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	Each	Dozen
PINTS .....	.14c	\$1.50
QUARTS .....	.16c	1.85
½ GALLONS .....	.22c	2.60

## Brooms

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40c, 50c, 60c and 75c each

## Extracts

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3—2 oz. Bottles .....	25c.
2—2½ oz. Bottles .....	25c.
1—3 oz. Bottle .....	15c.
1—9 oz. Bottle .....	36c.
1—16 oz. Bottle .....	40c.

## Soda Biscuits

5 lb boxes at 13c lb.

6 SOAP .....	25c.
5 Pecheur Salmon, \$1.00	
6 Emblem Salmon, \$1.00	
2 tins CORN .....	25c.

## Plums

FRUITS ARRIVING TWICE A WEEK

PICKLING SPICE .....	25c lb.
MUSTARD SEED .....	15c pkg.
CELERY SEED .....	15c pkg.
TUMERIC .....	40c lb.
WHOLE CLOVES .....	80c lb.
MUSTARD .....	30c lb.
Whole Ginger .....	60c lb.
WHOLE GINGER .....	60c lb.
GINGER .....	40c lb.
CAYENNE PEPPER .....	60c lb.
PEPPER CORNS .....	30c lb.
BLACK PEPPER .....	50c lb.
ALSPICE .....	30c lb.
CINNAMON .....	30c lb.
GROUND MIXED SPICE .....	35c lb.
GROUND CLOVES .....	80c lb.

## Sugar

100 lbs .....	\$6.85
14 lbs .....	\$1.00

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## WEDDING RING INSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW A THING OF THE PAST; TOKENS REST IN SAFETY VAULTS

With the wedding ring parked anywhere but the wife's hand, (with Milady enjoying her jewelry most when it is in a safety deposit vault, there seems to be nothing left to do with rings nowadays but recall the times when the wife's hand without a gold band provided, if not grounds for a divorce, material galore for the gossipers. In those days rings were rings, not gold or platinum wires, and they had a lore all their own and as a direct consequence a dominating place in the wearer's daily life.

The marrying generation of today cannot see much in a wedding ring—they find it and the license the cheapest things about marriage—so that if the wedding ring has as much as two sets of initials in it it's getting frightfully sentimental.

### Different Yesterday.

What would they say to such inscriptions as our ancestors, some of them not any farther removed than grandparents, had on their wedding and engagement rings:

Faith and true.

Love till death.

All for all, love for love.

Love me and be happy.

The love is true I owe you.

And often there were hearts with them. They weren't afraid of sentiment in those days; separation, divorce was what scared them. Take these verses, "On a Very Old Wedding Ring," written last century, and you get some idea of what a wedding ring meant to the line of folks who are responsible for your coming into this world:

The device—Two hearts united:

The motto—"Dear love of mine, my heart is thine."

I like that ring, that ancient ring Of massive form and virgin gold, As firm, as free from base alloy.

As were the sterling hearts of old. I like it—for it waits me back

Far, far along the stream of time, To other folk and other days.

The men and days of deeds sublime. But most I like it as it tells

The tale of well requited love; How youthful fondness preserved, And youthful fate disdained to rove.

How warmly he his suit preferred Though she, unpitying, long denied, 'Till softened and subdued, at last

He won his fair and blooming bride. How till the appointed day arrived,

They blamed the lazy footed hours; How then the white roped maiden train

Strewed their glad way with fresh-est flowers;

And how before the holy man They stood in all their youthful pride

And spoke those words, and vowed those vows,

Which bind the husband to his bride "This heart is thine only and forever; Thine 'till the springs of life shall fail—

Thine 'till the cords of life shall sever;

Remnant of days departed long, Emblem of plighted truth unbroken, Pledge of devoted faithfulness.

Of heartfelt, holy love the token. What varied feelings round it cling! For these, I love that ancient ring.

### Romance Recalled.

That is enough to make you feel that in these days all the romance has gone out of wedding rings and that its figurative virtues have been forgotten. Who remembers nowadays what Dean Comber and Wheatly said:

"The matter of which this ring is made is gold, signifying how noble and durable our affection is; the form is round, to imply that our respect shall never have an end; the place of it is on the fourth finger of the left hand, where the ancients thought there was a vein that came directly from the heart, and where it may be always in view; and being a finger least used, where it may be least subject to be worn out; but the main end is to be a visible and lasting token of the covenant which must never be forgotten."

The duties and responsibilities that go with it provided Jeremy Taylor with a sermon on "Wedding Ring for the Finger." Herriek, Moore, Byron and Dr. Johnson were inspired with beautiful thoughts by wedding rings, and Chaucer in "The Clerk's Tale" put these words into the mouth of the Patient Grisild, to show her sore affliction:

Here again your clothing I restore, And eke your wedding ring forevermore.

### Rings and Rings.

But there have been wedding rings and rings. On the spur of the moment, with the necessary circle missing, a piece of kid glove cut from a finger of the bride's glove has been used; even a curtain ring and the church key have been called into use. English women once wore the wedding ring on the thumb, and the "heathenish

origin" of the wedding ring led the Puritans to "prohibit and preach against the ring, to the injury of goldsmiths and the wrath of ring wearing matrons." So Butler wrote in his "Hudibras":

Others were for abolishing That tool of matrimony, a ring, With which the unsanctified bridegroom

Is marry'd only to a thumb.

Delivering the keys of the house with the bridal ring was of ancient origin. The Romans endowed their wives with their keys, and their rings were generally of the same metal as the keys—iron. A Thirteenth century bishop declared that wedding rings should be of gold, "because, as gold excelleth all other metals, so love excelleth all other blessings, and as gold is set off with gems, so is conjugal love set off by other virtues."

### Platinum Rules.

Now that platinum excelleth gold in price the same reasons doubtless held good for platinum wedding and engagement rings set with diamonds. Many think that engagement rings are modern, but in ancient times and in the Middle Ages solemn betrothal by means of a ring often preceded matrimony. Rings were sometimes exchanged by lovers who were about to separate for long periods. Shakespeare has more than one allusion to this custom and Chaucer describes it in Troilus and Cressida:

And, playing, interchangeden their rings,

Of which I cannot tellen no scripture.

But we are telling a number of "scriptures" from old rings from the middle of the Sixteenth into the Nineteenth centuries it was the custom to inscribe within the hoop of the betrothal ring a motto or "posy," English corruption of people:

Let love encrease

Till my live's end,

My hart and I until I dy

I love and like my choyse,

I chuse not to change.

Let reason rule affection

You and I will lovers dye.

You have me hart

In eternal union,

Love ever

Love doth abound.

Love me ever or love me never.

There's the story of the sailor who ordered a ring with the posy, "When money's low the ring must go," and afterward bought a pair of silver buckles for his lady love and so he had this posy added: "If that won't do the buckles too."

One of the most extraordinary of posies was the inscription Lady Cathcart—another one—had inscribed on her wedding ring on marrying her fourth husband, Hugh Macguire:

If I survive

I will have five.

"A posy of prettier taste," said one commenting upon the above was a ring of the Fourteenth century: Je suis en li'y d'ami (I am here in place of a friend.

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## BIG TOURIST SEASON IN THE OLD WORLD

Paris, Sept. 8.—The turn of the annual tourist tide last week was emphasized by the departure of the Leviathan, Olympic and other big liners, all loaded to capacity with Americans returning home. Thus one of the busiest tourist seasons wanes. Because of the exceptionally fine weather of the last few weeks Paris has been thronged with visitors. Hotels are crowded everywhere and the boulevards are occupied by almost as many tourists as natives. The shops and theatres are dominated by foreign guests.

But inevitably the first of September with the approaching school and college terms, gives the signal for the westward voyages to begin. This year it has launched promptly as ever with the result that probably 6,000 tourists sailed to America within the week. The Leviathan alone carried about 2,400. Other ships also were taxed to the limit. Paris shopkeepers, cafe owners and theatrical producers watch the exodus with genuine regret, as there won't be such fine business again until another season starts.

## MANY OF RICH IN ENGLAND UNWASHED

Daventry, Eng., Sept. 8.—The Marquis of Northampton holds that many rich people in England are dirty and have been carelessly reared. He so expressed himself in a recent speech here.

"I know many rich people who have never been clean all their lives because they have never been taught otherwise," he said. He also took a slap at the cooking in English homes which he declared was worse than in any other country he had visited.

An Ohio educator criticizes students for pigeonholing brains. He says they shelve education but he probably means they pour it into gasoline tanks.

## A BLACK CAT HELPS AN OPERA SINGER WIN 1,000,000 FRANCS

(New York Sun.)

Anna Fitziu, opera star, has returned from Vichy, France, with more than 1,000,000 francs which she won at chemin de fer with the assistance of a black cat and a system. The system she figured out after losing 56,000 francs, but she didn't dare try it until the cat crossed her path.

"All my life," said Miss Fitziu in her home at 246 West Seventieth street today, "black cats have brought me luck, and when I found this one in the street outside the Casino at Vichy I knew I would win back all the money I had lost."

She succeeded in doing not only just that, but in winning 325,000 more also. To prove it Miss Fitziu introduced the cat to reporters today.

"The very first night I brought him with me," she said, "I won 85,000 francs on 600."

It was one Saturday night last July Miss Fitziu had been sent to Vichy by her physician, for she has not been well since an attack of influenza in Chicago last winter, when she was singing with the Chicago Opera Company.

"He warned me," she said, "not to go near the Casino because it would be bad for my nerves, so of course that was the very first place I went. For several days I lost heavily and then I stopped for a while and watched the others. That was when I figured out my system."

On the Saturday night in question she had very little money on hand and found she would be unable to

cash any drafts until the following Monday.

"I was going back to my hotel," she said, "when I saw this little kitten and picked it up. Then I found \$15 in my purse, which I exchanged for 600 francs, and returned to the game."

"I had to hide the kitten under my shawl and he nearly scratched me to pieces, but I wouldn't have let him go for anything in the world and he's been with me ever since."

At this point the kitten, which made the journey to this country in handbags, under cloaks and other dark and secret places, introduced itself to the reporter by appearing on his left shoulder. A hasty attempt to slip him, for good luck, into the reporter's pocket unseen, was interpreted as an invitation to play on the rug, which he felt inconsistent with journalistic dignity.

The kitten, which Miss Fitziu named "Banco," a cry used in the game of Chemin de fer, will be insured as soon as the singer decides just how valuable he is to her.

"If I lose him," she said with a laugh, "look for my name in the death notices."

The reporter promised.

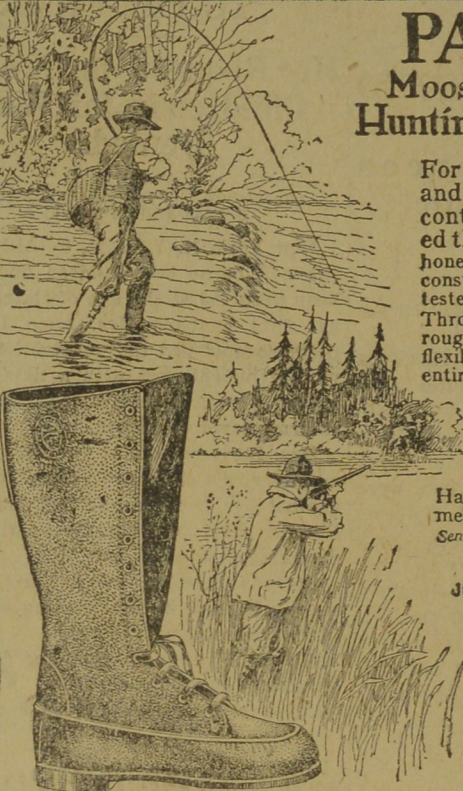
Efforts to learn the system from either Miss Fitziu or Banco were fruitless. She intends to return to Vichy next year, the singer explained, to the system must remain a trade secret. Many of those who followed her winnings spent a number of days trying to find her method, she said, but most of them lost when they thought they had the solution.

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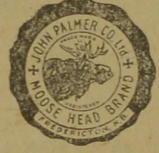
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