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Wool, of superior quality, at sixty cents.

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Call on us for Kid Gloves, Buttons, Flannels, Buffing for the neck, Shawls, Towels, Table Linens, Marcellies Quilts, etc., etc.

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Call and get one of those handsome Cloaks that I am now closing out very cheap; also some of those nice silk, lace and hemstitched Handkerchiefs; I am also selling very cheap a beautiful Black Spanish Lace Scarf, be sure to ask to see our pretty White and Opera Kid Gloves, both for men and ladies; a large stock of fancy Hosiery to be closed out very cheap; a new lot of nice black Cashmires just received; a large lot of Fancy

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The Dead Feast of the Hol-Folk.

(New York Sun.)

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The Rev. James Freeman Clarke of the Unitarian Church denies that the world is becoming less religious, and argues that it is really growing more religious.

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VEGETINE.

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Firm of A. Crooker & Co., Druggists & Apothecaries.

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