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Terms reduced to suit the times. Only $40 per quarter for full English course.
Address Rev. A. P. LASHER, Principal and Prop'r for 24 years. jy29y.

$65 PER QUARTER FOR YOUNG MEN AND BOYS.
BOARDING, SCHOOLING, BOOKS, &c
No extra charges whatever. Special attention and extra private instruction for backward pupils and young boys. 10 Instructors. English, Classical and Mathematical courses. French and German spoken in language classes. Natural Sciences by Prof. C. S. Gauntt, M. D. Book Keeping and Penmanship by Prof. W. P. Hammond, author of Potter & Hammond's books. Two lectures a week by Philadelphia Professors, with the finest and fullest apparatus for experiment and illustration. Fine building with 55 rooms. Heated in all stories and lighted with gas, hot and cold water baths and closets in each story. Gymnasium, &c. Ample Grounds. Healthy location.
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SWITHIN C. SHORTLIDGE,
(Harvard University, A. M.)
Aug. 19, 1876—tf. Media, Pa.

It's Spring at Last!
AND AT
W. W. PARKS & SONS'
YOU WILL FIND
Goods to Suit the Season!

OUR purchases at a time are small, but are frequently made, hence it is that we've at all times something new and attractive to show the people. Taking advantage of the market thus we are therefore prepared to give our customers the advantage of low prices. These are facts, and we would not only say so, but are prepared at our counter to prove it.

With our recent purchases, our Stock in most all its branches is replete. Our Goods have been selected with care, and we feel confident that consumers generally will find it particularly to their interest to give our stock an inspection before purchasing elsewhere.

OUR STOCK OF DRY GOODS,

Embracing Prints, (choice styles) Muslins, Bleached and Unbleached, (from 4 to 10-4) Dress Goods (embracing Cashmeres) Black and Colored—Black from 45 cents and upwards--Cassimeres, Cottonades, &c., is large.

☞ OUR STOCK OF GROCERIES is good, and we would invite the attention of those who are in the habit of sending to the city for the same. We give an inducement to purchasers who buy such largely. We think we can furnish FLOUR by the Barrel, COFFEE by the 25 or 50 lbs., and MOLASSES by the Barrel, about as cheap as they can be bought in the city, *including expense of getting.*

☞ OUR STOCK OF SHOES is Large and we feel confident that purchasers will do well to examine the same before purchasing. A good Stock of HATS recently purchased, too.

☞ OUR STOCK of CARPETINGS, embracing Cottage, Ingrain, Cotton and Wool, we would invite particularly the attention of buyers to. They are the cheapest in the county.

☞ OUR STOCK of OIL CLOTHS (Floor) is Large. All widths, from 4-4 to 8-4.

In fact we would call attention to everything in our line, such as
Glassware, Queensware, Lamps, &c.
Trunks, Valises,
Bridles and Collars, Whitewash Brushes, Brooms, Buckets, Tubs, &c.

COME ONE, COME ALL! If you haven't the money bring your Trade. We take anything that has a marketable value in exchange for Goods.
W. W. PARKS & SONS.

N. B.—We make a specialty of TOBACCO, and have it from 55 cts. per lb and upward. apr7.

KENNEDYVILLE
POST OFFICE!

I HAVE again renewed my stock and offer to my numerous friends and patrons a full assortment of new and
SEASONABLE GOODS,
which will compare in price and quality with any in the market.
Call and examine.
JOS. E. WEER.
April 21, 1877.

BEST SPRING PRINTS only 8 cents. A full assortment of Muslins, Flannels, Ginghams, &c., as low as the lowest.
By JOS. E. WEER.

NOTIONS, CLOTHING, Boots, Shoes, &c., lower than ever.
By JOS. E. WEER.

FRESH FRUITS, Confectionery, &c.,
by JOS. E. WEER.

GROCERIES, Canned Vegetables, Pickles, Dried Apples, Prunes,
by JOS. E. WEER.

FLOUR by the Barrel, Nails by the keg, Cucumber Pumps, &c.,
by JOS. E. WEER.

HYLAND & CO.'S PLOWS and the Allen Cultivator. Bridles, Collars, Plow Traces, Back-bands, Whips, &c.,
by JOS. E. WEER.

LANDRETH'S Fresh Garden Seed,
by JOS. E. WEER.

DRUGS, Medicines, Paints, Oils, Turpentine, Varnish, Glass, Putty, &c. A discount on Patent Medicines for the cash, by JOS. E. WEER.

☞ Physicians' Prescriptions carefully compounded by JOS. E. WEER.

CORN, Wheat, Lard, Eggs, &c., WANTED by JOS. E. WEER.
April 21, 1877. Kennedyville.

TURNER BROS.
Have on hand and for sale
LABRADOR HERRING,
in bbls. and half bbls.
LIVERPOOL FINE and ROCK SALT,
GAMBRILL'S PATAPSCO EXTRA and other brands of FLOUR.
Anthracite and Bituminous COAL.
Gas Tar, N. C. Tar, Pitch and Oakum.
Bricks, White-wash Lime and Hair.
PHOSPHATES,
Oyster Shell LIME,
and LAND PLASTER.
NAILS, by the Keg.
White Pine Barn Boards, 5-8 Siding, 4-4, 6-4 and 8-4 Picks;
Hemlock and Yellow Pine Scantling and Joists.
(Sills, Plates and Posts cut to order.)
North Carolina Rough 4-4 Boards,
Pickets, Pale Railing and Fencing,
Shingles, Flooring, Oak, Ash and Hickory Plank.
BETTERTON, April 21—3t.

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., Ladies fitted with Shoulder Braces, and Abdominal Supporters. May 20, 1876.

BRUSHES! BRUSHES!
A large assortment of Whitewash Brushes, Horse, Shoe, Dust, Scrub, Paint, &c., very cheap at
mar31. J. K. ALDRIDGE'S.

JUST RECEIVED—a new lot Gents, Ladies, Misses and Children's Shoes, which we are selling at Low Prices.
mar 10. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

SPRING OPENING
OF
Millinery and Fancy Goods

I WOULD respectfully invite the attention of all to my new assortment of Fancy Goods, consisting of
NORMANDY BONNETS,
HATS, FLOWERS,
RIBBONS, etc.,
and especially a fine stock of WHITE GOODS, and having a competent Lady to assist me, we are prepared to fill all orders left to our charge at the shortest notice. Stamping a specialty.
☞ Please call at the old stand.
MRS. C. R. FIDDIS,
Opposite the new M. E. Church.
April 28, 1877—3t.

☞ *NOTICE TO THE LADIES of STILL POND and Vicinity!*
New Stock of MILLINERY,
FANCY GOODS and NOTIONS,
JUST RECEIVED!
Including the latest and most popular styles of HATS and BONNETS, Ribbons, Feathers and Flowers, Ties, Handkerch'fs, Collars and Cuffs.
A Full line of NOTIONS.
Spool Cotton, spool Silk, spool Thread, Buttons, Hosiery and Gloves, Mottoes, Perforated Board, shaded Silk and Zephyr.
FANCY TOILET ARTICLES.
Soaps, Choice Perfumery, Combs, Brushes, &c. Also, a nice line of Box Paper of the latest styles, all of which will be sold at prices unsurpassed.
My former patrons and the public generally are respectfully solicited to call and examine my stock.
Having had much experience in the trade I feel confident that I can please all.
MISS LUCY CROSSLEY,
apr28-3t. Still Pond.

SPRING and SUMMER
—1877—
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.
I have in my employ a first-class Milliner and can guarantee satisfaction.
Agency for Mme. Demorest's Reliable Patterns. "What to Wear and How to Make it"—portfolio fashions, price 15 cts.
Give her a call at her old stand.
apr21-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.
ALSO IN STORE A FINE STOCK OF NOTIONS, to which she invites special attention.
☞ 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 21, 1877—tf.

SOMETHING NEW!
FANCY, GOOD and CHEAP!
M. ALICE LAMBERT & SISTER
Have just opened a
New MILLINERY and Fancy Store
in Chestertown, on High street, one door above the store of J. H. Simpers & Bro., and will sell *Cheap for Cash* all goods in their line, such as Hats, Laces, Ribbons, Hosiery, Kid Gloves, Toilet articles, Spool Cotton, Silk, Needles, &c.
HATS trimmed in the latest style.
Altering and Repairing neatly and promptly executed. Plain and Fancy Sewing at reasonable prices. Give us a call.
M. ALICE LAMBERT & SISTER.
apr21-3m.

TO THE LADIES!
MISS MARY R. BENJAMIN,
Takes this method of informing the Ladies generally that she has taken the store room adjoining the store of Mr. T. W. Eliason, Jr., which has been neatly fitted up for the purpose of conducting the
MANTUAMAKING BUSINESS.
Having obtained a reputation for neat fits and great display of taste, she feels confident that she will be able to please all who will give her a call. Ladies' Apparel, of all descriptions made in the latest styles. Children's Clothes kept on hand and made to order. Full line of Dress Trimmings and Fancy Goods kept on hand. Terms cash. MARY R. BENJAMIN.
April 21, 1877—3t.

NOW is the time to buy your PLOW TRACES, PLOW LINES, COLLARS, HAMES, CASTINGS, PLOWS, GARDEN SEEDS, FORKS, SHOVELS, &c., which may be had at HINES & CO.'S, Next door Kent National Bank.
Feb. 24, 1877—tf.

POTASH RESIDUANA,
Guaranteed to prevent Corn from Frenching, at the low price of $17 per ton, for sale by T. W. ELIASON, JR.

NEW GOODS are being daily received ☞ By T. W. ELIASON, JR. ☜ And his prices will always be found to be as low as the lowest. mar10.

ALL persons wanting GOOD GOODS at the Lowest prices will find them at
apr7. J. B. SAPPINGTON'S.

NEW MILLINERY
AND
FANCY GOODS
For SPRING and SUMMER!
THE LATEST FASHIONS! FINEST GOODS! LOWEST PRICES!
MRS. KATE GILL,
Respectfully invites the attention of the Ladies to her recent purchases of Millinery and Fancy Goods, now in store at her old stand on Queen street. Her stock includes the
Newest Spring Styles!
HATS, BONNETS, RIBBONS, FEATHERS, FLOWERS, &c.,
BEAUTIFUL FANCY GOODS
Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Hosiery, Gloves, and a full line of Toilet Articles.
☞ My goods have all been selected with great care, and purchased at the lowest cash prices, and I am determined to sell at very small profits.
My customers and the public generally are respectfully invited to call and examine my stock. MRS. KATE GILL,
apr28-tf. Queen St., Chestertown.

1877 SPRING. 1877
ABE SCHWARTZ,
Merchant Tailor,
FROM PHILADELPHIA,
Respectfully invites his friends and the public to call and examine his
SPRING GOODS!
And STYLES,
Receiving daily from Eastern markets.
FINE GOODS a SPECIALTY.
BLACK CLOTHS of the finest grades; and IN ENGLISH and FRENCH CASSIMERES we have styles that must please the most fastidious.
Also, READY-MADE CLOTHING,
CLOTHS and Cassimeres by the yard or in quantities to suit, at the lowest prices.
Gents' Furnishing Goods,
of the BEST QUALITY for sale at low prices.
Feeling confident that we fully understand the needs and wants of this community and that we are now prepared to meet its demands both in styles and prices, we again solicit an examination before purchasing elsewhere.
We guarantee a fit in every case.
April 21, 1877. ABE SCHWARTZ.

1877! 1877!
SPRING GOODS.
J. H. Simpers & Bro.,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
RESPECTFULLY announce that they have just received a Large Stock of SPRING GOODS, bought since the late decline in prices, enabling us to offer greater inducements to cash buyers than ever before.
DRY GOODS.
CALICOES, in beautiful styles, cheap.
BLACK ALPACAS,
Poplins, Ginghams,
Cassimeres, Cottonades,
Bleached and unbleach'd MUSLINS, &c., &c.
WHITE GOODS, Linens,
Victoria Lawns, Piques,
Nainsook, white and bordered Bed Spreads.
Shoes! Shoes!
We have the best selected and cheapest stock of Shoes for Gents, Ladies, Misses, and Children, that we have ever offered.
Gents' Box Toe Gaiters, Gents', Youth's and Boy's Congress Gaiters; Men's and Boys' Buckle and Lace Plow Shoes, Ladies' and Misses' Fox But. Gaiters, Ladies' and Misses' Lace Fox Gaiters, different grades; Child's Tan, Ankle and Tip Bal., Child's Goay Welb Button, Goat Heel Button and Pebble Button Shoes, Ladies' Kid Slippers, Ladies' and Gents' Goat Slippers, all at lower prices than ever before offered.
NOTIONS.
Ladies', Misses' and Children's white & striped Hosiery, Gloves, Popular makes of Corsets, Gents' White Shirts of good Muslin and Linen at $1.00. Gents' Linen and Paper Collars, Cravats, Brushes, Soap, Combs, Perfumery, Buttons, &c.
HATS.
SPRING STYLES.
WOOL AND FUR for MEN and BOYS.
CARPETS, Matting, Floor and Table Oil Cloths.
GROCERIES—Sugar, Teas, Coffee, Flour, Syrup, Coal Oil, Cheese, Sugar-cured Hams, Soaps, Soda, Spices, Tobacco, &c.
☞ We now offer the largest and cheapest stock of goods we have ever had, and will make to the interest of *Cash Buyers* to call and examine our goods and prices before making their purchases.
J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.,
Main St., opposite Stam's Drug Store,
April 21, 1877. *Chestertown.*

JAMES H. SMITH,
DEALER IN
CONFECTIONERY, Foreign Fruits
NUTS, CAKES AND CRACKERS,
Imported and Domestic CIGARS
TOBACCO. &c.
Foreign Fruits,
Raisins, Currants,
Lemons, Oranges,
Citron, Prunes,
Figs, Nuts,
French and Common Candy,
Canned Fruits, Spices,
Jelly, Pickles, Chow-Chow,
Worcestershire Sauce, French Mustard, Toilet Soap, Combs, Brushes, Pocket Books, Toys, Jewelry, Lamp Fixings, Lamps, Glass-ware,
Cocoa, Chocolate and Flavoring Extract.
TOBACCO from 75 cts. to $2.
CIGARS, from 2½ cts. to 25 cts.
Give me a call.
May 6, 1876. J. H. SMITH.

A NICE line of DRY GOODS, Ladies' Dress Goods Notions and Hosiery, very cheap at SAPPINGTON'S.

Thoughts of Home, amid the Labors of Professional Life.

The following playful and beautiful lines were written by Chief Justice Tenterden, than whom there were few more gifted or learned jurists:

In the noise of the bar, and crowds of the hall,
Tho' destined still longer to move,
Let my thoughts wander home, and my memory recall
The dear pleasures of beauty and love.

The soft looks of my girl, the sweet voice of my boy,
Their antics, their hobbies, their sports,
How the houses he builds her quick fingers destroy,
And with kisses his pardon she courts.

With eyes full of tenderness, pleasure and pride,
The fond mother sits watching their play;
Or turns, if I look not, my dullness to chide
And invites me, like them to be gay.

She invites to be gay, and I yield to her voice,
And my toils and my sorrows forget;
In her beauty, her sweetness, her kindness rejoice;
And hallow the day that we met.

Full bright were her charms in the bloom of her life,
When I walked down the church by her side;
And, five years passed over, I now find the wife
More lovely and fair than the bride.

Prevention of Hydrophobia.

The head of a wholesale drug-house in Philadelphia writes to the *Ledger* of that city calling attention to the use of the root known as elecampane as a preventive of hydrophobia. The active medical principle in this root, it would appear from the cases cited, neutralizes the virus or poison which produces hydrophobia after a person has been bitten. The writer mentions the case of his nephew, then a small boy, who was badly bitten many years ago. The remedy was administered and the patient is now a hale, hearty man. Again, two men were bitten by a dog which a few days after died of hydrophobia. Both men called on a physician who prescribed the elecampane root. One of the men remarked, "that is an old woman's remedy," and put himself under the care of another physician, who cauterized the wound and gave him medicine that salivated him. On the ninth day he was seized with a spasm and died in agony. The other man took the elecampane and never suffered in the slightest degree. The writer speaks of a number of other cases showing the value of the root as a preventive. Whether it would avail after the manifestation of the disease the writer cannot say. A correspondent of the Philadelphia *Times* cites several similar instances. The prescription is as follows: To one and a-half ounce of good, sound, elecampane root, bruised in a mortar, add one pint of new milk, boil to half pint, strain off, and when cold, take at a dose, in the morning fasting. No food should be taken for from three to five hours afterwards. Repeat the dose on the third morning, allowing one morning to intervene, and again on the fifth morning. The above quantity is for an adult; for children given in proportionate doses, say to one of twelve years half the quantity. It is well of course to know that so simple a remedy is available. At the same time it is deemed proper to express the strong belief that in a great many of the instances in which hydrophobic symptoms are exhibited the symptoms (not the disease) are induced by excited imagination and apprehension.

SUNNY ROOMS MAKE SUNNY LIVES.—Let us take the airiest, choicest, and sunniest room in the house for our living room—the workshop where brain and body are built up and renewed. And let us have a bay window, no matter how plain in structure, through which the good twin-angels of nature—sunlight and pure air—can freely enter.

This window shall be the poem of the house. It shall give freedom and scope for eye and mind. We shall hang no picture on our walls that can compare with the living and everlasting pictures which God shall paint for us through our window. Rosy dawns, golden-hearted sunsets, the tender green and changing tints of spring, the glow of summer, the pomp of autumn, the white of winter, storm and shine, glimmer and gloom—all these we can enjoy while we sit in our sheltered room as the changing years roll on.

Dark rooms bring depression of spirits, imparting a sense of confinement, of isolation, of powerlessness, which is chilling to energy and vigor; but in light is good cheer.

Even in a gloomy house, where walls and furniture are dingy and brown, you have but to take down the heavy curtains, open wide the window, hang brackets on either side, set flower pots on the brackets and ivies in the pots, and let the warm sun stream freely in.

A MAN who had recently been elected a major of militia, and who was not overburdened with brains, took it into his head on the morning of parade to exercise a little by himself. The field selected for this purpose was his own apartment.—Placing himself in a military attitude, with his sword drawn, he exclaimed:—"Attention, company! Rear rank, three paces, march!" and he tumbled down into the cellar. His wife hearing the racket, came running in, saying: "My dear, have you killed yourself?" "Go about your business, woman," said the hero, "what do you know about war?"

"TO-MORROW," wrote Chapin, "may never come to us." And the collectors who are told by men that they will call around to-morrow and settle *that*, are convinced that Chapin was about three-fifths correct; that to-morrow might come, in isolated instances, but the men never do."—*Hawkeye.*

WHATEVER is highest and holiest is tinged with melancholy. The eye of genius has always a plaintive expression and its natural language is pathos. A prophet is sadder than other men, and he who is greater than all prophets was "a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief."

Written for the Kent News.

OUR ENTERTAINMENT.

BY CLIQUE.

Drip, drip, drip—splash, splash, went the rain, varied by one of the branches of the tree in the yard occasionally crashing against the window pane. It was a regular old-time rain. Looked, as Lilly said, like nothing but rain, rain, rain for the whole week. And very discontented she looked, as she stood tapping on the window.

Our heroine was a dainty little housekeeper, and she would have been horrified if she had seen how she was smearing her nice clean windows. But Lilly was thinking of something else. Last night Lizzie Devens had told her about an entertainment they were going to have for the benefit of Avalon, a little chapel in the village, and this morning they expected to meet in the committee room to talk it over.

Now Lilly lived a short distance in the country, and Tom, her brother, had taken the carriage to a neighboring town and had not yet come back. "And," said Lillie, "it will be just like the provoking fellow if he stays until it is too late to go." But her meditations did not continue long in this strain.

"Whoa!" "Mrs. Vayne, where is Lilly?" exclaimed a cherry voice, as a handsome young man jumped from a nobby little carriage. "I heard Tom had not gotten back, so I thought perhaps you would let me take you in town this morning," he said as Lilly appeared.

She came out in a few minutes equipped for the ride. How everything had changed since she stood discontentedly tapping on the window! Now the clouds had lightened and it was not raining near so hard. To have seen her dimples coming and going it seemed impossible to connect the Lilly Vane of early morning with the present Lilly.

As they sped merrily along she seemed to be not only bewitching poor Will, but the weather as well. As they descended the hill, at the foot of which the village nestled cosily, the—could it be? yes it was—sun burst through the clouds, showering the grass with diamonds as it shone upon the rain drops.

The girls, hearing the carriage drive up, rushed out to meet her, and what a time there was. Such a chorus of 'ohs!' and 'ahs!' for Lilly was so great a favorite that if she had not been a very sensible little body I fear she would have become very conceited then and there. The girls were entering the house when Will insisted upon joining the conference. The girls demurred for awhile, but it was settled by his cousin Laura Marsden saying, "Let Will come; perhaps he can give us some assistance." And what a time they had. Some wanted one thing, some another. One of the girls proposed a comedy; another a tragedy. Miss Linden, who was tall and very stylish, wanted a very dignified heroine. Pretty little Mary Merriken a lively little farce. In other words, each girl wanted something to suit her own style. There was such a hubbub that Will was half sorry that he had craved permission to join the the conference. But finally they agreed upon the programme, which was to begin with a play in three acts, that they had hunted out of an old book, after which Laura Marsden was to read "The Bridge of Sighs," followed by music, etc.

Work now began in earnest. All that week the girls were ransacking old engravings and magazines for costumes of 1776, for you must know it was to be very patriotic. All the *elite* of the town were expected to be there; and what times they had, to be sure, at the rehearsals. Every one knew everybody else's part better than their own. Such was the confusion and ill feeling that it seemed as if the whole thing would fall through; but, thanks to Will Raymond, everything finally went smoothly.

At length the important night arrived. Miss Linden's handsome double parlors were rapidly filling. The curtain behind the footlights was gently swaying back and forth, the musicians were tuning their instruments, while the girls in the dressing room were in a perfect flutter. Nothing could be found at the right moment. "Oh, *where* are my gloves?" exclaimed Jane Rox. "I cannot go on the stage without them." "And where is my handkerchief," despairingly cries another. We hear the last strains of the "Carnival of Venice." The confusion increased. But finally the curtain rose on the first scene, which represented a party at Madame Jenesse's one hundred years ago. The girls had searched for old silks and satins in trunks and old chests that had not been opened since their grandmothers' time. "Beautiful" was echoed on all sides. This was succeeded by another scene and another, and the curtain fell amid the general satisfaction of the audience present.

After a few moments of restless expectancy the curtain slowly rose, as Lilly Vayne noiselessly took her seat at a grand piano which stood on the stage. She had never looked so beautiful. Her dress was of pale blue silk covered with misty lace, through which her neck and arms gleamed rosy white. Her hands wandered dreamily over the keys for a moment and then struck into the plaintive chords of "Remember Me." The audience were spell-bound as she played on, now near, now receding, fainter, fainter still, dying away in a sigh. Dead silence for a second, then a tumult of applause. One old man remarked, as he wiped the tears from his eyes, that it made him think of his happy, innocent childhood. As Lilly rose from the piano Will Raymond gave her a look that made her crimson, and tho' she was encored again and again, nothing could induce her to meet his eyes *now*.

Tableau succeeded tableau. The evening closed with a statue. Miss Linden was to represent Faith, and very lovely she looked, clad in white, with her hands crossed, and her eyes raised with a dumb, loving expression. This tableau-vivant was quite a success, and the curtain arose on it several times. The door-keeper announced a sum that seemed to them a perfect god-send.

So the evening was over and it had passed pleasantly for all. Will Raymond was Lilly's escort. As they passed out into the street Will drew her shawl closer around her throat and bending asked tenderly, "Did I read my answer?" Lilly blushed and raising her eyes timidly said, "Will you look and see?" He looked straight into her eyes and he saw.

A Spring Day in the Country.

"Spring!—When is it spring?"—The answer to this would depend upon where the boy or girl lived; we all know when it is spring with us, but our division of the season will not answer at all for those who live at the other side of the equator, for there the seasons are reversed. We call March, April, and May, the spring months, but in England the spring begins in February, and summer in May. Then astronomers have a spring of their own; their spring begins at what is called the vernal equinox, March 21st, when the days and nights are equal in all parts of the world. If we call April the first spring month, we come very near to the astronomical spring. Our young friends who live in Florida and other far southern places, and those who are in California, have well nigh forgotten about spring, it came so long ago, while this paper will reach some far northern children, who are just watching for butter-cups and dandelions, and other early flowers. Though May is the last of the spring months, as we generally divide the seasons, it will be to many of our little folks the first one in which out-door play can really be enjoyed. March with its bluster, April with its showers, and often long, cold rains, both prepare the way for May, and even a good part of May must pass before the real pleasant days are here. And then how pleasant they are! What can equal a perfect day in May? No doubt many of you in reading of tropical countries, where frost and snow are not known and winter never comes, think how fine it must be, and it may be that you think the children who live in these countries must have a much pleasanter time than you have. Just think of it! no going to school through the snow with muffler and mittens; no fires to keep up; but summer, with birds and flowers the whole long year. There are many pleasant things about such a country, but in the lands of continual summer, as well as in your own, there are some things lacking. The children in the tropics are deprived of one thing which you, who live farther north can enjoy—that is spring. They may divide up the year into seasons, and call one of them spring, but the real thing they do not know, and they cannot see that wonderful awakening that follows the sleep of winter. The birds of the tropics are bright with color and gold, but the note of a blue-bird is better than all the gay plumage, and the greening of the grass, the bursting of the buds, and the sudden clothing of tree and shrub, with leaf and flower, is one of the most wonderful sights in the world, and one which makes us soon forget the discomforts of winter.—Then in these fair May days, when it is more pleasant to be out than in, when we put aside the winter plays, and begin almost a new life, how glad we are that it is not always winter—or always summer either, for without winter there can be no real spring. You whose life is past in the country, hardly know how much you have to enjoy, which is denied to city children. To be sure many city children can visit the parks, and see a bit of country there—a piece, as it were, kept as a sample, so that people may not forget that there are brooks, and trees, and grass. But the mass of city children, those of parents whose means force them to live in crowded houses in crowded streets—what do they know of spring! The few street trees put out their foliage, the grass in the little back yard struggles against much tramping, the flower venders come along with their pots of plants, they see green stuff at the corner markets, and notice the changes in the dress of people—and they enjoy even these few sights. But you in the country! be thankful that no brick walls shut out the view of meadow, wood, and mountain, and almost the sky, and that there are none so poor, but they are rich in a share of so much beauty. What will we do in these glad spring days? Indeed there is so much to do that you wonder what you will do first. Let us go to the brook and see how the dam we made last fall has stood the spring floods, and gather marsh marigolds at the water's edge—now over to the woods, where the blood-root is showing its pearly buds, then to the big rock, at the foot of which are always the first violets; let us go home through the orchard, to see if the robins are using their old nests; then to the garden—our little garden, where the flowers are coming on finely, and so are the weeds. Too tired are you to do the weeding now? well then, here is the barn, and the swing, and such a chance to rest! The easy motion of the swing soon makes us forget fatigue; the sunlight streams in at the big door, and without we see the tender green and the tinted blossom buds of the orchard, and the song of birds, and the chirp of the chicks, are among the pleasant sounds that add to our enjoyment of this charming of days—a perfect day in May.

Eating, and the Drinking of Liquor.

If you would keep from drinking so great a quantity of ardent spirits, eat. Eat more. Eat nutritious food. Eat something whenever you take a drink. The drunk in all cases comes from the stomach full of whiskey and no food. There is a simple lesson yet to be learned by many, and that is they don't eat enough of real blood, bone, nerve and tissue making food. You may half starve to death on salt fish, potatoes, cabbage, turnips, fried liver, stewed kidney, and a score of other dishes which please the taste, but add little or nothing to the body force. Eggs, the best of steak, mutton and bread are what one requires for strength. It is this unconscious, half-starved condition which causes so much of the craving for a temporary increase of the strength, and that this is quickest gained through a glass of whiskey. That gives for a few moments a spasmodic impulse to the wheels of life, sending them whizzing and springing around for a few minutes; then comes reaction and they turn more sluggish than ever. The best spirits in the world reside in good blood, the worst in bad. It is that which sends false imaginings, suspicions and despondencies to the brain.—*N. Y. Graphic.*

JOSH BILLINGS remarks that "Kats are affectionate; they luv young chickens, sweet kream, and the best place in front of the fireplace.

DON'T be discouraged, girls. Dr. Mary Walker pant-ed for notoriety, and has achieved it.

How the Oyster Builds his Shell.

Mr. Frank Buckland, the naturalist, thus explains the manner in which the oyster builds its shell. The body of an oyster is a poor weak thing, apparently incapable of doing anything at all. Yet what a marvelous house an oyster builds around its delicate form!

When an oyster is first born, he is a very simple dot, as it were; and he is born with two shells upon him. For some unknown reason he always fixes himself on his round shell, never by his flat shell; and being once fixed, he begins to grow—but he only grows in summer. Inspect an oyster shell closely, and it will be seen that it is marked with distinct lines.

As the rings we observe in the section of a trunk of a tree, denote years of growth, so do the markings on an oyster tell how many years he has passed in his bed at the bottom of the sea.

Suppose the oyster under inspection was born June the 15th 1870, he would go on growing up to the first line we see well marked: he would then stop for the winter. In summer, 1871, he would more than double his size. In 1872 he would again add to his house. In 1873 and 1874, he would again go on building, till he was dredged up in the middle of his work in 1875, so that he plainly shows five and a half years old,

The way in which an oyster grows his shell is a pretty sight. The beard of an oyster is not only his breathing organs—*i. e.* his lungs—but also his feeding organ, by which he conveys the food to his complicated mouth with his four lips.

When the warm, calm days of June come, the oyster opens his shell, and by means of his beard begins building an additional story to his house This he does by depositing very fine particles of carbonate of lime, till at last they form a substance as thin as silver paper, and exceedingly fragile. Then he adds more, till at last the new shell is as hard as the old.

When oysters are growing their shells, they must be handled very carefully, as the new growth of shell will cut like broken glass, and a wound on the finger from an oyster shell is often poisonous.

Decidedly Worse than Arson.

Brother Gardener was seeking a job around the Central market yesterday, when he came across a young colored friend who was rigged out in a new suit of clothes and a lot of flash jewelry. After a lengthy survey of the outfit the old man asked:

"My friend, what is your income at the present time?"

"'Bout six dollars a week," was the answer.

"An' you is puttin' all dat glory on a dollar a day! Shoo! but I didn't s'pose dere was such a fool nigger in Detroit! Dat's a wuss case dan arsony!"

"Hasn't I de right to w'ar good clothes if I earned dem?" protested the other.

"No, sah, you hasn't. De popper way for you to do is to frow all that brass jewelry away, put on common clothes, an' go 'round lookin' like dat dollar a day was jistabout keeepin' your head above water. Ize got a house an' lot, money in de bank, cane-seat chairs in de parlor, an' a picture of Gineral Grant all framed up in gilt, but does I go 'round look