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## Talking About CLOTHING

Do you know that there is a vast difference in the make up, lining, sewing and general finish of clothing.

There is the "made to sell" kind, pretty patterns, gaudy linings, but there's no satisfaction in the wear; it is made in a hurry by underpaid labor; just "made to sell."

Then there's the "made to wear" kind, properly shrunk, plain but strong linings, the "vitals," or inside paddings, properly adjusted, sewed with silk, made by skilled labor and sold on honor.

The "made to wear" kind costs a little more than the "made to sell" kind, but, dear me, it is ever so much better.

We sell the made to wear kind.



## SOME MORE NEW BOOKS.

IN THE FOG.....Richard Harding Davis  
AUDREY.....Mary Johnston  
THE FIFTH STRING.....Souza  
THE SIGN OF THE PROPHECY.....Naylor  
LAZARRE.....Mary Hartwell Catherwood  
SYLVIA.....Evalyn Emerson

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## ABOUT COFFEE

The Best Brand of Coffee is  
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MASCOT

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P. A. STOKES.

## PENSION FOR MRS. M'KINLEY

Ex-Confederate Heartily Supports it in a Magnificent Speech.

### THE EXCLUSION BILL HANGS

No Action Taken on Report That American Sailors Were Killed at Colon—Gun-Boats There.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The house today passed the bill granting a pension to the widow of President McKinley of \$5000 a year. It now goes to the president for signature. Although favorable action on the measure was unanimous an inquiry by Bell, of Colorado, as to the precedents for such an action led to an animated discussion. Bell contended that many widows of poor soldiers were without pensions and that Mrs. McKinley had independent means, making a pension unnecessary.

Grosvonor, of Ohio, severely criticized Bell's position. Richardson, of Tennessee, and several other Democratic members spoke for the bill as in line of precedent. Kieberg, of Texas, an ex-confederate soldier, supporting it on the ground that President McKinley had wiped out the last vestige of sectionalism. The day was devoted to private pension bills, 177 being passed.

### THE EXCLUSION BILL

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The feature of the Chinese exclusion debate in the senate today was a sharp criticism of Minister Wey of Chinese because of his protest made to secretary of state against the enactment of the pending bill. Mitchell and Teller sharply attacked him, declaring that he deserved to have been given his papers and that no self-respecting nation would have been permitted such an interference in its legislative affairs. Foraker and Hoar insisted that the Chinese minister had done no more than his duty.

Lodge delivered a speech in support of the pending bill, although he antagonized the provision which prevented American ships from employing Chinese seamen. He vigorously urged the enactment of the measure with the modification he suggested, maintaining that congress should place a permanent and not merely a tentative legislation on the statute books.

ACTION WILL BE DECISIVE, WASHINGTON, April 12.—Save a short telegram from Consul Melms at Colon, the state department is without advice from the isthmus in regard to the killing of American citizens when the American steam launch was seized by the Colombian insurgents at Bocas Del Toro. If it turns out that an American has been killed by the insurgents, as reported, then the state department will deal more sternly with the situation on the isthmus than it has heretofore. The Philadelphia is on the Pacific side of the isthmus and the Machias probably will arrive at Colon today, and if this naval force is not sufficient to effectively protect American life and property, more ships will be sent to Colon at once.

### SOME DOUBT IN ENGLAND.

But the People Cling to Hope That Boer War Is Ended.

LONDON, April 12.—"Peace is within a measurable distance." That probably sums up the present crop of rumors, conjectures and deductions which has Great Britain by the ears. "Is it peace?" Every one meets this question in glaring posters of the newspapers and the question is repeated through the United Kingdom. As printed out in these dispatches yesterday and confirmed by Balfour, the government leader in the house of commons, the reports of the definite end of a conflict of such length, involving so many lasting and intricate issues, being reached practically with-

out any time being devoted to the negotiation, are palpably premature. It was ascertained late tonight that another cabinet meeting had been arranged for tomorrow afternoon.

### AT PRETORIA.

PRETORIA, April 12.—Acting President Schalkburger, Generals Louis Botha, Lucas Meyer and Delaroy, Mr. Steyn and General DeWet arrived here this morning on a special train from Klerksdorp.

Transvaal and Free State delegates journeyed on separate trains, both of which were rushed through, the delegates traveling all night. Trains arrived close together. Two parties are now lodged together here, but are quartered in separate houses.

### BOER DELEGATES CONFERENCE.

UTRECHT, April 12.—The Boer delegates and Dr. Lydes had another conference this afternoon and in the evening the delegates returned to The Hague.

### SHOT HIMSELF ACCIDENTALLY.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 12.—J. W. Jumper accidentally shot and killed himself today while examining a shotgun. He leaves a large family.

## RELIC OF BARBARISM

SAYS PROF. STARR OF THE WEDDING RING.

Represents Manacles By Which Slave of Past Ages Was Led Away.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The Romantic ideals of 75 "co-eds" in a class of anthropology at the University of Chicago, have received a rude shock at the hands of Prof. Frederick Starr. The professor in a class lecture, bluntly declared that the wedding ring was a relic of barbarism, an absolutely useless survival of the culture of primitive people.

"Undoubtedly," said the Professor, "the wedding ring is a beautiful example of barbaric traditions, living in this modern Twentieth Century and filling no function whatsoever. Perhaps one of you can tell me the origin of the use of the wedding ring?" He received no answer from the seventy-five young women.

"The wedding ring represents the nose ring, ankle or manacle by which in past ages the sold slave was led away from the mart of his new master," he continued, "but every one today knows that a woman, when she is given a ring to symbolize the wedding sacrament is by no means a slave."

The dresscoat was also included in Professor Starr's crusade against "Relics of Barbarism." Turning to the men of his class, he added:

What is the origin of that absurd garment, the dress coat? Nothing less than the hunting coats of our ancestors, who divided the tails of the long frock coats, cut away the front, sewed buttons in the back to hold up the tails, and used the coat for a hunting jacket.

"Now why is the servant dressed in the conventional evening costume also? Just because he formerly had to wear out the old hunting clothes of his master."

## OLD SHOES

And old boots are made almost as good as new in my shop at small expense. I can also sell you

## NEW SHOES

and new boots of the best quality, warranted as represented, at lower prices than you can buy for elsewhere

S. A. Gilmre.

Opposite Ross, Higgins & Co.

## DR. TALMAGE PASSES AWAY

One of the Most Noted American Divines Died Last Evening.

### WAS IN WASHINGTON D. C.

Inflammation of the Brain Was Immediate Cause of His Death.—Biographical Sketch.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, noted Presbyterian clergyman, died tonight.

It had been evident for some days that there was no hope for him to recover and attending physicians so informed his family. The patient gradually grew weaker, until life passed away so quietly that even members of his family, all of whom were watching at his bedside, hardly knew that he had gone. Immediate cause of his death was inflammation of the brain.

Thomas DeWitt Talmage was born near Bound Brook, N. J., January 7, 1832. He was an American Presbyterian clergyman. He was educated at the University of the city of New York and New Brunswick, N. J., Theological Seminary. He was pastor of the Reform Dutch Churches at Belleville, N. J., Syracuse and Philadelphia, and became pastor of the Central Presbyterian church in Brooklyn in 1869. This church, known as the Brooklyn Tabernacle, was built in 1870 and burned in 1872. It was rebuilt in 1873-4 and burned again in 1889. Again rebuilt on a new site and again burned in 1894.

He was famous also as an editor and writer. He edited the Christian at Work, the Advance, Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine, Christian Herald, etc. Among the books written by him were: "Crumbs Swept Up," published in 1870; "Abomination of Modern Society," 1872; "Around the Tea Table," 1874; "Maek Torn Off," 1879; "The Brooklyn Tabernacle, a collection of 104 Sermons," 1884; "The Marriage Ring," 1886; "Woman, Her Power and Privileges," 1888.

Speaking of Dr. Talmage last night, Dr. W. S. Short, of Grace Episcopal Church of this city, upon being informed of his death, said:

"His work was striking. As a preacher, he was thoughtful and studious. While he occasionally bordered on sensationalism, yet in the long run I consider his sermons worthy of consideration. I heard of one peculiarity of his nature not generally known," continued Rev. Short, "which illustrates the fine traits of the man. He was a great admirer of the precious metals. He often carried them about in his pockets and would take them out and admire them. It showed the admiration of the preacher for the pure, even in material things."

A local newspaper man, who has had occasion to meet Dr. Talmage and interview him several times, says that the doctor was one of the most pleasant men he ever met. Kindness was marked on every line in his honest face and his genial smile made every one feel perfectly at home in his presence. He was a tall ordinary looking man and seemed to care nothing about producing any but a happy impression upon people. In conversation he was intensely interesting and always had some pointed story to tell in order to impress his statement upon the mind of the listener. One day while interviewing him he told a story that was a perfect illustration of the man. It went something like this: "One day while I was walking in the pleasant meadow land I came to a ditch and saw two turtles, a white one and a dirty one, that were quarrelling. The white one said, 'Get out of my way, I am no ordinary turtle but belong up in the higher ground and do not care to associate with you.' 'But we are both children of the water and made the same way,' replied the black one.

## REVOLUTION AT BRUSSELS

General Strike Proclaimed and Crisis Will Soon Be Reached.

### THE SOCIALIST LEADER

Urged Crowds to Disburse But Gendarmes Later had to Charge them With Fixed Bayonets.

BRUSSELS, April 12.—This exciting week ends with a lull before the storm. The coming week has already been dubbed revolution week and it promises to witness important events. A general strike has been proclaimed for Monday and on Wednesday the political crisis will be reached by opening in the chamber of deputies of the question of revision of the constitution, in which Belgian people are now divided. The Socialists and Liberals have for a long time been seeking to force the clerical government to an issue on the question of electoral law, the modification of which will necessitate revision of the constitution.

When Vandervelde, the Socialist leader, left the chamber of deputies this afternoon he was followed by a number of persons. The police dispersed the crowd and arrested Vandervelde but he was soon released. After being released Vandervelde proceeded to Maison Du Puleux, where he addressed a crowd, urging them to refrain from creating a disturbance. The crowd dispersed, but later reassembled. The mob again grew troublesome and the gendarmes charged with drawn swords and fixed bayonets and were greeted with a hail of stones. People in some of the houses hurled flower pots, knives and lighted boxes of matches upon the heads of the charging police. Several rioters were injured.

After this encounter the wide area around Maison Du Puleux was systematically cleared by successive charges of the gendarmes.

### LUMBERMEN ARE WORRIED.

SEATTLE, April 12.—One of the most serious conditions that has ever confronted the lumber and shingle manufacturers of the Pacific coast is before them now. It is the prospective withdrawal from business in this region of the liability insurance companies, which would force manufacturers to carry their own liability risks. This the mill men cannot do. The Pacific Lumber Trade Journal will say in its April issue Tuesday, and there in its April issue Tuesday, and there is therefore considerable more than a possibility that at least the large mills will be forced to suspend operations indefinitely.

### MILLER GETS LIFE SENTENCE.

DETROIT, Mich., April 12.—This afternoon Professor Miller, Miss Jennett's murderer, was sentenced to prison for life.

"Oh, I cannot argue with you; I am of a high degree. My father had G. W. cut on his shell by George Washington when a boy," said the white one. "I am better than you turtles of the lower ground," I threw a stone," said the doctor, "and they both sank into the same mud hole together."

"I shall never forget the first time I saw him," continued the newspaper man. "He came to the city where I was living, to lecture. I went and at the door saw a tall slender man who wore a well worn beaver hat and had a heavy scarf about his neck. No one would have taken him for a great man, had one judged by his dress, and I was surprised when the lecturer walked upon the platform to recognize him as the man I saw at the door. When I met him personally the reason was apparent; he did not want to appear better than anyone else. I have seen him stop on the street and give some money to a dirty little child and then watch to see what it would buy. I have seen him stop and talk with one of the richest and the next moment doff his hat to the poorest citizen. He was interested in all people and was willing to put himself out of the way when the occasion demanded."

## MAY BE ANARCHISTS

INCENDIARIES SET SEVEN FIRES IN DAY.

Catholic Church in Chicago Among the Valuable Buildings Destroyed.

CHICAGO, April 12.—The fifth supposedly incendiary fire in South Chicago with 24 hours destroyed St. Patrick's Catholic church at Ninety-fifth street and Commercial avenue early this morning, spread to adjoining buildings and despite the efforts of the firemen, threatened for a time to devastate a large portion of the district. The loss on the church, which was destroyed, is \$25,000. The convent adjoining was considerably damaged and the loss of other surrounding property is several thousand dollars.

Father Vandervelt, the parish priest, expressed the belief that anarchists started the fire.

The seventh incendiary fire in South Chicago broke out at 4 o'clock this morning in E. E. Kendall's feed store. Ninety-first street and South Chicago avenue. The building was a three-story brick, the upper floors being occupied as dwellings. Nicholas Schroeder's salon, a two-story frame building, was burned. Fire also attacked the rear of the Calumet theater. The St. Charles Hotel, three stories, containing 80 guests, and a flat building owned by P. P. Finerty, across the street, were endangered. The loss by this last fire will probably exceed \$50,000.

All these fires were in the vicinity of Ninety-first and Ninety-second streets and not far from South Chicago avenue. The police as yet have no clue to the incendiaries.

### AGENT CONFIRMED.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—The senate today confirmed the appointment of Indian Agent Albert A. Anderson, of the Colville agency, Washington.

## SOMETHING NEW!

## The Firefly Gas Lighter

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