Pretoriana

THE advertisement below appeared in The Pretoria News in 1930 during the city's 75th anniversary. The shop was John Jack Ltd at the north-eastern corner of Church Street and Van der Walt Street.

John Jack also had interests on the Reef, having teamed up with a Mr Simmer and founded the Simmer & Jack Gold Mine around 1886. And John Jack laid out a town at the mine — which he named Germiston, after his birthplace and ancestral home in Scotland.

The corner premises shown in the picture were bought by John Jack from E F Bourke who became the first elected mayor of Pretoria in 1903. Today the corner is occupied by Garlicks (picture alongside).

(Pretoriana picture submitted by Tom Andrews of the Old Pretoria Society. Text by staff writer Daan de Beer.)

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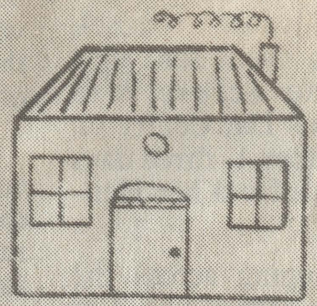
This is the House that Jack Built.

THIS IS THE HOUSE
JOHN JACK
BUILT

And this is the VALUE HOUSE that JOHN JACK built in PRETORIA.

1930



This is the House that Jill Built.

DEPARTMENTS
IN THE HOUSE THAT JOHN JACK BUILT:

DRESSES.	FURNITURE.	GROCERY.
SHOW ROOM.	FURNISHINGS.	HARDWARE.
FANCIES.	OUTFITTING.	TOOLS.
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Pioneers — of — **Reduced Cost of Living.**

RELIABLE in Weights and Measures.

ECONOMICAL in Value.

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All Goods Marked in — **Plain Figures.**

JOHN
THE VALUE HOUSE
302 CHURCH ST.,
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