

the hard cyncism of man of sol. "School" he echoed. "Say, mister, you must be a green hand. Why, lads in antracite doesn't go to no school; they work in the breaker." As he trudged off along the railroad track with the heavy sack of coal on his lit-tle stooping shoulders he looked back at me quizzlcally, as though he wondered what strange manner of man this might be, who could suppose for a min-uts that a child born under the coal dust cloud could ever receive the light of an education. child spoke the simple truth.

has chud spoke the simple truth. Bers do not go to school in Anthra-dia They work in the breakers, and the intellectual and physical stunting of hildhood is the saddest part of life the miss at the mines.

The coal that is brought up in cars from the base of the shaft is in large lumps, just as it has been blasted or have out of the vein. From the cars it is dumped into crushing machines. which grind it into the various sized haps in which it is sold to the consumt. These machines are in the cupola at the top of the breaker, and from Ws process the breaker takes its name. The broken coal fails into enormous re-Tolving sieves on the floor below the cusher. From the sieve it passes Through chutes that wind throughout as building to the ground floor, when is loaded on freight cars. Mixed with the coal is more or less slate, rock, and wirt, and to pick this out of the unceasing river of coal is the work of the hore and ald coal is the work of the boys and old men employed in the

Fastened to the edges of the chutes are little seats, where the workers sit from morning till night, forever picking over the black stream that flows past them. An ordinary breaker employs from 400 to 600 boys and men. Over

every gang of 50 is a foreman. The interior of the breaker is as theerless as its outside. Nothing is painted, but over everything is a heavy coating of coal dust. The sieves make such dense and continuous clouds of dust that it is somtimes difficult to see within the breaker. Strung along the wall are a few steam pipes that connect with the mine engines. These are sup-posed to heat the building in winter. But as all the stoam is needed in the mine, very little is ever allowed to permate through the breaker. Miners say that the temperature of the breaker is always the same as outdoors. The company insists that on file in its

office it has an affidavit sworn before a astice of the peace, for every boy who weives from 40 to 80 cents for ten the state of the breaker. The affida-OVer. "there is no such hing as child labor in the mines." In ane, though not in fact, every breaker by is of the legal age prescribed by the law of the state of Pennsylvania is work in the mine. That means that almost every anot every breaker boy's father must have committed perjury in order to blocks sons in a life employment that with out all hope of an education, not only from below by from books, but also from contact the the refinements or amenities of vilized life: that so limits his field of Monuality that he is of necessity conto a life that shrivels his intel-

bet begrimes his soul and note of him a brute. Men like Mitchell, who champion the merits miners, cause on general principles, whom always going into the merits of the case, assign the miner's small lay as the only reason which induces a to deprive his offspring of an edu-tion and the rights of every child in under the American flag, but my stration of American flag, but my ation. on under stration of miners and their phil-sophy of life has led me to believe the onpany, is directly responsible for the al and moral stunting of the min-bild. I believe that the condition er's child. the children of Anthracite would be litte haproved if the present strike were to end in victory for the miner and the increase of his wages.

Poor as the miner is, the two or three dollars a week that his child can earn in the mine do not make enough difference in the family income to com-pensate for the family income to compensate for the lack of education and tianity which offer to the child his only here of ever escaping from the prise of a miner's life. To a very large

New Fall plaids, particularly suitable for children's dresses, and waists, Conference 28c 75 pieces all wool colored silk fin- ished Henriettas, crepe finished colored Albatros, Batiste, and a superb quality of 40-inch pure wool Cheviot-all the leading colors and plack, all 75c yard values, 50c 52-inch fine all wool satin finish Venetian mixtures, a splendid suiting or for separate skirts, regu- lar \$1.25 value, Conference 90c 44-inch fine French Voiles, 15 new Fall colorings, one of the most fash- ionable sheer costume fabrics for the Fall and Winter, imported to retail at \$1.50 per yard. \$1.00 Conference Silk Specials. 500 yards of fancy waist and	10-4 cotton sheet blankets, extra heavy fleeced and worth 75c Sic per pair, only	line and Knickerbocker-all every one up-to-date styles, blouse or Norfolk jacket a flare or box pleat skir value and undoubtedly t thing of the season, for only
trimming silks very desirable, new colorings and latest styles, regular- ly sold 75c and \$1.00 per yard, Conference Special 43c Colored Taffetas. 50 pieces brand new colored Taf- fetas containing all the latest shades and colors now in use, this is the best quality for the price to	1214c grade fleeced flannelettes in all designs and colorings, including Persian, fancies, stripes. 843C etc., per yard	These celebrated fine quilts, Marseilles patterns, fu- ble bed size, worth \$1.50. Special
be had anywhere, Con- ference special, per yard 75C Moire Velours In black and white, one of the most stylish silk fabrics in use this Fall for waists and trimmings, regularly sold for \$1.25 per yard, Conference Special 75C	Curtain Swiss. 20c grade fine curtain Swisses in 20 different patterns full 12½C Umbrellas. Ladies' 26-inch fine twilled um- brellas, beautiful assortment of pearl and heavy silver plat-\$1.50 ed handles, only	Sheeting Remnants. Remnants of extra grade cotton sheeting in lengths fr 10 yards. The quality that 7c per yard. Special remna price, per yard Table Linen. 52-inch unbleached table I in 3 different patterns, for,
Black Talfetas. Liberty satin, in black, white, and leading colors, Satin Duchess in black and colors, all pure silk, regularly sold for \$1.00 per yard, Conference Special 65C	Ladies' Neckwear. White silk automobile ties with fancy colored embroidered furn over collar, only	per yard Irish Damask. 66-inch bleached all linen Damask, 95c grade, special, p yard
Boy's Underwear. Boys' heavy flat weave fleeced back comes in a motiled 50C	Silk Dress Skirls. Peau de Soie silk dress skirts, Intest trimmings and \$9.85	Turkey Red Damask. Genuine Scotch Turkey re zarine Dye Table Dama inches wide. Special, per yard
Misses' Fine Mool Ribbed Underwear. Fine soft mixed wool vests and pants, mished seams, come in white and 65c and 75c	Ladies' Capes. A few more of those ladies' black Kersey cloth capes left-27-inches long-jet, braid, or fur \$2.00 trimmed, \$4.00 value	Bleached Napkins. 20-inch figured dinner n worth \$1.25. Special, per dozen
white and 65c and 75c Stocking Caps. Bables' and children's fine wool stocking caps, all colors, 35c	Ladies' Beaver Cloth Cape. Another style just arrived-made of black Beaver-36-inches long- Marten fur collar-entire cape tai- lor stitched-beauty, \$8.50 for	Fringed Napkins. Turkey red napkins, br size, fluer-de-lis designs, per dozen
Women's Wool Underwear. Odd lots drawers, fine ribbed wool come in white and natural, also heavy natural color wool, flat weave vests and drawers, actually worth \$1.50 and \$1.75, special 99C	Ladies' Dress Suit. Venetian cloth, black and navy- satin band trimmed, a very stylish and serviceable garment for only	Roller Toweling. 18-inch wide, loom dice per yard
Swiss Ribbed wool Vests and Drawers. Come in white and natural, regu- har finished seams, the vests have a cut tage in the peck and slik fin-	Ladies' Walking or Runabout Suit. Pebble Cheviot-two styles-blouse or Norfolk-navy and black-kilt or flare skirt,	Pure all linen crash roller eling, 12½c grade, at, per yard Linen Huck Towels. All linen fancy colored an white borders, worth 22½c, special only
Children's Fleeced Underwear. Children's heavy ribbed fleeced vests and pants, come in white and natural color, also boy's 25c	Walking Skirts. Ladies' walking skirts-endless variety-exclusive shapes, plaited, kilted, and inlaid or slotted seams- made in all the latest novelty weaves-Cheviot, Kersey, Knicker- bocker, and Scotch Tweed at 18.00, \$7.50, \$6.95, \$5.00 and	Fur Scarf. Electric Seal, 8 talls River Mink Scarf. 6 large size talls
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Child's Cloak.	dium size 75c	finish, color fast and stainless-fine guage, high spliced heel, 121c
Boucle cloth, red, navy and green satin band \$3.00 Eiderdown Robe, Satin bound, red or gray, full	Chrocheted Wool Fascinators. A small lot of colored facinators in a suitable size for head wear, same always sold at 35c, to close out for	Punjab Percales. Highest grade percales made- come in all colors, stripes and fig- ures-Special Conference 12 fc
length, girdle to match, \$3.75 special	A Corset Bargain. A drab corset made in the decided straight front, full blas gored and perfect fitting, regular \$1.25 corset, made a special of 89c	Outing Remnants. Special Mill ends in dark outings- lengths 2 to 10 yards, worth 10c per yard. Remnant price, 64c
Silk Waists. Peau de Sole and Taffeta, black and all colors, an immense variety, beautiful and attractive styles, some sold as high as \$11.00. Special	Hat Pins. Fancy jeweled hat pins worth 10c each, special price	Outing Flannels. Extra grade fine outing flannel's in stripes, plaids checks, etc., com e in all colors-special Con- ference price
Dressing Sacques & Kimonas. Eiderdown sacque, crochet edge, and outing flannel kimonas, trim- med with plain color to match, 65c two bargains, choice for	Collar Button Sets, Sets of 4 rolled plate collar but- tons, worth 25c, special Con- ference price7c	Persian Waistings. An exquisite assortment of these popular fine flannel waistings worth 90c per yard. Conference price, per yard
Percale Wrappers. Percale wrappers, variety	Taffeta Ribbons. Four-Inch neck and sash ribbons in all colors, fine soft finish, 21c	French Flannels. All the newest colorings in a fine quality of French waisting flannels.
Flannelette Wrappers, Braid and ruffle	Soft Finish Satin Ribbons. 5-Inch fine soft finish satin Taf- feta ribbons, all colors, worth 45c, special, per yard	Striped Waistings. All colors are to be found in this beautiful collection of new striped
All colors, some elaborately lace and braid trimmed. We have a complete line ranging in price from \$15.00 down \$4.50	Ladies' Knee Length Skirts. A knee length skirt made of out- ing flannel with a deep flounce, eith- er tucked or scalloped at bottom,	waistings at the special 25c price of, per yard
Dress Skirts. Black Cheviot Serge, flare, slot- ted seams, and black and colored Venetian cloth, satin band trim- med, t-aduated flounce, \$5.00	Ladies' Outing Flannel Skirts. A ladies' short skirt made of the best quality of outing flannel, also in	white flannels, 65c grade, special price per yard 50c Domet Flannels. Soft fleece, cream domet flannels -27-inch wide, special 5c
\$1.00 Kid Gloves We have just received several special lots of kid gloves from a leading manufacturer, new, perfect,	plain colored datsy flannel, well made and nicely finished with a scalloped edge, regular 850 65c Ladies' Knit Skirt.	Canton Flannel. 26-inch soft fleece canton flannel, special, per 5c
them to be the best gloves ever of- fered at this price, every desirable color for dress, street, and evening wear, price for this \$1.00 sale.	A ladies' knee length knit skirt in plain colors with a pretty striped border of different colors, a good value at 85c, now only	Twilled Cantons. Long soft fleece and twilled back Canton flannels, 32-Inches wide, 10c
Handkerchiefs. Fine lawn bandkerchiefs laun- dered, some with dainty embroi- dered scalloped edges, others with	Gray Blankets. 10-4 grey sheet blankets, actual values 75c	Women's Black Cashmere Hose Women's fine black cashmere hose -high spliced heel and double 331c sole, ribbed top, per pair
fancy lace corners, actually worth 15c and 20c, will be sold at the special price $8\frac{1}{3}c$	Silkaline Covered comforts, size 72x 78, made of superior processed cot- ton, light, artistic, fluffy, \$1.50 regular \$1.95 value for	Children's Wool School Hose. Misses and Boys' ribbed wool school hose, high spliced heel and double sole, sizes from 5 to 10, will
Good quality talcum powder in metal shaker top, per box	Table Covers. 6-4 Tapestry table covers, many different patterns to choose from, value, \$1.50 and \$1.00 \$1.75	be sold at this special 20c Nottingham Lace Curtains.
A Corset Special. A ladies' corset, made in different colors, full boned and comes in ten different styles, including the new habit hip, cur to a special price 50c this week only	Wool Blankets. All wool grey California blankets, size 58x81 inches, weight \$3.00	Fifty pairs of Nottingham lace curtains, white and ecru, 3 yards long, regular value \$1.25, 95C per pair
MAIL ORDERS FILLED.	Ladies' Outing Flannel Gowns. A gown made of good outing flan- nel, and substantially made, also in full length and good width, comes in assorted colors, 50C	Fancy striped and 98c French Flannel Waist, Velvet trimmed, all \$1.50

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