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2.50 " 1.75	Lantern Globes
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Ladies' Shoes. Immense lot of boys', misses' and chil-	Now our Hardware department i of Bargains. We will sell the
dren's Shoes way below cost.	Best Axes, 4 to 5 lbs, only
Fine English Crockery, 30 per cent less	Coal Hods
than cost.	Coal Shovels
Gloves, Mittens, Underwear, Overalls,	Lanterns
Pants, Shirts, Coats, Notions down to	1 gal. Glass Oil Can
the lowest notch.	Scoop or corn Shovels
A full line of Family Groceries, Crackers,	Bushel Basket
Cookies, Candies, Canned Goods,	Stove Pipe
fresh Overtone in bulk Tales	Elbows
fresh Oysters in bulk, Tobaccos and Cigars, the very best.	Dampers
	Nails, per lb
Oatmeal, per pound2½c	Whips at cost
Graham Flour, per pound2½c	Harness Oil, Coach Oil, Lubricating
Granulated Corn Meal.	Machine Oil,
Bohemian Rye Flour,	Machine On,

New York Buckwheat Flour,

Finest White Syrup, per gal

Sardines, per box.....

Vinegar, per gal.....

Harness Oil, Coach Oil, Lubricating Oil, Machine Oil, Shelf Hardware, Tinware, Granite ware, Minnesota Winter Wheat Flour,

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inest Japan Teas, per lb., former price.

Now our Hardware department is full

....14c

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Thankful for past patronage, and hoping for a continuance, I remain Yours Truly,

M. ENGELN.

McHenry, Ill., Nov. 9, 1895.

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Don't delay your Christmas Shopping any longer. Now you can shop with ease and get proper treatment.

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For Christmas Presents, (tellyour husband). 24 in cashmere fine silk, rich satin Duchess, elegant wear, regular \$1.75 quality goes for-\$1.25.

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H.S. handkerchiefs, 3c and 5c. All linen hemstitched handkerchiefs and St. Gallen embroidered hand-

Over 100 patterns of choice ladies handkerchiefs, comprising lace edge, embroidered, all linen, hemstitchen, initial, the prettiest patterns you have ever seen, at 19c, 25c, 29c.

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Superior, all lined and Japan silk handkerchiefs, hand worked initials, 50c.

FANCY GOODS.

Thousands of articles to select

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Shaving sets, toilet sets, fancy brocaded satin and gros grain, bottles, inkstands, albums, combs \$1.50 value at the popular price of and brushes, clocks, handkerchief \$1. Extra heavy 27 in. satin Duchboxes, glove boxes, jewelry, pocket ess, and Peau-de-Soie, warranted to books, stationery, collar and cuff boxes, opera fans, neckties, etc. First class goods at lowest prices.

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An endless variety to select from at 1c, 5c, 10c and up, Best candies at reasonable prices.

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Save from \$2 to \$5 on Pants OR SUITS.

Don't Miss this Chance

On any kind of goods sold in my store, at Chicago's lowest prices,

E. LAWLUS. at Geo. W. Besley's. They are beauties. Opposite Riverside Hotel, McHenry.



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Hardware, Croekery and Glassware, Boots and Shoes, House Furnishing Goods, Lamps, Horse Goods, Builders' Tools, Groeries, Whips, Robes, etc.

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Drugs, Confectionery, Handkerchiefs, Fancy Goods, Perfumes, Jewelry, Hosiery, Gloves, Millinery. Toilet Articles, Umbrellas, Corsets, Lace Curtains, Dress Goods, Flannels, Underwear, Draperies, Silks, Blankets, Notions, Wall Paper, Linings, Domestics, Stationery, Paints, Cloaks, Furs, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Pocket

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Games, Cutlery, Birds, Dress Goods. Xmas Cards, Fancy Shoes, Blankets, cloaks. New Year cards, Fancy crockery, Fancy Goods, Draperies, etc.

Bring the Little Folks

Having no expense, no rent or clerks to pay, we are able to To see the only store in Elgin, a facsimile of the modern Parisian store, withoushelving.

Twe Elevators will Convey You.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL AGENT FOR

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One of the finest and most healthful drinks in the market.

I keep the same on tap or sell by the Keg, Half Barrel or Barrel.

Farmers wishing a pleasant, healthy drink, and one that will tone ip the system, should try a keg of 'Alf and 'Alf.

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McHenry, Ill., Dec. 3d, 1895.

Holiday presents in endless variety, substantial and ornamental. for both young and old We have taken great pains in making our selection, and can please you in anything from a penny handkerchief up. Mufflers. Silk Handkerchiefs, Neckties, Toilet Cases, Manicure sets, Glove and Handkerchief Case, Cuff and Cellar Boxes. Jewelry Cases, Work Boxes, Albums, Cuff Buttons, Breast Pins, Pocket Toilet Cases, Mirrors, Purses, wire Bouquet Baskets, Perfumery Stands, Tool Chests, Toilet Soaps Dominoes, Checkers and Board., Mouth Organs, Books and Fancy writing Paper. Games of all kinds, ladies' and men's fancy slippers, etc., all at the lowest living prices.

OUR OVERCOAT STOCK

Is yet reasonably complete, the price is broken. We will aay right uere that we will save you money in the Overcoat line

Fur Overcoats, heavy wool Suits, Kersey Pants, Duck Coats, wool Shirts, Cardigan Jackets, plush Caps, Fur Robes, Plush Robes, Horse Blankets, Felt Boots, Rubber Overs, Over-shoes, Rubbers, Mittens, Wristlets, etc. Green Apples, Dried Fruits, fresh Groceries, Jersey Lily Flour,

Yours for the Holiday trade, JOHN J. MILLER, West McHenry.

Buckwheat and Grah in Flour, Corn Meal,

WHISKERS UNDER HIS VEST. How One Man Employs His Hirsute Ap-

"Are beards lucrative, or, in other words, can one make any money by wearing them long?" said a young man about town, reports the Philadelphia Call. "Upon the first thought and perhaps even after one has evolved the question carefully in his mind, he would reply no. But they are wrong, as the following case of an old artist will show By 'old artist' is not meant a genius ELGIN. ILL. like Harnet, Angelo or men of that class, but a painter who, besides being noted for his sul crier work in portraits, is conspicuous for the quantity of hair which sprouts from his chin. This gentleman, it is said, has won many a wager on his beard, which is of such great length that he is compelled to wear t underneath his vest. No one ever sees ORIGINATOR OF LOW PRICES the hirsute growth, except when he exhibits it to settle a bet. To saunter into a saloon and get into conversation with some of the customers there has become a hobby with him, for in doing so he has an object. He frequently gets a drink in consequence of betting with some other fellow who has a fair ly long beard as to whose is the longest

MUSIC HATH STRENGTH.

and it is seldom that he loses a wager

of this kind, for his whiskers extend

Piano Players Are Heavy Weights on the Ivory Revs.

to the bottom of his waistcoat."

It requires more force to sound a note gently on the piano than to lift the lid of a kettle. A German composer has figured that minimum pressure of the finger playing pian issimo is equal to 110 grams—a quarter of a pound. Few kettle lids weigh more than two ounces. At times a force of six pounds is thrown upon single key to produce a solitary effect. With chords the force is generally spread over the various notes sounded simultaneously, though a greater ontput of force is undoubtedly expended. This is what gives pianists the wonder ful strength in their fingers so often commented on.

A story used to be told of Paderewski that he could crack a pane of plate glass half an inch thick merely by placing one hand upon it, as if upon a pian keyboard, and striking it sharply with its middle finger. Chopin's last study in C minor has a passage which takes two minutes and five seconds to play. The total pressure brought to bear on this, it is estimated, is equal to three full tons. The average "tonnage" of an hour's piano playing of Chopin's music varies from 12 to 84 tons.

A TOAD BAROMETER.

The Creature, in Its Own Way, Predicts Rain and Shine. A remarkable story is told in the New York Tribune about a curious living barometer in a conservatory at Plainfield, N. J. The indicator of weather changes is a diminutive tree toad, whose apartment is so arranged that the slightest change in the density of the air is foretold with wonderful accuracy. The toad was caught at Felt ville a few months ago, and Mrs. Lissignolo placed the little reptile in a large lass jar. Standing at an angle in the jar about two-thirds full of water is a small but perfectly formed ladder, and upon this the toad rests continually, never moving a muscle except when a change in the weather is to occur. When the earth is dry and the skies clear, the toad squats contentedly upon the topmost rung of the lad-Just as soon as storm approaches, and many hours before it can be seen or felt in New Jersey, the tree toad begins to descend in the ladder step by step. The nearer the storm comes the lower the toad goes, until at close approach of the stormy weather it sits half submerged in the water

The little fellow has been christened "Mr. Dunn, of Plainfield." Not an Insult.

Maj. Lomax, of the United States army, visiting in Canada soon after the war of 1812, was entertained in Quebec by the officers of one of the royal regiments. After dinner, speeches and toasts being in order, one of the British officers, having imbibed too gener ously of the champagne, gave as a toast: "The president of the United States, dead or alive." The toast was accepted with laughter. Maj. Lomax rose to respond, saying: "Permit me to give as my toast: "The prince regent, drunk or sober.'" The British officer sprang instantly to his feet, and in angry tones demanded: "Sir, do you intend that remark as an insult?" To which Maj. Lomax calmly replied: "No, sir; as the reply to one."

Wanted the Cow Most. A sensation was created at Carlisle, Pa., the other night at the home of Henry Uundorf, where a wedding was to have taken place. The bride-to-be Henry Dundorf, where a wedding was Joseph Derr, a farmer residing at Plainfield, was the recalcitant groom. The guests had arrived and the wedding dinner was in preparation at the Dundorf home, but the groom did not arrive, and the bride began shedding tears Then the groom appeared and in a business like way informed the girl and her father that the marriage would have to be postponed, as the money he had saved toward defraying wedding expenses he now intended to use in the purchase of a cow. Derr then left the

"Excuse Mistakes."

A good-natured mistress lately acted as amanuensis for a negro maid who could neither read nor write. The servant had not enough intelligence to guess that the lady who wielded the pen for her was well known in the world of letters, and made what is provincially called "a pretty penny" by her use of the quill now called into requisition to inscribe from dictation several letters to southern friends of the dictator. To her scribe's intense the petition: "Please excuse all mis-

THE BLENHEIM SPANIEL. Most Lovable of the Four-Footed Pets of

Womankind. Of all the pets of womankind, babies alone excepted, there is nothing more lovable than the tiny Blenheim spaniel,

says an exchange. Why this breed of dogs have the name of the palace of the duke of Marlborough no one seems to know. The story goes, however, that the first duke had the breed, and that, on a friend's requesting a puppy, he refused to part with one, but, at the same time, took two or three blind whelps and threw

them to tame eagles. But in the year 1800 his grace, the duke of Marlborough, was reputed to possess the smallest and best breed of cockers (woodcock spaniels) in Britain. They were invariably red and white, with very long ears, short noses, and black eyes. They were evidently the ancestors of the present Blenheims, which are still bred by the keepers of the lodges at Blenheim and some of the

inhabitants of Woodstock. But there is little doubt that they have been crossed with the pug to give them the very short snub noses which they now possess. Moreover, the breed has become very delicate and difficult to rear. They suffer from brain disease, and are more likely than any other dog to die in puppyhood. "Idstone," the celebrated writer on dogs, remembers the time when the Blenheims were mainly bred in the vicinity of the pal-He suggests as a probable original of the Blenheim the Japanese toy spaniel. The surmise seems very prob-

HOW LIGHTNING KILLS.

It Is the "Up Stroke" That Is Always the Most Fatal. A new theory as to how lightning kills, but, one which may well be held in abeyance until a clearer solution of it can be presented, is just now being arged by the scientists, says the St. Louis Republic. According to this new-fangled idea, a person is never "struck" by lightning at all-that is, in the general sense of the word quoted. The new theory is the result of deductions that have been made along the following lines: All life is electric. In the human body the stomach is the generator and the brain the battery. When a person is killed by lightning he is not "struck" at all, but dies because of a sudden loss of electric power which had been impelling his physical engine. The loss of this vital fluid, if such it may be called, is brought about in this manner: A thunderstorm is passing over. It is charged with positive electricity and the earth beneath is charged negatively. The human electric battery is between. If the cloud is charged heavily enough it sans the negative electricity from the earth, using the human being as a conductor, and finally leaves him lifeless by taking his electricity with that from the earth. This theory is in line with that which originated a few years ago and which was to the effect that it was the "up

stroke" that kills. POTATOES WERE EXPENSIVE. Big Bills Follow a Husband's Scheme to

Hide Cost of Cigars One of the funniest things that have occurred in Joliet during the present year, says the Joliet (Ill.) Republican, was the mishap of a gentleman who formerly lived on the west side, but is now a resident of the city, and whose wife ran the store bill and looked after the household expenses. He was in the habit, by agreement with his grocer, of having his cigars and occasionally goods that were not exactly cigars charged up as potatoes. One evil day his wife took her pencil and began to reckon up the accounts. She finally found that the family had eaten over three car loads of potatoes in less than, a year, and she just didn't believe that the account was correct. The smoker and the smoker's grocer were between the upper and the nether millstone for everal days, and it was doubtful who vould be pulverized the finest, but eally an explanation was made that mollified the wife, even if it didn't satisfy her as to the correctness of the

grocer's charge for potatoes. Can't See the Joke.

Here is the serious manner in which a big London daily and a sedate London magistrate treated an old-time American joke: "A strange society was brought to light during the hearing of a case before the Thames magistrate. Several men were charged with stealing a watch from a sailor and were all discharged except Alexander Fullerton, on whom were found a post office savings bank book for £49 and a card of membership with a curious title. It bore the following inscription: 'National Liars' association. Having been a member of the above association, and finding you a bigger liar than myself, I must congratulate you on relieving me of this card.' It must be gratifying to the East End community, as well as a tribute to Fullerton's own abilities, that he found no one worthy of relieving him of the card. The magistrate remanded him

for inquiries." A Double-Action Joke.

Dumas fils tells of a double-acting joke which he played on Meissonier, who was a botanist in his hours of leisure. The famous dramatist sent him a paper containing the dried roe of a herring, telling him that it was the seed of a very rare plant. "How are the seeds coming on?" he asked the great painter the next time he saw him. beautifully; I have planted them in a circle." And he took the astonished joker to a corner of the garden where the heads of young herrings were just peeping out.

Big Arrewhead.

An interesting relic was discovered near San Bernardino, Cal., recently. It is an immense sculptured arrowhead. four feet four inches long, and weighing more than 200 pounds. It is of bluish amusement each epistle concluded with granite, and shaped in perfect imitation of the smaller arrowheads frequently in that region.