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For the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, Grain, Peaches, Apples, Canned Goods, Vegetables, Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Fish, &c.,
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For the sale of GRAIN, FRUIT AND PRODUCE GENERALLY,
92 Light Street Wharf, BALTIMORE.
Consignments respectfully solicited.
Correspondence cheerfully and promptly answered. y

CHAS. A. MURPHY,
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SHEEP.
Calverton Drove Yards,
BALTIMORE, MD.

I am in receipt of large supplies of Stock Sheep every week, to which I call the attention of Farmers who desire to purchase. Consignments of Fat Sheep solicited. aug25-3m*

NOTICE.

THE subscriber, having put in his Mill a new Bolting Cloth and new Smut Machine and otherwise improved the Mill, so as to enable him to do good work in the way of
MAKING FLOUR.
both as to quality and quantity, I claim to give satisfaction in all cases where I have good Wheat. Come and try me.
The Public's Servant,
N. P. SEWELL.
Aug. 25—3m. Urieville.

S. B. FOARD,
Grain Commission Merchant
CHESTERTOWN.
Store, Main st., nearly opp. Voshell House.

Choice Brands of Flour, Pratt's Astral Oil, Hardware, &c.
Early Rose Seed Potatoes.
The highest cash price paid for Grain.
april4-tf.

TABLE CUTLERY
And POCKET KNIVES,
At S. B. FOARD'S
m12tf. Up Town Hard ware Store.

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

LARGE STOCK of Ladies, Misses and Children's Shoes for the Fall, at prices that will compete with any.
sept8. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

1877. **Clothing!** 1877.

C. ROLPH & Co.

Great Fall in Price! We are determined to make our large business larger by making prices lower than ever. We have just received our large Stock, and can compete with City Houses!

Men's Working Suits	$3.50
Men's Business Suits	6.00
Men's ¾ Wool Suits	8.00
Men's all Wool Suits	10.00
Men's Diagonal Suits	12.00
Men's Fine Cassimere Suits	15.00
Men's Fine Black Cloth Suits	18.00
Boys' Suits	$2.50
Boys' Suits	5.50
Boys' Suits	6.50
Boys' Suits	8.00
Boys' Suits	10.00
Men's Working Pants, Kersey	$1.00
" Working Pants, Cassimer	1.75
" Dress Pants from $2.50 to 5.00	
" Over Coats from 4.50 to 12.00	

OUR LINE OF
HATS and CAPS
Is Complete!
Including ALL THE LATE STYLES!

White Shirts! White Shirts!

☞ We are now selling the Celebrated CROWN SHIRTS for $1.50. This is a $2.00 Shirt.

Under-wear! Under-wear!

We have a large stock of Gents' UNDERSHIRTS from 75c. to $3 a pair.

BLACK and FANCY SCARFS, 25, 50, 75 and $1.

Our Goods are Choice, Well Selected, and sold at Popular Prices!
C. ROLPH & CO.,
Bordley's Corner,
The Largest Clothing House on the Eastern Shore.
oc13-tf.

New Fall Clothing!

ABE SCHWARTZ,
Merchant Tailor,
FROM PHILADELPHIA,

Respectfully invites his friends and the public to call and examine his
FALL GOODS
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.
Oct. 13, 1877. ABE SCHWARTZ.

BUSINESS *CHANGE!*

Notice to the Public!

THE subscriber respectfully announces to his friends and the public that he has succeeded
MR. T. B. HYNSON
in the Merchandising Business in Chestertown, and will hereafter conduct it at the Old Stand on his own account.
He has Opened this Week
A general assortment of
New Fall & Winter Goods
and the stock will be fully maintained in about the same line as heretofore.
Having been employed in the store for more than seventeen years past, he flatters himself that he possesses a general knowledge of the business, which will be conducted with strict regard to the wants of the trade and to the satisfaction of his customers.
Purchasers are requested to examine his goods and prices. Every article will be sold at the
VERY LOWEST FIGURES.
☞ Butter, Eggs and Lard taken in exchange for goods.
A. J. CAHALL.

A CARD.—Having disposed of my Store Goods to Mr. A. J. CAHALL, who has been in my employ for more than 17 years past, I take great pleasure in recommending him to the public as in every respect worthy of their confidence and patronage.
Thankful for the generous patronage extended to me for so many years, I trust that the same may be continued to my successor.
T. B. HYNSON.
Chestertown, Sep. 15, 1877.

BOOTS and SHOES at Low Prices!

Men's Winter Boots,
Boys' Winter Boots,
Youth's Winter Boots,
Ladies' and Misses' Peb. Button Shoes,
" " " Sewed Morocco do.
Child's Goat Button Shoes,
Child's grain Tip. Shoes.
Gents', Ladies', Misses' and Childs' Rubber Over Shoes.
☞ We have just received a large stock of the above goods, which we offer at the *Lowest Prices.*
J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.,
Sept. 15, 1877. *Chestertown, Md.*

CALL AT
S. FRANK SMITH'S
And get your *Buckwheat and Hominy.*

☞ Go to FRANK SMITH'S for *Chairs, Tables and Bedsteads.*

☞ Come and see S. FRANK SMITH and buy your *DRY GOODS.*

☞ FRANK SMITH keeps the best assortment of *Picture Frames* in town.

☞ S. FRANK SMITH has just received another invoice of
STRONG and SOLID FURNITURE
From BOSTON,
AND IS SELLING IT CHEAP.

☞ CALL AND SEE MY GOODS AND PRICES.
S. FRANK SMITH,
oc27-4t. CHESTERTOWN.

C. F. STAM,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
Druggist, Bookseller,
AND
STATIONER,
Calls attention to his LARGE STOCK of Goods just received, and especially adapted to the present season.

Spices! Spices!!
WHOLE AND GROUND,
Cinnamon, Cloves, Nutmegs, Allspice, Ginger, Mace, Red and Black Pepper.

MUSTARD SEED, Celery Seed, Turmeric, Green Ginger and Colman's Genuine English Mustard.
Pure Lucca Cream Olive Oil, the best of all the Olive Oils.

CANNING WAX,
Corks and Rubbers for Fruit Jars.
☞ These articles are made a specialty of during the present season, and all which we offer at very low prices.

PERFUMERY.
English, French and American.
Cologne, Lavender Water, genuine Bay Rum, and all the leading Extracts.

SOAPS.
Cashmere Boquet, Turkish Bath, Maize Flower, Elder Flower, and the genuine Castile.

Book and Stationery Department.
We are constantly adding to our stock the leading Books and Novels of the day. Orders for these will be promptly attended to by mail.

Writing Paper and Envelopes.
The choicest assortment of Fancy Writing Paper in fancy boxes ever offered for sale in this market.

☞ A careful examination of our stock before purchasing elsewhere, is all we ask. It is our constant aim to please the public both in goods and prices.
☞ Come to the store on the Corner. You will always find a welcome.
COLIN F. STAM,
CHESTERTOWN.
Aug. 18, 1877.

Lot of Land for Sale,
IN QUAKER NECK.

THE undersigned will sell at Private Sale for a fair price and upon liberal terms, that portion of his real estate in Quaker Neck, Kent county, Md., generally known as
"The Wilson Farm."
This Farm is favorably located directly on the public road leading down the Neck adjoining the lands of the late Thos. Lusby and others; near Quaker Neck Steamboat wharf, and is convenient to Churches, Schools, &c., and not more than six miles from Chestertown. The soil is naturally good, and with small outlay could be made a valuable Fruit and Truck farm. It contains about 34 Acres, all of which is arable, and under good fencing.
THE IMPROVEMENTS
are a Frame Dwelling and necessary Out-buildings, all in fair condition.
☞ For particulars consult my Attorney, R. HYNSON, Chestertown, Md.
sep15-tf. W. H. H. LUSBY.

Ladies' Oyster Saloon

THE subscriber has fitted up, at considerable expense, in connection with his Restaurant in Chestersown, an OYSTER SALOON
EXCLUSIVELY FOR the ACCOMMODATION OF LADIES,
with a private entrance on Cross Street. Oysters served in any style.
☞ Families supplied with fresh Oysters at 75c. per gallon.
oc7-2m. JOHN ARMSTRONG.

FREIGHTING.

THE subscriber, having purchased the Schooner "PARAGON," is prepared to do all kinds of Freighting between Chester River and Baltimore, or any of the tributaries of the Chesapeake Bay, at moderate charges.
All orders left at the store of Messrs. Hines & Co., adjoining the Bank, will receive prompt attention.
oc6-3m. WM. P. HOWARD.

$3.00 will buy a full Nickle-Plated Seven Shot REVOLVER and a Box of Cartridges, at
may19. THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

FALL and WINTER
MILLINERY
JUST OPENED.
BEAUTIFUL, GOOD and CHEAP!
MRS. H. USILTON,
Adjoining Wickes' Drug Store,
has just received and opened a well selected stock of NEW and BEAUTIFUL
Millinery and Fancy Goods
For FALL and WINTER 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.
Oct. 27, 1877—tf.

TO THE LADIES!

MISS MARY R. BENJAMIN
Has just returned from the city with a complete assortment of
NOTIONS, DRESS TRIMMINGS,
Children's Colored HOSE,
Handkerchiefs, &c.
She also has quite a variety of new styles for making and trimming Dresses, and will guarantee entire satisfaction, both in fit and price.
She has also combined MILLINERY with Dress-making, and has a varied and carefully selected stock of HATS, BONNETS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS, &c., and is confident that from her experience in that trade cannot fail to please, and will be thankful for your orders.
Respectfully, M. R. BENJAMIN.
Oct. 27—ts.

NEW MILLINERY!
FANCY GOODS!
DRESS MAKING!
M. ALICE LAMBERT & SISTER
Have just opened a new Stock of fresh and most fashionable styles. In *BONNETS, HATS, Laces, Ribbons, Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Toilet articles, &c., &c.*, we cannot be undersold.
DRESS MAKING of all kinds, done in best manner at low prices.
☞ Ladies' and Children's CLOAKS of any style furnished on short notice, at the lowest city prices.
Give us a call. Store one door above J. H. Simpers & Bro's.
M. ALICE LAMBERT & SISTER.
oc27-3m.

To the Ladies.
NEW MILLINERY
And FANCY GOODS.
Latest Styles for Fall and Winter!
MRS. KATE GILL,
On Queen St., Chestertown,
has just opened a new stock of
Millinery and Fancy Goods
of the latest Fall and Winter styles. She has made her selections with great care and made her purchases at the lowest cash prices, so that she is sure of her ability to please, both in style and price.
BONNETS, HATS, Ribbons, Flowers, and a full line of all such goods as are usually found in a first-class Millinery store. A full line of ZEPHYR Goods always on hand.
☞ Call and see. oct20-3m.

Millinery and Dress Making
FALL, 1877!
M. M. PARKS & SISTER,
Opposite C. F. Stam's Drug Store,
Are now prepared to exhibit a full line of FALL AND WINTER
MILLINERY,
embracing BONNETS, HATS, Ribbons, Flowers, &c., &c., in great variety, and of the most *fashionable styles.*
Also, a FULL LINE OF NOTIONS, Hamburgs, Ladies' Vests, Corsets, Trimmings in variety; Gloves, Ladies' L. C. Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, &c., all of which we will sell at the very lowest prices.
We have also combined
DRESS MAKING
in all its branches, and will promise satisfaction in all respects both as to fit and prices.
Thankful for the patronage heretofore extended, we would solicit a continuance of your favors. Having had considerable experience both in the city and country, we flatter ourselves that we can please. Give us a call.
M. M. PARKS & SISTER,
Brick Store,
Opposite C. F. Stam's Drug Store.
Oct. 13, 1877—tf.

Something New!
THE VICTORIA
RUBBER APRONS
FROM VIENNA,
KEPT and SOLD AT CITY PRICES,
By **A. SCHWARTZ,**
CHESTERTOWN.
☞ Call and see them. sep22tf.

When you are in need of CARRIAGE BOLTS, TYRE BOLTS PLOW BOLTS, Strap and T. Hinges, go to HINES & CO. They are prepared to furnish them at low figures.
March 24—tf. HINES & CO

MEN'S UNDERSHIRTS, *White Fine Shirts,* making Shirts and Pants at prices that can't be beat. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

AUTUMN.

Our hearts grow sadder as the years pass by,
Withering the violets on the April plain,
Leaving the rose buds on their stems to die,
Losing dear myrtle wreathes, ne'er found again.

The dog days came and passed in tears away;
The lillies 'mid the grasses kissed the stream,
Upon them fair cold fingers softly lay
And whispered, life and beauty are a dream.

Then were they borne from golden fields afar
To garners ripened into wealth unknown,
Each hidden germ grown brighter than a star,
Burst forth in sparkling gems round autumn's throne.

Garments of gold and crimson had been spun,
In unseen looms beyond earth's highest art,
From all the seasons autumn's stores were won,
Which now she pressed within her throbbing heart.

Autumn, a symbol thou must be of Life,
Calling the young and beautiful to rest,
Bearing away beyond the wings of strife
The ripened fruitage of each season's best.

A dying dirge departing autumn sings,
Bends o'er the sombre grasses of the tomb,
Housing the seed that touched by angel wings
Will make the earth in new robed beauty bloom.

Then we will not regret, that pass along
From rosy youth, and lovely budding May,
The varied numbers of Life's thrilling song,
So we at last on Heavenly harps do play.

MATILDA CANBY.

WILM'S, DEL., Oct. 1877.

A Good Boy.

The Milford *News* gives the biography of a boy, whose biography, if he lives, will be written many more times. The *News* says:

There is a boy in this town, the son of poor parents, who both labors day in and out to feed and clothe a large family, who is determined to be somebody in spite of fate. He goes steadily and regularly to the public school, and is always near or at the head of his class in all studies; and out of school hours he supplies the family with wood from the ship-yards, cultivates a small garden which supplies the family with vegetables, and every Saturday has a place as helper in a store, for which he gets one dollar. Besides this he is always ready to run errands and do odd jobs for anybody when he finds time. In this way he has already saved over forty dollars which he is keeping as a sacred treasure to pay for his board, clothes and tuition when he goes to college, which he means to do. Whenever his savings amount to $10, he manages to put the amount out at interest, and his calculation is that when he is nineteen years old and prepared to enter college, he will have nearly or quite $1,000 to carry him through. He also attends regularly on his Sabbath duties, is always in his seat at Sabbath School and at church, never keeps bad company, is always diligently employed, well behaved, good-natured, cheerful and happy. His parents say he is a delight to them. That boy will count something in the world one of these days, and will obtain a high seat in the better land after his work is finished here. He is the model boy of Milford.

ACT FROM PRINCIPLE.—How few persons there are whose lives are governed entirely from principle rather than inclination. Even those of us who may be endeavoring to live for high purposes, come far short of our aspirations; alas! how very far short. How often we find our convictions of right and duty questioning if it might not be as well for us to yield to inclination, just for the time, promising our disturbed consciences that we will make up for the present indulgence by more vigorous self-denial and strict attention to duty. Vain, fallacious reasoning of a weak nature! We can never make up for one neglected opportunity, one mis-spent hour, one wrong, selfish act. Once past, the opportunity unimproved, the hour wasted, the act committed, it is beyond our reach to recall, except in thoughts of regret. We may atone it, but we can never change the past. Alas! Then should we endeavor the more earnestly to make our lives embodiments of principle; for we all know that, after all, the path of duty, though sometimes rugged, is not without sweet pleasures; and let us never follow our inclinations, if they would lead us away from right. Then shall we be permitted at the last to look back upon our lives with satisfaction, feeling that we have "done what we could," and that our Father regards us with smiles of approval.

A WORD TO THE YOUNG.—If you perceive that anything in your ways makes your parents unhappy, you ought to have no peace until you have corrected it; and if you find yourself indifferent or insensible to their will and wishes, depend upon it yours is a carnal, disobedient, ungrateful heart. If you love them keep their commandments, otherwise love is a mere word in the mouth, or a notion in the fancy, but not a ruling principle in the heart. They know much of the world, you very little; trust them, therefore, when they differ from you, and refuse compliance with your desire. They watch over you for good, and are entitled to great deference and cheerful obedience. You may easily shorten the lives of affectionate and conscientious parents by misconduct, bad tempers, and alienation from their injunctions. Let no sin be laid to your charge.

AN INTERESTING RACE.—A mail train and a carrier pigeon recently had a race from Dover to London. The pigeon was of the Belgian breed, and was "homed" to a house in Cannon street. On the train leaving Dover it was thrown from a carriage, and was observed to circle round for a few moments, when it took its flight in a line between Sittingbourne and Maidstone, which would, of course, be the nearest route to London. Although the railway people were confident in the powers of their locomotive (the Continental express) the bird arrived twenty minutes before the train. The times are not given, but the pigeon must have flown at the rate of fifty miles an hour.

WE don't understand why it is that a constable with a search-warrant looking for whiskey in a temperance town can search five days and never get a smell, while a dry and thirsty man in the same town steps out of his office, walks briskly away, and in three minutes is seen emerging from an adjacent alley, wiping his perspiring mouth with his cuffs.—*Hawkeye.*

WHAT is the difference between water and time? Water finds its own levels while time levels everything.

A CITY IN THE SEA.

BY REV. JOSEPH H. BARCLAY, D. D.

Travelers in Europe should not fail to visit Venice, the city in the sea, unlike any other city in the known world, and to miss which is to miss one of the rarest treats in foreign travel.

Venice is a cluster of islands on the northwest fringe of the Adriatic; its pavements are waters; its cabs and coaches are gondolas; horses and wheeled vehicles there are none—possibly wheel-barrows, but we did not see any. There are hundreds of people in this rare old Italian city who have never seen a horse or cow, and only know the animal by description.

The first thought that you have in entering Venice is, that it is a city in a state of inundation. It seems very strange to arrive at the station at night from Florence, and find only water around you; nothing of the usual display of hackney-coaches and importunate drivers eager for a fare; no conveyance save boats to bear you to your hotel; no streets, no pavements; no rumble and roar of wheeled vehicles; everywhere water, save the buildings, and a few islands that constitute the public squares. It is all very strange and very beautiful, and very romantic when you arrive as we did at midnight; and as you glide quietly along the watery path in a gondola, you realize the words of the poet Rogers:

"There is a glorious city in the sea;
The sea is in the broad, the narrow streets,
Ebbing and flowing; the salt seaweed
Clings to the marble of her palaces.
No track of man, no footsteps to and fro
Lead to her gates. The path lies o'er the sea
Invisible, and from the land we went
As to a floating city—steering in
And glided up her streets as in a dream."

Precisely our experience. Yet Venice would never suit us as a home; a capital place to visit, but not to stay; and we couldn't help wondering all the while we were there, where do the children play? and where does average youthful Venetian human nature exhaust its superfluous steam? No opportunity for hide-and-seek on these waters; no hop-scotchs prisoner's base, or chance for marbles in such a place. Base-ball must be at a discount; even a skating match is impossible, for it never freezes in Venice. Still, it costs very little to repair the streets. No poultice pavement or asphalt or Belgian; and that's an item. All faith in exercise, save for the gondoliers, is put to flight in the city of the sea, and you have to wonder how the people grow and live. The ladies shop in gondolas, they visit in gondolas, and from the watery pavement at the palace edge they say fare-well after the usual kiss, (human nature same as at home in America.) Any average American boy would die early in Venice; if by no other means, accident; for as many lives as a cat would not save them from being drowned—repeatedly.

Venice has 306 bridges spanning its narrow canals of streets. The Grand Canal, or Broadway of the city, is very fine; but the trouble is, it is water, and we are not amphibious and can't walk on it. It may allow for the poetry of motion in the gondoliers, and they are very skilful as boatmen; but for passengers to sit cooped up in a coffin or floating hearse (and a gondola reminds you of nothing else) is anything but poetic. And then the climate is damp, there is a constant sensation of being wet; the water being salt, there is no miasma.

When you desire to see Venice away from the water, you must visit the Grand Square of St. Mark, the centre of business and amusement. During the evening especially it presents a varied and animated appearance. It is 576 feet in length and 269 in breadth, a Broadway indeed, and of solid stone pavement—an island enclosed, shut in and belted with stores, palaces and churches. Here is the Doge's Palace, one of the wonders of Europe. Here is St. Mark's Cathedral, very famous and very showy, but in a dilapidated condition, in fact, that is the chief fault of Venice—dilapidation.

How the heart sickens here, as throughout Italy, at the swarms of beggars! Not simply because they are beggars, or because they are so importunate, or that you are opposed to the system; but they are such wretched-looking objects, their countenances haunt you for life.

The palaces of Venice are very beautiful and attractive; we cannot enumerate them. The Doge's is of first importance, with its connecting dungeons and Bridge of Sighs. Here is the chamber of the famous or rather infamous, Council of Ten. Here the Lion of St. Mark, in whose open mouth were thrust the secret anonymous communications that doomed some suspected unfortunate, innocent or guilty, to certain ruin; for if the charges were proved he was condemned, and if not proved, then he was only deep and ought to be removed. So argued the masked Council; and over the Bridge of Sighs the prisoner was hurried to doom—Doge or citizen, patrician and plebeian alike. No man's life was safe, such was the power of the unknown Ten. Cruelty under the cloak of law; the ermine stained with murder, injustice and fraud under one roof.

What a change has come over the spirit of the dream of Venice! Once it was mistress of the sea, and sat on its island throne in state. Its commerce was extraordinary, and its military and civil prowess left on every side. It was a republic as early as 568. Rome and Constantinople conceded it great commercial privileges. The sailors of Venice were famous as early as A. D. 800. During the Crusades it was the richest city of Lombardy. The Council of Ten ruled in the Thirteenth century; with their deeds the city began to wane. The Portugese in 1498 discovered the way by sea to the East Indies and wrested commerce from her; and in 1700 the city ceased to have a voice in the affairs of Europe. The former mistress is now a servant; and to-day, beautiful and solitary, she sits in the sea, a monument of past glory, cruelty and crime.

Should you visit Venice, expect no romance in the gay gondolier. In old days it may have been, but we saw none of it. He is not fascinating, not gaily dressed, and does not sing. Ours was barefoot, wore unclean linen, and had a voice that indicated sleeping out of nights. We entered Venice at midnight, with the moonbeams shining down on the treeless streets, like some deserted place into whose busy channels the floods had rushed and drowned it. We left it with the sunshine in the busy marts of trade. It is worthy of a visit. By all means if you go to Europe, fail not to visit the City in the Sea.—*Baltimore Herald.*

Health and Godliness.

The truth that man is half animal has been too often ignored by divines and moralists. The health which is dependent upon a good digestion has much more to do with a man's piety than has generally been supposed. Every minister of the Gospel has to grapple with cases of conscience which baffle all ordinary spiritual treatment, and which turn out at last to be simple cases of physical disorder, whose remedy is in the pharmacopeia, or more frequently in the larder or cook-book. Constitutional, hereditary, and occasional diseases are constantly at work, modifying men's opinions feelings and practices. Dr. Mason used to say that the grace that would make John feel like an angel would be only just enough to keep Peter from knocking a man down. If the house of this tabernacle be shattered, and need constant props and repairs, its sympathetic tenant is apt to be like its crazy dwelling-place. There is only two bad things in this world, said Hanah Moore—sin and bile. The doctrine that health has a great deal to do with godliness may not be very flattering to our pride; but we must accept our natures, as the transcendentalist did the "universe," and, accepting them, we must bow to the plain fact that if the ladder reaching to Heaven must, if we are to climb it, have its feet on the ground, and that to reach the highest degree of spiritual excellence we must begin with physical and mental soundness. It is an indubitable truth that a man not only reasons better, but loves more warmly, gives more generously and prays more fervently when well than when ill. A man of unquestionable piety once said that he could not worship God until he had eaten his breakfast. It is equally true that a man who is well fed, clothed and housed is a more amiable being than one who lacks the comforts of life. A man before dinner may talk scandal or write scathing criticism, may crawl like a horse-fly over the character or the writings of a neighbor; but after he has well eaten and drunken the thing is an impossibility. There is something in a generous meal that exercises the devil of disparagement and calumny, and substitutes therefor the spirits of good fellowship and philanthropy. It may be doubted whether half the suicides, murders, heresies, false philosophies and apostasies that have stained the annals of our race have not had their origin remotely in a disordered stomach. Voltaire affirms that the massacre of St. Bartholomew was primarily due to the utter incapacity of the King to digest his food. Had Josephine only been a good cook, perhaps history might have been spared its saddest scandal. It is not the "fat, sleek-headed man," but the "lean and hungry Cassius" that is dangerous.—*Hours with Men and Books.*

COMPETENCY OF A WITNESS.—The October term of the Circuit Court of Alleghany county has been noted for the number of novel points raised, and the number was increased by one that the court has been rarely called upon to decide. When a case against a citizen of Frostburg, charged with selling liquor to minors, was called the counsel for the defendant, S. A. Cox, of this city, raised a question as to the competency of the principal witness, Thos. Mason, of Frostburg, who, it was asserted, did not believe in God, in the inspiration of the Bible, future rewards and punishments, etc. Quite a lengthy colloquy between the counsel and witness occurred, continuing until interrupted by the court, who suggested that he (the witness) was not Professor Huxley, and that such a discussion was not appropriate at any rate. Mr. Mason stated that he believed in God, but not in certain parts of the Bible, nor in the "orthodox hell," or systems of rewards and punishments; that if it were customary he would be willing to be sworn on the spelling-book, or on the supplement to the Maryland code. The court decided that he was a competent witness, as the 36th article of the Declarations of Rights of the State says: "Nor shall any person, otherwise competent, be deemed incompetent as a witness or juror on account of his religious belief; provided he believes in the existence of a God, and that under His dispensation such person will be held morally accountable for his acts, and be rewarded or punished therefor in this world or the world which is to come." The discussion created intense interest, and was the subject of much comment in and out of the court-room.—*Cumberland (Md.) News.*

TEXAS AS A GRAIN GROWING STATE.—The rapidity with which Texas has come forward as a grain-growing State is justly a matter of favorable comment. Wheat and oats take precedence of corn, and in their production climate and soil are equally favorable. Prior to 1875, the wheat crop was too small to command attention, but in that year the production began to be felt on the markets, and from that time forward very few if any of our Northwestern States have been watched with more interest. The wheat crop in 1875 was about 2,500,000 bushels, of the market value of $3,180,000, the yield having been eighteen bushels to the acre. In the same year the Illinois crop was 27,300,000 bushels, a yield of only ten and a-half bushels to the acre. Nevada averages eighteen bushels to the acre, and it is claimed the Territories average nineteen and a-half bushels to the acre; while California, generally regarded as the finest wheat growing country in the world, only produces eleven bushels to the acre. It is thus shown that in acreage Texas is without a rival, and in average yield per acre ranks with the highest of American States.

PROF. TINDALL is credited with the nonsensical objection to the miracle of the sun's going back at the command of Joshua, that the sudden stoppage would have developed heat enought to melt all sublunary things. If the miracle was performed at all, of course all the necessary conditions were observed, and to suppose it would have been undertaken without power to control the consequences, is to suppose the miracle worker not only feeble but foolish.

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SINGING IN THE DARK.

Slowly the shadows were falling around
A hovel dark and cold,
Where dwelt a mother, and little child
But scarcely eight years old;
The father, once loving, true and kind,
(Too sad his fate to pen,)
By yielding to the deadly cup
Was torn in shame from them.

Mournful yet patient the mother had worked
To procure their daily bread,
But now came the summons to cease from toil
And rest her weary head.
She was all alone save the little girl
That sat beside her bed
Holding her cold and lifeless hand
Not knowing she was dead!

'Tis midnight; a stranger heard her say
As he halted at the door—
"Mamma, wake up and light the lamp,
And then I'll sing some more."
Suspecting the mother would wake no more
He summoned the neighbors round
And entered the room where the mother lay,
Guided alone by the sound.
There alone sat the darling child,
Singing her trustful lay—
"The Lord can lead a little child
And teach her how to pray."

Darkness and gloom, not a ray of light—
With death upon the bed;
Poverty, hunger and cold to rule
As it were with an iron tread.
No pleasant voice to cheer the hour
That seemed in darkness staid;
Strangers to stand at the open door
And yet she was not afraid.
"I kept still a long while," spoke a timid voice,
"So that mamma her sleep could take,
Then I sang all the pretty songs I knew
To try to keep me wake;
Then I looked thro' the window, I didn't move,
It seemed such a long, long while,
So the angels would come and talk to mamma
And make her sweetly smile.
It got so dark I guess they were afraid
To come and talk any more;
I wish that God more daylight had made,
For folks that are so poor."

Oh, murmuring ones on the ocean of life,
When trouble seems sinking your bark,
Remember the little motherless child
Who was singing alone in the dark.
Like her put your trust in one above,
Who can cheer your lonely way,
And turn the darkest hour you meet
Into the light of day. IDA W. BALLINGER.

CUTTING OUT A NERVE TO CURE NEURALGIA.—For several years Judge Bay, of St. Louis, has been a great sufferer from facial neuralgia, and to avail himself of any benefit that might possibly result from a change of climate, spent most of 1873 in California and the last part of 1874 in Colorado without any material benefit, and on his return from Colorado Dr. Hodgen cut out a little over one-half inch of the fifth facial nerve, and for seven or eight months the judge experienced entire relief from the disease, but at the expiration of that time it gradually returned upon him with increased severity, until life was almost unbearable. Dr. Hodgen became satisfied that the separate parts of the nerve had united, and he determined to perform a second operation, and on the 7th instant cut out two inches of the nerve and removed several collateral branches. The operation lasted fifteen minutes, was exceedingly painful, and though the judge declined to take chloroform or any opiate he stood the knife without flinching. The judge has had no returns of the neuralgic pains, and all the indications are that the operation will prove entirely successful.

GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF RICHMOND, VA.—The population of Richmond, Va., despite the war, has doubled since 1860. From a local census, instituted last year, the population was shown to have reached upward of 72,000. It has five railway outlets, James river and the canal running to the Alleghenies. Work on the James river, looking to the accommodation of vessels of heavy draft, is progressing rapidly. Richmond numbers 331 factories of all sorts. Everything is made there now, from a lucifer match to a steam engine. The sales from her factories in the year 1876 reached the sum of $22,424,680. Her wheat and corn mills produced to the value of $2,347,000; her forty-one tobacco factories $12,058,300; her iron works $2,032,780. These are examples of what has been accomplished in a town laid waste by fire and war from 1861 to 1865.

DIED OF JOY.—Last week Mrs. Clinton, an Irish woman, about 50 years of age, arrived in this city from England, intending to pass her remaining years with her daughter, a married woman, living at Globe Village. She had another daughter living in a neighboring State, and the two had made up a purse to pay their mother's passage to this country. Mrs. Clinton went directly to her daughter's house. A few days after her arrival the second daughter came to visit her, bringing two grandchildren whom the old lady had never seen. Going to the door to meet them, the grandmother lifted the children from the carriage, and when the daughter alighted embraced her, with "Oh! dear I have longed to see you for the last time, and it is the last time," saying which she sank into a chair and expired before any aid could be given her.—*Fall River News.*

A SAD MISTAKE.—One of the young men at Milford sat down and wrote on the back of a couple of postal cards. Then he turned them over and directed them, but by some mischance placed the address on the wrong cards. The result was the shirt manufactory in New York got a very polite invitation to go carriage riding somewhere on the Milford pike, while the young man's girl was made frantic by receiving the following: "Please send me a sample of the stuff your shirts are made of."—*Bracken (Ky.) Review.*

AN exquisite, leading a dog by a string, lounged up to the ticket-office window of a railway station and inquired: "Must I—aw—take a ticket for a puppy?" He was naturally both surprised and annoyed when the ticket-seller answered in a slightly bewildered tone, after a moment's reflection: "No, you can travel as an ordinary passenger."

SAID a politician to his son: "Look at me! I began as an Alderman, and here I am at the top