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A FARM AT TRUSTEE'S SALE.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County sitting in Equity, the undersigned, as Trustee, will, on

THURSDAY,
The Tenth day of September, 1868,
AT ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.,

offer at Public Sale, at the Voshell House, in Chestertown, that FARM situate in the Fifth Election District of Kent county, Maryland, on the public road leading from Chestertown to St. Paul's Church, adjoining the Mill property now owned by Connelly and others.

This Farm contains about

104 ACRES,

not more than six or eight acres in Wood, among which is a fine growth of Young Chestnut; and the balance is arable. The latter is divided into four fields. The outside fence is excellent; the division or crop fences not so good. Much the larger portion of this farm is a good and kind soil, and may be rendered highly productive by the use of lime and the approved fertilizers. Churches, Schools, Mills, &c., are all convenient. It is about seven miles from Chestertown, within a mile of a public landing on Langford's Bay, about two miles from Rees' Corner, where will be a depot on the Kent county Railroad, now under contract and being constructed.

The Improvements

Are a Two-Story FRAME DWELLING and the usual Out-Buildings not in very good repair.

The Terms of Sale.

The terms of sale prescribed by the decree are as follows:—One-fourth of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale or within sixty days thereafter, and the balance in three equal annual instalments from that day, with interest from the first day of January, 1869.—The deferred payments to be secured by the bond or notes of the purchaser with security approved by the Trustee.

R. HYNSON, Trustee.

N. B.—By paying one-third cash the subsequent payments may be modified thus: Nov. 1, '69; Feb. 1, '71; Dec. 18, '73; fourth and last Nov. 1, '77. aug15—ts.

TAXES.

THE undersigned is now ready to receive the Taxes of the Fourth District, and earnestly requests prompt payment. May be found at the Office of John N. Usilton, Esq., on TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS.

CHARLES H. BAKER.

Aug. 22, 1868—tf.

TAX PAYERS TAKE NOTICE.

YOUR Tax bills for 1868 are now due and in my hands for collection. I am not only anxious to collect the bills and settle the books during the present year, but parties are urging their claims for payment, which cannot be delayed longer than the first of January next. A prompt settlement therefore is asked.

The subscriber will be at Massey's Cross Roads on Wednesday mornings and at Sassafras the afternoons of the same day; at Chesterville on Saturday mornings, and at Millington in the afternoon of the same day; at Galena on Mondays; and will continue to visit said places on the days named in each week until further notice

E. E. MILLER,
al1f. Collector 1st Dist. Kent co.

NOTICE

To Tax Payers in the 2nd District.

TAXES are due from the first of July. All who pay in August will get 5 per cent. off their State tax, 4 per cent off if paid in September, and 3 off if paid in October.

I hope this notice will be sufficient to induce every person to pay without delay. I will say to those who have not paid last year's taxes that I shall not wait much longer.

Office at Mr. Hayes' store.

JACOB SUTTON.

Kennedyville, Aug. 8, 1868—tf.

Tax Notice.

THE undersigned respectfully notifies the Tax Payers of the Third District that their Taxes for the present year are now due, and that he is prepared to receive them.

He may be found at the store of Mr. A. L. Vannort, Hanesville, every day, except Sundays. In case of his absence Mr. Vannort will collect and receipt for him.

THOS. H. KENNARD,
al-tf. Collector Third District.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

MY TAX BOOKS and Accounts for 1868 are now ready, and persons are earnestly solicited to settle their taxes promptly. The demands upon the Collector this year, both by the State and County, are urgent, and will not permit indulgence.

Those whose taxes for 1866 or 1867 are still unpaid need not expect further indulgence, as I shall be under the necessity of advertising and selling their property unless their accounts are settled at once.

SAMUEL G. COPPER,
Aug. 8—tf. Coll'r 5th District.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate of John S. Hanes, late of said County, deceased.

All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 8th day of March, 1869, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate.

Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of August, 1868.

JANE HANES, Adm'x.
Aug. 15, 1868—4t.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters of administration on the personal estate of Sarah Ann Beck, late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 8th day of March, 1869, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate.

Given under my hand and seal this 11th day of August, 1868.

BENJAMIN F. COMEGYS, Adm'r.
Aug. 15, 1868—4t.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

T. W. ELIASON & SON will have in store for sale next Monday, a large assortment of BOOTS AND SHOES, embracing in part:

Men's Fine French Calf Boots, ½ D. sole,
" " " " " pump "
Boys' " " " " "

Men's Balm'l Boots,	Misses' Mor. Boots,
Boys' do. do.	" Goat Boots,
Ladies' last'g Anklets,	" Fancy "
" " Gaiters,	" Buff "
" Mor. Bal. Boots,	Childreus' Gaiters,
" Goat " "	" Fancy Boots,
Misses' last'g Anklets,	" Buff "

Infants' plain and fancy Kid and Morrocco and Patent Leather Shoes. June 20.

Land for Sale.

THE subscriber finding it inconvenient to attend to his Farm in Quaker Neck, and his professional and public duties, will offer it at public sale at the Voshell House in Chestertown on

THURSDAY,
The Tenth day of September, 1868,
AT TWELVE O'CLOCK, M.

It contains about

356 ACRES

and is about four miles from Chestertown, is divided into six fields, and is under good fencing. The land has been limed. Thers are

SEVERAL PEACH ORCHARDS

in bearing, containing in the aggregate about 3,000 trees.

A PEAR ORCHARD OF ABOUT 150 TREES OF STANDARD AND DWARF,
also bearing.
200 APPLE TREES, Dwarf and Standard, about nine years old, beginning to bear fruit. Also an older Apple Orchard.

The Dwelling

is in fair condition. Kitchen new; Out Buildings in a good state of repair. The Landing is a good one on Chester River.

The Terms may be made to suit both seller and purchaser, and are therefore not stated.

Mr. John C. Money, the tenant, will shew the premises to any one who may call.

The WOOD is ample for the farm.

GEORGE VICKERS.
Chestertown, Aug. 8, 1867—ts.

A FARM AT PRIVATE SALE.

BECAUSE of my infirm health, I desire to sell my farm in Kent county, State of Maryland, and will sell the same at a fair price and upon liberal terms. It contains about

250 ACRES,

200 of which are arable, and the balance is wood and brush land. The arable land is divided into six fields and under good fencing.—About sixty acres are now well set in Timothy and Clover. It is eligibly located on Fairlee Creek, within a mile of the thrifty village of Bel-Air; about one mile and a half from the Kent County Railroad, now under construction, and six miles from Chestertown; and convenient to churches, schools, mills, &c.

The soil is naturally good and well adapted to grain, grass and fruits.

The Improvements

are a Two-Story Frame Dwelling House, with three rooms on the first and four on the second floor and two rooms in the garret, a shed Kitchen attached with a room above, and the usual out-buildings, all nearly new and in good order. A young Apple Orchard of 50 trees in bearing, a Peach Orchard of 300 trees, and various other fruit trees.

This farm is well worth $50 per acre, and I will sell it upon these terms, or make them more liberal:—One-fifth cash; the residue in 1, 2, 3 and 4 years, with interest from the first day of January next, when possession will be given. The deferred payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with approved security.

For further information consult my Attorney, R. HYNSON, Esq., at Chestertown, Md.

J. B. FENNIMORE.
August 1, 1868—tf.

VIRGINIA FARM FOR SALE.

THIS valuable Farm, known as "FREEPORT," is situated on the Piankatank river, in the county of Gloucester. Freeport contains

408 ACRES,

about one-fourth of which is well wooded in Pine, Oak, &c., supplying an abundance of timber and fuel for the place. The remainder is open and arable, and in an improving state of cultivation. The open land consists of beautifully situated highlands, with about 150 acres of fertile river flats.

There is a comfortable

Dwelling,

containing six rooms, which is beautifully situated, commanding a fine view of the river and surrounding country.—Barns, Stables and Tenant Houses in good condition. There is also on this Farm a good STORE HOUSE, where a profitable mercantile business might be conducted. The facilities for shipping grain, wood, &c., are most convenient, the river being navigable for large-class vessels, with good landings.

The Farm will be sold a great bargain and payments made easy. H. M. BASH,
Govanstown, Baltimore county, Md.
July 11, 1868—8t.

NEW BOUNTIES.
United States Bounties.
State of Maryland Bounties.

AS it is confidently expected that both Congress and the State Legislature will, at their present sessions, enact laws providing Bounty for those Soldiers and Sailors who have never yet received any, it is important that those interested should have their claims in the hands of some one who will look to their interests and see that their claims are put upon file early and in due form for prompt payment.

I shall be glad to receive the papers of any who desire to avail themselves of my experience and facilities in the collection of all just claims.

All papers will be promptly acknowleged, and while in my hands will be kept in a fire and burglar proof vault, specially built for the increasing number of valuable papers in my possession

WM. B. HILL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
N. E. Cor. of Fayette and St. Paul St.,
jan18. BALTIMORE, MD.

BURNS & SLOAN,
132 Light Street Wharf,

BALTIMORE, MD.,

OFFER FOR SALE A COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF WELL-SEASONED

Building Lumber

LATHS AND SHINGLES,
FENCING AND PALES,
ASH, OAK & WALNUT,
AT LOWEST PRICES.
ALSO, DOORS, SASH & BLINDS.

May 16, 1868—y.

Job Lots, for Cash.

WE have reduced our SUMMER STOCK a a fraction above cost. All persons in want of Cheap Goods will find them at the Popular Store.

Part of the new system of doing business is prompt settlements. All accounts are now due. We need money very much to meet our engagements, and certainly expect all who are indebted to comply with our terms.

Respectfully, WM. A. VICKERS.
July 25, 1868.

TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

AS TRUSTEES under the deed of John H. Gemmill and W. Georgetta Gemmill, his wife, which has been duly executed, acknowledged, and recorded among the land records for Kent county, the undersigned at half-past ten o'clock, A. M., on

THURSDAY,
THE TENTH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 1868,

at the Voshell House, in Chestertown, will offer at Public Sale Mrs. Gemmill's Farm, on which she and her husband now reside, called

Mount Pleasant,
CONTAINING
296 ACRES,
1 Rood, and 7 Perches.

This Farm is eligibly located, in one of the most thrifty neighborhoods in the County; is convenient to Churches, Schools, Mills, &c; not over a mile from the PUBLIC LANDING on Still Pond Creek, and about the same distance from the Kent County Railroad now under contract, and is within seven miles of Chestertown.

The soil is naturally kind, and has been improved. It is well adapted to grain, grass, fruits and vegetables.

The farm has an abundant supply of

WOOD,
ABOUT 25 or 30 ACRES,
And a Fine growth of Young Chestnut.

The balance, about 232 Acres, is arable, and divided into eight fields, all under good fencing, and without an acre of waste land.

The Improvements

Are a Frame DWELLING,
with three rooms below and four above, and a KITCHEN attached. A Brick Meat House 12 by 14 ft.; a Granary 24 by 34 feet; a Stable and Carriage Shed 34 by 40 feet; with a large loft; a Hen house, Carriage House and Ice House.

A Peach Orchard

IN ITS PRIME, OF 3,000 TREES,
And a Young Peach Orchard of 5,000 Trees, not yet in bearing.

The fruit in both Orchards embrace the most choice and saleable varieties.

This Farm, in view of its location, the natural and improved quality of its soil, and its ready and convenient access to our best markets, presents far more than the usual inducements to purchase.

TERMS OF SALE:

These terms are proposed, subject to such modifications as may be found expedient:—Twenty-five hundred dollars cash, or within sixty days, and Twenty-five hundred dollars on the first day of January, 1869; the residue in two equal annual instalments from the 1st day of January next. The payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with security approved by the undersigned, bearing interest from the 1st of January, 1869.

GEORGE VICKERS,
RICHARD HYNSON,
TRUSTEES.
Chestertown, Aug. 8, 1868—ts.

Small Farm for Sale.

THE undersigned, intending to remove to Virginia, offers at private sale his farm situate near Belair, Kent county, Md., adjoining the lands of Messrs. I. C. Taylor, John T. Shirven and Comegys Cosden, and containing

About 60 Acres.

The land is all arable, except a small meadow, and divided into three fields—one of which is in Peach trees (about 1,900) planted last spring. The Dwelling is brick, and with some repairs might be made a very comfortable house. A pump of good water in the yard.

The farm lies in a good and improving neighborhood, and is within a mile and a half of a mill, churches and school. The Railroad will pass within half a mile of the farm on the western side.

This farm will be sold a bargain. For further particulars consult the undersigned, or address him at Chestertown, Md.

jy25-tf WM. R. APSLEY.

Farm for Sale.

THE undersigned will offer at public sale at the Voshell House in Chestertown on

THURSDAY,
The Tenth day of September, 1868,

at 11 o'clock, A. M., the farm on which he now resides, known as the "TURNER FARM," situate in Kent county, Md., about five miles from Chestertown, adjoining the lands of Mrs. D. Turner, Messrs. Fennimore & Chatam and others,

Containing 301¾ Acres.

This farm is level, is free from gullies or ditches, and there is not an inch of waste land on it. The soil is equal to any in the county, and very susceptible of improvement. There have been four fields heavily dressed with Bone Phosphate with 1,500 bushels ashes in the last three years. There are posts, chestnut rails and pine plank enough to make 200 panels of fence, which will put the fencing in good order. A well of good water in the yard.

This farm is in a fine, thrifty neighborhood, convenient to churches, school and mills, half-mile from navigation, and only one-quarter of a mile from a depot on the Kent County R. R. now under contract. The soil is not surpassed by any farm in the State for the production of wheat, corn, fruits and grass, and will divide nicely into two farms.

The Dwelling

is of Brick, two stories, in good order. Out-buildings ordinary.

TERMS—One-fourth cash; the balance in one, two, three and four years.

C. C. SMITH.
July 25, 1868—ts.

DR. W. T. URIE,
HOMŒPATHICIAN,

OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Chestertown and vicinity.

He may at all times be found at his Office under the Voshell House, when not professionally engaged. On and after the 1st Jan, '69, he will be found at the residence now occupied by W. O. Smith, Esq., corner of High & Cross streets. Special attention paid Chronic Diseases and diseases of Women and Children.

NOTICE.

All accounts left at the office of WM. BACCHUS, Esq., in Chestertown, to be collected according to law or on commission, will receive prompt attention by

ap11-tf. R. W. CALDER, Constable.

A FULL stock of Builders' Hardware on hand and for sale at the lowest market price. Call and examine my large stock at the Tin, Stove and Hardware store of

Aug. 8, 1868. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

FOR SALE,

MONDAY, 21st September, 1868,

TWO HOUSES AND LOTS

on the new road leading from Chestertown to Millington, adjoining the lands of John Bosee and others.—One is a store doing a good business; there is no better business place in the county for a man with a small capital, but I am desirous to return to the city. It is two stories high, 32 feet front, 18 feet deep, with a Kitchen attached; a small Granary and Stable, Carriage house and Hen house, a Garden and about ONE AND A HALF ACRES OF LAND. The Buildings are all new.

The other is a HOUSE AND LOT. The house is two stories high, 16 feet square, with a Kitchen attached, with ONE ACRE of Land. Both Lots are well enclosed with good substantial fencing; one is well set in Fruit Trees.

I will sell this property at private sale any time between now and the 21st of September. If not sold prior to that date, I will then offer it at Public Sale.

ALSO, MY

FURNITURE, STORE GOODS,

CART, CARRIAGE HARNESS, &c.
SOFA, CHAIRS, TABLES, 1 SIDE-BOARD, CARPETS, &c.
KITCHEN FURNITURE, 3 Stoves, &c.

This property is on Morgan's Creek Neck, one mile from the Landing and five miles from Chestertown. It is convenient to Churches, Schools, Mills, &c.

aug22-ts. C. BRYAN.

LAND FOR SALE.

THE undersigned, as Agent and Attorney, will expose to public sale at the Voshell House in Chestertown on

THURSDAY,
The Tenth day of September, 1868,
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,

that valuable farm in Quaker Neck, called the HANSON or WILMER FARM, on which Mr. Wm. A. Thomas resides as tenant, containing about

468 ACRES.

This farm is divided into six fields and a lot of three or four acres, under fair fencing. The land has been limed, and is good and productive. There are about one hundred acres in WOOD and Marsh.

THE DWELLING

is a large two-story Brick; three rooms below, with a good Hall and Stairway; three rooms on the second floor, and two good and finished rooms in the Garrett, which has Dormer windows—all in good repair. There is a Granary, Stabling, Sheds, &c., on the premises.

This property is within three-fourths to a mile of Chestertown, on the main road leading to the latter place, and binding on Chester River. The situation is high, handsome, healthy and very desirable. The property is among the finest and handsomest on the River line.

TERMS OF SALE:

The terms of sale are one-third cash, balance in three equal instalments in one, two and three years with interest and secured. The terms may be modified if desired.

GEORGE VICKERS,
Agent and Attorney
Chestertown, Aug. 8, 1868—ts.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

THE undersigned will sell at private sale their House and Lot in Quaker Neck, containing AN ACRE OF LAND, more or less. It lies directly on the public road leading into Quaker Neck, adjoining the lands of Col. Edw. Wilkins, Mr. James Baker and others; is about three miles from Chestertown, convenient to places of public worship, &c., and eligibly located for a store.

The improvements are a frame dwelling, with two rooms above and two below; a small Apple and Peach Orchard.

These terms are desired, but may be modified: One-half of the purchase money to be paid cash or within sixty days, and the balance twelve months from the day of sale, with interest from the first day of January next, when possession will be given. For further information consult our Attorney, Richard Hynson, Esq.

DAVID SHEPPERD,
al5-tf. JACOB SHEPPERD.

UNITED STATES Internal Revenue,

Collector's Office, 1st District, Maryland.
EASTON, AUGUST 8th, 1868.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

ALL persons liable to pay Duties, Licenses, Income, Carriage, Plate, or other Taxes, under the Internal Revenue Laws of the United States, in KENT COUNTY, are hereby notified that the Annual List, embracing their taxes, has been received from the Assessor, and that they are due and payable

Payment of the same is hereby demanded, and may be made at the Collector's Office,

In CHESTERTOWN, on the 8th, 9th, and 10th of September.

All taxes in arrears on that day will be enforced in the manner prescribed by the law, with the penalties and costs incurred, added thereto.

W. H. SMITH, Collector.
Aug. 15, 1868—4t.

FESTIVAL.

"There's a good time coming, boys,
Wait a little longer."

To relieve their newly acquired Parsonage of an embarrassing debt, the congregations of the Methodist Protestant Churches on Chesapeake Circuit will offer to their friends on the evenings of Wednesday and Thursday, Sept'r 9th and 10th, in the grove attached to Wesley Chapel, one of their elegant and recherche entertainments, under the supervision of a committee of ladies. Every effort will be made to ensure a pleasant reunion.

The hour of meeting will be 3 o'clock P. M., and tea will be served at 6 o'clock. Ice cream, fruit and confectionery will be sold at reasonable rates. Tickets for Supper 50 cents.

The Committee earnestly solicit a generous response from their friends.

a15 4t. By order COM. OF ARRANGEMENTS.

North East Classical Seminary,
NORTH EAST, MD.

THE next Annual Term of this institution commences MONDAY, Sept. 7th, 1868.

For terms and further particulars address

N. C. DOUGHERTY,
aug29-10t.* Principal.

EDWARD B. BATES,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
EASTON, MD.

PROMPT attention to collection of Claims and purchase and sale of Real Estate in Talbot, Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties.

REFERENCES:—Hon. Geo. Vickers, Hon. S. Hambleton, Hon. P. B. Hopper. a22-6m.

Fashion on the Brain.

It seems to me the women now
Dress up most awful queer,
In narrow skirts and little hoops—
How funny they appear.
Their hair they friz in fancy shapes,
I've laughed, and laughed again,
To see how queer the women look
With chignon on the brain.

Last night I met a little miss
Rigged up in wondrous style,
She had a little bonnet on
That really made me smile.
'Twas smaller than a cabbage leaf
Dried up for want of rain;
How very queer the women look
With bonnets on the brain.

They say they wear their dresses short
To show their pretty feet,
But if their shoes are No. 7's,
Extremes will never meet;
And when they wear their dresses long,
And dragging in a train,
I always think of beanpoles with
Gored dresses on the brain.

Oh, well, this is a curious world,
False teeth, false calves, and oh
They speak of palpitators, but
The troth I do not know.
But let them wear whate'er they will,
Remonstrance is in vain,
And they are really charming with
The fashion on the brain.

Cobweb's Proposals.

"I tell you what it is, girls, it would be glorious fun to take advantage of leap year, and propose to some cross old bachelor, and see what he would do about it," said Cobweb, to the rest of us girls, as we were taking a walk one night, not long since; "what do you think about it, girls?"

We all agreed that it would be glorious fun.

"But who has pluck enough to do it?" said Lou Wilson.

"Who, indeed, but your humble servant," said Cobweb.

"Oh, yes; Cobweb can do it to perfection," said Fan Clark, clapping her hands in high glee.

"And you know the rest of us will be around where we can hear all the fun," said I.

"But, Cobweb, how will you manage it?" said Lou. "I know you are equal to any emergency, but I don't seem to think of any one you could practice on this time."

"Well, I do," said Cobweb; so keep still a moment and I will unfold my plan."

"Go ahead," said all of us in concert, for we all knew there was something rich on hand, when Cobweb put on that face and manner.

"Well, girls," said Cobweb with a smile, "you know there is to be a Leap Year Ball next Mondry night, at the Town Hall, and I shall ask 'Old Black,' as we girls call him."

"Oh," said Lou, "you will never dare! he would annihilate you with one of his looks."

"Oh, sho! don't you believe yourself. I rather think Cobweb is up to that sort of thing."

"Well, Cobweb," said I. "get the programme all arranged, so that we can hear all the fun."

"Oh, yes, yes," said she, "that is all right."

"Well, we got everything arranged before we went home that night, and could hardly wait to see how it would work. First, let me describe 'Old Black.' In the first place he is not old, but a fine looking man of about thirty-five years; but his still, dignified manners, and the fact of his being unmarried, gave him the title of 'Old Black,' his real name being Mr. Levi Black, and the owner of one of the finest farms in the town of H——, where he lives alone with an old housekeeper.

The next day Cobweb sent him an invitation to the ball, which was promptly accepted; and Cobweb was in high glee. The wished for night at length arrived, and we were all on tiptoe, you may well believe. Cobweb went early; she drove up to the door about half past seven, and running up the steps, rang the bell. The old housekeeper came to the door and looked as though she thought cobweb was crazy when she asked for Mr. Black, but she managed to ask her to walk in and she would tell her master she wanted to see him.

"But what under the sun that chit of a thing wants of Mr. Black, I don't see," she muttered as she went out.

Cobweb sat down and waited with all patience. Soon she came back saying he would be ready presently. Cobweb waited an hour, and he did not come; then another hour and no Mr. Black. She was about to ring for some one to find out what the trouble was, when in he came, all smiles, saying—

"Have I been long? I have been hurried so, I am all nerved up."

"Oh, no," said Cobweb, you have been just no time at all. Well, we will go now, if you are all ready; but it seems hardly possible you have been so very quick!"

"Oh, yes; I am quite ready."

"Well, now we will go."

She waited on him into the buggy, and tucked the robes around him as sober as a judge, and gathered up the reins, and they were soon at the hall. Oh, how honored Cobweb looked, as she came in, with Mr. Black hanging on her arm. She gave us a look out of those eyes of hers that set us all into a laugh; but all the while he was as sober as he could be.—But I saw a twinkle in his eye that meant mischief. Well, all went as merry as could be. When supper time came, Cobweb gave us the wink to be on hand, as agreed. We all swallowed our supper as soon as possible, and went and hid in a closet that opened out of the ladies' dressing room, where Cobweb meant to entice him after supper, and then propose to him in the most approved style, as she said. We could but just keep still. Soon we saw them come in. Cobweb led him to a seat, and seating herself beside him, she looked over to our hiding place and made a face. That set us all to giggling, and Lou laughed out; but he took no notice of it, so we thought it was all right.

"Dear Mr. Black," said Cobweb, moving up to him and taking his hand, "I have long waited for this opportunity to open my heart to you, but have never until now found one favorable to my purpose."

He looked a little surprised, but did not seem much frightened.

"I have long loved you, and know you to be the guiding star of my existence. Say now, truly, dear, darling George, do you love me? Don't say no," said she, dropping on one knee. "Don't leave me without hope. Give me some encouragement, and I will be the happiest woman alive. Say, darling, do you love me a little," and she looked up into his face with such a complete countenance of devotion, that we were all convulsed with laughter.

He looked at her a moment and then went off into such a fit of laughter as you never heard.

Cobweb straightened up with all the dignity she could command, and looked at him with a face as long as your arm, until he stopped laughing, when he looked up and said—

"Well, you did that well; better than I could, Miss Reed; and I am glad you have done so, for I could never have had the courage to pop the question; but now you have done the thing I can only say I shall be too happy to love you, and have you for a long time. I overheard your conversation that night and determined to take advantage of it. Now I am ready to make you the happiest woman in the world at any time—the sooner the better. What do you say?"

Cobweb looked up to him, and seeing that he was in earnest, wilted, as Lou said. Then he reached out his hand and drew her to him, saying—

"Now it remains for you to say whether it shall be binding or not. I am willing to abide by my promise, are you? Shall we consider it an engagement or not?"—And he drew her to him and planted a kiss on her pouting lips.

"I don't know; let me go," said Cobweb.

"You will tell me soon," said he as he held her fast. "Promise, then I will let you go." She promised, and he said, "Now girls, come out here and persuade her she had better marry 'Old Black.'"

We all came out, looking sheepish enough I expect. I never saw Cobweb cornered before; but I think she will make it all right. We went home in high glee, but Mr. Black would insist upon seeing Cobweb home safe, for he said he always made it a point of duty to look after all valuable property. How the affair will terminate, I don't know; but I hope she will conclude to have him, for he is really a noble fellow; and then such good times as we would have going to see her in that fine old house. If she does I will let you know all about it. But we shall never forget how she looked when she dropped on her knees, and rolled up her eyes so lovingly at him when she proposed.

Naming Children.

The day of using nicknames never will die out, but the custom of christening children by nicknames and pet names should be strangled in the cradle. The rising generation will blush for the sentimental silliness of their parents, who bestowed these names upon them.

A writer says: "Girls, instead of being baptized with such sensible names as Matilda, Charlotte, Margaret, or Sarah, are christened 'Tillie,' 'Lottie,' 'Maggie,' and 'Sadie.' Ellen dwindles into 'Ella;' Susan shrinks into 'Susie;' Caroline is made ridiculous by being cut down to 'Linia.' Emma becomes insipid 'Emmie;' and most wretched of all, the beautiful name Mary is fritted away in 'Mamie.' This nicknaming would be all very well if in its use it was confined to the family circle; but such names are given permanently to children, and the future wives and mothers of the land figure in every advertised list of letters, and every school examination, as 'Lidies,' 'Susies,' and 'Sadies.'

ROWDYISM.—There is nothing so low and detestable in young men, as to loiter and hang around the haunts of the vicious. When we see boys just old enough to imagine that they are somebody, parading the streets of our villages in the evening, using boisterous and profane language, as they who are in the habit of carousing at night will do, we at once put them down as candidates for the prison or the gallows, and their parents but one degree from this position, for allowing them to pursue such a course. Again, when we see a young man spending his time uselessly around the portals of a hotel, leaning against a column, or poised in an arm-chair with a cigar in his mouth, we mark him as one not fit to be trusted.

YOU CANNOT ESCAPE SLANDER.—Let no one suppose that by acting a good part through life he will escape slander.—There will be those even who hate them for the very qualities that ought to procure esteem. There are some folks in the world who are not willing that others should be better than themselves.

AN old clergyman once said, "When I come to die, I shall have my greatest grief and my greatest joy: my greatest grief, that I have done so little for the Lord Jesus; and my greatest joy, that the Lord Jesus has done so much for me."

IT is remarkable that those who do most good works are the last persons in the world to trust in them. "What hast thou that thou hast not received?" is continually before their eyes.

A QUESTIONABLE MEASURE.—The ninth section of Senator Wilson's substitute for the bill to reduce the military peace establishment of the United States, (and which passed the Senate,) authorizing the distribution of one thousand Springfield rifles for the use of the loyal militia in each congressional district of the States is similar to a bill which a few days before passed the House of Representatives.—The real object of the 9th section Senator Davis surmised was to put arms into the hands of the radical governors in the South for the purpose of carrying their States for that ticket. Such a measure as arming the black militia of the South, whilst the whites are comparatively defenseless; in connection with a long series of oppressive and irritating acts, led Mr. Davis to say also that it looked to him as if there was a deliberate purpose to force a war of races. As there is never wanting a pretext with those who meditate the commission of monstrous crimes, the most exaggerated stories are related of the murder of "loyal men" in the South, while nothing is said of the at least equally numerous assassinations of conservatives. That exceedingly refined and dignified Senator, Mr. Drake, whose language in the Senate chamber seems to show such an elevated appreciation of the position he occupies and the presence in which he speaks, said "there were no such men outside of hell as the rebels, and the only way to deal with them was to crush them." The real offense of the South is that she has submitted to the results of the war in good faith, instead of giving the pretext that was desired by her extreme enemies for confiscation and extermination. Do they wish now to goad the South into resistance in order to consummate cherished hopes and plans?—*Balt. Sun.*

ADVANTAGES OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN THE SEXES.—What makes those men who associate habitually with women superior to others? What makes the woman who is accustomed to and at ease in the company of men superior to her sex in general? Solely because she is in the habit of a free, graceful and continual conversation with the other sex. Women in this way lose their frivolity, the faculties awaken, their delicacies and peculiarities unfold all their beauty and captivation in the spirit of intellectual rivalry. And the men lose their pedantic, rude, declamatory or sullen manner. The coin of the understanding and the heart is interchanged continually. Their asperities are rubbed off; their better materials polished and brightened, and their richness, like fine gold, is wrought into finer workmanship, by the figure of woman, than it could be by those of men. The iron and steel of our character are laid aside, like the harshness of a warrior in a time of peace and security.

A MOTHER'S INFLUENCE.—Each mother is a historian. She writes not the history of empires or of nations on paper, but she writes her own history on the imperishable mind of her child. That table and that history will remain indellible when time shall be no more. The history each mother shall meet again, and read with eternal joy or unutterable grief, in the coming ages of eternity. The thought should weigh on the mind of every mother, and render her deeply circumspect, prayerful and truthful.

LIGHTNING STROKES.—An exchange remarks that a human being, struck by lightning, is in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, placed beyond relief; but human beings affected by the concussion of such a stroke, can be saved ninety-nine times out of a hundred, by reactionary remedies, such as the rapid dashing of cold water over the body of the victim, and the application of friction. Every man and woman should bear these facts in mind. The means for this remedy are always at hand.

BRIDGE OVER THE DELAWARE.—Philadelphians are talking of building a bridge across the Delaware river, 3,000 feet in length, divided into three spans of equal distance. It is contemplated to erect in the spaces between the three places rooms for public bathing purposes. The bridge in its centre is 120 feet above high water mark. The cost of the structure, when completed, is estimated at $2,000,000.

GOOD MANNERS are the blossom of good sense, and, it may be added, of good feeling, too; for, if the law of kindness be written in the heart, it will lead to that disinterestedness in little as well as great things—that desire to oblige, and attention to the gratification of others, which is the true foundation of good manners.—*People's Friend.*

Kissing.

"Men scorn to kiss among themselves,
And scarce would kiss a brother;
But women want to kiss so badly,
They kiss and kiss each other."

A LADY REPLIES:

"Men do not kiss among themselves,
It's well that they refrain;
The bitter dose would vex them so
They ne'er would kiss again."

A DOCTOR was very much annoyed by an old lady who always stopped him on the street to tell him over her ailments. Once she met him when he was in a great hurry.

"Ah! see you are quite feeble," said the doctor. "Shut your eyes and show me your tongue."

She obeyed, and the doctor, moving off, left her standing there for some time in this ridiculous position, to the infinite amusement of all who witnessed the funny scene.

THE joke practical does not always end as harmless as in the case of Nathaniel Appleton, who found on riding up to the house of his beloved that his rival's horse was hitched at the gate. Unhitching him and giving him a very smart stroke with a rawhide, he walked in and inquired whose horse that was cantering down the street. It need not be said that he found the coast clear at once.

BENEFIT your friends that they may love you still more dearly; benefit your enemies that they may become your friends, is an old Arabian maxim worth cultivating.

AN exchange says that the girls in some parts of Pennsylvania are so hard up for husbands that they sometimes propose to editors and lawyers.