

## Where the Mother Is Head of the Family

It is the custom of the Pueblo Indians of New Mexico to recognize the mother as the head of the family. It is one of their earliest customs, which with them is law. Kinship is recognized through the female line. Their society is founded upon clanship and united by a bond of the same maternal ancestry. It may be a single line of male ancestry, but it means a company of blood relatives—a mother, her children, her daughter's children, and so on in descent. The entire line,

or clan, of these relatives occupy a part of the Indian pueblo, or village, thus forming a "colony" or "set," and regulate their own domestic affairs similar to that of a large family. The mother owns the house and the greater part of the personal property. The father owns the land, hunting implements, the horse and farming implements, but the principal part of the crops and other property belong to the mother and her children.

The father is merely the agent or manager of the household. The mother manages the marriages of their children, and the young brave purchasing

a wife must pay the dowry to her mother, which is usually one or more ponies, blankets, etc.

Separation is optional with either the wife or the husband. When he becomes tired of the loose bond he throws his blanket over his shoulder, as a sign that he casts her off, and walks forth, taking a few implements of the chase or a very small part of the community property. She falls heir to the house, the furniture and other household goods, and also keeps the children. If he owns a small tract of land its value is divided between them. The father returns to his own clan, or "set." His children belong to the mother's clan and are thus brought up as members of that clan. The clan name has its origin in some object or animal—bear, wolf, etc. That is why they are so named. The marriage ceremony is simple. The young brave brings the dowry to the mother and

takes the blushing dusky bride to his humble home, which is usually a small room in a five or six-story stone apartment house, if at Acoma or Zuni. But if at Isleta, near Albuquerque, it is a small room in a two-story adobe house. The mother of the bride has already instructed her in the art of cooking and in the making of a pouch for the baby. She twines the twigs, thinking perhaps of a happy married life, places the infant in the pouch, slings it over her shoulder, and goes forth in search of the blankets, baskets, pottery, etc., manufactured by her husband. She not only gathers the materials for the weaving of baskets, but she washes the clay, mixes and moulds it into the desired form, and then bakes it and polishes and decorates the vessels. The housewife assists in the religious festivals. The mothers, also, instruct their boys how to decorate the shrines and to sing

and dance at the religious festivals.

The girls are taught the duties of the household, weaving and embroidering. When a boy has attained his tenth year, the mother begins to teach him to do what the father does—to shoot with a miniature bow and arrow, observe the winds as if preparing for a storm or the season's crops, listen to footsteps, as if to be on the alert against a possible enemy, exercise the vision on distant objects and to imitate the voices of birds and animals, etc., so as to become a successful huntsman. Thus the duties of the mother are manifold. She is not permitted, however, to take part in the councils or festival dances, nor has the mother a voice in the election of officers. It is supreme, however, in the household. Their children are never "spoiled," and in this the Indian mothers pride themselves. They so train their children that disobedience is rare, and quar-

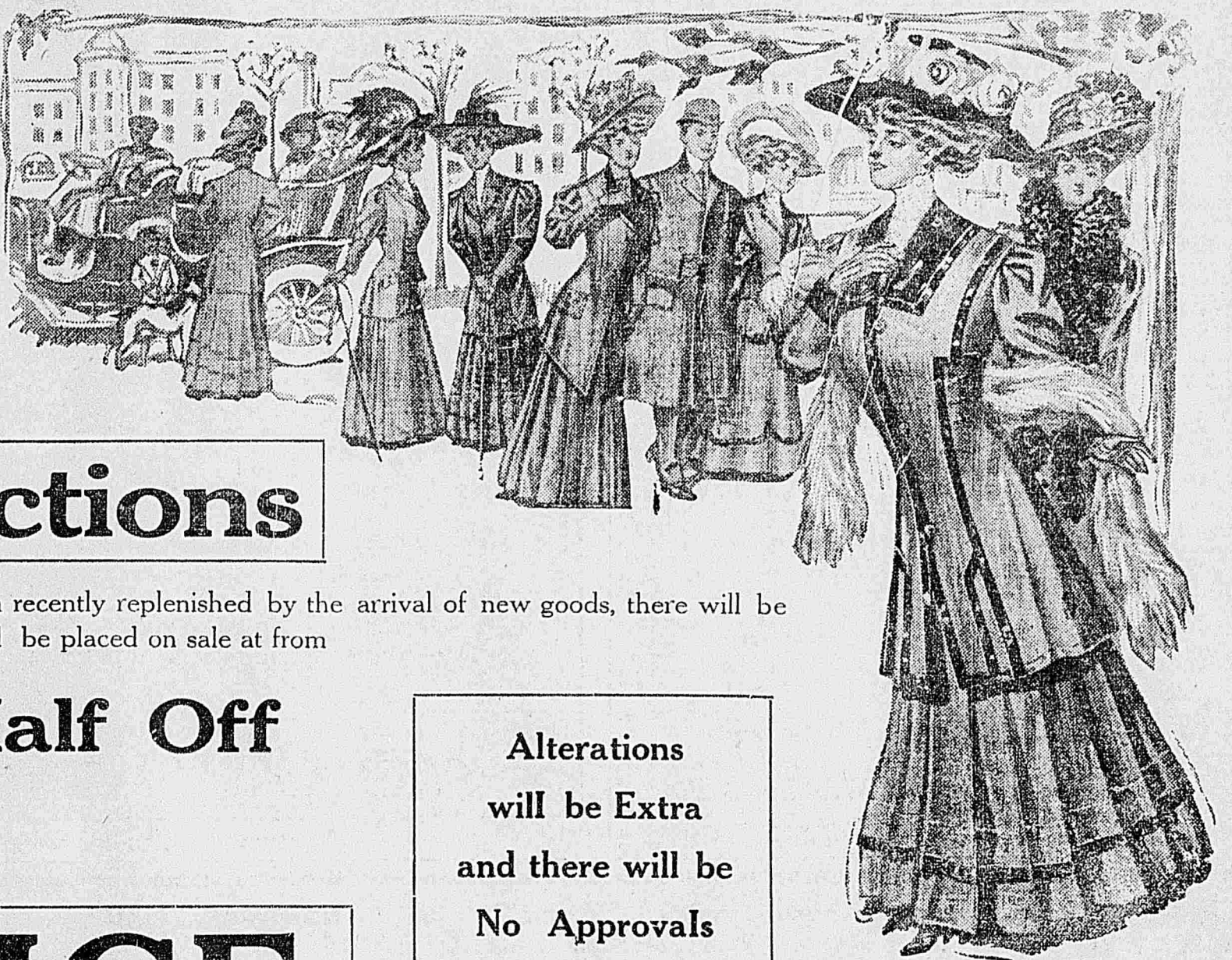
rels between children seldom occur and are punished with great severity. The mother does not spare the rod nor the child.

The Pueblos have no schools—that is, exclusively Indian schools. Many of the families refuse to send their children to the mission schools, as they do not wish them to learn the ways of the white people, who have taken their lands, and taught them to lie and to drink "firewater." Their children are taught the sacred traditions of their ancestors, and thus their history is preserved. It is handed down in the form of an epic, old men being selected as historians, who sing the rhythmic story to their audiences as did Homer or the troubadours of the middle ages. At Isleta there are four divisions of history, each being divided into four chapters. There is a bard for each division of the epic, which is in rhyme and is recited to an audience on two

evenings of each week, the recitation occupying four to five hours each night. The bards train boys in the art of cultivating memory and recitation, and select the most apt as their successors. The rhyme and rhythm of this epic are perfect. Furthermore, it is original, though crude. Perhaps the epics of the Isetans and of other Pueblo villages are the most original compositions in the world. These unlettered people had no classic model to draw from, as had the Europeans or the writers of today. The Pueblos got their "inspiration" from the facts around them, and they write, or rather sing, from life. Their history is the same today as when the Spaniards came three and a half centuries ago, and they inhabit the houses occupied by their ancestors when America was discovered—a condition found nowhere else in the United States.—San Francisco Call.

# Z. C. M. I.'s Great Annual Suit Sale

Commences Monday morning, Dec. 7th. In addition, many other attractive price reductions will be made in our Suit and Cloak Dept. New, Stylish Suits will sell at



## 25% to 50% Reductions

Notwithstanding the fact that our stock of Ladies' and Misses' Suits has been recently replenished by the arrival of new goods, there will be nothing reserved, but the entire line will be placed on sale at from

## One-Fourth to One-Half Off

The greater part of the stock, however, will be sold at

# HALF PRICE

Alterations  
will be Extra  
and there will be  
No Approvals  
or Exchanges  
Allowed.

And there will be many Suits at less than Half Price.

¶ As our patrons know by past experience, every price cut will be absolutely genuine—REAL REDUCTIONS FROM REGULAR RETAIL PRICES.

¶ There will be a big rush for Suits Monday Morning—come early.

## Ladies' and Misses' Coats at Half Price

ALL NEW GOODS.

A line of this season's Coats for Ladies and Misses culled from our regular stock. They are the full length effects—mostly of the mixture materials. Monday they will be placed on sale at—

**HALF PRICE.**

Also a line of Half Length Coats at—

**HALF PRICE.**

## Empire Coats 20% Off.

The popular Empire coat, half fitting and loose effects. In black and colored broadcloths and Kerseys. All the season's newest and best styles. They are inexpensively priced at regular prices. They are exceptional bargains at **20% Off**

## Children's Coats 25% Off

Buy your Children's Coats now at Christmas shopping Price Reductions. Our entire line of Children's Coats, ages 8, 10, 12 and 14 years, in Kersey cloth, heavy chevrons, cloakings, velvets, bear skins and mixtures. Monday they will sell at

**ONE-FOURTH OFF**

## Furs 20% Off.



Splendid assortment—all new Furs—sable coney, black coney, Russian hare, sable opossum, blended water mink, Isabella and sable fox, natural and blended squirrel, black lynx, black wolf and many others in Muff and Neck pieces to match.

To induce early shopping **20% Off**

Also a fine assortment of Children's Furs at **20% Off**

**BUY NOW FOR CHRISTMAS**

Our Drug Store is at 112-114 So. Main

## Extraordinary Silk Sale Next Week

These Silks have been delayed. Fortunately for you they arrived just when you were thinking of Christmas Gift purchases. This Silk Sale offers the best values and will be the most appropriate of the whole year.

### Black Taffeta 75c yard

We have just received a delayed shipment of 2,000 yards of BLACK TAFFETA SILK, elegant finish, soft and lustrous, 31 inches wide, sells regularly at \$1.25 a yard, Monday and week **75c**

### New Messalines 65c yard

Full line of COLORED AND BLACK MESSALINES, the popular silk for this season's wear, suitable for waists or full gowns. Great bargain event. Sells regularly at 85c a yard net, Monday and week **65c**



A delightful variety of useful and appropriate Christmas Gifts for men, women and children insures us an enormous holiday trade. Presents at just the amount you wish to pay. Purchase now at your leisure. Make "Early in the day and early in the month" your motto.



## Separate Skirts.

In connection with our Great Suit Sale and to INDUCE EARLY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING, we place on sale our entire stock of Separate Skirts, comprising the season's best things in silks, satins, voiles, broadcloths, Panamas and Mohairs.

All Skirts from \$4.50 to \$12.50 **20% Off**  
All Skirts from \$13.00 to \$30.00 **25% Off**

SPLENDID STOCK OF SKIRTS TO SELECT FROM.

## A Great Waist Sale.

During our Great Suit Sale we will throw out on tables a large assortment of Ladies' Waists, consisting of samples of Lawn and Linen goods, and will close out lines of Waists in Black and colored Silks, and Waists of net, lace, chiffon and other fancy evening effects. These will all be sold at

**HALF PRICE.**

## Wash Goods Waists 20% Off

In addition we will place on sale our entire line of white and colored WASH GOODS WAISTS in damasks, linens, crossbats, batistes and mohairs at **20% Off**

## Opera Coats and Capes.

During our Great Suit Sale these will be offered at—

**One-Fourth Off**

**Silk Dresses Half Price**

**Cloth Dresses Half Price**

## Kimonos and Dressing Sacques 20% Off

An excellent assortment of styles, patterns and colors. They are always appreciated as Christmas Gifts. To induce early shopping Monday and week 20 per cent off.

## Bath Robes.

A new, fresh, clean line of Ladies' and Children's Bath Robes at reasonable prices. You could not wish a nicer gift than one of these comfortable robes.

## Silk Petticoats 20% Off

In blacks and colors. What makes a prettier present? By purchasing now you will save one-fifth of the regular price. All next week

**20% Off**

## Bring the Children To See the Toy Display in North Aisle

Who is not interested in the little ones? How enjoyable it is to listen to their cute sayings, when viewing the toys and dolls.

Whether you intend purchasing or not, bring them in!

Games, story books, blocks, magic lanterns, Xmas tree ornaments, pianos, paints, balls, dolls, doll furniture, sad irons for children, rattles, buckets, trains, toy watches, trumpets, tops, racers, police patrol carts, railway trains, wagons, whips, and a great variety of mechanical toys.

