

GOOD SHORT STORIES

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WASHINGTON.—Lester Wallack had returned from a very successful tour of the cities of Great Britain, and was regarded as one of the world's greatest actors. He was given a great ovation by the theater-going public of New York, and the Actors' club gave him a banquet.

During the banquet, Billy Florence, the eminent comedian, usually the life of every coterie, sat silent, moody and almost gloomy. He was frequently asked to respond to toasts, and to make reply to questions; but he only looked reproachfully at the toast-master, and had his tongue. At last, the silence of Billy Florence became painful and irksome, and Lester Wallack, the guest of the evening, personally asked Florence if he had any grievance against him (Wallack), or anyone else present.

"There's nothing the matter with me," said Florence, as he arose to his place, "except that I am superstitious. I had a bad dream last night, and it has affected me dreadfully. Of course you fellows can't understand such things; so just leave me alone to my own gloom."

There was such a chorus of demands for the narration of Billy Florence's bad dream, that he remained reluctantly on his feet and told the story thus:

"I am very sorry, and you will all be

sorry, that I have been compelled to tell this dream. You may not be superstitious, as I am, but the dream will affect your hilarity, set you all to thinking very seriously, and spoil the jollity of the evening. But I disclaim all responsibility, if this banquet breaks up in a row.

"I dreamed that I died of heart failure, while in bed. I arose from my body, stood there beside the bed in astral form, and looked upon the dead Florence for a few minutes; then soared aloft to heaven. I stood outside the pearly gates and gently rapped. Then I saw the gates ajar. They opened a few inches, and then I noted that a chain held them, as an old man with sweet and saintly face peered forth and gently said: 'Good morning, Mr. Florence.'

"Good morning, sir," said I. "I am glad to be recognized, and suppose that I may come right in."

"On the contrary," said the gatekeeper, "it is because you are so well known here, that you cannot come in."

"That is strange," said I. "You surely cannot have any very bad record against me, for I've led an honorable life, to the best of my ability."

"Very true, Mr. Florence," was the reply, "and that's the pity of it. We would all like to welcome you here, but we have an inexorable rule against admitting actors; and the whole world has known you to be an actor."

"I tried to argue the question, but he gradually closed the argument by slowly closing the gate, and I was left outside. There were two roads before me, and I sauntered down the one to the right, not knowing whither it led. I

had gone but a few steps, when I met Edwin Booth, who greeted me cordially, told me I was going the wrong way, and asked me to go back with him. When I told Mr. Booth the inexorable rule, he protested against the injustice of it, and insisted upon my return with him. He was received as gently as I had been but the rule was applied to him just as finally. Then he struck the tragic air which made his Richard III so forceful, and gave vent to a grand declamation; but the argument and the gate closed again, and together we went sadly down the same road.

We had not gone very far when we heard a great clatter on the other road. Ascending a little mound we saw Lester Wallack driving towards the pearly gates in a splendid barouche. We also saw that as Lester Wallack approached them, the gates flew open wide, and he drove right in without hindrance or question of any kind, and we heard a chorus of marvelous music greeting him as it were on earth when they sing: 'See the Conquering Hero Comes.'

"Mr. Booth became perfectly furious and rushed towards those gates, as we have seen him rush at his tragic enemies on the stage. With great difficulty I restrained him, explaining to him that no one in such a rage could enter heaven. At last, however, I accompanied him back to the gates and allowed him to be spokesman. In response to his knock the gates slowly moved, and the sweet-faced gatekeeper smiled, as he said:

"Gentlemen, I am sorry for you, and sorry that you have come back, for it is impossible to permit you to enter; you the greatest tragedian, and you the most eminent comedian on earth."

"But," protested Mr. Booth, "you have permitted Lester Wallack to come in here, and in great style, too, and Wallack is an actor."

"Why Mr. Booth, and Mr. Florence,"

said the gentle but firm keeper of the gates, "I am surprised that you should come here with such a declaration. Everybody in heaven knows that Lester Wallack's no actor."

And then Billy Florence dodged under the table to escape the missiles of blood, cake and other things that were fired at him by all the actors at the table. It was the bit of the evening, was Billy Florence's bad dream.

Col. Clayton McMichael, of Philadelphia, after waiting almost a year, tried to collect \$100 that he had loaned to Capt. Shelly of the treasury department. He said: "Look here, Shelly, you've had that \$100 long enough. If you can't pay it all now, half, and I'll throw off the other half."

"No man shall be more generous or more of a gentleman than I am," said Shelly. "You throw off half, and I'll throw off the other half, and we'll consider the debt settled."

"Maggie, will you find me the loan of a clove?" asked Mrs. Maloney over the back fence; and her neighbor inquired: "Lind yez th' loan av one clove, Maggie, an' what's th' good av one clove?"

"Oh, Maggie, my Jamie's got a nose as sharp as a needle."

"Say, Bub, did you see a wolf and a pack of hounds pass this way?" inquired a breathless man as he came out of the woods.

"Yassir, I seen 'em," replied the barefoot boy.

"Was it a race between them?"

"Yassir, an' see whiz how they was a-goin', too."

"Good! And how were they making it?"

"Well, when they went by here, the dogs was only a little bit ahead; but they was a-goin' some, I tell ye."

Dolph Randolph was a candidate for

sheriff in a Virginia county, and, although personally popular he received only one vote on election day. He could not account for it, and discarded it from his mind, until the neighbors and friends began gazing him about voting for himself, and then he admitted, offering a reward of \$50 for the man who voted for him, provided he could prove that he did so vote. This brought forth the lone voter who was a German-born tailor at the county seat. He proved his vote all right, and that he was entitled to the \$50 reward, and the defeated candidate admitted it. But he asked:

"Will you be kind enough to tell me why you voted for me?"

"You won't go back on dot feefy tollar?"

"No, that all right. You shall have the money; but I want to know how it happened that you voted for me."

"Well, I tell you. I make a meedake in der teeket."

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Police Commissioner Bingham appointed as his first deputy Rhinelanders Waldo, a young society man, who saw service as a lieutenant of infantry in the Philippines. Mr. Waldo is expected to be a very alert first deputy. At present Mr. Waldo is earnestly engaged in looking for the "gentleman" who impersonated him at the Tenderloin Station.

THE MOST SWEETING, STUPENDOUS, FINAL CLEARANCE SALE

Glove Department.



One lot Ladies' and Misses' Cashmere Gloves, former price 35c, at... **19 cts**

One lot Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, black only, former price 40c, at... **25 cts**

One lot Ladies' Cashmere Gloves, silk lined, colors black, navy, green and grey, former price 35c, at... **43 cts**

One lot Misses' Golf Gloves, former price 35c, at... **19 cts**

One lot Ladies' fine wool double Mittens, worth up to 35c, at... **15 cts**

To close out quick, Ladies' Black Kid Gloves, two-clasp, plique stitching, sizes 5 1/2 and 6 only, regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 grade, at... **50 cts**

Ladies' Suede Gloves, three-clasp, overseas stitching, colors brown, tan, grey and mode, sizes 5 1/2 to 7, regular \$2.00 value, to close out at... **\$1.29**

Big Reduction on our Entire Stock of Standard Brands of Kid Gloves—The Majestic, Carleton, Sovereign and "Paris."

Women's Coats.

A Grand Final Clean-Sweep in this department—prices that will stir your buying enthusiasm to the highest pitch. Don't fail to attend.

One lot consists of the tight, short fitting and loose box effects, color tan, blue, red and green, values as high as \$9.00, all been cast into one lot and will go at this greatest of all final sales for... **\$2.95**

One lot of Women's Coats in the three-quarter lengths, fancy Harrington Mixtures and Tan Coverts, values as high as \$15.00, at this final clean up for... **\$5.95**

One lot of Women's Coats, loose box back effects, with strap in back, full sleeve, three-quarter length, at this Final Clean Up Sale for... **\$2.48**

Millinery Department.

To make a clean sweep clearance in this department cost prices have not been considered, the object is to move good at almost any price.

Ladies' and Misses' ready to wear hats former prices \$1.50 and \$2.00, at... **48c**

Ladies' and Misses' ready to wear and trimmed hats, former prices \$2.50 and \$4.00 at... **98c**

Ladies' trimmed hats, former prices \$5.00 and \$6.00, at... **\$1.98**

Ladies' trimmed hats, former prices \$5.50 and \$6.50, at... **\$2.98**

200 plain and dotted nude veils, one and a half yards long, worth up to 75c, your choice at... **23c**

Velvet and Silk Violets with foliage regular price 50c a bunch, during this sale... **23c**

Immense Bargains in Laces.

500 dozen Valenciennes Laces and insertion to close out at 12c, 15c, 20c, 25c per dozen yards, worth double the price.

2,500 yards Imitation Torchon laces, worth 50c (per yard), at... **3c**

300 yards Applique laces, worth up to 50c per yard, closing out, price, per yard... **20c**

300 yards Oriental and Applique laces, worth up to 75c per yard, to close out at (per yard)... **30c**

400 yards Oriental, Cotton Applique and Silk Applique laces, worth up to \$1.00 per yard, to close out at (per yard)... **40c**

Of All Winter Goods, in Order to Make Room For New Spring Goods Which Are Now Arriving Daily

ONE SOLID WEEK of THE GREATEST BARGAINS EVER KNOWN!

BEGINNING MONDAY MORNING, February 4th, and continuing the entire week. Thousands of Dollars Worth of Choice, Seasonable Merchandise will be placed on Sale Regardless of Cost or profit. Nothing has escaped the vigil eye of the price-reducer, and the way prices have been cut and slashed is astonishing—and it brings an opportunity before you that you cannot possibly afford to miss. Every woman in Salt Lake should respond to this most wonderfully amazing Money-Saving Event. Read the prices following and be convinced of the truthfulness of the above. We kindly suggest your early morning attendance, as the store will be crowded in the afternoon.

Women's Suits!

\$6.95—\$11.95—\$14.95

All High Grade Women's Tailored Suits. Come in the 30-inch tight fitting, semi-fitting and short hip length Coats, and the entire line has been brought down to such tremendously low prices that will certainly clean them up in a short time.

Suits that sold for as high as \$15.00, \$16.00 and \$18.00 now—**\$6.95**

Suits that sold as high as \$22.50, \$25.00, \$27.00, now—**\$11.95**

Suits that sold as high as \$30.00, \$32.50, \$37.50, and \$40.00, now—**\$14.95**

Belts.

Our entire lines of 25c and 35c belts at... **10c**

Our entire lines of 50c and 75c belts at... **25c**

Our entire lines of \$1.00 and \$1.25 belts at... **35c**

Hand Bags.

1-3 off on our entire stock of fine handbags.

35c buys a handbag worth... **75c**

75c buys a handbag worth... **\$1.50**

Underwear and Hosiery

Ladies' heavy fleeced Vests and Pants, former price 35c, at... **23c**

Ladies' heavy fleeced union suits in gray only, regular price 65c, at... **39c**

Ladies' heavy fleeced, bleached, wool finish vests and Pants, worth 65c, at... **39c**

Ladies' worsted Union Suits, "The Stratford" brand, regular price \$1.25, at... **79c**

Children's silver grey, heavy fleeced, ribbed Vests and Pants, all sizes, former price 35c, at... **19c**

Ladies' fleece lined hose, fast black, spliced heel and toe, ribbed top, former price 20c, at... **12 1/2c**

Ladies' extra heavy fleece lined hose, fast black, spliced heel, double soles former price 35c, at... **19c**

Ladies' fine worsted, seamless, fast black hose, former price 35c, at... **23c**

Boys' extra heavy ribbed bicycle hose, double knee, spliced heel and toe, former price 25c, at... **15c**

Misses' fine cashmere hose, double heel and toe, all sizes, former price 35c, at... **23c**

A reduction from 25 per cent to 33 per cent on our entire stock of Ladies', Children's and Infants' Underwear and Hosiery.

Children's Dresses.

One lot of Wool Dresses, \$2.00 values... **98c**

One lot of Wool Dresses, \$2.50 values at... **\$1.39**

One lot of Wool Dresses, \$4.00 and \$4.50 values... **\$2.98**

FURS!

A final clean-up. The last chance to get a Fur at your own price.

One lot of Furs at this Final sale... **\$1.29**

One lot of Furs that sold for \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, now... **\$1.79**

One lot of Furs that sold for \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, now... **\$2.99**

Call early, for Furs at the above prices will not last long.

FURS!

The last chance to get a Fur at your own price.

One lot of Furs that sold for \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00 and \$8.50, now... **\$3.99**

One lot of Furs that sold for \$10.00, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00 and \$15.00, now... **\$7.95**

One lot of Furs that sold for \$17.50, \$18.50, \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00, now... **\$9.95**

Give this department your attention.

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The last chance to get a Fur at your own price.

One lot of Furs that sold for \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00 and \$8.50, now... **\$3.99**

One lot of Furs that sold for \$10.00, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00 and \$15.00, now... **\$7.95**

One lot of Furs that sold for \$17.50, \$18.50, \$20.00, \$22.50 and \$25.00, now... **\$9.95**

Give this department your attention.

BIG BARGAINS IN WOMEN'S WRAPPERS!

Prices in this department are really amazing. All nicely trimmed and good quality of fleeced lined material, striped and figured, ruffle over shoulder full sleeve, deep double, assorted and thrown in to five different lots:

Lot No. 1, a good quality, 48c now... **78c**

Lot No. 2, a good quality, 78c now... **98c**

Lot No. 3, an extra good quality, now... **98c**

Lot No. 4, formerly sold for \$2.25, now... **\$1.28**

Lot No. 5, formerly sold for \$2.75, now... **\$1.58**

Give this department your attention.

GIRL'S COATS!

\$1.95—\$2.95—\$3.95

This should interest every mother and every mother should take advantage of this Grand Final Clean-up. The entire line of Coats, being assorted and grouped into three lots.

Lot No. 1—\$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 coats for—**\$1.95**

Lot No. 2—\$5.50, \$6.00, \$7.00, \$8.00 COATS, now—**\$2.95**

Lot No. 3—\$8.50, \$9.00, \$10.00, \$12.00 COATS, final—**\$3.95**

Call early and get your choice.

NOTIONS.

Adamantine Pins... **1c**

Best quality English Pins... **4c**

German Cube Pins... **3c**

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Hair Pins... **4c**

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Best quality Hooks and Eyes per card... **2c**

Good Quality Scissors... **10c**

Good quality Celluloid Dressing Comb... **12c**

Extra Strong Celluloid Dressing Comb... **17c**

Women's Waists.

Such wonderful bargains as these are seldom, if ever, presented. Waists of all descriptions, all colors, all sizes, all materials must positively go at this final clean up, an opportunity you can't afford to miss.

One lot good quality of mercerized Sateen Waists, nicely tucked down front and others embroidered, \$1.25, \$1.50 values at this final... **79c**

One lot of Waists in the Albatross, all colors, nicely tucked, full sleeve, a regular \$1.75, \$2.00 values at... **98c**

One lot of Nun's Velling and Albatross, all nicely made up, all high grade goods, comes in all the leading colors, values as high as \$3.00 at... **\$1.49**

One lot of waists in the fine Nun's Velling, all nicely made up with tucks, and extra full sleeve, values as high as \$1.50, \$3.75 and \$4.00, this final clearance sale... **\$1.98**

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Ladies' G. D. Justine Corsets, dip hip or short hip, and Girdles, all nicely made up, all high grade goods, comes in all the leading colors, values as high as \$3.00 at... **43c**

Ladies' C. B. a la Spirit Corsets, gored and dip hip, or short lengths, colors white, black and drab, former price, \$1.25 at... **69c**

Children's Nazareth Waists, during this sale at... **19c**

Children's Dresses.

One lot of Tennis Flannel Dresses... **19c**

One lot of Tennis Flannel Dresses... **43c**

One lot of Wool Dresses, \$1.75 values... **79c**

Long Kimonos.



A very pretty Kimono, full length, for... **83c**

A very pretty Kimono, former price \$2.25, now... **\$1.23**

A very pretty Kimono in the Japanese figure, nicely made up, fancy trimming on edge, formerly sold for \$2.50, at this final clean up... **\$1.73**

An extra good quality of material in the large floral effect, regular \$2.50 and \$3.00 values, at this final clean up sale for... **\$1.53**

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One lot of fleeced lined Kimonos at this final clean up... **19 cts**

One lot of fleeced lined Kimonos at this final clean up... **33 cts**

One lot of fleeced lined Kimonos at this final clean up... **48 cts**

One lot of fleeced lined Kimonos at this final clean up... **53 cts**

One lot large figured, nicely trimmed, at this final clean up... **63 cts**

Eiderdown Sacques, all wool, at this final clean up... **48 cts**

Eiderdown Sacques, nicely trimmed, at this final clean up... **98 cts**

Eiderdown Sacques, extra heavy, at this final clean up... **\$1.23**

Your attendance will be well repaid.

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