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You are cordially invited to attend and inspect the season's advanced creations.  
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SHAMROCKS  
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**DIED.**  
**PAUL.**—In this city, March 15th, 1913, Julius Paul, aged 67 years.  
Friends are invited to attend the funeral at his late home, No. 54 Maiden Lane, on Tuesday 18th inst., at 2:30 o'clock p. m.  
Kindly omit flowers.  
Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

**HAGGERTY.**—In this city, March 15, 1913, Mary J., daughter of Margaret and the late Daniel Haggerty, aged 32 years, 6 months.  
Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her mother, 142 Frank street, on Tuesday, March 18th, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Patrick's church at 9 a. m.  
Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

**LYONS.**—In this city, Friday, March 14th, 1913, James Lyons.  
Friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 86 Madison avenue, on Tuesday, March 18th, at 8:30 a. m., and from Saint Augustine's church at 9 o'clock.  
Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

**EASTER FLOWERS  
FOR  
GIFTS**

**John Reck & Son  
FLORISTS  
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**BABY BOOKS**

Blue for Girls, Pink for Boys. These books are intended to keep a record of the little tot from birth until they grow up. Several varieties at many prices at **JACKSON'S BOOK SHOP, 986-988 MAIN STREET**  
**DR. HOLT'S CARE AND FEEDING OF CHILDREN**, recommended and thousands sold in this city

**STREETS SCENE  
OF BATTLE IN  
MEXICAN TOWN**

Laredo, Tex., March 17.—Streets of Nuevo Laredo, the Mexican town opposite this city, were the scene of a battle this forenoon in which 20 Carranzists and 15 federals were killed. Nearly 50 soldiers were wounded.

The Carranzists retreated to the hills south of Nuevo Laredo, where they appeared to be preparing for a fresh assault.

The street battle continued for an hour and a half. No harm to Americans from bullets flying across the border was reported. Col. Brewer, commanding the 14th United States cavalry, on patrol duty here, sent word early in the day that there must be no firing in a direction that would endanger border points.

Carranzists, during the night, had forced their way into the city and occupied a large factory. At dawn rifle firing awoke Americans in Laredo. The first sight that greeted them was a rush of refugees across the bridge between here and Nuevo Laredo.

Men and women carrying their children jammed the bridge, heedless of wagon traffic. Numerous officials of Nuevo Laredo were among the refugees. The officers carried books and records by the armful.

The Carranzists at 3 o'clock this morning arrived within four miles of Nuevo Laredo and opened a light rifle fire. Under the cover of darkness they advanced cautiously until they were within the city limits. They rushed into a large factory, barricaded the windows and constructed entrenchments for skirmish lines with the aid of outlying fences and sheds. At 6:30 their rifles awoke the twin cities with a sudden fusillade. This was followed by an hour's silence. Then the firing was resumed for a few minutes, only to be succeeded by another silence. About 8 o'clock the rebels fell back from the large factory under a hot federal fire, and retreated slowly, pushed hard by government troops.

**MAN IS FOUND  
IN NUDE STATE  
AND BLEEDING**  
Hartford, March 17.—Hurriedly called to the home of Henry M. Sperry, 12 Park terrace, at 3 o'clock this morning, by M. Roscan Bennett, who lives next door, on suspicion that there were burglars in the house, the police broke open the door of the kitchen and found Michael Thomas on the floor in a nude condition, badly cut about the hands and wrists and partly conscious from loss of blood. An artery in the wrist had been severed. The man was hurried to St. Francis' hospital in a serious condition. It was feared this afternoon that he might not recover. Mr. Sperry, who had been in Scranton, Pa., returned this noon. Miss Sullivan is the house-keeper.

The police found signs of a violent struggle in the room. The girl was reticent in her statements, but alleged that Thomas attempted to assault her and that she fought him as stubbornly as she was able. She declared that the hurts received by him were made by his pushing his hands through the glass in a window in an effort to escape. A thorough investigation will be made by the police.

Mr. Bennett heard the noises about the house and telephoned to the police and the suspicious noises were finally located in Mr. Sperry's apartment.

Mr. Sperry said today that so far as he can learn the man suffered an attack of delirium tremens.

**OBITUARY**

St. Charles' church was thronged this morning with mourners who had come to pay their last tribute of respect to the memory of Mary, widow of Patrick Foley, who went to her reward early Saturday morning. The cortege, an unusually large one, moved from the late home, 1480 East Main street, at 8:30, and to St. Charles' church at 9, where Rev. Father Callahan read up a mass of requiem for the repose of her soul. At the offertory Joseph Clabby sang "Ave Maria" and later mass "There is a Land." The display of floral tributes which surrounded the casket was most beautiful. The pall bearers were Patrick Cuddy, Timothy O'Rourke, Edward Lavery, William Condon, William Hanney and George Coughlin. Interment was in the family plot at St. Michael's cemetery.

**LOST.**—Signet ring, initials E. W. C. Liberal reward if returned to 693 Myrtle Ave.

**WANTED.**—300 couples to attend masquerade and ball given by the Lyceum Club, at Eagles' Hall, March 22. Admission 25 cents. S 17 r\* p

**WANTED.**—First class mineral water bottle. One who understands mixing syrup. Good place for right man. Apply by letter. Address L., care of Farmer. S 17 s\* p

**WANTED.**—Quickly, 2 good office men for manufacturing concern. Give references. Apply to P. O. Box No. 92, Waterville Station, Waterville, Conn. S 17 b\* o

**NOTICE.**  
Special meeting of Court Reina Christina, No. 51, D. of C., at Varuna Hall, this evening at 7:30, to take action on the death of Sister Mary Haggerty.

**MABEL A. CLARK, G. R. MARGARET M. DORSEY, F.S.**

**CARD OF THANKS.**  
We desire to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for kindness shown us in our late bereavement in the loss of our beloved wife and mother and to all for floral offerings sent us, and especially do we wish to thank the Dept. No. 27, U. M. C. Co.

**MR. JOHN CAMPBELL AND FAMILY.**  
T. J. HICKEY ESTATE  
James H. Hickey was appointed administrator and William Hickman and Hon. Thomas C. Coughlin appraisers of the estate of Thomas J. Hickey, late of this city, in the Probate court today.

**ST. PATRICK'S T. A. B. Society.** Nineteenth Annual Entertainment and Cabaret Dance, at Eagles' Hall

**EASTER MONDAY NIGHT, MCH, 24**  
Maloney's String Orchestra  
Singing by Prominent Soloists  
TICKETS.....25 CENTS A PERSON S 17 d\*

ADVERTISE IN THE FARMER

**HOWLAND'S**

Entrances in Main Street, Fairfield Avenue, and Cannon Street.

Bridgeport, Conn.  
Saturday, March 15, 1913.

Fair, cold tonight; fair, warmer tomorrow.

**The important question  
is that of apparel.**

Easter is but days away. Spring actually arrives Friday. Most-important of all the matters that claim attention, is the matter of tasteful and correct and pleasing apparel.

Solution of all the problems that it brings up is to be found here. The store is just glowing and brilliant with answers for women, and for men, and for girls.

If you would know what is correct, come. If you would find that which pleases, come. If you would be sure of full value for every dollar that it is planned to invest, come. If you would enjoy such an exhibit as the store has never before seen, come.



**Young folk's apparel  
is notably good.**

Clear and true, there rings out in the styles of this season a note which is especially pleasing to young folks.

The Balkan effects, different from anything of late and full of youth, appeal strongly to them. The bright colors which are associated with those styles, are especially attractive to young folks. The entire assembly of spring fashions seems to almost have been planned just for folks who are young either in fact or in ideas.

Here are suits. Note their cheerful young atmosphere. See how they are brightened by bit of color. See how their lines are those of youth. Even when colors are quiet, they still are youthful in line. And especially is this true of the suits made for young folks particularly.

There is splendid gathering. Some are of plain fabrics, some of fancy stripes and mixtures. And the great majority are enlivened and made doubly-attractive by trimming of rich color,—\$15 to \$32.50.

Coat, too, are as full of life and brightness. Here are Balkan coats, and cutaways, and straight models.

Brilliant reds are sometimes finished with green velvet collar. Plain bright blues have dark velvet collar. And there are soft grays in striped patterns quiet tans, pretty checks. But nearly every one is touched with a contrasting color that serves to make it all the prettier,—\$10 to \$25.

For girls of 6 to 14, coats marked by some prettiness.

Here are striped coats with belted back and with collar and cuffs of rich red or blue. Here are some finished with lace on collar and cuffs. And here are others of plain blue or tan in new shape and of unusual goodness,—\$5 to \$12.50.

Little girls of 2 to 6 may have coats of similar prettiness and new model.

Several styles are made with collar of same material as is the coat and above this a collar of white pique which is easily removable. Most of these are serge but one style is of diagonal and has hand-embroidered pique collar above regular one of velvet.

A white serge coat has hair-lines of contrast running through it and is finished with sailor collar. Another style of coat is of blue or brown serge with collar and cuffs of tan. And there are Norfolks of red or blue finished with velvet collar,—\$5 to \$7.50.

There never has been quite such a collection anywhere hereabouts. Proof of the claim is waiting—and we shall be glad to have you come and see it personally.

Second floor.

**THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.**

**HOWLAND'S**

**Regina cleaners,  
work as by magic,  
lighten woman's labor.**



Regina vacuum cleaner is a device that brings a genuine saving of woman's labor into the home. For that reason, if no other, it deserves a place in every home. But there are other reasons—and principal one is that it does a certain sort of important work better than any other device, does it quicker, does it more thoroughly.

With a Regina vacuum cleaner one actually cleans things. A broom simply stirs up the dust that accumulates. A carpet sweeper removes it from the surface of carpet or rug. But a Regina actually takes the dirt out of any fabric. It is so constructed that it creates a powerful vacuum, a suction. As the Regina is moved back and forth over a piece of floor-covering, this vacuum draws all dust and heavier dirt right out of the carpet or rug and leaves behind it genuine cleanliness.

There have been many vacuum cleaners made. All that have been efficient have been high-priced. That was because they were largely experiments and were built in small quantities. The Regina is not an experiment. It has passed that stage. And it is being made in such quantities that it can be sold at low cost.

Special exhibition of the capabilities of the Regina is now being given in Carpet Hall. There you may see for yourself how quickly and how thoroughly it cleanses rugs from dirt and dust.

Four sizes are to be chosen from; each size designed to do a certain sort and amount of work. Hand-operated Reginas are in two sizes at \$9.45 and \$18; electrically-operated Reginas are \$40.50 and \$110.

You can have no fair idea of their worth till you see them in use. Come and learn how to save time and trouble and work.

Third floor.

**You may buy  
wide linoleum  
at less.**

Printed linoleum 4 yards wide at one-third less than its price has been.

Good hardwood and allover patterns, every pattern new, nice weight and quality.

This width of linoleum is especially good for use in many cases. But we'll own up; it is difficult to handle and occupies a lot of room in Carpet Hall to properly show it.

So we prefer to sell it quickly, even without profit.

It has been 75 cents a square yard. To folks who are prompt,—

**50c sq yd.**

Third floor.

**THE HOWLAND DRY GOODS CO.**

**NEW HAVEN  
TAKES ANOTHER  
LARGE DROP**

(Special to The Farmer)  
New Haven, March 17.—New Haven railroad stock dropped 4-1-4 this afternoon, to 114-1-3, a new low mark.

**Firemen Tell Why  
They Should Get  
Their Increased Pay**

New Haven, March 17.—Eight thousand dollars has been paid out in dividends to every \$1,000 paid out in wages to firemen on the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroads, according to testimony given today by W. J. Lauck, statistical expert of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen & Enginemen, in the arbitration proceedings between the firemen and the railroad company.

During the 11 years covered by these figures, Mr. Lauck added, the New Haven road has increased the tractive capacity of its locomotives by 64.5 per cent., and the firemen have increased their efficiency 28.7 per cent. Their wages, however, have increased only 10 per cent. Mr. Lauck testified of \$10,259,000, but

firemen were given an increase totaling only \$125,000.  
Mr. Lauck was asked whether it was true that the road would have to stop paying dividends should the increase in wages demanded by the firemen be granted. Such a statement, Chairman Chambers said, had been imputed to Charles S. Mellen, President of the road.  
"It may not be necessary," said Lauck. "I do not say that the president of the road would wilfully misstate its financial condition. I will say, however, that if the financial management of the road had been as efficient as the transportation management has been, there would be no need to stop the payment of dividends."

**WELL-KNOWN GERMAN  
STRICKEN ON STREET**

Recognized by his brother, the unidentified man who fell from heart failure at the corner of Ann and Pembroke streets Saturday afternoon, dying before medical assistance could be rendered, was identified as Julius Paul, 66 years old, a resident at 54 Madine Lane.  
For many years Mr. Paul was employed as foreman in the Hubbell & Curtis factory, but of late conducted an upholstery business on his own account. He lived with his wife and daughter Lena J., at their home. He is also survived by another daughter, Mrs. L. W. Wood, of Armstrong place, and a brother, William, living in Bridgeport. Both Stubben lodge, No. 1, O. O. F., and Bridgeport Encampment, No. 22, will mourn his loss.