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## Small Glimpses of A Big Town New York City,

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The stores have taken up the hue and cry of circus. As you hok into the hig store windows now, y u ceepink and black satin rebros, white velvet elephants, pale blue monkeys and black silk horses, prane ing among the stylishity dreased mo dels. It's a gny sight! The backs of the display windows are painted with chowns and balloons, tent-tops and hurdy-gurdys. Pink entres can dy and sugar coated apples are heaped in piles with the costeme jewelry.

One elegant shop that designs and makes some of the most beautiful and expensive dreases in New York. Hattie Carnegie, has staffed animals in their windows. In one, black bears, wearing heavy strands of pearls and gold beads about their necks, cavort insafar ar a staffed bear can cavort, around a lovely fig ure in a green dinner dress.

ure in a green dinner dress. Making the display even brighter and more colorful, the dress has a little jacket, the lapels of which are embroidered in shiny jewel-toned sc quins. In the other window two leopards crouch before a medel in an exquisite violet dress, highlight ed by sequins at the throat. One leopard has a great soft red rose pinned behind his brenze and black ear.

It is all bright and cheerful, and you are struck with the fact these displays seem to have a wide appeal to the sailors and soldiers in town. They stand in front of the windows and laugh and laugh, and the people who go by smile with them. You may feel in a way it is foolish to have such elaborate window displays while there is a great war going onand so much trouble in the worldbut when you see the men hughing, and the tired people on the street happy with them, you decide it is a pretty good thing.

There is something sad in seeing fine old pieces of furniture and china, imported rugs and silver, sold off at ally long neck, also painted water public bidding.

There was a sale at one of the bet ter known New York auction houses recently which your correspondent attended. People sat on small fold ing chairs of the type that are brought out of the Sunday School room when all the church pews are filled. Most of those attending the auction were owners of antique shops throughout the city.

Up in front of the chairs was a big desk where the auctioneer sat, and on his right, a small platform where the object for sale was put on display. A group of movers lift ed the various pieces up on the plat form, turned them to all sides so ev eryone could see the back and front



and top of the piece for sale, and when the sale was made, lifted it down, put it behind a curtain and set up another piece. The case and rapidity with which they handled this stremuous work was amazing. There were tables and chairs from

Spain and France and England for sale. Early American pieces. An old oak coffee table went for \$19.00, three pewter plates, \$6.00 for the lot. A prayer rug from Persia in the beautiful soft colors that time seems only to enhance, sold for \$25,00. Clocks were sold, and vases, rifver and old china, and bronze bust of John Barrymore, cast when he was at the peak of his career.

When the auctioneer put this bust on the block, the bidding was slow. Someone bid \$13.00 and someone else said \$14.00. There wasn't too much interest.

"Come, come, speak up!" the auc tioneer said. "The bronze alone is worth that!" The bidding remained slow and the highest bid was \$17,50. The auctioneer shock his head sad ly and said "\$17,50! John Barrymore will haunt me for UMS!"

A cast iron foot scraper was next on the block and sold for \$18.00. Fifty cents more than use bronze bust of one of the greatest idols of stage and screen America ever knew. There is a story behind each piece

There is a story behind each piece put up for sale, of great wealth and happiness, poverty and defeat. As you look at the great carved mahog any chairs with their brocaded velvet and damask cushions, you wonder what fine house they once stoodin, what people used them. The chairs are here, being sold for less than the material to cover them ost, and you wonder, where is the manwho owned them? What happened to his wife?