It was the season of sales. The august establishment of Walpurgis and Nettlepink had lowered its prices for an entire week as a consession to trad obserances much as an Arch-duchess might protesting contract an attack of influence for the unsatisfactory reason that influenza was locally prevalent. Adela Chemping, who considered hereself in some measure superior to the allurements of an ordinary bargain sale, make a point of attending the dreduction week at Walpurgis and Nettlepink’s.

“I’m not a gargain hunter,” she said, “but I like to go where bargains are.”

Which showed that beneath her surface strength of character there flowed a gracious undercurrent of human weakness.

With a view to providing herself with a male escort Mrs. Chemping had invited here y9oungers nephew to accojmpany her on the first day of the shopping expedition, throwing in the additional allurement of a cinematograph theater and the prospect of light refreshment. As Cyprinan was not yet eighteen heshe hoped he might not have reached that staege in masculine development when parce-crarrying is looked on as a thing abhorrent.

M”Meet me just outside the floreal department,” she wrote to him,” “and don’t be a moment later than eleven.”