

# TWINS WHOSE SIMILAR FEATURES AND DRESS WORK GREAT HAVOC



Beasie and Essie White—Beasie With Round Locket, Essie With Heart-Shaped One.

How would you like to be so much like your sister that when you looked in the glass you couldn't tell whether it was she or yourself? That is the case of Miss Beasie and Miss Essie White of this city, who are so absolutely similar that their nearest associates cannot tell them apart. They have everything in common—practices the socialistic principles, in fact, to such an extent that they speak of "our chum," and "our position," and "our money." An attempt to identify their property separately would certainly end disastrously.

About a year ago the twins arrived here from Albany and, having learned the trade of wrapper at a department store, one of them received a position as wrapper at the Meier & Frank store. It would probably be impossible even for them to say which one received it, for both accepted it. Beasie would work one day and on coming home would faithfully relate to Essie all the happenings of the day, warning her particularly to remember that she had been "called down" for such and such a mistake.

The next morning Essie would take up the duties, and so careful had been her instructions that she corrected laudably the mistakes of the day before. And that evening she might have a late caller, and so the next morning Beasie would go again. The joke lay in the fact that no one was able to tell which of the two maidens was with the Golden Eagle store, one as cashier and the other as wrapper, but which is which none knows, for there, too, they have taken preventive measures against monotony and court variety by an interchange of positions.

However, they took the precaution this time of telling their employer, and he decided that if the work was satisfactory it didn't make much difference which did it. Beasie and Essie are dark-haired, gray-eyed twins, of exactly the same height, with precisely the same features and the same way of wearing their hair. To distract the public more they dress exactly alike, and every check or polka dot in their gowns hits in exactly the same place. Their chain bracelets are alike and worn on the same arms. Their rings are alike—everything is alike, in fact, but their chain lockets—this only makes the similarity more confusing, for one can never be expected to remember which had the round one and which the heart.

These twins have solved the problem of conservation of energy. Each studied half the lesson when they were in school, and though the teacher

was a blue ribbon on the arm of one that she might not have to recite the whole lesson, it was easy to slip it off and pass it on if the teacher's judgment was lacking and either got the wrong part. At dances, too, the likeness was used to advantage, for dances with unpopular partners could be so easily shifted, or each could disclaim the dance and calmly walk off. But Essie thinks that their remarkable resemblance may prove a nuisance sometimes. Beasie chuckles audibly amid Essie's protests as she tells of the Albany man who came to see her sister a few Sundays ago. Unfortunately he had not apprised Essie of his arrival and Beasie saw him first. Imagine the consequences! The one who went walking says he told her lots of interesting things, and looks meaningfully at the other, but Essie says there was nothing to tell.

## BIG GRAY RAT SEEKS REFUGE IN VAULT AT THE COURTHOUSE

The Pied Piper of Hamelin, if he were in Portland, might secure a lucrative contract from County Clerk Frank S. Fields. There are not as many rats to be lured away from the courthouse as there were in Hamelin, but for one big, gray rat, the county clerk would not wish for the piper. Three days ago this big rat scurried across the floor of the outer office and all the rats that followed the piper into the vault, where he had the first good meal he has had for three days. When Deputy County Clerk Christensen closed the vault at 10 o'clock the rat had retreated to his hidden nest and in there yet it is feared that it will become so hungry that it will gnaw up the county records, and if it can't be coaxed out pretty soon County Clerk Fields may have to detail one of his deputies in order to protect the papers.

where he had been trying to gnaw his way out were seen. Traps baited with tempting bits of cheese are treated with scorn by the rodent. Yesterday evening the vault was left open when all the deputies went home and a large piece of cheese was placed outside in the hope that the rat would be tempted to come out. The night watchman was peeping, and saw Mr. Rat steal cautiously out, snatch the cheese and scurry back to the darkness of the vault, where he had the first good meal he has had for three days. When Deputy County Clerk Christensen closed the vault at 10 o'clock the rat had retreated to his hidden nest and in there yet it is feared that it will become so hungry that it will gnaw up the county records, and if it can't be coaxed out pretty soon County Clerk Fields may have to detail one of his deputies in order to protect the papers.

## BARBER HAS HAND TORN IN ELECTRIC FAN

Wanted to See What It Would Do to Him and He Soon Found Out.

A curiosity craved barber tried to slip his fingers between the wings of a swiftly revolving electric fan. And now the barber isn't shaving any more! "Don't laugh! Didn't you ever lay your hand on a building placarded 'Fresh Paint' just to see whether the paint was really fresh or not?" Well, the barber just wanted to know what the fan would do to him. And he found out! The accident occurred yesterday afternoon at the shop of Frank Rogers, at 248 Alder street. The name of the curious tonsorial artist was Joseph Smith. Smith jammed his whole hand into the fan. No bones were broken, but three fingers and a thumb were so badly lacerated that Smith will not be in condition to pipe "you're next" for a whole fortnight or more. And now all the other barbers in the shop are glad that Smith was the first to try it.

## EXPERIENCE COUNTS, SAYS CIVIL SERVICE EXPERT

Should Be Given Great Consideration When Positions Are Awarded, He Declares.

That experience may properly be considered one of the most necessary qualifications in a competitive examination is the opinion of C. S. Snyder, secretary of the United States civil service district, which is composed of the Pacific coast and Rocky mountain states. Dr. Snyder was in the city yesterday and at the request of Secretary McPherson of the Portland civil service commission, examined the office method and the manner of conducting examinations for city jobs. He holds that the method in which the examination for captain of police and detectives last October was held was the best that can be given, considering the peculiar qualifications demanded of the man in that position. This was the test by which Patrick Bruin went into office. Mr. Snyder was for several years assistant chief examiner at Washington, and had to pass upon the examinations for 400 positions under the federal civil service. He states that the same methods are pursued by the government, and cited instances where experience was principally taken into consideration. He also said, after having examined all the applicants' papers, that Bruin stood the highest in his examination, and that he would have so marked Bruin had he been on the examining board. The government expert also gave as his opinion that the civil service regulations in the charter are too stringent, and that too many restrictions are placed on executive officers regarding the discharging of employees. He has found that the tendency of executive officers is to retain inefficient employees rather than to discharge them for political or religious reasons.

## SECURES PERMIT TO ERECT RESIDENCE

J. F. Kelly has been given a permit for the construction of a \$6,000 residence on Fifth street at the corner of Cathlamet. It has been many a long year since a dwelling costing that sum has been erected anywhere in this vicinity. Other permits have been issued as follows: Nicola Casciato, repairs, Sheridan corner Fourth, cost, \$1,400; W. G. McPherson, foundation for shop, Wilson between Nineteenth and Twentieth, cost, \$2,500; Fred F. Jorg, repairs, Cleveland avenue corner Prescott, cost, \$150; This Guarantee & Trust company, repairs, Washington between Second and Third, cost, \$1,000; L. C. Jameson, two-story dwelling, College corner Sixteenth, cost, \$5,500; E. M. Lamara, stairway, Fourteenth between Washington and Burnside, cost, \$100; J. Friedenthal, two-story dwelling, Everett between Twenty-first and Twenty-second, cost, \$3,000; Andrew Hansen, two-story dwelling, East Washington corner East Thirty-seventh, cost, \$1,800; P. B. Langdon, two-story dwelling, Park avenue between East Eleventh and East Twelfth, cost, \$1,500; Mrs. Edna Downing, two-story dwelling, Downing between Durham and Bellevue, cost, \$600; Oregon Water Power & Railway company, repairs, Alder between Front and First, cost, \$1,000; J. A. Ortel, one-story dwelling, East Fifteenth between Going and Wygant, cost, \$800.

Hot-picking will be rather early.

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# 316th *Bargain* *Friday*

## Our Weekly Bargain Opportunity

Friday, as usual, Bargain Day with a list of offerings representing the Best Values of the Season. We sell only the most trustworthy merchandise—not only the cheaper grades, but the very highest as well—all at prices that mean for our customers savings well worth considering, and not to be matched elsewhere. Some fortunate purchases enable us to quote you cut prices that are away below anything that has been offered. We have a longer list of bargains to offer this week than has been offered in months. We quote here just a few of the special items. Call to see us and let us tell you of the rest of them.

**Art Goods**  
100 doz. Painted Cushion Slips in floral and conventional designs, regular values 35c each. Special for Friday, ea... 18¢

**Roberts Bros**  
THIRD AND MORRISON

**Notions**  
300 dozen Duck Wash Belts, with heavy raised embroidery, fancy buckle, regular value 75c each. Special for Friday... 50¢

## Important Bargains in Suit Room

Here you will find the latest and most desirable styles, largest and prettiest assortment of merchandise AT THE VERY LOWEST PRICES. Bargain Friday we have a sale in this department that will out-do anything that has been done in a Bargain Sale. Prices quoted below are special for BARGAIN FRIDAY ONLY.

### Sample Waists—Extraordinary Values

One day more of this extraordinary Sample Waist Sale. A few new ones came in yesterday and were added to the lot, making a grand collection of beautiful fresh waists. The lot comprises waists of the plainest as well as the most elegant; every one on sale Bargain Friday at Actual Cost to manufacture. Prices range from 50¢ up to... \$5.50

**Silk Petticoats Special at \$4.50**  
A new lot of Silk Petticoats on sale Bargain Friday at \$4.50. These are the best skirts we have ever sold at this price. They are made of an excellent quality heavy tafeta in black and colors; deep ruffles and flounces; actual \$5.90 and \$7.50 values. Special Bargain Friday... \$4.50

**Women's Percale Wrappers \$1.00**  
Women's Wrappers, made of good quality percale, in neat styles with yoke, trimmed with ruffles and braid, full sleeves, deep flounce; regular \$1.25 value. Bargain Friday... \$1.00

**Wash Skirts 89c**  
Women's Wash Skirts of good quality wash material in white and colors; they are made in gored style; our best \$1.25 value. Special at... 89c

**Children's Jackets 89c**  
We place on sale Bargain Friday a large line of little girls' Coats at greatly reduced prices; all this season's styles; double-breasted fronts, large circular collars, patch pockets, full sleeves, trimmed with braid; our regular \$1.25 values. Special Bargain Friday... 89c

## Men's Goods

We want every man in Portland to know about the abundance of things we have provided especially and solely for them. In our sections devoted to men's wear you'll find just as wide assortments and just as high-class merchandise as in the establishment of the most exclusive hatter, haberdasher or clothier.

**\$1.50 Fancy Golf Shirts on Sale Bargain Friday at 89c**  
Full line fancy Golf Shirts in all sizes, made of fine materials in plain colors and attractive stripes; dozens of patterns and large variety of colorings. Choose from the entire lot of \$1.50 values, Bargain Friday, 89c at, each...

**45c Boys' Blouse Waists 24¢**—We have splendid line of Boys' Blouse Waists of best workmanship; they come in all the best colors and in all sizes from 4 to 10 years; good values at 35c and 45c. Our special price, Bargain Friday... 24¢

**50c Fancy Neckwear 19¢**—Genuine English Four-in-Hand Ties in all the best midsummer ideas of coloring and patterns; regular price 50c. Our special price for Bargain Friday... 19c only

## Bargains in Silk Section

Tomorrow, Bargain Friday, we will show the greatest array of pretty, reasonable silks we have ever had, and, despite the constant upward tendency of prices on all silk goods, we will quote prices during this sale that are absolutely without precedent.

**\$1.00 Foulards 59¢**—23-inch "Cheney Bros." genuine Satin Finished Foulard Silks in white and blue with dots in all sizes, coin and pin; beautiful for summer and fall wear; regular \$1.00 values. Special Bargain Friday only... 59c

**50c Foulard 29¢**—20-inch Fancy Foulard Silks, plain grounds with neat small figures, splendid grade goods, large assortment of colors; always sold at 50c. Special Bargain Friday only, at... 29c

**40c Jap Silks 32¢**—21-inch Jap Silk, very good quality, washes well, comes in all shades of blue, red, brown, green, pink, also evening shades; a genuine bargain; regular 40c value. Special, Bargain Friday only... 32c

**35c Jap Silk 22¢**—21-inch Jap Silk, washes like linen, pretty and durable for summer waists and dresses, all colors. Special price, Bargain Friday... 22c

**50c Wash Silks 35¢**—Large showing of washable China Silk in splendid assortment of stripes and checks, good heavy quality; also a line of 22-inch printed Jap Wash Silks, cream grounds with neat dots and figures, warranted fast colors; regular price 50c. Special, Bargain Friday... 35c

**60c Jap Silks 42¢**—An unusual offering of 27-inch heavy washable Jap Silk in any wanted color, also black and cream; our regular 60c goods. Bargain Friday only at... 42c

## SALE OF WOMEN'S SAMPLE KNIT UNDERWEAR

Our Great Annual Sample Sale of Women's High Grade Knit Undervests, Pants and Union Suits starts here tomorrow morning. Each season about this time we purchase the entire sample line of one of the largest operators in the country at a discount of 50 per cent. About 500 dozen garments, comprising almost every grade of cool, summer Underwear for women, to be closed out at exactly half price. We expect the usual great rush for these samples, and in spite of the liberal supply would advise early purchasing.

**Sleeveless Vests**  
25c Sleeveless Vests—Sample Sale price... 12½¢  
35c Sleeveless Vests—Sample Sale price... 17½¢  
40c Sleeveless Vests—Sample Sale price... 20¢  
\$1.25 Spun Silk Vests—Sample Sale price... 68¢

**Women's Knit Pants**  
50c quality Ankle Length Pants—Sample Sale... 25¢  
50c quality Lace Trimmed Pants—Sample Sale... 25¢  
40c quality Lace Trimmed Pants—Sample Sale... 19¢

**Women's Sleeveless Union Suits**  
50c quality Bleached Lisle Union Suits—Sample Sale... 25¢  
75c quality Bleached Lisle Union Suits—Sample Sale... 38¢  
\$1 quality Bleached Lisle Union Suits—Sample Sale... 50¢

**Women's Knit Pants**  
50c quality Ankle Length Pants—Sample Sale... 25¢  
50c quality Lace Trimmed Pants—Sample Sale... 25¢  
40c quality Lace Trimmed Pants—Sample Sale... 19¢

