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executed with neatness and dispatch, and at reasonable prices.

Tax Collectors' Notices.

TAX-PAYERS
OF
SECOND ELECTION DISTRICT.

For the convenience of the Tax-payers of the Second Election District, I will be at Still Pond the first and third Saturday; at Locust Grove the second Saturday, and at Chestertown the fourth Saturday of each month; the balance of the time at Kennedyville.

As you know the importance you will please settle promptly.

sep25-3m. D. U. DEWEES, Collector.

TAX COLLECTOR'S NOTICE.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

The Tax Books for the Fourth Election District of Kent County are now in my hands. Your taxes are due from the day the assessment books are in the hands of the Collector; they *must* be paid at sometime, and it is just as easy to pay them at an early date as it is to wait. You are all aware that it is my *duty* to collect them, and I don't want to cause hard feelings with any one, but NO FRIEND will receive any indulgence from me whatever, as I cannot pay the levies against me promptly unless you are prompt. Therefore, do your duty and that will allow me to do mine. If you don't want your property advertised please don't disregard this my only notice.

JOHN N. DODD, COLLECTOR
aug14-tf. Fourth District.

C. T. WESTCOTT,
Attorney & Counselor at Law
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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

JOSEPH S. HEUISLER,
—*AND*—
CHARLES W. HEUISLER,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
And Solicitors in Chancery,
OFFICES:—No. 18, Law Buildings, and 43 Lexington st., BALTIMORE.
☞ Special attention given to the collection of claims in the city of Baltimore, and in the adjacent counties. fe28y.

DR. C. P. GILPIN,
DENTIST,
Offers his professional services to the public. OFFICE—High st., Chestertown, opposite Masonic Hall. dö-tf.

SURVEYING.

THE undersigned having obtained a new set of implements now offers his services as LAND SURVEYOR to the citizens of Kent & Queen Anne's counties.
☞ Orders left with C. H. BAKER, Att'y at Law, will be promptly attended to.—Can be seen in Chestertown Saturday afternoons. Or address
COMEGYS BROWN,
aug7-tf. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

LIVERY
And EXCHANGE STABLES,
CANNON ST., CHESTERTOWN.

THE undersigned has just opened a large Livery and Exchange Stable, and having a number of excellent vehicles and fine drivers, is prepared to accommodate the public with first-class teams at moderate prices. Orders left at my residence will be promptly attended to.
ag7-tf. CHAS. H. DAVIS.

Baltimore Cards.

B. F. PARLETT & CO.,
Manufacturers of all styles
CHEWING TOBACCO,
AND DEALERS IN
LEAF TOBACCO, SEGARS, PIPES and SNUFF.
No. 92 Lombard, and 5 Water Streets, BALTIMORE.
FACTORY—No. 18, Danville, Va.

GEO. Z. GREENWOOD. A. W. WOODALL.
GREENWOOD & WOODALL,
Commission Merchants
And General Produce Dealers,
72 SOUTH ST., Corn Exchange Building, BALTIMORE.

Commission on Grain 1 cent per bushel. Commission on Peaches and Produce 7 per cent., and no charge for collecting empties. jy26.

W. H. RUTTER,
Late of the firm of Greenwood, Rutter & Co.
Commission Merchant,
For the sale of GRAIN and PRODUCE,
No. 96 Light st. Wharf, *BALTIMORE.*
Consignments solicited. a6.

WM. TOMLINSON, Sr.,
WITH
ALONZO P. CREW. JAS. W. JEROME.
CREW & JEROME,
Commission Merchants
For the sale of GRAIN, FRUIT AND PRODUCE GENERALLY,
118 Light Street Wharf, BALTIMORE.

Consignments respectfully solicited.
Correspondence cheerfully and promptly answered. y

SPORTSMEN LOOK!

I have in stock and am receiving a full line of the following celebrated makes of **GUNS**, viz:
W. W. Greener's "New Club Gun,"
W. W. Greener's "Hummerles," Treble Wedge;
P. Webley & Sons';
Henry Tolley;
W. Goodyear;
J. Manton & Co.;
J. P. Clabourough & Bro.;
W. & C. Scott & Sons,
and others of cheaper grade and quality, all of which I can furnish in 8, 10, 12, 14, 16 bore, and the very lowest price.
My $35 Breech Loader is "THE DAISY."
MUZZLE GUNS of all grades and prices from $5 to $35.
AMMUNITION, GLASS BALLS, GUN IMPLEMENTS,
in fact everything known to the trade.
☞ Loaded Shells a specialty.
☞ The Cheapest house in the city.

W. P. PATTERSON,
178 W. PRATT ST.,
Next to MALTBY HOUSE, Baltimore,
Aug. 14, 1880-tf.

THOS. L. HINES & CO'S
NEW HARDWARE STORE
is the place to buy Cook Stoves, Heaters, and Fire Place Heaters. sep18.

WHENEVER you cannot find what you want elsewhere come up town to THOMPSON'S, as he keeps a little of every thing anj17.

Legal Notices.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

ESTATE OF ADFRED JERVIS.
On application, ordered, that JOHN Z. CLARK and F. H. BOULDEN, administrators of Alfred Jervis, late of Kent county, dec'd, give notice by advertisement that a dividend of the personal estate of said deceased will be made in this Court on TUESDAY, Nov. 23, 1880.
Test: J. C. SLAUGHTER,
Register of Wills.
NOTICE.—The Creditors of Alfred Jervis are notified and requested to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the Register of Wills, on or before Tuesday, the 16th of November, 1880, or they will be excluded from the dividend in the personal estate.
JOHN Z. CLARK,
Oct. 30—4t. F. H. BOULDEN, Adm'rs.

ORDER NISI.

In the Orphans' Court for Kent County.

ORDERED this 19th day of October, 1880, that the sale made and reported by WILLIAM M. SLAY, Trustee for the sale of the Real Estate of Alexander Wilson, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the Twenty-first day of December next,—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 19th day of November next.
The Report states the amount of sales to be $330.00.
ROBERT NICHOLSON,
THOS. J. SHALLCROSS,
R. B. WILLSON,
Judges of Orphans' Court.
True Copy—Attest:
JOEL C. SLAUGHTER,
oc23-4t. Register of Wills.

NOITCE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters testamentary on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
ANNA MARIA CACY,
late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.
All persons having claims against said deceased, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, on or before the 19th day of April, 1881, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under our hands this 19th day of October, 1880.
JULIA E. CACY,
CHARLES O. CACY,
Oct. 23, 1880—4t. Exec'rs.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
WALTER J. GRIFFITH,
late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.
All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 19th day of April, 1881; otherwise they may be excluded from all benefit of said estate.
Given under our hands this 19th day of October, 1880.
ANNIE R. GRIFFITH,
J. F. WILSON,
Oct. 23, 1880—4t. *Administrators.*

1880 *WHEATLEY'S* **1880**
UP TOWN GROCERY.

We have now in stock and shall keep constantly on hand a
Full line of GROCERIES
Such as COFFEES, SUGARS, TEAS, MOLASSES, SYRUPS, &c.
Bacon, Flour, Meal, Feed, Fish, &c.
A choice lot of *Broiling Beef* and *Sugar-cured Hams* kept on hand.
Also, TOBACCO and SEGARS.
We shall use every effort to please, and hope our friends and the public will remember us when making their purchases. All goods in our line will be sold as low as they can be bought in town.
WHEATLEY BROS.,
jan3. Corner Store, Up Town.

GREAT REDUCTION IN PRICES
—AT—
J. A. PERKINS'

WE have on hand a first class stock of GROCERIES and PROVISIONS, which we are selling very cheap for cash. Our stock consists of
Sugars, Teas, Coffee,
Crackers, Cakes, Lard, Meats, Flour, Spices of all kinds, Candies, &c.
We keep on hand Wm. Lea & Son's Celebrated brands of FLOUR, by the barrel, pound or bag, and will guarantee it to give satisfaction or no charge.
We have MEATS of all kinds, Sugar-cured HAMS, Shoulders and Side Meat by the hundred lbs. Broiling Beef.
Molasses, Syrups: Country Vinegar, Chow-Chow, Pickles, Oranges, Lemons, Cocoanuts, Figs, Prunes, Citron, Fruit of all kinds; Tobacco; Cigars and Snuff, Canned Fruits and Canned Crabs.
Jelley Glasses by the dozen, Tin Cans, Stone Jars, &c.
We aim to keep Fresh VEGETABLES on hand all the time. Call and see us and we will do you good.
J. A. PERKINS,
Opposite the new M. E. Church.
Country Produce wanted for cash or trade.
July 31, 1880.

T. W. ELIASON, JR

LUMBER,	LUMBER,
SHINGLES,	LATHS,
PICKETS,	SIDING,
Weatherboarding,	Barn Boards,
Va. Pine Boards,	Cypress Fencing

4-4, 6-4 and 8-4 Dressed White Pine, Crown Moulding, Band Moulding, SASH, BLINDS, DOORS, all at prices that will satisfy after a close examination of the competing markets. Parties who are about to build are solicited to call and learn my prices before buying elsewhere.
Oct. 18. T. W. ELIASON, JR.

WOOD! WOOD!
HICKORY, OAK and PINE.

THE subscriber has purchased 200 cords of the very best seasoned Oak that has been in this market for some time, and is selling it, delivered, 8 cord; sawed and split at low rates.
This Wood has all been culled over; is full length, clear of knots and small sticks. WILLIAM PERKINS.
Rising Sun Saloon, Chestertown.
Aug. 30—tf.

RICH'D J. FOARD
Late of firm of BEAN & FOARD,
GRAIN DEALER
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

CORN and WHEAT
WANTED,
For which I will pay the highest market price,
Delivered at any Station on the Delaware Rail Road or its Branches.

RICHARD J. FOARD,
OFFICE in the rear of Mr. F. PLATT'S Hardware Store, Main Street,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
June 12, 1880—6m.

C. H. J. SPARKS,
DEALER IN
GRAIN and COAL,
LOCUST GROVE, MD.
HIGHEST price paid for **CORN**, and
COAL furnished
At the very Lowest Prices, at BLACK'S STATION, on the Kent Co. R. R
a23-tf.

Winter is Coming
And You all Need
A GOOD LAMP
to read or sew by, and of course you want to buy where you can do best.
☞ **SPARKS'** ☜
OPPOSITE THE COURT HOUSE,
IS THE PLACE!
We have Hall Lamps, Library Lamps, dining-room Lamps, kitchen Lamps, bedroom Lamps, Bracket Lamps, Lanterns, Burners, Wicks, Shades, Globes, Chimneys, and everything else in that line
VERY CHEAP!
Oct. 9, 1880.

Woolen Goods!
WICKES & BROTHER
Have now in Stock full and elegant lines of HEAVY WINTER WOOLENS.
CASSIMERES for Men and Boys' wear.
KERSEYS for Working Farm Suits.
BLANKETS and FLANNELS, some of them of very superior qualities.
In view of the present frosty weather, persons preparing for the winter might find it to their advantage to give these goods an early inspection.
Chestertown, Oct. 11, 1880.

FALL, 1880!
E. W. F. SIMPERS,
OPPOSITE STAM'S DRUG STORE,
DEALER IN
Dry Goods, Notions,
Glass and Queensware,
CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES.
Would call SPECIAL attention to our line of PLAIN and FANCY GROCERIES, *Full Stock, Fresh Goods and Bottom Prices.*
☞ Call and see us, as we are determined to sell goods CHEAP.
E. W. F. SIMPERS,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
☞ Market price paid for Butter, Eggs, Lard and Bacon. Oct. 9, 1880.

FRESH GOODS!
FRESH GOODS!
AT LYNCH'S.
HAVING laid in my FALL STOCK of Goods I am prepared to sell at city prices, goods in my line comprising:
DRY GOODS, GROCERIES,
BOOTS AND SHOES,
NOTIONS, HARDWARE, TINWARE
Queensware, Willow-ware,
and a full line of all goods usually kept in a Country Store, which he will sell at
Lowest City Prices!
☞ Country Produce of all kinds taken in exchange for goods, for which the highest market price will be paid.
J. W. PERKINS,
sep11. LYNCH'S.

R. K. PIPPIN,
CARPENTER and BUILDER
CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
IS prepared to erect BUILDINGS of every description at short notice, and on the most reasonable terms.
He employs good mechanics and his work is done in the most substantial and satisfactory manner.
Persons contemplating building are respectfully invited to get his estimates before contracting with others.
my15. R. K. PIPPIN.

Stoves! Stoves!!
COOK STOVES, RANGES,
Heating Stoves and Fire-place Heaters, a large assortment, and selling at small advance on first cost. Call & examine before purchasing. J. K. ARDRIDGE.

VERY VALUABLE
—*AND*—
Attractive Farms
AT
PUBLIC SALE.

BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER contained in a mortgage from Joseph J. Webb and Mary P. Webb, his wife, to William Vannort, and by him assigned to the undersigned, dated the 4th day of September, 1878, and recorded among the Land Records for Kent county, Maryland, in Liber D. C. B., No. 4, folio 246, the undersigned will offer at PUBLIC SALE at the "VOSHELL HOUSE" in CHESTERTOWN, MD., on
TUESDAY,
The 9th of November, 1880,
At Eleven o'clock A. M.,
THE VALUABLE and FINELY LOCATED FARMS OF JOSEPH J. WEBB, AS FOLLOWS:

The Home Farm,

situated on the public road leading from Kennedyville to Turner's Creek, about one mile from Kennedyville, adjoining the lands of F. H. Harper, William T. Hepbron and others, and containing
Two Hundred Acres
AND
Thirty-two Perches of LAND,
MORE OR LESS.
The soil of this Farm is of fine natural quality, and in a good state of cultivation. It is conveniently divided & well fenced.

THE IMPROVEMENTS
CONSIST OF A COMMODIOUS
DWELLING HOUSE,
BARN, STABLE, CORN HOUSE, Carriage House, and other usual Out-Buildings, all in good order. There is a
Young Peach Orchard
of SEVERAL THOUSAND TREES of select varieties.
The location is healthy and attractive, in a good neighborhood, convenient to schools, churches, mills, post-office, railroad and steamboats.

THE POND FARM
IS SIUATED ON THE SASSAFRAS RIVER and LLOYD'S CREEK, and is a beautiful location.
THIS FARM CONTAINS
203 ACRES,
1 Rood and 17 Perches,
more or less. The soil is red and yellow clay, and capable of a high state of improvement.
THE IMPROVEMENTS
Consist of a
DWELLING HOUSE, BARN, Stable, Corn House, Carriage House, Tenant House, and other Out-buildings, in good repair. There is a
Peach Orchard
of several thousand trees in bearing.—Also, an APPLE ORCHARD of good varieties.
THE SHORE of the Farm affords excellent opportunity for gunning and fishing, and the beautiful
WATER LOCATION
renders this Farm a very desirable residence. It is convenient to Schools, Mills, Churches, Railroad and Steamboat, and offers a good opportunity to investors to place their money where it will yield a bountiful return.

THE TERMS OF SALE ARE:
$10,000 to be paid in cash on the day of sale, or in 30 days thereafter at the mortgagee's option, and the balance of the purchase money with interest from the day of sale, to be paid in two equal installments in one and two years from the day of sale. The whole to be secured to the satisfaction of the undersigned.
These terms may be modified on the day of sale.
GEORGE B. WESTCOTT, JR.,
Assignee of Mortgage.
RICHARD HYNSON,
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
Oct. 16, 1880—tds. ATTORNEYS.

BOOTS and SHOES
At LYNCH'S STATION.
1880. SPRING & SUMMER. 1880
WM. H. DUDLEY
Respectfully announces that he is prepared to make to order at Lynch's Station
BOOTS AND SHOES of all kinds
For LADIES and GENTS,
at the very lowest prices. Also, REPAIRING of every description.
Good work, good material and every effort to please is my motto, and I hope to merit and receive a liberal patronage.
☞ Give me a call.
WM. H. DUDLEY,
apr17. LYNCH'S.

SMOKE! SMOKE! SMOKE!
IF you WILL smoke buy GOOD CIGARS and Smoking Tobacco. You will be sure to find them at
oc9. SPARKS', opp. Court House.

Cigars! Cigars!
WE are still ahead in FINE CIGARS. The Arango, Bon-Bon and Kilpatrick take the lead. C. F. STAM.
LOOK at my stock of Chewing and Smoking TOBACCO.
E. W. F. SIMPERS.
FODDER YARN! FODDER YARN!
We think the best and cheapest in this market—only 7 cts. a pound. Call and examine. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

EXCITING SCENE IN BALTIMORE.

NARROW ESCAPE OF EIGHTEEN YOUNG LADIES FROM A BURNING BUILDING.

RESCUE BY BRAVE FIREMEN.

A YOUNG CLERK RISKS HIS LIFE TO SAVE A WOODEN FIGURE.

About 5 o'clock, on Thursday morning of last week, a fire occurred in the three-story brick building southwest corner of Howard and Lexington streets, which caused a damage of between fifty and sixty thousand dollars, partly covered by insurance. Besides the confusion and excitement incident to a large fire, the scene was rendered intensely dramatic by the narrow escape of eighteen girls from a horrible death, all of them being taken from the third story of the structure by means of ladders. The house is owned by Daniel Lowenthal, who occupied the first floor as a furnishing goods and notion store. The second story was used by D. J. Goldenberg as the wholesale department of his millinery establishment. The third story was occupied by Gusta Tallerman as a cloak and dress-trimming manufactory. The fire is supposed to have been caused by the accidental placing of a lighted candle against some raw cotton in the cellar. H. C. Durding and Joseph Pentz, clerks for Mr. Lowenthal, and Peter Knight and a lad named Talbott, cash boys, were the only persons in the cellar when the fire occurred. According to their account Durding was putting some flags in a case, and the other boys, except Talbott, who had been sent to the rear of the cellar to arrange some cotton, were looking on and assisting him. The furnace which heats the building was in the front part of the cellar. While the boys were thus engaged young Talbott rushed suddenly from his place near the cotton, exclaiming that the house was on fire. It is supposed that while working at the cotton, as ordered, he unintentionally allowed the candle, which it is said he held in his hand, to touch and ignite the cotton. In a short time the whole cellar was dense with smoke, and the fire, quickly spreading, began to make its way upwards. After the boys had run up stairs and notified those present of the fire, Durding ran down Lexington street to Liberty, where he informed the salvage corps of what had occurred, and an alarm from box 312 was sent in immediately. Meantime, however, smoke had ascended until the persons on the first and second floors were forced to seek safety in flight, which they did in much haste. But not so with those on the third floor. The eighteen girls and four men employed by Mr. Tallerman were literally hemmed in. The only way of escape was down a tortuous stairway, which, though wide and substantial, was so filled with smoke that it was impossible to descend. Recognizing the danger that confronted them, the unfortunate girls ran up and down the room screaming for help, wringing their hands and crying piteously. Some of them even attempted to spring out of the windows, but they were prevented from doing this by the older ones, who tried hard but unavailing to compose them. Before the fire department arrived on the scene the merchants in the neighborhood and their clerks secured a ladder and managed to rescue several of the girls, who were on the 2d floor, who had not succeeded in escaping, but it was not until No. 2 hook and ladder company made its appearance that any combined action was made, the ladder being too short to reach the third story. As the hook and ladder company dashed at heading speed down Lexington street the great crowd of lookers-on, until this moment almost speechless spectators, who lined the sidewalks in every direction, sent up a shout of welcome that could be heard far away. Ladies waved their handkerchiefs, men shouted and swung their hats, while from the eight windows on Lexington street and four on Howard street of Tallerman's manufactory peered the terrified girls, imprisoned and helpless, beseeching succor in the most heart-rending tones. The hook and ladder company came to a sudden halt, and in a twinkling the ladders were off and the men at work. The first ladder raised was not long enough, and as a fireman mounted it one of the girls made an effort to jump out of the window, but was restrained by the others. The next ladder reached the third-story window, and as a daring fireman neared the top he was met by the figure of a young girl who had climbed out to meet him. Picking her up in his arms the fireman passed her down to the second story, where others were standing on a narrow porch or awning-cover, and who in turn passed her to those below. In a short while three ladders were in position, and the work went bravely on until all the girls were rescued.

A daughter of Mr. Tallerman, who, together with her sister, worked in the room, fainted, as did also two other girls. Excepting a few bruises, none of the girls were injured. The four men who were in the room with the girls were also saved. While the firemen were rescuing the girls the fire made steady headway, burning in such inconvenient places that it was hard to get at. It burned stubbornly, emitting few flames. Now and then, however, a long, thin tongue of flame would leap out, and after licking dry the floods of water everywhere about, it would die out to reappear at intervals. When once under control, however, it was not long before the fire was subdued and extinguished. The walls of the building remain intact, as do also part of the floors, but the flooring on the first and second stories was almost totally destroyed.

A CLERK'S EXPLOIT.

The *Sun* gives this among other incidents of the rescue: At times Howard and Lexington streets were so dense with smoke that it was impossible to see anything. It is said that while the smoke was thickest a young clerk in a dry goods store bravely fought his way through, and going into the first story of the burning building picked up one of the wooden figures of women near the door, with an apology for his rudeness, and bore it triumphantly across the street, under the impression that he was saving a human being.

EXAGGERATION.

Some habits are so unconsciously practiced that a movement to mend them is the only way to detect them. The beam in one's own eye is less noticed than the mote in another person's eye.

A family while at the breakfast table one morning pledged each member to observe the strictest veracity for that day. A member of the family tells the "consequences."

As a first fruit of the resolve, we asked the one who suggested it:

"What made you so late at breakfast this morning?"

She hesitated, began with: "Because I could not—" and then, true to her compact, said: "The truth is, I was lazy and didn't hurry, or I might have been down long ago."

Presently one of them remarked that "I never was so cold in my life."

An inquiring look caused the last speaker to modify this statement instantly with: "Oh, no, I don't think it was so cold after all."

A third remark to the effect that "Miss So-and-so was the homeliest girl in the city," was recalled as soon as made, the speaker being compelled to own that Miss So-and-so was only rather plain, instead of being excessively homely.

So it went on throughout the day, causing much merriment, which was good naturedly accepted by the subjects, and giving rise to constant corrections in the interest of truth.

One thing became more and more surprising, however, to each one of us, and that was the amount of cutting down which our most careless statements demanded under this new law.

GROWTH OF THE NAILS.—The growth of the nails is more rapid in children than in adults, and slows in the age; goes on faster in summer than in winter, so that the same nail which is renewed in 132 days in winter requires only 115 in summer. The increase of the nails of the right hand is more rapid than those of the left; moreover it differs for the different fingers, and in order corresponds with the length of the finger, consequently it is the fastest in the middle finger, nearly equal in the two on either side of this, slower in the little finger, and slowest in the thumb. The growth of all the nails on the left hand requires eighty-two days more than those of the right.

A TEACHER'S ROUGH EXPERIENCE.—Prof. C. T. Atkinson was principal of Oakland Seminary, in Warran county, Ky. His boy pupils recently asked for a holiday, and it was given them. The boys then demanded that Prof. Adkinson should "treat." The Professor refused, whereupon the boys carried him to a mill pond and "ducked," him, the Processor being soaked from his oiled hair to his polished boots. He now sues the trustees of the school and the fathers of the boys for $5,000 damages.

WE can hardly learn humility and tenderness enough except by suffering.

THE DARK SIDE OF THINGS.

Some people will persist in taking a gloomy view of everything. There is a man of that kind living in this town. A neighbor happend to drop in to see him the other day, and found everybody lively except the head of the family.

"How are you all coming on?"

"We are all tolerable, except Bob. He is joking and laughing because he is going fishing. I just know he is going to come home drowned, or howling with a fish-hook sticking into him somewhere!"

"Well, the rest seem to be cheerful."

"Yes, sorter. Jemimy is jumping and skipping about because she is going to a candy-pulling, but I know something will happen to her! I read of a girl in Philadelphia, only last year, who was coming home from a candy-pulling, when a drunkun man threw his wife out of a window and killed her."

"Killed who? Jemimy?"

"Why, no!—there she is!"

"Then, she is not hurt."

"But, it might have been her. If she had of happened to been on the pavement below when the woman fell."

"You have had no trouble lately, I hope?"

"No, not exactly. But if I had been in Baltimore at the Mansion House last week, the thief that robbed Mr. Smith might have gotten my watch instead of his."

"Well, that wouldn't have ruined you."

"No, but I met with a more terrible misfortune than that."

"What was that?"

"Why that lady from Millington who lost a thousand dollars. That would have ruined me. And I was over in Baltimore at the Centennial too; I am trembling to think what a narrow escape I made."

"Did you have that much money with you?"

"No, but just suppose I had had! I won't go to Baltimore again without shuddering. The police ought to prevent such things."

"But the thief, himself, lived in Millington."

"Well, why didn't Sheriff Gooding arrest him then? If we allow that what's to become of us? Some day one of them sort of fellers will squat down here, and rob us all! The law ought to protect us, I say. What's the use of constables, and bailiffs, and sheriffs, if we are thus to be constantly wronged and robbed!"

Finding that the man was becoming more unhappy as he proceeded, the neighbor dropped the subject, but thought he might be more successful in another direction, and so inquired:

"Well, you are looking healthy."

"Yes! I feel just like the man who dropped dead in New York last week from heart disease. He was in high spirits and had an appetite—and them's just my symptoms!"

James Brown's Fortune.

A few days ago a hod carrier named James Brown, working at the Tome Mills, in Centreville, New Jersey, received a letter bordered in black, just as he was ascending a ladder with a hod of mortar. Upon opening the letter he learned that he had fallen heir to $54,000 through the death of his father. He informed his companions of his good fortune, but, to their surprise, did not quit work, and was promptly on hand the next morning.

"Why, Brown," said the overseer, "ain't you going to knock off?"

"Of course not," said he. "Why should I?"

"Well, but with such a nice little fortune"—

"Pooh! pooh! man," Brown interrupted. "If you had lost $150,000 in one day as I have done, you wouldn't be upset by a little matter of this kind."

Then he shouldered his hod and went to work. He is a fine, athletic-looking man, about forty years of age, with a good humored expression, regular features, ornamented with closely-trimmed side whiskers.

His muscular arms, bare to the elbow, are tanned and battered.

"Mr. Brown," said a reporter, "do you object to telling how you lost $150,000 in one day?"

"Not at all, sir," he replied. "I was born in New York and lived there nearly all my life. My relatives in this city are all wealthy. I was myself worth over $300,000 at one time. I was a broker in Wall and Broad streets for nearly ten years, but my fortune gradually dwindled away in risky speculations until only $150,000 was left. Every cent of that went in one day in the panic of '73. Oil did it. Well, my friend secured a clerkship for me, and I worked hard for a year or two till I accumulated a little money, and then I'd lose it again in stocks. I was in a constant state of feverish excitement, my health ran down, and I finally gave every cent I had away, and went to work as a bricklayer and hod-carrier. I have gained forty-six pounds since I began, and I am contented and happy."

"Of course you'll quit this sort of thing now?"

"By no means. If I go back on the street I'll lose what little money I have, and shatter my health."

Don't Fan Fire.

If you should come down stairs some day and see a smouldering fire just starting in one of your floors, stealthily stealing into your carpet, you would not be very likely to sit down beside it and fan it, much less would you run over to a neighbor's and have her bring the bellows to blow it up. Not if you were a woman in her right senses. You know quite well what speedy measures you would take to smother or quench it.

Dear young house-keepers, there are worse fires which start up silently in homes than were ever kindled by Lucifer matches. They begin small. Cross words usually start them, but how the fire spreads when once kindled, if only it gets a little fanning! One sure way to fan the blaze is to run over to a neighbor's and talk your trouble over. Tell just how unreasonable John is, and how little he sympathizes with your trials, and unless your friend is an uncommonly wise woman, you will go home more wretched than you came and feeling harder than ever toward John. You have gained nothing, but you have furnished food for considerable scandal, for nothing travels faster than the ill news that "so and so don't get along well together." That which was only a transient flash of ill-temper has been blown into a conflagration that is likely to burn up your domestic happiness.

Some one says if there is ever anything for which we are thankful, it is for angry words not spoken. I would add for domestic skeletons we did not exhibit before the world. Better keep them locked up in their closet. They will not shock or harrow your sensibilities half so much there.

Only possess your soul in quietness and the fire will die out. If your inmost consciousness tells you that you have the true and devoted love of your husband, you will not be much moved by little things. Tears and life's mutual joys and sorrows will draw all true hearts closer to one another, and the once vexatious things will seem like trifles, as you glance backward over them.

Remember that nothing helps along domestic troubles like talking over them; nothing smothers them like silence. A little patience and self-command and the flash lies down. And, oh, how glad you are that the fair fabric of your home happiness has not been consumed.

CRUELTY TO A LITTLE GIRL.—The Dartwell family moved into a small but comfortable house at Bedford, Mass., and did not manifest any desire to be neighborly, though they were polite enough to those who called. Curiosity was excited by the fact that the very pretty but pale and sad face of a little girl was some times seen at a garret window. Her wistful expression whenever she saw children at play led to the belief that she was a prisoner. This went on for several months. Then an agent of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children went to the house and asked permission to investigate. He was assured that no child was within, but he insisted on a search, and in the garret found the girl a fragile, shy and utterly neglected girl of seven. She was half clothed in rags, and a pile of gnawed bones in a corner showed that she had been fed like a wild beast. The room was no better than a pigsty. The Dartwells said that she was their niece, but refused to give any reason for their treatment of her.

A PREACHER at a Sunday School excursion described Heaven as an eternity of picnics, and several young men members of his congregation, who lugged baskets weighing nearly a ton each and climbed high trees to put up swings, have left church.

IT would never do to elect women to all offices. If a female Sheriff should visit the residence of a handsome man and explain to his jealous wife that she had an attachment for him, there would be a vacancy in that office in about two minutes.

OSTENTATION and much learning are seldom met together. The sun rising and declining makes long shadows; at mid-day, when it is highest, none at all.

WHAT MATTER.

What matter, friend, though you and I
May sow, and others gather?
We build, and others occupy,
Each laboring for the other.
What though we toil from sun to sun,
And men forget to flatter
The noblest work our hands have done—
If God approve, what matter?

What matter though we sow in tears,
And crops fail at the reaping;
What though the frost of patient years
Fast perish in our keeping;
Upon our hoarded treasure, floods
Arise and tempests gather—
If faith beholds beyond the clouds
A clearer sky, what matter?

What matter though our castle fall,
And disappear while building;
Tho' strange handwriting on the wall
Flame out amid the gilding;
Though every idol of the heart
The hand of death may shatter;
Though hopes decay and friends depart—
If heaven be ours, what matter?

CHILDREN'S TEETH.

HOW THEY SHOULD BE ATTENDED TO AND DECAY PREVENTED.

The *American Agriculturist* says: A mother lately told me of her experience. A few years ago she thought that her eldest boy's teeth in the front of the lower jaw were decayed badly. This was a disappointment to the mother, who had fed her children carefully on nourishing and wholesome food as a general rule, keeping both pickles and confectionary from them. Studying the matter over, she jumped to the conclusion that what she had read concerning the mischief-making properties of the tomato must be true, especially as her husband, who was very free in his use of tomatoes this season, had a peculiar trouble with his teeth. She had observed that the children's (especially the boys') teeth grew white and clean when there were plenty of ripe tomatoes, and she thought the acid went too far and acted upon the enamel of the teeth. But when the boy who was then 14 years old, went to a dentist to have his teeth filled, lo! there was no filling to be done. "Your boy has a splendid set of teeth," the dentist told the mother. "There is not a cavity in them. Unusually good teeth for a boy of his age." And the dentist had no doubt that the teeth were better than they would have been if the owner of them had munched candy and pickles, as children always do. "They must be cleaned, and without delay," he said. So the tarter which had gathered and crusted gradually at the crown of the teeth was removed by the dentist, and with it all appearances of decayed teeth. Now the boy has nothing to do but to keep his teeth clean to avoid dentistry bills in future. The younger children are warned to avoid the other brother's trouble by the daily use of tooth brushes. From their father's case they learn to avoid the opposite extreme. His teeth are hopelessly discolored, and a few are habitually loose, but the useful tomato is no longer suspected as the cause. He had an opportunity to read some in a work on dentistry, and came to the conclusion that hard, "scouring" of his teeth with gritty substances, when he was a young man, had worn away the hard enamel of his teeth, so that the strong coffee he drank (during his soldier life especially) penetrated and permanently colored his teeth. I dislike to hear of scouring the teeth. When they have been neglected this may be necessary to get them clean. The dentist has peculiar tools for removing tarter crust, but the yellow deposit on children's teeth can be cleaned away as the dentist does it, by any one. Take finely-powdered pumice stone and a little clean soft pine stick to rub with. Dip the pine stick into the water and then in powdered pumice, and rub the teeth gently. Afterwards wash them with soap and water, using a tooth-brush. It is well to use a little soap occasionally for cleaning the teeth, but plenty of pure water, (a little warm in cold weather) will usually suffice for cleaning the teeth of persons of good dietic habits. To make good teeth in the first place, beginning when we can begin, and allowing for "ancestry," the mother should eat plain and nutritious food, a varied diet well supplied with bone material, as the grains are when it is not bolted or sifted out, and lean meat. For young children milk should be freely used, and Graham and oatmeal also.

A Thief Spotter.

The Boston correspondent of the Hingham *Journal* writes: Constable Derastus Clapp, if alive—we have not heard of his death—must be a very old man. He was successor to "Old Reed," the famous rogue catcher of Boston fifty years ago, and for forty years was the terror of evil-doers in Boston. Mr. Clapp was a shrewd man and a most excellent judge of human nature. He could tell a rogue as far off as he could a black man, and he never made mistakes. His "come along with me" was imperative and admitted of no argument. An instance of his readiness in reading character occurred one morning in the upper criminal court. A case of considerable interest was being tried, and the gallery was crowded with spectators. Two or three reporters were sitting near the door, when Clapp, stooping over, whispered: "Don't all look at once, but please observe that nice looking man with the white cravat, in the front middle seat of the gallery." We looked. "Now," says Clapp, "I'll bet cigars for the crowd that I set that man traveling out of the court-house on the double-quick in less than five minutes, nor will I leave the room or send him any message." The bet was taken, and while we were wondering how the feat was to be accomplished, the veteran quietly beckoned to Officer Tallant, and taking a pair of handcuffs from his pocket, directed the officer's attention to the party in the gallery, at the same time giving him some apparent directions. Tallant opened the door and stepped into the entry, and at the same instant the gentleman with the white cravat bolted like lightning through the crowd to the door and disappeared. "Gentlemen," remarked Cladp, "I never saw that man before in my life. It illustrates the Scripture saying, 'The wicked flee when no man pursueth.'"

What to Teach Girls.

To darn stockings and sew on buttons.

To say no, and mean it, or yes and stick to it.

To keep a house in neat order, with everything in its place.

To have nothing to do with intemperate and dissolute young men.

Teach them to regard the morals and not the money of their beaux.

That the more one lives within one's income, the more one will save.

Not to accept the company of young men who are total strangers to them.

That tight lacing ought to be prevented by laws as opium smoking is in China.

That the further one gets beyond one's income, the nearer he gets to the poor house.

That a reliable young man with good business qualities is worth a dozen loafers in fine harness.

Teach them every day some item of dry, hard, practical sense, and they will yet find time for idealism