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T. W. ELIASON & SON

INVITE THE ATTENTION OF BUYERS TO THEIR

NEW and ATTRACTIVE STOCK OF WINTER GOODS, *JUST RECEIVED*, AND FOR SALE AT LOW RATES.

Dec. 11, 1899.

NEW STORE! NEW GOODS! AND GREAT BARGAINS!

The undersigned would respectfully inform the citizens of Chestertown and Kent county generally, that he has opened

UNDER THE VOSHELL HOUSE,

A New and Complete Assortment of

DRY GOODS,

FANCY GOODS, NOTIONS, CLOTHING, Boots & Shoes,

[illegible] to characterize them properly, and I hope the omission will not be deemed invidious. Laurel Wreath Lodge in Piney Neck were to have held a similar meeting on Christmas night, but rain setting in just before the appointed hour, I was prevented from attending, and can give no account thereof.

The attention of our farmers should be, and is just now, directed to the legion of useless curs that infest the land. A little over a week ago they made a raid upon a large flock of sheep in the field of Morgan Brown and destroyed four; a second venture a few nights afterwards resulted in the destruction of nine more of the flock. Properly speaking, there were two flocks, Mr. Pere Gears being a loser to some extent, and a part of the loss falling on William Stevens, Esq. On a subsequent night they broke into the flock of Mr. James Lamb, killing two and wounding others. BOOTS, SHOES, &c., which cannot fail to please purchasers. He calls especial attention to his goods for

Ladies and Children's Wear, AND GENTS' FINE WORK.

Side-lace, Front-lace, Button and Congress GAITERS for Ladies, Misses and Children. Gents' fine Calf-skin Sewed Boots and Gaiters, English Walking Shoes, Slippers, &c.

Coarse Boots and Shoes of all kinds. Also, a large assortment of

Children's Shoes, of every description, to which the attention of parents is invited. Call and see.

NEW JEWLERY, Silverware, Watches, CLOCKS, NOTIONS, &c., NOW OPEN AT **E. T. WILLIS'**

THESE goods have been purchased of honorable wholesale dealers and manufacturers, at the lowest cash prices, and *will* be sold at reasonable figures. The styles will be the latest and most fashionable designs. It is useless to enumerate articles; all that is asked is to call and examine for yourselves. Any article not found in the stock on hand, can be procured in a few days, from a find Gold Watch down to any article, however small, usually kept in a similar establishment. The determination is to do strictly a legitimate business, *always* representing in their true character goods offered for sale.

Attention may be called, however, to a fine assortment of FINGER RINGS, 18k., suitable for engagement, wedding or other purposes; BREAST PINS, Ear Rings, Sleeve Buttons, &c. TABLE CUTLERY.—Joseph Rodgers & Sons' celebrated manufacture.

REPAIRING of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry done in workmanlike manner.

E. T. WILLIS.

SAMUEL C. GLEAVES,

RESPECTFULLY informs his customers and the public generally that he has removed to the

CORNER STORE, UP TOWN,

formerly occupied by Mr. James W. Phillips, and has now in store, and will keep constantly on hand a large and choice assortment of

GROCERIES, SUGAR, COFFEE, TEA, &c., GOOD TOBACCO AND SEGARS.

I have also a full assortment of

Liquors of all kinds, consisting of American and Foreign WINES, BRANDIES and GINS; also good OLD RYE and BOURBON WHISKEY, at the LOWEST PRICES for Cash or Country Produce.

Please call and examine my stock of goods.

SAMUEL C. GLEAVES.

Chestertown, Aug. 21, 1869.

BURNS & SLOAN,

182 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, 1869—y.

AT JAMES W. IVENS' CHEAP UP TOWN STORE, You can get Powder, Shot and Caps; Figs and French Candy; Hams, Shoulders & Middlings; a few cases of choice Champagne Wine; also cases of Port and Sherry; choice Bourbon Whiskey, French Brandy, Gin, &c.; Tobacco and Cigars of choice quality, and many other goods, which will be offered very cheap. n13

TO PEACH GROWERS.

The subscriber has for sale about *Thirty Thousand PEACH TREES,* of the best varieties. Trees warranted to be of the variety represented. Orders solicited.

ROBERT NICHOLSON, near Hanesville.

Oct. 16—tf.

FOR SALE, 60,000 PEACH TREES, of prime quality, and very best orchard varieties. Also, 200,000 Osage Orange Quicks of superior growth. F. H. TAYLOR, Galena, Kent county, Md. s4tf.

FRUIT GROWERS LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST.

I am still in the market with a LARGE and GENUINE ARTICLE OF

FRUIT TREES,

Such as PEACH, grown in New Jersey by Pullen and Bilyeau, and DWARF, grown in New York, and the different varieties of Small fruits, such as RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY, STRAWBERRY, GRAPES, and in fact every variety grown in a first class Nursery.

My Peach will compare in quality and genuineness with any in the U. S. In regard to Mr. S. G. Bilyeu's Fruit, we will offer Col. E. Wilkins as a reference. Among our list of Peaches we have three prime varieties of late Peach, two of them white with a beautiful blush, ripening with Smock, being much larger, and in color there is no comparison. We have a fine stock of the Salway, which is ten days later than Smock or Heath, a very fine size round Peach, with beautiful blush and perfectly free to the seed—the buds Mr. Bilyeu went to Europe to procure. Two other varieties are Keyport White and Steven's Rareripe.

I think I can furnish anything in the Nursery line as cheap and as good, and on as good terms as any other man in the county. From an experience of ten years in Nursery stock, I flatter myself I can furnish any article that can be procured from any other source. Feeling very thankful for past patronage, I still ask for a continuance of the same.

Any information concerning any of the different varieties gladly given by letter.

Please address JOSEPH C. RASIN, Still Pond, Kent county, Md. d4tA1.

NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS OF THE Kent County Railroad.

BY order of the President and Directors of the Kent Co. Railroad Company, the undersigned hereby notifies the individual subscribers to the capital stock of said company that all calls for payment of their subscriptions have heretofore been made and are now over due, and that

IMMEDIATE PAYMENTS

are now desired, and will be urged by legal proceedings unless promptly made. That in all cases where judgments have been obtained against delinquent stockholders payments will be enforced by execution after the FIRST DAY OF JANUARY NEXT.

The work on the road is now under active and energetic prosecution, and it can only be continued, and the Company enabled to meet its eagagements with the contractors, by prompt payments of its stock subscriptions.

R. HYNSON, Treasurer.

Nov. 20, 1869—7t.

BOOT AND SHOE STORE At Bell Air.

PHILIP DRUGAN would respectfully inform the citizens of Bell Air and its neighborhood, that he has on hand a

FINE ASSORTMENT OF *BOOTS and SHOES,*

for Men and Boys. Also, Ladies' & Children's SHOES, GAITERS, BALMORALS, &c., which cannot fail to please. Prices low. Call and examine. d11-tf.

Ratification Notice.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, October Term, 1869.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by RICHARD HYNSON, Trustee for the sale of the real estate of William H. Brown, deceased, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 19th day of February next; Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed at Chestertown once in each of three successive weeks before the 19th day of January next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $4,905. JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

True Copy,—Test: JESSE K. HINES, Clerk. d18-4t.

Dividend Notice.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM E. BOWMAN. On application, ordered, that James P. Carothers, administ'r of William E. Bowman, late of Kent county, deceased, give notice by advertisement, that a dividend on the personal estate of said deceased will made in this Court on TUESDAY, January 25th, 1870.

Test: E. CROUCH, Reg. Wills.

NOTICE.—All creditors of Wm. E. Bowman, are hereby notified and requested to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the Register of Wills, on or before Tuesday, the 18th day of January, or they will otherwise be excluded from the dividend in the personal estate.

o30-3t. JAS. P. CAROTHERS, Adm'r.

COAL, COAL!

THE subscribers have fitted up a COAL YARD on Queen st., below the Post Office. Chestertown, where they will always keep on hand Coal of different varieties, which will be sold at the lowest current rates. Patronage respectfully solicited. Orders left at the Bank will receive prompt attention.

JOHN W. HINES, JOHN C. BURCHINAL. n27-5t.

COAL! COAL!

The subscriber having bought out Mr. Wm. H. Hamilton's Coal business, is prepared to supply Mr. Hamilton's customers and the public with all kinds of Coal at lowest cash prices.

oc23-3m. J. T. TWILLEY.

EDWIN CROUCH, JR., *MILLINGTON, MD.,*

AGENT FOR THE SALE OF **Schuylkill Lime,** Delivered at any landing on Sassafras or Chester Rivers. mh6-tf.

WEEKLY ARRIVALS, OF *NEW AND FRESH GOODS,* are offered for sale, at prices to suit the stringency of the money market by.

Oct. 30. L. S. FOWLER.

A LARGE LOT of COLORED BLANKETS from Auction, for sale cheap by

Nov. 6. L. S. FOWLER.

THE Republican State Central Committee, at their meeting in Baltimore last week, adopted the following among other resolutions:

Resolved, That this Committee, recognizing the importance of a thorough organization of the Republican party of the state, requests the members from each county to present the names of one or more colored Republicans, who shall confer with the County Committee in all measures looking to the organization and consolidation of all Republicans, without regard to race or color.

CHURCH HILL.—We have more than once had occasion to compliment this village upon its spirit and enterprise. A new population seems to have taken possession, or at least the lead in matters here, and a town which two years ago was a terror to all the county and a large part of the State is now the leading town of the county in point of spirit and go-aheadativeness. The Church Hill of today is not the Church Hill of two or three years ago. Instead of rowdyism and baldry, we find her people sober honest and industrious, striving to build up the town and county and enrich themselves. The many stores, work shops, offices and dwellings there, and the new buildings constantly in course of erection, speak for the town and its people. To say Church Hill is a credit to Queen Anne's would not be saying enough, and to say that Queen Anne's is proud of such a town, is simply saying a truth. We hope she may continue to prosper and improve.—*Cent. Observer.*

A YOUNG WOMAN BECOMES A RAVING MANIAC THROUGH FRIGHT.—A gentleman from Sparta, Tennessee, gives us the particulars of a sad affair which occurred in that part of the country last week. At one of those periodical masqueradings for which the rural districts are celebrated, the subject of ghosts and spiritual visitations was discussed at great length, and with all that exaggeration and high coloring usually attached to any theme in which the supernatural plays a part. When the party broke up one of the young men of the neighborhood conceived the idea of frightening two of the ladies, who had some distance to go along a lonely road with their brother. Wrapping himself in a sheet from head to foot, he took a short path and emerged upon the trio from a copse of bushes just as they came up.—As the figure in white became visible, moving slowly towards them, the trio set up the most horrible shrieks, and fled down the path in the utmost terror. One of the ladies swooned and fell to the ground, while the other reached the house with reason unseated a raving maniac.—*Nashville Banner.*

HEAVY EARTHQUAKE.—The heaviest earthquake ever experienced in the Pacific states, occurred about six o'clock on the evening of the 26th ult. The shock was felt with more or less severity, at Sacramento, Marysville, Grass Valley, Nevada City, Iowa Hill, Stockton, Chicago, Truckee, and other neighboring towns. At Virginia City, Nevada, walls were thrown down, door-bells rung, and clocks stopped. The consternation was general. At Reno the shock was preceded by a low rumbling, which lasted nearly two minutes, alarming the inhabitants. The express train bound west was detained about an hour between Wadsworth and [illegible] thrown

of Old Whiskies and Pure French Brandies and Wines is believed to be superior to any to be found in this County. CHAMPAGNE WINE and SCUPPERNONG and PURE IMPORTED HOLLAND GIN, purchased especially for invalids. We have never had a fuller or better assorted stock of Goods than now.

THOMAS S. WICKES.

Chestertown, December 18, 1869.

REMEMBER **B. STRAUSS' CLOTHING STORE,**

Whose Clothes are known out South and West! Who keeps the FINEST and the BEST! Who sells them CHEAPER than the rest!

We beg to inform our patrons that we are now selling SUITS OF CLOTHES at

Small Prices and Small Profits.

We have on hand PANTS at	$1.25
Good Cassimere "	3.50
Cassimere Vests	1.25
Good Heavy Coats	3.00
Cassimere "	5.00
Overcoats	from $10.00 to $20.00

PEOPLE WILL DO WELL *TO CALL AT B. STRAUSS'* BEFORE BUYING ELSEWHERE.

I will guarantee the prices Cheaper and the goods better than they can be bought anywhere in this town. B. STRAUSS, Corner of High and Cross Street, at the Cheap Corner. Dec. 18.

Dwelling House on High St., FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers at private sale the DWELLING HOUSE on High Street, in Chestertown, now occupied by Mr. E. T. Willis. The house is very eligibly located near the river, and in a very desirable neighborhood. There is a fine Garden, and a Pump of good drinking water in the yard.

The terms will be made accommodating.

oc30-tf. J. W. HINES.

PURCHASERS looking for Cheap and Serviceable *PANTS STUFF FOR WINTER WEAR,* should not fail to call at L. S. FOWLER'S, and examine his stock of Jeans, Sheeps Grey's Kerseys and Cassimeres, which he offers at low prices for the times. Nov. 6.

For Rent for 1870,

TWO HOUSES IN CHESTERTOWN, one on Queen Street, the other on High Street Enquire of WM. VANNORT.

Nov. 20, 1869—tf.

J. BELL & BRO., Buck Neck Wharf, Agents for the Celebrated Weed Family Favorite SEWING MACHINE. Send for circulars and samples. n20.

COAL FOR SALE at Buck Neck Wharf, at reasonable prices, for cash. sep11. JOHN BELL & BRO.

SUPERIOR CIDER VINEGAR, Reliable for Pickling purposes, on hand and for sale by Sept. 11, 1869. THOMAS S. WICKES.

UNDER SHIRTS and DRAWERS, from a common to a fine grade. Striped and col'd WOOL PLAID SHIRTS from Auction. Also a cheap lot of Fine Linen Bosom Shirts. Nov. 6. L. S. FOWLER.

PURE CIDER VINEGAR, for sale by Oct. 9. T. W. ELIASON & SON.

THERE IS NO DEATH.

There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairy shore;
And bright in Heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

There is no death! The dust we tread
Shall change beneath the summer showers
To golden or mellow fruit,
Or rainbow tinted flowers.

The gentle rocks disorganize
To feed the hungry moss they bear,
The forest leaves drink daily life
From out the viewless air.

There is no death! The leaves may fall,
The flowers may fade and pass away—
They only wait, through the wintry hours,
The coming of the May.

There is no death! An angel form
Walks o'er the earth with silent tread,
He bears our best loved things away,
And then we call them dead.

He leaves our hearts all desolate—
He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers;
Transplanted into immortal bliss, they now
Adorn immortal bowers.

The bird-like voice, whose joyous tones
Made glad the scenes of sin and strife,
Sings now in everlasting song
Amid the tree of life.

And where he sees a smile too bright,
Or hearts too pure for taint and vice,
He bears it to that world of light,
To dwell in Paradise.

Born into that undying life,
They leave us but to come again;
With joy we welcome them—the same,
Except in sin and pain.

[illegible] ever near us, though unseen,
[illegible] dear immortal spirits tread;
[illegible] the bounded universe
[illegible]—there are no dead.

Lines on Women.

To [illegible] is and this unique specimen of poetry [illegible] wissary to read the lines successive[illegible] will find it an equisite eulogy [illegible] ex. By reading the first and third, and second and fourth lines, a directly opposite impression will be conveyed:

The bliss of him no tongue can tell,
Who in a woman doth confide;
Who with a woman scorns to dwell,
Unnumbered evils will betide.

They fill each leisurable day
With joy and innocent delight:
With cheerless gloom and misery
Are none possessed while in their sight.

They make the daily path of life
A pleasant journey strewn with flowers;
A dreary scene of painful strife,
They quickly change with matchless power.

Domestic joys will fast decay
Where female influence is unknown;
Where'er a woman holds her sway,
A man is in perfection shown.

She's never failing to display,
Truth in its native loveliness;
A heart inclined to treachery
A woman never did possess.

Sensible Admonitions.

Don't buy a piano for your daughters while your sons need a plow.

Don't let your horses be seen standing much at the beer saloons; it don't look right.

Don't give the merchant or printer a chance to dun you. Prompt payments make independent men.

Keep good fences, especially line fences. They promote good feelings between you and your neighbors.

Decent, substantial clothing for your children make them think better of themselves, and keeps the doctors away.

Don't become security for him who waits for the Sheriff.

Buy a farm wagon before a fine carriage.

If you have a yoke of oxen don't be ashamed of them and give your note for a span of horses.

Don't buy patents to sell again.

Teach your boys to look up and forward, never down or backwards.

Don't leave to memory what should be written: it makes lawsuits.

Cultivate the habit of giving, but never give up.

When the labors of the day are past take good books and newspapers and the youngsters and go to the sitting-room.

TIGHT TIMES.—We have known this fellow, Times, for two and forty years, and during that entire period he has been tight. A man named Baldwin seems to have met him once in Alabama when he was flush; but as a rule, especially in Virginia, he is invariably tight. During the war he was on a tremendous "bust," and now he is almost as tight as he was then. Sometimes he is called Hard Times for short. He is a well-meaning fellow, and at intervals does his best to reform. But it is no use—he will get tight again. He has been getting worse for the last month or so and is if possible tighter than ever. Indeed, he is very tight. He is as tight as a drum—tight as a tick—tight as bricks—tight as the Emperor Titus when he took Jerusalem. He is really tight.—People abuse the poor creature, but what good does that do? He is on a bender—on a tear—on a high old drunk. He has got the horrors—the delirium triangles—and he sees snakes. Fact is, Times, is in a bad way; he can't stand this much longer; he'll go up; it'll be the last of him; and we feel very sorry for him. Poor old Times! He's pow'ful tight.—*Native Virginian.*

GOOD ADVICE FOR THE NEW YEAR.—The New York Post advises everybody to stop dram drinking on New Year's day—It says:

"Look for one moment at the result, if no intoxicating liquors were used in this city—not only as to the health of our whole community, but as to the increase of every blessing Heaven, in its kindness, gives to man. If out of our population it costs 125,000 persons fifty cents a day for liquor, this is $182 50 a year for each one of the 125,000, and it makes in a year the sum of $22,812,500—an amount equal to all the taxes—State, county and city—paid in 1868 by the people of this city.—Truly, men impose the heaviest burdens voluntarily upon themselves."

Photographs of Congressmen.

Somebody in Washington who had nothing better to do, has drawn the following sketch of a few of the prominent Radicals and other members of Congress. We give it as a bit of amusement for our readers:

* * * My attention was called to a short stout man, who resembles Gen. Grant, namely, Robert C. Schenck, the leader of the Radicals in the House. He is dressed in a suit of blue cloth. His double-breasted sack coat, buttoned up, gives him the air of a sea captain just arrived from an Indian voyage. His face is red, and his whiskers and hair are brown. His features are common and coarse, and give him the air of an angry bull dog. It is said by those who know him that the face is an index of the man. Ben Butler is rapidly ridding himself of the few hairs that yet intrude on his scalp. He was dressed in black. His left eye he kept on the movement of Schenck; whom he both hates and envies, and his right optic was levelled at Dawes, who is the father of the House, and who wishes to jump into old Thad Stevens' shoes, which Ben thinks just his fit and nobody else's. Hooper, the man who looks after the banking interest, sat beside Ames, of Pacific railroad notoriety.

Paine of Wisconsin, chairman of the Committee on Elections, wears very long hair, is very loquacious, has an abundance of wind, and has never been known to give out. Orth of Indiana, glided by with the serenity of a floating swan in the Central Park. He has made money since he has been here; and I will tell you how in my next.

Bingham, whom Ben Butler called the murderer of Mrs. Surratt, was in a melancholy mood, and sat by himself. Garfield of Ohio, conversed familiarly with James Brooks, Jenckes, and Eldridge of Wisconsin. Sun set Cox, who made his appearance on the floor for the first time in five years, was busy paying his respects to his old friends.

Gen. Logan engaged Ben. Butler and Fernando Wood in conversation, a circumstance at which Schenck became alarmed. Judge Kelly, of Pennsylvania, had to hear John Covode, appeal to be admitted to his seat. Gen. Morgan, of Ohio, looks defiantly through his spectacles at all the red hot Radicals, and turns for consolation to Dan Voorhees, who sits at the next desk to him.

John Morrissey, is, as usual, cool as a cucumber, and troubles himself very little about anything. He has Michael C. Kerr, of Indiana, near by to wink at him when his turn comes to vote.

DRESS AND APPEARANCE.—Upon the subject of dress and appearance, the New York *Times* thus remarks:

A coat that has the mark of use upon it, is a recommendation to the people of sense, and a hat with too much nap and too high a lustre, is a derogatory circumstance. The best coats in Broadway are on the backs of penniless fops, broken down merchants, clerks with pitiful salaries, and men that do not pay up. The heaviest gold chains dangle from the fobs of gamblers and gentlemen of very limited means; costly ornaments on ladies indicate to the eyes that are well opened, the fact of a silly lover or husband cramped for funds. And when a pretty woman goes by in plain and neat apparel, it is the presumption that she has fair expectations, and a husband that can show a balance in his favor. For women are like books—too much gilding makes men suspicious that the binding is the most important part.

A New York girl has got her skating-costume from Paris, and this is it: A full plain skirt of dark brown cloth falls just below the knee; this skirt is trimmed upon the edge with seal skin fur about four inches broad. Underneath the skirt are worn Knickerbockers, which meet rather high boots, *la Russe,* trimmed with the same fur. Over the skirt is worn a sort of vest with sleeves, of the same cloth as the skirt, and fastened with large plain gold buttons. Over this made open to the front so as to show the vest, is a seal skin jacket, made to fit pretty closely to the figure and extending down just over the hips. White linen collar and cuffs, the collar fastened with a matelot knot, and the cuffs with plain buttons to match those on the vest, and a jaunty seal skin cap complete this pretty costume.

AN old farmer has handed us, says the Cecil Whig, a catalogue of his afflictions, which he styles "Hard Times." We print a portion below, in order that our readers may better understand the nature of his grievances. We hope that none of our merchants have had such a rough experience as he depicts:

HARD TIMES.

Hard times from every mouth is heard,
And duller times by many feared;
The season has been warm and dry,
The crops are short, the tax is high;
The hay is scarce, the corn is green,
The pigs are poor, the cattle lean;
Money so scarce the merchant frets,
And racks his brains to pay his debts,
Runs round from door to door to borrow,
And give a check to pay to-morrow,
Put off the evil hour once more,
And feel relief for twenty-four.

INDOLENCE.—If you ask me which is the real hereditary sin of human nature, do you imagine I shall answer pride, or luxury, or ambition, or egotism? No, I shall say indolence. Who conquers indolence will conquer all the rest—indeed, all good principles must stagnate without activity.—*Zimmerman.*

WHENEVER you commend, add your reasons for doing so; it is this which distinguishes the approbation of a man of sense from the flattery of sycophants, and admiration of fools.

LOOKING BACK.—The "eyeing" of women by women is one of the most offensive manifestations of superciliousness now to be met with. Few observant persons can have failed to notice the manner in which one woman, who is not perfectly kind hearted, will eye over another who she thinks is not in such good society, and above all, not at the time being in so costly a dress as she herself is in. It is done everywhere, at parties, at church, and in the street. It is done by women in all conditions of life. The very servant girls learn it of their mistresses. It is done in an instant. Who cannot recall hundreds of instances of that sweep of the eye which takes in at a glance the whole woman and what she has on, from topknot to shoe-toe? It cannot be a new fashion of behavior; but the daily increasing pretence of people to superiority, because they can afford to spend more money on their backs than others can, makes it at once more common and more remarkable even than it was ten or fifteen years ago. Men are never guilty of it, or with such extreme rarity, and then in such feeble and small-souled specimens of their sex, that it may be set down as a sin not maculins, or at least epicene. But women of sense, of some breeding, and even of some kindness of nature, will thus endeavor to assert a superiority upon the meanest of all pretences, and inflict a wound in a manner the most cowardly, because it cannot be resented and admits of no retort. If they but only knew how unlovely, how positively offensive, they make themselves in so doing, not only to the silent victim, but to every generous hearted man who observes their manœuvre, they would give up a triumph at once so mean and cruel, which is obtained at such a sacrifice on their part. No other evidence than this eyeing is needed that a woman who indulges in it, whatever be her birth or breeding, has but a small and vulgar soul.—*Fanny Fern.*

WHAT A MAN KNOWS.—What a man can write out clearly, correctly and briefly, without book or reference of any kind, that he undoubtedly knows, whatever else he may be ignorant of. For knowledge that falls short of that—knowledge that is vague, hazy, indistinct, uncertain—I for one profess no respect at all. And I believe that there never was a time or country where the influences of careful training were in that respect more needed.—Men live in haste, write in haste—I was going to say think in haste, only that perhaps the word thinking is hardly applicable to that large number who, for the most part, purchase their daily allowance of thought ready made.

ANECDOTE OF DR. WHITTEMORE.—The late Dr. Whittemore was a man of good humor, and geniality of disposition, and considerable wit. He used to tell, with great glee, an incident which happened to him while he was manager of the Vermont and Massachusetts railroad. He was perambulating the line, and came across some Irish laborers, who did not know him. He ventured to make some suggestions to one of them, who looked up just long enough to respond, "Go to h—ll!" and then resumed his work.—"O, my friend," said Whittemore, with his blandest smile, and enjoying the incident, "that's last place I should wish to go to." "And faith," said Pat "that's the last place you will go to."

JOSH BILLINGS says: "When spiders are seen climbing up the wall backward, and frogs cough as if they had the hick-ups, look out for rain. This is also a sure sign that children will have the measles light." He is also of opinion that "when hens lay two eggs a day, and men cease to brag and wimmen cease to cackle, then Injin summer draws ni, and the Millenium ain't fur oph." Furthermore, he says—"Love iz sed to be blind, but I kno lots of phellows in love who can see twice as much in their sweethearts as I kan."

AN IOWA stump orator, wishing to describe his opponent as a soulless man, said, "I have heard some persons hold the opinion, that just at the precise moment after one human being dies another is born, and the soul enters and animates the new-born babe. Now, I have made particular and extensive inquiries concerning my opponent *thar,* and I find that for some hours before he drew breath nobody died. Fellow citizens, I leave you to draw the inference!"

A LAWYER not long since received his laundress' bill, made out in the style of spelling and hand-writing peculiar to that class, but there was one item of thirty cents which defied even his practiced comprehension. It was for "skewering the stars." After wondering for some time how such a work could ever have been performed, and still more why it should have been executed at his expense, he sent for the lady, when the reading turned out to be for "securing the stars."

IN the course of his pastoral visitations Rev. Dr. Chalmers called upon a worthy shoemaker, who, in recounting his blessings, said that he and his family had lived happily together for thirty years without a single quarrel. This was too much for the doctor, who struck his cane on the floor and exclaimed, "Terribly monotonous! terribly monotonous!"

AN AMPLE DOWRY.—A Greek maiden being asked what fortune she would bring her husband, replied in the following language: "I will bring him what gold cannot purchase—a heart unspotted, and virtue without a stain—which is all that descended to me from my parents."

THE last instance of modesty is that of a lady, who refused to wear a watch in her bosom because it had hands on it.

THE FIFTEENTH AMENDMENT.—The New York *World* says:—It would seem that the Fifteenth Amendment is pretty certain to be declared adopted before the beginning of next spring. A grave question will then arise as to the constitutionality of the ratification by the reconstructed States. The Constitution pre-supposes freedom of action by a State in its ratification of a proposed amendment, and the legislation of Congress has the effect of coercion. The *status* of Indiana and New York in relation to the amendment will also be in dispute. Should the Secretary of State, therefore, issue his certificate of the final adoption of the amendment, the validity of his action would still be open to doubt, and the whole question would be open to the future action of the Supreme Court or a Democratic Congress.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.—The Newark Advertiser puts in a word for the federal capital remaining where it is. That journal says "we knew of no better place for the national capital than Washington," and gives the good reason in favor of it that it is central in the best sense of the word, not geographically, but in its adaptation to the wants of the continent. It is within a few hours run of the great commercial centre of the Atlantic coast, an advantage which cannot be overestimated. Every business man and politician must find his way at short intervals to New York, and with our present railroad facilities Washington and New York are only a comfortable nap apart. The capital should be within easy reach of the present money centre of the nation. In its present location we think it is also fortunate in being so near to Baltimore, by which it has the advantage of our great railroad system, built without congressional aid. There are other considerations in favor of the capital remaining unchanged, among them that of cost and past associations, particularly the association of the city with the name of Washington, its founder, and the historical names forever linked with it and American national glory.

THE economy which was so strongly promised by the Radical administration at Washington turns out to be on the wrong side. The estimates for the expenditures for the next fiscal year are in excess of the last year's estimates, while the deficiencies of the present year have already reached several millions. A new dictionary will be necessary to give the definition of Radical economy, so that the public will know what is meant when they use that word. Under Radical practice, it is evident that it means to see how the expenses of the government can be increased.

THE REMOVAL of ex-M. C. Impeacher Ashley from the Governorship of Montana excites surprise. After his faithful services as impeacher, and connivance with Conover in hunting up testimony, he somehow or other falls in the requisite virtues for continuance as the Governor of a wild territory. He was one desirous to go in partnership with a territorial officer in land jobs. Is anything like that involved in the present removal? or was it simply that he was not in some way sound on party politics?

COUNTERFEITS.—As heretofore stated, well-executed counterfeit $20 national bank notes are in circulation on the Tradesmen's National Bank of New York, Market National Bank of Boston, National Bank of Commerce, New York, and First National Bank of Cincinnati. These notes are said to be calculated to deceive the business community. Some of them have been passed in Baltimore. Look out for them.

WANT OF TREES.—Mr. Thayer has introduced a bill into the House of Representatives which proposes to amend the homestead laws so as to require the planting of trees on homestead settlements.—We do not know in what way Mr. Thayer would carry out his plan, but the immense ultimate benefit of such a measure, if it can be effectively executed, must be obvious. The value of a forest growth to the fertility and healthfulness of a country is inestimable, and at the rate the land is being stripped of trees, there may be serious results a few generations hence, unless needless waste can be arrested and methods of recuperation employed.

WHAT A FIX.—At a late convention, a fellow whom we will call A—was very anxious to be nominated for Lieut. Governor. So he went around to his next friend B—, when the following conversation took place:

"Now, B—, I've got a good show for Lieut. Governor, and I want my old friends to go in for me. I hope you'll do your best."

"I did not know that you were a candidate," said B—, scratching his head and looking amazed.

"Yes, I am," said A—, "now go in big."

Here B—'s eyes were fixed on vacancy, and he looked very solemn. At length A—aroused him from his reverie by inquiring what he was thinking about.—Scratching his head, and speaking very moderately, B—then replied:

"I was just thinking that if you are nominated for Lieut. Governor, and our ticket is elected, and the Governor should die, what a confounded fix the State would be in!"

CLOTH, is is stated, can be made proof against water by immersing it (afterwards drying) in a bucket of soft water, with which half a pound of sugar lead and a like amount of pulverized alum have been mixed. This is good news to people who do not fancy the weight, or the odor, or the imperviousness to air of India-rubber garments.

SAID Lord John Russell to Mr. Hume, at a social dinner: "What do you consider the object of Legislation?" "The greatest good to the greatest number."—"What do you consider the greatest number?" continued his lordship. "Number one," was the commoner's prompt reply.

THREE things principally determine the quality of a man—the leading object which he proposes to himself in life, the manner in which he sets about accomplishing it, and the effect which success or failure has upon him.

INDUSTRY will make a purse, and frugality will give you strings to it. This purse will cost you nothing. Draw the string as frugality directs, and you will always find a penny at the bottom.