

SOME GOOD SHORT STORIES.

BY SMITH D. RY.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 21.—"I have always claimed that Darby Doyle was the greatest swimmer that ever lived," says Capt. William Shiley of the treasury department.

"Darby was the only man that ever swam the English Channel before sun-up, and dived back in time for breakfast. No other man ever even tried to swim from Liverpool to New York, and he modestly said to me when he climbed up the pier at New York:

"Don't be praisin' me too much, Bill. I'd never been able to swim the 3,800 miles if it hadn't been for my manager, who kept all of the sharks out of the way."

Darby's heart was almost broken when his manager refused to take the bet of \$100,000 that Darby couldn't swim down Wall street in New York, on the day they watered the stocks. Darby cried and begged his manager to take the bet, but he answered:

"Darby, me boy, there'll be an awful flood the day they water the stocks in Wall street; but I'm not afraid of

that. I'm willin' to bet that you could swim down Wall street in spite of the flood when they water the stocks. But, Darby, me boy, here's where we'd lose. I could never keep all of the sharks out of Wall street."

"But Darby won the bet of \$100,000 against the Norwegian swimmer Olaf Clafson. Darby came down to the wharf with a big iron collar around his neck, a heavy chain attached to the collar, and the other end welded onto a big anvil. The Norwegian looked at him, and asked what he was carrying such a weight for, and Darby answered:

"I promised to bring my brother an American anvil when I came back to Ireland, and I'm only keepin' my promise like an Irish gentleman."

"That saved the Norwegian almost to death, and he ran away and forfeited his bet, rather than swim against such a man."

Capt. Bob Whittleton, of the agricultural department says that in his home town of Harvard, Illinois, there was a landlady who found that he did not have beds enough to entertain the guests who were coming to attend a certain convention; so he wrote to another hotel-keeper a few miles away

named Taylor, and asked him for the loan of as many cots as he could spare. He also said: "If you haven't enough, ask some one else to lend me cots, for I will need about a thousand."

Now landlady Towne, although a fine hotel-keeper, was not a Spencerian penman; not by any means. Consequently, the word "cots," looked more like "cats."

When the people gathered at the hotel, they were surprised and amazed at the number of cats which surrounded them. The hotel men all along the line of railroad sent cats. They came by the dozen, by the score, and by the crate full. They were all brought to the hotel, and let loose. Immediately they began fighting and yelling, and howling. Night particularly was hideous.

The hotel keeper, Taylor, who started the fun, attended the convention and had a room at Towne's hotel. For his first dinner a broiled black cat was served to him, with the hair and claws remaining on all four feet and legs. Otherwise, the cat was well cooked. Ever since that day, Hotel Keeper Towne has dictated his letters instead of trying to write them.

Not long ago a colored washwoman was taken before the police court for brutally beating a little five-year-old boy. The neighbors were used to brutality, but the cruel treatment of that little boy was more than they could endure, so they had her arrested, and they freely gave in their evidence against her.

The judge reproved her severely and

told her that he would not imprison her, because her work was needed for the family, but he assured her that she would be locked up, if complaint was ever made to him again, on that score. She listened intently, and, when the judge concluded, she said:

"Judge, yo' 'nness, I speets yo' hain't nevah been de faddah of no low-down, worthless, yowlin' yellah baby, has you?"

In a town in Connecticut there lived a useless man, good-natured, but useless. He never supported himself well, and he gave his family scant support. Everybody in town knew him. He was not bad, but useless. So, when it became known that he had become the father of triplets, everybody took it for granted that they would have to go to the poorhouse, or that childless couples would adopt them. The matter was discussed in many homes; practically in all of the homes of the town. One little five-year-old girl listened to the story at the supper table, and she finally said:

"Papa, I wish you'd adopt the little boy baby. I want a little brother. Please ask them for the little boy; I mean, of course, if they'll break the set."

When Grover Cleveland was nominated for a second term, the writer asked Gen. Rosecrans how he liked the nomination. Now, Rosecrans was a Democrat of prominence, and Cleveland had not treated him right during his first term. The writer felt sure that Rosecrans did not like his re-nom-

ination, but, in reply to the question, the old soldier said:

"When I was in the junior class at West Point, we went out on a camping expedition. It fell to my lot to cook for our company, until some one should complain and then the complainant would have to do the cooking. After two or three days I got tired of the job, but nobody complained. We had a young fellow from Massachusetts and he liked pie. He wanted pie at every meal. So I made a fine apple pie, and the way I salted it was actually wicked. It was salted good and plenty. At the breakfast table I cut him a nice large slice, and he poked half of it into his face, and in a second he was jumping about, spluttering and cursing the pie and the cook. I took off my cooking clothes and got into my uniform as quickly as possible. He became our cook, and cook he remained during the entire outing of a month."

"But, general," I said, "how about that nomination?"

"I'll not be the first to complain," said the veteran, with a quiet chuckle.

Gen. William W. Belknap, secretary of war during the second Grant administration, went to the war between the states as the major of the Fifteenth Iowa infantry. He often told this story on himself. In one of the companies of that regiment was a young fellow named Darby Greely; but they pronounced it Grady. When the regiment was marching over the gangplanks onto the steamer Sucker State, and the major sat on his horse close by, As Darby Grady stepped on the plank,

Among other things—on Thanks-giving—give thanks for

HUSLER'S FLOUR.

Utah's Best.

his mother grabbed him and pulled him to her bosom. With intense Irish emotion she cried and crooned over him, and then, seeing the major, the blame in her bubbled forth and she cried:

"Darby, me b'y, stick close to the major, an' ye'll never get hurt."

Very doubtful compliment, that.

When the bishop of Pennsylvania was visiting Harrisburg, he noted Judge L., an eminent lawyer, handling prayerbooks for three or four legal brethren, whom he had brought to church with him. The bishop knew that Judge L. was a great hand to bring sinners to church with him, and he liked him the better for it. The bishop also observed that the other

lawyers were bored with the service, and anxious for it to be over, in order that they might hear the sermon. When they came to the sacred Litany, he saw Judge L.—helping his friends whisper:

"Judge, this beats the devil."

"That is the intention," Good Lord deliver us," was the prompt reply of the judge, and very many people heard it. For a moment the Litany was turned into a laugh.

"I was much afflicted with scrofula," writes Ed. C. Nod, Louisville, Kentucky, Kan., "going about on crutches and suffering a deal of pain. I was induced to try Husler's Snow Flannel, which relieved me. I used three 50c bottles. It is the greatest flannel I ever used; sons all express themselves as being able to perform a great deal of light labor on the farm. 50c, 50c, 50c. Sold by C. M. L. Drug Dept."

Scrofula the Cause.

Eczema, catarrh, hip disease, white swelling and even consumption have their origin in scrofulous conditions. With the slightest taint of scrofula in the blood there is no safety. The remedy for this disease in all its forms is Hood's Sarsaparilla, which goes to the root of the trouble and expels all impurities and disease germs from the blood.

The best family cathartic is Hood's Pills.

Crowding Stocks Together Xmas Goods Coming In

ROOM Must be Had—Xmas Goods Stacked all Over the Store and no Place to Put Them—Stocks Must be Condensed and Crowded Together at Once—It's a Desperate Case and Demands Desperate Measures—Thousands of Dollars' Worth of Goods Must Go and Go This Week and Prices Have Been Made that Will Appeal to the Thoughtful Buyer and Prove a Money-Saver to Every Purchaser—It's Room We Need and Must Have ROOM

Monday Morning
FROM 9 TO 12 O'CLOCK.

There'll Be a Perfect Jam of Buyers After These 10c and 12 1-2c Outing Flannels at 7 1/2 cents

An item that will appeal to every woman in the city. 10,000 yards of GENUINE AMOSKEAG OUTING FLANNEL, the best and heaviest kind in light and dark colors. Stripes, checks and plaids, pinks, blues and all colors, regular 10c and 12 1/2c qualities. Monday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock, at per yard 7 1/2c. Only 12 1-3 yards to a customer.

ESTABLISHED 1864

Thayer & Co.

ONE PRICE TO ALL NEVER UNDERSOLD

Monday Afternoon
FROM 2 TO 5 O'CLOCK.

A FLANNEL CHANCE--15c Twilled White Shaker Flannel at 8 1/2 cents yard

It's a Bargain that'll pack the flannel counter from start to finish, and it's the greatest flannel bargain you've ever known. 100 pieces of THE HEAVIEST TWILLED WHITE AND CREAM SHAKER FLANNEL. Standard 15c quality. Monday from 2 to 5 o'clock One Dollar's worth to a customer at per yard 8 1/2c.

Monday Morning, 9 to 12.
\$2.25 Skirt Sale.

This lot includes great variety of fancy mixtures, Melton and Serges, these skirts fit exceedingly well, all colors and black, values up to \$5. On sale Monday 9 to 12 o'clock at \$2.25 a. m. at \$2.25

Monday Morning, 9 to 12.
A Great Three-Hour Sale of Infants' Leggings.

Infants' Knitted All-wool Leggings with trunk, in black or white the best 50c values go on sale Monday 9 to 12 o'clock at 39c

Monday Morning, 9 to 12.
A Three-Hour Sale of Fountain Pens.

"The Remex." Self-filling Fountain Pen Aluminum holder with perfect fitting hard rubber tip and 14k solid gold pen, a pen that's perfect in every particular and sells regularly at \$1.25. On sale Monday 9 to 12 o'clock at \$3c

Monday Morning, 9 to 12.
Ladies' Overgaiters.

"LADIES' SEVEN BUTTON BLACK BEAVER OVERGAITERS, worth 40c. On Special Price for three hours only, (per pair) 19c

Monday Morning, 9 to 12.
Blankets!

A Blanket Sale You Mustn't Miss. Just 100 of These Best \$1.75 BLANKETS at \$1.18 a Pair

Just an even hundred—no more and no less—100 customers can share in this Bargain, as each customer is limited to one pair. The largest full 11-4 size and extra heavy Mottled Blankets, Thick, soft, and heavy, in gray or brown, with fancy borders, always sold at \$1.75. Monday morning from 9 to 12 o'clock, at a pair 1.18

An Extraordinary Sale of Corresponding Paper and Envelopes.

EXTRA FINE QUALITY LINES CORRESPONDING PAPER—AUBREY'S SPECIAL. 1 round, 120 sheets in a package, a paper unequalled in quality worth 25c a pound, for this week's introductory sale, we offer it at incredible low price of (per pound) 25c

ENVELOPES TO MATCH, 25 in a package for 10c

Sharp Price Reductions on Silks

Which are as staple as wheat. But we must make room for Xmas goods.

Three Days Only—Creme de Chenes

CREPE DE CHENE, 24 inches wide, in all the evening and street colors, including black, white and cream, the \$1.50 quality; buy early while your favorite color lasts. It may go early in the sale. Positive for 3 days only. The price will be 89c

CREPE DE CHENE, 24 inches wide, in all evening and street colors, including black, white and cream, the \$1.25 quality, and can be had for 3 days only at the low price, per yard 77c

Dress Goods.

Stacks of Dress Goods Sacrificed to Make Room for Holiday Goods

VENETIAN CLOTH SPECIAL—38 inches, all wool, fine twill Venetian cloth, in heavy weight, suitable for suits, jackets, and suits, in colors navy, brown, green, tan, gray, garnet, cardinal, Alice and black. Exceptional values at 75c. TO CLOSE OUT AT 55c

GRANITE CLOTH SPECIAL—45 inches, very fine weave, all wool, pebble Granite, the long wearing quality, in all colors, including cream and black. Regular price \$1.25, MONDAY AND ALL WEEK, SPECIAL 79c

PRUNELLA CLOTH SPECIAL—40 inches, satin Prunella cloth, extra fine satin finish, all wool, a very stylish cloth for street and evening wear, in colors brown, tan, blue, Alice, red, black, etc., regular price \$1.25, SPECIAL MONDAY AND ALL WEEK (per yard) 88c

A Sale of HANDKERCHIEF LINENS.

Prices Reduced For One Week. It has been our custom for years past, about 3 weeks before Xmas to inaugurate a sale of handkerchief Linens. It starts Monday, and here are the Reductions:

The 60c Handkerchief Linen Linen on Sale this week 39c per yard

The 65c Handkerchief Linen Linen on Sale this week 44c per yard

The 75c Handkerchief Linen Linen on Sale this week 55c per yard

The 90c Handkerchief Linen Linen on Sale this week 66c per yard

The \$1.25 Handkerchief Linen Linen on Sale this week 98c per yard

The \$1.75 Handkerchief Linen on Sale this week \$1.20 per yard

The \$2.00 quality on sale at \$1.60

An Extraordinary Sale of RIBBONS.

THAT SHOULD CROWD OUR RIBBON SECTIONS. ALL OF THE CHOICEST STYLES ARE INCLUDED. EVERY PIECE AND PATTERN IS NEW AND PRESENTLY DESIRABLE. THE PRICES AT WHICH WE OFFER THEM SHOULD MAKE WISE WOMEN FLOCK TO THIS SALE AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UNUSUAL ECONOMY NOT ONLY FOR THE PRESENT DAY NEED, BUT REMEMBER CHRISTMAS IS NEAR.

Lot 1, 200 pieces beautiful fancy Ribbons, worth up to 50c a yard. Sale price 39c

Lot 2, all silk satin taffeta ribbons, beautiful embroidered polka dot ribbons, and many other fancy, worth up to 45c a yard. Sale price 22c

Lot 3, pure Silk Taffeta Ribbons and many fancy designs in popular widths, values up to 50c a yard. Sale price 12c

Lot 4, No. 2 Satin Taffeta all silk Ribbons, 5 yards to the bolt, per bolt 10c

Flannels. Economies.

Uncommonly Good Chances To Save Money Next Week.

29 pieces NEW SCOTCH WASH FLANNELS, a splendid range of styles, in light and medium colorings for men's shirts, women's shirtwaists and children's dresses, absolutely non-shrinkable. Values up to 40c. This week per yard 28c

Full yard wide, all wool WHITE FLANNEL worth 70c. Special for this week, per yard 47c

CALIFORNIA TWILLED SHIRTING FLANNELS, extra heavy, all wool twilled flannels, in navy blue or black, 50c qualities. Special for this week 64c per yard

Monday Afternoon, 2 to 5.
Pillow Tops.

Novel designs in pretty printed Pillow Tops, a great variety to choose from, most of them ready for use, some for outline work, the prettiest 35c and 40c styles, on sale Monday, 2 to 5 o'clock, at 15c

Monday Afternoon, 2 to 5.
Dress Goods.

In our Dress Goods Department, 38-inch Black All-Wool Panama Voile, fine, crisp quality, best dye, fast black, regular price 75c, SPECIAL MONDAY, 2 to 5 o'clock 42c

Limited 10 yards to a customer.

Monday Afternoon, 2 to 5.
75c Kimona Sale

Made of heavy German Flannel, fancy design, trimmed with border of same material, finished with two rows of fagoting stitching, sizes 32 to 44, worth \$1.25, extra special for Monday, 2 to 5 o'clock 75c

Monday Afternoon, 2 to 5.
Bed Spreads.

\$2.75 Values Only \$1.69.

Only 60 of these splendid heavy Marseilles Pattern Crochet Spreads for double beds. These are made of best sea Island yarn, heavily fringed all around—measure 56x99 inches, regularly sold at \$2.75. Monday from 2 to 5 o'clock, one to a customer at (each) \$1.69

Monday Afternoon, 2 to 5.
Pillow Tops.

New printed poster designs and a variety of nobby Tapestry pattern Pillow Tops that retail everywhere at 50c and 60c each, go on sale Monday, 2 to 5 o'clock only, 25c

Monday Afternoon, 2 to 5.
Silk Special.

Black Taffeta Silk, 27 inches wide, beautiful, lustrous quality, and worth \$1.25. There is only about 150 yards and the first comers take it. Remark the width and the price, which will be only from 2 to 5 o'clock 69c



These Few Ready-Made Garment Prices

Will help you to realize how much money can be saved here on Fine Suits, Coats, Etc.

SUITS SOLD REGULARLY AT \$7.50 REDUCED TO \$4.95

SUITS SOLD REGULARLY AT \$12.00 REDUCED TO \$7.50

SUITS SOLD REGULARLY AT \$16.75 REDUCED TO \$10.00

SUITS SOLD REGULARLY AT \$22.50 REDUCED TO \$14.00

SUITS SOLD REGULARLY AT \$27.50 REDUCED TO \$17.90

SUITS SOLD REGULARLY AT \$35.00 REDUCED TO \$24.00

SUITS SOLD REGULARLY AT \$42.50 REDUCED TO \$29.00

SUITS SOLD REGULARLY AT \$55.00 REDUCED TO \$33.00

ALTERATIONS FREE OF CHARGE.

A SALE OF TAILORED SUITS for NEXT WEEK.

48 INCH BEAVER COATS—New arrivals, marked at special prices, come in green, red and black, \$15.75 and \$15.00

EIDERDOWN BATH ROBES, dark ground, with fancy stripes, also plain colors, a grand assortment of styles at \$6.00

SILK PETTICOATS—The most wonderful value ever shown in this department, of rustling taffeta, finished with five ruffles, all shades and black at \$5.98

SHIRT WAIST SALE—Materials are Brilliantine, nun's veiling and flannels, etc. Excellent values at \$1.25

FUR SCARF SPECIAL—This lot is of very nice looking cluster scarfs, made of brown, coney, six cluster tails, 50 of them. Special at \$2.75

ALL RAIN COATS REDUCED.

\$10.50 RAIN COATS \$8.75

\$12.75 RAIN COATS \$10.50

\$15.00 RAIN COATS \$13.00

\$21.00 RAIN COATS \$15.50

\$25.00 RAIN COATS \$19.00

\$30.00 RAIN COATS \$22.50

\$35.00 RAIN COATS \$27.00

\$42.50 RAIN COATS \$33.00

Our Clothing Section

Will contain these remarkable price specials for this week's offerings. The cream of the season's clothing values.

CHILDREN'S ALL WOOL SUITS. A great variety of neat patterns and colors, sizes 3 to 17 years. Regular \$1.39 to \$5.00 values. Special \$1.00 to \$4.00

Boys' D. B. Square cut and Norfolk Suits in chevrons, Blue, Black, Grey and Brown. Extra heavy and made exceptionally good school suits. Sizes 3 to 17 years. Regular price \$1.00. Will go at \$2.21

BUSTER BROWN SUITS. When these suits come from America's it means they are correct, which is the undisputed hall mark of fashion stamped through their entire make up

BUSTER BROWN SUITS. Navy Blue Serge and Chevrons. Regular price \$5.00. at \$3.95

BUSTER BROWN SUITS. Navy Blue Serge and Chevrons. Regular price \$5.00. at \$5.65

BUSTER BROWN SUITS in handsome mixed chevrons and tweeds. Regular price \$5.00. at \$6.15

BUSTER BROWN SUITS, best imported materials in the market. Regular \$5.00 value at \$7.15

UNMATCHABLE SHOE BARGAINS.

It's Sold so many Unmatchable Shoe Bargains Are Assembled at One Time You'll Pr. At Greatly Coming Next Week.

MEN'S BLACK AND BROWN LEATHER SLIPPERS (sizes 6 to 10, value \$1.00, go this week at per pair) 80c

LADIES' FINE DONGOLA KID SHOES, patent tip and Cuban heels, come in lace only, worth \$2.25. Sale price (per pair) 1.80

LADIES' STORM RUBBERS (sizes 2 1/2 to 8), worth 60c. Sale price (per pair) 50c

WE WILL CONTINUE OUR GREAT SALE FOR ONE MORE WEEK OF LADIES' DRESS, SHOES AT (per pair) 2.85

BEDDING AND DRAPERY SAVINGS.

That you'll find very welcome, they will help to buy the Xmas gift.

\$1.00 White Marseilles Red Spreads, extra size for extra large double beds, measure 90x97 inches, the handsomest patterns, on sale this week 2.45

Three lots of English and French Sateen covered Comforts, filled with the finest of white cotton, knotted with zephyr yarn. All extra sizes

Value \$2.50, this week \$2.38

Value \$4.00, this week \$2.85

Value \$6.00, this week \$3.95

Six styles of Irish Point and Brussels Net Curtains, fashionable parlor curtains, designs absolutely correct, 3 1/2 and 4 yard lengths, 24 and 36 inch widths regular price \$12.50 and \$14.00, this week, per pair \$8.95

MILLINERY SPECIAL FOR MONDAY ALL DAY

TRIMMED HATS, MADE OF FELT, VELVET AND SILK, IN ALL THE LATEST SHAPES, IN BLACK AND COLORS, WORTH \$5.00, FOR \$2.23