and childlessness leave larger grounds for hope than the sins which are committed against light and privilege.—Washington, D. C. Herald.

Royal Inventor Too Slow.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—(Special).—The

Two Interesting Women in Next Cabinet Circle



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MRS. KNOX AND CHILD. DAUGHTER-IN-LAW OF MR. AND MRS. P. C. KNOX. COPYRIGHT BY HARRIS BELWING.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(Special).—Two of the very interesting women of the next Cabinet circle are Mrs. P. C. Knox and her daughter-in-law—that is, if one assumes the correctness of the story that B. C. Knox, now Senator

from Pennsylvania, will accept the appointment as Secretary of State. Mrs. Knox, Sr., has made her home in Washington since 1901, when her husband was appointed Attorney-General by President McKinley. She has a beautiful

home on K street, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth streets, a very fashionable part of the northwest section of the city. Mrs. Knox and her daughter-in-law are deservedly popular in official circles.

German Crown Prince has not been allowed long to enjoy the distinction he gained some weeks ago as the inventor of patent coupled cuff links.

Two jewels of Portland now come forward claiming that the Crown Prince's invention lacks originality, as they have long been manufacturing cuff links on a similar system. It remains to be seen whether they care to proceed against the Crown Prince for infringement of their rights.

SOCIETY NEWS

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Miss Bessie Miller is spending the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. A. Miller in Walla Walla.

Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Weaver, of Mount St. Helens, Idaho, are spending the holidays with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. George Neame, of 233 Larrabee street.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry H. Johnson have arrived to spend the holidays with friends. Mrs. Johnson will be remembered as Miss Catherine La Barra.

Mrs. Otto W. Mutschan, accompanied by her sister, Miss Juanita Madlock, of St. Helens' Hall, is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. M. Kenney, at Pendleton.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Stout left Saturday evening for Southern California, where they expect to remain during the rest of the winter. While away they will visit Catalina Island and Coronado Beach.

Miss Roxie Lucas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Lucas, of 508 Hawthorne avenue, is visiting her parents during the Christmas holidays. Miss Lucas is a student at the University of Washington. Her father is president of the Northwestern Baseball League, and recently moved to Portland from Spokane.

Notable among the family reunions in Portland is the gathering at the home of Allan R. Joy in Richmond, where the family of Mrs. Julia La Barra is spending the holiday season. This meeting is a particularly happy one, as all members of the family but one are present. Mrs. Julia La Barra will receive on New Year's day, assisted by Mrs. Henry Holt Johnson, Mrs. C. W. La Barra, Miss La Barra and the Misses Joy at 1139 Taggart street.

Dinner Served to 400 Men. At the Strayer North End Mission, on Christmas day, 400 men were treated to a Christmas dinner. The affair was in charge of George E. Strayer and assistants. While the meal was in progress

WOMAN'S BREAST AND MAN'S FACE

Most Common Places for Cancer.

The papers made mention a short time ago of people cured of cancers without knife or pain by Dr. and Mrs. Dr. Chamley & Co. Since that time the cures of many prominent people have been the occasion of great comment. They all said their cures were marvelous beyond expression, many of them having been given up to die. They first obtained the Doctors' free book, which proves that any lump in woman's breast is cancer, it led to, as they say, the greatest blessing of their lives.

All the leading newspapers and medical journals of the world have noted their success and wonderful cures. They charge nothing until cured and offer \$1000 if they fail. It is said they have cured more cancers than any other doctors living. Strictly reliable; no X-Ray or other swindles. They probably have the best 120-page book ever printed on cancers and tumors, sent free only to those who describe their case. Their address is 626 McAllister St., San Francisco, Cal.

There was an impromptu programme consisting of musical selections and short addresses. Among the speakers was Dr. J. Whitcomb Brougher, who said in the course of his talk that he believed no man's record could be so black that his forgiveness would be impossible after repentance.

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