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Registration Notice.

OCTOBER SITTINGS.

To the Voters of Carroll County!

In compliance with Article 33, Code of Public General Laws, title "Elections," sub-title "Registration," and the amendments thereof, notice is hereby given that the Officers of Registration for Carroll county will sit as hereinafter stated for the purpose set forth in said Article. The undersigned, Officers of Registration of Voters for their respective election districts of Carroll county, will sit for their October sittings, in the year 1895, in their respective election districts, at the places and on the days named below,

from 8 o'clock a. m., to 8 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of ascertaining and registering the persons qualified to vote and of striking off persons disqualified to vote at the next ensuing election, in the election districts and each of the election precincts of which they are respectively Officers of Registration for four successive days in October, 1895, namely, on

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, AND THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th,

and for the purpose of revision and for the hearing of applications for reinstatement by persons whose names shall have been stricken off their respective registries of voters on

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21st, 1895,

as follows:

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 1, CALLED TANEYTOWN DISTRICT,

J. Sylvester Fink, the Officer of Registration, will sit during each of said days at the Tin Store of P. J. Fink, on Frederick street, in Taneytown.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 2, CALLED UNIONTOWN DISTRICT,

Robert W. Fleagle, Officer of Registration, will sit at Harry Brough's store in Uniontown on October 7th and 8th, and at Levi Fleagle's residence in Frizellburg, on October 9th, 10th and 21st.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 3, CALLED MYERS' DISTRICT,

J. Frank Byers, Officer of Registration, will sit at G. W. Yeiser's Store, in Union Mills, on October 7th, 8th and 21st, and at Wisner's Hotel in Silver Run, on October 9th and 10th.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 4, CALLED WOOLERY'S DISTRICT,

John H. Taylor, Officer of Registration, will sit October 7th, at Nicholas Benson's Store, in Gamber, and October 8th, at Winfield Davis' Store, in Smallwood, and on October 9th, 10th and 21st at his residence, on the county road leading from Patapsco to the Baltimore and Reisterstown turnpike.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 5, CALLED FREEDOM DISTRICT,

Dr. Daniel B. Sprecher, Officer of Registration, will sit October 7th, 8th, 9th and 21st at Dr. Lucas' Drug Store in Sykesville, and on October 10th at Marriott Shipley's Store, in Eldersburg.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 6, CALLED MANCHESTER DISTRICT,

George Shower, Officer of Registration, will sit October 7th at Melrose st Frank Crumrine's Store, and on each of the other days at his residence in Manchester.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 7, CALLED WESTMINSTER DISTRICT,

William L. Corbin, Officer of Registration, will sit on October 7th and 8th in the first precinct, at office over Clabaugh & Roberts' office on Court street, in Westminster, and on October 9th, 10th and 21st will sit in the second precinct at No. 73 West Main street, adjoining Geo. M. Hyder's Jewelry Store, in Westminster.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 8, CALLED HAMPSTEAD DISTRICT,

John T. Basler, Officer of Registration, will sit October 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th at Alexie E. Wells' office in Hampstead and on October 21st at his residence at Lauver P. O.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 9, CALLED FRANKLIN DISTRICT,

Lewis C. Franklin, Officer of Registration, will sit at his residence in Franklinville during each of said days.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 10, CALLED MIDDLEBURG DISTRICT,

George W. Shank, Officer of Registration, will sit during each of said days at the store of Stephen C. Cripley, in Middleburg.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 11, CALLED NEW WINDSOR DISTRICT,

Wm. D. Lovell, Officer of Registration, will sit during each of said days at his residence on Main street in New Windsor.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 12, CALLED UNION BRIDGE DISTRICT,

Charles H. Danner, Officer of Registration, will sit during each of said days at John H. Six's Hotel, in Union Bridge.

IN ELECTION DISTRICT NO. 13, CALLED MT. AIRY DISTRICT,

Oscar M. Spurrier, Officer of Registration, will sit on October 7th and 8th at Anderson's store in Mt. Airy, and on October 9th, 10th and 21st at his residence on the Harrisonville road, near the Westminster and Mt. Airy road, about 3 miles from Mt. Airy.

J. SYLVESTER FINK,
Officer of Registration for District No. 1.
ROBERT W. FLEAGLE,
Officer of Registration for District No. 2.
J. FRANK BYERS,
Officer of Registration for District No. 3.
JOHN H. TAYLOR,
Officer of Registration for District No. 4.
DANIEL B. SPRECHER,
Officer of Registration for District No. 5.
GEORGE SHOWER,
Officer of Registration for District No. 6.
W. L. CORBIN,
Officer of Registration for District No. 7.
JOHN T. BASLER,
Officer of Registration for District No. 8.
LEWIS C. FRANKLIN,
Officer of Registration for District No. 9.
GEO. W. SHANK,
Officer of Registration for District No. 10.
WM. D. LOVELL,
Officer of Registration for District No. 11.
CHARLES H. DANNER,
Officer of Registration for District No. 12.
OSCAR M. SPURRIER,
Officer of Registration for District No. 13.
CHAS. E. FINK, Counsel for Registrars.

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Assignee of Mortgagee's Sale

OF VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE,

In Middletown, Carroll county, Md.

By virtue of the power of sale in the deed of mortgage from Mary M. Cartzendafner and Cleveland M. Cartzendafner, her husband, to Adam H. Diffenbaugh, late of Carroll county, Maryland, deceased, dated the 12th day of February, 1880, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, in Liber W. N. M. No. 27, folio 422, &c., the undersigned, executor of John Henry Diffenbaugh, sdeceased, assignee of the administrators of said Adam Diffenbaugh, deceased, will offer at public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th, 1895,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., all that valuable lot of land, described and conveyed in said mortgage, containing

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situated in the village of Middletown, Carroll county, Maryland, and improved by a Two-Story Weatherboarded Dwelling House, and necessary outbuildings. The land is in a good state of cultivation, and borders on the public road leading from Uniontown to Union Bridge. The house is in excellent condition, and is within a few minutes walk of the store, postoffice and schoolhouse, and is convenient to churches. There is a fine well of water near the house. This is one of the most desirable homes in the neighborhood.

Terms of Sale.—Cash upon the day of sale or upon the ratification thereof.

JAMES A. DIFFENBAUGH,
Executor of John Henry Diffenbaugh, deceased, Assignee.
Francis Neal Parke, Solicitor.
Jno. T. Diffenbaugh, Auct. se-7ts

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., letters of administration on the estate of

ALBINUS POOLE,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 16th day of April, 1896; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 16th day of September, 1895.

LAURA S. SELLMAN,
sep-21-4t Administratrix.

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All Wool Fancy Dress Goods, real value 50c, at 39c.

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1000 yards 40-inch wide Unbleached Sheeting, worth 10c, at 6½c.

500 yards Unbleached Canton Flannel, extra heavy, worth 12½c, at 8½c.

25 pieces Cotton Crepon, at 12½c.

50 pieces Amoskeag Dress Ginghams, in Plaids and Stripes, at 8c.

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You must often visit our stores and see for yourself the many rare offerings we are constantly making and are available to advertise. Just now things are going with a rush. Here's all we've got room for to-day:

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Canton Flannels, 12½c quality, opening price 8½c.

Yard wide Muslin, 8c quality, opening price 5c.

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SPECIAL OPENING PRICES.

Good quality Jute Carpets,	23c.
Extra heavy Ingrain, worth 35c, at	19c.
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6-4 Oil Cloth, worth 50c,	35c.
8-4 Oil Cloth, worth 65c,	44c.

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CHAS. E. FINK,
Attorney at Law
And Solicitor in Chancery,
Will attend PROMPTLY to all legal business. Office, No. 19 Court St., Westminster, Md.

Public Sale OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

BY virtue of the last will and testament of Joseph Bankert, late of Carroll county, deceased, and an order of the Orphans' Court of said county, the undersigned, executor named in said will, will sell at Public Sale, at the late residence of said deceased, in Manchester district, about 1 mile from Bachman's Mills, and about 3 miles from Melrose, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 1895,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the entire Real Estate left by said deceased, as follows: 1st. The Home Residence of said deceased, containing

19½ ACRES AND 19 PERCHES

of Land, more or less. The improvements thereon consist of a Two-story Weatherboarded Dwelling House, lately built, and laid off into convenient rooms, with basement and cellar. There is a Spring of pure Water convenient to the dwelling, a good Spring House, with a room above; a good Shop, used as a Shoemaker Shop; a Bank Barn, in good condition; Wagon Shed, Corn Crib and a new Chicken House. The land is in a good state of cultivation and under good fencing. A fine stream of water flows through the land; there is about 5 Acres of good Timber Land, and a due proportion of Meadow Land. This property adjoins the lands of Samuel Mathias, Henry Wine, Barney Zepp, and others.

2nd. Also at the same time and place will be offered another tract or parcel of Land, containing

28½ ACRES, MORE OR LESS,

adjoining the lands of Beniah Bankert and others. There is about 10 Acres of this land in good Timber and the balance is cleared land, under good cultivation, laid off into convenient fields and under good fencing. There are several Springs of Water on this land.

Persons wanting property of the above description would do well to attend the sale, as the tracts as described will be sold, and they lie convenient to schools and churches, and have many other advantages. Any person wishing to view same will call on the undersigned executor, living at Union Mills, who will give all information respecting the same.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third cash on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof by said Orphans' Court; one-third in one year and the other one-third in two years from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security, and bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchasers.

THEODORE M. BANKERT,
Augustus Bankert, Auct. Executor.
J. Wm. Earhart Clerk. sept-14-ts

Ratification Notice.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County.

AUGUST TERM, 1895.

Estate of Henry Carter, deceased.

ON application it is ordered, this 23rd day of September, 1895, that the sale of the real estate of Henry Carter, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by William R. Curry, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this Court by the said executor, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 4th Monday, 28th day of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 3rd Monday, 21st day of October next. The report states the amount of sale to be Five Thousand and Ninety-three Dollars and Twenty-eight Cents. ($5,093.28.)

DAVID H. HOFFACKER,
LEWIS CASH,
ALBERT SCHAEFFER, } Judges.

True Copy—Test:
GEO. M. PARKE, Register of Wills.
sept-28-3t

NO. 3371 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Atlee W. Wampler, Plaintiff, vs. M. Kate Wampler, widow, et al., Defendants.

Ordered, this 19th day of September, A. D. 1895, that the sale of the real estate made and reported in the above entitled cause, by Geo. A. Miller, trustee appointed by the decree passed therein to sell the same, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 22nd day of October next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Maryland, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 14th day of October next.

The report states the amount of sale to be $5,000.00.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
se-21-3t BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

JOHN VIAL,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 16th day of April, 1896; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand, this 16th day of September, 1895.

MARY E. VIAL,
sep-21-4t Administratrix.

NOTICE.

Having sold my Furniture Establishment to Mr. Abraham Price, on account of ill health, I will retire from the business October 15th, and Mr. Price will succeed me at that time, and continue the same in all its branches. I take this means of returning my thanks to the public for the liberal patronage I have enjoyed and heartily recommend Mr. Price to their continued favor, being assured that they will receive, at his hands, prompt attention and honest and fair dealing.

se-28-3t JAS. W. LOCKARD.

Election Notice.

Western Md. R. R. Co., Office of Secretary, Baltimore, Md., Sept. 14th, 1895.

The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Western Maryland Railroad Company, for the election of Five Directors to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the company, Hillen Station, Baltimore, on Wednesday, October 16th, at 12 o'clock, M.

GEO. H. BAER,
se-21-4t Secretary.

Election Notice.

THE annual election for SEVEN DIRECTORS to manage the affairs of The Westminster Savings Bank, for the ensuing year, will be held on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 1895,

between the hours of 1 and 2 o'clock, P. M.

E. O. GRIMES, President.
WM. H. STARR, Treasurer.
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Dissolution Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of Baile & Stouffer, fruit and vegetable packers, New Windsor, Md., was dissolved, by mutual consent, March 1st, 1894, Charles P. Baile retiring. The business has since then been and will continue to be, conducted by Joseph A. Stouffer, under the same firm name.

CHARLES P. BAILE,
sep-21-3t JOSEPH A. STOUFFER.

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Commissioners' Notice.

THE County Commissioners of Carroll county will meet at their Office, in Westminster, on the FIRST MONDAY and TUESDAY, and THIRD MONDAY of OCTOBER, 1895, for the transaction of business.

By order, JOHN J. REESE,
sep-21-1m Clerk.

BLANK MORTGAGES printed on extra heavy paper for sale at this office.

Select Poetry.

AUTUMN SONG.

A song of the reaping-time.
Of the feast-days of the year;
A song of the grain and the well-filled wain,
And the husking-time that's near.
Here's hey, for a merry romp
In the brown old fields and vales!
And ho, for the mead where the cattle feed,
And ho, for the autumn gales!
A hunt through the tall, dim woods;
For the fruit of the oak and vine:
A peep at the nest of the last redbreast,
And a call where the chipmunks dine.
A smile in the morning skies,
And a laugh in the streams that flow;
As they share their joy with the girl and boy
That to-day may a-rambling go.

—Frank Walcott Hutt in October St. Nicholas.

Select Story.

BY MUTUAL CONSENT.

There was no doubt that the Messingers were fortunate in possessing so charming a house as the Ness. It was built at the head of a narrow valley shut in by two hills, and beyond the sloping lawns stretched a wide expanse of sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Messinger were simple, unaffected people, devoted to their children, and to Nancy, Mrs Messinger's young step-sister. They treated her with a kind of reverential tenderness chiefly due to the fact she was entirely dependent on them. And in her turn Nancy filled the place of a loving elder sister to the tribe of little ones, and of friend-in-chief to her gentle step-sister.

One sunny afternoon in early summer Mrs. Messinger sat at the open bay window of the open drawing-room reading. She was a placid little lady, seldom ruffled in mind or temper, and her sweet face and soft blue eyes were pleasant to contemplate. The door opened presently, and Nancy came in very slowly. Her expression was as sweet and gentle as her sister's but her great dark eyes and her firmly cut mouth and chin bore evidence of much greater strength and individuality of character. She came over to the window and seated herself in a low basket-chair with an air of constraint.

"I have had a letter from Jim," she said.

"Yes; I saw it on the hall table," replied Mary, laying down her book. "Does he say when he is coming?"

"Yes; he came by the same steamship as the letter. He will be here to-morrow, I suppose."

"Nancy! really?" asked Mary, looking almost excited. "Are you not delighted!"

"I—I have a confession to make," said Nancy, nervously, looking out over the sea. I thought I loved Jim when he went out to India five years ago, but I was only seventeen then, and did not realize what love meant. We had known each other all our lives, and I mistook our friendship for love."

"When did you make this terrible discovery?" asked Mary in distress.

"I have felt it dimly for a year or two, but what made it more clear to me was Jim's last letter, saying that he was coming home. It filled me with dismay and fear. I felt that I simply could not meet him as his betrothed wife, so I wrote by last mail, and asked him to release me from my engagement."

"He is delighted," said Nancy, brightening. "He says that his feelings have changed too."

"I always think of you in the future as his wife. Are you sure your feelings have changed?" sighed Mrs. Messinger, whose mind was slow to welcome new ideas.

"Quite sure," Nancy answered firmly. "And you will break the news gently to Ned, won't you?" And please get reconciled to the arrangement soon. I feel so delightful airy and free!"

"You never hinted at any change before," said Mary, a little reproachfully.

"I only knew it dimly, or I might have done so," replied Nancy, gently. "And since I wrote to him I have been silent, to spare you any anxiety. I have felt it for the last three years in writing to him. My letters have never been from the present Nancy, but from the Nancy as I could remember her at seventeen. In fact, I have been 'writing down' to the level of his intelligence as shown in his letters, and that level is painfully low. But happily, you see, he is as pleased to end our engagement as I am."

"He would be much more likely to object if he once saw you," said Mary, frankly, "for these five years have done wonders with you in every way."

"Oh he is so boyish that he will think me strong-minded, and therefore dislike me," said Nancy, laughingly. "And I sent him my last photograph, you know."

"Did you send that hideous thing?" asked Mary in surprise.

"Well," confessed Nancy, rather reluctantly, "I believe I had some secret, unconfessed hope that he would offer to break off the engagement if he once saw that hideous caricature. But here comes Ned; I shall leave you to explain things to him."

A day or two later Nancy started for her usual afternoon walk along the cliffs. Since she had been released from the engagement, which for some years past had been weighing on her spirit, she had been in a state of exhileration which surprised her. The world seemed wholly beautiful; life was an unmixed blessing; sin and poverty were rarer than she thought. Walking quickly along, absorbed in those pleasant reflections, she did not hear footsteps behind her, and was surprised at hearing herself suddenly addressed. Looking up with startled eyes she found a young man gazing at her with a puzzled, intent expression in his handsome face.

"You are Nancy, are you not?" he said, doubtfully, holding out his hand.

"Why, Jim, is it really you?" asked Nancy, regarding him with surprise. "How you have grown! When did you come, and how did you find me?"

"I came two days ago," he said, reddening slightly in irritation at her first words. Father was anxious that I should stay with him yesterday, but I called at the Ness this afternoon and Mrs. Messinger told me where I should find you."

"Let us go home now, and then you can get to see them all," she said, turning back. "You will hardly know the children; they were such mites when you left."

"I certainly shall not, if they have altered as much as you have done. I scarcely knew you," he said, looking down at her with intent gray eyes, and inwardly comparing this beautiful, graceful girl with the gauche school girl of five years since.

"I am older," she said, her heart, sinking strangely. "He might disguise the fact that he finds me a disappointing failure," she thought, rather bitterly.

"Of course we are no longer boy and girl," he said. "But I hope we shall always be friends, Nancy! We have been that all our lives, haven't we?"

"Yes, let us be friends," she added. And thinking that he was eager to impress upon her that they were to be nothing more, she added: "And it was very wise to break off that childish engagement before you came home, wasn't it?"

"Y—yes," he said doubtfully, "oh, yes, of course. Your feelings are naturally quite changed, I suppose, Nancy?"

"Naturally," she said calmly, but thinking to herself that she was not so sure about that, after all.

"Naturally," he echoed, his eyes, however, became a little clouded. "Those boy and girl engagements never answer, do they? People develop so differently from what one would expect. Judging from your letters, I should have thought you utterly different from what I find you."

"You are equally different from what I should have expected you to be," she answered. "But let us put up with each other as we are; we need not see much of one another, you know."

They had just reached the gate leading into the garden of the Ness, as she said this, and unconsciously she paused. Jim took this, coupled with her last words, as a hint that he should go, and was more hurt that he cared to own.

"Good afternoon," he said, stiffly raising his hat. Your suggestion is a brilliant one, and you need not fear that I shall trouble you with my presence more often than is necessary."

"You are coming in?" she said, looking at him with pained, pleading eyes.

"Thank you, no," he said, coldly. "I have seen Mrs. Messinger, and your brother and the children will keep."

"Good-bye," she said, turning in at the open gate in order that he should not see the rising tears.

"Good-by," he said, freezingly, thinking her absolutely cruel in not shaking hands. She went up the little sloping avenue slowly and sadly, trying to crush back the tears which would raise to her eyes in spite of her efforts. She had succeeded before reaching the hall, and could answer her sister's surprised questions quite calmly.

"My dear Mary," she said, laughing gently, "you forget our changed relations. You must not expect him to come as often as he used to. We have both come to the conclusion that we are quite diffent from what we had thought each other, and we have now mutually agreed to see as little as possible of one another."

But when she reached her own room her self control deserted her, and she cast herself down on the little couch and wept long and bitterly.

"I hate him!" she said to herself, vindictively. "I do; I hate him! No, I don't; I believe I do the very opposite. Oh, I ought to be ashamed of myself to care for one so utterly indifferent to me? He did not even come in, and after all these years. He shall never know that I love him, never! However much I may suffer, I have enough pride to hide it. He shall think me as indifferent as he himself."

Her mouth took a hard look, very foreign to its sweet lines, as she rose and bathed her face; and through all that evening she bore herself so bravely that no one guessed of the bitterness and wounded pride she thus smilingly hid.

If Mrs. Messinger had been given to abstruse reflections, she might have asked herself how Jim and Nancy could possibly avoid each other, according to their compact, when he was always coming to the Ness. For he came every day, and at all hours of the day, as he had been wont to five years ago. There was one difference between this daily intercourse and that of the old time, and that a rather important one. Nancy lost all her gentle brightness when speaking to Jim, and was coldly, distantly polite to him. He saw this and no doubt resented it, but Nancy never guessed that from his manner. He did everything he could think of to please her, but with no outward effect. Inwardly she knew that her love for him was strengthening day by day, and that no power of hers could prevent it.

Jim was in a most trying position. He knew himself to be deeply in love with Nancy; his feelings for her had never died as he had imagined was the case, but with them was the knowledge that he had forfeited the right to tell his love. Her letters had been of a kind of which he had wearied when he ceased to be a youth. But, anxious that his own letters should not be as uninteresting to her as hers were to him, he had written in a boyish, semi-frivolous strain, which he thought would be pleasing to her as natural to herself. He could not understand how such a thoughtful, intelligent girl as he knew her now to be could have written such shallow, characteress letters. He supposed that she had not cared enough for him to write about what she felt interested in.

Nancy grew colder and more constrained than ever in her manner toward him, and though every day he felt more clearly that his love was hopeless, he found it more and more difficult to hide it from her. He was too proud and too manly to force his love upon her, believing, as he did, that she disliked him; and at last, after a bitter struggle with himself, he determined to return to India at once.

He had never been to the Ness lately without some valid reason, and this new decision was so good an excuse for calling that he was not slow in taking advantage of it. He found Nancy in the garden, arrayed in a large white sun bonnet, busily gathering strawberries for tea.

"You find it rather hot work, I'm afraid," he said, looking down gravely into her flushed face. "Let me pick some now."

"Thank you," she answered, resigning the basket; "stooping so much has tired me a little."

He had soon filled the basket, and then, at his suggestion they seated themselves under an old apple tree to rest. Nancy took off her sun-bonnet and leaned her bare head against the gnarled trunk languidly. Jim watched her as she sat there, thinking that he would soon have the memory of her pure sweet face to bear with him.

"I came up this afternoon to say good-by," he said, breaking the long silence abruptly.

Nancy started slightly and raised her eyes to his in wonderment.

"Good-bye," she said. "And where are you going?"

"I am going back to India; I have had enough of England."

"To India! At once! Oh, why?" she asked piteously, growing very white, and looking at him with frightened eyes.

An expression of tremulous hope began to draw on Jim's face as he saw how his words had affected her.

"Do you care Nancy?" he asked eagerly. "Would you rather I stayed?"

"My wishes have nothing to do with the matter," she said rather bitterly.

"Indeed they have," he said, very earnestly. "Nancy, tell me, would you rather I stayed?"

"If I say yes, would you stay?" she asked quietly.

"Only if you loved me," he said. "I cannot stay on and see you day after day, and feel that you will never care for me. May I stay Nancy?"

"If you like," she answered shyly.

Jim took her in his arms and kissed her very tenderly.

"There is one thing I want to know," he said presently, looking down into her eyes; "when did you begin to love me, dear?"

"When did you begin to love me?" she replied, blushing under his gaze.

"I don't know; I have loved you all my life," he answered.

"I don't know either," she said; "when I was about four or five, I think."

"But, my darling, you broke off our engagement" he said, wonderingly.

"Yes; from your letters I thought I did not love you. They were so stupid—I—I mean—"

"Yes, they were stupid, but yours were silly, too, and I thought that was the kind of thing you liked," he said, a ray of intelligence dawning in his eyes.

"I thought you were terribly boyish, so I wrote very 'young' letters, thinking they would interest you," she said, beginning to laugh.

"We both fell into the same trap, then," he said, laughing too, though a little regretfully.

"Oh, Nancy! we might have had such a good time! How I wish I had the letters you might have written!"

"Yes, it is a pity," she said. "But it is all right now, and I will write the sweetest letters to you in the future."

"Indeed you will not," he replied in a calmly masterful tone. "I never mean to leave you again. We must look upon those letters as a part of the vast 'It might have been.'"

Practical Poultry Papers.

FROM HARPER'S BAZAR.

Before describing the "run," a few helpful suggestions as to the design of the poultry-house. A successful poulterer, in a small way, has found the square house most convenient, with the roosting perches, drop-boards, and nest-boxes all placed in the middle, the drop-boards so arranged above the nest-boxes as to prevent soiling the latter. The caretaker by this method, having ample space and light, can easily attend to daily cleaning and other routine of the fowl-house, which, it is well to say just here, will be neither trying nor laborious if one does it methodically and at a certain hour. As to the "run," it is an important adjunct which cannot well be omitted in our calculations, unless for a venture in a suburban plot surrounded by high board fencing. Even there it would be best to divide the space by a wire-netting partition into two equal parts, sowing them both, before occupation, with timothy and white clover, and using them alternately after the grass is sufficiently grown. "Runs" well kept in this manner afford the best green food, because while one is being eaten off, the other is growing. Twenty-five fowls need about 58x100 feet of space, divided equally into two "runs," enclosed by from five to nine feet high wire nettings, according to the sort of fowl which will use them. Small active birds are high-flyers and restless, unless they have been bred from the shell in confinement. Large breeds, especially full-feathered varieties, fly low.

The equipments for the fowl-house, in addition to nest and roosting-perches, are wide, movable, smoothly finished "drop-boards," hung two or three feet beneath the perches to catch the droppings, and keep the floor or whatever is directly under them clean. These boards should be removed every morning and thoroughly cleaned. Pure water is a vital necessity, to insure which the stone-ware poultry fountains, so constructed that nothing can get into the water to defile it, are the best; the largest size, holding two gallons of water, costs fifty cents, smaller ones in proportion; they can be found at any poultry-supply house. For feeding soft mashes and other wet food, the very best thing for its purpose is a galvanized iron tray, because it is easily kept clean, and is so formed that the fowls cannot get in and soil their food or plumage. Such trays come in two sizes, the smaller costing twenty-five cents each, or $2.50 per dozen; and the larger, thirty-five cents apiece, or $3.50 per dozen. Dry grain needs no dish or tray of any sort, for it should always be scattered as widely as possible among dry litter, so the fowls will have to hunt for it, and the deeper they have to scratch the better, as this gives them exercise.

It is a habit with some people when they wish their own virtues to look the whitest, always to use the faults of others as a back-ground.

Wood ashes is the best fertilizer for grapes.

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