

## Texas and Mexico As Seen From Car Windows.

IN PASSING through El Paso, Tex., south through the Mexican republic, one is struck with amazement at the large flat mesas, or valleys, that stretch, as it were, from horizon to horizon, the mountains in either direction being so far distant as to be in many places indiscernible. In spots these areas are covered with a fair growth of grass, which has in late years been mowed for hay. Think of one man owning more than 5,000 square miles of as beautiful and good land as lies out of doors! He has it dotted with ranches, stocked with cattle, sheep, etc. Yet it is said that if he were to pay a direct land tax, which of course is not required here, he would go broke in paying one cent per acre in taxes. Such a condition is obviously not a healthy one. The Indians, the serfs of the country, receive about \$4 Mexican, \$2 United States money, per month. With this statement in mind, it is not necessary to say that their condition is wretched. Poverty, filth and ignorance go hand in hand, and this class of people present a most pitiable aspect.

The conditions here described, however, do not have the same effect upon the writer as upon most people, for in Turkey and the orient he had frequently met with similar surroundings. The wonder is that such things may be found so near the progressive United States.

### RECLAIMING ARID SOIL.

The great problem of reclaiming vast areas of Mexican soil is water. It is said that artesian wells may be secured almost anywhere, and such supplies are found in many places. In the state of Chihuahua there is room for an empire or two, and yet there are those who believe that the world is now too small to provide homes for its inhabitants.

Nearly all the trainmen, at least conductors and engineers, on the Mexican Central railway are Americans. All along the line Americans can be seen and the English language was heard spoken. A great many from the United States have crossed the border and have come south to engage in mining, smelting and other enterprises. Commercial pursuits are also largely engaged in by people from the outside, who buy raw material, convert the same into manufactured articles, which are sold to the Mexicans.

### CROPS VERY SCARCE.

Near the City of Mexico the land is better cultivated than elsewhere. Here the rainfall is heavier than in some places, and the climate is milder. Yet crops do not look to be very remunerative. Wheat fields are very scarce. Corn fields are more plentiful, but in some instances these were too poor to pay for harvesting. In the vicinity, however, tropical and semi-tropical fruits grow profusely, giving the land added values.

The Mexican trains carry a first class and a second class service. Thus a good opportunity to study the casts is afforded. The higher are more purely Spanish by descent. Only in rare cases do they show any appreciable trace of Indian blood. On the other hand, the lower classes, especially the peons, are strongly impregnated with Indian blood, showing it strongly in their features. In looking over their conditions, one is forced to ask himself the question, what benefits have the Indian derived by intermarrying with the Spaniard? Apparently very little, must be the answer. If it is, indeed a question, if both have not been the loser. If the Spaniard had anything better than did the Indian, he did not succeed in even retaining it. The Indians have lost their identity and have been reduced to the condition of serfs. Whatever strength is shown in either, is apparent only where the races have kept apart.

President Diaz commended the Mormon people in the Mexican colonies for not intermarrying with the Mexicans, saying that the Spaniards would have done better if they had kept themselves apart from the aborigines. He of course did not understand the Book of Mormon, which tells of the degradation following by intermarriage with the Lamanites, but he had observed that the same thing was wrong in other people mixing with that race.

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### DON'T BE HOPELESS

About yourself when you're crippled with rheumatism, or stiff joints, or course you've tried lots of things and they failed. Try Ballard's Snow Liniment—it will drive away all aches, pain and stiffness and leave you as well as you ever were. Sold by Z. C. M. I. Drug Store, 112 and 114 South Main Street.

### REVISING VULGAR BIBLE.

The Right Rev. Francis A. Gasquet, abbot president of the English Benedictine, who is engaged in the colossal work of revising the Vulgate Bible, is hampered by a lack of funds and he has obtained from the pope permission to accept a donation to complete the work. The donor will be rewarded by the placing of his name on the frontispiece of the revised Bible.

The abbot said that the amount of money required would be only a trifle for a millionaire, while the placing of a man's name on the front page of the new translation would be a monument that would last through the centuries.

### THE GROWLERS.

"This little man goes a-racing  
This little man likes to shoot,  
This little man goes a-golfing,  
This little man walks afoot.  
This little man goes a-fishing,  
This little man wants to drive,  
This little man wants to shoot,  
This little man would conive,  
This little man likes football;  
This little man rides a horse.  
This little man likes baseball,  
This little man loves to course,  
This little man goes to market,  
This little man wants to roam,  
But hang the weather altogether—  
It keeps everybody at home."  
—New York Press.

### THE CORRECT TIME

To stop a cough or cold is just as soon as it starts—there will be no danger of pneumonia, or inflammation of the lungs, if you take a few doses of Ballard's Horehound Syrup taken at the start will stop the cough. If it has been running on for some time the treatment will be longer, but the cure is sure. Sold by Z. C. M. I. Drug Store, 112 and 114 South Main Street.

### CALENDAR PADS.

For 1909.

We have a large stock of beautiful Calendar Pads for 1909, at 1c each and upward. Special discount to Teachers and others who buy in quantities for the manufacture of holiday gifts.

DESERET NEWS BOOK STORE,  
6 Main St.

### NOVELS SELDOM ATTAIN OLD TIME POPULARITY

It is now a rarer occurrence than it was a few years ago for a new novel to attain phenomenal figures of circulation. Few surpass an output of 100,000 copies; fewer still mount beyond 200,000; none probably nears the half-million mark, as did "David Copperfield." However, there is still plenty of evidence that both craft of romancer and trade of publisher are flourishing quite lucratively. The books of Mr. Robert Chambers, for example, have been enjoying huge sales, and Mr. Winston Churchill has been receiving royalties checks truly majestic, while Mr. Up-ton Sinclair also has as good reason to feel satisfied as his publishers. And a recent announcement has it that "The Trail of the Lonesome Pine," by John Fox, Jr., is launched with a first printing of 100,000 copies.

In view, therefore, of the satisfactory commercial state of current fiction in America, it is interesting—though possibly not cheering—to find that in France, where there is certainly no shortage of good writers, as compared to our own country, and where the population as a whole stands perhaps on a higher level of solid prosperity than that of any other country, the circulation of new novels has dwindled extraordinarily. In fact, according to La Revue (Paris), it is now scarcely a question whether a new novel is likely to sell in remunerative quantities, but whether it will sell at all. Of Zola's "Nana," 150,000 copies were bought in six months, but it has taken over a year to dispose of 50,000 copies of Bourget's latest romance, while that of Victor Marguerite has only reached the figures of 17,000. Neither do such excellent writers as Rene Bazin or Marcel Prevost remotely rival the "big sellers" of a quarter of a century ago. As to the smaller fry, their case seems hopeless, for "novels" don't sell any more; there you have the exact truth," bluntly declares this writer in the Revue.

And then he begins to tell us why: "Inundated and overwhelmed with extremely cheap newspapers and other periodicals, absorbed and monopolized by all kinds of sports, bicycling, automobile, lawn tennis, and so forth, the public cannot do all the reading that it is asked to, that is forced upon it. When you consider that a man has no time for reading the two to four serial stories which each of our great dailies serves up to its subscribers, dailies costing 5 centimes (1 cent), which all our magazines offer by the bushel at low prices—then why, with out some special motive or personal interest, should he pay out 3 francs (the traditional price of the paper-bound novel in France is 3 francs 50 centimes, that is, 70 cents) for a work of the same class and quality, which he would not find time to read either?"

# DO YOUR CHRISTMAS SHOPPING HERE AND SAVE MONEY

The Auerbach Store is adding to its popularity by continuing its SPECIAL SALES right along through the Xmas season. No big profits here just because it's Xmas time, but everything at Auerbach's Famously Low Prices, and that's why the crowds are flocking to this store as never before. READ THIS GRAND BARGAIN MENU FOR MONDAY. We have spared no pains to make this the greatest in our history. The results of our efforts will bring

## GREATER SAVINGS THAN EVER BEFORE

### Our Share in Xmas Giving.

In order that the joy in Xmas giving may be without a flaw, we are making it possible to give largely, by the exceptionally low prices we quote this week. Nearly every article on this page would make a desirable present.

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**J. Auerbach & Bro.**

ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD

### Order Xmas Presents by Mail

Your Mail Orders will be conscientiously filled, and if we are asked to make appropriate selections for you, we are sure that you will not be disappointed, if you give us a general idea of what you want.

**NEXT WEEK.**  
**DRESSED DOLLS, \$1 EACH**  
For neatly dressed large size jointed Doll with dark or light hair styles and quality you cannot duplicate for less than \$1.75 each, the sale price next week..... **\$1.00**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
**LADIES' WHITE APRONS**  
Best 40c Values at 29c  
Ladies' round white lawn Aprons, with hemstitched ruffle and pocket and a variety of other 40c styles on sale at..... **29c**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
**BACK COMBS**  
50c Grade at 25c  
Plain or fancy shell or amber combs in greatest variety of nobby styles, all our best 50c styles, on sale at..... **25**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
**ELASTIC BELTS**  
\$1 Values for 49c  
Ladies' fine pure silk elastic belts plain or studded, with fancy buckle in black or colors, good \$1.00 values on sale..... **49c**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
**LADIES' UNION SUITS**  
Best \$1 Grade for 69c  
Ladies' pure white fine ribbed extra good quality heavy fleeced Union Suits in all sizes, a very superior \$1.00 grade, on sale at..... **69c**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
**Fancy Metal Novelties**  
FOR BEAUTIFUL HOLIDAY GIFT PRICED EXCEPTIONALLY LOW.  
A magnificent variety, including Ink stands, Jewel cases, Candle Sticks, Smokers' sets, Writing table accessories, hat pin holders, etc.

## HANDKERCHIEFS

No one ever has too many; so they are sure to make a most acceptable Holiday Gift.

Our line of Handkerchiefs for Ladies and Children is unequalled, it's a most wonderful line in point of variety and value.

Here are a few specimens of our many exceptional Handkerchief offerings.

Initial Handkerchiefs, a fine, pure Linen quality, with Embroidered Initial and floral design, 6 in a box, for..... **\$1.00**  
Mexican Drawn Border Handkerchiefs in a great variety, very popular for fancy work, etc., 20 patterns to choose from, excellent 35c grades, for..... **19c**  
Ladies' Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, plain or cross barred with hemstitched or scalloped border, the greatest values ever offered at the popular price of, each..... **25c**  
Beautiful Lace Edged Handkerchiefs in a great variety of patterns, exceptional values at, each..... **50c**

Fancy Boxes, each containing 4 or 6 beautiful Handkerchiefs, extraordinary bargain values at, a box.....

**\$2.25, \$1.75, \$1.50, \$1.25 and 90c**

Princess Lace Hand Made Handkerchiefs, a great variety of beautiful styles; it's hard to make a better selection than one or a box of these for your lady friend. Special values at, each.....

**\$3.50, \$3.00, \$2.25, \$1.25 and 60c**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
The \$1.00 quality  
**Handkerchief Linen**  
On sale at, a yard..... **69c**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
The \$1.25 quality  
**Handkerchief Linen**  
On sale at, a yard..... **84c**

## HOLIDAY SPECIALS in SILKS and DRESS GOODS

The near approach of Xmas tells of the end of the Dressmaking Season, and consequently of broken prices and surprising bargains. We're bound to keep things humming. These specials may suggest Xmas gifts.

50 pieces of fancy SILK in stripes, checks and figures. These comprise the very latest and most stylish patterns. The \$1.25 quality..... **89c**

We have just received a beautiful assortment of black SILK MESSALINE and will offer the same at remarkably low prices. Special for Monday and week—

**At 65c, 75c, 85c, \$1.25 and the 36 inch at \$1.45**

### BROADCLOTH

54-inch all wool Chiffon Broadcloth. A very fine, soft, elegant finish Broadcloth, for Coats, Skirts and Suits in the new shades of Green, Smoke, Catapla, Taupe, Brown, Blue Grey, Tan, Red, Alice Blue, Black, etc. The \$2.25 quality. SPECIAL, a yard..... **\$1.78**

### Imported Dress Patterns

50 exclusive Dress Patterns in the newest weaves and most stylish colorings; values up to \$35.00 a pattern. CHRISTMAS SPECIAL—

**\$7.25 to \$17.50 a Pattern**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
The \$2.00 Quality  
**Handkerchief Linen**  
On sale at, a yard..... **\$1.60**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
**\$2.25**  
**Wool Waist Patterns**  
3-yard lengths, on sale at..... **\$1.29**

## Samples of FANCY LINENS

At ACTUAL IMPORT COST.  
FIVE IMPORTERS' SAMPLE LINES.

An Assortment Both Immense and Varied.

These LINENS come to us from five large Importers and are next season's sample lines. We bought them at about one-half their value, and they will go on sale next week priced to you on the same basis. Now, fresh and clean—the exquisite patterns, artist designs and dainty handwork are a real revelation. There are Linens from Ireland, Germany, Japan and France.

A rare buying opportunity and comes just at a most opportune time—enables gift-buying to be done at a great saving. Early purchasing is advisable.

## 300 Sample Couch Covers on Sale Next Week AT SACRIFICE PRICES

The Greatest Sale ever held in our Drapery Dept. begins Monday. 300 SAMPLE COUCH COVERS—the latest productions of the three largest Philadelphia Mills—WILL BE OFFERED AT PRICES WHICH BEAR LITTLE RELATION TO THE REAL VALUES. Coming just in time for Christmas selling, this sale is indeed opportune, and the hundreds of shoppers who will undoubtedly respond to this announcement WILL FIND THE GREATEST BARGAINS IN YEARS AWAITING THEM. The fact is that the values are of such unusual character that the entire lot should be gone with the day.

## Ladies' Hosiery Special Holiday Sale Values

Ladies' pure Silk Hose in fast black with double silk for Lisle Thread soles, heels and toes, all sizes, best \$2.50 quality..... **\$1.39**  
on sale at..... **\$1.39**  
Ladies' pure Silk Hose in black Embroidered in colors, very elegant for Christmas gifts, all sizes, superior \$2.50 values..... **\$1.69**  
on sale at..... **\$1.69**  
Ladies' fancy, embroidered or fine Lace Lisle Thread Hose, a great variety to choose from, all sizes, best 75c grade; make elegant holiday gifts, the sale price..... **50c**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
**\$3.00**  
**Wool Waist Patterns**  
The best bordered designs—three yards in each piece—on sale at..... **\$1.89**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
**\$5.50**  
**Quilted Satine Comforts**  
The largest size made—on sale at, each..... **\$3.60**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
The \$1.50  
**Handkerchief Linen**  
On sale at, a yard..... **98c**

**NEXT WEEK.**  
The \$1.75  
**Handkerchief Linen**  
On sale at, a yard..... **\$1.20**

## Holiday Furnishings for Men At Marvelous Price Concessions

Bright new stock of everything that men will need.

**NECKWEAR**  
\$1.50 Four-in-hand ties, extraordinary values, each in a neat holiday box a gift always thoroughly appreciated. Special, \$1.50 values, at only..... **\$1.15**

**JEWELRY**  
Stick pins and cuff links of the latest and most popular designs, set with all the unique and "faddy" stones of the day. Reduction of from 20 per cent to 50 per cent during the week.

**SHIRTS**  
\$1.25 Men's Dress Shirts, the newest broad stripe effect patterns. A gift most acceptable to any man. Learn the size of his neckband, we'll help you with the rest, \$1.25 values. Special at..... **98c**

**SUSPENDERS**  
\$3.00 fancy Silk Suspenders mounted with 18 karat gold-plated buckles and the best of leather ends. These are of the very finest quality made, \$3.00 values, special, at per pair, only..... **\$2.25**

**HOSIERY**  
\$2.00 Box of 6 pairs of Lisle Half-Hose in plain assorted colors or with embroideries. Special per box of six pairs, \$2.00 values at..... **\$1.39**

**PAJAMAS**  
Just right for men, at night, \$1.50 values, in outing flannel or any other material, all colors. Special per suit, only..... **\$1.15**

## Luxurious Furs for Xmas At Prices Lower than Ever Before

We have never had a finer assortment of a better selected stock of Furs than we are showing this season.

**\$7.00 Neck Furs \$4.23**

Rich, glossy, neck furs, of Coney and Brook Mink in a large variety of shapes, plain long throws, neat scarfs, with or without tails and heads. Regular \$7.00 values, next week, choose at..... **\$4.23**

**\$4.00 Neck Furs \$1.89**

Unquestionable furs for the neck of black and brown Coney, Gray Wolf, etc., some with heads and tails, others plain 40-inch throws and scarfs. Regular \$4.00 values, next week choose..... **\$1.89**

## UMBRELLAS

GREAT HOLIDAY SALE.

You can't make a mistake buying him or her one of these special Umbrellas, and you'll save considerable of your Holiday purse selecting it here next week.

**AT \$1.29 EACH.**  
Choice of Gloria strictly waterproof Umbrellas in Men's or Women's sizes, an enormous variety of handles to choose from, all made of Paragon frames and steel rods, these are splendid \$2.00 values..... **\$1.95**

**AT \$1.95 EACH.**  
Union Tatfeta Umbrella, a great variety in Men's and Ladies' styles, the best \$3.00 values in our sale next week..... **\$1.95**

**AT \$4.95 EACH.**  
Pure Silk Umbrellas, with the most beautiful variety of fancy or natural wood handles, qualities worth up to \$7.50 each, all go in this Holiday Sale..... **\$4.95**

## Unmatchable Values

## Christmas Slippers

## Most Complete Assortment

RIGHT FROM THE MAKERS, the largest and best collection of HOLIDAY SLIPPERS we have ever announced—and the greatest values in all Salt Lake. SLIPPERS for the whole family. Superb effects for women's evening wear, handsome, comfortable and cozy kinds for men, attractive SLIPPERS for boys and girls.

It's a Wonderful Collection.

**LADIES' FINE FELT HOUSE SLIPPERS** with leather soles and fur tops; comes in black or brown, at, pair..... **\$1.15**  
**LADIES' FINEST GRADE SLIPPERS**, style like above, comes in red, black and brown, at..... **\$1.45**

**LITTLE BOYS' LEATHER SLIPPERS**, with patent leather trimmings, sizes 11 to 12½, at..... **65c**

**MEN'S VELVET or LEATHER HOUSE SLIPPERS**, patent trimmed, all sizes, at, pair..... **85c**  
**MEN'S FANCY BROWN or BLACK HOUSE SLIPPERS**, our best grade, at, pair..... **\$1.45**  
**LADIES' CROCHET SLIPPERS** in blue, brown and red, at, pair..... **95c**

## Purses and Hand Bags

This week's price reductions make these the most wonderful bargain values Salt Lake has ever known. Make your selections early.

**METAL PURSES**, a variety of pretty styles, solid metal or chain purses, made of gorman silver, will not tarnish or rub off on the hand or glove, splendid \$1.00 values on sale at..... **49c**

**Ladies Shopping Bags**, or Purses with strap, come in seal or fancy leather, also a variety of genuine Alligator Purses, all excellent \$1.75 values on sale..... **\$1.00**

**Genuine Seal Shopping Bags**, and a variety of fancy bags, the season's prettiest styles and best dependable qualities, all our regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 bags on sale next week at..... **\$3.95**

**Beautiful Chain Silver Plated Purses** with strong frame very elegant extraordinary sale value at each..... **\$6.00, \$3.50, \$2.50, \$2.00 and \$1.00**

## Holiday Waists at Bargain Prices.

No more Extraordinary Waists Bargains have been offered this season than these, and if you are intending to purchase a fine Waist no better opportunity will present itself.

**\$5 and \$6 Silk and Net Waists \$3.95**  
Included are some very handsome fine quality taffeta silk Waists, strictly tailored, Gibson effect, with pocket and long sleeves. Regular \$5.00 and \$6.00 values. Regular next week, choose at..... **\$3.95**

**\$7.50 and \$8.50 Silk & Net Waists \$5.60**  
Exquisite creations of the dressmaker's art, in net taffeta, and messaline, some plain tailored effects, others neatly trimmed, all the new shades long sleeves. Regular \$7.50 and \$8.50 values. Regular next week choose at..... **\$5.60**