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"THE HOME"
SUPER
PHOSPHATE
Prepared especially
For CORN,
by the undersigned, has been upon the market for three years, and is acknowledged by those who have used it, as a STANDARD FERTILIZER for Corn.
Price $25,
And Interest, on Crop Time.
Discount for cash.
Give it a trial.
T. W. ELIASON, JR.
April 1—10t.

Black Residuum
FOR SALE BY
T. W. ELIASON, Jr.
April 1—10t.

Corn Phosphate!
"OLD KENT!"
"Old Kent!"
The undersigned is still selling the reliable "OLD KENT" CORN PHOSPHATE. IT HAS NEVER BEEN EXCELLED. Parties who used it last year are already handing in their orders for this Spring.
OFFICE next door to James A. Shaw's, Court street.
JOHN W. HINES,
mh18-2m. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

T. R. HUBBARD & SON,
MANUFACTURERS OF

—AND—
Pure Ground Bone
Chestertown, Maryland.
HIGHEST CASH PRICE paid for CRUDE BONES delivered at our Factory. mh18-10t.

LEGAL NOTICES.

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

ROBERT WILSON, col'd,

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 25th day of October 1882, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under our hands this 25th day of April, 1882.

CLARA C. WILSON,
J. P. WILSON,
April 29, 1882—4t. Adm'rs.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county Letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

JOHN STOKES,

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 subscriber on or before the 25th day of October, 1882; otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 25th day of April, 1882.

ANNA M. STOKES,
April 29, 1882—4t. Adm'x.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

CARL DELANOT,

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 24th day of October, 1882, otherwise they may be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 11th day of April, 1882.

ROBERT S. EMORY,
April 15, 1882—4t. Adm'r.

WHITE-WASH LIME,
Salted Fish by bbl. or ½ bbl.
mh25. R. F. PARKS.

SPRING FERTILIZERS
"STERLING," for Corn and Vegetables,
"P. P. GUANO," FOR CORN.
THE ABOVE BRANDS ARE SO WELL KNOWN that we deem it unnecessary to dwell upon their merits, and in claiming for them an equality with any, and in many cases a superiority over other Phosphates in the market, we are only doing that which
PAST TESTS FULLY JUSTIFY!
Full line of CHEMICALS on hand.
We respectfully solicit a continuation of the patronage of our Farmers, feeling assured that we can meet the trade either in quality of goods, prices or terms.
CONNELLY & DeFORD,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
Parties in the Upper Districts of Kent can leave their orders with, or obtain any information from Mr. F. H. RIVERS, Galena, who is now in our employ. apr8-7t.

1882. SPRING. 1882.
Climax Super Phosphate,
ACME SUPER PHOSPHATE,
HIGHEST GRADE. LOWEST PRICES.
The attention of FARMERS and GARDENERS is directed to the above brands of Phosphate, prepared by us specially for CORN and VEGETABLES, and containing all the elements of plant food required by these crops.
These goods are equal to any in the market and are offered at the Lowest Prices consistent with purity.
Pure Fertilizing Chemicals
Of all kinds, in lots and at Prices to suit.
Samples, Price Lists, and any other information promptly furnished upon application.
Your early orders are respectfully solicited,
C. W. KENNARD & CO.,
Manufacturers of and Dealers in FERTILIZERS, CHEMICALS, &c.
Office:—MARKET SPACE, CHESTERTOWN.
Factory:—MASSEYS. March 25, 1882.

"LISTER."
Persons who intend to use FERTILIZERS on their CORN and POTATO CROPS or FRUIT TREES, are invited to an inspection of the samples of the various preparations of LISTER BROS.
m25-10t. W. N. E. WICKES.

GRAND OPENING!
—AT THE—
"STAR" CLOTHING HOUSE
Under the "Kent News" Office, CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
—OF—
Men's, Youth's, Boys' and Children's CLOTHING,
Of the Very Latest Spring Styles.
and for quality and neatness of cut will excel any stock ever offered to the people of Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Our stock is large and complete in every respect, and were bought at the very lowest cash prices. *We are prepared to sell at MUCH LOWER PRICES than any other house on the Shore.*
Give us a call. We take great pleasure in showing our goods.
We think it will be to your interest to examine our stock and get our prices before purchasing elsewhere.
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We are also prepared to do all kinds of Repairing, Cleaning and Pressing Gentlemen's Clothing. Respectfully,
April 1, 1882. A. FRIEDMAN.

DO YOU REALIZE
THAT RIGHT HERE IN CHESTERTOWN,
At PIERCE'S BOOT AND SHOE STORE,
Is the Neatest, Nicest and CHEAPEST ASSORTMENT of BOOTS AND SHOES you ever saw?
T. D. PIERCE GIVES his exclusive attention to the BOOT and SHOE Business, and has a perfect collection of SPRING & SUMMER FOOT WEAR unsurpassed in Style, Elegance and Finish. We are prepared to prove it. Call and see for yourself.
T. D. PIERCE, Chestertown, Md.
OPPOSITE THE BANK.
N. B.—Measures taken for Ladies' and Gents' Fine Shoes. Fits guaranteed.

BELTING!
WE offer the Farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's counties,
Rubber or Leather Belting,
as low as can be bought in the city; 2, 3 or 4-ply Rubber Belting, best quality always on hand. Give us a call, and you will find it to your interest.
March 4, 1882. T. L. HINES & CO.

CLOVER SEED FOR SALE.
Farmers, don't forget this important fact, that in a few days R. F. PARKS will endeavor to show the best Seed for the least money.
Very respectfully, R. F. PARKS.
Jan. 21—tf.

THE "Star" Cucumber PUMP is the best on the market, for sale by
mh11. THOS. L. HINES & CO.

BRIDLES, Collars, Traces, Back-bands, Lines, &c., at
mh25. R. F. PARKS.

The BEST and the CHEAPEST!
The American
FRUIT DRIER
OR
PNEUMATIC EVAPORATOR.
THE undersigned, agents for the American Manufacturing Co., of Pennsylvania, for the sale of their AMERICAN FRUIT DRIER in Kent County, respectfully request all FRUIT GROWERS who are in want of a
FRUIT DRIER
to call on either of them and examine this Drier before purchasing. It is built in
FIVE SIZES,
with capacities from 6 to 150 baskets of Peaches per day, and is the *CHEAPEST DRIER IN THE MARKET* considering its many advantages. A full descriptive catalogue furnished on application.
Address WM. P. NORRIS, Lynch's, Kent co., Md.,
J. C. SLAUGHTER, Chestertown, AGENTS.
apr8-tf.

T. G. WROTH. WM. R. ALDRIDGE.
WROTH & ALDRIDGE,
HAVE OPENED A
NEW STORE
IN CHESTERTOWN,
Next to J. K. Aldridge's.
Everything New,
Bought for Cash at Best Cash Rates, and will be sold accordingly.
We keep a full line of
DRY GOODS,
SHOES, GROCERIES, NOTIONS,
SEGARS, TOBACCO, CROCKERY,
and everything usually found in a First Class Store.
A LADY'S nice KID GLOVE will be sold for a dollar. Every pair guaranteed not to rip or tear.
Eggs, Butter, Lard, Poultry and all kinds of Country Produce taken in exchange for goods at the highest market prices. Give us a call.
WROTH & ALDRIDGE,
Feb. 18, 1882. CHESTERTOWN

MILLINGTON
BREAD AND CAKE BAKERY.
HAVING located in Millington for the purpose of carrying on the Bakery business, I am thoroughly prepared to supply the public at short notice with
BREAD, CAKE,
and CONFECTIONERY of all kinds, at city prices.
We keep a full assortment on hand at all times. CHARLES CUMMINS,
Feb. 18—6m. MILLINGTON.

SUITS made to Order
AND
FITS GUARANTEED.
A SPLENDID LINE of SAMPLES.
CALL AT
WHEATLEY BRO.'S, Up Town,
and examine their line of SAMPLES for Spring and Summer wear. They guarantee a fit in every case or no sale. WHEATLEY BROS.
March 11, 1882.

TRAVILLA
Poultry Yards!
I AM now prepared to furnish EGGS for setting from the following varieties of Land and Water Fowls, and guarantee them as pure as I shall use myself:

Mammoth Bronze Turkeys	$3 per 13 Eggs.
White Holland Turkeys	3 " " "
Light Brahmas	2 " " "
Plymouth Rocks	2 " " "
Houdans	2 " " "
Pekin Ducks	2 " " "

Two settings of Chicken or Duck Eggs for $3.
I shall have no Langshan or Embden Geese Eggs for sale. EDW. SLAUGHTER,
mh18-3m. Chestertown, Md.

FORD'S BAZAR,
51 W. Baltimore St.,
4 doors East of Gay St.
The Great Bazar for useful and Fancy Household Goods.
Fine Triple Plate Silver Ware.
Fine Rolled-Plate Jewelry,
Cutlery, Novelties and Notions.
Clocks, Lamps, Vases, Toilet & Smoking Sets in great variety.
Selling better goods at lower prices than ever before. Call and see.
apr15-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's at Law, will be promptly attended to.—Can be seen in Chestertown Saturday afternoons. Or address
COMEGYS BROWN,
aug7-tf. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

GLASSWARE, Lamps and Fixtures of all kinds, we are headquarters for and our prices cannot fail to give satisfaction to all. SPARK'S
aug6. opp. Cour House.

GO TO WM. J. McFEELY'S To get good CHEESE, CHIPPED BEEF, &c
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HAMBURG EDGING and INSERTION, Swiss Embroidery in new patterns at J. H. SIMPEBS'.

IF you want any Repairs for your old Pumps, call at J. K. ALDRIDGE'S.

Attention Farmers
This Certificate explains itself:
MR. E. T. COMEGYS,
of Locust Grove, Kent co., Md.
DEAR SIR:—It gives us great pleasure to be able to FULLY RECOMMEND the
McCormick
SELF BINDER
which we had the pleasure of using last season. We cut with it in all conditions of grain. The machine has done all that was claimed for it, and more than come up to our expectations. We consider it one of the best labor-saving machines that we have on our farms, and the most economical, when we count the board and wages of binders and loss of grain in binding, handling, stacking and threshing after hand-bound grain. No farmer who has run a binder one season will think of running anything else. Would not part with ours for double its cost if we could not get another. For lightness of draft, thoroughness of cutting and binding, simplicity of construction and durability, we think the McCormick has no superior.
ROBERT COMLY, Locust Grove,
DAVID GRANTLIN, " "
C. S. HILL, " "
SAM'L J. HILL, " "
G. MAXWELL, " "
SAM'L A. MERRITT, " "
J. W. HURTT, " "
W. E. SANDERS, " "
JULIAN HURTT, " "
WM. T. MILLER, Chesterville,
SAM'L TAYLOR, Kennedyville.
Mr. WM. W. COSDEN, Lankford, Kent co., Md., Oct. 1, 1881, writes:
"The Self-Binder I bought of your agent this season, Mr. E. T. Comegys, Locust Grove, Md., has given perfect satisfaction in every respect. I cut 110 acres of wheat this season, and broke only one link of reel chain. I also cut 30 acres for my uncle, and helped a neighbor to cut who had used a different Binder. The McCormick Binder was acknowledged to be a horse lighter in draft."
Buy the McCormick Self Binder!
a Machine of 50 years standing. If upon two days trial the machine will not work satisfactorily, it will be taken back and all costs refunded to the farmer.
E. T. COMEGYS,
LOCUST GROVE, KENT CO., MD.
March 11, 1882.

Go to the New Dea!
NEW STORE!
New Goods!
BALTIMORE & PHILA. PRICES!
The undersigned respectfully informs the inhabitants of Chestertown and vicinity that he has opened a FINE STORE in Chestertown, with a large and well selected stock of
BONNETS.
JOCKEYS, trimmed and untrimmed, of the latest styles; also, a large stock of
Gross Grain & Satin Sash & Trimming,
Ribbons, all shades, colors & widths,
Flowers, Feathers and Laces
of every description.
Dress and Cloak Trimmings.
Satins, Fringes, Crapes,
Ladies & Gents' Undergarments,
Ladies', Gents' & Children's Kid
and other kinds of Gloves.
Jewelry, Hosiery, Handkerchiefs,
Corsets,
Ladies' and Gents' Furnishing Goods,
NOTIONS of all kinds and many different articles too numerous to mention. We buy all our goods for cash, and therefore are able to sell all goods as cheap, if not cheaper than any Baltimore or Phila. store. Our motto is Quick Sales and Small Profits.
J. CANTORWITZ,
opp. Post Office,
April 15. CHESTERTOWN

FARMERS' GOODS!!
Farmers' Goods!
A Large assortment of
Shovels, Spades, Hoes, Rakes,
Forks, Grub Hoes, Picks,
Tree Axes, Hedge Trimmers,
Pruning Knives, Shears,
Saws, Bill Hooks,
Bramble Scythes and Snaths,
Webbing & Buckles for Plow harness;
GARDEN SEEDS,
ROCK SALT! ROCK SALT!
Plow Lines, Traces, Hames, Farm Bells three sizes; Cow and Sheep Bells, and a large assortment of Sheep Shears.
J. K. ALDRIDGE.
April 1, 1882.

FRESH GROCERIES
UP TOWN!
WHERE can be found such articles as are usually kept in stock in a well conducted Grocery.
Our stock comprises
SUGAR, COFFEE,
TEA, SALT SHAD, HERRING, MACKEREL, Pickles, Syrup, Molasses, Soaps, Notions, Cigars, Tobacco, Pipes, and in fact you may get most anything you call for.
COUNTRY PRODUCE wanted at all times. Highest prices paid, at
WHALAND'S,
GROCERY STORE, UP TOWN
Feb. 5, 1882—tf.

NEW PATTERNS in TABLE OIL CLOTHS, at J. H. SIMPERS.
feb4.

STOVE REPAIRS and Bricks for sale at less than city prices, at
oc15. J. K. ALDRIDGE'S.

A LESSON IN A GARDEN.

MARY A. BARR IN HARPER'S WEEKLY.

In the bright splendor of the spring,
When the first butterflies are flying,
And the south wind with scented wing
Shakes all the rose-buds with its sighing,
Then the green caterpillars dare
To feed on all things fresh and fair.

One of them—none to my surprise—
Of all but his own self unheeding,
His sixteen legs, two jaws, twelve eyes,
Upon a cabbage leaf was feeding,
As busy, self-absorbed, and trim
As if the world was made for him.

A shrouded, shrivell'd form he spies,
Had once a caterpillar been,
Had sixteen legs, two jaws, twelve eyes,
And worn by him the brightest green.
"Really!" he said, and made a pause,
"This thing's a chrysallis, I suppose!

"I've heard that it will live again,
Will breathe, and eat, have wings, and fly.
The thing's not likely, I maintain,
And what's not likely, I deny.
I hope at least, without pretense,
I am a worm of common sense."

E'en as he spoke, the case was rent,
And low! two wondrous wings unfold,
Of bronze and crimson richly blent,
And powdered o'er with dust of gold.
They spread themselves for happy flight,
Bathed in the sunshine and the light.

The caterpillar crawled away,
Eating his road; but I could see,
Though he had nothing more to say,
He'd lost his self-sufficiency.
Perchance, though to his leaf he clings,
He dreams of gold and crimson wings.

SONNET: The Child and the Flowers.

In a chariot of sunbeams I float through the Spring,
With the song of the robins in ecstasy sing;
An infant's new voice catches Eden's last strain,
And echoes pure music to earth back again;
Her breath is as sweet as the heart of a rose,
On her fair head white lilies in perfume repose,
Deep down in her eyes the future doth beam,
That leads to the golden hope-gate of a dream;
She came to our hearts through the March winds and snow,
Now sunbeams and flowers wrap her up in a glow,
The rose and the lily in fragrance supreme,
Smile on her, as if she was queen of a dream;
The bright Star of Hope builds her castles of bliss
And a maiden is crowned with a wind perfumed kiss.

Wilmington, April 22. MATILDA CANBY.

GILDED STARVATION.

GORGEOUS POVERTY IN MANHATAN MANSIONS—HOW MANY FAMILIES STARVE AND KEEP A CARRIAGE.

The other morning, when a New York reporter went into the butcher shop on Third avenue, immediately around the corner from his boarding-house, to deliver a pathetic message from his sick landlady, he met a splendidly costumed female coming out as he was going in. Turning around naturally to follow her movements, and still further to feast his eyes, he saw her step into a carriage at the curb-stone, which was speedily whisked away by a pair of spirited and prancing horses.

The well-groomed horses, with their shining harness; the black-tiled, green-coated, silver-buttoned and white-gloved coachman; the highly-polished carriage, with its gleaming lamps and windows; the whole equipage, in truth, flashing in the morning sunlight, seemed like a splendid vision from the world of dreams. When it had sparkled and shimmered out of sight, and was lost in the common crowd of vehicles, the reporter turned again into the butcher-shop.

As he did so, the butcher brought a hunk of meat from one of the hooks and flung it on the meat round block at the end of his counter. Seizing a pair of meat axes, he began hacking away to make mince-meat thereof in an unmistakable spiteful and vicious fashion.

"That is what I call gorgeous poverty," looking up and nodding to the reporter.

The butcher, it may be remarked, is an old school-fellow, who had the usual presidential aspirations during his early years; but developing consumptive tendencies, had sought a corrective in his father's business. He had succeeded to the store at his father's death. He had found the corrective. His weight is not less than two hundred pounds.

"See," he said, turning suddenly and pointing theatrically to four small mutton-chops and a modest and retiring piece of corned-beef on the counter behind him. "That is what Mrs. Magniloquent Montrose has just purchased.

"I should not be so indignant," he continued, laughing suddenly, "if these people would take their purchases with them. They always want them sent home. Now, this corned-beef and these mutton-chops will make two parcels which my boy could almost put into his vest-pockets. He takes them to a magnificent four-storied, brown-stone mansion on Madison avenue. The mutton-chops are for the family dinner, the corned-beef is for the servants. There is twenty-three cents' worth. She paid twenty-three cents out of a beautiful seal-skin pocket-book, lined with blue-silk. When she paid me I do not think she had twenty-three cents left in it."

"Then she pays cash," suggested the reporter.

"Because I won't give her credit. Her husband is a cashier in a large bank down town. I suppose that he has a handsome salary. But his big house, his expensively-dressed wife and daughters, his carriage and his splendid coachman, his family's trip to Europe or Saratoga in the Summer time absorb everything. He has little or no money to invest in bread and butter and meat. If I should let my bill run up the money would go for bonnets, gloves, boots and other full-dress paraphernalia. Then when Magniloquent Montrose absconds as he probably will why I would be two or three hundred dollars out of pocket."

"Occasionally the Montroses give a dinner party, after living at other people's dinner parties for two or three months, and starving genteelly in the intervals. Then I sell them a nice lot of meat, and am very careful to get my money for it."

"Oh, yes, it is about the same thing with the other tradesmen. Mrs. Montrose dashes up to the corner grocery store and orders a small measure of potatoes and a bar of soap to be sent home, and grandly rides away again. You may see her servant on the avenue almost any morning on her way to the baker's to buy and pay for one loaf of bread.

"Of course the servants do not like this sort of thing. They usually stay a month, get their month's wages and go. If the servant can't stand it a month and leaves before the end of it, she does not get any wages.

A middle-aged female entered the shop at this moment. She was dressed in shabby black. She carried a small market-basket. She began inspecting very earnestly a round of beef that lay on the counter.

"It is not quite far enough in," she said at length; "but you can cut me a pretty thick slice off there."

The butcher cut off the slice, wrapped it up and gave it to the customer who went away.

"You trust her?"

"That's Miss Smith, a very different kind from Mrs. Montrose. She gets the very best porter-house steak in the shop. She waits until the cut is just right. If it is not far enough in or verges toward the sirloin, she won't have it. And she pays promptly every week. Why, she and her cat consume more good meat than all the Montrose family—father, mother and two daughters—do together. She is an old-maid, a dress maker. She lives in the third-story front room in the house over the way. Sometimes she goes out of town to a country mansion to do a week's work. She always comes back starved or dyspeptic, or both—at least she says so.

"I tell you," concluded the butcher, flourishing the knife wherewith he had just cut into the porter-house steak, "one-half the people in this city don't know how the other half live."

A CROCODILE stole a baby once in the days when animals could talk and was about to make a dinner of it. The poor mother begged piteously for her child. "Tell me one truth," said the crocodile, "and you shall have your baby again." The grief-stricken mother thought for a moment and then said, between her sobs; "I shall buy a new bonnet next Spring." "Take the baby," said the alligator, clubbing himself as he spoke, "I am not fly enough for you."

The Wonderful Damascus Blades.

Great discoveries and improvements have been made in the manufacture of steel, but it is quite remarkable, says a writer in the American Machinist, that no country has produced an article equal to the Damascus blades. These blades are no myths, as many suppose. Many of them exist, highly prized, in the hands of the descendants of Saracen chiefs and Eastern princes in European collections. The peculiarity of the Damascus weapon is not only its beautiful surface, showing myriads of waving zigzag lines running through the metal, but the temper and elasticity of the steel surpasses all other kinds, combining a sharpness of edge with such elasticity as no modern art can equal. The point of the sword can be bent to reach the hilt and then spring back to a straight line, and the same sword would cut through an ordinary weapon without injuring its edge, or sever a silk scarf thrown in the air. All investigations seem to prove that the Arabs produced their finely tempered Damascus swords by using two steels of different carbonization, mixing them in the most intimate manner and twisting them in fantastic ways, but observing method in their fancy. Nichola Milonas, in trying to discover the process of the Kourdes in the manufacture of their sword blades, observed, first, that the manufactories in which these blades were made were situated at the declivity of the mountains, near cascades, the water of which, falling from rock to rock, arrived at a limped state in the reservoirs constructed for its reception, and in which the blades are tempered. The reservoirs are themselves placed in situations where the air is very pure. These conditions of purity of air and water are considered necessary for the success of the operation. Second, iron of the purest quality was selected and submitted to a very high temperature. The first tempering is begun when the iron is at white heat; the fuel used is placed on each side of it, and when red-hot the iron is covered as quickly as possible with fatty and oily matter, paste made from bones, wax, etc. This operation tends according to the manufacturer, to render the blade flexible. The second tempering is performed by the same process, with these differences. The heated iron, after having thrown off considerable quantities of sparks, and having been exposed, is covered with a paste composed of powdered bones and purified mutton suet. Third tempering is effected by placing the metal in such a manner that it may be seized by a man on horseback, who rides at full gallop, in order that the blade, which he keeps in an elevated position, may receive the impression of the air. The fuel used is anthracite and turf. In order to obtain favorable results it is necessary to use fuel entirely free from sulphur, and to combine as much as possible animal, vegetable and mineral substances. Imitations resembling genuine Damascus blades, but far inferior to them in quality, are manufactured at Sheffield, Solingen, Germany, and Fiskilstuna, Sweden. These productions have little to recommend them except their name.

INFLUENCE OF MUSIC.

"I has received a letter from Boston," slowly remarked Brother Gardner, "axin' me for my observashuns on de influence of music on mankind. I reply dat mankind widout music would be clawin' each odder up in half a day. Music am de stone wall dat surrounds marcy, peace, charity and humanity. Only las' week I war writin' down my observashuns fur de las' forty-seven y'ars, an' I will gib dem to de public as follows:

"De soun' of a hoss-fiddle brings up old reckoleckshuns an' starts de tear of regret. If played long 'nuff, and de wind am in de right direckshun, it will cause the listener to shell out a subscripshun of $2,000 ta'rds a new cull'd Baptist Church. Try it once and be convinced.

"De soun' of a harp hits a man below de belt. He begins to fink of all de mean fings he ever did, an' to wish he hadn't, an' at de end of fifteen minits he am ready to step ober an' pay his naybur $1 a piece fur de hens he shot in his garden las' spring.

"De soun' of de fiddle grabs on to seben different h'art strings at once, an' a man am knocked so flat he will esteem it a privilege to len' you $10.

"De jewsharp goes right to de soul. If your wife am all ready to 'lope off wid de hired man, de jewsharp will take her bonnet off in sixteen seconds. If you keep a hired man you should also keep a jewsharp.

"Pianner music sometime hits and sometime misses. I'ze known it to make an' old bald head go home an' pass two whole hours without cuffin' the child'en, and I'ze known it to cause a young gall to slide down ober de roof of a kitchen an' 'lope off wid the owner of a sideshow.

"De brass ban' might soothe a sorrowin' soul if the said sorrowin' soul didn't have all he could do to hold his hoss.

"De melodian used to produce a desire on de part of the listener to be buried under a yew-yew tree, but I hear dey hav' impruved it so dat a person had as lief be buried under a basswood.

"De orgon fills de soul wid awe and strikes de heroic cord. If you am lay'n' fur a man, do not tackle him just arter he has been taking in the notes of an organ.

"De banjo—yum! if you want my dog—my hoss—my house an' lot, play me de banjo an' keep time wid your fut. I spec' de music of angelic harps am sweet and soft and dreamy, but if dey want to keep us cull'd folks satisfied up dar, a little more banjo an' a little less harp am de fust perscription. Let us now attack de business of the meeting.

Nearly Kissed Themselves to Death.

Osculation is unquestionably a pleasing pursuit. It has been recognized as such from time immemorial, by generations unnumbered of lovers, poets and even philosophers. There are doubtless at the present moment in this as in other countries many enamored swains who ask no better than to imprint "ten thousand kisses," one after another, upon the lips of the damsels on whom they have bestowed their affections. They may, however, esteem themselves fortunate if their opportunities in this direction are somewhat limited, as the following true story will show: At an evening party in Kelkhelm a few weeks ago the conversation happened to turn upon kissing, and the question arose how many salutations of this class could be exchanged between two ardent lovers within a certain space of time. As usual, opinions differed, and discussion waxed warm. Presently a fiery youth offered to bet anybody present the German equivalent of a ten-pound note that he and his betrothed would kiss one another ten thousand times in ten hours, provided they were permitted to partake of some slight refreshments at intervals of half an hour during the performance. His wager having been accepted and the money posted, the affianced couple addressed themselves to the achievement of their congenial task. At the expiration of the first hour their account stood credited with two thousand kisses. During the second they added another thousand, and during the third seven hundred and fifty to that number. Then, pitiful to state, they both broke down. The youth's lips were stricken with cramp and the maiden fainted away. Later on in the evening she was compelled to take to her bed with a sharp attack of neuralgia. An even more distressing result ensued from this surfeit of tender endearment, for it led to the breaking off, by mutual consent, of a hopeful matrimonial engagement. Young lovers should keep this sad tale in mind and moderate their transports, for, strange as it may seem, Don Cupid himself may be kissed to death.—*London Telegraph.*

Why He Left.

There is a young editor wandering on the face of the earth who formerly published a paper at Storm Lake, Iowa. He left there the day after the issue of his last paper, and is supposed to be crossing the State on foot to get away from an infuriated female populace. It seems there was a concert given by young ladies of the city, and the gallant young editor wrote it up in splendid shape. The same day he had visited a herd of short horn cattle, owned by a farmer in the vicinity, and he wrote up the cattle also. The cross-eyed foreman of the office got the two articles mixed as follows: "The concert given last evening by sixteen of Storm Lake's most beautiful and interesting young ladies, was highly appreciated. They were elegantly dressed and sang in a most charming manner, winning the plaudits of the entire audience, who pronounced them the finest short-horns in the county. A few of them are of a rich brown color, but the majority of them are spotted brown and white. Several of the heifers were fine-bodied, tight-limbed animals, and promise to prove good property."

W. W. Astor's box at the Italian opera for a season of 120 nights cost $37,000. The figures are quoted to show that Mr. Mapleson's stockholders are not music-loving deadheads.

ANGUS MACDONALD'S FARM.

HE SELLS IT ONCE AND IS SORRY—HE SELLS IT AGAIN AND IS VERY SORRY.

Angus MacDonald was a farmer from Charlotteburg, County Glengarry, who arrived in Winnepeg a few days ago. Angus in his own estimation and in the estimation of his friends, was a shrewd man. He was hardly in the place before an old acquaintance of his ran up against him, slapped him on the back in a friendly way, and said:

"I'm glad you've come up. I was just going to send for you."

After their greetings, he continued: "By the way, Angus, you own a farm out near Minnedosa?"

"Yes."

"How much will you take for it?"

"I don't know," said Angus. "I thought of settling on it myself."

"Well, I'll tell you what; I'll give you $6,000 for it.

Angus thought before leaving Glengarry that if he got $2,000 for it he would be doing well, but he was now in the land of booms, and so he asked for it $6,500.

"Well, here's $50 on the bargain and we'll sign the papers to-morrow." And the purchaser rushed off.

Before two hours had passed Angus ran against another old acquaintance.

"Glad to see you, Angus; glad you came up. There's a splendid chance for you. By the way, I see you registered as owning a farm near Minnedosa. How much do you want for that farm?"

"I've just sold it," said Angus.

"How much did he give you?"

"Six thousand five hundred dollars."

"The dickens he did! Why I'll give $15,000 for it. You go to the purchaser and get him to release you, and I'll give you the $15,000.

Angus wished he was back in St. Raphaels or anywhere else, since he had made such a fool of himself. However, all he could do was to try and get the farm back. So who does he run across within fifteen minutes but purchaser No. 1.

Says Angus: "I'm sorry I sold you my farm. I'd like to get it back. Here's your $50, and we'll be where we were."

"Oh, I can't do that! I bought the farm and will have the papers ready to-morrow."

After further higgling, Angus offered him $500 to break the bargain.

With great reluctance the first purchaser took the $500—100 new $5 bills of the Bank of Montreal—and gave back to Angus the temporary agreement of sale.

Angus was a happy man and set out to find buyer No. 2.

He found him not. No. 1 and No. 2. were pal confidence men. Angus was the sucker from Ontario, and $450 was the net amount that they stung him for.—*Guelph Herald.*

Guiteau, a Human Rattlesnake.

McDonald, the sculptor, is a curious man. His high cheek bones, blue-gray eyes, sharp nose, his blue-black, close-cropped side-whiskers, and a tall, angular figure stood out as typical features in the man who looks like a professor in some country university. He is many-sided and full of theories. To use his own language, he has been "making an anatomical, psychological and mental study" of the assassin. To a Washington correspondent the elderly sculptor talked easily and fluently.

"How do you find Guiteau's figure?" was asked.

"He has the figure of an athlete. You know I stripped him and measured him carefully at all points. He has a very thick, stout neck; his chest is splendid, deep and full; his arms are very long for his body and very sinewy. Under favorable conditions he might have been been a great athlete. As it is, he is a very powerful man."

"Do you think him sane?"

"Certainly, but he is a human animal in his appetites and his passions. In order to learn the habits and peculiarities of an animal confined you must go to his keepers. I have been with his keepers for three weeks, and I now understand all about him. He is a human rattlesnake."

"A rattlesnake?"

"Yes, sir; there are men in that prison who have grown gray in watching prisoners made up from all classes of criminals. In the entire list of all these men they have never had a criminal under their care before who has not had some friend or some attractive trait to win sympathy from some one about him. This man has not a single friend. He knows no gratitude, and there is not a man in the prison who can conjure up one small kind thing to say of the least incident of his life in the prison."

"I have," added the professor, "examined his head from a phrenological standpoint. He has absolutely no love, no gratitude, no sense of decency, no courage, while self-esteem is enlarged abnormally. He is cruel, absolutely having no heart. In short, he is a human rattlesnake."

"Was he patient under your examinations?"

"Oh, yes, just because it gratified his vanity. He thinks the American people are anxions to see him, and he was proud to get out on exhibition, if it was only in effigy. He expects to be out soon himself, and this will pave the way for his lecture tour."

Mending a Physiognomy.

A Chicago dentist has beaten the practitioner who made the Chinese woman a celluloid nose clear out of the market. The operation consisted in supplying a nose, upper lip, cleft palate and a full set of upper teeth, the originals having been destroyed by cancer. This complicated and most difficult combination was the result of experience in many other similar but less complicated cases. The nose and lip were made of rubber—soft rubber being used where flexibility was desired, the color of flesh being imitated as nearly as possible. Heavy linen was made to fit the artificial nose, which had been artistically carved. This gave the nose and lip linen surface after being pressed into shape and vulcanized, the object of which was to paint the nose and lip flesh color and imitate nature more closely, bringing it into harmony with the rest of the face. The nose and lip were attached to the plate by a gold spring through the opening in the hard palate. The cleft or soft palate was attached and held in place by gold springs through the opening, as the maxiliary bones and fissures of the upper lip were gone. This united the nasal passage with the oral cavity. The spring was so attached to the nose that, by pressing the nose against the face with one hand, with the thumb pressing the obturator against the roof of the mouth, the gold spring from the nose caught the slot intended to hold it in position, which firmly drew the nose against the face, rendering the defection less perceptible. This also had the desired result of holding the obturator, teeth and soft palate in position.

A Mistake Was Made.

A young lady gave "her young man" a beautifully worked pair of slippers, and he acknowledged the present by sending her his picture, encased in a handsome frame. He wrote a note to send with it, and at the same time replied angrily to an oft-repeated dun for an unpaid suit of clothes. He gave a boy ten cents to deliver the package and notes, giving explicit direction as to the destination of each.

It was a boy with a freckled face, and he discharged his errand in a manner that should give him a niche in the temple of fame.

The young lady received a note in her adored one's handwriting, and flew to her room to devour its contents. She opened the missive with eager fingers, and read:

"I'm getting tired of your everlasting attentions. The suit is about worn out already. It never amounted to much, anyway. Please go to thunder!"

And the tailor was struck utterly dumb when he opened a parcel and discovered the picture of his delinquent customer, with a note that said:

"When you gaze upon the features, think how much I owe you."

When the unfortunate young man called around that evening to receive the happy acknowledgement of his sweetheart, he was very ostentatiously shoved off the steps by the young lady's father.

ROUND DANCES.—The Catholic Mirror of Baltimore issues a ukase against round dances. The Mirror says: "In some convent schools the little girls are taught how to dance, under the pretense that it is a beneficial exercise and that it imparts grace to their carriage. They learn not only square dances, but the waltz, the polka, the racquet, and other devices of the devil. This is infamous! To allow them even to instruct one another in these forbidden amusements, what is it but preparing them to commit sin? It is training them for vice and the end of vice, which is perdition. If they never learned these dances, they could never take part in them; and whoever teaches them, or connives at their instructions in them, becomes, according to circumstances, more or less responsible for the sins which they will themselves commit, and which they will be the occasion of others committing by this means. This practice must stop, worthy nuns and Sisters, and the sooner the better."

THE wonder of Paris, if the correspondents know anything about it, is the boy with the telescopic eye. One eye is as large as a silver dollar and the other as small as a French pea. Up to a few months ago this large eye was of no use. But after an operation upon it an astonishing changed occurred. The eye became telescopic in its range and the boy could expand or contract the pupil at will. At night he could see the rings and moons of Jupiter and the new discovered satellites of Mars. Then it was discovered that the smaller eye was microscopic, a drop of water appearing to him through it as a world of life. The oculists, microscopists and astronomers of Paris are said to be in a state of great excitement over the boy.

POLITENESS is a wreath of flowers that adorns the world.