

IN OUR JULY CLEARANCE SALE

Which Will Continue Until August 1st

Space didn't permit us to mention the following goods at the following prices:

\$1.00 Ladies' White Skirts 33c	10c Butcher Linen 7c	50c Table Linen 24c	\$1.00 Lyon Brand Shirts 69c	75c Bed Sheets, size 72x90 25c
10c Curtain Scrim 6c	5c Laces, all widths 2c	25c Boys' Sport Shirts 17c	\$1.00 Bed Spreads 65c	\$6.00 Stetson Oxfords \$4.40
75c Ladies' Parasols 33c	10c Tan Linen 7c	50c Children's Dresses 22c	75c Bed Sheets 25c	50c Matting Rugs, Extra size 23c
6c Fancy Lawns 3 1-2c	50c Ladies' Shirt Waists 29c	25c Men's Silk Hose 17c	10c Ladies' Black or White Stockings 6c	10c Dress Gingham 7 1-2c

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UNITED MEXICAN STATES IN GRIEF OF EXPLOITERS.

Endowed With Fabulous Wealth, Native Live in Abject Poverty, Ignorance and Superstition.

The United Mexican States, the official title of Mexico, is the third largest of American republics in population and fourth in territory. It has an area of 767,000 square miles, peopled by 15,000,000 persons, according to the census of 1916. The boundary between Mexico and the United States is 1,853 miles in length. Of the millions living in the climatic republic in the south of the United States, more than one-half are Indians or mixed breeds. The common people always have been down-trodden, even before the days of the Spanish conquest. The few times in the history of the country, when the people wrested the government from strong hands, lawless conditions have prevailed.

The riches of the country, an almost fabulous wealth, is in the hands of foreigners and the native Indian population has been ground down by the invaders since the Spanish destroyed the Aztec empire in the early part of the sixteenth century. The great mass of the people virtually have been slaves, peons and today are ignorant, half-starved and superstitious. Great land barons have allowed them no more than the cheap, dirty cotton clothes on their backs.

Condition of Chaco Prevails.

Under Gen. Diaz's iron rule the country was being developed rapidly and held promise for the future. The Indian tribes were slowly giving up their various dialects and sending their children to school to learn Spanish. Railways were constructed, mines developed and agriculture flourishing. But with the collapse of his government the land went back to the revolution which had disrupted it until Diaz's time and the poor today is in worse condition. It is assumed, that he has been for many years. Torn by internal strife, which has seen whole districts laid waste, Mexico suffers the might of war waged in chaos.

Recent History of Republic.

A little over a century ago, in 1812, a congress of Mexican patriots met at Chilpancingo and established a republic. Antonio Lopez de Santa Anna was placed at the head of the republic and he defeated Mexico's last emperor, Iturbide, drove him from the country and when he returned, had him executed. Spain fought against independence until 1826 when Mexico finally was recognized as an independent republic. Texas seceded from Mexico the same year and later joined the United States. War between the two countries followed and as a result of the short and decisive conflict the United States secured New Mexico, most of Arizona and California. The remainder of Arizona was obtained by treaty.

In 1848 France, England and Spain intervened in Mexico and put Maximilian, an Austrian, on the throne. The United States was busy with a civil war at that time. When the Civil

war ended the United States notified the foreign powers to withdraw or go to war. Europe withdrew and Maximilian was executed with his general. Benito Juarez became president and served until 1872 when he died. He was succeeded by Toljeda who ruled until 1877. Then followed Diaz's reign under which Mexico made its greatest progress. Madero was the next president and he was murdered. Huerta gave evidence of ability to pacify the country but the United States denied him any support and he was forced to abdicate the throne. Carranza is the present head of the de facto government.—Grit.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of the Thomasville Baptist Orphanage, last Tuesday, reports showed that the number of children now present at Thomasville and at the Kennedy Home is 500; received during the year, 85; average attendance, 491; enrolled from the beginning, 1,062. During the year, \$7,330 have been left to the institution in bequests, but very little of this is available just now. The treasurer's report showed that \$4,822.77 has come into the treasury during the year as the current fund and \$49,504.29 from other sources. The cost per capita of maintaining the children is 9.09 a month. Charity and Children, the Orphanage organ, has also had a record breaking year.

EVER SALIVATED BY CALOMEL? HORRIBLE.

Calomel is Quicksilver and Acts Like Dynamite on Your Liver.

Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury, quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crumbles into sour bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.

When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for 50 cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salivate.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tonic straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't grip.—Adv.

STATISTICS SHOW WOMEN LIVE LONGER THAN MEN.

Census Bureau Compiles Figures Which Show Female of the Species Long-lived.

Women on an average live a trifle more than three years longer than men, according to a set of tables compiled by Sam L. Rogers, director of the United States Census bureau, showing the death rate and the ratio of expectation of life in the New England states, New York, New Jersey, Indiana, Michigan and the District of Columbia. The figures are the first of the sort ever compiled by the United States government and they are regarded as far more valuable than records kept by life insurance companies, since they cover the entire population of the specified districts, and not the risks selected only through medical examination and otherwise.

According to the tabulations, the average expectation at birth for a male is 49.9 years and for a female 53.2 years. For white males the expectation is 50.2 and white females 53.6. In the general figures the average is cut down because of the fact that negroes live on an average of 15 years less than white persons in Northern climates.

Violent Deaths Among Men. There are several reasons assigned for the fact that women live longer than men. One of the chief of these is four-fifths of the violent deaths, suicides, homicides and accidental deaths, are among men. Death in this form amounts to from seven to eight per cent. each year.

Further the tables disclose a lower death rate than for females each of the first 13 months of life, and, in the case of native whites, during each year of life up to the age of 94. Of 100,000 native white boy babies born alive, 4,975, or almost five per cent, die during the first month, and 12,402, or 12.5 per cent, die within one year. During the same periods 3,804 girl babies in 100,000 born alive, or less than four per cent, die in the first month, and during the first year 10,440 per 100,000, or nearly 10.5 per cent.

The relative healthfulness of city and country is strikingly shown by the tables. Until the age of 39 is reached there is a margin of nearly five years in favor of the country. After that time the ratio of longevity is about equal, though the same pronounced advantage favors the females.—Exchange.

When the news reached the citizen soldiers' training camp at Flatfish, N. Y., that Justice Hughes had been nominated, Charles Evans Hughes, Jr., son of the Republican nominee, became the idol of the camp. His head was shaken and his back was slapped until both ached. Finally he was forced to retire to his tent where he was protected from over-enthusiastic well-wishers by sentries who did the job in military style.

Nissen Wagons

We have just received a car load of the famous Nissen Wagons.

We have them in One and Two Horse, Round and Square Hound.

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