THE LADIES' STORE. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

H. F. JEFFERSON & BRO.,

OPPOSITE STAM'S HALL.

JANUARY
FESTIVAL OF BARGAINS!
COME!

To show our many patrons how much we appreciate your favors during the past year and how much we desire to serve you well during this great year nineteen twelve, we have prepared for you in our mid-winter sale much genuine merchandise, and you will find

Our Prices Formerly Low,
Now Less Than Formerly.

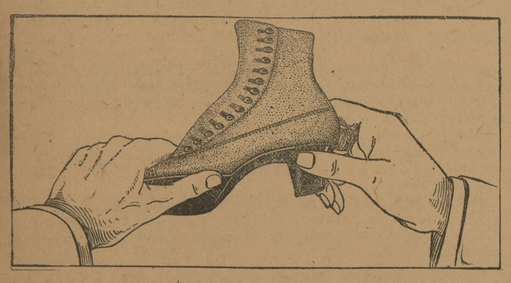
COATS & SUITS!

All Coats and Suits must be sold. The plan we have adopted to reach this end is the following:

$28 Suits are offered at	$20.00
$25 Suits are offered at	18.50
$18, $20 and $22.50 Suits are offered at	15.00
$15 and $16.50 Suits are offered at	12.50
$12.50 Suits are offered at	10.00
Odd Lots, per suit	$5 to $8

Similar reductions made in Coats. Children's Coats will be sold Extremely Low.

HERE'S to 1912



And ere it passes away, may your troubles cease and your joys increase wearing the J. & K.

Our Shoe Department is no longer **A** place to get shoes, but rather **THE** place to be fitted in fine shoes. We will take pleasure in proving this assertion.

We have finished stock-taking to-day, and we find, on account of liberal buying, that many departments should be decreased. Special sales which will be greatly to your advantage will accomplish this result.

☞Visit us early and often. It will pay you.

H. F. JEFFERSON & BRO.,

THE LADIES' STORE,

Opposite Stam's Hall Chestertown Md.

LEGISLATIVE DOINGS.

This has been an important week at Annapolis. The new Governor was inaugurated, two important laws have been passed and signed by the retiring Governor, and numerous employees in the Senate and House have been appointed, and everybody seems happy.

Governor Goldsborough was inaugurated on Wednesday, and delivered a strong address, outlining his policy of administration. His first appointments were Robert P. Graham, Roland Park, Secretary of State; A. Eugene De Reeves private secretary, and Carl Hardy chief clerk. Mr. Hardy has held this position under every Governor since the late Gov. Lowndes, by whom he was appointed.

The inaugural ceremonies were attended by a large and distinguished gathering, and were elaborate in every detail of its arrangements. The oath of office was administered to Governor Goldsborough by Chief Judge Boyd, of the Court of Appeals, and after the ceremonies, Gov. Goldsborough and family took possession of the Executive Mansion and began his career as the State's chief executive.

Before his retirement from office Governor Crothers signed the new election bill and also the new primary bill. The new election bill takes the place of the Wilson ballot law, and is similar to the Baltimore city law, except that party designations are omitted. The law prescribers the size of the ballot, and states that names of candidates must be arranged in alphabetical order. It applies to 11 counties of the State including Kent. The new primary law provides for:

Presidential primaries early in May. A new registration for Baltimore city and the counties, beginning April 23d.

Primary elections to be held not earlier than Sept. 8 nor later than Sept. 15, by agreement of chairmen of State Central Committees of both parties. No sample ballots to be printed or distributed among voters.

Official envelope system retained. Gives right to mark for first and second choice for State offices. Provides for appeal and recount of ballots.

Only the briber is punished for violating Corrupt Practices Act, one-half fine to go to informer. Penalty a term in penitentiary, and a fine of from $500 to $1000.

These two bills fulfil the pledges of the Democratic party so far as elections are concerned, and have the distinction of being the earliest bills to be introduced and passed in the Legislature.

APPOINTMENTS.

The Senate under the economy scheme fixed upon 63 employes. Senator Beck, as well as every other Senator except the Republicans, got two employes—Mr. Joseph Howard, of Betterton, engrossing clerk, and Mr. Thomas Maslin, of the Seventh District, as doorkeeper.

The committee on rules, of which Delegates James S. Harris was a member, agreed to the employment of 82 employes in the House. This decision of the committee will save the State about $18,000 of expense. Mr. Harris selected Mr. William Wheeler, of Betterton, as one of the cloak room keepers, and Delegates Charles L. Miller secured Mr. Jas. M. Durding, of Rock Hall, as one of the engrossing clerks.

Rev. J. E. Maloy, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed ministers of the Maryland Conference, M. P. Church, was made chaplain of the Senate for the first month.

PEOPLE'S COLUMN.

AN OYSTERMAN'S VIEW OT THE OYSTER QUESTION.

ROCK HALL, MD., Jan. 1st, 1912.

To the Editors: I noticed the amended oyster law as published in the TRANSCRIPT last week is a dead blow to the oyster interests. I have watched the oyster interests for the past nineteen years and have made it a close study. I have found that planting does not pay in these waters. Have seen them planted on some of the best ground. G. E. Leary & Son planted in Grey's Inn Creek, spent between one and two thousand dollars and did not get $500 from it. He offered the ground to me three years ago free of charge. Thos. Hyland had a planting ground in Hell Creek on which there was over $2,800 spent and never $700 reaped. Charlie Watkins had one in Church Creek on which a heap of money and labor was spent and never nothing reaped. This was under the five-acre system. The oysters were planted and died. You can go along the shore in August and September and see young oysters on every sprig of grass, stick, board, stone or anything in the water, or on the bottom. But nothing but the natural bar will produce them in the spring, so by this you can see that the men who are agitating the law as I see it in the TRANSCRIPT are not after the barren bottom, but after the natural bar, and when you take the seed oysters off of them you can not expect to have a market oyster when the season is open for them, for this has been a great pull back to the oyster business in Maryland. They have been sent to every State in the spring of the year, and then they have them in the fall plump with fresh water, and we do not have the demand that should be, and I am, therefore, opposed to any leasing law, for it does not make the oyster industry better, but worse. If you will notice, you will find that the men who had the five acres have not asked for ten and do not ask for thirty, but have dropped the five, and say we do not want any barren bottom. Now, this is not only in Kent, but if you will look at the taxes, it has come down instead of growing. Now we find the taking of these seeds to dredge them. We had it last spring when four boats of the Webster fleet loaded on the upper Swan Point and carried them to another county. The people of Kent have never seen nor ever will see any benefit from them. We had last spring between twenty-five and thirty thousand bushels of oysters carried out of Chester river for planting purposes. They went to Rhode Island, New York, Virginia and some on the Delaware, but all for this fall's market, for they all agreed with me that it did not pay to grow oysters, and these were laid in shallow water. And to dredge on their own grounds, there could not be protection enough at a $20 license on every tonger to protect the natural bars. Now, the man who agitated what I see in the TRANSCRIPT, was surely not for the benefit of the osterman but against them. Now, I am with the man who has been talking to the Baltimore Sun, for we do not want any improvements in the oyster law nor any change from the present law, for I always was taught to leave well enough alone. The merchants in this section of the county can tell you just as I do.

Yours truly,
H. H. DIERKER.

Wm. Medders & Co. SPECIAL ATTENTION TO TELEPHONE ORDERS **Wm. Medders & Co.**

January Selling!

Don't Overlook These Bargains.

Good Bleached Muslin, yd.....6¾c
6c Pearl Buttons, doz, now.....3c
10 Good Heavy Crash.....7½c
Best Outing Flannels.....9c
20c White Madras, yd wide, extra value.....15

10c Best Bleached Muslin, yard wide, soft finish at 7½c

15c Ladies' Long Cloth, yard wide on sale at 10c yd.

Table of 9c Goods.

Best 12½c Percales in light and dark colors, heavy suitings and pretty Ginghams, all on sale at **9c. yd.**

Sheeting Muslin.

25c 9-4 Bleached Sheeting...19c
30c do 22½c
33c do 25c
16c 5-4 Pillow Casing.....12½c

5c Bleached Cotton Toweling on sale 3c yd

50c Sheets, full size, nicely hemmed, on sale 35c each

75c Sheets, good quality, on sale 55c each

Pillow Cases.

12½c Pillow Casses only.....8c
15c " " 10c
Ready hemmed, good quality.

Table Linens.

Best 50c Mercerized Table Linen in good patterns...37½c
Best 35c do now..... 25c
The 85c Linen Damask..... 69c
The 90c do..... 85c

25c best Poplin, all new colors, on sale 15c yd.

9c Unbleached Muslin, extra fine quality, on sale 6c.

50c Men's Fleece Lined Shirts and Drawers on sale 39c each.

15c Men's Stockings, black, tan and colors, on sale 9c each.

Lot 50c Ladies' Dress Goods, Wood Suitings and Worsted, on sale 25c yd.

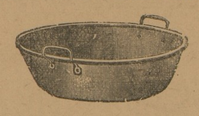
$2.00 White Marseilles Bed Spreads, extra large and full weight, only $1.39.

$1.25 Linoleum, 2 yds wide, extra good quality, on sale 95c yd.

January Selling!

We Make it Pay You to Visit Our Place.

NEXT WEDNESDAY
—SALES ON—
GOOD AGATE DISH PANS.



FOR 9 CENTS.

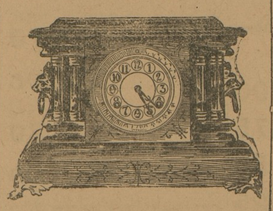
On next Wednesday we will have on sale a lot a good Gray Agate, Deep Dish Pans, first quality and full 14 quarts, and worth 45c each. Your choice for 9 cents.

Only one of these good Pans to a customer, same as heretofore.

If you want a good Heavy Dish Pan, don't overlook this sale.

Next Wednesday 9c for choice.

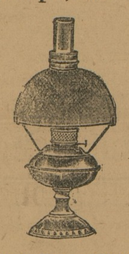
$5 Clocks, $3.90.



Large $5.00 Enamel Clocks, 8-day, cathedral gong, strikes every half hour and a pride in every home, only $3.90.

Large collection of Clocks at $2.50, $3.50, $4.50 and $5.50.

Lamps, $1.39.



The Best Rayo Nickle Stand Lamp, complete, $1.39.

We carry a full line of Fancy Stand Lamps at 98c to $5.00.

Men's Sweater Coats



Large line good sweater coats all reduced.

Men's best $1.50 Sweater Coats will go on sale at 98c
The $3.50 Coats now.....$2.75
The $5.00 hand-knit wool Coats now..... 3.90

Ladies Sweater Coats



On the bargain table reduced—all marked $1.50, $1.98, $2.50.

GOOD THINGS ON SALE.

$5.00 Wool Horse Blankets, $3.90
3.50 Horse Blankets..... 2.50
2.50 " " 1.98
3.00 Bed Blankets, special. 2.50
2.50 " 1.98
Comforts now.....98c, $1.25, $1.98

January Selling!

SLEIGHS AND CUTTERS.

Full line of the Swell-Back & Portland Sleighs and Sleigh Bells. Come and see. Prices Low.

SPECIAL
FURNITURE
IS NOW ON SALE



Beautiful Line of Couches

New Spanish Leather Couches, made on strong oak frames, with the new steel spring base; price.....$15.00
Special value in $15.00 Fine Velour Couches, quartered oak frames and new steel spring base; price.....$12.50
$12.50 Large Velour Couches, with steel spring base, only.....$9.85
$10.00 Large Velour Couches, only..$7.85
$8.50 Oak Frame Couches, only.....$6.85
$7.00 Fancy Velour Couches, only...$5.85
$5.00 Fancy Velour Couches, only...$3.85

New Line Xmas Buffets.



Fine QUARTERED OAK BUFFETS, in the high and low styles, good selections.....$19.00, $22.50, $25.00
Special Heavy Oak Buffets, nicely carved and with large plate mirrors, now on sale at $12.50, $15.00, $17.50
Cheap Buffets at.....$6.90, $8.90

Extension Tables.



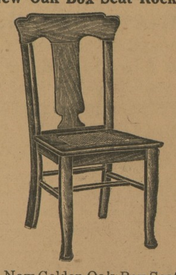
Prices only $4.90, $6.90, $8.90 to $11.90.

Every Table made strong and of heavy polished oak.

Fine line Center Tables and Library Tables in rich golden oak.

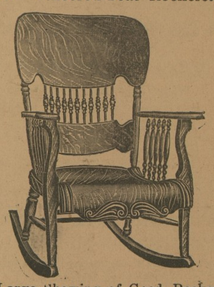
Prices—$1.98, $2.50, $3.50, $4.50 to $12.50.

New Oak Box Seat Rockers.

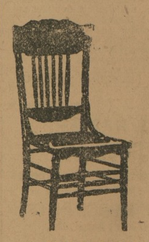


The New Golden Oak Box Seat Diners are made strong. Prices $9.00, $10.00 and $12.50 per set. Cheaper Chairs at $4.50, $5.50, $6.50, $7.50 per set.

New Veneered Seat Rockers.



A Large Showing of Good Rockers. Prices $2.50, $3.50, $4.50.





Solid Oak Diners.

"Cheap Wood Kitchen Chairs."

Wood Seat Chairs, only.....49c each
High Back Wood Seats, only....75c each
Large Cane Seat Oak Diners, made strong, with brace supports; price $5.50, $6.50, $7.50, $8.50, $10.00 per half dozen, upward.
$6.00 Oak Diners, half dozen $4.90

WM. MEDDERS & CO.

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