

DRAWING UP WILLS.

What Lawyers Will Do and What They Don't Like to Do.

That it takes a smart man to draw a will is an adage the respect for which in the legal fraternity is evidenced by the fact that few lawyers want to furnish visible evidence of their part in drawing up wills. It is perfectly easy for a man to hire a lawyer to draft his testament, of course, no matter how complicated its provisions may be. It is quite another thing to get the lawyer to witness it. He will not even allow clerks in his office to do so, except perhaps where the client is an old or regular one. He wants him to go elsewhere to get the necessary attestations. There are exceptions to this unwritten rule, it is true, but it is pretty generally observed.

"Lawyers will not so admit it," said one of them, "but the true reason is they don't care to be identified with the instrument. It is about as difficult an undertaking as a lawyer can face to draw up a will where the bequests are surrounded with conditions that will close up all loopholes to a contest. Most testators know how they want to dispose of their estates, but it is exceedingly hard to express their wishes in a way that will leave no doubt when subsequently disappointed heirs call it into question. The books teem with instances of the inability of smart men, some of them distinguished lawyers, to make a will that will stand under a stiff fight. Lawyers naturally don't want to be associated with a document that may be pronounced bad, and so they are unwilling to sign as witnesses or to let their employees do it. I suppose it to some extent argues a lack of confidence in their work. Anyhow, the precaution is of little use, for invariably the lawyer who drew it is disclosed in any litigation over a will."

A GREAT CHEMIST.

Professor Dimitri Ivanovitch Mendeleef, one of the world's greatest chemists, received Sir Joseph Cowley's gold medal recently at the meeting of the Royal society. The medal is esteemed among chemists a high honor. Professor Mendeleef, who was born in Tobolsk, Siberia, in 1834, possesses qualities of the most varied kind. He is chemist, geologist, philosopher and educationalist united in one personality. In 1871 he foretold not only the existence but the general properties of three new chemical elements, each of which is now in the table of elements under the names of gallium, scandium and germanium respectively, thus justifying his own words that the periodic law would "permit the invisible to be seen and the unknown known."

Got His Salary.

A young man has found a way of collecting a claim against the Turkish government. He was an employee in the government office at Scutari. He hadn't seen the color of his salary in a long time. He had to console himself with the contemplation of the imposing figure of his arrears of pay. He finally gave up writing petitions, and, organizing a band of governmental creditors, he lay in wait for a government convoy of forty loaded mules, which they marched off to the mountains. From this security the leader presented an insolent ultimatum to the vali, who finally decided to end a remarkable episode by the still more remarkable expedient of paying the young outlaw all his arrears of pay.

A Washington Feature.

Thomas Nelson Page was pointing out the salient characteristics of Washington. "One characteristic is," he said, "the formal dress that all men wear. You don't see the men in Washington clad in rough sack suits, tan colored shoes and lounge hats. Like Londoners, they wear the black and ceremonious frock coat, with its various rich concomitants. "This fact drew from a little boy I know a quaint remark. "Mamma," he said during his first drive through Washington's streets, 'there must have been a sale.' "A sale!" said she. "What of?" "High hats," said the little boy."—Washington Post.

Big Tree Like a Volcano.

Flames issuing from the top of a live redwood tree is the sight that can be seen in the State park in the Big Basin. This is the third time in fourteen months that flames have been visible. The fire is burning constantly, but at times so slowly that it is not perceptible. The heart of the tree is decayed, and it burns like punk until the blaze burns a hole through the trunk. This forms a vent and causes the smoldering embers to burst into flames. The tree was 140 feet in height when it first took fire. Now it is but ninety feet high.—San Francisco Call.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

Collar and Necktie Too Stylish For This Cowboy.

Among the experiences of a Wyoming cowboy at the Portland exposition was a desperate encounter with a collar and necktie. The presumption is that this young person has a name, but on his own range he is known exclusively as Omaha. "When I got in town," said Omaha, relating the story of his encounter, "I see that almost everybody was a-wearin' of a collar and necktie. So I goes out and I buys a collar about six inches high with an aidge on it like a razor. When I gets to my room I tries to put it on and finds I needs collar buttons. So I sends the bell boy out for a quarter's worth, and when he comes back he helps me into it. "He twists down the corners and buttons it on behind. Then he buttons it up in front, while I struggles and pants. I stands it for a minute, and then do you know what I done? Well, sir, by Josh, I rared right up and fell backwards!"—Lippincott's Magazine.

Sad.

Office Boy—Boo-oo, hoo-oo-ool The Boss—What's the matter, Jimmie? Office Boy—My g-grandma's d-dead. The Boss—Well, don't cry. We've all got to die some time. Office Boy—B-but she's g-goin' t' be b-buried on a h-holiday. Boo-hoo-oo!—Chicago News.

Stampede.

Stubb—Great Scott! Why are all those girls rushing like Indians to the belt counter? Floorwalker—Why, there is a special sale of the latest novelty belts. Stubb—Novelty? Floorwalker—Yes. Each belt is made to represent a masculine arm.—Detroit Tribune.

A Frank Pupill.



Teacher—How many feet make a yard? Jimmy—Two if they're as big as yours!

Before and After.

"Oh, George!" complained the young wife. "It was nearly midnight before you got home last night." "Well, well!" exclaimed her husband. "You women are so inconsistent. Before we were married you didn't care how late I got home."—Philadelphia Ledger.

An Instance.

"Women dress to please the men." "To make other women envious, you mean. Why, a man couldn't tell whether a woman was wearing a thirty dollar hat or a ninety-eight cent camp shade."—Brownings Monthly.

Proof Positive.

Mrs. Upton—Seems to me your husband is becoming very absent-minded. Mrs. Downtown—Indeed he is. Why, last night he forgot to go to club.—New York Weekly.



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Our Mid-Summer Clearance Sale OPENS TOMORROW MORNING

1000 TURKISH TOWELS, 18c.
There are 1000 of these turkish towels, representing a special buy from the manufacturers. These towels are really worth considerably more than the price offered, and we consider it a very great buy at **18c** Each

TOWELING SAVINGS.
Several thousand yards of 1992 Irish Toweling, worth regularly 10c to 12 1/2c. A powerful buy at, **5c** yard
About 2000 yards of the genuine Irish Huckaback toweling, worth fully 12 1/2c. An exceptional buy at, **8c**

WHITE BED SPREADS.
100 White Bed Spreads, full size, handsome patterns, and worth fully **\$1.19** \$1.50. All go at, each.

Tomorrow morning will witness the first day's selling of our great Mid-Summer Clearance Sale. This sale from a price standpoint is far more attractive than any previous sale. The quantities are greater and more varied, the assortments so complete, that no one can really afford to stay away. Don't miss the first day's selling, if you can help it. If you can't come the first day, however, don't allow this to keep you away. Come whenever you can. It will be worth many, many times your while. Read these items. There are thousands more just like them and better.

CHILDREN'S GOODS.
The savings in the children's and infants' section, will be such as to hasten many economical mothers to this end of the store the first this Thursday morning. Look over these items, and there will be as many more when you get here.
Children's White Dresses. Ages 2 to 4 years. Regular prices \$1.50 to \$1.75. Choice, only **97c**
Children's White Dresses. Same ages as above. Former prices \$2.50 to \$3. At the Mid-Summer Clearance Sale, price is only **\$1.95**
INFANTS' EMBROIDERED CAPS.
These are the daintiest infants' caps you ever saw. And during the Clearance sale you certainly will be able to buy them at great savings. The caps formerly selling at 35c to 50c, all go at, choice, **23c**
All infants' caps, formerly prices from 75c to \$1, go at choice **55c**

Ladies' and Childrens' Underwear
Ladies' sleeveless vests, formerly priced at 18c, sizes up to 9, including a number of misses' sizes, all go, each, at **11c**
Ladies' 35c sleeveless vests, sizes 4 to 9, garment **23c**
Ladies' 35c and 45c Jersey ribbed pants, all sizes, go, pair **29c**
Ladies' fine vests, with and without sleeves, and also a number of wing sleeves. Former price 50c. All go, garment **35c**
Ladies' 50c union suits, long and wing sleeves, all sizes, suit, only **29c**
Ladies' 65c and 75c vests, with and without sleeves, also wing sleeves. All sizes, and big buys at, garment **53c**
Boys' balbriggan underwear. Sizes 24 to 34. Formerly selling at 35c garment. All go, garment **25c**
Children's all wool underwear, formerly priced at 90c garment. Vests and pants, sizes 24 only. Garment only **65c**

MEN'S SUIT SAVING
There is certainly the greatest saving in it for you to buy your suit during this sale. Never have we reduced the prices so greatly, and never was it more advantageous to buy. Look these prices over, and then be at the sale to make your selection.
Lot No. 1—Men's light outing and three piece suits. Former price and \$20.00 must go at the Clearance Sale to make room for our big fall stocks. So take your choice, **\$5.95** suit
Lot No. 2—Our entire line of men's suits, formerly selling at \$16.50 and \$20 must go at the Clearance sale to make room for our big fall stock. So take your choice, suit **\$11.75**
Lot No. 3—Men's spring and summer suits, formerly selling from \$21.50 to \$25, go at the Mid-Summer Clearance, **\$16.95** suit
Lot No. 4—Men's suits formerly selling from 27.50 to 35, all go at the one price of suit **\$19.95**

Gigantic Savings on Shoes

Lot No. 1—Children's black vicel and white duck oxfords. Sizes 3 to 10 1/2. Former prices were \$1.15 to \$1.50. Mid-Summer Clearance Sale price, pair **38c**
Lot No. 2—Ladies' Fine White Oxfords. Sizes 3 to 5 1/2. Were \$2. To close, they go at, pair **97c**
Lot No. 3—Men's Work Shoes. Excellent values at \$3.25. Good assortment of sizes. Buy now, pair only **98c**
Lot No. 4—Ladies' Oxfords in vicel, patent leather and box calf. This season's lasts, and regularly sold at \$3.50 pair. All sizes and widths. No more powerful buy at the Clearance Sale. Pair **\$1.50**
Lot No. 5—Misses' Shoes in vicel, box calf and gun metal. Sizes 8 to 2, regular prices were \$2.50 and \$3.50. A great saving is yours in buying now, at pair **\$1.55**

Lot No. 6—Boys' School Shoes. Made of best grade of materials. All sizes from 10 1/2 to 5 1/2. About 200 pairs to select from. Former prices were \$2.25 to \$3. Choice, pair **\$1.70**
Lot No. 7—Ladies' Shoes in vicel, patent leather and box calf. New styles and lasts. All sizes from 3 to 8. Among this lot are some Old Ladies' comforts and Juliets. Regular prices as high as \$4.50. Mid-Summer Clearance sale price **\$1.95**
Lot No. 8—Men's Oxfords, vicel and box calf. New lasts. Former price was \$4 and \$4.25. A big buy, pair only **\$2.00**
Lot No. 9—Men's Work Shoes. A big assortment to choose from. Among the lot are a number of genuine Napa Tans and the famous "Jeff" work shoes. Sizes 6 to 11. Former prices high as \$4.50. A wonderful saving at, pair **\$2.58**
Lot No. 10—Men's Dress Shoes. Several hundred pairs to select from. All sizes and widths. Regular prices were \$4 to \$5. Come in vicel, box calf and gun metal, and latest lasts. All go at the low price of, pair **\$2.75**

GREAT SAVINGS IN LADIES' WAISTS
Our Mid-Summer Clearance Sale will be an abundant feast of bargains, but in no section of the store will bargains be so substantial as in the Ladies' Waist Section. Read these items:
\$1.50 LADIES' WAISTS, 65c.
These waists are made of excellent quality white and black lawn. Made up in this season's styles, with long and short sleeves. This lot represents our entire line of summer waists formerly selling up to \$1.50. Mid-Summer Clearance price, choice each **65c**
\$1.75 WAISTS, 95c.
White lawn waists, handsomely trimmed with lace and embroidery and formerly selling at \$1.65 and \$1.75. Your choice, each **95c**
\$2.25 WAISTS, \$1.25.
These are the prettiest waists you ever saw at \$2 and \$2.25. Although they sold rapidly when the season was on, we do not want to take chances in carrying them over, and out they must go at reduced prices. Hence all our \$2 and \$2.25 waists go at, choice **\$1.25**
\$4.50 SILK WAISTS, \$2.85.
These are the handsome Jap. Silk Waists, made up plain, with cluster tucks and lace trimmed. Former price was \$4.50. Choice, only **\$2.85**

INTERESTING SAVINGS IN MEN'S SECTION
Judging from the great reductions made in the men's section this department will be crowded to its capacity with eager buyers throughout this sale. The prices named in the Mid-Summer Clearance sale are unsurpassed, and no man can wisely pass up this buying opportunity. Read these items, and there will be dozens more.
MEN'S SUSPENDERS.
Men's suspenders, formerly selling at 35c the pair, go at pair **11c**
Men's suspenders, formerly priced at 65c and 75c, all go at **37c**
MEN'S HANKERCHIEFS.
Men's 10c bandana red and blue handkerchiefs, each **4c**
MEN'S HAT BARGAINS.
Men's soft and stiff hats, formerly priced at \$2 to \$3.50, all go at, choice, each **32c**
\$5 Stetson stiff hats for men, black, about a dozen in the lot, assorted sizes, good block, go at, each **\$1.95**
MEN'S HOSE.
Men's fancy hose, formerly priced at 35c to 50c, all go at pair **25c**
Men's fancy hose, formerly selling at 65c pair, go at pair **33c**

A. W. Myers, NORTH BEND, OREGON

SANTA FE HAS COSTLY WRECK IN CALIFORNIA
Los Angeles, Aug. 6.—A serious wreck on the Santa Fe near San Bernardino early today, resulted in burning 28 carloads of merchandise, 14 cars were damaged in the wreck. The loss to the Santa Fe for goods alone is fifty thousand dollars. No one was killed. Two tramps were injured.

BRIDGES AND COLLISIONS.
The Portland Evening Telegram of the 3d instant contains a report which may be of special interest to those who favor the bridging of Coos Bay. The report is as follows and speaks for itself:
"Caught broadside by a heavy gust of wind, Thursday afternoon, the steamer Norma, hauling supplies to the North Bank road on the Upper Columbia, was blown against the piers of the Ainsworth bridge, at the mouth of the Snake river, and so badly damaged she will be out of commission for four or five weeks. Into the river and drifted away on Her wheel was knocked off, dropped the swift current. The port cylinder

timbers were demolished, and she was stripped of her railing from stem to stern. A brief message received from there by a local river man this morning says the steamer is almost a complete wreck.
"The Norman, Captain Baughman, had just pulled out from the dock at Ainsworth, bound for points down stream, with a full cargo of supplies for the railroad camps. There was a strong wind blowing, which increased in velocity soon after she left her moorings. Heavy laden she became unmanageable and drifted with full force against the bridge piers. Fortunately, she carried no passengers. As the steamer smashed against the structure the officers and crew scrambled to places of safety and escaped injury. The small

boats were disabled by the collision, and had the steamer sunk the men would have experienced difficulty in reaching shore. After the craft had firmly settled against the piers, the crew managed to climb onto the bridge.
"For the past few years the Norma has had a checkered career on the Upper Columbia, having been on the rocks, sandbars and ashore a score of times, but the last experience is said to have been her most narrow escape. Captain Baughman is accredited with being the best skilled skipper that ever ran on the Upper Columbia and Snake rivers. The steamer is owned by Jacob Kamm, but is under charter to the Northern Pacific Railroad Company."

Try a Want