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Advertisements occupying th[illegible] lines brevier type, will be inserte[illegible] for one dollar, and twenty-five ce[illegible] subsequent insertion. Obituaries [illegible] half advertising rates.

No gratuitous advertising. Calls for meetings, concerts, excursions, &c., for charitable, religious and other purposes, must be paid for, the publishers standing on an equal footing with others, ready to contribute toward such objects as they may feel an interest in.

JOB-PRINTING,
SUCH AS
HANDBILLS, CARDS,
CIRCULARS, BLANKS, &c.,
executed with neatness and dispatch, and at reasonable prices.

NEW SPRING & SUMMER

Millinery and Fancy Goods!

Mrs. L. J. Davis,

Has just received and opened a fresh and beautiful assortment of

Spring and Summer MILLINERY,

embracing HATS and BONNETS of the latest fashions and styles; Ribbons, Feathers, Flowers, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Gloves, &c.

A Large and Varied Assortment

of every description of goods usually found in a first class Millinery store, to which she invites an examination by her lady customers and all others in want of anything in her line. Give her a call at her old stand.

apr29-tf. MRS. L. J. DAVIS.

To the Ladies.

Spring & Summer Millinery

JUST OPENED.

BEAUTIFUL, GOOD and CHEAP!

MRS. H. USILTON, at her new stand below Wickes' drug store, has just received and opened a well selected stock of new and beautiful

Millinery and Fancy Goods

For Spring and Summer wear,

of the latest and most fashionable styles. In HATS, BONNETS, LACES, Ribbons, Trimmings, Neck Ties, Belts, Ruffles, Feathers, Flowers and Ornaments, she is satisfied of her ability to please, both in quality and price.

STAMPING done in the neatest and most durable manner.

The Ladies are invited to call and examine her goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere. No effort will be spared to give full satisfaction to all who favor her with their patronage. MRS. H. USILTON.

April 29, 1876—tf.

NEW

Millinery Store!

MISS ROSA DOWLING.

HAVING taken the Store on Main Street, nearly opposite the Voshell House, I have opened a NEW AND SPLENDID VARIETY OF MILLINERY GOODS, embracing all the novelties of the season in HATS, BONNETS, RIBBONS, LACES, FLOWERS, &c.

Basket and Frosted Silks in all the New Shades.

A Fine Assortment of LADIES TIES, TUCK COMBS, HAMBURG EMBROIDERIES, and NOTIONS OF ALL KINDS usually kept in Ladies' Furnishing Goods.

DRESSMAKING and STAMPING

done also. Having made a choice selection of NEW STAMPING MATERIALS, both in Braiding and Embroidery, cannot fail to suit all tastes.

Children's Clothing, Dresses,

and all articles requisite to a Ladies' Wardrobe will be gotten up in the Best Styles. All orders will be neatly and promptly executed, and guaranteed to give satisfaction.

MISS ROSA DOWLING.

Chestertown, April 8, 1876.

1876. *Summer.* 1876

MILLINERY and DRY GOODS!

MRS. C. R. FIDDIS calls the attention of her lady friends and the public generally to her recent purchases of

Millinery and Dry Goods

suited to the present season, which she is selling at a GREAT REDUCTION in price.

WHITE GOODS and Figg'd Pique, worth 25 cts., now selling for 20.

ALPACAS, worth 75c., selling at 60 cts.
" " 50c " 40 "
" " 40c " 30 "

Also, great reduction in

Fine Dress Goods,

Muslins, Prints, Flannels, &c.,&c.,

NAINSOOK, TABLE LINEN, Toweling, Handkerchiefs, for Ladies and Gentlemen. HOOP SKIRTS of new styles. BALBRIGAN HOSIERY, at low prices.

The Latest Styles in Millinery Goods

The general Stock thoroughly replenished and improved!

HATS, BONNETS, RIBBONS, LACES, RUFFLING, &c.

Silks, Thread, Cotton, Needles, Pins, Hosiery, Sewing Machine Silk, Cotton and Needles, and many other articles of use and ornament, too numerous to name.

Those in want of anything in my line are invited to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere. My goods will be found as good and cheap as any in the county.

Strict attention paid to STAMPING for embroidery and braiding.

C. R. FIDDIS,
Old stand, opposite new M. E. Church.
April 1, 1876.

MRS. ELLEN N. MELVIN

Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.,

(*At Mrs. N. E. Emory's old Stand,*)
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
E. BUTTERICK & CO.'S
Patterns of Garments
AND THEIR
Celebrated Shears and Scissors,
And Dealers in
Worsteds, Silks, Cotton, Canvas,
WAX FLOWER MATERIALS,
CHROMOS and PICTURE FRAMES, Lamps, Lamp Chimneys, Wicks, Toilet Powder, Hair Dye, Hair Tonics, &c., &c.
Ladies fitted with Shoulder Braces.
ABDOMINAL SUPPORTERS.
May 20, 1876.

LOOK AT THIS!

Go to JOS. H. THOMPSON'S SHOE STORE,

To get your BOOTS and SHOES. He will sell you for the money lower than any other man in the county, goods of same quality.
TRY US, money will buy low.
March 18, 1876.

Annual Opening

AT THE
OLD STAND in STILL POND,
OF
F. H. HARPER

A NEW and Large assortment of Goods specially adapted to the

SPRING and SUMMER TRADE.

In Dress Goods,
In Domestic Goods,
In Boots & Shoes,
In Notions,
In Hats.

I have a nice assortment of CALICO, that I am selling at the low price of **5 cts.** a yard.
In Pants Linen as low as 16 cts.
Cotton Wadding as low as 12½ cts. per lb.
I have also a fine assortment of

Ready Made CLOTHING,

which I will sell at popular prices.

GROCERIES

we are selling at the following prices:
GOOD BROWN SUGAR at 9 cts.
A WHITE do. at.....10 cts.
SYRUP at 25 cts. per gallon.

F. H. HARPER,
Still Pond, Kent County.
May 27, 1876.

1876. SECOND INVOICE 1876

—OF—

Centennial Goods

AT THE LOWEST
Centennial Prices!
AT
T. W. ELIASON, Jr's.

TO some lines of our present stock of NEW STAPLE SPRING GOODS we invite the special attention of consumers, feeling assured that their wants can be supplied at our counters to their advantage as well as to our own, having bestowed great care in the selection, purchase and marking of them; care in the selection so as to be sure our stock would please, and in the purchase to be sure we were buying at the very lowest rates, and care in the marking that we might offer our customers bargains. Our stock of

Spring Cassimers

of medium quality for Boys' and Men's wear, is large, the styles desirable and the prices such as will please.

In WHITE GOODS, such as Victoria Lawns, St. and Plaid Nansooks, we have a good assortment at much less than regular prices.—⅞ St. Piques, good goods 12½c.

Towels, Bird Eye Linens, White Marseilles, Bed Spreads Crash, &c.

In Men's, Boys', Ladies', Misses and Children's Shoes, we have a large assortment at low prices, and invite special attention to our Men's whole stock Plow Shoe at $1.50.

Carriage Canvas, the plain, an excellent goods, as low as 25c. Twilled and Duck also very low. Regular Carriage Lining also on hand.

Our Gents' Fine Shirt at $1, or $10.50 per doz., being made of the best Wamsutta Muslin, and very fine Irsh Linen, is giving general satisfaction. Try them.

5,000 yds. of the newest and choicest CALICOES to select from, all good goods, at 6¼ and 8 cts. per yard.

Our best Wamsutta Muslin.....12½c.
" Fruit of the Loom do. .....11c.
Appleton A. Brown Muslin..... 9½c.
Com. Sugar House Syrup 25c. per gallon.

T. W. ELIASON, JR.
May 20, 1876.

For Sale on Accommodating Terms,

MARVIL'S PATENT

Berry Crate and Basket,

The Cheapest, most Sightly, Best Ventilated, Most Durable and Safest Carrier of any Crate and Basket in the market.

Also, Peach Baskets and Boxes,

first class, at reduced prices *if ordered within fifteen days*, payable Sept. 1st.
May 20—10t. ROB'T E. WALLIS.

Notice to Farmres.

I AM now selling the

COATES' LOCK LEVER

HAY and WHEAT RAKE

The BEST Rake in the market. It gathers the hay and straw without dragging the ground, thus making it the lightest draft and superior to all others. I have also on hand the

ALLEN CULTIVATOR,

with reversible teeth. Farmers in want of the above articles, would do well to send in their orders early, so that there may be no delay in being supplied. JOS. E. WEER.
Kennedyville, May 20, 1876.

Lime! Lime! Lime!

50,000 BUSHELS

Of the BEST SHELL LIME.

landed on the Chester or Sassafras rivers, or any of the Creeks where there is five feet of water, at 7 cents per bushel, *Cash on delivery*, 6½ cents per bushel on three months' time; 8 7cents per bushel on four months' time; with negotiable note and interest.
May 20, 1876 WM. PERKINS.

FARMERS

Save your orders until you go to Middletown, and buy your Drugs, Patent Medicines, Perfumery, Lamp Chimneys, Sponges, Chamois, &c., at ANDERSON'S DRUG STORE, (Barr's old stand.) Promp, and polite attention to all. sep18-tf.

CASH paid for
BACON AND LARD,
By VANDYKE, Up Town, and
VANDYKE & SONS, Down Town.
May 6, 1876.

TRUSTEE'S SALE

—OF—

Valuable REAL ESTATE,

In Kent County, Md

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County, the undersigned, as Trustee will offer at Public Sale to the highest bidder, on

TUESDAY,

The ELEVENTH day of JULY, 1876,
At 11½ o'clock, A. M.,
At the Voshell House, in Chestertown,

ALL THAT FARM,

formerly owned by Benj. Hazell, dec'd, and on which Mr. Benjamin M. Hazell now resides, called

"Walnut Grove,"

lying in Kent county, Maryland, in the First Election District, near the town of Millington, containing

280 ACRES OF LAND,

MORE OR LESS.

This desirable Farm is situated on the public road leading from Millington to Masseys; is about two miles from the former place and three miles from the latter, and adjoins the lands of Henry Spear, Miss Georgie Spear, William H. Ford and others.

The Farm is divided into six fields; the soil is of excellent quality, and adapted to Wheat and Corn.

The Improvements

ARE GOOD, consisting of a Large

FRAME DWELLING,

in good condition. The BARN is new and ample, and the farm is well supplied with Stables, Sheds, Carriage House, Meat House, &c., all in good condition.

THERE ARE

Three Flourishing Orchards

OF

PEACH TREES,

2,000 ten years old; 3,000 three years old, and 700 five years old. These trees were well selected, are excellent bearers, and of the best varieties.

There are Fifty Trees of Fine APPLES, and also CHERRY and PEAR TREES sufficient for family use.

The Farm is well watered, and the Queen Anne's & Kent Co. Railroad from Millington to Masseys, runs through part of the farm, and divides that part into two good fields.

The Farm has good hedges and good cross fences, all in the best condition.

TERMS OF SALE.

The terms of sale are:—One-fifth cash on the day of sale, or in sixty days thereafter at the option of the Trustee; one-fifth in eighteen months; one-fifth in two and a half years, and the balance in seven years. The deferred payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with security approved by the Trustee, and to bear interest from the first of January, 1877, when possession will be given.

HARRISON W. VICKERS,
Trustee.
Chestertown, June 17, 1876—ts.

Trustee's Sale.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, sitting in Equity, the undersigned will, as trustee, offer at Public Sale, at the Voshell House, in Chestertown, on

THURSDAY,

The SIXTH DAY OF JULY, 1876,
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,

ALL THAT FARM

OR PLANTATION,

situate and lying in the Fifth Election District of Kent County, Maryland; adjoining the farm heretofore generally known as

The DALE FARM,

now occupied by Mr. A. J. Rees, and others.

This Farm is favorably located, being convenient to Churches, Schools, &c., within one mile of a public landing on Swan Creek, and not more than 3½ miles from the Steamboat Wharf on Grey's Inn Creek. It

Contains about 129 Acres,

nearly the whole of which is arable; and is divided into convenient fields; which are under fair fencing.

The soil is naturally kind, and of that peculiar quality which makes a prompt and remunerative response to the application of lime and clover.

The Improvements

ARE A

Frame Dwelling,

And ordinary Out-Buildings.

TERMS OF SALE.

The terms of sale, as prescribed by the Decree are as follow: Cash to be paid on the day of sale or on the final ratification thereof, at the Trustee's option.

Mr. B. H. Startt resides on the farm.

R. HYNSON, *Trustee.*
June 10; 1876—ts.

CULTIVATOR TEETH.

FARMERS generally are informed that we are selling our Cultivator Teeth, at from $2.25 to $2.75 $2.50 cash will buy our best Steel Tooth Cultivator Teeth of five different styles. Their attention is called to our

"Climax" Cultivator,

which we claim has no superior. The frame is all of wrought iron. We sell a good wooden frame Cultivator for $6.

Farmers having REAPERS OR MOWERS needing Repairs are requested to bring them in at an early day.

CHAPMAN, LAMBERT & CO.
May 20, 1876.

FOR SALE
AT
MING'S, Court Street,

GAS TAR, ROSIN TAR, MACHINE OIL, W. Wash BRUSHES and LIME, LINES, TRACES, CURRY COMBS, &c.
At the Lowest Prices.
March 11, 1876—6m.

A FULL stock of NOTIONS, in fact you can find a little of most any and everything, at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

CHOICE

REAL ESTATE

In Kent Co., Md.,

—AT—

PUBLIC SALE

BY virtue of a power contained in a mortgage from Thomas W. Ringgold and Mary J. Ringgold, his wife, to the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, Maryland, dated the 21st day of October, 1871, and duly recorded among the Land Records for Kent county, aforesaid, in Liber J. K. H., No. 10, folio 259, &c.; and also by virtue of a power contained in a mortgage from Thomas W. Ringgold to George B. Westcott, dated the 8th day of October, 1869 and afterwards assigned to C. T. Westcott, which said mortgage and assignment are duly recorded among the said Land Records, in Liber J. K. H., No. 8, folio 327, &c., the undersigned will offer at Public Sale, on

TUESDAY,

The Eighteenth day of July, 1876,
AT THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.,
At the Voshell House in Chestertown,

THAT FINE BODY OF LAND,
KNOWN AS

"KNAPLEY'S GREEN,"

In Eastern Neck, Kent county, Md., situated on Chester River, and Grey's Inn Creek. Under recent survey it has been divided into two tracts, called the "Home Farm" and the "Church Creek Farm."

CHURCH CREEK FARM

Extends from Church Creek on the South and West, to Grey's Inn Creek on the North, and contains

211 ACRES, 3 Roods and 20 Perchss,

MORE OR LESS,

About 100 acres are arable, of good quality and fertility, and is especially adapted to grain, peaches, small fruit and trucking.

The balance is in

VALUABLE CHESTNUT TIMBER

well grown and easy of access. The Farm is under Chestnut fencing, in good repair, and lies near the public road to Grey's Inn Wharf, from which it is about a mile distant.

The Home Farm,

Beautifully situated on Chester river and Grey's Inn Creek, commanding unobstructed views, both up and down the River, for several miles, is considered one of the FINEST LOCATIONS in the County. It contains

235 ACRES 2 Roods acd 15 Perches,

MORE OR LESS; is divided into four fields—part of one being in Peaches—all under Chestnut fencing in good condition.

This Farm is about 1½ miles from Grey's Inn Wharf, to and from which there is daily communication with Baltimore by steamboat. The soil is light, of good heart, and easily cultivated.

The Improvements

ARE A TWO-STORY
FRAME DWELLING,

four rooms above, three rooms and a hall below, with Kitchen attached; TWO TENANT HOUSES and an OVERSEER'S HOUSE, Meat House, and an Ice House, all in good condition; a LARGE FRAME BARN, CORN HOUSES, and 150 ft. of Shedding. A Pump near the dwelling, and also one near the barn, besides a spring of excellent water within 100 yards of the house.

The adjacent waters abound in Fish, Oysters and Wild Game. Schools, Churches and Post Offices are near at hand.

The tracts will be offered separately and as a whole, or either may be subdivided into smaller sections.

TERMS OF SALE.

The terms of sale prescribed are cash; but these terms may be hereafter modified.

C. T. WESTCOTT,
Assignee, Trustee and Attorney.
Chestertown, June 24, 1876—ts.

Farmers!

We have on hand a number of styles of

CULTIVATORS,

And Grass and Grain RAKES,

which we are offering at City Prices. We call your attention specially to the

Malta Cultivator,

which is new and good. Also,

CULTIVATOR TEETH,
ROCK SALT, HORSE YOKES,
WATER TANKS, &c.

Call at our Warerooms, next door to the Kent National Bank, Chestertown.

HINES & CO.
June 3, 1876—tf.

To my Friends and Patrons

I AM desirous of enlarging and improving my business, and also am owing some bills of already too long standing which I want to pay as it is exceedingly unpleasant to be dunned, and consequently I need every dollar due me. This notice, therefore, is to urge prompt payment upon the part of those indebted. If it is not convenient for you to let me have money, give me your note on short time, and that will enable me to be better prepared to accommodate you in the future.

I most positively insist upon an immediate settlement, either by note or cash, of all outstanding accounts, and those indebted will find it to *their* interest as well as *mine* to respond to this notice at once.

Respectfully, JOHN N. DODD,
June 3—tf. UNDERTAKER.

Harvest Goods! Harvest Goods!

A LARGE STOCK received This Week.

All who want GOOD CHEAP GOODS will do well to call and examine our goods and prices.

June 17. J. B. SAPPINGTON.

Always Reliable.

GAMBRILL'S FLOUR, all brands, wholesale and retail, at less than city prices. *Buy where you can buy the Cheapest.*
June 17, 1876. J. B. SAPPINGTON.

VOICES OF THE SOUL.

Awake my Lyre, and with the summer breeze
Waft, waft thy music through the leafy trees,
Ask of the muses, strings of roseate hue
And fingers dipped in Urns of Heavenly blue.
That up from chaos songs of joy would break
The silence in my soul. Awake! Awake!

My cry is heard, the answer comes from far
Like a great bursting shell it touched each star,
Moons heard its trembling surge break on a sea
That Gods, and men, have named Eternity.
The mortal cannot hold the immortal soul,
Its fire, when kindled is beyond control.

Oh! soul of mine, slumber again I pray,
Through the vast universe no longer stray,
From thy great height, bird-like come winging down,
Kneel, and look up, in awe at nature's crown,
Cool thy hot breath at the Castalian spring,
And of green woods, and blooming flowerets sing.

This is summer, beautiful and fair,
Muses and Nymphs are floating through the air,
Mingling as in one breath the perfumed breeze
Rolls past, as did the voices of unseen seas
That cast up on Time's shore, a Venus bright,
And baptized beauty with the dew of light.

When the Promethean Fire was caught on earth,
Forests, and groves, and flowers rose into birth,
The soul's deep music waved thro' sea and land,
Peopling each crevice with an unseen band;
Mount Ida heard, and caught the wondrous strain
And there its echoings to this day remain.

The Bowers of Summer hold the enchanted Spring,
And I would taste its waters while I sing,
Down at thy base, Parnassus, I would kneel,
And one drop from thy pearly Fountain steal,
That all the yearnings of my soul might find
Where the Poetic Talisman is shrined.

MATILDA CANBY.
Wilmington, Del., June 15, 1876.

Mark Twain's Report of an Accident.

Mark Twain recently tried his hand at writing a distressing account for a Boston local paper, and this is how he did it: "Last evening, about six o'clock, as Wm. Schuyler, an old and respected citizen of Hyde Park, was leaving his residence to go down town, as has been his custom for many years, with the exception of only one short interval in the spring of 1850, during which he was confied to his bed by injuries received in attempting to stop a runaway horse by thoughtlessly throwing up his hands and shouting, which, even if he had a moment sooner, would inevitably have frightened the animal still more instead of checking its speed, although disastrous enough to himself as it was, rendered more melancholily distressing by reason of the presence of his wife's mother, who was there and saw the occurrence, notwithstanding it at least likely, though not necessarily so, that she should be reconnoitering in another direction when incidents occur, not being vivacious and on the lookout, as a general thing, but even in the reverse, as her mother is said to have stated, who is no more, but who died in the full hope of a blessed resurrection upward of three years ago, aged 86, being a Christian woman without guile, as it were, in property, in consequence of a fire in 1849, which destroyed every solitary thing she had in the world. But such is life. Let as all take warning by this solemn occurrence, and let us endeavor so to live that when we come to die we can do it. Let us place our hands upon our hearts and say with earnestness and sincerity that, from this day forth, we will beware of the intoxicating bowl."

Failure not a Failure.

The secret of happiness is to make the best of everything; no matter what happens to annoy, let it all glide along as easily and with as few words of complaint and fault-findiug as possible.

Little inconveniences will intrude upon the most fortunate of people, so the only way to be master of every situation is to make up your mind not to notice small annoyances. People may keep themselves in a constant broil over what amounts to nothing; and without accomplishing the least good may ruin the peace and quiet of a household. We cannot have everything we want in this world, and the sooner a person understands that fact the sooner they may have a true basis for happiness.

It is the greatest folly to set the heart upon uncertainties, and then, if disappointed, refuse to be comforted, or even reconciled.

Do the very best you can, and then take things as they come. If a man strives with his best knowledge, energy and untiring labor to accomplish a certain object, working with skill and patience, he is a success, whether the scheme fails or succeeds, and he ought to reconcile himself to failure if it was inevitable. If his labors have been of brain and hand he is better fitted to succeed in other undertakings.

Babies' Legs.

Bow-legs and knock-knees are among the common deformities of humanity; and wise mothers assert that the crookedness in either case arises from the afflicted one having been put upon his or her feet too early in babyhood. But a Massachusetts physician, who has watched for the true cause, thinks differently. He attributes the first mentioned distortion to a habit some youngsters delight in of rubbing the sole of one foot against that of the other, some going to sleep with their soles pressed together. They appear to enjoy the contact only when the feet are naked; they do not attempt to make it when they are socked or slippered. So the remedy is obvious; keep the baby's soles covered. Knock-knees the doctor ascribes to a different childish habit, that of sleeping on his side, with one knee tucked into the hollow behind the other. He has found where one leg has been bowed inward more than another, the patient has always slept on one side, and the upper member has been that which has been most deformed. Here the preventive is to pad the inside of the knees so as to keep them apart, and let the limbs grow freely their own way.

MR. FRANK BUCKLAND, writing on the subject of sleeplessness, says: "Everybody knows the taste of onions. This is due to a peculiar essential oil contained in this most valuable and healthy root.—This oil has, I am sure, highly soporific powers. In my own case it never fails. If I am much pressed with work, and feel I shall not sleep, I eat two or three small onions, and the effect is magical."

"DOES this razor take hold well?" asked the smiling barber. "Yes," replied the unhappy victim, "it takes hold well, but it don't let go worth a cent."

JEFFERSON'S MARRIAGE.

The affair was quite a little comedy in some aspects, and ended, as all comedies should, with every body made happy.

"Belinda" had been married many years, and her old admirer was approaching thirty, when he met with a young lady of twenty-two who produced a strong impression upon him. She was a little above the medium height, slender, but elegantly formed. A fair complexion, with a delicate tint of the roses, large hazel eyes full of life and feeling, and luxuriant hair of a rich soft auburn, formed a combination of attractions which was eminently calculated to move the heart of a youthful bachelor. In addition to all this, the lady was admirably graceful; she rode, danced, and moved with elegant ease, and sang and played on the harpsichord very sweetly. And still to these accomplishments the possession of excellent good sense, very considerable cultivation, a warm heart, and a considerable fortune, and it will not be difficult to understand how the youthful Mr. Jefferson came to visit very frequently at the lady's residence, in the county of Charles City. It was called "The Forest," and the name of the lady was Mrs. Martha Skelton.—She was a daughter of John Wayles, an eminent lawyer, and had married, in her seventeenth year, Mr. Barthurst, who, dying in 1768, left his young wife a widow at nineteen. As the three years of mourning began to expire, the beautiful young lady found herself besieged at "The Forest" by numerous visitors. Of these, three were favorites with the fair Mrs. Skelton, of whom Thomas Jefferson was one. The tradition runs that the pretentions of the rivals were decided either by the musical accomplishments of the young counselor or by the fears of his opponents. The tale is differently related. One version is that the two unfortunate gentlemen encountered each other on Mrs. Kelton's door step, but hearing Jefferson's violin and voice accompanying the lady in a pathetic song, gave up the contest thenceforth and retired without entering, convinced the affair was beyond their control. The other story is that all three met at the door, and agreed that they would take their turns. Jefferson entered first, and the tones of the lady in singing with her companion deprived the listeners of all hope. However this may be it is certain that the beautiful widow consented to become Mrs. Jefferson; and on the first day of January, 1772, there was a great festival at "The Forest."—Friends and kindred assembled from far and near; there was frolicking and dancing after the abundant old fashion: and we find from the bridegroom's note-book that the servants and fiddlers received fees from his especial pocket. It snowed without, but within all was mirth and enjoyment, in light and warmth of the great log fires, roaring in honor of the occasion. Soon after the performance of the ceremony, the bridegroom and his bride set out in their carriage for "Monticello," where Jefferson had commenced building in 1769, just before the destruction by fire of his patrimonial house of "Shadwell." The journey was not to end without adventures. As they advanced toward the mountains, the snow increased in depth, and finally they were compelled to leave the carriage, and proceed upon their way on horseback. Stopping to rest at "Blenheim," the seat of Col. Carter, where they found, however, no one but an overseer, they left it at sunset, resolutely bent upon reaching Monticello that night. It was eight miles distant, and the road, which was rather a mountain bridle-path than an honest highway, was encumbered with snow three feet deep. We may fancy the sensations of the newly wedded bride at the chill appearance of the desolate landscape as she passed along through the snow; but she was a woman of courage and good sense, and did not care for inconvenience. It was late when they arrived, and a cheerless reception awaited them—or rather there was no reception at all. The fires were all out, the servants had gone to bed, and the place was as dark and silent as the grave. Conducting his wife to the little pavilion, which was the only part of the house habitable at the time, Jefferson proceeded to kindle a fire and do the honors. On a shelf behind some books part of a bottle of wine was discovered, and this formed the supper of the bridegroom and the bride. Far from being annoyed or discomfitted by their reception, however, it only served for a topic of jest and laughter. The young lady was as light-hearted as a bird, and sent her clear voice ringing through the dreary little pavilion as gayly as she had ever done in the cheerful drawing-room of "The Forest;" and thus the long hours of the winter night fled away like minutes, winged with laughter, merriment, and song.—*John Esten Cooke, in Harper's Magazine for July.*

POWER OF POLITENESS.—A few evenings ago a young lady abruptly turned the corner of a street in Sheffield, and very rudely ran against a small boy, ragged and shoeless. Stopping as soon as she could, she turned to him and said: "I beg your pardon; indeed, I am very sorry." The small, ragged boy looked up in blank amazement for an instant; then taking off about three-fourths of a cap, he bowed very low, smiled until his face became lost in the smile, and answered, "Yer can hev my parding, an' welcome, miss; an' yer may run agin me an' knock me clean down, an' I won't say a word." After the young lady passed on he turned to a comrade and said, half apologetically, "I never had any one ask my parding, an' it kind o' took me off my feet."

THEY were a gushing young couple, and they were "doing" the Chinese department in the great exhibition. She was gazing curiously at the almond-eyed natives and he was admiring their wonderful exhibits. "Do you know," asked he, "that the Chinese are over six thousand years old?" "Why, no," returned she, with astonishment, "they don't look to be over thirty, do they?"—*Norristown Herald.*

A CHINAMAN spoke all the English he knew in Indianapolis the other day, and was fined $1 for profanity.—*Graphic.*

WHILE one hymn book is good enough for lovers it takes two to supply them with music after they are married.—*New York Herald.*

KENT CO. AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

AGRICULTURAL HALL, June 19.

Small attendance to-day. Preparing for harvest, getting corn in good condition, saving hay, &c., interests our farmers more directly than attending agricultural meetings, and it is not likely our sessions will be full again until after peach season. There will be no meeting of the society June 26th, but the members are requested to assemble at the hall at Worton Station Saturday evening next, 24th instant, at seven o'clock, to complete the arrangements for saving the wheat at the fair grounds. The next regular meeting will be July 3d, at our own hall. The question for consideration then is, "In view of the general depression of business, how does farming compare with other occupations?" The member appointed to introduce the subject is deeply interested in his profession, and well qualified to speak on the question. I think one tendency of this association is to cause farmers to appreciate their business more highly. Probably the discussion, being only by farmers, may prevent a one-sided view If we only had one or two good lawyers to show the advantages of living by Coke and Littleton, or an M. D. or two to tell us of the great benefits calomel and quinine bring to those who dispense them, our members might not return to their homes so jubilant.—But if the meeting should be graced by the lender of money, and he should reveal the delights of 20, 40, 60 or 100 per centum, in a financial sense, all the others would hide their diminished heads.

Can you tell me, Messrs. Editors, why it is that any sum of money at mortgage pays no tax whatever, while every foot of the farmers' land is heavily taxed? Why is it that, while there is a general and large shrinking in values, there is none in taxes? Why is it that $20,000 invested in government bonds, not only is free of taxation, but the interest thereof is paid in gold, while the same money that bought the bonds, if invested in land, would pay, if the land was well managed, three or four per cent. in a depreciated currency, and be subject to a heavy tax? Is this a defect in our whole system of government, or simply the results of superior shrewdness on the part of financiers in shaping legislation through a term of years? I suppose, Messrs. Editors, these are questions too deep for the farmers' minds, yet some farmers are thinking and thinking.

Now I suppose our correspondence will have an intermission for harvest and peaches, and I am satisfied the association has appreciated the use of your columns, and I surely appreciate the very correct way in which you have printed my articles, for correcting of orthography and punctuation. I think your paper is hard to be excelled. I know my MSS. are often rough and inelegant, and if there has been anything readable in them, much of the attraction has been owing to your care. The writing of these articles has often been a pleasure, though sometimes done from a sense of duty, and, if again attempted, I trust our relations may be as pleasant. PARTICEPS.

A BUSINESS LETTER.

The following letter, in regard to the purchase of a farm advertised in the "Kent News," was received by a gentleman in this county. It is one of the most remarkable for verbiage and "circumlocution" we have ever seen, and we give it publicity as a model of its kind. The only change we make is the omission of names:

BALTO., June 5, 1876.

WORTHY SIR: Ever abiding with the Trinity, the Lord is in his Holy Temple, at all and special times and places, with persons servants and friends, saying "Let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in Heaven;" and it is enough for the disciple that he be as his Master, and the servant as his Lord, that declares there is nothing covered that shall not be revealed, and hid that shall not be known, in confirmation fulfilling his promises, covenant and preposition generally or specially, whatever things, information, time, place, light, persons or their acts, the Lord makes known by his favor, the elect friend participates in his revelation, and the worthy servant, witness his works in order and offices, and in acceptable services, announce the information, in confirmation, and at all times confess the sacred name and power, that is capable, able and willing to reveal and make known to persons all requisite information. The Lord preserves and extends, and can confirm or withdraw his favor from persons friends and servants, their acts, estate or trust in time, the revelation of things, even the elements, the earth and water, the wind or fire, are subject to the operation and co-operation of his laws, the word of his power, the conqueror will, and the Holy Spirit, ever enduring and having authority with his laws, word and spirit, in orders, offices and works of the sacred ties and trust of the heavens, the earth and time, events, persons and things, become the chosen besides, the acceptable witness, and elect representatives in the works of the Lord, and accordingly in order and offices of the sacred ties and trust, confess burdeen, with his favor, in consanguinity, election and acceptable services, identified with the author, finisher, and disposer of his sacred estates, rights, or trust, according to his promises, covenant and commandments. In the beginning darkness receding from the centre, the light appeared in the operation and co-operation of his laws, word and spirit, and inestimable love, in orders offices and works of the sacred ties and trust, at all and special times and places, with persons, friends and servants, saying and fulfilling incumbent, imperative and caudate duties, at the acceptable time, specially in the beginning of the second century of American independence, liberty and unity, personal and conventional, municipal, State and national, and in confirmation of the sacred and personal right of time, the estate or trust of the Lord, and the elect representative an humble servant, and a friend, holding the sacred right, and in the testimonies of time will visit Kent county, and specially that tract of land or farm called or described as Springfield, now owned by —— Esq., as the purchaser of the said tract of land or farm. The Lord reserves and extends, and can confirm or withdraw his favor from persons, friends and servants, their estates or trust, and acts in time, capable and able, has revealed and made known his will and judgment specially towards persons and their acts, estate or trust, and accordingly informed of incumbent, imperative and caudate services and duties, and the acceptable time in justification of the acts, and the appeal to the sacred and Supreme Judge for the rectitude of intentions, with sacred pledges to each other, and firm reliance on the favor of his Divine Providence, for all their estate, trust and time is in his hand, and all events at his command, and in confirmation of his judgment an humble servant and friend encloses to your address this communication, with his superscription, in orders, offices and work of the sacred ties and trust of time, the elect grandson, centre and knight of time of David's and Saint Mary's line hide pauster and son of Philip W. and Emeline G. H. Reed, and grandson of Gen. Philip and Moses M. Reed, natives of Kent co., Md. In trinity and unity abiding truly.

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An Illustrated Man.

A very singular personage is now visiting Rome, where he creates a good deal of excitement in scientific circles. This is no less than a tattoed man named George Constantinos, a Greek by birth, forty-eight years old, and of a massive herculean frame. Fourteen years ago he, with two others, a Spaniard and an American, were taken prisoners of war in Chinese Tartary, and all three subjected to this fearful torture, to which the Spaniard alone succumbed. The description which this man gives of his sufferings is almost too horrible for belief; and it is difficult to find a reason for the selection of this mode of punishment, demanding such a profusion of skilful and wearisome labor; but the victim is of the opinion that the natives, who were extremely jealous of their independence, wished to have in all who might escape, living witnesses of the danger to which those exposed themselves who dared to make war upon them. Four hours every day, for four months, he was visited by an artist of the country, who, when the prisoner was firmly held down by three men, with a sharp lancet dipped in Indian ink executed all manner of designs upon his skin. In this way the whole surface of his body was covered with hieroglyphies, Burman characters, figures of men, women, elephants, monkeys, crocodiles, tigers, plants, birds, etc., in fact, a complete illustration of natural history seems to be represented on him, and all with a fineness of execution and profusion of design hard to imagine.—Four years since he managed to escape from his enemies, and since then he has been traveling in Europe, wherever he goes being the subject of curious study to medical men.

A Seven-Mile Race for a Grass Widow-Ship.

A novel and exciting race took place between a married couple at Knoxville, Iowa. For obvious reasons, we shall suppress their names. They had been on a visit to some friends seven miles northwest of Pella, and got up a quarrel between them, just as such commonly happen. He is one of those kind of fellows that, when he says a thing he means it, and sticks to it, whether right or wrong. She— a masculine, healthy and well proportioned female—does not believe in saying yes when she means no. So, for a time, they had it up and down—with words—their eyes flashed fire, and it looked as if there would be a battle, when the woman proposed that they had better settle their quarrel by running a race to Pella, whoever should be the first at their residence, all the property would belong to, and the loser was to walk quietly out and "vamoose the ranche," never to trouble the winner again. The man, confident in himself, as a pedestrain, agreed to this, and proposed that they should start at that time. He threw off his coat, and she tightened her corsets and otherwise prepared herself for the trial of speed and endurance, and then they started. Adam took the shortest way by cutting across farms; Eve kept the main thoroughfare. We did not witness the race, consequently we cannot say how they stepped, but the result was in favor of the woman, who had a plain, well-beaten track; while the man—thinking to be the gainer by the short track—was the losser on account of the sloughs, which were hardly passable.—The woman is now a sweet sample of the grass widow.

$16,000 for Carriage Hire.

The new Secretary of War, in reply to a letter from Mr. Clymer, the Chairman of the War Expenditure Committee, says that it cost the Government $16,000 for the hire of a carriage for the Secretary of War from the beginning of this Administration down to Belknap's resignation on March 2d last. During the seven years Belknap was Secretary the carriage was probably never used a dozen times for his convenience or in dispatching public business. And yet for expenses of this character the Senate of the United States has loaded down the appropriation bills sent to that body from the House, and to enforce the amendments of the Senate President Grant has sent a message to the House, which is called by Republican organs an admirable document.—*Eagle.*

LAST NEWS from the Spirit World.—Medium: "The spirit of the late Mr. Jones is present." Jones's Widow (with emotion): "I hope you are happy,