Sunday School.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON NO. VIII FEBUARY 25 1906

Jesus' Power to Forgive.—Mark 2: 1-12.

Commentary.—I. The multitude gathers to hear Christ (vs. 1, 2). . And again—At the close of the missionary tour in Galilee. Into Capermaum—Which was his home, or headquarters. After some days—Some days after the leper had been healed and the excitement had quieted down. It was noised—The news spread very rapidly. In the house—Either the house which he occupied with his mother and his brethren (Matt. iv. 13), or possibly that of St. Peter.—Cam. Bib. "When Christ is in the house, 1. Good men will be attracted to it. 2. Bad men will be benefitted in it. 3. Divine benediction will rest upon it. 4. Beneficent ministries will flow from it. Those who have Christ in their home do not act like other people; their motives are purer; their charities more disinterested, and they have with them the source of joy and blessedness."—Burn. 2. Many were gathered The audience included Pharisees and doctors of the law, who had come from the towns of Galilee, Judea and Jerusalem (Luke v. 17). They had come to inspect and criticise this new teacher. "It was like the gathering of Israel on Carmel to witness the issue between Elijah and the priests of Baal."—Edersheim. About the door—There was a great concourse of people so that the house and court were both filled. Preached the word—The doctrine of the Son of God.—Clarke. They had come partly to criticize and partly out of curiosity, and now Jesu seizes the opportunity to preach the gospel. We should be instant in season and out of season to point others to Christ. Preaching and healing went together and made a powerful impression.

II. A palsied sinner brought to Christ (vs. 3, 4). Come unto Him—Access to Jesus seemed impossible. There were many obstacles in the way. Should they have waited for a convenient season? No. They must force their way to Chrits. Bringing one—He was young for Jesus calls him son, but he was full-grown, for it required four to carry him. There are many so weak and discouraged that they cannot go to Jesus without assistance; we should always be ready to help such. Sick of the palsy—Palsy, a contraction of the word paralysis, is a disease that deprives the part affected of sensation, or the power of motion, or both. This patient was utterly helpless. The disease is considered incurable. "Palsy is a type of sin. Sin in the soul takes all the forms which paralysis does in the body . Borne of four—Each one holding a corner of the "pallet" or bed, which was merely a thick padded quilt or mat. "There was co-operation in this work. One could not have done it; it needed four. In the union of hearts and hands there is strength. United they had no difficulty." 4. The press—It seemed quite impossible for the crowd to make an opening sufficiently large for them to pass through. Uncovered the roof—Luke says, "through the tiling." In the eastern countries the houses are flat-roofed, and joined together so one could walk upon them from one end of the city to another. These housetops were places of prayer and meditation, and from the house-tops criers proclaimed the times of public worship. Outside stairs always led to the roof. Broken it up—Oriental roofs were made of different kinds of material. Luke says they let this man down through the "tiling." "They appear to have broken up the tiling or thin stone slabs, osmetimes used at this day."—Maclear. The roof is only a few feet high, and by stooping down and holding the corners of the couch, merely a thickly padded quilt, as at present in this region, they could let down the sick man withou ropes to assist them.

III. Christ forgives sins (vs. 5-7). 5. Saw their faith—Many of the gifts of healing and restoration were obtained through the faith and prayers of the friends of the sufferers. See Matt. viii. 13, Mark v. 36, John iv. 50. Jesus "saw" their faith. Real faith acts. Their holy boldness pleased him. "Faith is the channel through which the grace of God flows into the soul in converting, healing power." Christ always notices and commends faith. Son—He spoke with tenderness. Matthew adds, "Be of good cheer." Evidently the young man was despondent because of his sins, for it seems probable that this disease had been brought on as a result of dissipation. Thy sins are forgiven (R. V.)—Our first great need is the forgiveness of sins. Jesus rightly puts this ahead of the healing of the body. We cannot doubt that this paralytic was a conscience-stricken young man. The conditions necessary to forgiveness are repentance, confession, forsaking sin, and faith. Although this man did not speak Jesus must have seen these marks in him.

6. Certain of the scribes—"The scribes were the leaders of the nation, the theologians, legislators, politicians."—Geikie. They had come up from Jerusalem and other places for the purpose of opposing him. Reasoning in their hearts—"Our word 'dialogue' is derived from the same Greek word. They held a dialogue within themselves." They had not spoken openly. 7. Blasphemies—To blaspheme is to slander God or to speak impiously against God. In this case they supposed that Christ was taking to himself prerogatives which belong to God only. "He is intruding on the divine rights. The blasphemer was to be put to death by stoning."—Geikie. But God only—They rightly understood that all sins are sins against God, and therefore only he could forgive them. See Psa. li. 4.

IV. Christ heals disease (vs. 8-12). 8. Jesus perceived —Jesus knew their thoughts (Matt. ix. 4). "To know the hearts of men was, with the Jews, a test of the true Messiah's claims. When Bar Cocav declared himself Messiah, the rabbins quoted Isa. xi. 3, and examined him to see if he could reveal the thoughts of their hears. He failed, and they slew him."—Whedon. In telling them their thoughts Jesus gave the fullest proof of his divinity. Why reason ye—Matthew says, "Wherefore think ye evil?" 9. Whether is it easier to say say, etc.—Some think that in these expressions Jesus is merely asking which is the easier claim to make. But he evidently means more than that and uses the term "to say" with the farther thought of "doing." He then shows that he has power to forgive sins by at once healing the palsied man.

10. That ye may know—"External miracles are the proof of internal ones." Christ was conscious of divine power. "If failure had been the result His humiliation would have been overwhelming and final." He purposes now to prove His divinity beyond question. Son of man—This is the title which Christ most frequently applied to Himself, sometimes interchanging it with the "Son of God." This title is never appled to Christ by the writers of the gospels. Jesus appropriated to Himself the prophecy of Daniel (Matt. xxvi. 63, 64; Dan. vii. 13). It is applied to Christ more than eighty times in the New Testament. 1. It implies his humiliation (Matt. viii. 20, and that He, the Son of God, became a true man (Rom. viii. 3). 2. That He was the one perfect man. sinless and complete in every human virtue. 3. That He was the representative man, elevated above individual, class and national prejudices. 4. That He was, officially, the representative of the human race in His life and death for man. Power on earth—They were thinking of God as being in heaven, and Jesus calls attention to the fact that there is power on earth now to forgive sins. 11. Arise—Here is the test. Christ shows His ability to forgive sins by his ability to heal.

12. He arose —The man had a part to perform. Had he not acted at the word of command He could not have been healed. Before them all —This thing was "not done in a corner.' Christ's miracles were performed in the most public manner and were never questioned by those who witnessed them. Amazed —Luke adds, "They were filled with fear." Glorified God—They had a high degree of reverence for God and were filled admiration for his power and goodness.—Benson. On this fashion—Christ's works are without precedent. He acts independently and advises with no one. They had seen three marks of His divinity: 1. Forgiving sins. 2. Perceiving thoughts. 3. Healing disease. The works of Christ are astonishing the world to-day. He is the same mighty Saviour as ever, and is still able to forgive sins, perceive thoughts and heal diseases.

"They come unto him" (c. 3.) All earthly hope was gone. Only the divine Son of man could help this hopeless cripple.

"Bringing one sick" (v. 3.) "Faith without works is dead" (James ii. 20.) Their works proved their confidence.

"They uncovered the roof" (v. 4.) Their faith was not baffled by difficulties. The overcomer will not be turned away from Christ by "the press" of unpropitious circumstances; "the press" of worldly people, worldly maxims, worldly judgments or worldly opposition; "the press' 'of earthly cares or sorrows; 'the press" of Christian work. Unless our work brings us and others closer to Jesus, it is not from God, or not done in faith and for God's glory.

"They let down the bed" (v. 4.) "Not a word did they utter; no loud, anxious call from the roof reached the ears of Jesus. They said in their hearts, 'The sight of them will be enough.' They knew the heart of Jesus and the power of Jesus, and so they did not cry to Him, but just put the need before His eyes."

"Jesus saw their faith." (v. 5.) "The crowd saw their eccentricity. Jesus saw their faith. He looked back of the act to the spirit which prompted it." "Teir faith" undoubtedly refers to the faith of their friends. Unbelief hinders God. The man had an acquiescent and concurrent faith. He believed enough to be willing to be brought. The friends believed, and Jesus spoke the word of forgiveness and healing. The man believed the word of Jesus and was made whole in soul and body.

"He said" (v. 5.) The foundation of all faith is the word of God. "Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." (Rom. x. 17.) Faith in the word of Jesus made the paralytic whole.

"Thy sins be forgiven thee" (v. 5). A great writer says, "The Master went behind the curtain of the flesh and healed the fountain of the soul's impurity. He laid his hand on the spiritual cause instead of dealing at once with the bodily result. Palsy is a disease frequently caused by certain forms of vice. This man needed forgiveness more than he needed healing. God always puts the emphasis where it belongs. Jesus saw that the man's heart-longing was more for relief from pain of soul than from pain of body.

"I say unto thee, Arise" (vs. 10, 11). Sorrow and sickness came when sin came. (Gen. 3, 16). They will go when sin goes (Rev. 21, 4). Every truth has its opposite parallel truth. The gospel car of truth runs on two rails. If you press the divinity of Christ as the "Son of God" and ignore the humanity of Jesus as the Son of Man (v. 10), you slip the track. If you run on his humanity and deny his divinity you wreck the train. If you run on the power of God for bodily healing and neglect the vital truth of the power for soul healing, you make a sad mistake. If you speak only of immunity from sin and never mention immunity from sickness you leave many a sufferer a wreck.

"Why reason ye" (v. 8). Those "sitting" instead of working can always find something to criticise, those "reasoning" instead of believing will put the owest construction on the highest deeds. Love never carps or criticises.

"He arose" (v. 12). The healing was immediate. Christ did a complete work; and so he always does. A living faith brings results. An active Christian will never be obliged to mourn for lack of fruit.

A. C. M.

TERRIBLE MINE EXPLOSION.

At Least Twenty-eight Men Perish Near Oakhill, W. Va.

Charlestown, W. Va., Feb. 12.—At least twenty-eight men are supposed to have met death in a terrible mine explosion in the Parallel mine of the Stewart Collieries Company, near Oakhill. Thirty-nine men were employed in them ine and only twelve had escaped alive. At midnight six bodies had been recovered near the mouth of the mine, and it is certain that all the others in the mine are dead.

Among those known to be in the mine supposed to be dead are: Mine Boss Miles Pratt and his son, white; four negroes, David Wells, James Swan, Geo. Jones and William Madison.

The explosion occurred at 1.30 p. m., and was caused by a pocket of gas which was struck in a fault in the mine.

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NAVAL SCRUTINY.

COMING MANOEUVRES OF COMBINED BRITISH FLEETS.

All British Ship Owners Will Be Asked to Co-operate With a View to Determining a Practical Scheme of Defence of British Commerce.

London, Feb. 12.—In connection with the great naval manoeuvres of the combined British fleets next June, the Admiralty has decided to request the complete co-operation of all British shipowners. According to the Admiralty's present tentative plans, the manoeuvres will be directed with a view to determining thoroughly a practical scheme of defence of British commerce in time of war, and will include attack and defence of vessels flying the flag of the British mercantile marine.

The manoeuvres will be the most extensive ever attempted and will extend from the English Channel along the coasts of France and Spain to the Mediterranean. Owners of vessels bound to and from Mediterranean and South Atlantic ports will be asked to permit their captains to place themselves under naval command for a short period. Passenger steamers and live stock carriers will be exempt. Any vessel unduly detained will be reimbursed.

ITALIAN MINISTRY.

A REPUBLICAN MINISTER IN A CONSERVATIVE CABINET.

Rome, Feb. 12.—The personnel of the new Italian Cabinet in succession to the Fortis iMnistry, which resigned on Feb. 2, includes the following: Premier and Minister of the Interior, Baron Sidney Sonnino; Foreign Affairs, Count Guicciardini; Justice, Signor Sacchi; War, Signor Mainoni; Navy, Admiral Mirabello.

Althoug the majority of the Ministers are Conservatives, the new Minister of Agriculture, Signor Pantano, has always professed republicanism. Signor Sacchi, the leader of the Radicals, now for the first time holds a portfolio.

Count Guicciardini, the new Foreign Minister, belongs to a noble Tuscan family. He is the great grandson of the famous Florentine historian, Francesco Guicciardini, and formerly was Minister of Agriculture.

BOSSES WON'T YIELD.

NEW YORK EMPLOYERS WILL WIGHT BUILDING TRADES UNIONS.

New York, Feb. 12.—At a conference of the allied union trades held yesterday to consider if any steps should be taken to avert the threatened strike of all the building trades unions in support of the expelled housesmiths, it was decided that there would be no compromise or yielding on the part of the employers. In a statement issued it was said that under no conditions would the Housesmiths' Union be recognized or reorganized. That while there would be no attempt to reduce wages under the open shop plan with that union, the trade would be graded into skilled and unskilled branches and the men paid accordingly.

Expert.

(Washington Star).

"Are you one of the expert witnesses?" inquired the court officer.

"I am," answered the high financier. "I've been on teh stand two hours and haven't told 'em a thing."

THE WORLD'S NEWS

CANADIAN.

The court has ordered the sale of the Dominion Linen Mills Company of Bracebridge.

The Provincial Government is considering a new scheme regarding civil servants' salaries.

Fire destroyed the fifteen thousand dollar school at Emerson, Man., including all the contents of the valuable library.

The new Toronto General Hospital scheme will benefit to the extent of $1,000 as the result of the Torrey-Alexander mission.

The will of the late Thomas R. Merritt of St. Catharines has been handed in for probate. The estate is apprised at

It is reported Mr W. R. Tudhope of Toronto, has purchased the stock held by Dr. Adams in the Karn Piano Company, amounting to $220,000.

Word was received in Brantford of the murder of the wife of a former Brantford man. Mrs. S. W. Burr was shot and killed in a restaurant at Pawnee, Oklahoma, on January 17th. The man who committed the deed is now in the toils of the law.

It is understood that Mr. A. H. U. Colquhoun has been urged by members of the Whitney Government to assume the position of Deputy Minister of Education, vacant through the death of Mr. John Millar.

Hon. Mr. Brodeur has been pressed to run as the Liberal candidate for Maisonneuve, the constituency represented by the late Mr. Prefontaine. He has not yet replied to the invitation, but circumstances may require him to accept.

Dates of the militia camps next year, with the exception of the western Ontario command, have been settled. Ottawa and Kingston camps will be held from June 18 to 29.

The convention of the lithographers in session yesterday endorsed the strike of the craft in Toronto, which has been in progress for more than six months, and a unanimous vote was cast that the strikers be given all the financial support wanted.

It is reported at Montreal that the United States Steel Corporation has secured a controlling interest in the stock of the Dominion Wire Manufacturing Co., and will endeavor to control other large iron industries in the Dominion.

According to a report issued by the Department of Commerce and Labor the aggregate volume of internal commerce during 1905 was undoubtedly the largest for any corresponding period in the history of the country.

Because of non-fulfilment of terms the Ontario Government has cancelled five agreements granting pulp concessions to as many companies. Advertisements will be published immediately calling for tenders for the concessions in the areas covered by the lapsed agreements.

BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

Lord Dundonald's famous black charger was chloroformed at Kingston by his Lordship's arder, and his head and hoofs will be mounted and preserved.

The Chicago Tribune says: Plans for a consolidation of Harriman railways have been perfected, and a public announcement is expected soon.

The five storey building occupied by Glasa, Hall & Co., wholesale dry goods merchants, on Market street, Philadelphia, was burned to-day. Loss $75,000.

The St. Petersburg Novoe Vremya declared it had reason to believe that the Radical organization in Finland was preparing for open war in support of the next outbreak of the Russian revolutionists.

Farrington & Whitney, importers and spice grinders, occupying a five-storey brick building at the corner of Greenwich and North Moore streets, New York, were burned out early to-day.

The trustees of Rutger's College at New Brunswick, N. J., yesterday elected Dr. W .H. S. Demarest, president of the college, to succeed Dr. Austin Scott, who resigned some time ago.

Dr. Benson Ambrose Cohoe, of the medical faculty of the University of Chicago, has resigned to accept a position as resident physician and bacteriologist at the Johns Hopkins Hospital at Baltimore.

Gen. Grodekoff, who was Governor of the Amur territory during the Boxer uprising, will be appointed viceoy of the Far East, with command of the land and sea forces. Gen. Linevitch, commander of the Manchurian army, will probably retire.

The British barque Mobile Bay, whic arrived at Anping, Island of Formosa, on January 16th, from New York, was totally destroyed by fire to-day. Her crew were landed. She had 7,000 cases of kerosene on board.

A number of naval officers, according to a despatch to the Slovo from Sebastobol, have been transferred to the far east for petitioning the Marine Ministry for an open trial of former Lieut. Schmidt, who commanded the cruiser Otchakoff, which mutinied in November last at Sebastopol.

Patrick Dolan, President of District No. 5, United Mine Workers of America, went into court to-day at Pittsburg and secured a temporary injunction restraining the delegates to the district convention, now in session there, from interfering with his powers as President of the district organization.

According to the statements of Dr. H. Mosesohn, a prominent Jew of Portland, Oregon, whose assertions are corroborated in a measure by the local Post Office authorities, a large amount of money sent from America to aid Jewish sufferers in Russia has never been received by those for whom it was intended.

It was announced last evening that Edwin M. Gould, chairman of the Greater New York Council of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, that the strike of coal drivers scheduled for Saturday would not come off. "We decided," said Mr. Gould, "to accept the compromise as to wages of the employees, and the employers will not discriminate against union men."

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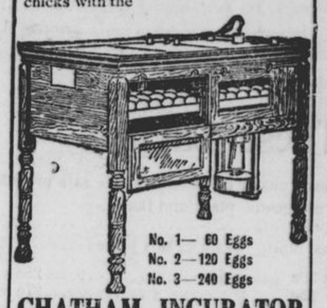

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WAS ARRESTED.

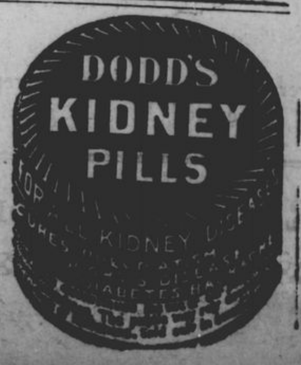
LONDON MAN IMPERSONATED SCOTLAND YARD DETECTIVE.

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 12.—George Minhinnick, a paving contractor of London, Ont., was arrested here to-night by Detectives McCarty and Horrigan for impersonating an officer. Minhinnick begged of Lieut. Henry Walpole to be released, but his prayers were of no avail, and he was cast into a cell to await trial. Accompanied by Provincial Detective Fred Campau, of Windsor, Minhinnick crossed to Detroit this afternoon and was introduced to the Detroit police.

He said he was a Scotland Yard man from London, England, and declared he was on the trail of a bank robber, who had fled with $13,000. He asserted that he had chased the robber from England, Jamaica, Vancouver, thence to Chatham and Detrtoit.

The Detroit police believed his story and Detectives McCarty and Horrigan were detailed to aid him in finding the bank robber. Minhinnick, accompanied by the two detectives, visited the Avenue Theatre, where he closely scanned the faces of men.

Later they went to several saloons. At one of them Minhinnick told a man that he was an officer, and had a warrant for his arrest. This aroused the suspicions of Detectives McCarty and Horrigan ,and they arrested him. At the Central Station he broke down and confessed.



Market Reports —OF— The Week.

Toronto Farmers Market.

The grain receipts to-day were small, amounting to only 600 bushels. Wheat firm, with sales of 300 bushels of fall at 77 to 78c. Barley unchanged, 100 bushels selling at 52c. Oats steady, with sales of 200 bushels at 39 to 40c.

Hay quiet and steady, with sales of 20 loads at $9 to $10.50 a ton for timothy, and at $6 to $8 for mixed. Straw firm, one load selling at $10.50 a ton.

Dressed hogs are steady, with light quoted at $8.75 to $9, and heavy at $8.50.

Wheat, white, bushel ...	$ 0 77	$ 0 78
Do., red, bushel	0 77	0 78
Do., spring, bushel	0 76	0 00
Do., goose, bushel	0 72	0 00
Oats, bushel	0 39	0 40
Barley, bushel	0 52	0 00
Peas, bushel	0 80	0 00
Rye, bushel	0 75	0 00
Hay, timothy, ton	9 00	10 50
Do., mixed, ton	6 00	8 00
Straw, per ton	10 50	0 00
Seeds—		
Alsike, No. 1, bushel ...	6 25	6 75
Do., No. 2	5 25	5 75
Do., No. 3	4 50	5 00
Red, choice, No. 1, bush.	6 25	7 00
Timothy, bushel	1 50	2 00
Dressed hogs	8 50	9 00
Apples, per bbl.	2 70	3 25
Eggs, new laid, dozen ...	0 28	0 30
Butter, dairy	0 24	0 25
Do., creamery	0 27	0 30
Chickens, per lb., ...	0 12	0 13
Fowl, per lb.	0 08	0 10
Turkeys, per lb.	0 14	0 16
Geese, per lb.	0 10	0 11
Cabbage, per dozen	0 40	0 50
Cauliflower, per dozen ...	0 75	1 00
Potatoes, per bag	0 75	0 85
Celery, per dozen	0 35	0 40
Onions, per bag	1 10	1 25
Beef, hindquarters	7 00	8 00
Do., forequarters	4 50	5 50
Do., choice, carcase	6 50	6 75
Do., medium, carcase ...	5 50	6 50
Mutton, per cwt.	8 00	9 00
Veal, per cwt.	8 50	10 00
Lamb, per cwt.	10 00	11 00

Montreal Live Stock Market.

Montreal report: About 450 head of butchers' cattle, 35 milch cows, 50 calves, 50 sheep and lambs, and 100 fat hogs were offered for sale to-day. Trade was slow but prices have an upward tendency all round. The best cattle on the market sold at about 4 3-4c per lb., but they were not extra; fairly good cattle sold at 3 3-4 to 4 1-2c; stock, 2 1-2 to 3 1-2c per lb. Milch cows were in demand at $30 to $60 each. Calves were all young but pretty high in price, from $3 to $6 each, or from 4 1-2 to 5 1-2c per lb. Sheep sold at about 4 1-2c; lambs at about 6c per lb.; realy good lambs would bring more. Fat hogs sold at 7 to 7 3-8c per lb.

Bradstreet's Trade Review.

Montreal— While there is a fairly good tone to most lines of trade here, stocks of winter goods have not been moving as they otherwise would have done, and in some localities retailers may carry some lines over. This is bound to affect spring trade somewhat, as it has affected the sorting trade, which in most lines is usually brisk at this season of the year. Collections, too, are a little slow, partly on account of these conditions. This, of course, more especially applies to the dry goods trade. Groceries, never active at this time of the year, are now quiet, but in hardware there is a fairly brisk movement. The demand for general lines is active, and that for heavy metals is brisker with prices firm. Prespects for spring trade also are bright. Despite the facts related above, the general outlook for spring trade is more or less bright in all directions.

Toronto— The movement of spring lines in dry goods and hardware is showing increased activity. The dull trade in woollens and some other lines have given the manufacturers an opportunity to catch up on recent heavy orders, and prices throughout have been maintained. The grocery trade is a little quiet, and sugars are weak. Hardware is active for sorting lines and for spring goods. The demand for builders' supplies is very heavy. Good shipments are going to the West. Collections generally are fair to good, although those from Western Canada are still slow. Heavy shipments of goods are being sent to that part of the country, and the trade outlook there is bright. Bad roads have interfered with deliveries of country produce, and grains are firm.

Quebec—General trade shows little improvement over that of the preceding week, and remittances from the country are generally reported slow.

Winnipeg—Colder weather has given a rather better tone to wholesale trade here and the bulk of the business is in spring lines. There is a good movement in groceries and that in hardware continues brisk. Country orders in the latter line are particularly good. Collections in all lines continue a little slow.

Victoria and Vancouver— There is rather a better tone to the grocery, grain and hardware trade, although there is nothing in the way of a large business yet moving. Provincial industries are busy, lumber especially so, and heavy foreign shipments are now being made. It is expected lumber mills will be working overtime for some months.

Hamilton—Wholesale trade generally continues quiet, although the outlook for spring business is still good. Country trade is only fair, and deliveries of grain, etc., are light. Collections are generally fair.

London—Trade continues to be affected by the mild weather, but all lines of manufactures and outdoor work are active. The demand for wholesale lines is not brisk, but spring orders continue fairly large, and general prospects are satisfactory.

A Bogus Nicholas Arrested.

Elizabethgrad, Russia, Feb. 12.—The false emperor and his suite, who have been stirring up the people of the Volga region, have finally been arrested near Dnieprovsk. Among the pretender's suite were three men representing themselves as Ambassadors of foreign powers, and a fourth who was uninformed as a General of Emperor Nicholas. The pretender was dressed in the richest purple and crimson robes, with gold trimmings, and a crimson hat with a purple feather.

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