

OUR GREAT JANUARY STOCK REDUCING SALE STARTS WITH TO-MORROW, TUESDAY

And will last until the end of the month. If you are interested and need full value for your money watch this space, as we will change every second day, naming the goods offered.

2nd Batch of January Bargains.

Ladies' Fur Gauntlets, Gloves and Mitts

16 pairs Ladies' Grey Lamb Gauntlets, Fur lined, all sizes, \$5 Gloves or Mitts, at this sale \$2.75 pair. 8 pairs Black Fur Gauntlets to clear at \$2. All the Fur Collars in our stores for men, women and children will be sold at exactly $\frac{1}{2}$ of regular prices. A good assortment of Men's Fur Caps, all the popular styles to clear at $\frac{1}{2}$ price. 4 grey Goat Robes to clear at \$5.50. 6 black Goat Robes to clear at \$6.50, regular prices are \$9.50 to \$10.

Great Sale of Overcoats.

300 Men's, Boys' and Youths' Overcoats, on sale all this month. \$6.50 Overcoats, latest style, sale price \$4. \$7.50 Overcoats, latest style, sale price \$5. \$9 Overcoats, latest style, sale price \$5.50. \$10 Overcoats, latest style, sale price \$6.50. \$12 to \$15 Overcoats, best and newest style, choice \$9. Boys' Overcoats, Raglan style, to clear at \$2.50, \$3.25 and \$4.50. A few Blanket Overcoats, with hoods, Red Piping, boys' size, 3 to 10 years, to clear at \$2.75

Watch this space for further quotations. All goods offered and sold precisely as advertised. Come and see

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BIG JANUARY SALE.

PREPARING FOR SPRING.

Vivid and Living Description of Genial Nature Lover—Truly It Hath Been Said: "There is No Death."

Where the sedges wilt and wither, exposing the hard, frozen earth, and where the leaves have been soaked with the rain or carried away by the searching winds, the elaborate preparations for a new season are freely revealed. The wintergreen pays no attention to the penetrating frosts that congeal the moist earth about its roots and solidify the lingering foliage of most of its forest neighbors. Its scarlet and green, its mild flavor and pleasant aroma remain as in summer. But in the open spaces the artistic rosettes of fresh leaves show a thoughtful regard for the coming season of repose. The evening primrose spreads a most handsome circle of pale green leaves, in no way suggesting the tall, irregularly-podded stalk and perfumed yellow flowers of summer. The slender-waisted and pointed leaves radiate from the deep, fleshy root, making a circle sometimes a foot in diameter. Each circle of leaves grows regularly shorter, right in to the cluster of points in the centre, the whole rosette lying flat and even on the ground, prepared to sleep under the white coverlet till spring. These recumbent circles of pointed leaves are among the most decorative preparations for the season to come. They lend a charm even to the frozen ground by their symmetrical outlines and torpid promise of renewed life. In the spring they will speedily wither as the strong, coarse stalk rises from the ground, and some of the outer points of the circles are already turning brown. But their tenacity is still a contrast with the delicate yellow flower that open but for a night and wither in the morning. The opening of an evening primrose is one of the treats of late summer, when, with the settling of darkness, the coarse, budded, and weedy plant suddenly becomes fragrant with delicate, slender, tubular flowers. Although they live but a single night and wither on the coarse seed pods in the morning, there are other buds developing from day to day to perfume the air of evening on into the fall.

There are other decorative rosettes nestling close on the hard, frozen surface. The viper's bugloss, branded by an unsympathetic community as a noxious weed, in spite of the bright picturesque aspect of its blue, bristling spikes of flowers, appears like dark green stars under the withered grass and sedges. Its coarser and bristling texture distinguishes it

from the evening primrose. In summer it displays a decorative scheme peculiarly its own, coarsely picturesque, with unfolding spikes of small blue tubular flowers relieved by pink buds and red protruding stamens. But the best time to study the wild flowers is all the year round. The shepherd's purse, more conspicuous as a weed than as a flower, now takes on a fine rosette form and lies close to the ground, its deeply-lobed leaves in a less regular circle presenting an excellent decorative effect. In summer its little, two-lobed, purse-like seed pods will be more conspicuous than its diminutive white flowers. Just now it is at its best. The saxifrage spreads a little irregular bunch of leaves on the ground, seeming eager for a chance to hide away under the snow. These leafy circles appear like hopeful claims staked out for flowering spaces in the spring. The treasure located there is the mystery of life. "In dark soil and the silence of the seeds the robe of spring it weaves." Where it is not sustained in the vigorous evergreens, the surviving circles of leaves, or the hidden roots that endure the winter, it lives in the inert seeds that have been scattered and hidden in infinite variety in every crevice of the receptive earth. It seems strange that every foot of that solidly-frozen surface is instinct with life, dormant for the moment, but ready to renew its infinitude of activities with the changing seasons. "There is no death; what seems so is transition."

Hands Across the Sea.

There is a movement on foot in England to inaugurate a correspondence scheme between the children of the English schools and the children of the Canadian schools, as well as those of the other Crown colonies. The object of the scheme is to diffuse a better knowledge of the two countries among the children of the two countries. Incidentally it will add materially to the postage revenue.

There are in round numbers 500,000 children in Ontario, and the teachers are asked to inform C. W. Isilt, Clerk of the London School Board, Victoria Embankment, London, W.C., as to how many scholars in Ontario wish to correspond, and if they wish the communications to start from here or from England.

A series of circulars and letters have been received at the Educational Department in connection with the scheme, and asking that the teachers take the matter up.

This scheme provides abundant opportunity for romance.

Demosthenes.

Demosthenes took poison which for years he had carried about with him in a pen. He was disgusted at the fickleness and folly of the Athenians.

Croup.

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