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SPECIAL ATTENTION given to the collection of claims in the counties of Kent Cecil Queen Anne's and Caroline. y.

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Mr. HINES, though connected with other duties, will give special attention to the business of the firm.
JESSE K. HINES,
y MARION deK. SMITH.

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THE undersigned offers his services as LAND SURVEYOR to the citizens of Kent. Orders left with C. H. Baker, Esq., Chestertown, will be promptly attended to.
Or address COMEGYS BROWN,
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**TO BE SOLD** at a *BARGAIN FOR CASH:*
**2600 Standard Pears,**
2 years old, from 4 to 6 ft. high, fine stock of the following varieties: 490 Clapp, 275 Seckel, 345 Lawrence, 830 Flemish Beauty and 680 Bartlett.
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Dec. 15—tf.

CHOICE
**PEAR TREES!**
From the Well-Known Nurseries of
HERENDEEN & VANDUSEN,
*GENEVA, N. Y.*
THE undersigned has about 20,000 of the above Choice Fruit Trees of different varieties, on the premises of Mr. George E. Leary, at Grey's Inn Wharf, and some 10,000 at Mr. J. Wilkinson's, at Centreville, which he will sell at
**$35 Per HUNDRED,**
—OR—
**$250 per Thousand.**
This Fruit is guaranteed *TRUE TO NAME* and of the very best quality.
The Agent is now canvassing Kent and Queen Anne's counties, and hopes that none will purchase elsewhere before seeing him or the trees.
GEORGE NOBLE,
Foreman of the above Nursery.
Dec. 29, 1877—5t.*

**Fruit & Ornamental Trees**
*FROM THE RELIABLE*
**MORRIS NURSERY,**
Of West Chester, Pa.
The subscriber will furnish to the citizens of Kent and adjoining counties
**Apples, Pears, Plums,**
*PEACHES, CHERRIES,*
Small Fruits, Ornamental Trees of every variety, including an extra fine lot of EVERGREENS, Shrubs and Roses.
Our aim is to please and give our patrons the worth of their money. Will refer to Dr. Maxwell & Son, James H. Baker, Josiah Lusby, Bartus Trew, and many others, who have purchased of us in Kent County.
MR. FRANK H. RIVERS, Chestertown, is duly authorized to take orders. The sooner orders are received the more accurately we can give varieties.
dec8. LEVERETT GROVER.

**NEW MILLINERY!**
*FANCY GOODS!*
**DRESS MAKING!**
MRS. 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.
oc27-3m. M. ALICE LAMBERT & SISTER.

**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.

*To the Ladies.*
**NEW MILLINERY**
And FANCY GOODS.
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**
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**
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.

**Good News for All!**
MY LAST NOTICE!
ALL Tax-Payers that have not paid, will have their property advertised for sale after the first of January. Some have paid in part—others not a cent.
You that have paid had better see your friends who have not, for I will not tell any more stories for them. I have done more advertising than any other collector, and have been less earnestly heeded.
JAMES BRICE,
d22-3t. Late Collector 4th Dist.

**Notice to Tax Payers!**
THIS is to give notice to all persons in this District that their taxes for the year 1877 are now due, and I am particularly anxious that every one that owes taxes for this year should be very prompt, so that the first day of January, 1878, shall find every tax account on my book squared.
Those who have failed to pay their taxes for 1876 had better beware, as their day of grace will very soon be gone.
JAMES A. SHAW,
Collector Fourth District.
Nov. 24, 1877—tf.

***REMOVED.***
**Main St., opp. Kent Nat'l Bank.**
*FOR SALE:*
Cranberries, Apples, Sweet Cider, Hominy, Buckwheat, Beans, Oats, Corn, Potatoes, Powder and Shot.
d15-tf. ALONZO MING.

**Holiday Prices**
unusually low for First Class WATERS ORGANS and PIANOS. Splendid 5 oc. Organ at $65 cash; splendid 6 octave Organs, on which the most of Piano music can be performed, at $105 cash. Organs with the celebrated bells or chimes, and concerto stops, nearest imitation to the human voice, at $100 cash. Also the new style Waters favorite Organs, 5 oc. 7 stops, for $85 cash. These are all of the celebrated Waters make, and very low during the Holidays. Write for illustrated catalogues, &c. Address
WM. K. JUDEFIND, Agt.,
Edesville, Kent co., Md.
Or H. RICKEY, Chestertown. d22-3t.

**HERE WE ARE!**
**J. M. Vandyke & Sons**
HAVE this week opened
A NEW STORE
with New Goods, in the old Canady stand, between Bordley's Corner and Wickes' Drug store, and will be pleased to have our old friends and the public generally call and see us, as we think we can please you. Our Goods are selected with care and consist of
**DRY GOODS,**
NOTIONS, BOOTS AND SHOES,
GROCERIES and PROVISIONS,
QUEENSWARE,
TOBACCO AND CIGARS, &c.
Also a good variety of
*MEN'S CHEAP CLOTHING.*
All these goods will be sold for the Cash at a small profit. Come and see.
We would say to those that owe us, don't pass us by. Come and see us, we will not be hard on you. Don't spend your cash with others when you owe us.
As we have a good deal of money out for goods we must sell now for cash or its equivalent.
J. M. VANDYKE & SONS,
Adjoining Wickes' Drug Store.
Dec. 22, 1877—6m.

**NEW SHOPS!**
**Wheelwrighting and Blacksmithing.**
HENRY S. DEFORD,
HAVING erected convenient buildings on Cannon st., near the M. P. Church, Chestertown, and having employed competent workmen, is prepared to do
*WHEELWRIGHTING*
*And BLACKSMITHING,*
of all kinds, at short notice. Particular attention given to REPAIRING.
**HORSE-SHOEING a Specialty.**
My constant personal attention will be given, and no effort spared to render perfect satisfaction, both in work and charges, to all who favor me with their patronage. A trial solicited.
d1-tf. H. S. DEFORD.

**Stoves! Heaters! Ranges!**
BY BUYING YOUR STOVES OF
**ALFRED W. QUIGG**
Wilmington, Del.,
YOU CAN SAVE TWENTY PER Cent, For Cooking with wood or coal I have the Iron King, Dictator, and Dexter; coal exclusively, the celebrated Victor Cook. Princes, Frisco, Queen and Index Ranges. For Parlor self-feeders—Silver Star, Topaz, Zephyr, Coronet, Dining Room, Surface Burners, Gipsey Magnolia. For Heaters—Rival and Phoenix. In fact all the latest patterns.
Every stove guaranteed. Send for cut and prices. ALFRED W. QUIGG,
d22-4t. Wilmington, Del.

WINDOW SASH—
7x9 12 lights. 10x12 12 lights.
8x10 12 " 10x14 12 "
3x12 12 "
On hand and for sale low by
Nov. 24. T. W. ELIASON, JR.

$2.50 will buy a full Nickle-Plated Seven Shot REVOLVER and a Box of Cartridges, at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.
nov24.

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

FOR SALE—A BUILDING LOT on Mill st., Chestertown, adjoining Milton Baker, and opposite residence of H. W. Vickers, Esq.; a most eligible site for a dwelling. Apply at Kent News office.

LOOK at our Ladies' and Misses' *Hand-made* Button Shoes.
d15. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

MEN and BOYS' BOOTS, and Men's, Boys', Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes, at *Thompson's*, Up Town.

A NICE lot of Cranberries for sale at SHAW'S.

S. MERRITT & CO. are *Selling Off* at very low prices for the cash.

YOU can buy nice Brown SUGAR at 10c. per lb. at *Thompson's*, up town.


## THE OLD AND NEW YEAR.

Crossing last night a dreary moor
Where deeply lay the snow,
I overtook at midnight hour
An old man creeping slow.
'Twas the Old Year, with age subdued,
Tottering, and cold, and lean,
And seeking 'mid the solitude
Some place to die unseen.
He brought me many happy days—
I would not on his ending gaze.

Scarce had I passed the touching sight,
When a deep silence fell;
I heard an old voice say "Good-night!"
And a young one chime "All's well!"
I turned me; the Old Year was gone!
And lo! a beauteous child
With silvery laugh came bounding on,
And ever sweetly smiled,
And prattled with such guileless art—
I clasped the New Year to my heart.

So 'tis with life! When midst the gloom
Of the soul's night, we see
A loved joy sink into the tomb,
Some young Hope come with glee,
And sings so sweetly in our ear
Of gladness aye to last,
That 'mid our grief we cease to hear
The music of the past—
And long as much for joys unknown
As e'er we prized the blessing flown.

## Happiness at Home.

Probably nineteen-twentieths of all the happiness people ever get is at home.—You will get pleasure in the street, you will get delight in the theatre, and some of you in the church, but happiness you will find only at home. The contentment which comes to a man when the work is over and the evening stretches its pleasant reaches before him, the happiness of feeling that you have run out of stormy waters into a quiet harbor where you can rest, the happiness of gazing upon the faces that are dependent on you, which is one of the greatest pleasures and incitements to human industry, the happiness of feeling that you are passing into the maturity of life and down the downward side of life cheerily, without enmity in your heart towards any, and with a loving circle round about your chair; this kind of experience is the experience that man may truly define as happiness, and this kind of experience you must have at your own home. It don't make much difference, my friends, whether you own a house or whether you own one little room in a house; the size of the house or who owns it does not make a home; you can make one little room a true home to you. You can people it with such moods, you can adorn it with such sweet fancies, you can stretch around it such pourings of happy imaginations, you can call up into it such a throng of delightful memories, you can chat with such imaginary surprises that are coming to you, thinking they will come to you; you can make such a world so round and full, so truly orbed and luminous, that it shall be to all intents and purposes the perfection of a home, taking the place of comfort and all other appliances and facilities of comfort, and this home you can all have, and against this home none of you must ever transgress by breaking any law of love or by breaking any law of courtesy. It is not half as difficult to love people as it is to be courteous to them, and courtesy is the greater virtue, a more royal course, a far more queenly possession of good manners than most people seem to think, and if you will be but courteous to each other you will love each other, and you will love each other more sweetly and more profoundly, not to say more lastingly, than you ever can do without this courtesy, no matter by what strength of effort you strive to be even affectionate.

## A Merry Heart.

I'd rather be poor and merry than inherit the wealth of the Indies with a discontented spirit. A merry heart, a cheerful spirit, from which laughter wells up as naturally as bubble the springs of Saratoga, are worth all the money bags, stocks and mortgages of the city. The man who laughs is a doctor, with a diploma endorsed by the school of Nature; his face does more good in a sick room than a pound of powders or a gallon of bitter draughts. If things go right he laughs because he is pleased; if things go wrong he laughs, because it is cheaper and better than crying. People are always glad to see him, their hands instinctively go half way to meet his grasp, while they turn involuntarily from the clammy touch of the dyspeptic, who speaks on the groaning key. He laughs you out of your faults, while you never dream of being offended with him. It seems as if sunshine came into the room with him, and you never know what a pleasant world you are living in until he points out the sunny streaks on its pathway. Who can help loving the whole-souled genial laugher? Not the buffoon, nor the man who classes noise with mirth—but the cherry contented man of sense and mind. A good-humored laugh is the key to all breasts. The truth is that people like to be laughed at in a genial sort of way. If you are making yourself ridiculous, you want to be told of it in a pleasant manner, not sneered at. And it is astonishing how frankly the laughing population can talk without treading on the sensitive toes of their neighbors. Why will the people put on long faces when it is so much easier and more comfortable to laugh? Tears come to us unsought and unbidden. The wisest art in life is to cultivate smiles, and to find the flowers where others shrink away for fear of thorns.

MARRYING FOR MONEY.—A late author very truthfully says: "Gold cannot buy happiness, and the parents who compel their daughters to marry for station or money commit a grievous sin against humanity and God. And a woman who marries a churl for his wealth will find that she has made a terrible bargain—that all the glitterings of heartless grandeur are phosphorescent glitterings of heartwretchedness; that her life will be one of gilded misery, and her old age will be like a crag on the black side of a desert mountain, where cold sunbeams sometimes glitter, but no birds sing, but wild storms howl and hoarse thunders roar, and through the sweeping storm shall be heard the stern voice of the great God, saying: "Your riches are corrupted, your garments are moth-eaten, your gold and silver are cankered, and the rust of them shall be a witness against you, and eat your flesh as if it were fire."

AFFECTION which is never reciprocated—neuralgia affection.

## CAREER OF A MARYLAND FORGER.

A DEGENERATE SON OF AN HONORED SIRE FROM GAY AND FESTIVE SCENES TO A PRISON.

Several days ago a party giving the name of Charles Chapman was arrested in Frederickton, New Brunswhick, and incarcerated in jail upon the charge of forgery, the amount involved being $15,000. The accused is none other than John Baggs Hopper, a son of the late Judge Hopper, of Centreville, Queen Ann's county, and is 40 years of age.

Hopper is the youngest son of three brothers, the other two being named P. B. Hopper, an eminent lawyer of Centreville and a man of the strictest integrity and probity of character, and Wm. James Hopper, a druggist in the same town of Centreville. Both of these gentlemen are prominent citizens, and much esteemed in the community where they reside. John Baggs Hopper, the subject of this sketch, was, up to 1865, a dry goods merchant in Centreville, under the firm name of Hopper & McFeely. While in business he forged paper to the amount of $20,000, and, exclusive of this, parties who had endorsed his notes to the amount of $40,000 were ruined. They were, in fact, actually sold out of house and home.

Hopper married a daughter of Rev. Elijah Miller, of Centreville, by whom he had two children. It is said of him that he was a constant attendant at the Methodist Church in Centreville, but at the same time a fast liver and fond of show and entertaining his friends. He was, however, never known to be dissipated. When his criminal acts were found out, his wife got a divorce from him in the courts of Delaware. He contributed sometime after to the maintenance and support of his children. In 1865 he fled from Centreville to Augusta, Ga.

A CAREER OF CRIME AND SCANDAL.

His life seems always to have been one of vice and deceit, so far as he could make it profitable, and in this respect he has been pretty successful. He always puts up at the best hotels, and gives an outward impression that he is a prosperous and liberal millionaire. In Boston he boarded at the Revere, had the finest apartments in the house, and managed to gain access to some of the most refined and aristocratic circles of the city.

After the war he turned up at Agusta, Georgia having assumed the name of his deserted wife. Miller, as we must now call him, was agent for two insurance companies, which he swindled in a dozen years out of about $60,000 by forgery and embezzlement. He also married another wife, by whom he had five children. Miller finally passed forged notes on Jas. G. Bailey & Bros., intimate friends, and left Augusta. He next turned up at Charleston, South Carolina, and, with the help of a pal, victimized a Catholic Bishop out of $30,000. He is thought to have gone thence to California, but turned up in New England last January. He lived handsomely at the Revere, and went to Worcester and Springfield as Major Thomas.

AT MARTHA'S VINEYARD.

He was a somewhat notable attraction at Martha's Vineyard last season, being accompanied by a young and stunning woman, who claimed to be a rich Buffalo (N. Y.) widow, and the pair gave the most elegant entertainments possible.—About this time Major Thomas won the confidence and money of a Springfield drummer and he proved a "lady killer," to the disgust of certain gentlemen from this part of the country, it is said. It is also thought that he was concerned in the big diamond robberies that took place at the Vineyard about this time. But Thomas was recognized by an Augusta (Ga.) man, to whom he explained that he assumed his present name because he was living with a woman who was not his wife. The swindled Augusta parties were notified, and the chase after the forger began which has just ended in his capture.

REQUISITES FOR A ROGUE.

He had a most retentive memory, was accomplished, studiously polite and carefully agreeable. He rather overdid the business at first, so as to bring suspicion upon himself but soon dispelled it with great art. Of course there are people who now say they always knew him to be a villain. But the degree of confidence that Thomas everywhere inspired seems to have been no less remarkable than the success with which he carried out his crimes. While here he pretended to be a New York lawyer settling up the estate of a ward in the metropolis. He is said also to have had $2,000 deposited in the Chicopee Bank.

A MYSTERIOUS WOMAN.

One of his dashing and accomplished female companions, "Mrs. Webb," created considerable excitement in the social circles of Salem. She placed herself under the care of an eminent Boston physician, and was by him turned over to one of his assistants, a rising young member of the medical profession, and a scion of one of the oldest families of Salem. She represented herself as a woman of wealth and culture, and produced a marked impression, it is said, upon her young medical adviser. On the occasion of the annual New England festival the artful widow went to Salem and passed several days under the hospitable roof of the young doctor's parents, was received as an honored guest, and thus obtained an *entre carte blanche* into the highest aristocratic circles of the city. Mr. Boggs accompanied her during her stay in Salem as her trusted financial agent, in charge of her immense Western interests. From Salem she returned to the Parker House, and the sudden denouement can well be imagined to have struck social circles in Salem as a thunderbolt from a clear sky.—*Boston Journal.*

LOVING FRIENDS.—Never cast aside your friends, if by any possibility you can retain them. We are the weakest of spendthrifts if we let one drop through inattention, or let one push away another, or if we hold aloof from one through petty jealousy or heedless slight or roughness. Would you throw away a diamond because it pricked you? One good friend is not to be weighed against the jewels of the earth. If there is coolness or unkindness between us let us come face to face and have it out. Quick, before the love grows cold! Life is too short to quarrel in, or to carry black thoughts of friends. It is easy to lose a friend, but a new one will not come for calling, nor make up for the old one.

## An Anecdote of Mrs. Hayes.

A member of the Twenty-third Ohio regiment, of which President Hayes was Colonel in the early part of the late civil war, relates the following amiable story of a soldier and the Colonel's wife:

It was during the first of our being out, when we had as yet known but little of the hardships of war. One day Mrs. Hayes arrived in camp, but the fact was not generally known. James Saunders was a member of my company.—Jim—as he was called—was a tall, lank, unsuspecting, awkward country boy—a good soldier, but not overly smart in detecting a joke. Consequently the boys used frequently to 'sell' him quite badly, but he took it all in good part, and was entirely ready the next time a sell came along to 'bite' at it.

For some time there had been sad need of some means of mending our clothes. This need was being discussed the next day after Mrs. Hayes' arrival, and Jim was especially strong in his expressions of need of some one to mend his blouse, which really was in a very unpresentable condition.

"Why, Jim," said one of the boys, "didn't you know that there is a woman in camp whose business it is to mend the boy's clothes?"

"No," replied Jim, in astonishment, "where is she?"

"Up at the Colonel's tent," said the other; "I was there and had her fix my coat yesterday, and she did a smackin' good job, too!"

"Golly," said Jim, "I'll go up, then, this very afternoon and get my blouse doctored. That is very handy, indeed."

True to his word, Jim called around at the Colonel's tent, and, with his hat under his arm, presented himself, with his awkwardest bow, at the entrance. He was received with marked politeness by the Colonel, and the boys who were lurking about highly appreciating the joke awaited developments. In a few moments Jim again appeared outside, in his shirt sleeves, and the radiant smile that lit up his honest features showed that he had not been rebuffed at least. Calling him aside, where a group of the boys were gathered, the following conversation took place:

"Well, Jim, did you find the woman?"

"Of course I did. She was just a settin' there; and she's a mighty good looking woman, too."

"What did you say?" all chuckling.

"Why, when I went in I told the Colonel that I heard there was a woman there to do sewing for the boys, and as my blouse needed mendin' and buttons sewed on, I come to get it done. He kind of smiled, and turned to the woman settin' there and asked her if she could fix the blouse for me, and she said she could as well as not, as she had nothing special on hand. So I took it off and left it, the Colonel tellin' me to call 'round this afternoon and git it. You all seem to laugh, but I don't see anything funny. If she is here to do the sewing, why not do mine?"

This was too much. The boys all broke out into a loud chorous of laughter, and as soon as it subsided one of them said:

"Jim, don't you know that woman is the Colonel's wife?"

"I don't care; she's a lady anyhow, as though that didn't follow; and I'm going to git my blouse, just as she told me to."

And he did go, and was again received in that manner which made him forget himself and his awkwardness, and she restored his blouse to him in perfect repair.

This little incident was all that was needed to fix the affections of all the boys upon the Colonel's wife, and whenever she appeared again in camp she was certain to receive the warmest welcome.

## THE CARELESS WORD.

'Twas but a word, a careless word,
As thistle down it seemed as light;
It paused a moment in the air,
Then onward winged its flight.

Another lip caught up the word,
And breathed it with a hearty sneer;
It gathered weight as on it sped,
That careless word in its career.

Then rumor caught the flying word,
And busy gossip gave it weight,
Until that little word became
A vehicle of angry hate.

And then the word was winged with fire,
Its mission was a thing of pain;
For soon it fell like lava drops
Upon a wildly-tortured brain.

And then another page of life,
With burning, scalding tears was blurred;
A load of care was heavier made,
Its added weight, that careless word.

That careless word, oh! how it scorched
A fainting, bleeding, quivering heart!
'Twas like a hungry fire, that searched
Through every tender, vital part
How wildly throbbed that aching heart!
Deep agony its fountains stirred;
It calmed, but bitter ashes mark
The pathway of that careless word.

## Cheerful Women.

In marrying, men should seek happy women. They make a terrible mistake when they marry for beauty, or for talent, or for style; the sweetest wives are those who possess the magic secret of being happy under any and every circumstance. Rich or poor, high or low, it makes no difference, the bright little fountain bubbles up, just as musically in their hearts. Nothing ever goes wrong with them—no trouble is too serious for them "to make the best of it." Was ever the stream of calamity so dark and deep, that the sunlight of a happy face falling across its turbid tides would not wake an answering gleam? Why, these joyous tempered people don't know half the good they do. No matter how cross and crabbed you feel, no matter if your brain is full of meditation on "afflicting dispensations," and your stomach with medicine, pills and tonics, just set one of those cherry little women talking to you, and we are not afraid to wager anything she can cure you. The long drawn hue about the mouth will relax—the cloud of settled gloom will vanish nobody knows where, and the first thing you know, you will be laughing! Ah, what blessings are these happy women! How often their little hands guide the ponderous machine of life, with almost an invisible touch! How we look forward through the weary day to their fire-side smiles! No one knows, no one will ever know until the day of judgment reveals, how much we owe to these helpful, hopeful, uncomplaining happy women!

## A Community Victimized.

Extensive Horse Swindling Operations in Queen Anne's county—A Stranger from New Jersey with Cheap Teams for Sale—A Number of Persons Taken In—Pursuit of the Thief, etc.

A special correspondent of the Baltimore *Evening Bulletin* at Centreville, under date of Dec. 26, says: A horse stealing operation has just been brought to light in this county which for boldness and ingenuity exceeds anything of the kind within the experience of the oldest inhabitant, and which has caused no little excitement in the vicinity. Some time last summer a stranger from New Jersey giving the name of Wilson, made his appearance in this town, stopped at the Arlington Hotel, and announced the purpose of his visit to be to dispose of some cheap horses and carriages. He claimed to be a regular horse trader and drover, and remained some time in town.

No suspicion attached to him, as he seemed to conduct himself in a frank, open manner, going about the country with freedom, and paying his bills promptly wherever he went. He succeeded in disposing of several horses and carriages from time to time, and came and went among the people without, apparently, exciting the least alarm, as travelling horse-traders and drovers are an established "institution" in this section.

Wilson's visits to Centreville and other places in the vicinity continued until within a week ago, since which he has not been seen in the immediate neighborhood, although he is reported to have passed through Church Hill, a small town about eight miles above Centrexille, only a day or two ago. Wilson succeeded, however, in disposing of a number of horses and wagons to different people in and near this place, representing that he had purchased them at a great sacrifice in the North at sheriffs' sales or otherwise, and that he could afford to dispose of them at low figures. Ordinarily this would have excited suspicion even in a community where itinerant horse-traders are familiar to the people, but Wilson's openness and the leisurely way in which he acted disarmed the persons with whom he dealt.

A week or so ago, however, a man named Powell, living in the eastern part of this county, saw in the Philadelphia *Ledger* a description of a horse and wagon which had been stolen in New Jersey, for which $50 reward had been offered. The description tallied almost exactly with the appearance of a horse and wagon, purchased for the low figure of $140 from Wilson by J. F. Stant, a connection of Powell's by marriage. Powell, having communicated with the advertiser in the *Ledger*, brought about the identification of the property, which, it was found, had been stolen from a livery stable keeper in New Jersey.

His success in this direction seems to have suggested to Powell the idea of following Wilson up, and with this end in view he placed himself in communication with certain parties in New Jersey who were advertising horses and carriages that had been recently stolen. On Saturday morning last Powell, accompanied by a livery-stable keeper named Smith, from Mount Holly, New Jersey, appeared in Centreville on the search for Wilson.

Smith, it appears, had, about three months ago, hired a horse and carriage to Wilson, who was a stranger in Mount Holly, but represented himself to be the travelling agent of a Philadelphia commission house. Wilson did not return with Smith's property, and the livery stable keeper at once instituted an active search, which finally led him to this place. Here he discovered the whereabouts of his horse, which had been purchased for $45 by a young man in Centreville, who promptly offered to give up the horse on receiving legal proof of ownership.

The carriage has not yet been recovered. It is understood that several horses and carriages are in the possession of parties here who purchased them without suspicion, but the names of the victims have not been made public. The affair has caused a decided sensation here, as the total loss will reach a considerable sum. There seems to be but little doubt that Wilson had stolen all the property sold here, and that he is an accomplished rogue. No trace of him can be found.

## The Matter of Mileage.

Mileage is a large item for the Congressman's pocket, and not many readers of the *News* would guess half the amount it is. It is a tax on the people, but they must be willing to pay it to enjoy the luxury of representation. Some idea of what mileage costs is given in the following cases, selected by the Washington correspondent of the Chicago Tribune from the records a few years back:

SENATORS.

| NAMES. | No. OF MILES. | MILEAGE. |
|---|---|---|
| B Gratz Brown | 6,680 | $ 2,672 |
| Zachariah Chandler | 4,864 | 1,935 |
| John Conness* | 27,812 | 11,124 |
| J. R. Doolittle | 5,720 | 2,288 |
| James W. Grimes | 7,920 | 3,168 |
| B. F. Harding | 29,840 | 11,936 |
| James Harlan | 8,032 | 3,212 |
| T. O. Howe | 6,420 | 2,568 |
| James H. Lane | 10,800 | 4,320 |
| J. A. McDougall | 27,412 | 10,864 |
| J. W. Nesmith | 28,840 | 11,936 |
| J. W. Nye | 14,056 | 5,623 |
| S. C. Pomeroy | 10,800 | 4,300 |
| W. M. Stewart | 14,056 | 5,622 |

*Conness doubtless charged mileage via Cape Horn to Washington and return twice a year.

REPRESENTATIVES.

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| Cornelius Cole | 25,972 | $10,388 |
| I. Donnelly | 7,200 | 2,880 |
| J. B. Grinnell | 6,072 | 2,428 |
| William Higby | 26,372 | 10,584 |
| J. R. McBride | 31,238 | 12,531 |
| T. B. Shannon | 26,732 | 10,692 |
| George E. Cole | 30,223 | 12,089 |
| J. F. Kenney | 10,372 | 4,148 |
| Samuel McClean | 12,624 | 5,065 |
| J. T. Ferea | 11,200 | 4,480 |
| W. H. Wallace | 30,860 | 12,384 |

Nobody believes that Conness went 'round the Horn.' That bill was stretched. The gentleman more likely, instead of going "round the Horn," took in a horn, which may have confused his arithmetic.

THE expenses of the Lake Shore Railroad Company on account of the Ashtabula bridge disaster have amounted to the enormous aggregate of $493,940.

DURING the temperance revival in Hudson New York, 2,041 persons signed the Murphy pledge in two weeks.

A STEAMSHIP from Boston is taking out a consignment of American robins for acclimatization in Yorkshire, England.

## Fish in Maryland Waters.

Mr. T. B. Ferguson, the Fish commissioner, has given the following circular a wide distribution throughout the State:

"During the earlier years of the existence of the Fish Commission, I thought it advisable to devote the means at my disposal exclusively for the introduction, propagation and distribution of the most valuable food fishes—those which enter largely into the food production of the State. But with the increased facilities which I have been able to secure, from time to time, I have extended operations to those varieties which, though important, furnish rather a luxury than a staple food. I distributed during the last season a large number of brook trout to parties wishing them to stock either ponds or streams. The great demand for this fish, as evinced by the number of applications made for them, has induced me this year to provide a much larger number for distribution. I hope, during the winter, to be able to give to all those wishing them, as many as they can with safety transport.

"All citizens of the State wishing trout to stock waters of the State, can get them free of charge, on application at Druid Hill Hatching House, on and after Jan. 15th next. This distribution will be gratuitous; but the Fish Commission cannot either undertake to furnish vessels for transportation, or meet any of the expenses of their transfer from the Hatching House to the localities for which they may be destined. Persons making application must take to the Hatching House with them, vessels in which to remove the fish. Ordinary milk cans are very suitable; and a five gallon can will hold about as many hundred trout.

"The young fish should be deposited as near the head of the stream as possible, and the deposit be made after dark if practicable—this enables them to become accustomed to the water, and find hiding places during the night, when most of the larger fish do not feed.

"The employe of the commission in charge of the Hatching House, will be furnished with blank receipts, on which must be stated the stream in which the fish are to be deposited by the person making application.

"The fish undistributed at the time that it is necessary to feed them, will be deposited by the commission in some public waters.

"I trust by means of this gratuitous distribution of brook trout, that all parts of the State will be reached, and our streams again repeopled with this attractive fish."

FISH CULTURE.

The following from the *Ohio Farmer*, on the subject of "Fish Culture" may be of interest to some persons in Kent:

It is not every farm that can have a fish pond on it, but there are many farms that can have them as well as not.—Wherever there is a good strong spring to feed it there a profitable fish-pond can be made. Hundreds of farms have swamps or marshes too low to drain without great expense, and fed by springs, and these could be turned to profitable account by turning them into fish-ponds. We don't mean profitable in the way of making money, but saving it. The flesh of fish is a wholesome diet, better every way than so much fat or measly pork. We know of plenty of farmers who scarcely taste fish from one year to another. Not because they are not fond of fish, but because they cannot get them without going some distance after them and paying a good price in the bargain. A pond of an acre or so in extent, stocked with varieties adapted to the place would furnish an abundance of the very best meat, costing nothing to produce it either. As to the catching, it is only sport, and that part can be safely delegated to the boys and girls. We are sure, also, that such an institution on the farm would prove one of its chief attractions—if your boys are inclined to leave the farm. We write from knowledge in this matter, having in earlier days caught many a "nice string" of fish in a pond that was formerly a swamp. During one dry August the owner, with