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New Mother Goose Books, Red Riding Hood, Fairy Tales, in fact, all the good old books and all the nice new books, too.

We sell a piece of Ten Yards of the best Baby Ribbon for 9 cents Every color and white.

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And she'll adore it for where's the woman with a sense of the truly artistic who wouldn't rather have one of these beautiful Eastern Rugs than anything you could select.

If she already haa some she'd cherish another all the more to add to her treasures. And if she hasn't one at ALL you couldn't know how glad she'd be to get one.

From $1.79 and $1.89 in the lovely colored Anatolian Door Mats to the big Shirvans, Kazaks and others at $2.50. Great values at $6.08, $8.50, $10.50, $12, $15 and $18

Two Lucky Umbrella Hits For Saturday.

A Hundred Women's $2.00 Umbrellas For **$1.19**

A Hundred Men's $5.00 Umbrellas For **$2.98**

Along comes a good maker of Fine Umbrellas and asks us to give his house a show. "Christmas Umbrellas all in" we make answer. "Will you accept an opening offer from us? simply to let us convince you of our superiority and Price Rightness?" The above figures couldn't be refused by any sane buyer' Here are the Umbrellas turned over to you just as we bought them.

THE WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS are of yarn dyed taffeta, on steel rod and paragon frames, over fifty sorts of handsome handles including gun metal, pearl, ivory, English Boxwood and silver trimmed. Cover and silk tassel of course. $2 Umbrellas for **$1.19**

THE MEN'S UMBRELLAS are of silk mohair with true elegance in the handle mounting, including burnt ivory, sterling silver mounted and the like. Umbrellas built on the best of paragon frames and steel rods with silk mohair, cover and tassel. $5 Umbrellas for **$2.98**

Other Umbrellas from 49cts to $12.50—We give a nice Folding Box with each Umbrella and we engrave initials Free of Charge on all Umbrellas at from $1.50 up.

And To Keep The Millinery Folks Busy We Start a Clearance Sale Of Our Finest Trimmed Hats

We must manage to have some of the Christmas busy-ness reach the Millinery. So here's how the Handsome Hats will go on Saturday:—

$ 8.50 and $12.50 Hats for **$5.50**
$14.00 and $25.00 Hats for **$9.50**
$ 5.00 and $ 7.50 Hats for **$2.50**

While you're in the Millinery, stop nearby in the Picture Gallery. You'll enjoy the Christmas Pictures even if you don't care to buy.

Saturday News of Reductions On Suits and Coats.

WOMEN'S COATS—of fine black cheviot, satin lined, 36 inches long, half fitting, new sleeve. Sizes 34 to 40. From $13.50 reduced to **$9.50**

WOMEN'S BLACK CHEVIOT, satin lined Jackets, 28 inches long. 27 Inches long. From $12 reduced to **$8.50**

WOMEN'S SWEATERS—white, black, brown, blue and grey. New ones just here. **$1.95** to **$4.98**

MISSES' and CHILDREN'S SWEATERS—**$1.25**

WOMEN'S GOLF VESTS—white, red, black, **$1** and **$1.25**

WOMEN'S and MISSES' WALKING SKIRTS—made of good all-wool mixtures. From 3.98 and 4.98 reduced to **$2.98**

CHILDREN'S PETER THOMPSON COATS—with full length belted back, pretty emblem on sleeve, brown and blue cheviot; also a few in brown Zebelines, 8 to 14 year sizes. From $6.50 reduced to **$4.98**

One rack of Ladies' and Women's Tan and Castor Satin Lined Kersey Jackets and Coats. From $8.98 to $13.50 reduced to **$5.98**

ONE LONG COAT—of fine black crushed velvet. From $48.00 reduced to **$35**

One from $45.00 reduced to **$30**

FINE TAN COVERT COATS—from $20 reduced to **$15**

LAST-MINUTE-NEWS FLASHED INTO THE ADVERTISING ROOM JUST BEFORE PRESSTIME

White Lawn Aprons 23cts—They're the 39c kind. Well made and of good white lawn. Have them with bretelles or without. Pockets if you like. Some just plain with deep hem and tucks. Other Aprons from 50c to $1.50

$2 White Petticoats $1.39—There are five styles. One of the richest has cambric top with deep lawn ruffle, having five rows of German val. lace insertion and ruffle to match. Extra dust ruffle.

Women's 25c H'dk'fs 19—Very fine pure linen and sheer dainty Swiss embroidered squares. Fearlessly we'll say there's no H'dkerchief at 19c in New Haven like it.

Some Bargains for Boys—Boys' good all-wool Toboggans in all colors, for **19** cents.
Boys' Double Band Caps—pull over the ears, blue and grey and in any size, for **19** cents.
Boys' Overcoats—3 to 8 year sizes, our $5 coats, big, loose, stylish Overcoats. Saturday for **$4.69**

$1.25 Bags for 95c—250 Women's Hand Bags in brown, black and tan walrus grain, plain and fancy lined, fitted with purse, braided or strap handles. Single and double frames in nickle, gilt, oxidized and leather covered frames. Our regular $1.25 Bags for 95cts Saturday.

Men's 19c H'dk'fs 12½c—Good big size, of purest Irish Linen with hand-embroidered initials, hemstitched with the latest width hem. They'll launder fine and close.

CARNATIONS ARE MORE COSTLY.

Because of a Disease to the Plant for Which No Remedy Has Been Found.

The passing of the carnation, florists say is only a question of time, and a short time at that. Already it has become unprofitable as a specialty, and the specialists are dropping it and going into other branches of flower raising. Among all the flowers that grow the carnation enjoyed for a time the greatest popularity, perhaps. Florists will tell you that for every one order received for roses, violets or sweet pease, 10 were received for carnations. It is a half hardy flower, it is beautiful in form and color, possesses a rare, spicy, fragrance and is moderate in price—all of which qualities place it at the head of the list of popular blooms.

The late President McKinley shared the general liking for the carnation and declared it his favorite flower. During his occupation of the White House the vases in the family apartments were filled daily with carnations, and the President invariably wore one of the flowers in his coat lapel. Red was his preferred color, and one of the most beautiful red carnations ever hybridized was named the President, in his honor. Each morning he presented to Mrs. McKinley a bouquet of these blooms. His love for the carnation is still remembered, and out in Canton, where his remains lie there is always a fresh offering of the flowers on his grave.

Who first discovered the possibilities of the pink and started the development of the carnation is not known to the laity and probably not to many professional growers, for an inquiry among 23 of them brought forth no light on the subject. The pink has been known as a carnation for at least 40 years, say growers.

Many a grower has made a fortune out of the carnation, but it's a long lane that has no turning, and the florists say that the turning in the carnation lane is in sight. For a disease has stricken the carnation and unless a cure can speedily be found the time is near when the flower will be rare.

It has already progressed so far that the demand exceeds the supply, and the price has consequently risen. Last year was an especially bad season for carnations, and the growers lost heavily. As a consequence many who formerly made carnations a specialty have abandoned them for a more profitable product. This season is backward and an estimate of the crop cannot be given.

"This disease is a recent thing," said a large carnation grower on Long Island. "Eight years ago it was unknown. We grew thousands of carnations in the open field and they produced abundantly.

"We sold them at wholseale at 50 cents a hundred. Now we sell them at from $1 to $4 a hundred, and the carnations are no better. We have abandoned outdoor cultivation, and keep them in the benches. We formerly grew carnations almost exclusively, but have now practically given them up.

"This disease is ruining the business. Nobody has so far found a cure and we are all experimenting with remedies. It attacks the stem of the plant and follows it upward, destroying it, cell by cell."

He opened the door of a greenhouse. The benches were filled with carnations in full bud, and every plant was stricken with the blight. From the earth line up each plant was withered. Some were still green, and healthy at the tops, but all were afflicted. The house next to it, also filled with carnations, was still untouched by disease.

"Carnations," continued the florist, "were once easy to grow, but they have been forced and cultivated to death. They are subject to three pests and three diseases. The pests are red spider, green fly and the thrip, all insects and easily destroyed. The diseases are bacteria, which attack the plants in spots and are curable; dry rot and stem rot. It is the last two which are fatal.

"Every grower has a theory of his own and is working on it. In time some of us may discover a cure and save the flower. It does not appear to be in the earth, for in all cases of the disease which I have seen the root of the afflicted plants are in perfectly healthy condition.

"As a precaution, carnation raisers are sterilizing the soil they grown in. Some are also trying sub-irrigation, which is an arrangement of piped earth with a strata of sand above the pipes, intended to produce an artificial dry. This is where the plants are grown indoors. It is too recent an experiment to show results.

"The strength of the carnation is less of late years, too. Nowadays the life of the average variety is from three to four years. Then its vitality is exhausted.

"For instance, the Daybreak carnation, over which the buying world went mad, is now run out. Formerly they lasted longer. Take the old original standby, the Portia carnation. We grew that carnation here for about 30 years. Portia is gone now, but there'll never be another like her.

"We have good commercial varieties now, but none that will last long. Some of our fancy specials, very high priced, have lately gone to pieces before they were thoroughly established.

"I know one seeding with a famous reputation, and one of the largest white carnations ever grown, which was brought out by its originator about two years ago. It lasted just one year when it began to develop double centers and burst its calyr. It had been forced beyond all measure of its strength to supply the demand while the fad was on, and the flower couldn't stand it.

"President McKinley fondness for the flower gave the market a tremendous boom. The consequence was that everybody in the flower business went into carnations as a specialty. The price went down, but there was still money in it.

"Then this mysterious disease appeared. My own theory is that the carnation has been so weakened in constitution by overforcing as to be unable to withstand the disease germ, which I believe is in the plant itself from the beginning and only develops after a few-years when the plant is run down and in poor health."—New York Sun.

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