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## Massengill Dry Goods Co., Dunn, N. C.

### Two Big Stores.

In the Spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love, but a young woman's fancy seriously turns to thoughts of

In the other store we carry the most complete line of

### SPRING DRESSES,

for the young woman knows well that the young man's thoughts of love will turn quick or towards her if she is diked out in a dainty

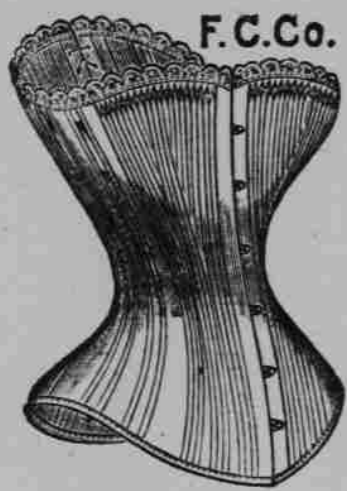
### UP-TO-DATE

### NEW DRESS.

We have the stuffs that are as thin as rainbow vapor and as delicate as the changing color of a soap bubble.

We also have a beautiful line of Duck Serges, Percalés, Welts, Sattens and Cashmeres in all the Spring Shades.

It would be a pity if you were to miss seeing our line of Shirtwaist goods and ready-made shirts.



We sell Warner's Corsets and a nice line of Gauze Vests, Hosiery, Muslins, Hamburgs, Laces, Belts, Umbrellas &c.

You ought to see the latest in Ladies' Slippers—they are out of sight.

Now just a word to the Lady house-keepers whose thoughts are turning to house cleaning. We have not forgotten you. We have just received a complete line of Matting, Rugs, Floor-Oil Cloth, Curtain Poles, Screen Curtains &c. Linen Window Shades at 25 cents.

Everybody knows that we are headquarters for "Coats" Spool Cotton, Ball Thread, Knitting Cotton, Turkey Red, Embroidery Cotton and wash Silk in all shades.

We have added to our stock a complete line of

### GROCERIES,

Crockery, Glassware, all kinds of Snuff, and the cheapest line of Tobacco in the city. We make a specialty of country Lard, and water-ground Meal. We can sell you two large cakes of soap for 5¢, and four Boxes of Lye for 19¢. We want these goods. We want you to have them.

### PRICES:

Well, you know, or you ought to know by this time that there is never a question of prices between us and our customers. We sell so much cheaper than any other house that it gets positively tiresome to talk about it.

Come to see us and we'll do you good.

Very truly,

P. T. MASSENGILL,  
Manager.

### Gents' Furnishing Goods, Trunks and Valises

ever shown in the town, all the goods are brand new and most UP-TO-DATE

lines you ever saw. And our prices will so surprise you that it will be impossible for you to resist them, even if you wanted to.

We would like to call your special attention to our line of

### Summer Clothing



which is the most complete line ever shown in Dunn of course, and what interests you most the prices are cut down to the very core. We advise you to look at our stock before buying, we advise you also to inspect our line of SHIRTS for it is so great, as regards variety, value and quantities. Our prices are so low that it will only take a glance to see what opportunities we are offering. Nice Percalé Shirts for 33¢ cents. How does that strike you?

### Collars and Cuffs.

An entirely new line of Collars and Cuffs, we place before our friends. The styles include the very latest produced. A more up-to-date line will be hard to find. Prices of course have received their usual "rizz up" so that they are hardly noticeable.

### THE LABORER IS WORTHY

of the very best goods obtainable for his money. That is the reason we are selling our line of Overalls and Pants at such reduced prices. Our better grades of overalls are made as well and strong as it is possible to make them and no one can offer any more.

Our line of Men's Fine Shoes are absolutely the best in the world. No one can contradict this statement and tell the truth. The Shoes of which we speak is the W. L. Douglass, sold by no other firm in town.

### Neckwear!

Last but not least is our line of Spring and Summer Neckwear. Boys, you ought to see it, for we tell you it is a thing of beauty and a joy forever.

With best wishes, we are,  
Yours truly,

G. K. MASSENGILL,

Manager Gents' Furnishing Department.

### Odd Pension Office Letters.

Picturesque Accounts of Woes on Which Applications Are Based.

Washington, May 3.—"We probably file more queer letters in our department," said a Pension Office clerk, "than are received in any other branch of the government service, hardly excepting the Postoffice. Some of them are intensely amusing, too. I have concluded that immigration is not bound down by illiteracy, either, because some of the most ignorantly written letters display inventive genius and cover the whole range of fact, fiction and an Ananias-like propensity for lying. Men write to have their pensions increased. Neighbors write to help along the cause of a man seeking a pension. Wives write to tell the Commissioner why they ought to get pensions. Family troubles are aired for the benefit of the office. Sometimes the letters are so odd that I have waived red tape long enough to make copies of some of them. For instance, this is one from a man asking for a pension, after all these years:

"The way I got my war injury was a-ketching of a hog. The hog wor a sow hog and our Captain wanted her for forage. We was chasin the sow and she crawled threw a hoal in a rale fence—it war a big hoal and I thot I were about the sis of the hog and tried to crawl threw. I stuck and tryin to wigle out I throte the rales off and one hit me on my hed and nocked me senseless. I do not think the sow had nothing to do with my line for duty fer I did not ketch the hog. Wish she never war caught."

A neighbor tried to do a pension seeker a good turn in the following effusion:

"I varily believe that Orville Jameson is fatigued from earning his leavin becous he is too fatt ways 200 pounds and have a family to fead—the nabors think he hav dropsy but I no he hav no dropsy becous he would bust if he had moar insides him than he now have besides wich he are without vitious habits or references. I no he hav solid fatt and vittels in him an no dropsy."

"A New England farmer, who seems perfectly certain in his own mind that a pension will be forthcoming just because he asks for it, writes to the Commissioner in a spirit of vindictiveness against his wife, which seems a little excusable after you read his letter:

"I got blood pison by beinge lit with a hens eg which was not good when you send my pensen I want the Deed made soz my wife can't get none off it—she throte the eg."

"A Pennsylvania pensioner waives his demand for an increase of pension on consideration of being otherwise provided for, and writes direct to the Secretary of the Interior to this effect:

"Now I want you or the combenir of pensens to give me a plais in your offits—then I won't ask for no moar raze in pensen jus now. I can clurk o. k. but I can't labor, or I cud boss the other clurks and maik them stan roun an raze dewlie entitel pensens keape them from laofing whesperin in offes ours in fack akt as janeter or supperviser seeeing all thing goan rite."

"A widow, feeling herself entitled to a large pension, writes detailed statement of her husband's sufferings and death. Among other things she says:

"My husband was terribel bloated. It didn't look like hissel. He couldn't stoop over and straiten up without helping hissel. To ham, beans, pork, mashed potatoes, eggs, veal, cabbage, his stomach was repulsive. His rumatism was the kind called lumbago—at first. His dropsy was terribel."

"P. S.—When my husband came back from the war I supported him on my needle till he died."

"A man from Delaware did not think that the doctor's cer-

tificate he sent would have sufficient influence, so he supplemented it by stating that: 'I just got to be a total wreck from liver and kidneys then I was totally wrecked by consumption wich came on me. Now I am totally wrecked by army troubles, sprains and hard marching.'

"Sometimes, like Silas Wegg, they drop into poetry, or at least they threaten to do so. A Massachusetts applicant informs the Commissioner as follows:

"I am a grandson of the revelision a son of the war 1812 I will rite you a peace of portry I made on myself and ancerter: My memrays carries me back to the day when I was stout—Always able to roll myself about, but when I undertake it I feel the kean pane over Take me, it make me think of thirty-three year ago it was the Ene-ma thirsty bullet that pearst me threw the leg it has made me wish that I was dead. I have always been to proud to beg, it has made me dred when I had to walk upon my Leg. It has gave me such a pane, it has made me so lame that I have wish that I was dead then ser-ten men would says, heree sleepes a herow he suffered thirty-three years fore his country know wonder we can weep not only that he was a grandson of the revelision that hope make the constetushun not only that he was a son of the war of 1812 that never did rebel the caus of it I never could tell."

"An old fellow from the West who had been put off the rolls because of palpable fraud in securing his pension couldn't stand being outside the breast-works, and so sent this short communication to the Commissioner:

"I poot in application too bee re in Stated being bline in I i dog Gon it."

"Oh, yes," said the clerk, as he put away his copies, "if you go into the Pension Office with a sense of humor you're apt to find plenty of matter upon which to feed it while you are filing away the letters."—Raleigh Post.

### A Narrow Escape.

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Savior, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at McKay Bros. & Skinner's Drug Store. Regular size 50c. and \$1.00. Guaranteed or-price refunded.

### Seeing Stars in Daytime.

The phenomenon of people "seeing stars" in the daytime is not at all an unusual one, says the Westminster Gazette. As a rule, however, the circumstances under which these heavenly bodies become visible by daylight are not of the sort which make the sight of them desirable. But to see a rainbow at midnight, and under conditions which leave nothing to be desired, is a much rarer occurrence. It was witnessed a few nights ago in Switzerland. The moon was shining in a brilliantly clear sky, and round it spread a circle, in which all the colors of the rainbow gleamed. And any loyal and literary Switzer witnessing the phenomenon might well be proud of seeing in real life the "strange and wondrous token" which, so Schiller says, shone on the night when Tell and his friends swore the great oath on the Rutili a thousand years ago.

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*Wm. D. Druggist*

### Letter From A. B. Crumpler.

DUNN, N. C.  
May 4th, 1899.  
MR. J. P. PITTMAN,

Dear Sir:—  
I want a little space in your valuable paper that I may disabuse the minds of some of the good people of Cumberland and Harnett counties who may think that I am in sympathy with the Fire Convention that recently assembled in Fayetteville and Dunn. I want the people among whom I have labored and to whom I have preached, to know that I disclaim any connection with the "Fire Movement" or any sympathy for it. I believe there are some good people misled by it and mixed up with it; and against them or any experience they may have felt that has made them more Christ-like and more useful, I have not a word to say, let them call it what they will. But from what I have seen of the work and spirit of the Fire Movement as it was carried on in Fayetteville, Dunn and elsewhere in the State, I am convinced beyond a doubt that the thing is not of God.

Anything that has the spirit of our blessed Savior in it is not bitter; but is long suffering and kind. It envieth not, vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not provoked, thinketh no evil. But a thing or spirit that spends its time and force in denouncing everything and everybody that does not feel as it does or see as it does or who can not subscribe to its narrow views in toto is not of God. Some of those fire-baptized brethren made a wholesale denunciation of all preachers and people who do not claim a special experience of fire after they were sanctified and who has not seen fit to tear off their necktie and cut off their mustache. I am frank to say that I believe that spirit is born of the rankest kind of fanaticism. Paul tells us that the kingdom of God is not meat and drink; but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost.

Now if there are any of my friends who have received a special baptism of fire after you were sanctified (I got it like the Apostles and Isaiah in order to be sanctified) and not after I was sanctified, Acts 2:1-2, Isa. 6:6-7. I hope you got a sufficient quantity to keep you sweet while you read these lines and make you love me and pray for me always.  
A. B. CRUMPLER.

### Spain's Greatest Need.

Mr. R. P. Olivia, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner, Druggists.

### Immortal Joys.

In this sin-stained earth there is no permanent peace, no perfect rest, no unalloyed happiness. All joys are ephemeral here, but "up there" they are immortal, and cheer us with never fading raptures. Yes indeed it is labor here, refreshment up there; work below, rest above; fighting a warfare here, reaping the victories there; wearing the cross and its thorns for a time, and then put on the crown of fadeless flowers and wear it forever in celestial bowers. And then with loved ones gathered there, we'll weave joy's garlands pure and rare; for where the crystal waters flow, no weeds of trial ever grow.—Rocky Mt. Motor.

### Nash County Gold.

Rocky Mount, N. C., May 4.  
A gold bar, weighing four pounds, worth between \$800 and \$900, Nash county gold, is on exhibition at the Planters' Bank in this town this morning.

It is the product of a six-days run of the Mann-Arrington gold mill, operated by Messrs. Campbell & Lyon, of Argo, Nash county.

The bar is pure gold and its value and the time required in getting it out shows a yield of \$150 per day at a cost of about \$35 or \$40.

The eastern Apalachian gold belt is on the eve of a great movement, and the eyes of the world will soon be opened to the wonderful richness of the East Carolina mines. Some of the best gold mines of the world are to be found within twenty-five miles of Rocky Mount, and gold mining is expected to become a mammoth industry in this section.

Within a week the Culpeper mine has developed a new vein eighteen inches in width, and fine gold is visible in nearly every piece of ore extracted. These rich veins make the properties a veritable mineral farm, whose owners are Hon. B. H. Bunn, W. A. Campbell and E. W. Lyon.

Work is being rapidly pushed and gold bricks will soon become an ordinary spectacle. North Carolina will always be at the head of the list. All she needs is development.—Correspondent to Raleigh Post.

### Red Hot From The Gun

Was the ball that hit G. B. Stedman of Newark, Mich., in the Civil War. It caused horrible Ulcers that no treatment helped for 20 years. Then Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him. Cures Cuts, Bruises, Burns, Boils, Felons, Corns, Skin Eruptions. Best Pile cure on earth. 25 cts. a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner, Druggists.

### Paid \$300 for Four Inches of Rain.

Banker H. H. Pitcher, of Livermore, Cal., wanted four inches of rain. It would mean the saving to him of thousands of dollars in an agricultural way. He jokingly mentioned the matter to Mrs. A. L. Fuller, an ardent worker in the Methodist church.

"Why don't you pray for it?" she asked.

"Do you think it would do any good?" inquired the banker.

"Certainly," she said. "If you will give me four inches of rain I will pay the debt of the Methodist church," said the banker.

Mrs. Fuller at once went home and commenced to pray. She told other members of the church about the matter and they prayed. The whole town of 1,500 people became interested. Two days later it commenced to rain. Steadily down it came—one inch, two inches, three, three and three-quarters! At last, while the town held its breath, the gauge filled up to four inches and the crops of Alameda county were saved.

Then Mrs. Fuller reminded Banker Pitcher of his promise. He was still inclined to treat the matter as a joke, but he toed the scratch manfully and paid the church debt of \$300.

Then came the complications. Mr. Pitcher is a trustee of the Presbyterian church of Livermore, and the members thought he ought to help his own church instead of the Methodist. So he compromised the matter by paying for extensive repairs on the Presbyterian church property.

Opinion is divided as to whether the rain came in answer to the prayers of Mrs. Fuller et al., but both the church people and Banker Pitcher are satisfied with the result.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

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### Report on Cotton Belt.

New York, May 3.—A valuable report on the condition of affairs among farmers of the great cotton belt of the United States and of the prospects for the acreage and crop of cotton for the coming season has been prepared by Knott & Closson, bankers and brokers, of Burlington, Vt. The material was gathered by sending letters direct to farmers of nine cotton growing States. It was intended that the inquiries should reach planters about the time of planting, and this was accomplished. The report compiled from these letters says:

"The average net price to planters for this year's cotton in the States of Texas, Georgia, Arkansas and Louisiana was 4.50 cents; in Florida, Mississippi and the Carolinas, 4.60 to 4.70 cents; in Alabama, 4.75, and Mississippi and Missouri 4.80 to 4.90. The opinion was universal that this crop had been raised and marketed at a loss to planters.

"Three great reasons have operated to bring about a general reduction in this spring's acreage.

"First, the unprecedented lateness of the season and excessive rains, the latter especially true in Alabama and Georgia; second, the continued and abnormally low price of raw cotton; and third, the complete demoralization of planters' credit inhibiting the usual purchases of fertilizers. The reduction of acreage has reached a total of 17.2 per cent., and this, together with the large decrease in the use of fertilizers and many reports of poor quality of seed, as well as hasty preparation of land, is taken as indicating the folly of expecting a third crop equalling that of 1897-98.

### Working Night and Day.

The busiest and mightiest little thing that ever was made is Dr. King's New Life Pills. Every pill is a sugar-coated globe of health, that changes weakness into strength, listlessness into energy, brain-fog into mental power. They're wonderful in building up the health. Only 25c per box. Sold by McKay Bros. & Skinner.

### American Shoe Pegs in Austria.

It is a well-known fact that the fashionable Austrian capital, Vienna, is the seat of an immense shoe industry. Most of the wooden shoe pegs used in this industry are imported from the United States, and it seems that this little American article meets with extreme favor in Austria. Thus, in 1897, the shoe pegs imported from the States amounted in value to no less than \$127,800, as compared with only \$92,400 in 1896. American shoe machinery is also finding increased sales in Austria. In 1897 the exports of Austrian shoes were valued at \$4,720,000. During the same year the exports of boots and shoes from the United States amounted to only \$1,708,000, and in 1898 to \$1,816,000. These figures show the magnitude of the Austrian shoe industry.—Ex.

### Germany's New Canals.

The German Government is now at work on what is known as the Midland Canal, which is to run east and west, cutting through the territory between the Elbe and Rhine, permitting not only the direct passage of ships from one to the other without unloading, but also allowing the Rhine boats to carry cargoes gathered in the harbors of the North Sea to places far inland. The canal will also connect with other canal systems penetrating to the Oder and Vistula, so that all parts of the country may be reached by water direct from the North Sea. Side canals are to run to Osnabruck, Hildersheim, Peine, Brunswick, Madgeburg and perhaps to Nienburg. The cost of the work is estimated at \$38,556,000.—Ex.