

WHAT TO WEAR

Is the one question of absorbing interest in the minds of women these Autumn days—and how satisfactorily

THE MINOR STORE

Answers it! Whatever is right in the eyes of exacting fashion is here. Whatever is true to the styles most in vogue, and greatest in favor with the ultra-fashionable world is here—and in marvelous variety—affording a range of price and choice broad enough to meet the desire of every purse and taste. We deem these stocks as near perfect as it is possible to make them. From every fountain head we have gathered the choicest materials and brought them to our spacious and well-lighted departments that you may have advantages of selecting not inferior to those presented by the great Eastern houses. Nor do the benefit end here—there is a decided price advantage, for our plan is not to mark an article as high as it could probably be sold for, but as LOW AS WE CAN POSSIBLY AFFORD TO SELL IT.

The Newest in Dress Goods, The Latest Weaves in Latest Colors.

Much could be said regarding these new Weaves and Colorings, but you know that they are here, and we invite you to come and see them. It is impossible to describe the many beautiful Fabrics in the limited space of a newspaper announcement. The new Leather Browns, Onion Skin, Burnt Orange, Mandarin, Parsifal Blue and Emerald Greens are attracting a great deal of attention, and we are showing these favorite shades in many beautiful Cloths. The following attractive lines with their attractive prices should interest you. Many are special:

- Drap Loraine's in Suit Cuts, only.....\$ 8.00 to \$10.00
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- Mohairs, in all Qualities and Colors.
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NEW LINING. PRES DE SOI—all colors, 36 inches at 50c. Sold in Sumter by the Minor Store only.

WOMEN'S READY-TO-WEAR GARMENTS.

Captivating Creations, Dainty, Exclusive. Nothing Prettier, Nothing Dressier.

A showing of the beautiful new Apparel which fashion's most critical followers will wear this season. We take much pride in presenting them, for seldom have garments expressed so much style, so much grace and so much material worth. The best thoughts of the world's cleverest designers are embodied in these garments. They constitute the most superb stock of Women's Outer Attire it has ever been our pleasure to present and your privilege to see. It may not be your intention to buy at present, nevertheless we want you to visit the department and see just what is to comprise the wardrobe of the fashionably dressed woman this fall. Our popular-price methods are even more pronounced than formerly.

Over 300 beautiful Suits for Ladies, every one up to the minute, from.....\$5 to \$25.

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On Our Millinery Department.

Day by day our stock of Fall Millinery is growing stronger and more fascinating and in a few days will be more beautiful and comprehensive than any ever shown in Sumter. Tailor Hats from Gage and other high-class makers, Dress Hats from Burby & Webb, 5th Ave., N. Y.; Sullivan Drew, Jas. G. Johnson, etc., and many French Patterns will be shown, making as a whole a charming array. Miss Louise B. Edwards of New York, assisted by half a dozen able assistants, is working hard to please you.

Kid Glove Special.

We have just received a large shipment of the Famous Empress Gloves in all sizes and colors. The Empress sells the world over at \$1 a pair and are guaranteed. The price at the Minor store is.....89c

The New Laces and Trimmings

Are attracting lovers of the beautiful and exclusive prices appeal to those who would have the best at economical figures. We went into the nearest and most remote markets in exhaustive research for every worthy novelty—and our showing is a splendid testimonial of our success. As nowhere else you will see here Laces of Guipure, Venise, Alencon, Irish Crochet, Chantilly, Oriental, etc., black, white, Arabie and butter shades, in Bands, Gallons, Insertions, Edges and Allovers. Also Dress Trimmings and Garnitures in Jets, Spangles, Silver, Gold, Silk, Mohair, Persian and Applique in Bands, Edges and Gallons and all at popular prices.

Every Department

In both our stores, 14 and 16 South Main street are full to overflowing with the choicest things for Fall and Winter wear.

THE MINOR STORE, Sumter, S. C., Sells Shoes for the whole Family.

The Minor Store, A City in Itself.

PORTIA SHOES

Set the pace in these United States. The MINOR STORE sells them and guarantees every pair.

A WORD ABOUT CORSETS.

The president of the Dressmakers' Protective Association frankly said at a recent meeting, "A woman may be dressed with the severest simplicity, with the slightest expense, and yet be stylishly gowned if she wears the correct corset." It is interesting to note that the correct corset used to demonstrate the new styles at this same meeting was the

C. B. a la Spirite.

The highest type of the American Corset Makers' Art. The C. B. a la Spirite Corsets are made in a large range of styles, adapted to the varied requirements of different figures, and affording the opportunity for satisfying individual taste. The new straight front has won unqualified approval and gets to advantage both those of slender build and those inclined toward amputation. It adds rounded contour to the former, reduces the proportions of the latter, and with any figure gives the advantages of beauty and hygienic arrangement by lengthening the waist line in front and establishing a correct poise of body.

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THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON I, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JAN. 1.

Text of the Lesson, John 1, 1-18. Memory Verses, 1-1—Golden Text, John 1, 4—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

[Copyright, 1904, by American Press Association.] Beginning the study of this, in some respects, most marvelous of all the gospels, and on this first day of a new year, let me quote some words from Dr. Andrew Murray applicable to the Bible, and of course, to this portion of it: "The central thought of this book is God; its one object is to reveal God, His glory, His will, His love. In reading it our chief desire should be to know God. May our life and heart be as full of God as this book is." It is only in Christ that we can see and know God (verse 18), for He also said, "He that hath seen Me hath seen the Father" (chapter xiv, 9), and this gospel was written that we might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing have life through His Name (xx, 31). One has said that John wrote this book as a witness of "the light of the world" (xvii, 16) for the contemplation of "one who, like Him, by His grace, is of this world."

In the first verse we see Him as God, the Creator of all things. Compare Col. 1, 16, 17, and consider Him as the all-wise and all-powerful Creator until your heart can gladly say Jer. xxxiii, 17, and find the comfort and the result that the apostles did in Acts iv, 24-31. May our hearts and lives ever proclaim that to God is due the glory, the honor, the Father, the Prince of Peace (Isa. ix, 6, 7).

In Him are life and light, and nowhere else, for all else is darkness, and darkness cannot comprehend light. "He that hath the Son hath life, and he that hath not the Son hath not life" (I John v, 12). His first recorded utterance in Scripture is, "Let there be light" (Gen. 1, 3), and it is recorded of Him, "God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all" (I John 1, 5). He said, "I am the light of the world," and again, "I am the way and the truth and the life" (chapters viii, 12; xiv, 6).

In verses 6 to 9 John the Baptist is spoken of as a witness sent from God to bear witness of the light, and this also is in a sense the calling of every believer, for He said, "Ye shall receive the power of the Holy Ghost coming upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me" (Acts 1, 8, margin). We are to walk as He walked (I John 1, 6), and as with Him so with us the life is the light, and our lives are a telling for Him against Him always. When once the light has shined in our hearts we are to die continually to self that the life of Jesus may be manifest in us (I Cor. iv, 10, 11).

Unknown in the world which He had made, despised and rejected by the nation to whom He specially came, esteemed as a root out of a dry ground, as one having neither form nor comeliness; oppressed and afflicted and persecuted, and finally crucified as an evildoer, such was His treatment from those whom He came to bless. He said to them, "How often would I have gathered you, and ye would not." Verse 12 is to me one of the best in the book; it is to my mind the simplest possible definition of believing and must be borne in mind wherever afterward we find the word "believe" in this gospel. It tells me how to become a child of God, begotten of God. It is not hereditary, nor can it be accomplished by any will or power of man, but every sinner who having heard of Jesus Christ as the Saviour of sinners can truly say, "I do receive Him as my personal Saviour," is hereby assured that thus receiving Him he is entitled to all the privileges of a child of God. Compare Rom. 10, 24; 1v, 8; vi, 23; x, 4; Tit. 2, 11. We are to be here, that all people are children of God, as some would have us believe, but only such as truly receive the Lord Jesus Christ as their life and light, believing Him to be God manifest in the flesh, the only revealer of the Father, the one who as God appeared to man in all the Old Testament story from Gen. 11 onward, who in due time became man, made of a woman, made under the law to redeem them that were under the law—Christ, who redeems us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us (Gal. 3, 13; 11, 13). John the Baptist says, "He was before me" (verse 15); our Lord Himself said, "Before Abraham was, I am," and again in His prayer to His Father He said, "O Father, glorify thou me with Thine own self, with the glory which I had with Thee before the world was" (John 17, 5; xvii, 5). "The law, holy and just and good, setting forth the only righteousness which could satisfy God, could not give life, for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily, righteousness should have been by the law (Gal. 3, 12), but the law can only prove men guilty that they may be justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, who is the end of the law for righteousness to all who believe (Rom. 10, 19-24; x, 4). Not only did grace and truth come by Him, but He was full of grace and truth. He is the truth, God is the God of truth, the Spirit is the Spirit of truth, in Him we see the truth as to what God desires man to be, in man's treatment of Him we see the truth as to what man's heart is toward God, and then His loving and saving such as we are show forth the exceeding abundant grace of God (I Tim. 1, 14). If we understood it more fully now we would magnify the grace of God always and be willing to be emptied of self for His sake who became poor for us.

Grip Quickly Knocked Out. "Some weeks ago during the severe winter weather both my wife and myself contracted severe colds which speedily developed into the worst kind of influenza with all its miserable symptoms," says Mr. J. S. Eggleston of Maple Landing, Iowa. "Knees and joints aching, muscles sore, head stopped up, eyes and nose running, with alternate spells of chills and fever. We began using Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, adding the same with a dose of Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets, and by its liberal use soon completely knocked out the grip." These Tablets promote a healthy action of the bowels, liver and kidneys which is always beneficial when the system is congested by a cold or attack of the grip. For sale by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

He Gave Him the Hint. Mother—I can't have that young man staying here so late at night. You must give him a hint of some kind. Daughter (in the evening)—I am very much afraid something will happen to you on the streets at night. You must be more careful of yourself and not be out so late. If anything should happen to you I'd—die. (They are engaged.)

Dirty Lassa. Lassa is a dirty town, according to the Englishmen who have seen it. "Black pools of water," writes a correspondent, "had flooded the wide, uneven space into which we emerged, and even the Chinese quarter to the right of us was dirtier than Chinese sections generally are. The main drain of the town runs fetidly between black mud banks, and in the open square before the Chinese amban's residence herds of black pigs rooted in rubbish heaps, which were more than usually repulsive in composition. To the left the houses of a few ragababs, or professional scavengers, were betrayed by the famous horn walls, which no visitor to Lassa has failed to notice. Perhaps the sight of these walls reminded one of that other duty of the ragababs—the cutting up and distribution to animals of the corpses of the dead. The cemetery is only a few steps away, and the reputed food of Lassa pigs became in a flash a disgustingly probable reflection."

Worst of all Experiences. Can anything be worse than to feel that every minute will be your last? Such was the experience of Mrs. S. H. Newson, Decatur, Ala. "For three years she writes, 'I endured insufferable pain from indigestion, stomach and bowel trouble. Death seemed inevitable when doctors and all remedies failed. At length I was induced to try Electric Bites and the result was miraculous. I improved at once and now I'm completely recovered. For Liver, Kidney, Stomach and Bowel troubles Electric Bites is the only medicine. Only 50c. It's guaranteed by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store."

Bill Nye's Cow. Bill Nye, the humorist, once had a cow to sell and advertised her as follows:

"Owing to my ill health I will sell at my residence, in township 19, range 13, according to the government's survey, one plus raspberry cow, aged seven years. She is of undoubted courage and gives milk frequently. To a man who does not fear death in any form she would be a great boon. She is very much attached to her present home with a stay chain, but she will be sold to any one who will agree to treat her right. She is one-fourth Shorthorn and three-quarters byena. I will also throw in a double barrel shotgun, which goes with her. In May she usually goes away for a week or two and returns with a tall red cap and wabby legs. Her name is Rose. I would rather sell her to a nonresident."

PLEASE YOUR FAMILY and preserve your health by painting with L. & M. Hair Oil. Wears and covers like gold. Its lead and zinc. Non-chalkable. Money saver. Fullest measure. Takes least. Bought from The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

What the Stomach Digests. One curiosity of digestion is undoubtedly that which has reference to the work of the stomach itself. The popular notion that the stomach "digests everything" is utterly erroneous, for the stomach has little or no power to affect starches, sugars and fats, and these foods make up the bulk of our daily nutriment if it may be so said that the organ in question plays only a small part in digestion. Yet that part is important enough. The foods over which the stomach exerts its power are what are called "nitrogenous" materials. They are represented by beef juice, white of egg and milk and similar substances. Such foods are changed by the stomach into "peptones," while the starch, sugar and fat are passed onward to be digested in the intestine.

Mothers Be Careful of the health of your children. Look out for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. Stop them in time—One Minute Cough Cure is the best remedy. Harmless and pleasant. Sold by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

Franklin as a Savage. How Benjamin Franklin appeared to a fashionable Parisian lady in the eighteenth century is told in the memoirs of the Marquise de Crequy. She describes the man who chained lightning as follows: "I once had the honor of meeting M. Franklin at supper at Mme. de Tesse's. As a joke she never let me know that he was coming and put me next him at the table. I paid them out by never speaking a single word to him. What, indeed, could I have found to say to this librarian and printer? Franklin wore his hair long, like a Beaux monde. He had on a brown coat and a plum colored vest and breeches, and his hands were of the same shade. His cravat was striped with red. But what impressed me mostly was the way he ate eggs. He broke them into a glass with butter, mustard, pepper and salt. It took at least six of them to make this philosophical ragout, with which he fed himself in small spoonfuls. He bit off the heads of the asparagus instead of using a fork—in fact, he was a species of savage."

A Pleasant Pill. No pill is as pleasant and positive as DeWitt's Little Early Risers. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are so mild and effective for children, delicate ladies and weak people enjoy their cleansing effect, while strong people say they are the best liver pills sold. Sold by The R. B. Loryea Drug Store.

The Title of King. The title of king is a shortened form of the Saxon "cyng," which can be traced back to the Sanskrit "gnanika," a father. This word "gnanika" is used with the meaning of king in the Rig-Veda, the most ancient part of the sacred books of the Hindus. The age of the Rig-Veda is not known with certainty, but it can hardly be less than 3,000 years, and it may be 4,000 years. The father came to be called the king because in the process of social organization the family existed before the state, and the term was extended step by step from the family to the tribe and from the tribe to the nation. Another name for king round in the Rig-Veda is "rag." It means a leader, or perhaps steersman. It appears in the Latin "rex" and has thence descended to the French "roi" and to the Italian and Spanish "re."

Notice. Notice is hereby given that the health of the people of this county is in imminent danger and must be taken care of. It has been decided that every precaution be taken to prevent prolonged cases of pneumonia, grippe, etc. The best thing to do is to give a good cough mixture as soon as the cough starts. Get MURRAY'S FOREHOUND, MULLEN and TAR. Only 25c. a bottle. All druggists.

CHRONIC SORES

Wheeling, W. Va., May 23, 1903. Some years ago while at work, I fell over a truck and severely injured both of my thighs. My blood became poisoned as a result, and the doctor told me I would have running sores for life, and that if they were healed up the result would be fatal. Under this discouraging report I left their treatment and resorted to the use of S. S. S. Its effects were prompt and gratifying. It took only a short while for the medicine to entirely cure up the sores, and I am not dead as the doctors intimated, nor have the sores ever broke out again. Some 12 years have elapsed since what I have described occurred. Having been so signally benefited by its use I can heartily recommend it as the one great blood purifier. JOHN W. FENNES.

Care Schumblack Brewing Co. Chronic sores start often from a pimple, scratch, bruise or boil, and while salves, washes and powders are beneficial, the unhealthy matter in the blood must be driven out or the sore will continue to eat and spread. S. S. S. reaches these old sores through the blood, removes all impurities and poisons, builds up the entire system and strengthens circulation. S. S. S. is a blood purifier and tonic combined. Contains no mineral whatever but is guaranteed purely vegetable. If you have an old sore write us and our physicians will advise without charge. Book on diseases of the Blood free.



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