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Excellent Value in Rag Carpet, per yard **18c.**
Extra Heavy Rag Carpet, neat pattern, value 35c at **25c**
Heavy Ingrain Carpet, several pretty patterns, **25c.**

Fine Bright Rope Yarn, 100 strands, only **6¾c.**
224 lbs., Sack of Fine Salt in heavy cotton sack, **$1.00**

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A Bargain in Unbleached Muslin, per yard..... **5c**
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75

Fine Assortment of Ladies' Skirts made of the newest goods and latest styles

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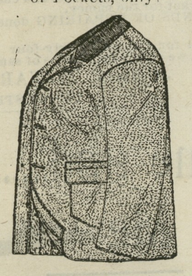
Ladies' 25c Ribbed Vests, for only..... **15c**
Misses' sizes, just the weight for the fall..... **14c**
Men's 15c Mixed Hose only..... or 3 pair for 25c. **9c**

Men's Duck Gunning Coat with plenty of Pockets, only



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Men's Double Knee, Heavy Blue or Brown Overalls, value 75c, our price

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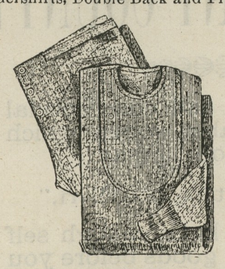
85c Value in Men's Heavy Fleeced Undershirts, Double Back and Front



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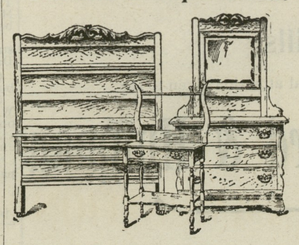
Special Values in our Furniture Department!



Bedstead, Bureau and Wash Stand, 3 pieces, Stained Antique Oak, only

11.25

Fine Solid Oak Cobbler Seat Rockers will make a handsome present,

3.00

Our Stove Department has attractive values

Just to mention one of 20 different kinds, No. 7 Woodland for..... **7.50**

HOT AIRS—Full line of "Hot Air" Stoves, price starts at... **2.10**

We pay the highest market price for Country Produce, Eggs, Lard, Meet and Potatoes.

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CRUMPTON LOCALS.

Miss Ada Hubbard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Hubbard, left last Friday for Baltimore. There she will take a course of education at Strayer's Business College.

The "Mystery Tea" given by the M. P. Church was quite a novelty and was enjoyed by all.

Mr. Chas. A. Bradley lost a valuable horse with gravel. Mr. Chas. Waddel also lost his horse from blind staggers.

The farmers of our neighborhood, both Kent and Queen Anne's are laying in a large supply of fertilizers with the intention of sowing a large crop of grain this fall.

Rev. Floyd Bloxson will start his protracted meetings at Union M. E.Church next Sunday evening.

Protracted efforts will begin at the M. P. Church Sunday evening, Oct. 14. The pastor, Rev. Stockdale will preach Sunday morning at Crumpton at 10.30 o'clock.

Rev. Oliver Henstreet, of Baltimore, made a very excellent address Tuesday evening in the interest of the Prohibition Party.

Mr. Chas. Tracy came from Baltimore Tuesday and will spend a few days in our village.

The M. P. Church of Crumpton will hold an oyster supper Saturday evening.

THEY COULD MARRY, SO THERE NOW!

There is a strongly rooted belief that the reason all women do not marry is because there are not enough men to go around, but such is not the case. Our last census gave a million and a half more men than women in the United States, and the immigration of the past 10 years doubtless has increased this discrepancy, so there are husbands enough and to spare. Over a hundred thousand more men than women live in California, and probably a surplus of men exist in most of the Western States. Our present census has just announced an excess of 50,000 men in Chicago. And yet in all the Western towns and cities there are many women who never marry. What is the reason? One woman, whose married sisters taunted her with spinsterhood, answered: "If I had not been any more particular than you were I might have married long ago." Once women could not afford to be particular. They had no way of earning a subsistence and felt obliged to relieve the father of the burden of their support. If left alone, with sufficient means to live on, public opinion allowed them so little liberty that life was unbearable. All that has passed away; custon now grants them as much freedom as a married woman, and they are apt to enjoy considerably more. There are a thousand ways in which they can support themselves honorably and with no more exertion, for instance, than in playing the role of a farmer's wife, according to the following:

"Is marriage a failure?"

"I should say not," remarked an Oregon farmer. "Why, there's Lucindy gits up in the mornin', milks six cows, gits breakfast, starts four children to skewl, looks arter the other three, feeds the hens, likewise the hogs, likewise some motherless sheep, skims 20 pans of milk, washes the clothes, gits dinner, et cetery, et cetery. Think I could hire anybody to do it for what she gits? Not much! Marriage, sir, is a success; a great success."—New York Sun.

DIED.

In memory of REBECCA BENNETT, who departed this life July 15, 1900.

One less at home,
The charmed circle broken—a dear face
Missed day by day from her usual place,
But cleansed, perfected, saved by grace,
One more in heaven.

Near Earlville, October 3, 1900, of membranous croup, CARRIE MELVINA, daughter of J. William and Maggie Newton, aged 6 years, 4 months and 10 days.

Our tears are falling,
We cannot her forget;
We loved her well,
And we love her yet.

A. Levine's Proclamation to the Public.

It is not necessary to go to the city while you can have your eyes tested free of charge at home, not by a jeweler but exclusively by a scientific optician, and have your glasses fitted to the eyes. This will save you money and a trip to the city. My constantly increasing business and my determination to place it on the highest plane, in order to do all in my power for the comfort and preservation of the eyesight of my worthy patrons I have effected some changes in my establishment, whereby I give my customers the advantages and services of a scientific optician, for consultation and examination of the eyes

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THE OYSTER OUTLOOK.

Capt. Satterfield in Town—Oyster Planting a Rich Undertaking—Good Prices.

Capt. Frank Satterfield, the new commander of the oyster police boat Anna B. Smith, was in town last Wednesday for the first time since his appointment. He was accompanied by Capt. Geo. E. Mariner. Capt. Satterfield seems specially anxious about the faithful execution of the law and came to town to inquire about the local boat. He has been busy since his appointment in looking after license and has been laboring under the difficulty of a partial crew. He says there are fifty more licensed boats now than at this time last year. With a full and satisfactory crew for the Anna B. Smith and an efficient local boat Capt. Satterfield is sure he can satisfy every reasonable expectation in the protection of the State and tongers' interests in the oyster beds.

A number of names have been mentioned for commander of the local boat, among them the following: Capt. Columbus Ashley, Skinner's Neck, Kent county; Capt. Wm. King, Winchester, and Capt. Stanford Bullen, Stevensville, Queen Anne's county.

Capt. Satterfield reports a great improvement in the condition of the oysters within the past few days. The price also has improved. Good oysters readily sold at Rock Hall and Swan Creek on Tuesday for 45@50 cents per bushel.

On the second page of the NEWS will be found an article from the Sun on oyster planting. The feasibility, indeed the almost unlimited possibilities, of oyster cultivation is rapidly increasing in favor of this section. The tongers themselves are adopting the oyster planting idea to an extent not dreamed of five years ago. Unwilling to accept the low prices that always prevail during the warm spells, which always come in September, the tongers have bedded thousands of bushels. Many bushels will be taken up, but many more will form the initiatory movement toward a permanent oyster farm. A gentleman who has already staked out his farm and has had considerable experience in oyster culture says: "In 10 years Chester river alone will give an annual income of $1,000,000 as the result of systematic oyster farming. This is a prophecy, and see if it doesn't come true. The greatest natural advantage offered in this State today is in her oyster beds. Acre for acre I would rather own oyster bottoms, such as are now going to waste in the Chesapeake and its tributaries, than to own a claim in the Klondike. Klondike gold will be worked out, but the more you work this Chesapeake bay Klondike the richer it becomes. I know a gentleman who planted 9,000 bushels of oysters in Chester river, left them unprotected, had 5,000 bushels stolen and took up the remaining 4,000 bushels, and declares that even then it was the greatest investment he ever made. I propose to solve the problem of protecting my oyster beds by placing a man on the beds with the oysters."

A letter from Mr. Wm. S. Scone, one of the oyster measurers, says "We had a glut the last of last week but prices on Wednesday ruled 75 and 80 cents per bushel and scarce at that. Mr. Booth, an oyster packer with 27 years experience, states that he has seen more sour oysters this season than ever before."

Transfer of Property.—The old cemetery grounds of the Crumpton M. E. Church has been transferred by deed to Dr. F. N. Sheppard, the consideration being an interest in the new cemetery, which is very much more desirable for a burying ground. It will be remembered that this ground was a gift to the M. E. Church by Dr. Sheppard's sainted father.

The parsonage lots that were sold some years ago, have been transferred by deed to Mrs. Mary Hartley the consideration being $60 just $40 less than they cost. Some of our predecessors had strange idea of business.

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Price will be no object after you use it once.

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