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# GRAND FALL SALE

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The Big Store is crowded with new goods, gathered from all parts of the world. The Best that Cash can buy. This is our second big sale. The first was last spring and was very satisfactory, but this will far surpass the first, many new lines have been added. The people of Sparta and Vicinity appreciate that we are giving them the benefit of an up-to-date Store, where they can see on the floor a large stock to choose from at prices that defy competition.

## During this Sale Prices will be Slaughtered on Everything NOTHING RESERVED

We want to encourage early buying. Just before Christmas all the stores will be busy. We are going to make it an object for you to buy early. Come in and pick out your wants—we will lay them away with a small deposit

**BELOW FIND A FEW OF THE BARGAINS**

### All Furniture at Cut Prices

|         |        |         |
|---------|--------|---------|
| \$25.00 | Rocker | \$19.00 |
| 20.00   | "      | 16.50   |
| 18.00   | "      | 15.00   |
| 15.00   | "      | 13.00   |
| 12.00   | "      | 10.00   |
| 8.00    | "      | 7.00    |
| 6.00    | "      | 5.00    |
| 5.00    | "      | 3.50    |
| 3.50    | "      | 3.00    |
| 3.00    | "      | 2.50    |



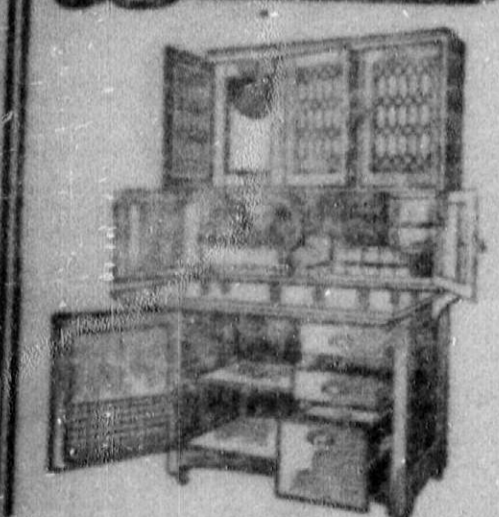
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|---------|---------------|---------|
| \$20.00 | Library Table | \$16.50 |
| 17.50   | "             | 15.00   |
| 15.00   | "             | 12.50   |
| \$12.50 | Library Table | \$10.00 |
| 10.00   | "             | 8.50    |
| 6.00    | "             | 4.75    |

### Dining Tables and Chairs

|         |                  |         |
|---------|------------------|---------|
| \$25.00 | Dining Table     | \$21.50 |
| 22.50   | "                | 19.00   |
| 20.00   | "                | 17.50   |
| 18.00   | "                | 16.00   |
| 15.00   | "                | 13.00   |
| 22.50   | Chairs, 6 Pieces | 20.00   |
| 20.00   | " 6 "            | 17.50   |
| 18.00   | " 6 "            | 15.50   |
| 15.00   | " 6 "            | 12.50   |
| 12.00   | " 6 "            | 10.00   |
| 9.00    | " 6 "            | 7.50    |

### Kitchen Labor MADE EASY

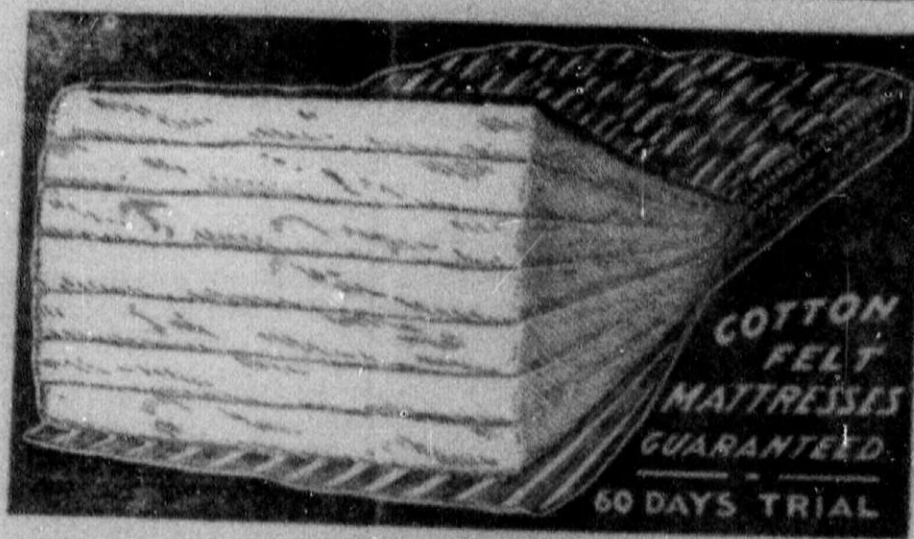
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Save your strength, prevent loss of valuable baking materials, provide a handy place for utensils, silverware, etc., and get a handsome, lasting piece of furniture as well by buying a Boone; they systematize the kitchen and make the work easy. The Boone has twelve special features not found in any other cabinets. A style to suit your needs, at a very low price, is now being shown at this store.

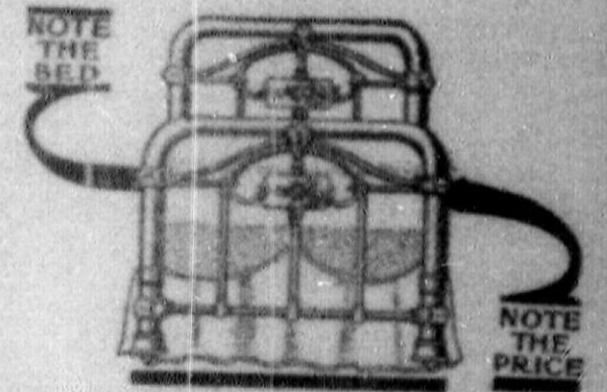
CALL AND SEE ONE

|         |                 |         |
|---------|-----------------|---------|
| \$30.00 | Kitchen Cabinet | \$25.00 |
| 27.50   | "               | 22.50   |
| 22.50   | "               | 20.00   |
| 20.00   | "               | 18.00   |



### MATTRESSES

|         |                               |         |
|---------|-------------------------------|---------|
| \$12.00 | Guaranteed Mattress           | \$10.00 |
| 10.00   | "                             | 8.50    |
| 9.00    | "                             | 7.50    |
| 3.50    | " Cotton Reversible Mattress  | 3.25    |
| 8.50    | " 25-year Coil Spring         | 7.75    |
| 5.00    | " 10-year Diamond Link Spring | 4.50    |
| 3.50    | " 5-year Woven Wire           | 3.00    |



### Art Beds

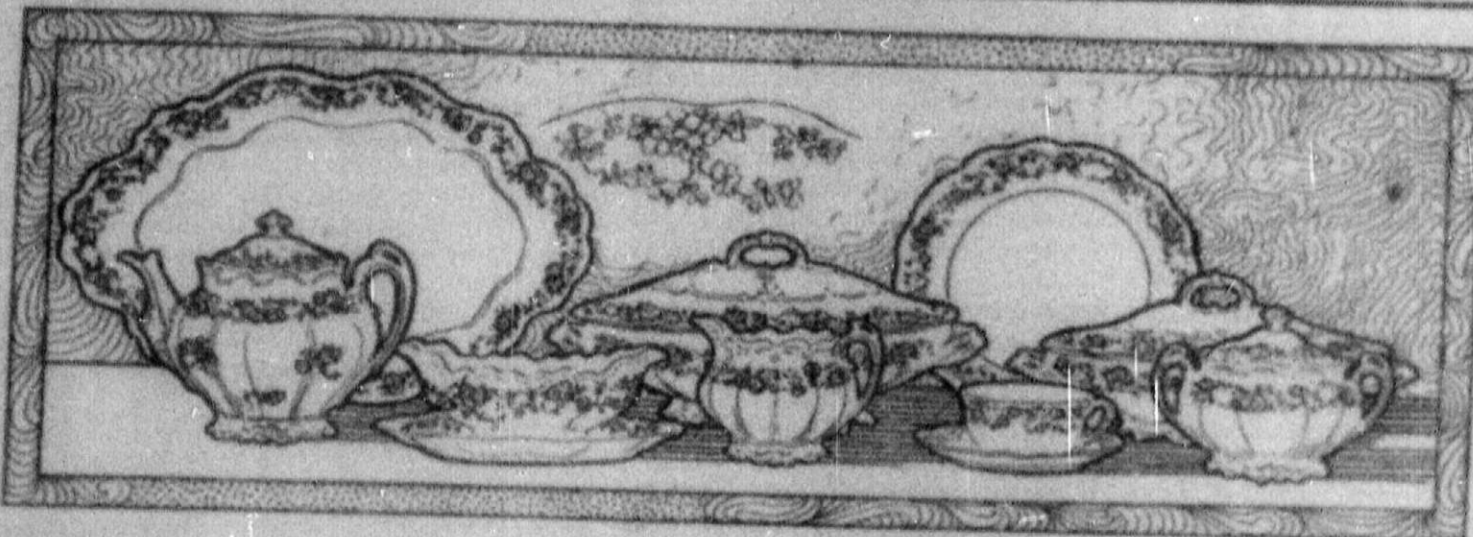
A dainty appearing, attractive steel bed with artistically decorated panels in head and foot pieces. You will never be able to get a better looking bed at any such price as this.

Price \$4.95

Will adorn any home—well proportioned and handsomely finished.

|         |                                |         |
|---------|--------------------------------|---------|
| \$25.00 | Brass Bed, guaranteed for Life | \$20.00 |
| 22.50   | "                              | 17.50   |
| 20.00   | "                              | 15.00   |
| 12.00   | Iron Bed, any color            | 9.50    |
| 10.00   | "                              | 8.00    |
| 8.00    | "                              | 6.75    |
| 6.00    | "                              | 5.00    |
| 5.00    | "                              | 4.00    |

People are amazed at the Big Line Specials for this Sale only



|        |                     |        |        |                     |        |
|--------|---------------------|--------|--------|---------------------|--------|
| 25c    | Salad or Cake Plate | 19c    | \$2.00 | Salad or Cake Plate | \$1.79 |
| 50c    | "                   | 39c    | 25c    | Cup and Saucer      | 21c    |
| \$1.00 | "                   | 89c    | 50c    | "                   | 43c    |
| 1.50   | "                   | \$1.29 |        |                     |        |

10 Dozen Brooms, 35c Quality during this sale 21c

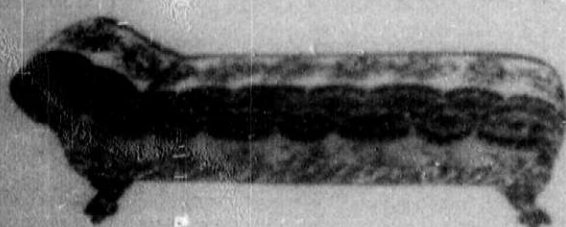
Buffets and Side Boards Special Prices During This Sale

**DOLLS** So many kinds and shapes it would take too much space to mention. 10 per cent discount during this sale. Pick out your doll and have them laid away where Santa Claus can find them

**DOLLS**

Our 5c and 10c Counters

are loaded with Bargains in Kitchen Utensils, Crockery, Glassware, Toys and hundreds of useful things.



### COUCHES

|         |                          |         |
|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| \$35.00 | Genuine Leather or Plush | \$27.50 |
| 20.00   | Imitation                | 15.00   |
| 15.00   | Plush                    | 10.00   |

### Chiffoniers and Dressers

|         |     |         |
|---------|-----|---------|
| \$20.00 | for | \$17.50 |
| 18.00   | for | 15.00   |
| 15.00   | for | 13.00   |
| 12.00   | for | 10.00   |

Lace Curtains and Draperies at Bargain Prices

Cut Glass and Silverware 20 per cent discount during this sale

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Residence 124

SPARTA, MICHIGAN

### Picture Framing

We will allow 10 per cent discount during this sale on all pictures brought in to be framed. Do not wait. Just received the largest line of New Moulding ever shown.

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deed, and his lectures are more interesting. "The Needs of the Hour," "The Powder and the Match," "The Historic Confession," "Wit and Humor of the Bench and Bar" and "On the Road to Damascus" are the principal subjects of which he treats.

WILLIAM RAINEY BENNETT.

William Rainey Bennett, who is to lecture here, is known in the Lyceum world as "The Man Who Can." He has a lecture on this subject, the theme of which is that "he can who thinks he can;" that in every brain there is a sleeping genius and that it can be awakened. The lecture which he gives



WILLIAM RAINEY BENNETT.

will do it. It helps a young man or woman to find himself. It gives him health, poise and power. It is absolutely different from the ordinary lecture of this type. Every laugh comes in naturally. Nothing is forced. Other lectures which he gives are entitled "The Master Thought" and "Machines and Millions."

Mr. Bennett precedes his lecture when it is so desired with a musical prelude. For he has a splendid tenor voice. William Rainey Bennett was raised on a farm and, like so many successful men of the present day, has many a time warmed his bare feet on frosty mornings where the cows have lain. He worked his way through college starting in with \$10. he graduated with money in his pocket, having paid his way by singing. Since then he has done postgraduate work in two universities. His serious lectures have been published in full as features of some of the metropolitan newspapers.



"STORY OF THE WILLOW PATTERN PLATE."

THE ANITA SINGING ORCHESTRA.

One of the most popular musical numbers which have ever appeared on this course will be heard here this season, the Anita Singing Orchestra. This orchestra comprises six talented and refined young ladies, who are equally entertaining as singers, players of instrumental music and pantomimists. They present a great variety of music, including songs with action, and appear in special costumes. There is a graceful blend of classic with the popular and the sublime with the ridiculous. They use no printed or fixed program, but sustain a large and varied repertoire, from which it is always convenient to render either a classic, sacred or miscellaneous program, as the occasion may demand.

Lillian Concert Company on some of its most important dates.



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THE WATERMAN CONCERT COMPANY.

The Waterman Concert Company comprises three members, Miss Emily Waterman, center, Miss Lillian Whitman, pianist, and Mr. William T. Shaffer, soloist. Miss Waterman has done Lyceum work for several years and has appeared in many parts of the country. During the season of 1911 and 1912 she appeared as the reader with the Four Artists, which was one of the best and highest priced companies under Redpath management.

THE WATERMAN CONCERT COMPANY.

She was so successful with this company that it was early decided that another year she should be the star of her own company. The trio herewith described is the result of this decision. Her work is not only pleasing to the average auditor seeking for amusement only, but as some one has truly said, appeals to the discriminating taste of ladies and gentlemen who are devotees of the arts and who regard the average reciter in the light of something to be avoided.

THE WATERMAN CONCERT COMPANY.

Miss Lillian Whitman, who received her musical education at the famous Oberlin Conservatory, will render piano solos and play the accompaniments in the Waterman Company. During the season of 1910 and 1911 Miss Whitman played with the Barto-

LIVING MILK CARTS.

The Goats of Athens and Their Tenders With Their Tin Cups. The bootblacks and newsboys of Athens are numberless and omnipresent, yelling out in shrill tones the latest edition or inviting customers in equally strident tones to have a "shine." Hot chestnut men, with charcoal braziers and stock in trade of a hundred big nuts, doze over their little fires or sell pistachio nuts, sesame seed or pumpkin seeds at the street corners. Much of the merchandise is carried by diminutive gray donkeys or by old women, who are almost lost under their huge loads of oranges or lemons or cauliflower or brushwood.

November 28 First Date

The Sparta Lecture Course committee will give the first entertainment in the Opera House, Thursday evening, Nov. 28. The tickets for the course of six entertainments will be on sale at Milo Bolender's drug store, Thursday, Nov. 21, commencing at 8 o'clock in the morning. Reserved seats will be \$1.50 to all, and unreserved season tickets will be sold at \$1 each. The Opera House will be opened at 7:15 on the evening of each entertainment, and the curtain will rise promptly at 8 o'clock, and there will be no exception to this rule. Therefore it will be necessary for the people to be there at 15 minutes before 8 o'clock. This rule is made for the benefit of the patrons of the Course, as the talent always wish to get away on the 10:24 p. m. train. As the time for the train approaches they either cut the program or become anxious, and in this way you are often deprived of the best the entertainment should be. Watch for the programs that will soon be placed in every home, and be on hand when the seat sale opens.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to return my heartfelt thanks to the kind friends and neighbors who assisted me through the sickness and after the death of my wife, especially wishing to thank the Masons, W. C. T. U., the Baptist Sunday school and neighbors for the beautiful flowers furnished. Jas. H. Johnson.

A Genuine Service

"I believe," says an old subscriber, "that every time the Youth's Companion enters a home it does that home a genuine service." That describes the purpose of the publishers exactly. The paper is not filled with miscellaneous or idle thoughts to fill an idle hour. It provides healthy pastime, recreation that builds up. It is to the minds of eager and impressionable young people what sound athletics are to their bodies.

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Sparta Man Made Good in Florida

The following clipping taken from "The Tropical Sun," West Palm Beach, Florida, is reproduced, thinking it will be of interest to Sparta people: W. H. Christy came here about a year ago from Sparta, Mich. He bought the rooming house on Bayan street, and after running it awhile, disposed of it at a good profit. Next he secured two lots on Hibiscus avenue, and in a little while turned them over to other parties, receiving a good return on his investment.

He then took the property on the corner of Evernia and Poinsettia streets, on which there were two cottages. He has since added three more, all of which he will rent, some are already occupied. One of the three is furnished.

Mr. Christy has done well, and it would be a good thing for the town if Michigan would send down a few more like him. He has one regret which he is sharing with others. He could have bought the Faber building on Clematis avenue last year for \$2,500. He, as did several others, let it pass, thinking that its nearness to the railroad spotted it as an investment, and just a few weeks ago it sold for \$6,150.

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Commissioners' Notice. STATE OF MICHIGAN—COUNTY OF KENT. In the matter of the estate of Richard G. Stannard, deceased. Having been appointed commissioners to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands of all persons against said deceased we do hereby give notice that four months from the 15th day of October, A. D. 1912, were allowed by said court for creditors to present their claims to us for examination and adjustment, and that we will convene at the office of A. B. Cheney in Sparta, Michigan, on Monday, the 9th day of December, A. D. 1912, and on Monday the 17th day of February, A. D. 1913, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon of each of said days, for the purpose of examining and adjusting said claims. Dated, Nov. 1, A. D. 1912. SMITH & LEWIS, Commissioners. Nov. 8-12

Probate Order. STATE OF MICHIGAN—COUNTY OF KENT. At a session of said court held at the probate office in the City of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 8th day of November, A. D. 1912. Present, Hon. Clarke E. Hartzel, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Eliza Patten, deceased. Sarah Anderson having filed in said court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Shelly G. Field or to some other suitable person. It is ordered, That the 15th day of December, A. D. 1912, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition. That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order, for three consecutive weeks prior to said day of hearing, in the Sparta Sentinel-Leader, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county. CLARKE E. HARTZEL, Judge of Probate. A true copy, John Dalton, Probate Clerk, Nov. 15-12

Chancery Notice. STATE OF MICHIGAN—COUNTY OF KENT. In Chancery. Harry Workman, Defendant. At a session of said court held at the court house in the City of Grand Rapids, in said county, on the 15th day of October, A. D. 1912. Present, Hon. John S. McDonald, Circuit Judge. In 1910, certain proceedings were had on affidavits as to the whereabouts of the defendant in chancery, and his place of residence is unknown, and that the L. & L. evidence of said defendant, in chancery, as any knowledge of him at Grand Rapids, Michigan, on motion of Plaintiff, Harry Workman, complainant's solicitor, it is ordered, that the defendant be entered here, within five (5) months from the date of this order, and in case of his appearance, that he cause his answer to the bill of complaint to be filed, and a copy thereof to be served upon the complainant's solicitors within fifteen days after service on him of a copy of said bill and notice of this order; and in default thereof, said bill be taken as confessed by said defendant. It is further ordered, that within fifteen days the complainant cause a notice of this order to be published in the Sparta Sentinel-Leader, a newspaper printed and circulated in said county, and that said publication be continued therein once in each week for six weeks in succession, or that she cause a copy of this order to be personally served on said defendant at least twenty days before the time above prescribed for his appearance. JOHN S. McDONALD, Circuit Judge. Examined, countersigned and entered by me, D. M. Colleton, Deputy Register. Munshaw & Hooper, Complainant's Solicitors. Business address, 62-17 Monmouth Bldg., Grand Rapids, Mich. A true copy, D. M. Colleton, Deputy Register, Oct. 25-Dee 6

THE MARKETS

Chicago Cash Grain Quotations. Wheat—No. 2 red, \$1.03 1/2 @ 1.07 1/2; No. 2 red, 91c @ 1.02; No. 2 hard winter, 90 1/2 @ 92c; No. 3 hard winter, 89 @ 91c; No. 1 northern spring, 89 1/2 @ 91c; No. 2 northern spring, 86 @ 88c; No. 2 spring, 85 @ 86c. Corn—No. 2, 87 1/2 @ 88c; No. 2 white, 59 @ 59 1/2c; No. 2 yellow, 59c. Oats—No. 2 white, 34 1/2 @ 35c; No. 3 white, 31 @ 32 1/2c; standard, 33 @ 34c.

Chicago Live Stock. Hogs—Receipts 25,000. Quotations ranged at \$7.80 @ 7.90 heavy shipping, \$7.40 @ 7.50 light shipping, \$7.40 @ 7.50 heavy packing, and \$5.75 @ 5.80 good to choice pigs. Cattle—Receipts 7,500. Quotations ranged at \$10.25 @ 10.85 prime steers, \$5.50 @ 7.50 choice to prime fed beef cows, \$6.75 @ 7.40 selected feeders, \$4.75 @ 5.65 fair to good stockers, \$10.00 @ 10.50 good to choice veal calves. Sheep—Receipts 40,000. Quotations ranged at \$7.00 @ 7.15 choice to prime lambs, \$5.25 @ 5.75 good to choice yearlings, \$4.10 @ 4.35 good to choice wethers, \$3.40 @ 3.90 fair to good ewes.

East Buffalo Live Stock. Dunning & Stevens, Live Stock Commission Merchants, East Buffalo, N. Y., quote as follows: Cattle—Receipts 20 cars; market steady. Hogs—Receipts 40 cars; market lower; heavy, \$7.25 @ 8.00; Yorkers, \$7.65 @ 7.80; pigs, \$7.25 @ 7.90. Sheep—Receipts 25 cars; market steady; top lambs, \$7.15 @ 7.25; yearlings, \$5.00 @ 5.50; wethers, \$4.50 @ 4.75; ewes, \$2.75 @ 4.00. Calves, \$5.00 @ 10.50.

Local General Markets

Sparta, Nov. 14, 1912.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price. White Wheat, 60-lb test, \$1.04. Red Wheat, 60-lb test, 1.05. Rye, 60, .60. Buckwheat, .63. Hay, 10-00-12-00. Straw, 7-00. Old Corn, shelled, 60. Oats, 34. Pork, dressed, 9-10. Beef, dressed, 64-8. Chickens, live, 9. Veal, 9-10. Butter, 26-30. Eggs, 30. Beans, hand picked, 1-90. Potatoes, 30-35.