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The new dry goods store is now open for business. The formal opening is to take place shortly. The following is a list of some of the many lines received this week and now placed on sale. Silk Spools, Needles, Stamped Linen, Lace Doilies, Stamped Pillow Shams, Stamped Cushion Tops. Plain Linen Sideboard Covers, Fancy Silk Stars and Anchors for Children's Suits, Silkine, Crochet Cotton, Pri Lustre, Knitting Cotton, all kinds of Fancy Frilling, Side Combs and Back Combs, Bone Hair Pins, Hair Frames, Hair Retainers, Pongee Silk Bibs, Fancy Collars, Windsor Ties, Pique, Fancy Duck, White and Blue Sateen, Fancy Waistings, Chenille Table Cloths, Print Cotton, Flannel, Corsets, white waists, silk waists, all kinds of wool, oilcloth mats, table oilcloth, ladies' hose, cotton blankets, cotton crib blankets, quilting cotton, apron gingham, shirting gingham, oxford gingham, Zephyr gingham, table linen, table napkins, fancy flannelettes, plain flannelettes, bleached and unbleached sheeting, quilts, all kinds of towelling, towels, fleecy cotton, drill, sale duck, ticking, butchers' linen, cretonne, curtains, portiers, curtainette, curtain muslin, table cloths, red table damask, table felt, turkish towelling, art sateens, white cotton, gray cotton, cottonade, pillow cases, fancy muslins for waists, sateens, dress goods, dress linings, silks, braids, applique, insertions, allover lace, embroideries, val lace, insertion torchon lace, buttons, dress shields, cottons forms, ribbons, ladies' and misses' skirts, ladies' coats and shower-proof coats.

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OUIDA AN ECHO FROM THE PAST

a Poem That She Once Wrote About England - Showing the Novelist in a Different Light.

LONDON, Feb. 22—And now the world has gone to her rest. The world was never quite sure whether or not she was a great novelist, but every one admitted that she was an exceptionally good story-teller. Her best works were her stories for children, and these are unsurpassed in literature. Her novels abounded in admirable word-pictures, but often suggested padding to make the story last long enough to fill the customary number of pages. Yet she gave the world such pleasure that there is universal regret that the end of her career was marked by misfortune. But it is not of Ouida the novelist that we wish to treat, we want to let our readers hear an echo from the past, which may not have an ungrateful sound in view of the things that have been said in recent years about the decadence of the Mother Land. Under the influence of Gladstone and Bright, Great Britain, in the late 70's gained a reputation in the eyes of the world as being devoted to peace at any price. In

1881 occurred the disaster of Majuba Hill, and Gladstone refused to avenge it, and in the same year Lord Roberts was recalled from his heroic advance on Cabul. But in 1882 there came a change. Arabi Pasha rebelled against the Khedive and thereupon Gladstone, though proclaiming that he was not about to sanction a war, sent the fleet to Alexandria, and all the world knows the result. This led Ouida to write the following verses to the London Times: 1882 Great England put her armor by, and stretch'd her stately limbs to slumber in the sun. The nations, seeing then how long she slept, Commun'd together, and in whispers said: "Lo! she is old and tired, let us steal the crown from off her brows. She will not know!" And Goneril and Regan, over seas, Mocking her, cried: "Her time is past. Her blood is sluggish, and her rusted sword from out Her scabbard she will draw no more!" And so, Thus gibing, flung with cruel hands the seeds Of discord and of hate amidst her sons. But from the East there came a blast too loud, As from the West there came a taunt too much; And she awakening, raised her head, and saw Around her all her faithless friends, and all Her sisters and her children jeering her, And crying, "She is old!" and meeting out Her lands among themselves, and parceling Her honor. Then, swift as lightning flashes From the blue skies, her lance of scorn fell on them, As they crouch'd like wolves that are o'er-mastered, England stretch'd out her hand, and touch'd the world— England arose, and spake, and calmly said: "Nay! I am mistress still."

OUR CIVIC AFFAIRS

Sir—Having had a touch of the prevailing gripe I was not present at the citizens' meeting before the civic election but have read the report of same published in The Guardian. I think that the members of the Council whose term of office has expired have been actuated by an honest desire to serve the City well, and on the whole have made a record of which they need not be ashamed. I observe by The Guardian's report that there was more or less adverse criticism of the City Accounts and this is a feature which has its uses for public men; it helps to make those who spend other people's money more careful and conservative when they know that their actions are likely to be reviewed in a public manner. There is to my way of thinking not sufficient thought given to the matter of bringing business to the City. There should be a strong committee of councillors whose desire would be to consider ways and means for promoting our business interests, by encouraging industries or business of any kind that would furnish employment. This might be done by advertising, the giving of bonuses, lessening of taxes, by free sites, by cheap water, &c. Depend upon it that every family who is a wage earner added to our population is helping the problem of how our city is going to hold its own in the future. In this connection I wish to call the attention of those who now hold seats at the Council Board to the imperative necessity of dealing promptly with the automobile nuisance. I feel sure that every man and woman in the city and country (outside of the four or five persons who run these machines) will agree with the writer that these autos have done more injury to the business of this town than can readily be computed. They are a terror to all who use horses, and there are hundreds of cases where country people will not come here to buy or sell until this nuisance is got rid of. If autos were used to any considerable extent they might be borne with, but it is intolerable that four or five people, to gratify their vanity should be allowed to endanger the life of our citizens and terrorize people off the public roads. I hope that the new Council will have "sand" enough to see to it that those who cannot find some other way of amusing themselves than running an automobile will have the privilege of contributing as is charged on valuable business property around the Market Square. I am afraid I have made this letter too lengthy and will stop here. W. A. WEEKS.

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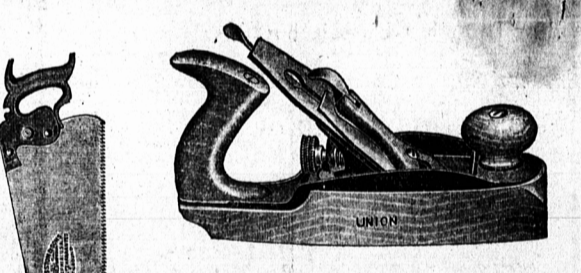


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