

LIGHTS AND SHADOWS OF A CITY

AS SEEN BY A SALT LAKE WOMAN

THE decline of the little shops in our town, like the old walls traced by heaps of lime and stone, is gradually becoming known by that musty collection of shelves held together by cobwebs, ancient craps and bygone wares, bottles, boxes, cans, and candles, that meets our gaze on the most unexpected corners and streets; that appeals to our sense of humor, and at the same time our sympathy, as we note its weak struggle to still hold its own under the dimmed title of "store."

There are not many of these tiny wrecks of pioneer prosperity in our midst, today. Just a few of them, scattered and far between, from Jordan river to the eastern foothills, from the bench on the north to the suburb on the south. They seem to tell us of the once energetic young merchant who was never satisfied until he had a little more, but who now has gone into retirement with his tiny shop, satisfied that he has every day a little less; passing the end of his day in the enjoyment of what he has not; getting his musty little nook cleared of all that once held his earthly interests and made life possible and worth while; putting it by order by leaving it empty, as though in preparation for that journey into another world where he may not take his goods and chatties, yet must render up the accounts of his honest, or dishonest, dealing with mankind.

One of these little holes in the wall stands side by side with St. Mark's

cathedral on First South street, and has flourished and decayed, though not yet fallen from time immemorial. It is not much larger than a fair-sized dry goods box, and seems to be still doing business with a few scrappy old things in the way of wares and household staples. It is managed by an old Scotchman who seems happy and contented with dull times and small trade. Occasionally a person is seen squeezing himself through that narrow doorway, but whether it is buy or barter, exchange or chatter, is a question. It has been noted, however, that at regular intervals, a little girl goes trotting along to that tiny shop with an empty oil can; whether there is ever sufficient to fill it is also a question.

On the west side a few days ago some grimy street children chasing pell-mell, helter-skelter, with pennies tightly clutched, gave warning of a penny shop somewhere in the neighborhood, and in a moment, sure enough, it materialized—a counter and a few shelves, between two pretty, modern homes, down near the suburb, off County road way, a single window in a little house, is lined off with packages of tree tea, cocoa, and soda, a few bottles of patent medicine, and two longish boxes of time-hardened gumdrops, and lolly-pop slate pencils. And this is a store.

A little boy was sent to "store," one afternoon, for beans, etc. No doubt, "et cetera" meant anything on hand; at least, that is what he returned with. Please Mr. Buckle, ma wants a quarter's worth of beans."

"What kind of beans, my boy?"
"Just beans, white beans."
"But I haven't any beans, now. I do the last 5 cents' worth yesterday. Will you do, think you?"
"I don't know."
"I guess rice 'll do, my lad; once before your mother took rice when I didn't have barley, so I know rice 'll do again; let me see I think I have 15 cents' worth left. Now, what next?"

"Some crackers."
"Crackers? I haven't seen a cracker in years; your mother knows that; she must have meant something else; let me think. I'll send a loaf of bread; I've allus bread."

"Small can baking powder."
"No; no baking powder, but here's sody and tell her to use that with a bit o' cream o' tartar. Any change left, my boy? Let me see; yes. Then I'll send cream o' tartar, too, in case she's out; that's what she expected I guess, if I was out o' baking powder."

This good woman always indulges the old store keeper, because of his now childish ways, and because of what he was once in that neighborhood—a thriving corner grocer. A few months, nay, perhaps days, and the shelves will be empty, the old keeper gone where they do not keep store, and the tiny shop "blighted from life's page."

There has been a decided dearth in fruit jars the past week, all over the city, and the thrifty housewife making hay while the sun shines, or better bottling fruit while the fruit lasts, has been in despair with her fruit spilling on her hands. A little old man in a little old penny shop was heard to call to his wife in the rear room on Tuesday afternoon:

"Business is flourishing, today, mother."

And the little old lady with more speed than was her wont, hobbled along with her cane, to learn more about the joyful news.

"What's gone, now, William? I hope it's some of that Sarsaparilla; we've more of that on hand than anything."

"Guess, again, mother."

"Then it must be fruit jars," as she

glanced at the show window.

"Yes, that's all!"
"The good Lord be praised; seems to me them fruit jars has stood on that back shelf, every winter, and in that window, every summer since I remember anything. How did it happen?"

Was called to Mrs. Larsen's "phone."

"Phone? What an earth?"
"Just wait a bit, mother, till I get through, will you? A lady was passing on the car this morning, and saw them in the window; she took note of our name but couldn't find it in the book, so she called the Larsons, next door, and asked them to call me in. Great piece of luck, I take it."

"How many, William—not all of 'em?"
"Can't you see for yourself? There were only nine. She wanted a dozen."

"And if only Wiskers hadn't knocked the other three down and smashed 'em, when he was after nice this spring—just our luck."

"Good luck, mother; aren't you satisfied? What's the use of crying over spilt milk?"

"Broken glass, William, you mean."

"We've not enough money to buy more, and ain't I telling you there be none in the town? Besides, they'd only remain on the shelves after we're gone."

"If guess you are right, William, and the less we have to leave, the better, with not a chick nor a child to leave anything to. We'll be meeting 'em over there, instead." I only wish the hull town would be took for Sarsaparilla, now."

"Or Pond's Extract or lemon drops—"

"Or pearl stud buttons; and that is getting close to the end of our stores, pretty much."

"Cent a lady's pink fascinator, and a Jersey, and a pair of baby shoes, and some shoe strings, and pins, and little things like that."

"Well, William, we can always be sure of bread and butter and tea, for ourselves, as the neighbors gives us a pretty regular call for them."

"Aye, and bacon, and a bit o' tobacco; so we're not so bad off, and the fruit

jars was just like finding a bit o' money."

And the old people fell to counting their mercies.

"Time is hastening on, and we What our fathers are shall be."

What our fathers are is all right and good, and we love them for all that they are, but let us hope we shall not be what our fathers are so far as the penny shop is concerned, for it is certainly a dingy little blot on our streets and corners; and may the rising young grocer appreciate this fact, and keep his now neat, flourishing branch house, wherever it may be, from dwindling to that little heap we long to say goodbye to.

I fear by the rush of color, The droop and the fluttering sigh, That Jack has kissed my Virginia, Blighting my hopes, thereby.

And she clings with a shy abandon, Nor dreams I mourn her as lost— My pretty Virginia Creeper, Won by that villain Jack Frost."

LADY BABBIE.

The Crime of the Nude.

The savage wild beast and venomous serpents confined in dens and cages in Central park cannot harm helpless women and children who through the park, says Anthony Comstock in Leslie's Weekly. If some ally person turns them loose to mangle, to bite, and destroy helpless children, it is justifiable to kill them. The man who does it does not interfere with the pets of the museum. The act is fully justified in order to save life. So the indecent conception of a debauched imagination, transferred to canvas may be tolerated in the art gallery, but not permitted to prowl at large, endangering the morals of persons open to such degrading influences. When artists and poets combine to force their degrading products upon the public at large, in violation of the wholesome principles which safeguard society, they must use other weapons than sneers, ridicule, and libels. Art and poetry are not above morals. They are not privileged to destroy the character, befoul the morals, or swear the conscience of any boy or girl. I cheerfully take my stand between the advocates of the nude in art and the beloved children of this country, sneers, ridicule, and derision to the contrary notwithstanding.

Centennial of Notable Discovery

Beginning on Sept. 23, and ending six days later, Colorado Springs will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of Capt. Zebulon M. Pike's exploration of the region from Kansas and Colorado down to New Mexico, says Leslie's Weekly. Lewis and Clark, in 1804, started from St. Louis to take a look at the Louisiana purchase on its northern end. With the same town as a headquarters, Pike set out in 1806 to see what that locality's southwest border contained.

Pike was the discoverer in 1806 of the peak in the Rockies which bears his name. He was commander of the American troops which captured Toronto from the British in the war of 1812, and was killed at the moment of victory. But Pike was handier with the sword than he was with the pen. He was a soldier and not an agriculturist. He gave the present Kansas, Colorado, and surrounding region the bad name which registered itself on the subsequent maps of the United States for half a century as the "Great American Desert." Pike's "desert," which stretched nearly to the Pacific, contains today many millions of as prosperous and happy people as are found in the country.

A still more marked distinction belongs to Pike. His report of the conditions in New Mexico and part of old Mexico, then Spanish territory, started the series of events which placed the great southwest on the map of the United States. It incited Austin to get permission from Ferdinand VII of Spain to plant an American colony in Texas. That colony, long afterward, broke away from Mexico, established its independence, and in 1845 got annexed to the United States. The Texas boundary dispute started the war in 1846 between the United States and Mexico, which, through conquest and

purchase, placed in our hands the present New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Nevada and California, and part of Colorado and Wyoming, and pushed our boundary to the Pacific.

Pike's exploration of 1806 had decided, by important consequences for the United States, and its centennial deserves the notable observance which it is to receive.

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MILTON ROBLEE, Proprietor.

THE INDOMITABLE BARGAINS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT WEEK'S SELLING WILL SAVE THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS TO THE GREAT BUYING PUBLIC OF UTAH

Conference Visitors Welcome!

The coming week there will be a great many strangers in town, and we wish every one to consider this a personal invitation to visit our store and see the new styles. "The Store that Serves you best."

BARGAIN GIVING is the feature of this establishment and has, in a great measure been responsible for its unprecedented growth. We offer special values continually, but, our preparations for this week are of a magnitude hitherto unapproached by us. The Bargain offerings throughout the Store would fill a number of pages such as these, want you to be here to see them---want you to see and to buy --- hence savings that will make it well worth your while.

Notice to Strangers

The Auerbach Store is the great shopping store of Salt Lake. For 42 years it has been called the Reliable Store of Salt Lake, always busy, always crowded. F. Auerbach & Bros' motto is: "Lower prices than elsewhere for the same quality of goods."

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INFANTS' CASHMERE HOSE, in fast black or white, all sizes, a splendid 25c quality, on sale at 17c

CHILDREN'S FLEECE COTTON HOSE, in fast black, all sizes, a grade you'd never expect to buy for less than 15c a pair, on sale at 10c

85c
Table Linen. Next week 62c a yard.

Its 2 yards wide, regular 85c quality. Every bit linen, and comes in any number of the newest patterns, 10 pieces of them, and when they are gone there will be no more, at 62c a yard.

\$2.00
Couch Covers. Next week 98c each.

They are in the Oriental Stripe design, fringed on all sides—3 yds long and 50 inches wide—We doubt if you can find them at \$2.00 elsewhere, here next week at 98c each.

30c
Bath Towels. Next week 19c each.

50 Dozen in the Lot—made of Soft Finished double twisted yarns with fast selvages—21 inches wide and 48 inches in length; its the greatest value in towels ever offered, at 19c each.

\$2.50
Comforters. Next week \$1.69 each.

Hand Tufted Comforters filled with fine white carded cotton, covered with figured siloline, plain Linings, large size, soft and fluffy, none better at \$2.50, next week at \$1.69 each.

\$4.00
White Bed Spreads. Next week \$2.85 each.

Cut Cornered, Fringed White Marseilles Bed Spreads, Satin Finished, in Real Marseilles weaves and patterns, measure 81x90 inches, elegant \$4.00 spreads, next week, \$2.85 each.

\$3.50
Lace Curtains. Next week \$1.98 a pair.

This means a saving opportunity of which home furnishers will be apt to avail themselves. It's one of the handsomest white Cable Net Curtains, suitable for any room, 3 1/2 yds. in length and 50 inches wide—Hard to match at \$3.50, next week at \$1.98 a pair.

\$8.00
Wool Blankets. Next week \$6.30 a pair.

Oregon Mills Gray and Mottled Blankets, steam shrunk, warm and serviceable, 13-4 and 14-4 sizes, its an unequalled Blanket Bargain that will delight shrewd buyers; they go at \$6.30 a pair.

Gaze at These Dress Goods Prices

Fruits of recent great special purchases which we unhesitatingly affirm to be the most remarkable money saving opportunity in FINE DRESS FABRICS, enjoyed by Salt Lake women.

50 Pieces of Wool Dress Goods at 25c Yd. Consisting of plaids, tweeds, homespun, etc., all this season's styles, a full variety of all the best colors in weights suitable for skirts, suits or school wear. Worth 35 and 40 cents a yard. 25c

New Mohair Brilliantines. 26 inch Silk Finish Mohair Brilliantine in navy blue, national blue, brown, green, garnet, cream and black, worth 40c a yard, 29c

25 Pieces Plain and Fancy Wool Dress Goods at 53c Yard Consisting of shadow checks, plaids, stripes and plain grounds, in all the staple and most stylish colors. Worth 65c to 85c a yard. 53c

Fine Imported Suiting Plaids. An Endless variety of new styles in the most stylish combinations and colors, also in indefinite and shadow effects at \$1-25, \$1-35, and \$1-60 a yard.

Fine Chiffon Broad Cloth 52 inch all wool fine soft light weight quality, in a complete range of all the newest colors and black. Worth regularly \$2.25. \$1.95

Decided Shoe Savings

That will be welcomed by everybody, who wants protection against winter weather, WELL FIT YOUR FEET, and we'll do it for less money than any shoe store in this city. Here are money savers for next week.

MISSES' GOOD KANG-CALF or Kid LACE SHOES, with extension soles and put. tip, a genuine wear resister, sizes 11 1/2 to 2, sold everywhere at \$1.50. Our special price next week is \$1.50

BOYS' FULL STOCK CALF SKIN SCHOOL SHOES, with heavy double soles, quilted with brass nails; this shoe is a perfect fitter, and has the wearing qualities of iron, sizes 2 1/2 to 5 1/2. Our price, \$2.25

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WE HAVE THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF LADIES' \$2.50 and \$3.00 SHOES, in heavy or light soles, that was ever shown in Salt Lake.

MEN'S, LADIES' AND CHILDREN'S HOUSE SLIPPERS are now in, with all the newest styles and shades, at prices that are unmatchable.

THE CLOAK DEPARTMENT

Claims first attention this week! The most Seasonable and Reasonable Fashions in Ladies Tailor-Made Suits.



You expect to find here a profusion of the newest styles. And you will be surprised and delighted with the way we are surpassing even the best expectations. The styles are smart, the variety bewildering. IMPORTANT PRICE ADVANTAGES, TOO, as these few items will abundantly prove.

At \$10.00 NEW TAILOR-MADE SUITS

Or Medium weight fancy gray mixtures, coat lined throughout with Italian cloth; full gored skirt to match, it's the season's greatest suit value at \$10.00

At \$12.50 HANDSOME TAILOR-MADE SUITS

27 inch coat in the Military Style, made of all wool English Serge, in all the new shades, satin lined and velvet collar; a \$17.50 value, on sale Monday and week at \$12.50

At \$15.00 STYLISH WALKING SUITS

The greatest collection ever shown at this popular price; serges, fancy mixtures and over plaids, Blouse Eton, Prince Chap, Norfolk and 27 inch coat styles, sizes for all, \$20.00 values for \$15.00

At \$19.75 UP-TO-DATE WALKING SUITS

They are all made by man tailors in plain or fancy fabrics, in the natty blouse style, handsomely trimmed with braid and novelty buttons, all sizes, worth up to \$25.00, very special \$19.75

At \$25.00 MODEL WALKING SUITS

Collarless style of fine quality broadcloth, in black and all the new colors, mannish coat front and semi-fitting back; 15 gored skirt, regular \$32.50 values, specially priced \$25.00

At \$29.75 FANCY DRESS AND WALKING SUITS

A great collection of fine novelty Suits, every imaginable color and style in this lot; these are certainly the greatest values of the season, worth \$37.50 and \$40.

Our Monday Special--ELITE SATEEN PETTICOATS

Made of heavy mercerized sateen, bottom finished with two 2-inch ruffles, heavy tailor stitching, come in small, medium and large waist bands, all lengths. These petticoats were bought to retail at \$1.75, as a Monday Special they will go at 98c

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The new fall gloves are all here in every style and quality, our this season's importation of our well known standard brands shows up prettier and better than ever with prices considerably below those asked by other houses for equal qualities.

DON'T DELAY THE BUYING OF KID GLOVES. PRESENT CONDITIONS POINT TO A GREAT SCARCITY LATER ON, AND PRICES WILL BE CONSIDERABLY HIGHER WHEN GLOVES BOUGHT ON EARLY CONTRACTS ARE SOLD OUT.

THE FAMOSA, better than any \$1.25 in the city. \$1.00

Our price \$1.00

TREFOUSE DOROTHY, a regular \$2.00 grade. \$1.50

Our price \$1.50

F. A. & B. Special, best \$2.00 plique glove. Our price \$1.50

The Superba, finest French kid, excellent \$2.50 value. \$2.00

at \$2.00

LONG KID GLOVES.

8 button long Trefouse, fine French kid, best \$2.75 value, black, white and all colors. Our price \$2.25

12 button length in black and white, the style so much in demand and so hard to get. \$3.50 value at \$2.75

16 button length in black and white, in finest French kid; \$4.00 grade. \$3.25

at \$3.25

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SINGLE AND DOUBLE BREASTED, in Blue, Black and Mixed Gray Cheviots, sizes 15 to 20, neatly tailored, good fitting, a suit \$5.00

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