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BEGINNING SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 1, we offer you our Stocks of Men's and Boys' Suits, Overcoats, Furnishings, Odd Lots of Shoes, Etc., at greatly reduced prices.

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Did you ever wear a Hart, Schaffner & Marx? Something about them that is different from the others, the cloths are all wool; and the tailoring is such that the clothes keep shape.

Many fine fabrics in Grays, Brown and Tans.

\$23.00 and \$24.00 Suits for this sale **\$17.47**
\$20.00 and \$22.00 Suits for this sale **\$15.47**
\$18.00 Suits for this sale **\$13.47**
\$15.00 Suits for this sale **\$10.47**
\$12.00 Suits for this sale **\$8.47**
\$10.00 Suits for this sale **\$7.47**

MEN'S TROUSERS

All broken lots of our famous "Duchess," all sizes and shades to close out at the following prices:

\$5.00 Pants for this sale **\$4.15**
\$4.00 Pants for this sale **\$3.15**
\$3.50 Pants for this sale **\$2.85**
\$3.00 Pants for this sale **\$2.45**
\$2.50 Pants for this sale **\$2.00**
\$2.00 Pants for this sale **\$1.65**
\$1.50 Pants for this sale **\$1.15**

SHEEPSKIN COATS

Corduroy Sheepskin Lined Coats with Sheepskin Collar.

\$6.00 value for this sale **\$4.79**
\$5.00 value for this sale **\$4.00**

MEN'S FUR COATS

\$25.00 Dogskin Coats, with Coon Collar, for this sale **\$20.00**
\$20.00 Dogskin Coats for this sale **\$15.47**

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT

Fleece Lined Underwear in Single and Double Breasted, regular 50c. value, for this sale **39¢**
Derby Ribbed Underwear, in Black and Eceru colors, regular 50c. value, for this sale **39¢**
Wright's Health Underwear, regular \$1.00 value, for this sale **79¢**
Boys' Wright's Health Underwear, 50c. value, for this sale **39¢**
Boys' Fleece Lined Underwear, 25c. value, for this sale **19¢**

WINTER CAPS

50c. values for this sale **39¢**
\$1.00 values for this sale **79¢**
\$1.50 values for this sale **\$1.00**

LITTLETON.

News Items.

The Woman's club will hold its next meeting on Monday afternoon, February 24, when Mrs. Henry C. Mulligan, president of the Massachusetts State Federation, will be present and address the club. There will be music and tea will be served by Mrs. Ellen M. Hartwell.

The Historical society will meet this afternoon in the library reading-room at 2.30 o'clock. Additional to the program as given last week, Miss Louise Flag will read a paper on "The English point of view in the American revolution," and Miss Conant will read a paper on "Roger Conant," whose memory is honored by a statue in Salem, the town in which he settled upon his arrival in this country. Everybody who is interested will be welcome at the meeting.

Heywood Knowlton, of Worcester academy, is at home for Saturday and Sunday.

Benjamin Conant, Harvard college '12, was at home for Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace B. Conant, of Concord, spent Sunday at N. B. Conant's.

Miss Gladys Lawton, student in Boston, has been visiting Miss Margaret Thatcher this week.

Miss Marion Whitcomb, of Mt. Ida seminary, is at home for Saturday and Sunday. She entertains as her guests, Miss Carol Perry, of Redlands, Cal., and Miss Kathryn Umstead, of Allentown, Pa., seminary friends.

Herbert Whitcomb entertains Robert Nichols, of Warren, and James Evans, of Patterson, N. J., Technology mates.

Douglas Gardner, of New Bedford, and Miss Elsie Waite, of New Bedford are spending the holiday and Sunday at J. Hartwell Whitcomb's.

School children and teachers have a vacation of one week. The spring term will begin on March 3.

Schools in the Union building were closed on last week Friday to give the children an opportunity to attend the extension school.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Drew and Mr. and Mrs. Stedman Stuart attended the masquerade ball in Ayer on last week Friday evening.

Rev. James Berry addressed an interested audience in the rural mission work in Maine and New Hampshire at the Congregational church on last Sunday evening.

There will be a lecture, illustrated by stereopticon on North China and Shansi at the Congregational church on Sunday evening.

The lecture by Prof. George H. Barton before the lyceum on Tuesday evening called out a large audience of people who felt highly entertained and instructed by his able lecture, illustrated by many stereopticon pictures.

Earl Putnam has recently made an engagement with C. E. Frost, dealers in spraying goods, and will eventually be located in Rhode Island state. This week he has been in Buckland.

Miss Hazel Putnam, of Easthampton, is the guest of Miss Ruth Prescott.

Henry O. Burnham is very sick with pneumonia and in care of a nurse. At last reports the outlook is very discouraging.

On account of the case of scarlet fever at the Common, the Washington program to have been given in the town hall by the various schools was cancelled, and each school had its own exercises in the home building.

A large delegation from the Woman's club went to Ayer on Wednesday afternoon to hear the lecture at the Ayer Woman's club by Mr. Hubbard, of Boston, but Mr. Hubbard is reported to have missed his train and so our W. C. representatives missed a much anticipated entertainment, and returned home good natured, but greatly disappointed.

New Advertisements.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our many kind relatives, friends and neighbors for the sympathy and beautiful floral tributes offered us in our late bereavement.

MR. and MRS. GEO. H. WILLIS and Family.
Ayer, Mass., Feb. 21, 1913.



NEARING THE END OF OUR
Mid-Winter

Mark-Down Sale

Only a short time left in which to take advantage of our price reductions upon our Winter Stock of High-grade Clothing and Furnishings.

Although our sale has been most successful still there are many good things left. On many of the small number of Fancy Overcoats now on hand for Men and Boys we have made a still further cut in price.

Every Overcoat in our stock is radically reduced in price and are real bargains.

MEN'S SUITS

Balance of our Winter stock of Suits. Not many of a kind, but all sizes in something.

\$10.00 Suits, mark down price **\$7.47**
\$12.00 Suits, mark down price **\$8.47**
\$15.00 Suits, mark down price **\$10.47**
\$18.00 Suits, mark down price **\$13.47**
\$20.00 Suits, mark down price **\$14.47**

FURNISHING GOODS DEPARTMENT

Underwear

All our 50c. Fleece Lined Underwear, in single or double breasted, now **39¢**
All our 50c. Derby Ribbed Underwear in either Eceru or Blue colors, now **39¢**
All our Boys' 50c. Wright's Health Fleece Lined Underwear, now **39¢**
All our Boys' Fleece Lined and Derby Ribbed Underwear, the regular 25c. goods, for **19¢**

Shirts

One lot of Men's Coat Shirts, the regular \$1.00 grade, all sizes and up-to-date patterns **79¢**
Your choice of any of our regular 50c. Fancy Shirts in either Coat or Regular Styles for Men and Boys for this sale **39¢**
One lot of Men's Working Shirts, made of Domet Flannel, our regular 50c. Shirts, for this sale **39¢**

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Every Coat marked down. Ages 8 to 16.

\$5.00 Coats now reduced to **\$3.47**
\$7.00 Coats now reduced to **\$5.00**
\$8.50 Coats now reduced to **\$6.47**
\$10.00 Coats now reduced to **\$7.47**
One lot Boys' Odd Coats, ages 10 to 18, values \$5.00 to \$7.00, reduced to **\$1.50**
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\$3.00 Coats now reduced to **\$1.98**
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\$5.00 Coats now reduced to **\$3.47**

WINTER CAPS

Every Winter Cap at a Cut Price.
50c. Caps for Men and Boys **39¢**
75c. Caps for Men **50¢**
\$1.00 Caps for Men **79¢**
\$1.25 and \$1.50 Caps for Men **\$1.00**
\$1.50 Fur-trimmed Caps **\$1.00**

A FEW SPECIALS

Men's White Handkerchiefs **3¢**
Men's Police Braces **15¢**
Men's 50c. Police Braces **35¢**
Men's 50c. Suspenders in holiday boxes **29¢**
Way Mufflers, 50c. grade **25¢**
President Suspenders **35¢**

GLOVE BARGAINS

25c. Woolen Gloves and Mittens **18¢**
One lot of Men's Gloves, lined, 50c. grade **35¢**
One lot Jersey Gloves for Men, Women and Children **10¢**

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WESTFORD. Center. Advantage was taken of the sleighing on last week Thursday evening by a group of people at the Center...

Principal H. S. Cowell, of Cushing academy, gave his lecture, "If I were a boy again," on last week Friday evening at the town hall before an appreciative audience.

Nine representatives of the Westford society were present at the first Presbyterian church in Lowell on last Saturday evening to hear Karl Lehman, international secretary of the Y. P. S. C. E. speak.

Miss Winnifred Burnham, formerly a popular teacher at the Frost school, was a week-end guest in Lowell on last Saturday evening to see Miss Edith Wright.

John Burbeck, who has been our branch line motorman for the last three years, and been transferred to the main line electric.

Miss Clara Smith is staying with Mrs. Mary E. Calvert, although continuing her teaching at the Frost school.

John Burbeck observed his eightieth birthday at his pleasant home, Vine Brook farm, on Friday of this week.

Mrs. James Hildreth, who recently passed her ninety-fifth birthday, is seriously ill.

Henry Colburn is working for Pearl Harmon on a new bungalow in Chelmsford.

Mrs. Ida M. Gould is in Pittsfield, where she has been demonstrating the Stephen Whitman instant, portable, automatic and confections.

Miss Mary Morin left on Monday morning for her long anticipated trip to the Pacific coast.

Hartford, Mrs. Blaney and Miss Geraghty were the accompanists for the evening.

Mrs. Joseph E. Knight, Mrs. Phonise Isles, Mrs. John McMaster and Mrs. S. L. Taylor were the committee in charge, assisted by other willing helpers.

Mrs. Arvilla M. Gould, one of Westford's oldest residents, died early on Monday morning at the home of her son, George E. Gould, with whom she has made her home since the death of her husband, the late Edwin Gould.

Westford people will be much interested in an item from the Boston Post of February 16, and Mrs. Thomas Jay Horner announce the engagement of their daughter Agnes to Mr. Frederic W. Allen, assistant instructor at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts.

Mrs. George Howard, of Bound Brook, New Jersey, is at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Taylor, for a short time.

The grange has made arrangements with the committee on institutes of the Middlesex North Agricultural society to hold an institute here on Wednesday, February 26, at the town hall.

The Middlesex Co. W. C. T. U. are making great preparations for a like meeting in Lowell on February 22 to celebrate the fortieth anniversary of the formation of the County W. C. T. U.

After all the scare about the ice crop on account of the mildness of January, the time has really come when ice can be cut.

Charles H. Merritt, who formerly lived on the Roswell Reed place and carried the school children from North Westford to Westford, has moved to the Overlook farm, owned by Fred L. Snow, now of Tyngsboro.

On account of the nature of their mission they were received with great honor and accorded courtesies such as have been given only to the visiting president of the United States.

A Phenomenal Success. A Boston paper of recent date has a long account and pictures of Lemuel C. Woodbury and his silver fox farm at Whitefield, N. H.

A pair of live silver foxes have been known to sell as high as \$40,000. Mr. Woodbury, during his short experience, has sold over fifty animals to silver fox breeders.

Mr. Woodbury is known to Westford people having bought out the McCourty & Decatur Company a short time ago.

for the purpose of securing some boxes of the Alaska strain which is the largest and best. At present he and his wife and little boy are on a business trip to Vancouver.

Mrs. W. H. Healy, who has been on the sick list, is now convalescent. George Ground, a former telegrapher at the Boston and Main station here, but now located in Bondsville, in the western part of the state, has been a recent visitor here.

The regular meeting of Court Graniteville, F. of A., was held in their rooms on Thursday evening, with Charles E. Dudgeon, chief ranger, in the chair.

Mrs. H. Josephine Choate, wife of A. R. Choate, died at her home here early Monday morning, February 17, after a long illness, aged 57 yrs., 11 mos., 22 days.

The funeral took place on Wednesday afternoon at one o'clock, and was largely attended, many being present from out-of-town.

While working in the mill of the Abbot Worsted Company, Napoleon Leclerc received an injury to his hand. After having his hand dressed by Dr. Wells, Leclerc decided to give the open air cure a trial.

A large number from here attended the funeral of Mrs. M. A. Jones, of the Episcopal church in Ayer on Monday evening.

Miss M. E. Plummer visited relatives in Salem on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Burnett are rejoicing over the birth of a fine baby boy, born on Wednesday morning.

William Precious, an old and respected resident of this village, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. John Carmichael, after an illness of several months, at the age of 66 years and 4 months.

Scarlet fever has broken out in the William Newell family. Lindsey Day, his grandson, is the first victim in town so far as known.

Handolph Godfrey started on Monday for Detroit to fill an important and lucrative position in the electrical works of that city.

No, there is no chip on anyone's shoulder, only the writer of an item in regard to English sunshine in the issue of February 8, simply repeated a message as received.

It was then I decided that they were not dependent on sunshine for growth and vigor. A bit of sunshine was the exception from June 15 until Bank holiday, August 1, and at intervals after that.

But everywhere, everywhere were the bright flowers, garden and window boxes, on gentlemen's estates and all about the humbler cottages of the poor, the roadsides, the hedges fairly rioting with honeysuckles, convolvulus, late violets on the river banks, the brilliant dogwood in the open forests, and roses, roses everywhere as Browning said and geraniums by the millions. And such roses! A large bouquet of fragrant tea roses was gathered for me from the lattice of a little villa way up on the "winding Wye," near Monmouth, the very last of September.

The Massachusetts Agricultural college has loaned the following books to the Reuben Hoar library for general circulation: Soil fertility and permanent agriculture. Soils and how to treat them. Agricultural bacteriology. Economic entomology.

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On the petition of the Harvard Gas and Electric Company for the approval of an issue of new capital stock of the par value of twelve thousand dollars (\$12,000), for the purpose of paying the cost of the construction of its electrical distributing plant, the Board will give a hearing to the parties interested at its office, 503 Ford Building at 15 Ashburton Place, Boston, on Monday, the third day of March next, at ten-thirty o'clock in the forenoon.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin and all other persons interested in the estate of PETER S. WHITCOMB late of Grotton in said County, deceased.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, Probate Court. To the heirs-at-law, next of kin, and all other persons interested in the estate of PETER S. WHITCOMB late of Littleton in said County, deceased.

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NOTICE-Anyone wishing their trees trimmed, cut down or cleared of kypars and brown-tail moths will do well by applying to ALFRED SMITH, Ayer, Mass. Phone 45-5.

Verification of Savings Bank Books The attention of the Depositors in the following Savings Banks is hereby called to the provision of Section 43 of Chapter 590 of the Acts of 1908, requiring Verification of the Books of Deposit during the present year; and they are respectfully requested to hand or send in their books, for this purpose, during the months of March and April.

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One Pound Box Chocolates for 25c.

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SHIRLEY.

News Items.
Miss Elsie Knowles spent over Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Stinson, of Worcester.
J. C. Ayer lodge, A. O. U. W., will hold its regular meeting on Monday evening.

The Sodality of St. Ann, for the benefit of the church.

List of Flowers.
Emerson Parker, who died on Wednesday, February 5, was an extensive grower of flowers for many years, sending his milk from the Shirley station to different firms in Boston, viz: Graustein & Co., Whiting & Sons, and later the Boston Dairy Co.

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jected, but after much negotiations access was obtained to the books of five department stores in Manhattan. Twenty percent of all the salesmen reported received less than five dollars per week; fifty-one percent less than seven dollars; sixty-one percent less than eight dollars.

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Middlesex ss. Probate Court.

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Take Dr. King's New Discovery. The Best Cough, Cold, Throat and Lung medicine made. Money refunded if it fails to cure you.

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WE HAVE A FULL LINE of Kettles, Stewpans, Pudding Pans, Bowls, Plates, Coffee Pots, Tea Pots, Etc.

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Beginning February 24
A Heavy 10 qt. Galvanized Iron Pail 25c each

Ayer Variety Store

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GROTON.

News Items. Miss Frances Ready, aged forty-seven years, a former resident of Groton, died on Monday evening at her home in Dorchester. She had been in poor health for a long time and on last Sunday she suffered the added misfortune of a broken hip, which in her weakened condition hastened her death. The remains were brought to Ayer on Thursday afternoon, where the interment took place in St. Mary's cemetery. She left Groton two years ago.

Evening grosbeaks have been seen in town this last week on the maples in front of P. D. Lewis' house in Chicopee row. They are very rare birds in this state and like their more common cousins, the red pine grosbeaks, are accidental visitors from the north. This is the fourth time they have been reported in this state during the past twenty-five years. They are shaped somewhat like the robin, about two inches longer. Males are yellow, white and black; females, brownish green, more or less tinged with yellow. Their bills are thick and they have a low chucking cry. They are very tame and feed on seeds of maple, elder and box elder.

The Elma Mfg. Co. is a new corporation to be formed in Fitchburg with John H. Trayne of this town as president and manager. It is capitalized for \$25,000 for the purpose of manufacturing and selling an article called "Jontroy tooth brush holder and sterilizer." Preliminary arrangements to start manufacturing the tooth brush holders have been made.

The concert by the Newton quartet given at the Baptist church on Thursday evening was fully attended and was a grand success every way. Miss Jones, impersonator, added much to the program. One song especially mentioned was the last one given by the quartet, "Jesus saviour pilot me," which appeared tenderly to the feelings of the audience.

Clipping. The following was taken from the Boston American of February 19: Society maids and matrons are busy these days with their entertaining and a million and one other things which make constant demands upon their time. Among the busiest of them all is that delightful young matron, Mrs. Edward Gray.

son Llewellyn, though as yet not seriously ill, has evidently not escaped the contagion. Little Beth Kierstead, who saw Mr. Wheaton just before he became ill, contracted the disease, but is having it in a very light form. Scarlet fever has appeared at the home of Charles Lawrence on the town farm road. Miss Sylvia Lawrence, assistant teacher in the primary school, contracted the fever, but as it appeared only in a light form in her case, she was unaware that she was experiencing anything more serious than a cold with sore throat, and attended to her usual duties in the choir, Sunday school and day school. On Tuesday morning a physician was called and the family was at once quarantined. The two youngest sons of the family, Joseph and Charles, are now ill with the fever. By order of the Board of Health both departments of the Tarnell school are closed until Tuesday.

The Boston Store GEOB. TURNER & SON AYER, MASS. CORSETS Her Majesty's Corset \$1.50 Values for \$1.00 \$3.00 Values for \$2.00

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Organized. The Progressive party met in the lower town hall on Monday evening, with Henry W. Whiting in the chair. The party organized, choosing a town committee of twelve as follows: M. P. Palmer, E. D. Lewis, Chas. Lawrence, Geo. S. Knapp, E. B. Gerrish, James T. Hill, E. O. Collier, C. A. Tuttle, H. W. Shattuck, H. C. Rockwood, Henry W. Whiting, Wm. F. Gleason. From this town committee five sub-committees were chosen as follows: M. P. Palmer, H. C. Rockwood, campaign; G. S. Knapp, E. B. Gerrish, legislative; F. D. Lewis, E. O. Collier, publicity; J. T. Hill, W. F. Gleason, enrollment; G. W. Shattuck, Chas. Lawrence, speakers. The two members of each committee are to choose three others. The meeting being dissolved they met and reorganized, electing M. P. Palmer, chairman, E. B. Gerrish, secretary, and Geo. S. Knapp, treasurer.

D. R. Meeting. Miss Boutwell, regent of the Groton chapter D. R., opened her apartment house on Thursday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock for the entertainment of the D. R. members and numerous other guests. Estimating the number at over fifty, these were seated in the large parlor greeting and chatting with each other until the regent's gavel called the meeting to order. In a few words, Miss Boutwell then welcomed her guests and spoke

of the work of the D. R., which like that of the Historical society, deals with affairs of the past, and has its useful mission. She invited any present who would like to do so, to join the D. R. The regular meeting called by the secretary to read the minutes of the former meeting. After this, Mrs. E. F. Nutting read her paper, "One hundred years ago," which was very interesting. It dealt entirely with the conditions existing in Boston in 1813, as she learned from records or as had been told her by some who had remembered from personal observation. Mrs. Nutting showed a veritable relic—a copy of The Advertiser, yellow with age, but in good readable condition—which would be one hundred years old next July, and a copy of The Transcript, published fifty years ago. These papers are now to belong to the Groton Historical society.

This reading of the paper was followed by a season of social intercourse and the enjoyment of refreshments consisting of delicious sandwiches, cakes and coffee. As the guests of their hostess, all assured her of the most enjoyable afternoon's pleasure she had given them.

