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## IN OUR Dry Goods Department

Will be found a complete stock of Dress Goods, Autumn Cloths, Astrakhaas, Outings, Table Damask, &c Our line of

All wool Novelty Suitings at 25c per yard. Are values that cannot be duplicated elsewhere. Ask to see them.

### A CORSET

Is an article that every lady wants the greatest amount of comfort out of for the least money, and we believe

**THE ARMORSIDE** supplies the need. We guarantee this corset for 4 months. Any customer not being satisfied with it can have their money refunded at the expiration of that time.

Price \$1 per pair.

## Our Notion Stock

Is supplied with a full assortment of Hosiery, Gloves, Ribbons, Laces, Handkerchiefs and Toilet Articles.

Our Ladies Kid Gloves, in black and colors, every pair warranted at \$1.00.

Is one of the principal attractions of this department. We have handled this glove for many years, and the number returned would not exceed one per cent.

## Blankets, Capes and Cloaks.

The present state of the weather hardly suggests the necessity of these articles, but we are liable to have a sudden change and it is well to be prepared. We are still sole agents for the celebrated

### Tar Heel Blankets,

And having made our contracts with the mill before the tariff went into effect, we are prepared to sell them at last year's prices, namely:

10-4 \$3.90, 11-4 \$4.65, 12-4 \$5.40.

Ask your neighbor who bought these goods from us last year what he thinks of them and act on his judgment.

**Capes** Are going to be largely worn this season, and for popular prices we believe we have the largest stock that ever came to Sumter, prices from **50c to \$8**

Our line of Misses and Children's Jackets in medium weights for early Fall from **\$1 25 to \$2.** Are exceptionally good values.

## Shoes. Every man, woman, boy and girl must have a pair of shoes before the cold weather strikes them, and we know of no place where their wants can be better supplied than with us. Judging from the number of new shoe stores that are being opened one gets the impression that there are large profits in this line, but not so with us. Nearly all of our Shoes are bought for NET CASH and are sold on that basis, our customers getting the benefit of the discounts.

# Read, Farmers!

## An Open Letter to the Farmers.

Fully Prepared for the Fall Trade in Every Respect.

In our long experience in merchandising we have never procured goods in every line more satisfactory with a view to low and suitable prices than during our recent visit North. We allowed no opportunity looking to this most important end to pass us. These bargains we pledge ourselves to give our customers the full benefit of, feeling sure that we could not give more practical shape to our sense of sympathy and gratitude to our country friends. We know by experience the special wants of our farmers, whose friendship we think we have a peculiar right in claiming, inasmuch as our firm it was which was the pioneer in this section to operate first with the various farmer Alliances, and that our dealings with these gentlemen were most satisfactory in every particular and were appreciated is clearly evinced by the present enormous increased volume of our business. We take much pride in this, and are determined by continued conscientious dealing, and the lowest possible prices to retain our hard earned popularity. Our store is frequently literally packed with customers during the busy season; and this fact can be verified by a visit, and certainly most emphatically sustains the correctness of our statement.

We have not of course the space to lay before the public all our offering stock, but can only refer to a limited portion. Probably much that is omitted will be found even more inviting.

We are sole agents for the H. C. Godman Co., of Columbus, Ohio,

Makers of Women's and Children's Shoes, And we can furnish innumerable testimonials of ladies who are wearing the Godman \$1 50 Shoes with as much comfort and service as some other makes for which they had been paying \$2 and more. If your little girl can kick out her Shoes in two or three months try a pair of the

Godman at \$1.

And we feel assured she will get five or six months kicking out of them. Our prices on these commence at 50c in 4 to 8.

## For Men's Wear our REYNOLD'S SHOE

Has stood the test for several years and it is our intention to retain their agency so long as they keep their goods up to their present standard of merit. It sometimes happens that even in a shoe of this grade a pair may be found deficient, but in every such case, we satisfy the customer by giving a new pair of shoes or making due allowance.

## Clothing Department

This is a kind of hobby with us. We cannot resist the temptation of buying, no matter what the quantity may be if the styles and prices are right, and it was our good fortune to secure a line of about fifteen styles of

**ALL WOOL CHEVIOTS AND CASSIMERES** That were made by a Merchant Tailoring Establishment to sell from \$12.50 to \$15.00, but we bought them to sell

From \$7 to \$8.50.

You have to see these goods to appreciate them. We also got in connection with this line of goods a lot of light weight

**Kersey and Beaver Overcoats,** that were manufactured to sell from \$12 50 to \$20. Our price

**\$10 to \$12.50** These are merely a few of the attractions of our Clothing Stock. You can find anything from a boy's Knee Pants Suits at 50c to a man's suit at \$20.

## HATS FOR MEN AND BOYS.

In this connection we will only add that we are as well prepared to supply your wants as we have ever been, and that is saying a great deal, for we feel that our Hat Department has done more towards advertising our business than any other. We are carrying our usual line of

## Harness and Saddlery, Hardware, Tinware, Crockery, Glassware and Groceries.

We are exclusive agents for the Millbourne Mills, of Philadelphia, and it would be an injustice to them to terminate this article without saying a word about their flour.

WE HAVE SOLD 3,000 BARRELS

Of their goods in the past year and the best evidence of their merit is that we have never had a package returned, or complaint made. We have arranged with the mill to deliver this flour in any part of the county in 5 barrel lots on a basis of Sumter car load rates.

Mr. Gibson is associated with us in the cotton business and will be pleased to see his old friends.

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## Finest Hams Known.

Where and How They are Produced.

Most Luscious Hams Are Furnished by The Razor-Back.

The razor-back hog of the South has been, after years of sectional calumny and misrepresentation, vindicated superbly by the United States government. The agricultural department at Washington in its bulletin issues 12 and 13, pays noble tribute to the renowned Smithfield, Virginia hams, and, incidentally, to the traditional razor back hog, from which they are manufactured.

The fame of the Smithfield ham is well established, says the report, its "only rival" being "the celebrated Westphalia ham, which many consider to be inferior."

The name is derived from a small town on Pagan creek, about thirty miles from Norfolk, Va. Its reputation began about one hundred years ago with the hams cured by Mr. Todd of Smithfield. Its sale is extensive, extending to all the larger cities of the Union were good hams produced yearly go to Europe to meet the demand of connoisseurs of the old world. Much of the product is sold in England and France to private parties, who order their hams "before the crop is cured."

"It is impossible," says the report, "to make a good ham from a Western hog." It has been tried. Western hams have been cured by the Smithfield process, but without good result. Western pigs have been imported and fattened as well as cured at Smithfield, but all to no purpose. The meat was unsatisfactory, being coarse compared with the local product. Strange to say the animal which produces the incomparable "Smithfield ham" is the "razor back" hog, a semi-wild, friendless, not to say odious, variety which is found in the mountains of Virginia, Kentucky and Tennessee. This variety is described as long-nosed, slab sided and like a race horse," with legs of extraordinary length. It has a bad name among farmers who breed fine stock, but for ham it has no equal.

Much depends on the proper feeding and upon the curing of the hams. For a time in the youth of the "razor back" he is allowed in the summer to run wild in the woods and gain thus a gamey flavor, when he is turned into fields from which crops have been gathered, where he begins to fatten. Of this fattening process the report says:

"In the fall when the corn crop has been gathered the hogs are turned into the corn fields. In these fields every

other row has been planted with black-eyed peas and the hogs are allowed to gather these and the small corn that has been left in the field. When turned into these fields they are very thin. The feed they get there causes them to begin to fatten rapidly. As the potatoes are gathered the hogs are allowed to follow in these fields and get the "small potatoes" that are left. In the district which produces the most Smithfield hams there are a great many sweet potatoes and peanuts raised and the hogs are allowed free access to these fields as soon as the crops are gathered. The potatoes and particularly the peanuts, add fat with astounding rapidity, but the fat is very soft. Peanut fat in particular has a translucent, oily character, which from its tendency to drip when the hams are hung up causes a great shrinkage in the weight."

After the razor back has cleaned up the fields the next step is to pen him up and give him corn and plenty of clean water. With this diet he fattens quickly to the desired extent. The curing is with Liverpool salt and saltpetre, after which the hams are washed clean and slowly smoked for forty days, with green hickory or red oak wood. Many farmers raise the hogs, but few cure them. They are sold to skilled curers, who supply the market with about 300,000 pounds of ham yearly.

If the agricultural department inspector who wrote these bulletins had investigated a little more closely he would have discovered not only that the incomparable razor back hog exists plentifully in Georgia and South Carolina as well as Virginia, Tennessee and Kentucky, but that men in these states understand how to produce hams equal to the Smithfield brand. Our Georgia and South Carolina ham makers are not as smart as Virginians in advertising their meat and putting it on the market, with skill and popularity, but they might do so profitably. We have eaten hams of Georgia manipulation on the tables of several Augusta friends and they were equal to the Smithfield product in flavor and succulence. Virginia tries to get all the glory for Pickett's charge at Gettysburg, although Georgians were on the forefront of that onset. She has a paramount reputation for hams, but Georgia and South Carolina can at least match her, in that respect, in the excellence, if not the reputation of their product.

**Why take Johnson's Chill & Fever Tonic? Because it cures the most stubborn case of Fever in ONE DAY.**

## ENDING THE WAR.

European Countries Sound- ed as to American

## INTERVENTION IN CUBA

Madrid, Sept. 22.—The correspondent here of the Associated Press learns on high authority that the much discussed interview of last Saturday between the United States minister to Spain, Gen Stewart Woodford, and the Spanish minister for foreign affairs, the Duke of Tetuan, was merely preliminary. Gen Woodford represented to the duke the gravity of the condition of Cuba and requested, in behalf of the United States, that Spain would find a method of speedily ending the war and giving justice to the Cubans. He offered the good offices of the United States in effecting a settlement of the Cuban troubles, which practically gives Spain an opportunity of gracefully ending the war. If she does not embrace it within a reasonable time, notice will be given that the United States must interfere, though Gen Woodford has not said so yet.

Spain cannot expect the aid of European powers, as the United States ambassadors have ascertained that all the European countries, except Austria recognize that the interests of the United States justify the latter's interference in Cuba. Austria, in this matter, is influenced by the relationship between the two countries, the queen regent of Spain being an Austrian archduchess, but it is not likely that Austria will take any part in the question beyond possibly making a diplomatic protest against the intervention of the United States.

The Duke of Tetuan, the Spanish minister for foreign affairs, in the course of an interview to day with the correspondent of the Associated Press denied that the government had received an ultimatum from the United States with regard to Cuba, and said he had received a cablegram from Senor de Lome, the Spanish minister to the United States, to the same effect and also denying the existence of an ultimatum.

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Excellent commercial note paper 15 cents a pound at H. G. Osteen & Co's—two pounds for 25 cents.

## The Southern Accent.

(From the Washington Post) Apropos of some remarks of ours in this connection, we have received the following letter from a well-known citizen of Washington:

"Editor Post: In your very interesting comments on the poor stuff put into the mouths of the dramatic personae of plays intended to represent or caricature Southern people, their dress, manners and language, you refer to their pronunciation of such words as car, garden, guard, etc, as provincialisms.

"If you will turn to the word garden in Worcester's Revised Edition of Johnson's & Walker's Royal Octavo Pronouncing Dictionary (certainly an eminently respectable authority) you will find the following note as to its pronunciation:

"When the 'a' in this and similar words is preceded by a g, polite speakers interpose a sound like the consonant y, which coalesces with both, and gives a mellowness to the sound: Thus, a garden pronounced in this manner is nearly similar to the two words egg and yarden. United into egg-yarden, and a guard is almost like egg-y."

"B. L. Blackford, 3,026 Q street."

No doubt the pronunciation is given by Worcester as Mr Blackford quotes. The fact is that most of our peculiarities in orthoepy come to us from England, and such being the case, it is only natural that we should find them in the South, where English is spoken more nearly like the original than elsewhere in this country. Nevertheless, we still think that, so far as the United States is concerned, the custom is a provincialism, since it is not general, but merely identified with a few localities. Worcester may be the authority on pronunciation for England, but here the standard is furnished by Webster. At any rate, the fact is that in such words as 'car,' 'garden,' 'guard,' and so on, the sound of 'y' immediately after the initial letter is given by only a very few people in a very few districts. The pronunciation, therefore, is not general at the South, but, as we say, local. Whether it be correct or not depends upon the standard accepted by the country at large. The fact remains that it is exceptional and confined within certain narrow limits.

As we have already said, however, neither the Southern accent itself nor the absurd caricatures thereof perpetrated by Northern actors and writers give us any great concern. We regard them as we do the British northerners' attempts to describe the purely imaginary idiom of Americans. In Hall Caine's latest work, for instance, there is an American lady of great wealth and of average culture who has lived in London for several years and mixed with

the best society, and yet Mr. Caine sees fit to make her talk like a daughter of the backwoods.

All these things are harmless and amusing enough, reflecting upon no one save those who really perpetrate them. We all know, of course, that educated and well-to-do people in this country use as good grammar and as felicitous rhetoric and know as much about the amenities of polite society as any class in England, and, knowing this, the blunders of British writers do not disconcert us in the very least. Our protest is against the so-called "typical Southerner" of the New York journalist and the New York play—a truculent, scowling personage in a long black coat, a big black slouch hat, a white cambric necktie, and a pair of stumpy-toed, high-heeled boots—a half-educated, quarrelsome ruffian who wears a revolver as regularly as he does his trousers, and who disseminates tobacco juice as a sprinkling cart does water. It may be that the dramatic properties call for this creature; that, having imagined the accent and the idiom, the Yankee writer must make the man to fit them; but the result is very tiresome, and at times exasperating, and frequently offensive. Surely it must be possible to construct a story or a play of Southern life which would be interesting and at the same time intelligent.

Dr. Kaudt, a German explorer, has started out to find the ultimate sources of the Nile. Having the promise of assistance from the Congo authorities when he reaches their territory, he has set out from German East Africa, intending to make his way to Urundu, Ubba, and Ruanda. There he will ascertain the size of Lake Akenjaru and measure the volume of water in the rivers Kagera, Ruvuru, Nyakirongo, and Akenjaru in the dry and wet seasons. He will trace that having the greatest volume to its source.

Don't hurry. Take time to examine the labels and trade marks of goods you buy, and you will protect yourself from cheap and worthless substitutes.

**Johnson's Chill and Fever Tonic Cures Fever In One Day.**

## Woman's Diseases

Are as peculiar as unavoidable, and cannot be discussed or treated as we do those to which the entire human family are subject. Menstruation sustains such important relations to her health, that when Suppressed, Irregular or Painful, she soon becomes languid, nervous and irritable, the bloom leaves her cheek and very grave complications arise unless Regularity and Vigor are restored to these organs.

**Bradfield's Female Regulator** Is a receipt of one of the most noted physicians of the South, where troubles of this sort prevail more extensively than in any other section, and has never failed to correct disordered Menstruation. It restores health and strength to the suffering woman.

"We have for the past thirty years handled Bradfield's Female Regulator, both at wholesale and retail, and in no instance has it failed to give satisfaction. We sell more of it than all other similar remedies combined."

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## NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I will be in my office in the Court House at Sumter from October 15th to December 31st, next, for the collection of taxes for the present fiscal year, and for collection of commutation road tax for 1898.

It is very important, for two reasons, that you should pay up earlier than usual. In the first place, my salary having been reduced twenty per cent. by the last Legislature renders it impossible for me to employ my usual clerks, hence with the usual rush toward the last, many will fail to get in. In the second place, the Auditor has never required heretofore that the tax books be turned over to him promptly for making up the penalty book. He has already notified me that on account of a change in the Law regulating the work of his office that he would be compelled to have the books as required by Law, so that I am compelled to close up on Dec. 31st.

N. B. In view of the above reasons don't put off till the last and then expect me to protect you. It will be impossible.

H. L. SCARBOROUGH, Treasurer Sumter County.

Sept 22  
Glenn Springs Water will cure Dyspepsia. For sale at Dr. A. J. Coines's.