

Our Great January Clearing Sale of SURPLUS MERCHANDISE.

Now in progress. We have marked down high grade goods to decided Bargain Prices which means a great thing to the buyer. We must close out our Winter goods to make room for the Spring stock. Come and see the bargains which we are offering. Below we quote you a few prices to show you we mean business:

Groceries At Money Saving Prices.



- 35c.....for 1/4-barrel Cream of the West Flour
- 25c.....for 10 Bars Calumet or Family Soap
- 25c.....for 9 Bars of Swift's Pride Soap
- 25c.....for 5 lbs. hand picked Navy Beans
- 25c.....for 25c bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar
- 25c.....for one can of Dew Drop Pine Apple, this is one of the best bargains offered you
- 10c.....for 1 lb. Braun & Fitts Holstein Butterine
- 10c.....for 1/2 lb. can Chicago Pure Cream of Tartar Baking Powder
- 15c.....for 1 lb. Herkimer Co. full Cream Cheese
- 15c.....for 1 lb. sun dried Japan Tea
- 5c.....for qt Sauer Kraut

Bargains in Our Shoe Department.



E. PREED & CO.

In our Shoe Department we can give you some good bargains. Come and look over our shoe table.

- Women's Felt Slippers.....90 cts.
- Boys' Moose Skin Shoes.....\$1.75
- Youtka's Moose Skin Shoes.....\$1.55
- Little Gent's " " " ".....1.38

Having bought a lot of Childs' and Misses' Heavy Soled Silk Stitched Shoes at a reduced price, we offer same to you at a bargain.

Child's Shoes, 8 1/2 to 11, regular price \$1.50, for.....**\$1.38**

Misses' Shoes, 11 1/2 to 2, regular price \$1.75, for.....**\$1.49**

Announcement to the Ladies

of our village and vicinity. Having secured the agency for our village for the

Famous Queen Quality Shoes

we will have a full and complete line for our spring trade.

Dry Goods

Ladies' Wrappers.

- A lot of Wrappers to go to make room for our spring line, 69 cents and up... **69 cts**
- 5 cts and upwards per yard for bleached or unbleached muslin..... **5 cts**
- 10 cents per yard for Baby Flannels in all delicate colors..... **10 cts**
- 45 cents each for ladies Flannel Petticoats..... **45 cts**
- 2 cents.....per yard for Torchon Laces
- 4 cents.....for spool of Thread
- 10 cents.....each for Belt Buckles
- 9 cents.....for hand roll Cotton Batts
- 5 cents.....per yard for Apron Gingham
- 10 cents.....for Children's mittens

Another new line added to our stock

The New Goodrich and New Empire Sewing Machines

Come in and get prices.

28-30 So. Main St.
Downers Grove

THE FAIR

S. F. HALLER,
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CHICAGO TELEPHONE COMPANY.

Business Increases For 1901 Greater Than Ever Before.

For the Chicago Telephone Company the year 1901 was more important than any other in its history. The increase in the number of instruments operated by the company during the year amounted to 18,000. This increase is far greater than that shown by any previous year—more than double the increase of the next year, 1900. Not only that, but the number of instruments included in Chicago's year's growth is greater than the total number operated by the company at the end of 1897, only four years before the Chicago telephone system, as it stood at the end of 1897, had been built up through many years. Yet, measured by the number of instruments, which is only the measure of the system's usefulness to the public, a system was built in this single year of 1901 as great as which had been created up to four years ago. In the preceding year nearly 10,000 instruments were added to the system, the number of instruments added in the year being as great as the total number in use at the beginning of 1900. In short, the system increased about 100 per cent in two years.

The number of purely public use instruments follows the telephone in all of its growth—largely in the way of emergency calls to the fire and police departments, hospitals, etc. It is certain that the means of communication to and from public institutions actually increased their efficiency by enabling them to call upon the telephone when they are wanted and to make inquiries with- out delay. Thus, as the number of instruments increases, the telephone becomes a greater public use, and the individual instrument becomes a progressive utility. The number of instruments made, the number of instruments made, and more and more instruments are being added to the Chicago system. The Chicago system is now the largest in the world, and it is more than

active disadvantage. Considering the remarkable increase in the use of the system the last year—largely due to the measured service plan—it is not too much to say that the telephone will soon become a commonplace necessity.

The revolution in telephone service has thrown a great burden upon the company. In three years the company's capital investment has been doubled, and announcement has already been made that \$3,000,000 additional capital stock will be issued at par in 1902 to meet the cost of the extensions and improvements planned for that year. It has been necessary to buy real estate and put up substantial buildings, of a permanent construction, for the city exchanges, in order that the delicately adjusted apparatus might not be subjected to the hazard of removals through expiration of leases—a contingency which it was vitally important to guard against in view of the strain put upon the system by the rapid extension. It was necessary to plan the exchanges and carry on the underground work with a view to continuous and rapid increases in the business.

Great care had to be exercised in order not to overload any of the exchanges so as to interfere with the service rendered to former subscribers. So careful has the company been on this point that tests have been made daily by its employes in the department of inspection, and the result of these tests has shown that, notwithstanding the increased use of telephone calls are answered promptly and the service generally is not only as efficient as ever before, but as efficient as any like service in any telephone exchange in the country.

The company is introducing a special extended service for the use of the public in great department stores, and it has provided public telephones available for use at the tables in a number of leading restaurants. It is operating more than 1,200 telephones located in rooms of number of leading hotels, by means of which the guests may talk not only within the hotel, but with anyone in the city exchange, or may secure prompt connection with any exchange in the United States. Elsewhere as well as in Chicago the telephone is being daily introduced to broad use, so that every instrument in the Chicago exchange represents a daily increasing possibility of use for outside connections.

The results so far obtained in Chicago amply prove that the time within which 100,000 instruments will be in use here depends only upon the time required to construct and install the apparatus for operation.

WITH THE MERCHANTS.

Almeria grapes at Nash's.
Fancy sage cheese at Nash's.
Chicago mince meat taken the lead.
Aunt Jemima pancake flour at Nash's.
Woolen underwear at Nash's for men only.

Cotton knit, fleeced underwear for men at Nash's.

If your boy needs a new suit the Fair can suit him.

See Mertz & Mochel before buying a new heating stove.

Telmo prepared mustard in glass jars 10 cents at Gerwig's.

Get one of those full dinner pails at Rang's, 10 and 15 cents.

Mertz & Mochel sell Washburn-Crosby's Gold Medal flour. None better.

Buy Yankee rolled oats; prize dish in every package; at Gerwig's.

For breakfast try Jumbo oats and Malta breakfast food at Gerwig's.

Something new in prunes: Ruby prunes, 10 cents a pound at Gerwig's.

Dishes to rent for entertainments and suppers. Apply at Kiela's market.

Lemon, cherry and raspberry phosphate, full pint bottles 10 cents at Gerwig's.

Angora baked beans; plain or in tomato sauce; big can; small price at Gerwig's.

Galvanized poultry netting; all sizes; prices reduced since last season, at Mertz & Mochel's.

Hygienic Kalsomine, the most durable wall finish, in all shades at 25 cents at Mertz & Mochel's.

Scudder's Canada Maple syrup absolutely pure. Put up in glass and tin packages, guaranteed full measure. J. W. Nass.

Don't forget that weather strips and coal will keep you warm, all you have to do is to call on the Illinois Lumber & Construction Co.

Scranton hard coal, free burning, lasting, few clinkers, for sale by the Illinois Lumber & Construction Co., also Sycamore vein, well screened Flocking Valley, the best soft coal in Downers Grove.

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Fat, enough for your habit, is healthy; a little more, or less, is no great harm. Too fat, consult a doctor; too thin, persistently thin, no matter what cause, take Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil.

There are many causes of getting too thin; they all come under these two heads: over-work and under-digestion.

Stop over-work, if you can; but, whether you can or not, take Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil, to balance yourself with your work. You can't live on it—true—but, by it, you can. There's a limit, however, you'll pay for it.

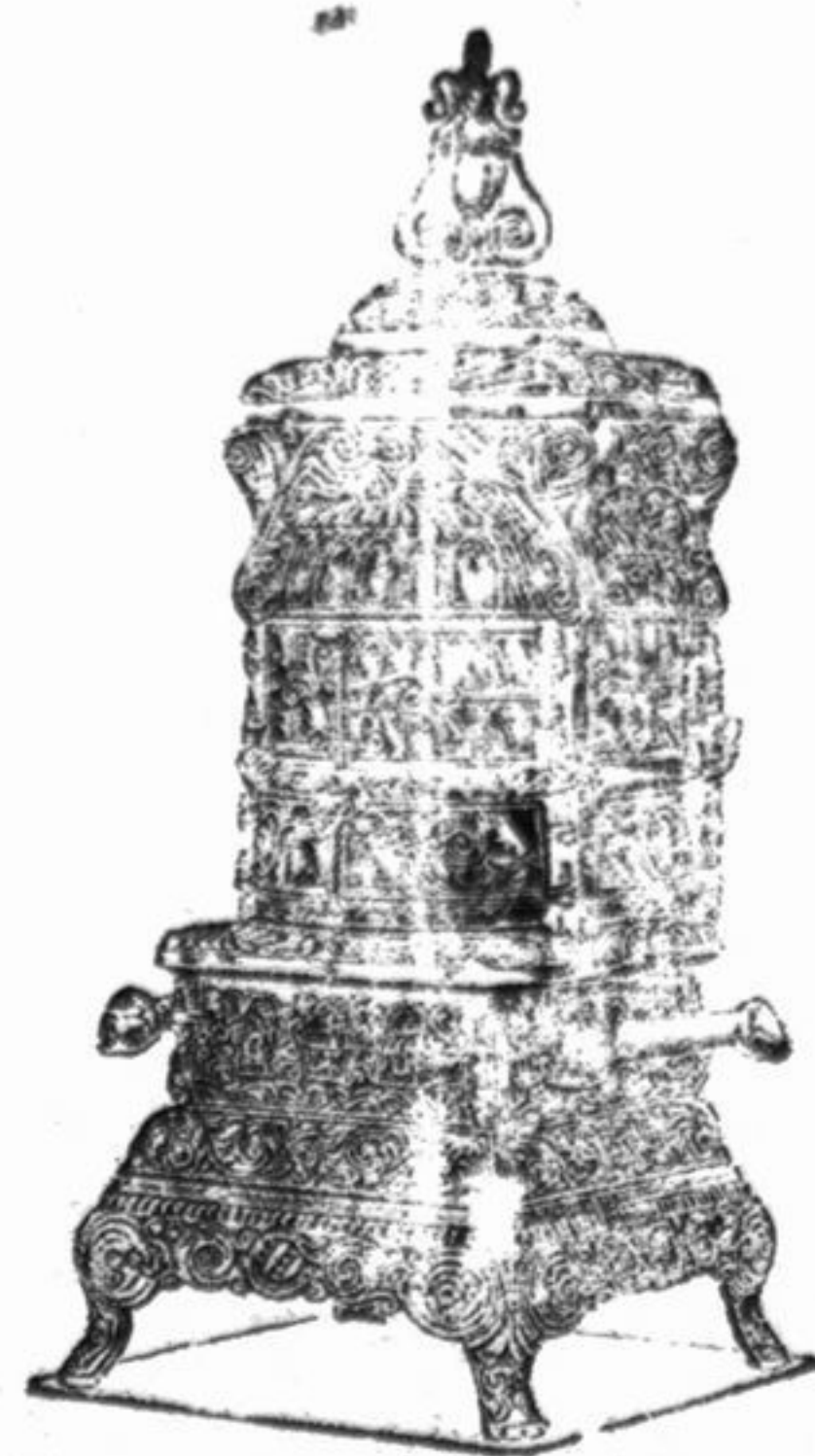
Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is the readiest cure for "can't eat," unless it comes of your doing no work—you can't long be well and strong, without some sort of activity.

The genuine has this picture on it, take no other. If you have not tried it, send for a free sample, its agreeable taste will surprise you. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 300 Pearl Street, New York.

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Our fall stock of Heating Stoves and Ranges is now on display; call and inspect the stock. Low prices guaranteed