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WHITE GOODS

That Must Be Sold.

Also Fine French Organizes at 12½c., which are cheap at 35c. Our remnant of Summer Black Dress Goods must be sold. Our friends can get a Mosquito Canopy cheaper from us than elsewhere. We have a small stock of very fine Embroidery and Remnants that we are offering at less than half price. The great sale will continue until every dollar's worth of goods we have is gone. Remember this is not a sale to get rid of trash, but our entire stock is being sold at a great loss to us.

ALEXANDER & HARRIS.

P. S.—We can furnish Siberian Crabs in any quantity, by leaving orders at the store. They make finer jelly and preserves than any other fruit.

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A STRANGE INSECT

Which Has Appeared in Some Georgia Cotton Fields.

A correspondent of the Augusta (Ga.) Chronicle, writes as follows about an insect that has appeared in some of the cotton fields there:

"The writer visited with a friend the plantation of Mr. S. C. Lamkin near Harlem in Columbia county, last Saturday. We found Mr. L. in his field with a countenance indicating the deepest solicitude. We accosted him and began to praise his crop. Mr. L. at once said: 'Gentlemen get out of your buggy and walk through the field with me. I will show you how deceptive appearances are. We followed him and passing through cotton that would easily have made a bale to the acre, he showed us on nearly every stalk the most frightful ravages of disease or insects. Nearly every maturing boll was touched with the blight and many entirely rotten. This was not confined to any locality but general over the field. It appears as if an insect had stung each boll, and wherever the spot was seen a yellow streak could be followed in the centre. Mr. L. said that in a few days these spots enlarged and the boll became rotten. Samples of the stalks were brought to the city and left at the Chronicle office for inspection. The writer also gave one of them to Mr. Cargill to be exhibited at the Cotton Exchange.

This is not only to be found on Mr. Lamkin's plantation, but on several others in Columbia. It was only discovered about a week ago by Mr. L. and he says if it continues he will make absolutely nothing. Upon inquiry the writer learned that an article appeared in an agricultural journal in 1879, describing just such a blight in Mississippi, and it was discovered to be an insect that stings the bolls, and decay at once sets in. But for such misfortune there is no doubt but that Mr. Lamkin would have made at least a bale of cotton to the acre on his crop, but as it is he cannot get one-half of that yield."

In reply to an inquiry in reference to the insect Mr. Lamkin writes:

"I discovered the rot on the cotton two weeks ago; at first I did not attach much importance to it. In a few days it made such rapid progress I saw that if it continued until September at the rate it was spreading I would have but little cotton left. It first appeared in my forward cotton, planted early in April. It is now getting in the May cotton. I do not think it is spreading so rapidly now in the forward cotton as when I first discovered it. It is now spreading very fast in the late cotton. It has damaged my early cotton at least 20 per cent. in two weeks. It only made its appearance in the May cotton three days ago, it has not damaged it very much. You ask if it is general? It is on all the cotton in my neighborhood, more or less. I know of but one crop damaged more than mine. Mr. Wm. Hendricks' crop was attacked about the same time that mine was. Farmers who have seen his crop to day think it is damaged at least 50 per cent. I saw a farmer from the red lands near Appling today. He said it had appeared on his cotton, but had not yet done any serious damage. You wish me to give you the cause. I think it is a small fly that punctures the boll and deposits eggs. The eggs hatch very small white worms that feed on the cotton in the bolls and causes the rot. The worms cannot be seen with the eye until the bolls are entirely rotten and dry. I opened many of the first bolls that it appeared on to-day and found them filled with small worms not larger than a thread, and about one eighth of an inch long. I cannot find a worm in the bolls recently affected, but think it is because the worm is so small it cannot be seen until the boll is rotten and almost dry.

"My observation is that the fly first attacks the bolls that are most exposed to the sun. The peculiarities of this rot differ from any I have ever seen in cotton."

"Any farmer who will visit his cotton, that is affected, about sunset and looks up the row towards the sun will see swarms of flies."

Skin Diseases Cured

By Dr. Frazier's Magic Ointment. Cures as if by Magic, pimples, black heads or grubs, blotches and eruptions on the face, leaving the skin clear and beautiful. Also cures itch, salt rheum, sore nipples, warts, and old, obstinate ulcers. Sold by druggists, or mailed on receipt of price, 50 cents. Sold by T. C. Smith & Co., 103 N. 2nd St., Charlotte, N. C.

Gentle, making a good appearance, should have shapely looking feet. Fine fitting shoes, constructed on scientific principles cover up defects, and at the same time develop all the good points in one's feet. For these reasons, and for ease and comfort, always ask your dealer for the "HANKIN" shoe—by far the best ever made. A. E. HANKIN & SONS, agents for Charlotte.

Growth of the Taste for Chocolate.

A well known New York manufacturer is quoted as saying: "The consumption of chocolate in the United States has a wonderful growth. In 1878 we manufactured into chocolate goods 24,000 bags of raw cocoa; last year we used 54,000 bags, an increase of 80,000 bags in five years. The next five years will see a greater rate of increase. When Humboldt discovered the use of the cocoa plant in his travels, he little dreamed of the immense business which was to grow out of the concoction of his first cup of chocolate. It is today fairly in the way of becoming one of the principal articles of food throughout the world and tends eventually to supplant tea and coffee as a beverage. As a flavoring it already stands next to vanilla, which heads the list, and it is used in all branches of cookery, generally. Fifteen years ago I went on the road to sell in a small way chocolate goods of my own manufacture, and it was laughed at for my pains. At that time the consumption was limited in this country to the few large cities in which the foreign element predominated. The article was elsewhere comparatively unknown. The taste for chocolate is an acquired one, and the public had to be educated to the love for it, and like tobacco and beer, it is at first distasteful and even nauseating, but also like them when once the taste is formed, it is not easily forfeited. It probably tames the taste less than any other confection, and this accounts for its presence in nearly all the candy that is sold today. Chocolate is one of the most healthful foods known, and in its pure state may be used to an unlimited extent without harmful effects. In Europe it has taken nearly half a century of unremitting labor on the part of manufacturers to fairly establish the public taste for chocolate, but Americans take to it speedily, and in fifteen years have learned to love it and to look at it almost as a necessary life. The varieties of chocolate preparations are almost legion, for it enters into the manufacture of both food and drink.

Escape from the Penitentiary.

Tuesday noon two white convicts made their escape from the penitentiary. They worked in the main yard inside the great wall. The door in that wall was open, so that men could pass into the outer enclosure. These convicts stepped out of the door and going around the hospital wing made their way to the front gate. There near the main gate they climbed into a peach tree, which stands very near the stockade, and from this got upon the stockade at a time when the guard at that beat was not at his post. They jumped over the stockade and ran close beside it, to escape observation. Another guard at the angle saw them as they came out near the railroad at the northwestern angle. He got one shot at them. This guard says one of the escaped men had on citizen's clothes. How he got them is a puzzle, unless persons outside, in league with the escaping men, gave them clothes. It was a daring escape, and the investigation should be thorough. One of the men is Coleman Gailey. He is from Sampson county, and was serving a term of 20 years for manslaughter. His age is about 21. The other man is Joseph Gibbs, from Montgomery county, serving a ten year term for larceny. He is an old offender and has been in other penitentiaries, it is said. He is 6 feet 4 inches high and weighs 200 pounds. A reward of \$10, with all necessary expenses, will be paid for each of these men.

Crown Windfalls.

By the Perton case just decided by Justice Chitty, the English crown comes into a "windfall" of £200,000. A parliamentary return is annually issued as to these "Crown Windfalls," the latest of which shows that during the past year a sum of £64,093 lbs. 5d. was received by the treasury solicitor as the crown's nominee in respect of the estate of persons dying intestate, without known next of kin. This sum added to the balance in hand at the commencement of the year, (£261,312 lbs. 1d.) makes a grand total of £320,406 lbs. 6d. From this amount a sum of £100,000 was paid into the exchequer on account of the crown's share; £87,170 3s. 7d. on account of grants out of estates; certain sums for cost, &c., leaving a balance in hand at the close of the year amounting to £115,846 lbs. 5d.

An Engineer Collides With a Chicken.

Hagerstown Mail.
A strange story comes to us from Point of Rocks. As one of the fast trains stopped at the station the engineer was found stunned and lifeless suffering apparently from a blow on the head. A dead chicken was found lying in the cab. The only explanation that could be given was that the chicken tried to fly across the track, while the train was running at a high speed and came in collision with the driver's head. The latest news was that the unfortunate man had recovered consciousness, but his recovery was by no means assured.

A CARD.

To all who are suffering from errors and indications of youth, nervous weakness, early decay, loss of manhood, &c. I will send a recipe that will cure you, FREE OF CHARGE. This great remedy was discovered by a missionary in South America. Send self addressed envelope to Rev. JOSEPH T. BAKER, Station D, New York, Oct 15/84/85.

OUR GRAND CLEARING SALE

ENDED

Saturday, August 8th.

It was a successful one, our sales of the past few weeks increased nearly 50 per cent over the same period of previous years. The public appreciated our low prices and showed their appreciation in patronizing us liberally.

We Expected Large Returns FOR THESE REASONS:

Our prices were lower than we can duplicate them at. The more one gets the more is expected. We are not different from others.

It is generally conceded by merchants that August is the dullest month in the year.

We Know no Bull Times! We Make Business!

The offerings which we make to you at the beginning of every week draw numerous purchasers to our store, who are in the habit of remaining at home and making themselves comfortable during this hot weather.

THIS WEEK'S OFFERINGS.

Ladies' and Misses' Shopping Bags.
We will allow you a discount of 10 per cent. on all bags purchased during this week, besides we have reduced the prices.
Alligator Bags from 85c to 65c.
Liner Alligator Bags from \$1.25 to 85c.
Higher grades in proportion. Our assortment is complete. We have them to suit everybody's taste and pocket.

Ladies' and Misses' Silk Mitts.
Those who have taken advantage of the low price which we have placed on the above goods for the last week only have advertised them fully as well as printers' ink. They were pleased with their bargains.
Our many customers will please notice that we will continue these reductions for another week.

Those interested in Table Damasks will please notice the statements which we make below in regard to these goods.

Bleached, Unbleached and Colored Damask REMNANTS,

2 yds., 2½ yds., and 3 yd. lengths, in various grades and widths, at 30 to 40 per cent. below their actual value. Some of these Remnants are slightly specked, which actually does not injure the cloth, therefore this unusual reduction. Fifteen pieces of 62 inch Bleached Table Damask at 95 cents per yard. These are goods which never sold for less than \$1.15 per yard, and above \$1.35 per yard.

MOSQUITO CANOPIES JUST RECEIVED.

Prices range from \$1.75, \$2.00, \$2.50, up to \$7.50 each.

To Our Customers:

We will positively refuse to sell bargains a day or any time after they fail to appear advertised in these columns. We frequently have calls for goods at the reduced prices which were advertised a week previous. In such cases we will charge the regular selling price, not the marked down price.

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CLOTHING!

Our great sale continues all this month. Our variety is not confined to ODD SUITS, nor are the sizes limited. We have all sizes and styles. It may be of INTEREST TO YOU to

LOOK THROUGH THIS PRICE LIST.

One Hundred Men's All-Wool Suits, Sack and Frock, at \$6.50, worth \$10.00, \$12.00 and \$14.00.
One Hundred Extra Men's All-Wool Cassimere Pants at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$2.25, worth \$2.50, \$3.25, and \$4.50.
Boys' and Children's Clothing at remarkably

LOW PRICES.

Seersucker Coats and Vests in very large varieties, which we offer for less than they can be bought for elsewhere.

STRAW HATS! STRAW HATS!

We intend to close out at a great sacrifice. A full line of

Gents' Furnishing Goods.

One Hundred Dozen Gents' Summer Scarfs, 6 for 25 cents. It will pay to visit the store of

W. KAUFMAN & CO

LEADING CLOTHIERS, CENTRAL HOTEL CORNER.

Cheap Lots For Sale.

I offer for sale Eight Lots 50x200 feet, lying in the northwestern corner of the city (outside the city limits) and north of the cemetery, cheap. Any one wishing to secure a cheap lot, would do well to call soon, as the prices at which they are offered means quick sales.
R. E. COCHRANE, Manager.

B. S. MYERS,

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