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IN THE DANISH WEST INDIES.

Affairs of Today on the Islands-Chances for the Investment of American Capital.

Special Correspondence.

landing at this port is the cab system. The vehicles are not of the showy order and the horses might be valuable as specimens of anatomy; but the price is in keeping with the outfit. Ten cents a mile is the regular tariff-and nowhere else are miles so short as in the we-measuremnt of these St. Thomas Jehus. Up hill and down date you are rattled, regardless of bumps and bruises, at the utmost speed the halfstarved animals can make under the starved animals can make under the incentive of crutel lashings. Whenever, we find ourselves compelled to patron-ize this mode of locomotion, we hire the drivers, at double tariff, to put by the whip and then, of course, the miles are shorter than ever. Most tourists prefer to travel about the country on the little island ponies, which scamper over the mointains surefooted as goats. The hot, moist atmosphere is not con-ducive to pedestrianism, and the most lucive to pedestrianism, and the most nveterate walkers, who have climbed invertate walk ramped over half the world on foot, here grow lazy as the laziest and are willing to ride in any

fashion. Though the islands themselves are beautiful beyond compare, their princi-pal city, Charlotte Amalia, has no at-tractions to boast of. The walls and roots of its insignificant houses are mostly a haphazard jumble of sheet zino, boards and shingles. In some of the narrowest streets the low-cell-inged habitations have overhanging balconies that almost touch those on the opposite side—thus forming tunnel-like alleyways, through which perspir-like alleyways, through which perspir-ing black crowds push and surge, each individual unit apparently trying to make the most noise. Ladies of color sit in these balconies all day long, gos-siping with friends across the way, of-Though the Islands themselves are in in these balconies an day long, gos-iping with friends across the way, of-en exchanging neighboriy courtesies by tossing things over, or even leaning but of the windows to hand their bables cross, The windows are generally ithout glass, being closed at night with linds of solid wood, if closed at all Both doors and windows stand wide open all day long, affording free views domestic operations and scantily implehed interiors. Another peculiar-y of West India houses is the absence chimneys. Of course no fires are needed for heating purposes in this re-gion of eternal summer. The kitchens are detached from the better houses, and "all out-doors" serves the purpose among the lowly, whose cooking is done over a little pile of sticks in the open, lay pot containing a handful of narcoal

As for "sights" the round of them is on made. There is a big, new hospital, which looks as clean as if freshly rubbed and sand-papered every day and a quarantine lazeretto on Muhlen-feldt point, around the curve of the hay-from whose hospitalities may the good Lord deliver us. There are sev-eral well-kept squares, each a little pen garden, beautifully kept; a thea-er, public library, reading room, half dozen churches, including a Roman atholic cathedral and a Jewish synagogue, a college supported by the Dan-ish government, and a fine Moravian school. About two-thirds of the population are Catholic and the rest. - English Episcopalians, Lutherans, Reformed Dutch and Morapopulation vians-have a church for each sect. rous carts, each pulled by a string of from four to eight ponies. rumble through the crowded streets to and from the wharves, to the peril of lives and limbs. The drivers, shouting with all the power of their practiced lungs, have reins to the wheelers, and a boy runs alongside on the right, ulding the leaders with a single ropeine-a survival of the postillion, but lismounted. Cows are rare in the islands, the milk of goats being generally used. Early in the morning the milk vendors go their rounds, driving the goats from house to house. A customer selects the most "likely"-looking goat goals fre and has it milked in his doorwaymeantime a group of mischievous chil.

I dren tease the herd. By this primitive Special Correspondence. Charlotte Amalia, St. Thomas Island, Feb. 6.—One of your first surprises on Feb. 6.—One of your first surprises on that may event, since water is scarcer than milk in St. Thomas. Even wather for drinking purposes has often to be brought from some other island, es-pecially near the close of the dry sea-son; and you may be sure that among hol pallol, very little of it is squan-dered in bathing or the washing of clothes. clothes.

dered in bathing or the washing of clothes. Among the sights of Charlotte Ama-lia is reckoned "Bluebeard's Cave"--a deep, dark hollow running back under the cliffs that environ the harbor--in which, it is said, the notorious buc-caneer buried much of his treasure. It is doubtful, however, if any of the pi-rates who frequented these parts in the seventeenth century ever saw the cav-ern. At any rate, no treasure has been found in it, through 200 yars of diligent search, aided by the divining rods of negrees. But odd lots of the freeboot-ers' hidings have come to light in other places, from time to time. Many a cop-per pot and fron chest, filed with gold-en doubloons has been unearthed in the neighborhood of ancient landmarks, and scores of lazy negroes have been runned for life by the finding of Span-ish "pleces of eight," such as every schoolboy has read about in "The Pi-rate's Own Book," and Clark Rus eil's sea storkes. By the way, the island of Aves-the very last stronghold of those seafaring folk of predatory propensities, where Rev. Charles Kingsley wrote his pathette "Lay of the Last Buccaneer," is some distance farther down, near the South American coast. It takes the stranger considerable time to get used to the overwheiming

the South American coast. It takes the stranger considerable time to get used to the overwheiming majority of black faces in St. Thom-as-a pure white one being rarely seen on the streets during the heat of the day. You observe, too, that there ap-pears to be a great many more women than men, and that the former make the most noise and appear to do most of the work. Many of the young mu-lattresses are really beautiful, with better work and a natural grace that would well become North American young ladies of fairest complexions. One does not wonder that their black er great-grandmothers, captivated the rough buccaneers, or that intermarriages between the races are still com mon. Today hardly 15 per cent of the population of these islands are white, and the "color line" is very lax, if drawn at all. Some of the blacks are of a superior class, not only by reason of a prependerance of white blood in their veins, but because they have al ways enjoyed the same rights and priv ileges as the whites. The descendant of the slaves are another class alto gether, as different as the Chi nese coole is from the man darin. Even these are improving with every generation, education being com-

pulsory under Danish rule, the chil-dren of white and black going to school together. There is also no distinction of color in the churches, or in business circles. Danes and English-men recognize a man for his worth, wealth and schucetion and percendence. wealth and education, and never dream of excluding a neighbor from the same of excluding a heighbor from the same social, business or religious privileges they themselves enjoy on account of difference in color. In the colonial council of St. Croix are two black men, and they fill their places with credit to themselves and to the satisfaction of their associates. Not a clergyman on the islands objects to performing the marriage ceremony between black men and white women. There is a property clause in the franchise, restricting votannual income exceeding five hundred dollars. At present this gives St. Thomas island less than two hundred voters. Denmark's standing army in her western possessions consists of 250 men. They are volunteers recurited from the veteran corps in the home country and sent to the islands for a term of six years. They have guard and barrack duties to perform, but those who have trades may work at them when not on duty-therefore the Danish army in the West Indies looks more like shoemakers, bricklayers, etc, than soldlers. When their term of service is over they receive free transportation home, or if they desire to remain, are given positions on the police force,

As to the business possibilities of

these islands, under proper develop-

ment, they are practically unlimited. Last year the imports of St. Thomas

alone amounted to nearly \$750,000; and those of St. Croix, the much larger but

less populous island, about \$450,000. They consist mainly of food-stuffs and

manufactures most of which ought to be produced on the spot. The exports

have long been a miscellaneous and shabby lot, hardly worth mentioning.

Those from St. Thomas, amounting to about \$25,000 per annum, go to the neighboring islands. St. Croix sends \$275,000 dollars worth, or thereabouts,

of sugar and other tropical products, chiefly to the United States. Little St.

John ("Jan" in Danish)-containing

only twenty-one square miles and a

population of one thousand-devotes itself to the raising of cattle, to sup-

ply passing vessels with fresh meat. The whole island is grazing land and all the inhabitants are black, except

half a dozen government officials. There is a Danish judge, who fills sev-eral other important offices, such as

master, customs officer and head of

master, customs oncer and head or the truant school, a sort of reform institution situated on the tiny island. His police department consists of two members, besides himself. St. John is only twelve miles off the eastern

of St. Thomas-a pleasant half hour's sail. Profitable stock farms might be

established here with small invest-ments; and the possibilities of fishing

and of canning establishments are great. The water about all these isl-

ands is fairly swarming with the best fish in the world, and is so clear that

the bottom, far below, may be seen at any point. At present almost no fishing is done around St. John, al-

most no gardens or farms are culti-vated, and the beautiful harbor of

Coral Bay-one of the best protected

natural harbors in the West Indies, is

very little used. Indeed, the world at large has hardly heard of it, though it is second only to that of Charlotte

Great Luck of an Editor.

"For two years all efforts to cure Ec

zema in the palms of my hands failed," writes Editor H. N. Lester, of Syracuse,

FANNIE B. WARD.

Amelia.

post-

chief of police, harbormaster,

WALKER'S STORE.

New Foulard Silks of Real Elegance and Style, \$1.00 a Yard.

Think of it! Now, at Eastertide, When You Should Pay \$1.25 to \$1.75 for them.

Tuesday, March 24th, to Saturday.

T'S a Walker Storeism. No such Price did you expect to pay for the most beautiful Foulards makers have brought out this Season, nor did we expect to give them to you so, right at the moment of Spring's opening, when you most want them-in time even for making into the Easter gown. But look to the Walker Store always to bring you the

best surprises the country can give if conditions make it at all possible. Our buyers must be, are ever wakeful and watchful of your interests-therein lies the store's prosperity; progress. This news for Easter week :

THOUSANDS OF YARDS, CLOSE A HUNDRED PIECES

mind you-of choicest Foulard silks; very different is the choosing than if from a limited style lot or small gathering. American made; European made; and strange must be the wish that cannot be gratified in such broad variety. Every new pattern design. Every color. Ideal for waist or gown. A phenomenal sale of Foulard silks, Tuesday to Saturday. \$1.25, \$1.40, \$1.50 and \$1.75 a yard kinds at-ONE DOLLAR.

No approvals given, no samples, no exchanges.

Women's \$18.75 to \$25.00 Suits-\$14.75.

New, and without reason for a reduction except that every day calls come for medium price dresses and we have none to give because our maker has been unable to send an order placed long ago. And so to meet the emer-gency, about twenty-five of these higher cost have part of price taken off:

Made of cheviot, serge and Panama cloth, in black, dark blue, green and tan. The skirts are lined with percaline, the jackets, which are stylishly cut, in single, double breasted and tight fitting effects, with taffeta silk of a good quality. All are more or less prettly trimmed or stifehed. Marked down for Monday and the week from \$18.75, \$22.50 and \$25.00 to \$14.75.

Gloves, Fresh from Grenoble, France. Belated, but in time yet to make complete the Easter accessories to new gown and hat. The kidskin is exquisitely soft and pliable, as must be with the fresh .

a perfect mold-like fit to the hand. Shades are beautiful: stitchings pretty. \$1.50 and \$2.00.

Exquisite Easter

Neckwear For

Women.

Can we tell you of each dainty one? No. Not even every oth-er or third particular beauty, so those left unfold you may depend

are lovely beyond the telling. Silk twice-arounds, white and all delicate shades have dainty French knots scattered along the

turn over part and ends or pret-ty embroidery; others are effect-ively hemstitched, briar stitched, feather bone stitched, tucked or

have fanciful finishing touches

of some kind to make them alry

and pretty. New kinds of soft silk stocks are shown, also, in

chilffon and lawn with short ends,

bow knots or tie ends properly

decorated: wash ties in piques and lawns of every shape known,

trimmed, of course; Persian scarfs, neck ruffles, etc., etc.

Womens' Chate-

laine and Shop-

ping Bags.

A group of real seal leather

A group of real seal beatter chatelaine bags, well made, and originally priced at \$1.25 up to \$2.25 each, for a quick clearance on Monday. Tuesday and Wednesday, a choice-67c. Large size shopping bags made of cloth and leather, the 30c kind for-18c; the 45c for-27c.

Fairy Lamps.

Glit and white metal candle sticks that were formerly 250 each, Monday, Tuesday and

Fairy lamps, green, yellow, red,

Candle Sticks,

Wednesday-22c

Prices are not high on any.

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Women's New Kid

"Chastanfiel"

OUR NEW CLOTHING FOR MEN.



Paris fashions. First-Class workman-ship and perfect fit guaranteed at very reasonable prices

Suits Complete at - \$35.00 up. Making Suits - \$20.00 up. Making Separate Skirts, \$5.00 up

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BEING comparatively astranger and little aquainted here, and desiring only to meet the people and introduce my work. Will for a limited time put in one or two fill-ings at about the cost of materials used, for anyone coming to my office, viz:

Sliver Filling, worth \$1.00 to \$1.50, 25c. Gold Filling, worth \$2.00, 50c.

These fillings are not made by a hired as-sistant, but by myself. The materials used are the best that can be bought. I am not running a dental parlor or advertising office, and never expect to. I make this offer only to aid me in becoming established.



\$15.00 Black Moire Separate Skirts-\$11.75 And these, too, are new. Women's black moire skirts, with deep flounce,

a drop skirt lining of fine percaline that has an accordian plaited ruffle of taffeta silk. Handsome skirts and serviceable. Worth every penny of the regular price, \$15.00. Monday and the week-\$11.75.

Women's fine black cheviot skirts in the new serpentine style, with full . flare bottom, unlined, handsomely trimmed with more silk or braid-\$12.50. ւ Հութերերի հեղելերի կերերի անդերին երի հերերի չերի ներերի հերերին հերերին հերերին հերերին հերերին հերերին հեր Դութերին հերերին հերերին

New Petticoats.

Undermuslins.

Children's Under-

waists.

A line of women's petticoats

that deserve particular mention

this week. Made of mercerized

black sateen, and well made, with

two ruffles that have six rows of

fancy stitching, seams are all

strapped. Priced only \$1.25;

others more elaborate with three

graduated flounces finished with

Dainty corset covers of cam-

bric, made with full fronts-the

desired style of now, prettily

trimmed in valenciennes or linen

lace insertion and edge, ribbon

lacing, at the wee price of-50c.

Women's cambric drawers with

deep lawn ruffles, lace edge and

insertion or fine embroidery--50c.

Children's cambric Ferris waists, shirred fronts, taped but-

tons, eyelets for hose supporters. Infants' sizes to 12 years. 25c, 50c and 65c.

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Perfumes, Talcum

Powder, Brushes.

Vera-Violet, Greek Lliac and Royal Mingot-three very choice

odors that sell always at \$1.60 an ounce, Monday Tuesday and

Wednesday reduced to-67c. Tetlow's Taika-Pura talcum powder, put up in wooden boxes and priced 15c each, three days-

Solid wood back brushes with

Good wire hair brushes, instead

long handles, 35c regular for-22c.

tiny ruffles-\$2.00.

Indian Baskets a Fourth off Regular Price.

Much time and care were spent on the gathering of choicest Alaskan Indian baskets to be found for the holiday selling No easy matter, as you time. know, because the tribe famed for making them is almost extinct. The stock is yet very complete. Odd shapes in unique color combinations and all sizes -hand baskets, work baskets, spool baskets, waste paper baskets, etc. Monday and the week-

The \$27.50 baskets-\$20.63. The \$20.00 baskets-\$15.00. The \$10.00 baskets-\$7.50. The \$8.00 baskets-\$6.00. The \$5.00 baskets-\$3.75. The \$2.00 baskets-\$1.50.

Small Japanese baskets, kinds generally used for making tiny Easter nests, 4c, 5c and 12c each. A new lot of choice Spachtel and Roman cut work; tea cloths and scarfs, 65c, 75c and 85c. Cen-ter pieces, 35c. Doylies, 15c to each.

Dainty Swiss dresser scarfs, ruffled borders and three mats to match, just twelve left from sale group, while they last--35c.

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tors, Towel Rings, Darning Balls.

Children's kid stocking protectors with adjustable elastic straps, for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday reduced from 25c a pair to-18c.

Large wooden towel rings, white, pink, blue and dark col--ors, 15c each regular-three days Black wood darning balls, 5c

each kind, two for 5c.

Drug Dept. WHY MAN SHAVES.

writer thinks it may have been those tactics that made it necessary for his ancestors to shave both their faces and their heads, considering how flow-ing beards and long hair must have caught in every bush and bramble as the unshaven hunter crawled along the An English ethnologist has published an article in which he touches on the origin of the custom of shaving. His is that the origin of shaving is theory is that the origin of shaving is to be found in the very primitive cus-tom of painting the body. In more barbarous times this odd vanity was everywhere marked, and it may be sup-posed that no painted tribes like their skin decoration to be hidden from view by a vali of bais. Again all while ground. The theory is quite in line with the historic fact that Alexander the Great put an end to beards in the Macedonian by a veil of hair. Again, all primitive shaving tools, like razors of obsidian, preceded any instrument which could preceded any instrument which could trim the hair neatly, and thus the pre-historic hunter artist whose beard came to a point, and whose sporting tactics are so well shown in his draw-ings, knew not the beginning of the barber's craft. The present English

on other such instruments used in times more primitive.--Montreal Star. writer thinks it may have been those

Spread Like Wildfire.

of 15c each-9c.

When things are "the best" they become "the best selling." Abraham Hare, a leading druggist of Believille, writes: "Electric Bitters are the best selling bitters I have handled in 20 years." You know why? Most disput an end to beards in the Macedonian army because they were pulled in bat-tle. The first prehistoric man who joined two metal razors together introduced the art of clipping the beard to a point. Many bronze razors have been exhumed in France, and are at least as old ss those Sicilian ones with which Scipio Africanus set the fashion of shaving in Rome, but they were modeled probably eases begin in disorders of the stomach,

been invited as the guest of honor.

Walker Brothen Dry Goods Co

Beside him was a loquacious widow, with hair of raven black, who rudely interrupted the conversation by asking the warrior why it was that his beard

SPRING FASHIONS NOW HERE.

It's for you to say when you want a spring suit. We now have the fin-It's for you to say when you want a spring suit. We now have the in-est gathering to show you ever brought to the country. "Chesterfield," of course, we keep nothing else, in stylish cloths, attractive new patterns in the light, dark and medium colors of the spring season. The making is superb, indeed it is a conceded fact, among dealers who know, that "Ches-terfield" ready-made clothing for men is the nearest approach to first class tailor-made now on the market. Newly arrived-men's camel hair light wool shirts and drawers, a partie-ularly desirable weight for early spring, well made, seams finished with silk tape, a rare value at \$1.09. its of

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tape, a rare value at \$1.09. Fresh lot of men's madras shirts in the latest color effects of black, blue and red. \$1.50. New lines of kid gloves for street and dress, the best makes known. \$1.50

The "Meteor"-Our \$3.50 Shoes for Men.

A well shod man is he who wears the "Meteor." Made for us. The leather chosen by us. The making commanded by us. Another such shoe for the price does not come to this part of the country. And they are not here without a there is a none of the country. for the price does not come to this part of the country. And they are not here without a thorough testing. A years' selling right from our store has brought information and convincing proof of their excellency. The name withheld until now-the "Meteor." In box calf, patent calf, velour calf, cor-ona patent kid and vici ktd. All shapes, lasts, widths and sizes. \$3,50,

"Doris"-\$3.50 Shoes for Women.

Hundreds of pairs of as handsome boots as ever left a shoe shop. Every toe style, every shape last, every good leather. All sizes and widths. \$3,50.

Monday and Tuesday Specials in Curtains, Shades, Draperies.

15c denims in figured reds, greens, blue and brown, 34 Inches wide-10c

doors, many colors, differen styles. \$2,00, \$2.25 and \$2.50 reg ular; two days-one priced at \$1.75.

ham lace curtain sold regularly at \$1.25 and \$1.35 a pair for two days, Monday and Tuesday, at

> colors only, light and medlum yellow and light sage, that can be made into any size up to 36 inches wide and 7 feet long with "Hartshorn" rollers for 45c.

pink and other shades, three days, the 20c kinds for-15c; the 25 and 35c each-18c. greatly in making selection. Get prices, too, on the kinds we keep. deleteristeringenendendendenderenderendendendendendendendendendendenderendendendendendendendenderenderenderende

Spring's approach leads to consideration of change in un-dergarments. A better stock of every weight from very light to heaviest wanted in fine Swiss-like wools or cotions we have never had to show you. The fol-lowing is a brief price list only. Let us show you the quality su-Rope portieres for single different

Choose from all our Notting-

Window shade material, three

Ask for our small color book of window shades. It will help

periority. Women's balbriggan union suits, white or ecru, long sleeves, ankle length, \$2.00. Soft cotton union suits, low neck and sleeveless at 35c; with long sleeves, high neck, 75c.

high neck, 75c. Women's vests and drawers, long sleeves, high neck with knee length drawers to match-25c, 50c and 75c each. Children's balbriggan shirts,

pantelettes and drawers, sizes 18 to 26-25c each; 28 to 34-35c each. Boys' balbriggan union suits,

Spring Needs in

Knit Garments

and Hosiery.

let us show you the quality su-

long sleeves, ankle length-60c. Women's fancy stockings, pretty vertical stripes or round in black and white effects-75c.

Women's black cotton and balbriggan hose, with split foot, 35c, Boys' bicycle hose, triple knees, heavy ribbed, very elastic, 25c

heavy ribbed, very elastic, 25c and 30c a pair. Children's fine ribbed black catton hose, fine guage; elastic-

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The Carpets made by this Company have received the highest award wherever exhibited, including Gold Medals at the Paris Exposition, 1878, and at the Centennial, 1876.

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pets. These Goods can be obtained from all first-class dealers. BIGBLOW CARPET COMPANY. NEW YORK.

CHARGE OF HEAVY BRIGADE. A distinguished cavalry leader was once at a dinner party to which he had