

## SOME POSTOFFICE ODDITIES

A little item which appeared, hidden away in a mass of other Washington news, a day or two ago, unimportant in itself, gave an interesting glimpse of the ramifications of the most gigantic of modern public utilities, the United States postoffice department. The item was the announcement of the establishment of the newest postoffice in the country—in Alaska—and the appropriation of \$25,000 for the annual salary of the letter carrier who covers the route from Dawson.

The new service is at present a monthly one and the letter carrier provides his own sledge and dogs. Large as his salary is, it appears that he earns it all, for already the man has been carried away by avalanches, made a prisoner by snowdrifts, fallen down mountain precipices, and had other adventures exciting if not pleasant. Just how big an institution the postoffice is, probably few people realize. Even figures convey no very clear impression since they begin to mount up into the hundred millions. Still, a few

figures of the postoffice are not without their interest. To begin with, there are over 77,000 postoffices in operation throughout the country and about 470,000,000 miles of mail service performed. This is on the authority of a pamphlet just issued entitled "Postal Statistics of the United States," which the third assistant postmaster general has prepared. From the same source it is learned that during the single year of 1901 there were 4,323,213,096 stamps used by the people of the United States, 772,339,000 stamped envelopes and 659,614,500 postal cards. The number of pieces of matter of all kinds mailed during the year was 7,424,390,325. There were 26,314,809 registered letters, and the amount issued in money orders was \$274,546,067. Parenthetically it may be interesting to mention that, according to Brad-

street's, two-thirds of all the letters which pass through the postoffices of the world are written and sent to people who speak English. Of this two-thirds considerably more than half pass through the postoffices of the United States. Every now and then people who are accustomed to receive much correspondence find themselves surprised by the accuracy with which officials of the postal service have succeeded in tracing out through successions of changed addresses, many of them altogether inadequate if not absolutely erroneous, the proper owners of the letters and delivering them at their destination in safety. This is accomplished through a system which, in its way, is as perfectly organized and as efficient as the best equipped detective or police bureau in the world.

At the general postoffice in every large city is kept a special directory in which all the names which appear in the regular city directory, and thousands of others, are kept. Between each of the printed leaves of this directory are bound four blank pages. These pages are for the inscription of changed addresses. A person who changes his address so informs either his carrier or the postoffice and the change is noted in the directory. If mail comes improperly addressed or without an address excepting the person's name, reference is made to the directory. If the name is not found the five names most like it are written upon the envelope with their addresses appended and these five addresses are tried. Of the letters which thus "go through the directory," the owners of about half are found.

A recent test of the safety of the postal clerks was made by a man in Detroit. He pasted on one side of a silver dollar a bit of paper on which he wrote his daughter's address. On the other side he put a one-cent stamp, sending the dollar at merchandise rates. The experiment was the result of a dispute with a foreigner who doubted the safety of the United States mails and warned the American that that was the last he would hear of his money. Two days later the patriotic Detroiters received a letter from his daughter acknowledging the receipt of the coin. The engraving of the plates which are used in the production of the 5,000,000,000 of postage stamps annually used by American letter writers is a delicate operation. No fewer than a dozen different engravers, each an expert in his particular line, contribute to a design for a stamp that is not one inch square. One supplies the vignette, a second cuts the delicate scroll work, a third furnishes the artistic lettering, and so on.

The original plate, bearing a stamp design, although baked until it is almost as hard as a diamond, is never employed in the actual printing. It is much too precious for that, since, were it destroyed, it would in all probability be impossible to engrave a new plate that would be an exact duplicate in every delicate detail. Accordingly the original plate constitutes a steel die, with which impressions are made on soft steel, and these latter, termed rollers, are used, after hardening, for the actual printing.—New York Times.

To the Public We Take Pleasure in Announcing the

# OPENING WEEK IN OUR NEW ANNEX STORE!

NEXT MONDAY, OCTOBER 20th.

ABOUT twelve months ago the Remodeled Auerbach Store opened its doors to the public, and under the present management it progressed as no other store ever did in one year. Business has gone ahead with tremendous energy. Many departments soon found themselves cramped for space. Expansion was the only solution of the problem, and this idea was speedily carried into effect. For the last three months carpenters and artisans of all kinds have been working with might and main, enlarging and improving this store. 7,200 feet of floor space have been added for the display and sale of Cloaks, and Suits, and throughout the store many departments have been improved. They'll be Monday in newer and larger quarters and all better able than ever to meet the demands of their hosts of friends. And next week every department, new and old, extends to you a cordial invitation to visit us, and bids you "Welcome." Your presence is earnestly requested every day and to show you our appreciation of your patronage we shall offer special low prices on the biggest and choicest collection of new, chic Autumn Fashions ever exhibited by us. It's an unusual opportunity for purchasers.

Trade Winning

## Flannel Specials.

The grades that Cool Days and Nights demand.  
The Fabrics that Common Sense insists upon.  
The Designs that Good Dressers look for.  
The Prices that Economy likes to meet.

1,500 yards New Outing, 27 inches wide, in a great assortment of new patterns, light colorings, suitable for night gowns, an excellent quality, on sale this week per yard..... **7½c**

10 Pieces, Full Bleached or pure white Domet Night Gown Flannel, fleeced on both sides, never sold for less than 12½c, this week, per yard.... **10c**

34 inch wide, Tennis Flannels, patterns and colorings, suitable for Nightgowns, nonshrinkable and fast colors, value 45c, on sale at per yard..... **27½c**

Genuine silk striped Scotch Flannels, all the craze for shirtwaists and Dressing Sacques, warranted to wash and nonshrinkable. Good value at 50c, on sale here per yard..... **37½c**

Yard wide, Rochester fine mixed skirting Flannel, non-shrinkable, in grey or brown, well worth 50c, special for this week per yard..... **35c**

Hemstitched or Scalloped silk embroidered White Flannel, yard wide, two of the best 75c sellers, special for this week, per yard..... **58c**

### EXCLUSIVE NOVELTY WAISTINGS!

We pride ourselves on having the choicest selection of these goods in the city and believe it will be generally admitted that our prices are sufficiently lower to make shopping in this department absolutely irresistible.

## OUR Gents' Furnishing Department In their New Quarters

A FEW SPECIAL ITEMS THAT INTEREST YOU FOR THIS WEEK ONLY.

MEN'S AND BOYS' LINEN COLLARS. Our special brand of collars, 4-ply Linen in the latest shapes, all sizes. SPECIAL THIS WEEK EACH..... **10c**

MEN'S NECKWEAR, in a variety of patterns and designs, the latest shapes, shield bows, four-in-hands and Imperials. SPECIAL THIS WEEK EACH..... **25c**

MEN'S WOOL HOSE. Seamless, in gray or tan, the regular 20c value. SPECIAL THIS WEEK PER PAIR..... **12½c**

BOYS' SWEATERS, in Red and Black striped Blue and Black and Orange and Black. All sizes. SPECIAL THIS WEEK EACH..... **50c**

BOYS' FLEECE LINED UNDERWEAR. Derby ribbed, in the natural gray, extra good values. All sizes. SPECIAL THIS WEEK GARMENT..... **25c**

BOYS' SUITS, a large assortment of the newest fall styles in chevrons and Cassimeres in two and three piece suits, large variety to choose from. SPECIAL THIS WEEK A SUIT..... **\$2.50**

## Butterick Patterns

and Fashion Publications  
For November  
Are NOW READY.

# T. Auerbach & Bro.

ONE PRICE TO ALL.

NEVER UNDERSOLD.

## Our Cloak and Suit Department IN THEIR New Quarters.



New in every particular; New Fixtures, New Furniture, New Carpets, New Cases. New fitting rooms, new work rooms for alterations, all on one floor, giving this important section which makes or mars the pleasure of your visits, an inviting and comfortable appearance, which coupled with our efforts to please, will make it your Oasis at all times.

### THE NEWEST OF THE NEW.

**SUITS.** Over three hundred received within the last few days. The latest Productions. Over one hundred single suits, (one of a kind), ranging in prices from..... **\$15.00 to \$35.00.**

**Special Suit Offer.** 25 All-Wool Venetian Blouse Suits in brown and black. Trimmed on Jacket and Skirt with Satin folds. Value \$17.50. Special..... **\$10.95**

**Silk Dress Skirts Special.** 10 Fine Taffetta Skirts beautifully trimmed, made over drop. Value \$17.50. Special..... **\$10.95**

**The New Coats.** Our cramped position during the alterations did not admit of showing any quantity of new arrivals. They are here now. Hundreds of new styles in "Monte Carlos" and Coronation Coats ranging in prices from..... **\$17.50 to \$65.00**

**Special Jacket Offer.** 50 only. Dark Oxford, Irish Freize, 27 inch semi-fitting Jackets, elegantly tailored. Never sold for less than \$7.50 in the regular way. Special..... **\$3.99**

**Shirt Waists Special.** Heavy Fleece Lined Flannelette Waists in all shades, nicely made and finished. Regular price 75c. Special..... **49c**

## Women's & Children's Winter Underwear IN NEW QUARTERS.

THESE SPECIAL PRICES WILL APPEAL TO THOSE WHO KNOWING QUALITY, APPRECIATE THE GRAND OPPORTUNITY THESE PRICES GIVE THEM.

Children's extra well finished, heavy fleeced fine natural gray vests and pants in size 16 to 34, size 16 should be 20c, a special drawing card in our new underwear section. **10c**

2½c rise each size.  
Women's Silk and Lisle Thread Vests and Pants, the best Harvard made in good heavy weight, all sizes should be \$1.50 each, this week, at..... **\$1.12½**

Women's White Medium Heavy Fleece Vest and Pants, well finished, size 3 to 6, the best 35c grade ever offered on sale this week in the new underwear section. **25c**

Women's splendid quality, natural gray, Jersey ribbed, ½ wool ½ cotton non-shrinkable vest and pants, the 75c quality, on sale this week, at..... **50c**

## Muslin Underwear in New Quarters.

TRADE BRINGING BARGAINS TO MAKE THE FIRST WEEK IN OUR NEW QUARTERS A ROUSING SUCCESS.

WOMEN'S GOWN, with tucked yoke, reinforced back and cambric ruffle on neck and sleeves, all sizes, the 50c grade at..... **35c**

WOMEN'S MUSLIN SKIRT, with deep embroidery ruffle full width in all lengths—should be \$1.35 each—Special price attraction in our new quarters at..... **75c**

WOMEN'S KNITTED SKIRTS in light or dark colors, with silk mixed fancy border, splendid 75c grades. Special in our new underwear section, at..... **59c**

WOMEN'S GOWN of extra quality, neatly striped cutting flannel in all sizes, made with reinforced yoke and trimmed in herringbone braid, a splendid \$1.00 grade at..... **69c**

## Infants' Wear in New Quarters.

OUR NEW GREATLY ENLARGED SECTION, OFFERS SPECIAL PRICE ATTRACTIONS FOR THE wee baby, IT IS FILLED WITH COMPLETE STOCKS OF DAINTY APPAREL, A WIDE ASSORTMENT OF EVERYTHING FROM THE SIMPLEST TO THE MOST ELABORATE CREATIONS.

Infants' Cambric Slips, well finished with ruffle on neck and sleeves. Instead of the regular \$1.00 price, at..... **12c**

Infants' Knitted Jackets, very pretty styles, in all cream or with pink or blue borders, these are regular \$1.00 sellers, but will form one of the special attractions in our new department, at..... **59c**

Infants' Wrapper, made of finest Daisy Cloth, to button across the bottom, just the thing for these cold nights and mornings, its something new, see them, the regular price would be \$1.00, offered in our new quarters at..... **69c**

Extraordinary values this week in infants' long and short dresses, our prices are positively matchless.

## News About Blankets

Every drop in temperature brings another rush for good warm blankets. The selling during the past two weeks has been something phenomenal. Those who have not bought yet will be mightily interested in the special values we offer for this week.

11-4 size gray, tan or white double fleeced cotton Blankets, very smooth and soft for winter sheets, extra heavy, value \$1.75. To crowd our blanket department, special per pair..... **\$1.20**

One case of 45, 11-4 white wool Blankets, taped edges and extra weight, with just a little cotton mixture to prevent shrinking. To crowd our blanket department, special per pair..... **\$3.90**

11-4 size medicated scarlet Blankets, made from pure long lambs' wool, steam shrunk, and fast medicated dye. Regular \$7.50 grade. Special for this week, per pair..... **\$5.40**

THE EVER ACTIVE

## Linen, Domestic and Drapery Depts.

Have another splendid list of specials for this week. Comments will be unnecessary—the prices speak in their own behalf, and we believe the frugal housewives of Salt Lake will avail themselves liberally of these special offerings—

50 dozen of 20c hemstitched Pillow Cases, size 43x36; good standard muslin. While they last, this week..... **12c**

100 dozen Towels, among them extra heavy Turkish bath towels, cream tint and full fringed, size 22 x50, and hemmed linen huck towels, size 20x40, equal to the best 25c quality ever shown. Special for this week..... **17½c**

Point d'Esprit effect white Nottingham Lace Curtains—3½ yards long and 60 inches wide, finished with button hole stitched edges, excellent value at \$3.50, go this week for, per pair..... **\$2.20**



## Children's Dresses in New Quarters.

New, stylish and properly made Dresses, at prices that are distinct features.

Misses Dress of fancy weave suit, neatly trimmed in plain material to match, made in the latest fashions, and lined throughout, sizes 6 to 14 years. Regular \$2.50 dress. Special for this week at..... **\$1.69**

Misses' nobby Sailor Suits of extra quality fine all wool serge in navy blue and cardinal, handsomely trimmed in soutache and fancy braid, sizes 6 to 14 years. Special trade value per at..... **\$3.95**

## Hosiery for Women and Children.

IN THE WELL LIGHTED NEW HOSIERY SECTION AT PRICES THAT FIT YOUR OWN IDEAS OF GREAT WORTH AND LITTLE COST.

Women's fine Oxford gray, all wool, seamless hose, in all sizes, the best 25c quality to be sold this week in our new hosiery section, at..... **25c**

Women's Extra Fine Black Cashmere Hosiery with double sole, heel and toe, this is the regular 75c grade, just to make the new section doubly attractive they'll go this week at..... **50c**

Children's fine ribbed black hose heavy grade, all sizes the best 50c quality, special price offering for this week, at..... **39c**

Children's extra heavy fast black fleeced ribbed cotton hose, in all sizes, the best 25c grade. You can buy them this week, special at, per pair..... **19c**

## In Our New Notion Section

Good spring hooks and eyes in black or white, 2 doz. on a card at, a card..... **1c**

Stockinet Dress Shields in two sizes, the 15c grade at..... **7c**

25c grade Dressing Combs in white celluloid or black rubber at..... **15c**

Large variety of stock collars and ties in all colors, the 35c kind on sale at..... **19c**

## Special Attractions for this Week.

Good 10c grade Tooth Brushes for this week at..... **5c**

Good Hose Supporters, all sizes, the 15c sellers for this week at..... **7c**

Mohair Soutache Braid, all colors and black, 24-yard piece sells regularly at 25c a piece, this week..... **15c**

Stewart's Standard Safety Pins, best 1c grade, for this week, 2 papers for..... **5c**

Large variety of Celluloid Shell-back and side combs, the 50c styles on sale at..... **19c**

## Newest Fall and Winter Black and Colored Dress Goods!

At Extravagantly Low Prices.

The Opportunities in this Department will be many and good this week. To the pleasure of paying little price is added the assurance of finding largest Varieties, patterns and Grades in Harmony with the taste and Economical Idea of every woman in this city. The following Specials are for this week only.

**BLACK CAMEL'S HAIR AND ZIBELINES.**—The proper cloth for street wear, both gowns and separate skirts. The long-haired satin finished goods to be made without lining. A grand assortment, prices ranging from (per yard)—

**\$1.25 to \$2.50**

**FOR TAILOR MADE SUITS.**—We are showing a large range of Imported Brondeloths, Venetians, Chevots, Novelty Chevots, Herringbone Stripes and checks, Priestley's and Lapin's weaves, which means the perfection in Dress Goods. Prices ranging from (per yard)—

**75c to \$3.50**

Colored Granites, Pin Dot Tweeds Zibelines and Chevots, 24 to 40 inches wide, all fine wool, the new colorings and designs for fall wear, former price 55c, this week, per yard—

**60c**

Broadcloths, 52 inches wide, nothing more suitable for tailor made gowns and skirts, all the new colorings, including, black, regular value \$1.50, Monday and all week per yard—

**\$1.25**

50 Exclusive Pattern Gowns, all the new colorings and effects, including Zibelines, Camel's Hair, Homespun, Basket Cloth, the product of the famous mills of the world. Remember these Gowns are exclusive and only to be found at Auerbach's. Prices ranging from, (per pattern)—

**\$15.00 to \$25.00**

## Stylish Footwear and Honest Values

GREET YOU AT ALL TIMES IN OUR

## Shoe Dept.

WE WARRANT ALL OUR SHOES, AND POSITIVELY MAKE GOOD ANY NOT GIVING SATISFACTORY WEAR.

## Three Extra Specials for one week only.

**CHILD'S FINE KID SHOES.** Lace or Button, worth fully 80c, sizes 5½ to 8. OUR SPECIAL PRICE..... **68 cts**

**LADIES' KID STRAP SLIPPERS.** Buckle and Bow in slipper that is worth \$1.50 all sizes. OUR SPECIAL PRICE..... **98 cts**

**LADIES' DONGOLA KID SHOES.** Lace only. All sizes, sold elsewhere at \$2.00. OUR SPECIAL PRICE..... **\$1.48**

It Pays to Buy Shoes and Rubbers of Us.