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We have today a special lot of stylish and handsome black Mercerized Silk Petticoats, trimmed with deep plaits and flounces; these skirts are positive $3 and $3.50 values, at the special price of

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75 pairs Misses' and Children's Shoes, worth $1.00 and $1.25, now 75c. Ladies' and Misses' Rubbers, all sizes, 25c pair.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

REBECCA ROUTZOHN,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 11th day of September, 1902; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 11th day of February, 1902.

SAMUEL ROOP, Executor.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF DWELLING HOUSE AND LOT OF LAND,

in Union Bridge, Carroll county, Maryland.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in cause No. 3658 Equity, wherein George E. Sponsler, by his next friend &c., is plaintiff, and Ellen Sponsler widow, et al., are defendants, the undersigned, as trustee, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on

Monday, March 3rd, 1902, at 1.30 o'clock,

P. M., all that piece or parcel of land situate lying and being in Union Bridge, Carroll county, Maryland, it being a part of the same lot of ground which Daniel R. Fogle obtained from Jesse Anders and wife and others, by deed dated May 1st, 1880, the part being the one-half (North End) of lot number 4, in block number 11, as described in a plat of lots laid out in said town, on the 14th day of December, 1864, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, in Liber W. A. McK. No. 31, folio 363 &c., in fee simple, and being also the same parcel of land which was conveyed to S. Hamilton Sponsler by Daniel R. Fogle and wife, by deed dated December 6th, A. D. 1882, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, in Liber F. T. S. No. 58, folio 183 &c.

The improvements thereon are a comfortable and well built two-story Frame Weatherboarded Dwelling House, with porch in front and rear, Carriage House, Chicken House and other outbuildings; water in the house; good garden, &c.

This is the same property of which the said S. Hamilton Sponsler died seized and possessed, is located on Benedum street, in Union Bridge, Md., and adjoins the lots of Daniel Fogle and Mrs. Deborah Hughes.

The buildings are in fine repair and the location of the property makes it desirable.

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

EPHRAIM W. STONER,
Reifsnider & Grimes, Trustee.
Solicitors.
J. Thos. Roop,
Auctioneer. feb-8-4t

IVAN L. HOFF, Solicitor.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF A VERY DESIRABLE PROPERTY,

situate near Linwood, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in mortgage from David E. Shamer to William B. Thomas, dated July 31st, 1901, and recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in liber J. H. B. No. 45, folio 46[illegible] &c., the undersigned, as mortgagee, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, 1st DAY OF MARCH, 190[illegible]

at 1 o'clock, p. m., the following land and premises described in and conveyed by said mortgage, containing

14 ACRES OF LAND, more or less,

and improved by a 2½ Story Frame Dwelling, large Barn, Wagon Shed, [illegible] and all other necessary out-buildings. All the improvements on this property are in first-class condition. There is an abundance of fruit, and the ground is in a high state of cultivation.

This property is situate in Uniontown district, about 1 a mile northeast of Linwood, within sight of the W. M. R. R., and about [illegible] miles from New Windsor. It is convenient to churches, schools, stores and mills. Possession will be given April 1st, 1902.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash; or if desired the purchaser the following credit terms will be given: One-third cash on the day of sale, one-third in 6 months and the balance in 12 months from day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

WILLIAM B. THOMAS,
Wm. T. Wilson, Auct. Mortgagee.
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J. Milton Reifsnider

Attorney-at-Law and Solicitor in Chancery.

OFFICE—Albaugh Block, Court St., Westminster, Md. oc-21-1y

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE Real and Personal Property,

In Westminster district, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in the deed of trust from John W. Holmes and wife to Francis Neal Parke, bearing date February 4th, 1902, and of record among the land records of Carroll county, and in pursuance of an order of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, in Equity, passed in cause No. 3600 Equity, in said Court, the undersigned trustee will offer at public sale, at the residence of John W. Holmes, on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5th, 1902,

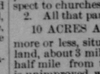
at 1 o'clock p. m., the following personal property, to-wit: 2 grey mares, 2 young milk cows, 2 hogs, two-horse farm wagon, spring wagon, 2 road carts, thrashing machine, Champion mower, plows, harrows, harness, windmill and other articles too numerous to mention.

And at the same time and place the undersigned trustee will offer at public sale the following real property.

1. All that tract or parcel of land situated on the Washington Road, Carroll county, Maryland, about two miles and one-half from Westminster, containing

48 ACRES AND 3 ROODS OF LAND,

more or less, and adjoining the land of ex-Judge Charles T. Reifsnider (Gist farm) and others. This property is improved by a two-story weatherboarded house, barn, dairy and other necessary outbuildings, is well timbered and is in a good state of cultivation.



The house, barn and dairy are supplied by running water. There is good fruit on the place, which is conveniently located with respect to churches, schools and stores.

2. All that parcel of land containing

10 ACRES AND 1 ROOD OF LAND,

more or less, situated in Carroll county, Maryland, about 3 miles from Westminster and one-half mile from the Washington Road. This is unimproved wood land of oak and chestnut timber.

Terms of Sale:—For the personal property, cash on all sums of $10.00 and under, and on all sums over $10.00 a credit of three months will be given on the notes of the purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale. For the real estate, one-third cash on the day of sale or on the ratification thereof by the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity, and the residue in two equal payments of six and twelve months each, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers, the credit payments to bear interest from the day of sale and to be secured by the notes

THE RESPONSIVE CHORD.

Along the Rappahannock,
In the spring of sixty-three,
On either side the armies lay,
Like some great broken tree.

The echoes of the sunset gun
Had long since passed away,
And peaceful twilight lingr'd on,
To bless the parting day.

Both bands were playing sweetly
The anthems of the land,
And back and forth across the stream
Came echoes wild and grand.

In sweet response came "Dixie"
To "Hail Columbia's" strains,
And after each rose cheer on cheer
That broke like wild refrains.

At last one band caught up the theme
That touched the common heart,
It drew together every wound,
And made the tear-drops start.

The grand old hymn of "Home, Sweet Home,"
Was wafted to the breeze,
It floated, like a breath from God,
Among the whispering trees;

And then, ere yet the last sad notes
Had slowly passed from sound,
A mighty cheer went up from earth
That shook the very ground.

It was the chord of human love
For home and peace and rest,
That on the Rappahannock beat
In every soldier's breast.

Philadelphia Press.

THE REMAKING OF MR. WATTS AND WHAT IT LED TO.

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From the Penny Pictorial Magazine.

I very nearly killed a man once—indirectly. As it was, I led to his breaking his arm, cutting his face very badly and spoiling his clothes. It is a horrid confession to have to make, but I want to ease my conscience by setting it down.

One night I was sitting in my little room in the dull little provincial town of Churchly. I was thinking what a dull little provincial town it was. And yet, I mused philosophically, I suppose all the human interests of the big world can be found in Churchly and all the different types of human character if one will only go through the boredom of looking for them, when they are on such a very small scale. Talk of romance, why there is poor Watts!

At that moment Watts came in. He often visited me of an evening. It was not so much that he wanted to see me and to hear my sentiments, but I was almost the only person who would sit patiently by while he aired his two pet subjects—to wit, butterflies and Molly Garton.

And Watts wasn't such a bad fellow either. He had all the makings of a fine man, I used to think, but unfortunately he was the only son of a silly mother. And so she had never sent him to school to be kicked by the horrid, rough boys, but had kept him at home with a tutor, who wore spectacles, and had got into the habit of eternally catching butterflies and moths and things and killing them and putting their little corpses in boxes with their wings stretched out. If he had done it in moderation, one would have excused him. But he didn't. He simply lived for it and for Molly Garton. And the two things were incompatible.

As for Molly herself, I had my ideas about her. She was my sister-in-law, and we had been friends from the days when we had bowled our hoops together in the High street (much to the annoyance of wayfarers) right down to the time of which I am speaking, when we had many a ride and game and hockey in each other's company. So I flattered myself I knew something of that erratic and athletic young lady's mind, and I had come to to the conclusion, first, if Watts would cease to be quite such an ass he would make her an excellent husband, and, secondly, that, given that change in disposition, she would not be unwilling to recognize him in that capacity.

Butterfly hunting was not to the fore with Watts tonight. It seems that that day the lady had rejected him for the second time.

Whereon, seated upon my chair, he made much moan.

"I didn't think you had the remotest chance," I said, when he had finished his narrative. He looked at me blankly.

"Unless," I proceeded, "you make up your mind to do several things."

"What? What?" he said eagerly.

"First," I replied, folding my hands in philosophic calm, "never to talk of beetles and bugs for a whole six months, never to let yourself be seen with that long net of yours in your hand, never to show a soul those little creatures you have stuck pins through."

He gasped, but was silent.

"Secondly," I proceeded, "you must become an athlete."

"I! An athlete!" he exclaimed.

"You must play football, I said, "and be careful to get your shins well hacked."

"And in summer time," I proceeded, "I think it will be well for you to join the cricket club."

"Impossible!" he murmured.

"It would be desirable also," I went on, paying no attention to the interruptions of the silly man, "if you became a hero. Now, you might save a life from drowning."

"I can't swim," he muttered feebly.

"Then you must learn to swim," I shouted with a sudden emphasis that quite quenched him for a time. "And, above all you must learn to cycle."

"Oh-h!"

"Do you think," I said with much indignation, "that a well built, active girl like Molly Garton wants to spend her life sewing on the buttons of a wretched fellow who can only handle a butterfly net?"

He looked so miserable as I thundered these words at him that I felt moved to genuine sorrow for him. But I was cruel only to be kind.

"Come now," I said in a gentler tone. "I have known what love is"—here I sighed and thought of my own dear Katie lying under the grass in the churchyard—"and I know it's worth a good effort to win a woman. Let me help you."

"How can you?" he said dismally.

"Tomorrow," I replied decisively, "we start learning the bicycle in my back garden. On Saturday there is a pick up of the Busy Bees, and you come with me to have your shins hacked."

He groaned, but thanked me and assented.

Ah, what weeks they were, those succeeding weeks in which we toiled. Watts and I together, to make him an athlete! I will say nothing of the football, save that he displayed really admirable pluck in the presence of his ladylove; fighting with a ferocity that called down the rebuke of the referee and covering himself with sticking plaster if not with actual glory. But the bicycle! Oh, what weary hours I spent in that garden of mine in frantic endeavor to teach him to ride! He seemed to have a positive genius for doing the wrong thing. Time after time I nearly despaired and yet at last there came a day when he actually wabbled the whole length of the garden path without any assistance and without a fall.

"Molly," I said, about a fortnight after, "who do you think is going to join our bicycling party tomorrow? Watts."

"Why, he can't ride," she answered.

"Oh, can't he!" said I. "He can ride like anything. He has been learning for weeks."

"Whatever made him do that?" she asked with the least little self conscious change of expression.

"Wanted company, I suppose," I answered in my most matter of fact voice. "He's a great friend of mine you know, and"—

She made a slight gesture of annoyance, from which I gathered that I had said the wrong thing.

"You don't mind his coming, poor chap?" I asked. "He's getting so tired of going about alone."

"He can come if he likes," she said.

From which, being a philosopher, I gathered that she was very pleased he was coming.

And so next day Watts turned up with his bicycle and a splendid pair of new knee breeches and some wonderful thick stockings to cover his skinny calves.

We started for our trip satisfactorily. I lagged a little behind and watched the fun. Watts, grasping his handles with immense firmness and gazing fixedly at the road before him, plied his legs with great vigor in the effort to keep abreast of Molly, who was in a mischievous mood.

But at last came a catastrophe. There was a point where the road forded a tolerably wide, shallow brook, while by the side a couple of planks and a single handrail made a bridge for foot passengers. Molly rode in front, and, giving a half turn of her head, which revealed to me a broad smile and a twinkle of mischief in her eyes, she went straight as an arrow over the planks. I saw poor Watts hesitate for a moment. His bicycle staggered. Then, gathering himself up with with a mighty effort, he rode on to the bridge. Then came a crash, a plunge, a loud shriek from Molly and in a moment I was in the water extricating Watts from a confused mass of spokes and handles and carrying him to the side of the ford. Poor chap! I am bound to say that he was very plucky. He only gave one groan, but he looked ghastly pale.

The blood was running fast from a cut in his forehead, and I quickly saw that his arm was seriously injured.

I called on Molly that evening, after I had left Watts with his head bound up and his arm in a plaster. She looked white and seemed intensely anxious to hear news of him.

"I just dropped in," I said casually, "as I thought you might like to know"—

"How is he? How is he?" she asked.

"Well, I think he will pull through all right," I said slowly, "but it is a bad smash. His arm is broken and his head is horribly cut. But he is plucky about it."

I saw her lip quiver; then, with feminine quickness, her manner changed.

"Whatever made the poor, silly creature try to cross that plank?" she asked with a lightness that was really admirable.

I looked her full in the face with a blank expression.

"You know as well as I do," I said.

"No, I don't; indeed I don't," she answered with most impressive inaccuracy.

I explained at considerable length why Watts had got his legs hacked at football and why he had got his arm broken while bicycling, and I left her thoroughly miserable to think it all over.

It was late in the afternoon before I could get round to see the invalid next day. I found him in marvelous spirits, with a quantity of beautiful fresh cut flowers by his sofa.

"Who sent these?" I asked.

"Guess," he answered, a radiant smile lighting up all that part of his face that was not hid in bandages. So I guessed. And every day during his convalescence there were fresh cut flowers in his room, and I had to guess who sent them.

And then one day I overtook him as he walked feebly down the street with his arm in a sling. He told me was thinking of dropping in to tea at Western Lodge. Now, Western Lodge is where Molly lived, and it was a very nice place. So I asked suavely, "May I come too?"

"Oh, yes, of course, if you like," he replied in such a dismal and disgusted tone that I laughed and went away without another word.

But as I sat in my chair that night, thinking over things in general and particularly meditating on the fact that, just for want of a candid friend, a really fine fellow may do nothing but catch insects all his life, a little note was brought me.

It ran thus:

I have caught my last butterfly. Unique specimen. Priceless value. I had to chase it on a bicycle. Dear old boy, how can I ever thank you enough!

WATTS.

I don't like these long and passionate kisses on the public stage. They—

Well, you know, all kisses have to be rather long.

Why?

Because a kiss has to be made over four feet usually.

Speaking of women who cry, the Eskimo women fairly live on blubber.

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