

**THE ECCENTRIC**

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**BIGGER BIRMINGHAM**

In 1917, under the last administration of the council government, I believe the then village president, urged the incorporation of the limits of the village to four square miles, whereas it is now but one square mile, but on account of the war we thought it better to hold back until peace came.

A careful survey by our civil engineer showed clearly that any increase of value to the present town site as well as the outside lands will have to be mostly at least one mile around. The outside lands are wanted for parks for modern homes, which require sanitary sewers to carry the water drains for surface and cellars. Many fine homes, lawns and fine gardens, electric light in houses and street lighting, public parks, public playgrounds, police, fire protection, public buildings, etc. streets, pavements, street openings, sanitary service and other public health, safety service and other advantages.

There is a very few who wish more of these things at the time but they are not ready to sell or improve property which is constantly increasing in value or to create other improvements but I cannot place a parcel of land on the market when we are not ready to market for a Sunday dinner. What is coming in, we should discuss it.

The object should not object because our improvements reaching out beyond the present limits will be of no value unless paid on the land taken in.

There is here is the part of the village being sanitary sewers and water mains and now streets and pavements in many parts of the village and so far into the outside lands as to be of great value. The citizens of Birmingham are much interested in increasing the outside territory of the outside lands. These improvements should be paid through commonly known property to both sides of the street brought into the village. Doubtless that is the way. For instance the road north and west of the town and for Wales and West Maple avenues and all of Ferndale Park, English half of Oakland, etc. can have no sanitary sewers until a north sewer can be laid down on north and west side of the river and as soon as the sewer is laid all the land taken in on the north and west of the present limits will have a main sanitary sewer to attach to. So on all sides and so on all fronts.

Again we are now planning a new or additional water supply. Shall we plan to carry one mile square or four? If for four miles square, let us know it and know it now.

If Birmingham is going to stay one square mile, let us make all our improvements with that in mind and when these plans are once formed and launched, we shall not want any outside land at all.

There is a mutual interest proposition. The outside half mile needs Birmingham rapidly but right now Birmingham needs the half mile. We should go together now or decide to stay apart forever.

We are CLIZHE.

# SPECIAL JANUARY SALES IN DETROIT

The Following Reliable Firms Solicit the Patronage of Shoppers. Courteous Attention, Prompt Service and a Welcome to Everybody.

## An Advance Statement AS TO THE CELEBRATED 20% Off Sale at Brushaber's

We are nearly ready now for the start of the big annual 20% Off sale that has been the event of events each year to all who seek a real sale.

This annual sale at Brushaber's has become a famous occasion not only to people in Detroit, but to all people throughout the entire state of Michigan.

Its customers come from all points throughout the state because no such sale exists anywhere, and the people know it.

We believe that the 1920 sale is going to be the most helpful and publicly used furniture sale that was ever held.

With plenty of goods of the right kind, and with plenty of sales and delivery people to take care of the tremendous crowds that will flock in we are going to be fully prepared to make the sale a tremendous success from start to finish.

Watch the Detroit Papers for the Announcement of the Opening Date

As nearly as we can figure now the sale will start on the morning of January 19th, but this is not definite. However, it will be very near this date if not on it, so do not fail to watch the Detroit papers in order not to miss it.

Several days before the sale starts we will allow the public to examine our stocks and see the merchandise marked at the regular price. Then starting on the morning of the sale every piece of furniture in our two big stores will be reduced 20 per cent. This will give everyone an opportunity to see with their own eyes, without our telling them, the savings on our entire stocks.

# BRUSHABER

The Saw Test Stores

159-163 Gratiot Avenue. 147-155 Michigan Avenue

## Our 33rd Annual Sale



Closes the Greatest Year in the History of

# Annis Furs

MANY a woman has waited expectantly for this event, and will be glad to know that she can purchase Annis Furs at very substantial savings.

THERE are the same quality and styles as hitherto, and a selection that varies from the less expensive Muffs and Scarfs to the most luxurious Coats and Wraps.

WE invite you to see for yourself what is being shown in our Display Rooms.

Estab. 1887

# Newton Annis

MANUFACTURER  
239 Woodward, at Clifford  
BUY WITH CONFIDENCE



**SHE WAS TROUBLED.**  
Mrs. A.—Are you troubled much in your neighborhood with borrowing?  
Mrs. T.—Yes, a good deal. My neighbors never seem to have a thing I want.

**Rebut.**  
Credit is a healthy pet. As I need as well if I can't walk in winter. Fat is never outcast said.

**Far From Divine.**  
Cholly, I understand your sister lives in the place divinely.  
Frankie—Well, but if you can judge the language de neighbors you want de place.

**A Profitable Benefit.**  
Mrs. A.—How did your benefit come out, old lady?  
Second A.—First rate. After I'd paid the expenses I found I was three hundred dollars to the good.

**Light on a Dark Subject.**  
(Contd.)—It was pitch dark, you admit. Then how could you see the thief?  
Witness—Oh, very easily. For you observe that he is lantern-jawed.

**Record Was Known.**  
"I have something I want to say to you alone."  
"How can you say it to me alone when you've said it to every girl you know already?"

**A Guess.**  
School Teacher—Tommy, what is the feminine corresponding to the masculine "tag"?  
Tommy (whose mother is a society leader)—Afternoon tea, ma'am.

**Sat Down Hard, Too.**  
The Englishman—The sun never sets on British territory.  
The American—No; but the Goddess of Columbia did it twice, though.

**Had No Voice.**  
First Vocal Teacher—Are you cultivating Miss Trotter's voice?  
Second Vocal Teacher—No; her imagination.

**Some Superstitions.**  
The breaking of a looking glass is with some people the occasion of a gloomy foreboding, and the unlucky person who does it is supposed to be doomed to seven years of bad luck. Likewise feathers were formerly considered as harbingers of sickness, yet fashion has introduced them into house decorations.



## THE JANUARY WHITE SALE

Offers an excellent opportunity to women who wish to buy dainty Lingerie in very inexpensive prices

Mail Orders Quickly Filled

- Petticoats, . . . \$1.29 to \$4.89
- Corset Covers, . . . 99c to \$1.49
- Bright Chemises, . . . \$1.89
- Night Gowns, . . . \$1.49 to \$2.89
- Bleecers, . . . 99c and \$1.49
- Voile Dresses, . . . \$7.49
- Dotied Silk Mull Gowns, \$3.89
- White Bungalow Aprons, \$2.49

# THE NORBRO SHOP

17 EAST GRAND RIVER AVENUE

## Gentlemen

We have started our sale of Men's Fine

# Suits and Overcoats

Garments of quality for which the Baumgartner Shops are known among Detroiters of discriminating taste.

- Any \$40 Overcoat or Suit, now \$32
- Any \$50 Overcoat or Suit, now \$40
- Any \$60 Overcoat or Suit, now \$48
- Any \$70 Overcoat or Suit, now \$56
- Any \$80 Overcoat or Suit, now \$64
- Any \$90 Overcoat or Suit, now \$72
- Any \$100 Overcoat or Suit, now \$80
- Any \$125 Overcoat or Suit, now \$100

There is no "sale clothing" included in our offering, but the same grade of clothing we have built the Baumgartner reputation on, garments cut and tailored to our order by Kirschbaum Co., of Philadelphia and Hirsch-Wickwire Co., of Chicago.

# BAUMGARTNER'S

Cor. State and Griswold - TWO STORES - Cor. Gd. River and Washington Chamber of Commerce Bldg. - The News Building



**KODAKS AND SUPPLER BLACKS**  
ING WOODWARD

Lost anything? Advertise for it in THE ECCENTRIC want ad.

**Snakes.**  
It is known that some species of serpents lay eggs, as farmers often show them up, and upon opening them they find the embryo snake within the shell, or coiled. The eggs of the snake species vary in size and shape, but are always oval. As a rule it is the coiled snake, or those which kill their prey by squeezing it, that lay eggs, such as the black snake, sea cucumber, etc.

North American Moose

The best moose hunting in east and north America is found in the Canadian province of New Brunswick. The best in the United States is in Maine. Moose are believed to be holding their own if not increasing. Ernest Thompson Seton, the naturalist, estimates that there are about a million moose in North America.

Get a buyer for whatever you have for sale through an ECCENTRIC want ad.

**Not Well - Not Sick.**  
When the kidneys fail to cleanse the blood of impurities the whole system is affected. The result may be half-sick condition, not well enough to work, not sick enough for bed, rheumatic pains, backache, lameness, Foley Kidney Pills help and strengthen diseased kidneys and help them do their work—Sold everywhere.

## GRASS SEED FREE SAMPLES

Get buyers for what you don't need by ECCENTRIC want ads.

He Feels Like a New Man

Compare the few cents spent in an ECCENTRIC want ad with a real estate man's commission, and let your property in our want ad column.