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

Queen St. Millinery Store.

NEW GOODS!

THE LATEST FASHIONS! FINEST GOODS! LOWEST PRICES!

MRS. KATE GILL has just received a new stock of MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS including the latest Spring and Summer styles.
HATS, BONNETS and RIBBONS,
Feathers, Flowers, &c.
BEAUTIFUL FANCY GOODS
Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Hosiery, Gloves, and a full line of Toilet Articles.
☞ I am determined to sell at lowest prices and respectfully invite an examination of my goods.
MRS. KATE GILL,
May 25—tf. Queen st., Chestertown.

TO THE LADIES

And PUBLIC GENERALLY.

MRS. C. R. FIDDIS, at the old stand, directly opposite the new M. E. Church, has replenished her stock and is now ready to receive orders and calls from any that wish

MILLINERY
Or FANCY GOODS

Also, many articles that are useful to gentlemen. My stock is complete.
I am one with many others in the same business, and I solicit a share of your patronage.
☞ Please do not forget
MRS. C. R. FIDDIS,
Directly opposite new M. E. Church,
my4-tf. Chestertown.

TO THE LADIES.

NEW MILLINERY

And FANCY GOODS.

LAMBERT SISTERS have just returned from the city and opened a new Stock of
Spring and Summer MILLINERY
AND FANCY GOODS,
embracing all the LATEST and MOST FASHIONABLE STYLES.
Our Goods have been selected with care and bought at the lowest cash figures, which enables us to guarantee satisfaction both as regards style and prices. Our stock includes a full line of all such goods as are usually found in a first-class Millinery Store, such as *BONNETS, HATS, Laces, Flowers, Ribbons, Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Toilet Articles, &c., &c.*
The Ladies are respectfully invited to call and examine our goods and prices. They will find goods much cheaper than heretofore, and we are selling at very small profits for cash.
DRESS MAKING of all kinds done in the best manner and at low prices.
☞ Store opposite KENT NEWS Office.
may11-tf. LAMBERT SISTERS.

TO THE LADIES!

NEW MILLINERY

And FANCY GOODS,
FOR
1878. *SPRING And SUMMER.* **1878.**

MRS. H. USILTON, Just below Wickes' Drug Store, has received a well selected stock of new and beautiful MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS for Spring and Summer wear, of the latest and most fashionable styles.

Hats, Bonnets, Ribbons,
LACES, TRIMMINGS,
Neck Ties, Belts, Ruffles, Feathers, Flowers and Ornaments. She is satisfied of her ability to please both in quality and price. She has secured the assistance of a first-class Millinery from the city.
☞ 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.
May 18. MRS. H. USILTON.

New Goods! New Goods!

MRS. E. N. MELVIN,

Extends a cordial invitation to all the Ladies to call at her store opposite the Bank, and examine her large assortment of
Spring and Summer GOODS,
LINEN SUITS, DUSTERS,
Ladies' and Children's UNDERWEAR,
Hamburg Edgings,
Zephyrs,
Germantown Wool,
Embroidery Silks,
Braiding Braid,
and many FANCY ARTICLES too numerous to mention. All are offered at exceedingly low prices.
May 4, 1878. MRS. E. N. MELVIN.

Ladies' Trimmings!

NEW STOCK!

MISS MARY R. BENJAMIN
Has just opened a new assortment of
NOTIONS, DRESS TRIMMINGS,
Children's Colored HOSE,
Hamburg Edgings, Handkerchiefs, &c.
A complete stock of BUTTONS, Neck Ties, Kid Gloves, Italian Lace, &c.
PLAITING, knife, box and space, at 6 cts. per yard.
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.
Store next door to T. W. Eliason, Jr.
Respectfully, M. R. BENJAMIN
March 16—tf.

Cultivators and Teeth!

PERSONS in want of CULTIVATORS or Cultivator Teeth, are invited to call and examine the varieties and prices at the FOUNDRY in Chestertown, before purchasing elsewhere.
May 4. W. A. HYLAND & CO.

CYPRESS FENCING, a superior lot for sale by T. W. ELIASON, JR.

The Sterling Reputation!

THAT MARKED SUCH A SUCCESSFUL CAREER FOR THIS HOUSE

FROM THE DAY IT OPENED BUSINESS

FOR

Fine and Perfect Fitting Clothing

THE SAME KIND CAN NOW BE HAD

IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

That MEN and BOYS may rely on.

A cordial invitation to all.

NEW YORK LEADING
ONE PRICE CASH
CLOTHING HOUSE.
No. 184 West Baltimore Street,
(Opposite Light,) **BALTIMORE.**
BRANCH OF 503 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.
SAMPLES sent on application. mh30-3m

By the Insurance Department:

STATEMENT showing the condition of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of KENT COUNTY, Maryland, Dec. 31st, 1877.

ASSETS.

Loans on bond and mortgage, (duly recorded and being first liens on the fee simple)	$27,460.00	
Account of stocks and bonds of the United States, and of this and other States, also all other stocks and bonds, absolutely owned by the Company	14,485.00	
Stocks, bonds and all other securities (except mortgages) hypothecated to the Company as collateral security for cash actually loaned by the Company	18,688.21	
Interest due and accrued on stock and other securities	2,372.50	
Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company, deposited in Bank	9,017.40	
TOTAL ASSETS		$72,023.11
LIABILITIES.		
Losses unpaid, (including those resisted)	20.07	
Reserve as required by law	2,441.01	
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,461 08
Surplus as regards *policy holders*		$69,562 03
Total income	$8,505.64	
Total Expenditures	2,148.63	
Risks written	51,433	

STATE OF MARYLAND,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ANNAPOLIS, MD., MAY 21st, 1878.

In compliance with Act of 1878, Chapter 106, I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from the statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, to December 31st, 1877, now on file in this Department.

JESSE K. HINES,
May 25, 1878—3t. Insurance Commissioner.

NEW STORE.

Corner Queen & High Sts.

I WOULD most respectfully inform the public that I have just opened a NEW and well selected Stock of Goods in the store corner Queen and High Sts., Chestertown, opposite A. J. Cahall's, where I will be pleased to wait upon them with anything in my line of business.
I keep a GENERAL STOCK, embracing

DRY GOODS,
NOTIONS, GROCERIES,
TOBACCO, CIGARS,
BOOTS, SHOES,
Wood and Willow-ware, &c.

Our GROCERIES include
White and Brown SUGARS,
COFFEES, TEAS, FLOUR,
MOLASSES, SYRUP,
HAMS, BACON, LARD,
SALT, PEPPER,
COAL OIL, &c.
We sell the celebrated PEARL SHIRT, the best and most perfect fitting Shirt made.
☞ The public are invited to call and examine our goods. Our motto is
'Quick Sales & Small Profits'
☞ Call and see me one and all. You are welcome at all times. This is the place to buy good and cheap goods.
Produce taken and highest market price paid in goods.
Public's obl't serv't,
J. STAFFORD, JR.
April 13.

Have You Seen It?

If not don't delay any longer, but go right straight to
MRS. E. N. MELVIN'S
Picture and Frame Store, and your eyes will sparkle with delight at the beautiful Pictures and Cheap Frames.
LANDSCAPES,
WATER VIEWS,
MOUNTAIN SCENERY,
SCRAP PICTURES,
and a magnificent Chromo of the
SAINTLY BEATRICE,
☞ Splints for Frames, Wall Pockets, Brackets and Picture Card in abundance, and all so cheap you will be astonished.
☞ Give her a call.
MRS. E. N. MELVIN,
May 4. opposite the Bank.

INCORPORATED 1847.

KENT COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
DOVER, DEL.,
Insures Property Generally Against Loss by Fire.

INSURERS in THIS COMPANY only pay the ACTUAL COST of the insurance—the balance being placed to their credit and interest allowed them. Since its organization this Company has returned to its members, in Dividends, $68,981.22, and has standing to the credit of its members $84,241.90, protecting their respective deposit notes during membership and payable to them on withdrawal from the Company. ☞ Before insuring elsewhere, call on or address the following
AGENTS:
J. M. VANDYKE, Chestestown, Kent co.
J. P. MANLOVE, Greensboro', Caroline "
J. B. FLETCHER, Preston, "
JAS. CANNON, Salisbury, Wicomico "
CHAS. COLLINS, Berlin, Worcester "
W. S. DICKINSON, Pocomoke city "
Or address the Company,
GEO. W. CUMMINS, PRESIDENT.
WM. DENNEY, JR., SECR'Y.
May 4, 1878—8m.

Fruit Growers!

LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST.

WE are prepared to furnish the
J. H. MARVIL
Berry Crate & Basket,
PEACH BASKETS, BOXES,
PEACH CRATES
and all kinds of Fancy Packages for Peaches or Grapes; also
PEACH BOX PATTERNS
of Two Sizes—¼ and 1 Bushel.
We will deliver the above Stock at any Station on the Kent County Railroad in as good order and as cheap as can be gotten, wholesale or retail.
☞ For prices and terms apply to
C. W. WARREN, Ag't.
Kennedyville,
W. F. WROTH,
Still Pond.
S. FRANKLIN SMITH,
my11-3m. Chestertown.

WOOL WANTED,
For which the highest cash price will be paid. In my absence Mr. R. S. USILTON, at the Market House, Chestertown, will receive same. Also, SCHROPSHIRE BUCK LAMBS for sale.
May 4—tf. JACOB BARKMAN.

GOLD AND SILVER WIRE PICTURE CORD, Porcelain Head Picture Nails, Screw Eyes, and Brass Screw Rings.
feb16. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

EXECUTORS' SALE

—OF—

Valuable Farms

AND

VILLAGE LOTS.

THE undersigned, as administrators c. t. a. in the State of Maryland of JOHN KENNEDY, late of Montgomery co., State of Pennsylvania, dec'd, will, under the power in his last will and testament contained, a certified copy of which has been recorded in the office of the Register of Wills of Kent county, Maryland, offer at public sale, on

THURSDAY,
THE SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, 1878,
At the Hotel of H. C. Penington,
IN KENNEDYVILLE,
at 11 o'clock A. M.,

The Whole of the REAL ESTATE
OF THEIR TESTATOR,
which lies in the Second Election District of Kent county aforesaid, and which includes

Several Valuable Farms,

A NUMBER OF

VALUABLE LOTS,

improved with comfortable Dwellings and Store Houses in the village of Kennedyville, and several vacant and improved Lots a short distance from said village. The several parcels of said Real Estate are herein distinguished by numbers from 1 to 17 both inclusive.
This Estate lies in the most healthy, thrifty and highly improved sections of Kent county, a considerable portion along the line of the Kent County Railroad; no part being over a half mile from the Kennedyville Station.

No. 1
IS A FARM WHICH CONTAINS
ABOUT 350 ACRES,
all arable, highly improved, and very productive. It has a
Valuable Peach Orchard
of about 8,000 Trees.
ITS IMPROVEMENTS
ARE A
Large Frame Dwelling
of 16 Rooms and 3 Halls, Kitchen and Cellar; a large Stable of 20x100 feet, and Hay Loft above; a Granary of 40x60 feet, and Corn Cribs; Sheep House 35x60 feet, with Hay Loft above, and two Large Hay Barracks.

No. 2
IS A FARM WHICH CONTAINS
ABOUT 270 ACRES,
all arable except about ten acres, which is in Wood and Branch. It has a
A Peach Orchard
OF ABOUT 6,000 TREES, one-third in bearing, and the other two-thirds are one year old.
ITS IMPROVEMENTS
ARE A
COMMODIOUS
Brick Dwelling,
of 8 Rooms and a Kitchen; A TENANT HOUSE of 16x32 feet of 4 rooms; a Large Barn of 60x120 feet, with a stone foundation stable-high; a Frame Stable and Carriage House of 20x20 feet, with hay loft above; a Corn Crib of 8x60 feet; a Milk House and Ice House under the same roof, and a Meat House.

No. 3
IS A FARM WHICH
Contains 200 Acres,
MORE OR LESS,
of which about 20 acres are in Wood and Branch, the balance arable.
Its Improvements
ARE A LARGE
FRAME DWELLING,
of 10 rooms; an Ice and meat House; a Large Barn, Stable and Hay Lofts; a Sheep House; a Granary of 30x35 ft., with Corn Cribs on each side; and
A PEACH ORCHARD
OF ABOUT 6,000 TREES, all in bearing.

No. 4
IS A PART OF THE
Rasin Farm.
It adjoins No. 3, and contains about
120 ACRES.
It has no improvements but a PEACH ORCHARD of 20 Acres.

No. 5
IS THE LOT designated on the Kennedyville Plot by the No. 4, and is 60x120 ft.
ITS IMPROVEMENTS
are a fine Three-Story Double BRICK
Dwelling
OF SIXTEEN ROOMS, nearly new, and a fine Cellar.

No. 6
IS THE LOT which is designated on the aforesaid plot as No. 8. It lies on the corner of the Stage and Cochran roads, and is 50x160 feet.
ITS IMPROVEMENTS
ARE A
DWELLING,
With a KITCHEN attached,
A FINE STORE HOUSE of four rooms and a Cellar.

No. 7
IS THE LOT No. 22 on the aforesaid plot. It is 40x130 ft., IMPROVED by a
Large Wheelwright Shop,
TWO STORIES HIGH.

No. 8
IS THE LOT No. 23 on the aforesaid plot, and is 40x130 ft., IMPROVED by a Double Forge
BLACKSMITH SHOP.

No. 9
IS THE LOT No. 24 on the aforesaid plot. It is unimproved; is 30x130 ft.

No. 10
is 50x160 feet and IMPROVED by a DOUBLE
Brick Dwelling,
OF THREE STORIES. Each has six rooms and a Kitchen.

No. 11
is 53x115 feet, and IMPROVED by a DOUBLE
FRAME DWELLING,
OF THREE STORIES. Each has five rooms and a Kitchen, and a STABLE on the back part.

No. 12
is 96x126 feet. Is IMPROVED by a
Double Frame Dwelling,
of 3 Rooms each and a Kitchen, and a Shoemaker's Shop.

No. 13
is 60x125 feet, and IMPROVED by a
Double Frame Dwelling,
each of 2 Rooms and a Kitchen. It is on farm No. 2.

No. 14
is 44x150 ft., and is IMPROVED by a
Frame Dwelling,
of Three Rooms and a Kitchen, and is on farm No. 3.

No. 15
is 55x150 feet, and has the same improvements as No. 14, and on the same farm.

No. 16
is 65x150 ft. Adjoins Nos. 14 and 15, and is improved by a DWELLING OF TWO ROOMS AND A KITCHEN.

No. 17
is 113x135 ft. Adjoins the three last mentioned lots, and is improved as No. 16.

When considered in reference to the advantages resulting from proximity to churches, schools, easy, cheap and frequent access to the best markets for all agricultural products, this estate offers unusual inducements to purchase. In view of its location, natural fertility and high state of improvement, it may be safely asserted none are superior and but few equal to it. All of the farms are enclosed with good, substantial fencing and very superior hedging.
☞ A Plot will be exhibited at the sale.

TERMS OF SALE.

One-fifth cash on the day of sale, or within sixty days, at sellers' option; balance in six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months from the day of sale. The whole to be secured by bond or note, with approved security. For any special information consult our attorney, RICH'D HYNSON, Esq., Chestertown.
MARGARET S. KENNEDY,
EDWIN MOORE,
JACOB HIGHLEY,
Adm'rs C. T. A. of John Kennedy.
May 11, 1878—ts.

Very Desirable Real Estate

—AT—

PUBLIC SALE.

AS attorney for Wm. H. H. Lusby, the undersigned will offer THE WHOLE OF HIS REAL ESTATE at Public Sale, at the Voshell House in Chestertown, on
TUESDAY, June 4, 1878,
At Eleven o'clock A. M.

This Estate lies in Quaker Neck, which is in the Fourth Election District of Kent county, Md., and consists of

TWO FARMS,

one of which contains
About 140 Acres,
AND THE OTHER 34 ACRES.

The Farm of 140 acres lies directly on Chester River, and contiguous to the Quaker Neck Wharf, at which the steamers to and from Baltimore make daily stops. It has between 15 and 20 acres in Wood, and about 125 acres of arable land. The soil is excellent and well adapted to grain, fruit and grass, and is divided into four fields,
A Peach and Pear Orchard
EACH OF 2,000 TREES,
and an Apple Orchard of about 150 Trees. The Orchards are thrifty, and the fruit has been carefully selected from the most choice and best market varieties.
Along and near its river front lie some of our best Oyster Beds, Fishing grounds and Shooting Points.
The Improvements
ARE A
FRAME DWELLING,
with a KITCHEN attached, which is out of repair, a large Barn and other necessary Out-Buildings, which are in good condition.
The Farm of 34 Acres, heretofore known as the "Wilson Farm," lies directly on the main Quaker Neck road, about five miles from Chestertown, and only two miles from the Steamboat Wharf on Chester River. The soil is good, none better in the neighborhood. The whole is arable and divided into proper tillages.
THE IMPROVEMENTS ARE A
Frame Dwelling
and the
necessary OUT-BUILDINGS.
These Farms are conveniently located in reference to Churches, Schools and Markets, and *they are positively for sale.*
THE FOLLOWING TERMS
are desired, but may be reasonably modified to suit the convenience of one disposed to purchase at a fair price: One-half cash on the day of sale or within sixty days thereafter, at the option of the seller; the balance in one and two years from the day of sale. Payment to be secured by the note or bond of purchaser, with surety or sureties approved by the undersigned.
RICHARD HYNSON.
May 11, 1878—ts.

A LARGE LINE
OF
FLOOR AND TABLE
OIL CLOTHS
At Reduced Rates, at
fe23. T. W. ELIASON, JR'S.

STEEL BARB FENCE WIRE for sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.

THE PHONOGRAPH.

The phonograph has but one fault,
And that to me is great;
Though better now than not at all,
It comes to us *too late.*
If only long enough ago
That mystic instrument
Had found a place in every land,
In palace, hut, and tent,
And passed its tin-foil records down
From primal times till now,
We children of the latter years
Might hear strange things, I trow.
Instead of jingling modern tunes,
We'd hark to Deborah's song,
Sung by the very voice of her,
The beautiful, the strong;
The grand old Sermon on the Mount
The Christ's own voice should preach,
And great men long since dumb in death,
Should breath again in speech;
Wise sayings and sweet melodies
Should echo from the tomb;
The flowers of song the world has loved
Should never cease to bloom.

Alas! the voices of the past
Forevermore are dead;
Cold type and manuscript
Convey the things they said.
We—what are *we* compared with them—
In future times may prate,
But who shall say the phonograph
Comes not to us too late?

Letter from Richmond, Va.

Messrs. Editors Kent News:—The land in the vicinity of Richmond is in a high state of cultivation, and is quite as good as the land around Chestertown, but not so well improved. The houses are good, but there is no fencing, as it was all destroyed by the war, and has never been replaced. The farmers seem to think a fence of little importance. They have strict laws against the trespass of stock, and have boys to mind the cattle. There are plenty of colored boys that are good for nothing else and are much cheaper than a fence. We sometimes see two or three hundred cows in an open field with half a dozen boys to attend them. They can keep them all out of mischief and have plenty of time to enjoy their favorite amusement of basking in the sun. This is a delightful country, but a little behind the times. But the Virginians are apt scholars and are learning fast, and in a few years will be a match for the Yankees in enterprise. It is strange that Southern farmers will go *west,* when they can come to Virginia. Land here is cheap and easily improved; markets convenient and labor abundant; plenty of timber, and last, but not least, kind and hospitable neighbors. The west will do for unmarried men without capital, but men with families had better see Virginia before trusting their wives and little ones to the discomfort and uncertainties of the frontier. S. M. C. B.
Richmond, May 29, 1878.

Going Courting.

One of the chief compensations of a woman's life is found in the fact that she don't have to "go a courting." It must be confessed that in these days the modern belle does her share of the wooing; but she does not have to dress up in a stiff collar and a pair of boots a size too small for her and walk up to the cannon's mouth of her inamorata's family, consisting of father, mother, grandmother, a maiden aunt and perhaps a dozen brothers and sisters, and inquire, in a trembling voice:

"Is Miss Arabella at home?"

Whenever a man goes a courting everybody seems to know all about it. His demeanor tells the observant spectator the business he is intent upon. He might as well placard himself, "I'm going courting. Everybody is cognizant of it, and looks knowingly, and asks him if the "Northern lights were bright last night about one o'clock," and how the market is for kerosene at "Daddy Brown's," and a score of other questions out of place.

We know a young man who is deeply, and we trust successfully, engaged in courting, and our warmest sympathies have been extended towards him. When Sunday afternoon arrives it is plain that something is about to happen. He is figety and non-communicative and cannot sit in one place half a minute at a time; he is continually interviewing his watch and comparing it with the old eight day, coffin-shaped clock in the corner. He looks in the glass frequently, and draws his forward locks back and then forward and combs them up and pastes them down, and is unsatisfied with the effect throughout. The smell of bay rum and bergamot is painfully apparent. When he shakes his handkerchief, musk is perceptible. His boots shine like mirrors, and there is a faint smell of cardamon seed in his breath when he yawns. He smooths his budding moustache with affectionate pats, and feels his invisible side whiskers continually to make sure they are there, a fact which is not established to outside observers by sense of sight. He tries on all his neck ties without finding just the thing he wants. Then he has spasms of brushing his coat, that commence with violence and lasts until one grows nervous for fear the broadcloth will not be able to stand the friction.

He declines soup that day for dinner. He says it is because he is not hungry, but we know it is because there are onions in it, and onions as every one knows, do not sweeten one's breath to any great extent.

If spoken to suddenly he starts and blushes and looks as guilty as if he was stealing something, and directly if one does not speak to him he goes back to the delightful occupation of staring at nothing and waiting for the hour to creep around to seven.

YOU need not be afraid of giving too much. The old darkey said: "If any ob you know ob any church what died of liberality, jes' tell me war it is, and I will take a pilgrimage to it, an' by de soft light ob de pale moon I will crawl upon its moss-covered roof an' write upon de topmost shingle, 'Blessed am de dead who die in de Lord.'"

WHAT is the difference between the paternal parent of Elizabeth, his Satanic Majesty and a male species of the musca domestica? ANS. One is the father of Lize, the second is the father of Lies and the other is the father of Flies. Horrible!—[*Norristown Herald.*]

CAN a sailor's speech at sea be called a deck-oration?—[*Ex.*] Certainly it can by anybody who wants to get off a joke that was originally perpetrated when Columbus addressed his crew on discovering America.—[*Boston Traviller.*]

ROCK HALL.

Messrs. Editors:—"Rock Hall!" There is something in that name so different from Kennedyville and other villes in the county. There is an air of newness about them, the odor of paint and varnish still clinging to their oldest buildings. Not so with Rock Hall. Its name is linked with memories of the past. It was with feelings of regret that I, a few weeks ago, learned that all that was left of the old Harris mansion was a pile of ashes. Memory travelled back to the days when there were no steamboats running here, and much of the travel between Chestertown and Baltimore was via Rock Hall. I seemed to stand on the shore, and in the distance I saw the "Packet," with all her sails spread to catch the breeze, riding the waves gallantly as she came nearer and nearer. I saw on her deck her genial commander, and around him numbers of passengers, some returning to their homes, others coming to visit this fair land. When they reach the shore they are all taken to the hospitable mansion and kindly entertained until friends arrive to convey them to their place of destination. Then the scene changes. I look far out upon the bay. The moon is shining, but there are no waves dancing in its light; all is one vast plain of ice. The trees wave their branches mournfully in the wind, as if chanting a requiem for their summer beauty. It is cold and dreary without, but not so within. Lights are streaming from every window in the house, and the sound of music floats out upon the air. The youth and beauty, not only of this part of the county, but of Chestertown and vicinity, are assembled here; and gracefully will they move through the dance until the first faint streak of dawn bids them hasten to their homes, there in memory to live over again the happy scenes of this night. Where are those who formed that merry company? Many of them have for years slept calmly

"In their night encampment on the hill,
Wrapped in silence so deep and still
That one could hear, like a sentinel's tread,
The watchful night wind, as it went
Creeping along from tent to tent,
And seeming to whisper ALL IS WELL!"

Tradition says that General Washington came here to take the boat for Annapolis, and one boy, wiser than his companions, has shown me the very road by which he came. There are traces of an old road through the Crane farm, now the property of Mr. Richard Hynson, but I cannot vouch for the truth of the assertion that Washington ever travelled over it, though it is not at all unlikely, since we know that he was in Chestertown at the laying of the corner-stone of the College, and gave fifty guineas towards its erection.

The last ten years have brought many changes and improvements. We have in the place a lyceum and public library, where the young men may resort and improve their minds, instead of feeding upon dry husks in the form of unprofitable conversation at the stores. Our school, under the management of Mr. J. V. Crosby and his assistant, is in a flourishing condition. The community owe much to the first named gentleman. He has battled long and faithfully against ignorance, and it must be a pleasure for him to look around upon the result of his labors. The Examiner made a visit to this school not long since. He is here, as in the other schools, always a welcome guest. The announcement that "Mr. Perkins is coming," is received with pleasure both by teacher and pupils.

Bishop Lay delivered an interesting discourse to a small but appreciative audience on Friday night in the assistant's room at the school. Never before did I see the lesson taught by the story of Sampson. The Bishop has the faculty of drawing the most instructive lessons from the simplest stories in the Bible. I was pleased to see the mottoes, pictures and flowers in the school room. It is well to make it pleasant for the little ones. I cannot say much for the furniture. Before the arrival of Mr. Hepbron and the Bishop a little girl, from a neighboring school, was making an examination of the room. Laying her hand upon one of the ancient desks, reaching not quite the length of the room, she said: "Sis Mollie, what is this?" I was not surprised that the child did not know that such an uncouth piece of furniture was a desk.

Our town is growing rapidly. There were, during last year, a number of cosey cottages erected, and recently Mr. T. R. Vickers and Mr. W. Stevens have built neat and pretty dwellings on the road leading to Swan Creek. Mr. A. P. Sharp is having a handsome residence erected upon the site of the mansion recently destroyed by fire.

There is great dearth in matrimonial news. One evening of last week a young gentleman and lady came into the place, seemingly in great haste, and making inquiry for the Rev. Mr. Brewington. They inquired for him at the residence of Mr. Downey, at all the stores, and at last sent a boy into class-meeting to see if he was there. Not finding him, they left in as great haste as they came. The Rev. gentlemen drove into town just as they were going out, and they all went off together, up towards Denbeigh. The community have looked to your columns for a solution of this mystery, but you are silent. So shall I be. SCRIBBLER.
Rock Hall, May 25, 1878.

A MUD TURTLE is not an animal to be fooled with. An able-bodied one got into the turbine wheel of a grist mill in Sand Lake, New Hampshire. Instead of being smashed up, as was expected, it broke several cogs, stopped the machinery and then walked off unconcerned. It's shell was somewhat damaged, but it shelled out that wheel.

MR. BOWIE has made arrangements to exhibit both the telephone and phonograph at the ensuing fair of the Harford Agricultural Society. These wonders of the nineteenth century will add greatly to the attractions of the exhibition.

"HAVE a shine, sir?" repeated the boot black. Brushing forward the gentleman shakes his head angrily. "No extra charge for big feet, sir," said the boy.

KEEP the blood pure and the health of the system will follow. Dr. Bull's Blood Mixture will accomplish this in a short period.

BOB INGERSOLL wept when he heard Lotta sing the "Sweet Bye and Bye." The part about the "beautiful shoah" was what fetched him.

What the Phonograph Said.

A rainy afternoon kept six young ladies in the house, and for three hours their tongues ran at such a rate that a successful Keely moter, could it have heard them, would have committed suicide out of sheer envy. A phonograph was loafing in the room during the conversation, and the next day when its crank was turned it spoke as follows:

A lovely Swiss organdie, trimmed with—Charley Edward's mustache looks like—a perfect fright in that basque and—six yards of flying-fringe on the—Sunday night George was here he—wore a handsome chip bonnet and—I was awfully ashamed, with my old wrapper on—such a stuck up thing as she is, and her—Princess overskirt with sixteen—beaux go there every night in the week, and—on Sunday I'm going to wear my new—Tom and Jerry are coming over to see—new suit of garnet linen lawn for—the horrid old thing, I wouldn't speak—and he promised to take us to see—Mary Bront's bourette dress! did you ever see a more lovely shade of silk than—Grace Laman's brother Joe said—good gracious! girls, I've sown this on the wrong side of—Jack Fenton's carriage cost—as much as fifty cents a yard for new passementaries, and—I can't see what Carrie means by having that awkward booby running—her nose is no more Grecian than I'm—an old piano not worth—

And so on, et cetera, ad infinitum, to the extent of three columns, all about the beaux and dress, and the phonograph was sick for two days after being relieved of the stuff. When a young lady reads this she will indignantly observe that if a phonograph were to sneak into a room and absorb the conversation of a half-dozen young men, it would swear worse than a Bret Harte poem when the handle was turned, and would smell of sulphur and brimstone for two weeks afterwards. And perhaps she would tell the truth.—*Norristown Herald.*

Too Practical.

When I was a little fellow, says a noted lawyer, the minister was reverenced by all the community. My mother insisted upon it that we should tell the exact truth at all times. Perhaps there was some reason for it, aside from being practical. In my case it made trouble. One day I was coming home from school, then a little bare-footed lad, and the minister met me on the road. The great man had never noticed me before; now he spoke to me. "Little boy, can you tell me what time o' day it is?" I remembered my mother's repeated warning never to deviate one hair from the facts; so I answered him. "Yes, sir, it's pudding and milk time." I felt sure I had done the right thing, because it was twelve o'clock, dinner time, and that dinner at our house was pudding and milk. But I was too practical that time. The minister's wife happened to give her family the same frugal dinner that day. My reference to it offended him. His dignity was hurt. He made a complaint, and I got a whipping for it. This is how I learned that there is such a thing as being too practical.

MORRISSEY'S GENEROSITY.—Simon Cameron says that he never heard any good of John Morrissey, and regarded him as merely a low prize-fighter and gambler, until he went to Washington as Congressman. "I must confess that I was not favorably impressed with him," Cameron adds, "and I was surprised when a New York politician spoke in his praise." The politician told a story to the effect that a young clerk lost $12,000 of his employer's money in Morrissey's gambling house, and confessed to his parents, who were wild with grief at the prospect of exposure and disgrace. They appealed to the politician, who went to Morrissey and explained the case. Morrissey said: "That is all very well, but the young fellow lost the money fair; and as for him being a poor, innocent young dove that didn't know nothing of the world, that's all stuff. He's been in our place often, and won many a pile; but for the old woman's sake I'll see what I can do. Come to my house to-morrow morning, and like as not I can make the thing all right." The next morning Morrissey returned the money.

MANAGEMENT OF SMALL GREEN HOUSES.—At a recent meeting of the Maryland Horticultural Society, Capt. Charles H. Snow, of Harford county, made an address on the construction and management of small green houses and the plants suited for them. A green house of suitable dimensions for amateurs, he said, could be built and stocked for $300 to $350. He advised amateurs not to put too many plants in their houses. In potting plants he used only rotten sod, sand and rotten leaf mould, and if the plants did not thrive well he put stimulants in the water. Too much dirt should not be put into the pots; three-fourths of an inch should be left at the top for water, which should be put in until it ran out at the bottom, and then no more should be added until wanted. An apartment could be arranged alongside the bath room, and a pipe from the furnace in the cellar would warm it at a small cost. He advised parents to cultivate in their boys a love for flowers.

TO CLEAN FISH BARRELS.—Put ten cents' worth of chloride of lime in the barrel, pour three gallons of boiling water on the lime, stirring with a wooden paddle till dissolved; then fill the barrel with cold water. Let stand two or three days.

THE tramp nowadays crawls into the warm side of a strawstack and thanks heaven that he is not president of a telegraph company, killing himself with overwork.

A NEW YORK correspondent complains that the "Russians go about here raising the price of ships and putting them quite out of the reach of a poor man with a large family."

A PARIS preacher told two American women to stop fanning or leave the church, and the whole congregation scowled at them as they passed out.

THE *Graphic* believes the umbrella was invented during David's rain. It was successfully used as a parry-Saul.

THIS is what the *Free Press* calls the phonograph: "A machine for canning and preserving human growls and squeaks."