

# ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE

## Starts December 31, and Closes Jan. 21

In order to reduce our stock \$5,000 before spring goods arrive we make the Greatest Sacrifice in prices ever before heard of. Take advantage of the following cash prices. They are our loss and your opportunity.



### SHIRTS

Cluett, \$1.50 to 2.25 reduced to \$1.00  
 Monarch 1.00 to 1.25 " .78

### SWEATERS

Fine coat sweaters, \$5.00 now 3.65  
 Fine coat sweaters, 4.00 now 2.80  
 Fine coat sweaters, 3.00 now 2.00  
 Fine coat sweaters, 1.25 now .78

### BLANKETS

Blankets from the celebrated Pendleton and Oregon City Woolen Mills, guaranteed ALL Wool.

Nice pure white blankets 14.00 at 11.60  
 " " 9.00 at 6.80  
 " gray 9.00 at 6.80  
 " " 6.00 at 4.25  
 " vicuna 5.75 at 3.85

### Comforts

At a Big Discount

Our big assortment of comforts will be sold during this Annual Clearance Sale at 25 % Off regular price

### SHOES

Good 12 and 14 in. high top shoes, \$9 values at \$6.85  
 " \$7.50 " " " 5.25  
 " 6.00 " " " 4.75

Heavy shoes, 3.50 to 4.75 2.75 to 3.25  
 All shoes greatly reduced in prices.

### HATS! HATS!!! HATS!!!

The Kingsbury \$3.00 Hat at \$2.25  
 The King hat, 2.50 Hat at 1.75  
 Chicago Leader 2.00 Hat at 1.35

## CLOTHING!! CLOTHING!!

Greatest Reductions ever in the history of clothing sales will be made in our annual Clearance Sales

\$25 Suits strictly first-class up-to-date now	18.00
22.50 " " "	15.75
20.00 " " "	13.50
18.00 " " "	12.25
16.00 " " "	10.75
14.00 " " "	8.65
12.00 " " "	7.75

Children's Clothing at same reduction. Men's Pants 25 per ct. Off

### Overcoats

Both Men's and Boys. All Overcoats reduced 1-3 Off

\$25.00 overcoats at \$17.65  
 20.00 overcoats at 13.35  
 18.00 overcoats at 12.00

Like reductions on all overcoat stock, boys overcoats included.

# HODSON BROS. Clothiers and Furnishers

### A RUSSIAN SERF.

He Bought His Liberty With a Barrel of Crimean Oysters.

One of the principal banking houses of St. Petersburg is said to have been founded by a man who for a great part of his life was a serf. Even in his condition of serfdom he was a wealthy banker and, as may readily be imagined, made many attempts to procure his freedom. The story goes that he offered 1,000,000 rubles for his liberty, but that his master, Count Sheremetieff, proud of possessing such a serf, refused to liberate him.

The liberation was, however, finally procured and at a much lower price than that mentioned. The story is a pretty one:

This serf, by name Shalounine, returned one day from Odessa to St. Petersburg and, as in duty bound, repaired to the Sheremetieff palace, there to report himself. With him he had brought, as a gift to the count, a small barrel of choice Crimean oysters. This he left outside till he should receive an intimation that the offering would be acceptable to Sheremetieff.

Now, it so chanced that he found his master surrounded by a large number of guests who had been bidden to breakfast. The count was engaged in berating his butler for negligence to provide oysters for the breakfast. The butler contended that there were no oysters in the market.

It was at this juncture that the count caught sight of his banker serf.

"So," he angrily exclaimed, "you, too, are to annoy me! And with your pestering appeal for liberation! Let me tell you that your errand will prove a fruitless one! But stay! I'll release you on one condition—and one only—that you get me some oysters for breakfast!"

Shalounine bowed low and left the room. When he returned he laid the barrel of oysters at his master's feet.

Whereupon the count, true to his word, called for pen and paper and instantly wrote out a declaration of emancipation making the serf a free man. Then the former master, with a most gracious air, added:

"And now, my dear Shalounine, will you be so good as to favor us

with your company at breakfast?"—Harper's Weekly.

### A Unique Volume.

What is perhaps the most curious book in the world is possessed by the Prince de Ligne. This work is neither printed nor in manuscript, the text being formed of letters cut in vellum and pasted on blue paper. Notwithstanding this extraordinary method of presenting the text the book is as easy of perusal as if printed in the boldest type. All the characters shown are cut with marvelous dexterity and precision.

This unique volume bears the title "The Book of All Passions of Our Lord Jesus Christ, With Characters Not Composed of Any Materials."

It is said that Rudolph II., the Roman emperor, offered no less than 11,000 ducats for this wonderful product of the bookmaker's art, but the offer was refused.

A curious feature of the history of this book is that while the English arms are inscribed on its cover it is confidently held that the volume has never been in England.—New York Times.

### A Gentle Complaint.

Two men, next door neighbors, each had a pet diversion. Chickens was the hobby of one; that of the other, flowers. Because of the devastating instincts of the unrestrained fowls the flowers did not flourish. The gardener, however, valued his neighbor's friendship more than he did the flowers and made no remonstrance. The poultry farmer one evening visited his neighbor and by way of introduction made a complimentary remark about the garden. "What a beautiful bed of flowers you have here!" he said glowingly.

"Yes," added the gardener dejectedly, "but it just keeps me a-sweating to keep it from becoming a feather bed."

### Might Always Wear It.

"John, do you recognize this hat?"

"No; I can't say that I do. It looks rather dilapidated."

"Yes. I have been keeping it as a dear memento. I was wearing it when you and I first met. That was eleven years ago."

"I hope you'll keep it always. It ought to convince you that you must have been mighty good look-

ing once, seeing that even with that thing on your head you caused me to fall in love with you."—Chicago Record-Herald.

### The Example of Paganini.

A story is told of how Paganini once came into the concert room, took the violin and touched the strings. First one string broke, and a smile went around the room; then another string broke, and there was more audible expression of mockery. When a third string broke many people laughed outright at his discomfiture. But Paganini stood forth with his violin as though nothing had happened and played on the one string, and the people ceased to smile, but listened spellbound. Some of those who had derided him began to weep, and some even prayed. Many a man had fallen helpless by the wayside when some great catastrophe turned the current of his life aside. The brave man pushes forward with one remaining talent and plucks victory from defeat.

### The Flag of Denmark.

The flag of Denmark, a plain red banner bearing on it a white cross, is the oldest flag now in existence. For 300 years both Norway and Sweden were united with Denmark under this flag. In the year 1219 King Waldemar of Denmark when leading his troops to battle against the Lavonians saw or thought he saw a bright light in the form of a cross in the sky. He held this appearance to be a promise of divine aid and pressed forward to victory. From this time he had the cross placed on the flag of his country and called it the Dannebrog, meaning the strength of Denmark.

### A Bride Who Has to Be Carried.

Of the quaint marriage customs still surviving in old English and Scottish families one concerns the Dukes of Atholl and their heirs. The duke always carries his bride across the threshold of Blair castle, it being in accord with an ancient tradition that it is unlucky for a bride to enter in the ordinary way. But this is only one of the many quaint old feudal customs that are observed upon this estate, which the Duke of Atholl holds from the crown by a strange tenure. Upon fear of forfeiture the owner has to present his sovereign with a white rose whenever he or she visits the castle.

Colley Cibber, known for some years by the name of Master Colley, made his first appearance on the stage in a very subordinate situation. After waiting impatiently for the prompter's notice he by good fortune obtained the honor of carrying a message on the stage to one of the principal actors of that day, whom he greatly disconcerted by his awkwardness.

Betterton in anger inquired who it was that had committed such a blunder. Drones, the prompter, replied:

"Master Colley."

"Then fine him," rejoined Betterton.

"Why, sir, he has no salary!"

"No? Then put him down 10 shillings a week and fine him 5."

To this good natured adjustment of rewards and punishments Cibber owed the first money he received from the dramatic treasury.

### Florence Nightingale's Real Name.

The family name of Florence Nightingale was not originally Nightingale, but Shore. Her father was a rich Sheffield banker of the name of Shore and connected with an old family which had been in possession of land in the counties of Derby and York since the fifteenth century. Mr. Shore assumed the name of Nightingale long after the birth of his children and because he inherited the fortune and estates of his mother's uncle. There were but two children in the family, both girls. The eldest was named Parthenosse, because she was born in Athens, and this name was supposed to indicate her father's profound admiration for the Parthenon. The younger, Florence, was also named after the city of her birth.

The turkey, rather than the eagle, is the real American bird. Eagles are found all over the world, but the turkey is a foreigner everywhere else except in America, his native home. The wild turkey of America is the progenitor of all the turkeys in the world. In North America, Mexico and Honduras the turkey was found in great numbers by the white men, but in South America the bird is unknown. Scientists are agreed that the turkey resides outside of his continent only as an immigrant, and that his native home must be sought somewhere north of the isthmus of Panama.—Argonaut.

### PACIFIC COLLEGE NOTES.

Clifford and Olin Hadley spent the holidays at their home in Turner.

Leo Kyes visited at his home in Everett, Washington, during the holidays and on his return took up his abode at the dormitory.

Laura Hammar has dropped out of school until the spring term as she will then be able to finish with the senior class.

Mrs. Hodgkin made a short trip to Portland last Monday.

The senior preps blossomed out with new sweaters Tuesday morning.

Melvin Elliott has installed a wireless-telegraph outfit in the dormitory and will soon have it in working order.

Gladys Purdy missed a few days of school last week on account of sickness.

The Prep. basketball team again ventured from home and were defeated by the LaFayette town team, 34 to 31. Nelson and Churchman were the stars for LaFayette while Hadley and Parker were easily the stars for the Preps. Coach Johnson took the following with him, Benson, Hadley, Haworth, Pearson, Kyes and Parker.

Lloyd Armstrong has resigned as basketball manager and Prof. Johnson was elected to fill the vacancy.

Hazel Comer has been out of school for a few days on account of her grandfather's death.

The junior preps have organized with Albert Pearson, president; Myrtle Mills, secretary and Alta Gumm, treasurer.

The college team will play their first game this season with the Newberg Amateurs Friday night at the college gymnasium.

Miss Nell Reuter entertained her class, the sophomores and the dormitory young people last

Friday evening at her home. New and interesting games were played, after which a dainty lunch was served. Everyone reported a very enjoyable time and think Miss Nell a fine entertainer.

Elgin VanBlaricom enrolled in the Academy at the first of the term.

At the athletic meeting held last week it was decided to drop out of the league owing to our late start and inability to fix the schedule.

Beulah Newlin has dropped her school work for the year.

Mr. Greer spoke to the Y. M. C. A. last Wednesday morning.

### WEST CHEHALEM

Mr. Meader who visited his daughter, Mrs. H. A. Page, during holidays, has returned to his home at Wasco, Oregon.

H. C. Fozier, of Oregon City, is doing some carpenter work for H. L. Amoth.

Since the law has gone into effect stopping stock from running at large on the highways, some of our citizens are thinking of planting the highways with fruit and nut trees. With a little care and attention such trees would be a source of considerable income not to mention the beautiful effect of a row of trees on either side of the road.

Mrs. Dick Woosley received a telegram Tuesday announcing the death of her father.

A number of the patrons of School District No. 61, met last Saturday for the purpose of hanging the new bell which was recently purchased and fencing the grounds.

J. T. Carter, who makes a specialty of good hogs, made his third killing for the season when about twelve spring pigs were placed on the market. These pigs dressed in the neighborhood of 200 lbs. apiece. Altogether Mr. Carter's sales run up into the hundreds of dollars.