

LARSON'S MAMMOTH MID-WINTER CLEARANCE SALE

Starting Monday morning at 8 o'clock our great Mid-winter Clearance Sale will be on in full swing and the coming week will witness an opportunity for money saving such as never has been witnessed in Astoria before. The object of this extraordinary sale is to entirely clean out our stock. Everything must go regardless of price to make room for our new goods. If you have been waiting for the most favorable time to buy, you better buy now, no lower prices can possibly be made this season. **Sale Starts Monday at 8 o'clock a. m. sharp. Come Early to Avoid the Rush**

The Following Bargains Can't Help But Interest You

Suits	
\$25.00 Suits.....	\$17.50
22.50 Suits.....	16.00
20.00 Suits.....	14.00
17.50 Suits.....	12.25
15.00 Suits.....	11.00
12.50 Suits.....	8.75
10.00 Suits.....	6.00

Overcoats	
\$22.50 Overcoats.....	\$15.00
20.00 Overcoats.....	14.00
17.50 Overcoats.....	12.25
15.00 Overcoats.....	10.50
12.50 Overcoats.....	8.75
TOP COATS	
\$15.00 Topcoats.....	\$10.00

High Top Working Shoes	
\$7.50 High top shoes.....	\$5.50
7.00 High top shoes.....	5.00
6.00 High top shoes.....	4.50

These values in working shoes are positively the best obtainable and will not last long at these prices.

Boy's School Shoes	
The kind they can't wear out	
In sizes from 11 to 2.....	\$2.00
In sizes from 2 1-2 to 5 1-2.....	2.25
Boys Hightop Waterproof Shoes	
In sizes from 11 to 2.....	\$2.50
In sizes from 2 1-2 to 5 1-2.....	2.75

Dress Shoes	
\$5.00 Dress Shoes.....	\$3.50
4.50 Dress Shoes.....	3.25
4.00 Dress Shoes.....	3.00
3.50 Dress Shoes.....	2.75
3.00 Dress Shoes.....	2.25
2.75 Dress Shoes.....	2.00

Loggers' Shoes	
Best \$8.00 Logger Shoe made.....	\$6.75
Best 7.00 Logger Shoe made.....	5.40
Best 6.00 Logger Shoe made.....	4.50

Men who are in need of anything in this line will do well to buy now.

All-wool Sweaters	
In sweaters we are pretty well cleaned out but we have a few in the following sizes 34-36 and 38-40 at the following prices:	
\$3.00 Sweaters for.....	\$2.00
2.00 Sweaters for.....	1.00

All-wool Underwear	
\$4.00 all-wool Underwear.....	\$3.00
2.50 all-wool Underwear.....	1.75

This underwear is of the best make and guaranteed to be all-wool.

Young Men's Suits	
\$20.00 Young mens suits.....	\$14.00
17.50 Young mens suits.....	12.25
15.00 Young mens suits.....	10.50
12.50 Young mens suits.....	8.75

Men's best all-wool Pants	
\$4.00 Trousers.....	\$2.75
3.50 Trousers.....	2.50
3.00 Trousers.....	2.00
2.50 Trousers.....	1.75

Dress Shirts	
\$2.50 Dress Shirts.....	\$1.75
2.25 Dress Shirts.....	1.50
2.00 Dress Shirts.....	1.35
1.50 and \$1.25 Dress Shirts.....	1.00

All-wool Shirts	
\$3.50 all-wool shirts.....	\$2.75
3.00 all-wool shirts.....	2.25
2.75 all-wool shirts.....	2.00
2.00 all-wool shirts.....	1.50

THE WORKINGMANS STORE

CHARLES LARSON Prop.

"The Bond Street Bargain Store"

Next Door to Ross Higgins

ON TIME.

By JANE LEE.

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A slight, girlish form enveloped in a long, loose evening coat restlessly paced the broad veranda of Greymere Inn. Grace O'Rourke was lovely at all times, but tonight her Irish blue eyes flashed an unusual brilliancy, which made her positively irresistible.

"Better join us," called Elizabeth Dwyer as the latter left the porch escorted by a lithe youth.

It was the night of the annual mid-summer ball given to the summer guests of Pine Grove. Grace hesitated for a moment.

"Oh, Julian will be along soon, Elizabeth," she cried. "He's late, as usual, but we'll meet you at the dance later."

Other couples followed the first, but still Grace O'Rourke, the belle of Grey-

mere Inn, paced the Veranda. Finally a man's voice greeted her.

"I say, Miss O'Rourke," he suggested, "let me cut out that tardy Hawthorne, won't you? Come along to the dance with me?"

Again Grace hesitated. Down in the farthest corner of her heart she really and truly cared for Julian Hawthorne, but he was never on time for any appointment, and here was a choice opportunity to teach him a bitter lesson. Then, too, Charlie Rice was a splendid dancer. Impulsively she accepted his offer, and half an hour later found them in the midst of the summer crowd dancing and apparently oblivious of all else on earth.

The ball was at its height when Julian Hawthorne entered the room. In the doorway he leaned against the sill as if physically tired, and the lids hung heavily over his black eyes.

As Rice and Grace passed him lost in the ecstasy of a dreamy waltz his gaze followed the two closely, and a satirical smile spread over his face. When the dance was over Hawthorne slowly crossed the room.

"May I have the next dance, Grace?" he asked, without seeming to notice Rice, who stood by her side.

"Do you think you could be on time to claim it?" parried Grace, with stinging sarcasm.

"I am here now, waiting," Hawthorne answered as he extended his left arm.

If men but knew the power they have over women who truly love them! There was something within Grace O'Rourke that night which told her to reject the arm he extended, but that greater something—love—made her accept it. In another moment they were whirling round and round the room.

The night was warm, and when the dance was half over they walked out into the spacious grounds surrounding the big hotel.

"I want to tell you why I was late tonight, Grace," Hawthorne began.

"But I don't want to hear," interrupted Grace. "It's always some excuse, Julian, and I'm tired of it all. If it's not the office it's the train, and if it's not the train it's something else."

"Well, then, will you let me tell you something else—something that you've never heard before, at least not from me?" he added.

"Oh, all right," agreed Grace, "only make it a short story, for I've promised the next waltz to Charlie Rice."

"It won't take long to tell you, dear," Hawthorne's voice seemed very near, and he spoke slowly and with great earnestness. "I just want to try to tell you how much I love you, Grace, how long I have loved you and that at last I am in a position to ask you to be my wife."

"As usual, my dear Julian, you are too late," announced Grace, with assumed nonchalance. "I've just promised to marry some one else."

Hawthorne lit a cigarette and said nothing. If Grace expected a tirade about the fickleness of women she was disappointed. Hawthorne was the type of man to take defeat gracefully, but he did not fail to note the unsteadiness of Grace's step as they returned to the house nor the trembling notes in her voice when she spoke.

He loved her well enough to know her through and through. He was a man who took few chances in life, but he would have wagered that Grace O'Rourke loved him at that moment despite her cool rejection of his suit.

Hawthorne led her to Rice, who was waiting to claim his dance, and then went up to the smoking room. Long

he sat and smoked in silence, when suddenly he realized that the dressing rooms were filling up with guests preparing to go home. The dance was over. A man suggested that he smelled smoke, but the idea was laughed down.

"I guess it's Hawthorne's bitter root cigar that smells like fire," sang out Charlie Rice. And the listeners all laughed in reply.

Hawthorne slipped on his light overcoat and sauntered toward the closed door that led into the hall. He opened it upon a curling cloud of smoke. At the same instant screams came from all directions. Men and women were in pandemonium. Rice was the first man downstairs, his one idea being self preservation, but above the roar of screams Julian Hawthorne's voice rang out clear and loud.

"Please keep back. Calm yourselves, and no one will be hurt."

They gave him no heed. Madly they tore ahead, fighting like maniacs. All made for the main stairway. Gowns were torn, arms were broken and ankles sprained in the effort to get out of the burning building. Once more Hawthorne raised his voice above the hum.

"I beg of you—I— His voice stop-

ped short, for clinging to his arm was Grace.

"Save me, Julian, dear," she pleaded. Silently he dragged her into one of the dressing rooms and opened a large door leading to a back staircase.

"I've tried to head them all off this way, but they would not listen. But if I can save you, darling, I will have been on time just once."

Grace gave his arm a loving little hug, which meant more to the man than all the words she could have uttered. Close to each other they descended the dark stairs which led through the servants' quarters. The rooms were deserted, and they easily reached the back door. Hawthorne turned and held Grace close for a moment. There was no time for words just then. And, standing alone in the darkness, she watched him rejoin the ranks of fire fighters.

It is said she was arrested a year ago on a similar charge, was found to be demented and was not prosecuted. Letters written then by her have been compared to two received by a woman member of one of the churches set aside, and the handwriting is declared to be identical. All the letters were threatening.

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FEMALE PYROMANIAC.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—The pyromaniac who last Thursday set fire to three churches in Englewood is believed by the police to be a woman.

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