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Middletown, Del., July 27th, 1885.

Messrs. Parvis & Williams:—I threshed a sod field last week, and though I do not know the exact amount, yet I am sure I got something between 25 and 30 bushels per acre. Yours truly, NEHEMIAH BURRIS.

Kennedyville, Md., July 23d, 1885.

Messrs. Parvis & Williams:—The Wheat Grower Phosphate used by me last fall, I am pleased to state has done exceedingly well, giving me a good field of wheat from very poor land. Yours, TILGHMAN SHAFER.

Kennedyville, Kent County, Md., July 23d, 1885.

Messrs. Parvis & Williams—Dear Sirs:—Your Phosphate used by me last fall has exceeded my expectations; has given me as good results as higher priced goods. Respectfully yours, W. T. HEPBRON.

Kennedyville, July 23d, 1885.

Messrs. Parvis & Williams:—I used your Wheat Grower Phosphate on my wheat last fall, and am entirely satisfied with the result. It far excels higher priced goods used in same field. Respectfully, SAMUEL TAYLOR.

Kennedyville, July 23d, 1885.

Messrs. Parvis & Williams—Dear Sirs:—Your Wheat Grower Phosphate used by me seed time of 1884 has given me much better results than other kinds used, and cost me less money. I cheerfully recommend it as a first-class fertilizer. Respectfully, CAPT. DAN. HILL.

Kennedyville, July 23d, 1885.

Messrs. Parvis & Williams:—Your Wheat Grower Phosphate has proved a success. My crop of nearly thirty-five hundred bushels, all exceeded twenty bushels per acre, part of land third year in wheat. Yours, H. F. HILL.

Locust Grove, Kent Co., Md., July 23d, 1885.

Messrs. Parvis & Williams:—The Wheat Grower Phosphate purchased in the fall of 1884, I used on my corn ground. The field was hilly and the poorest on the farm. It yielded me twenty-two and a half bushels per acre. I do not hesitate to recommend it. Yours respectfully, T. J. SHALLCROSS.

Locust Grove, July 23d, 1885.

Messrs. Parvis & Williams—Dear Sirs:—The Wheat Grower Phosphate purchased of you in the fall of 1884 has given me entire satisfaction; have threshed the lightest field; it yielded me thirty bushels per acre, I feel sure the remainder will exceed thirty-five bushels. Yours respectfully, J. C. SUTTON.

Still Pond, Md., July 23d, 1885.

Messrs. Parvis & Williams—Dear Sirs:—I take pleasure in saying that your Phosphate used by me in the fall of 1884 was decidedly the best of several other kinds used. It produced twenty-three bushels per acre on corn ground.

August 1, 1885. Yours, &c., WILLIAM JONES.

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FOR ALL CROPS,

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This Article of agreement, made and entered into this — day of — 188-, between I. P. Thomas, of the Township of Thornbury, County of Delaware, and State of Pennsylvania, manufacturer of the I. P. Thomas Tip Top Raw Bone Superphosphate, of the one part, and —— —— of the Township of — County of — and State of — of the other part, witnesseth, that the said —— —— who hath this day purchased and settled for — tons of the I. P. Thomas Tip Top Raw Bone Superphosphate, shall have the beneficial results of the same guarantee in manner following, to wit: The Fertilizer to be used on land to be planted with wheat the present season; the application to be made as follows:

That it shall be in competition with any commercial fertilizer, with stable manure or with lime, at the option of said —— —— at the same cost per acre, and the result separately and carefully noted, and if there can be found any commercial fertilizer, stable manure or lime, that will give a greater amount of product for the money invested after the trial by said —— —— then the said —— —— shall have and recover from the said I. P. Thomas such a proportion of the purchase money for said fertilizer, as shall be represented by its relative deficiency in product.

It is further agreed that the party of the first part shall designate where the goods shall be purchased that are to enter into the competitive trial. The party of the second part having the same privilege of selecting where the I. P. Thomas Tip Top Raw Bone Superphosphate shall be obtained.

A copy of the report of such competitive trial, duly authenticated, to be forwarded to the said I. P. Thomas, by said —— —— in a reasonable time after results are obtained, whether favorable, or otherwise. A failure on the part of the said —— —— to strictly carry out the provisions of the foregoing contract, shall work only a forfeiture of the right to recover.

In witness whereof, the parties have hereunto affixed their hands and seals, this — day of — 188-

Witness present:

——————SEAL.

——————SEAL.

For further particulars address

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Attorney's Sale

—OF A—

VALUABLE

Fruit and Truck Farm

IN KENT COUNTY, MD.

IN VIRTUE of competent authority from the owner, a resident of England, the undersigned as attorney, will offer at Public Sale on

TUESDAY, 8th of Sept., 1885,

At the "Voshell House," in Chestertown, Md., at 12½ o'clock, P. M., the farm of the late Wm. P. Smith, called

"SUNNYSIDE,"

CONTAINING

87½ ACRES of LAND,

more or less, and situated at "Fishing Valley," immediately upon Chesapeake Bay, adjoining the lands of Mrs. P. C. A. Clemens, Jno. P. Davidson and others.

This is one of the finest and most profitable Fruit and Truck farms in the State, and its location is unsurpassed for beauty and healthfulness. No finer water view can be found, and all the advantages of Fish and Game accompanying the best salt water locations are to be found here with an abundant supply of fuel and fence timber from the drift wood upon the shores.

The soil is a deep rich sandy loam unequaled for fruit or truck; and the peaches grown upon this farm are noted for size, color and marketable qualities, as well as for certainty of yield.

The farm is about 4 miles from Betterton, where steamers to and from Baltimore and Philadelphia stop daily, affording choice of market for all produce; and a wharf could be built at small expense upon the farm at the end of Fishing Valley public road, which would afford a shipping point for a large area of excellent fruit land. No better soil for Asparagus could be found; and no better location for the option of the Baltimore and Philadelphia markets.

The Kent County Railroad is about 4 or 5 miles distant at Still Pond station; and excellent Stores and Shops, as well as Schools and Churches are found at the village of Still Pond, which is a model of neatness and thrift.

THE DWELLING ON THE FARM

IS A

Two-Story Frame,

in fair repair, with Five rooms beside the Kitchen; with Carriage-house, Meat-house, Poultry-house and Dairy. There are Cisterns for drinking water, both at the house and barn, Stable for four horses and Barn in fair repair. The fencing is good.

There are 1,000 Peach Trees, from 15 to 20 years old; 2,000 from 10 to 15 years old; 2,000 7 years old; 1,500 2 years old, all of choice varieties and yielding regularly large crops. There are 1,000 Dwarf Pear Trees 4 years old of the most approved selections; 1,200 Bartlett 1 year old; 400 Keifer 1 year old; 400 Manning's Elizabeth 1 year old. The Bartletts are too well known to need comment, and the Keifer and Manning's Elizabeth are regarded as the most profitable Pears on the Nurseryman's list. There are also 50 Quince Trees and 50 Plum Trees.

Whether this place be regarded as a pleasure seat or an investment, it possesses equal advantages; and the annual net rental for a number of years has varied from $1,000 to $2,000.

TERMS OF SALE:

The terms of sale are as follows:—One-third cash on the day of sale, or in 30 days thereafter at the option of the undersigned. The residue in two equal payments, in one and two years from day of sale, with interest from January 1st, 1886, when possession will be given, to be secured by bond with approved security. The crops of the current year to be reserved from sale and the taxes to be paid by the owner to January 1st, 1886. Title to be clear.

JAMES A. PEARCE,

Attorney for owner.

JOHN H. GREENWOOD, Auc'r.

Aug. 22, 1885—tds.

ATTORNEY'S SALE OF A

HOUSE and LOT.

THE undersigned as attorney for the owner, John B. Lewis, of Wilmington, Delaware, will on

TUESDAY, September 22d, 1885,

at the Court House door in Chestertown, Md., offer at Public Sale the

HOUSE and LOT

AT MELITOTA,

or Willis' X Roads, in this county.

This property formerly belonged to Adolphus Strong, and recently to William A. Fowler.

There is a STABLE attached, and the Lot contains TWO ACRES of LAND, with nice Apple Trees. Possession will be given immediately.

TERMS of Sale $100 or $200 cash, balance on moderate terms.

HOPE H. BARROLL, ATT'Y.

I am requested to say that the Sale will be positive, without reserve or withdrawal. HOPE H. BARROLL,

Aug22-tds. Attorney.

A Small & Desirable Farm

AT PRIVATE SALE.

THE undersigned offers at private sale the

"BUCKINGHAM FARM,"

Containing 119 Acres of Land,

well adapted to the growth of Peaches, Grain and Grass; beautifully located, being immediately upon Chester river, four miles from Chestertown, on the public road leading from Chestertown to Millington; convenient to School, Church and market.

This Farm offers a rare opportunity to any one desiring a small farm for a comfortable home. Terms easy.

W. D. BURCHINAL.

June 27, 1885—tf.

TINWARE! TINWARE!

A large assortment of our own manufacture and selling cheap.—Stoves of the best makes sold as cheap as the cheapest. J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

Forest Sentinels.

BY SALLIE WEBSTER DORSEY.

In ranks ye stand, O, mighty trees!
Nor fear the storm's tempestuous rage.
Thy leafy plumes foretell the breeze
To birds with young in forest cage.

Ye stand as giant sentinels,
Not to command, but to protect.
Within thy shade sweet comfort dwells,
Where man and beast the same detect.

Thine is a shield in peace to wear—
A landmark in its gorgeous sheen.
Ye lift it high above the hills,
The fairest of all Nature's green.

Ye look to loftier things above,
Still cling ye to thy Mother Earth.
Ye greet the Sun, thy early love,
And bless the land that gave ye birth.

A Hand Supreme hath fashioned ye
So nobly, stately, proud and grand,
That ye from age to age might be
The pride and glory of our land.

SOME FAMOUS FUNERALS.

MAGNIFICENT PAGEANTS IN HONOR OF DEPARTED HEROES.

Obsequies of Alexander, Julius Cæsar, Wellington, Napoleon and Washington.

Two long years were consumed in the formidable preparations for the funeral of Alexander the Great. Dying at Babylon, he directed that his body, which was immediately embalmed with elaborate care by Egyptian and Chaldean adepts, should be deposited in the Temple of Jupiter on an Egyptian oasis. Undeterred by the enormous distance, the procession set forth, an army of workmen having been sent forward to repair the roads and bridges. The funeral-car was drawn by sixty-four horses, chosen for their strength and size, splendidly caparisoned. The car itself was of surpassing magnificence, the spokes and naves of the wheels and ends of the axles being covered with gold, the platform upholding a royal pavilion incrusted with gems, supporting a throne and a coffin, the latter of gold and filled with costly spices. But the body never reached its destination. Ptolemy arrested its progress and buried it at Alexandria, which city may be said to have itself proved the enduring monument of the conqueror.

Very different was the funeral of Julius Cæsar. The circumstances of his death were so tragic, and such enormous crowds gathered to the ceremony, that they could not be formed into a procession, and the different classes of people were accordingly asked to come together under their appropriate insignia in the Field of Mars. The body of the great Roman was exposed lying upon a gilded bed, covered with scarlet and a cloth of gold, and placed under a magnificent canopy in the form of a temple.

After the funeral ceremonies were over, a question arose where they should burn the body. Some suggested a temple on Capitoline hill, others suggested the senate-house where he had fallen. The senate, less willing to pay him extraordinary honors, proposed a more retired spot. The discussion was fast becoming a dispute when two soldiers, with drawn swords and blazing torches in their hands, forced their way through the crowd and set fire to the bed. In a moment there was the wildest excitement. The multitude fell to work directly building the funeral pyre upon the spot. First they brought fagots and then benches from the neighboring porticos, and next any combustible material they could find, and at length, as the excitement grew, the soldiers threw in their arms, the musicians their instruments, while others stripped down and threw upon the flames the trappings of the funeral procession. So fierce was the fire that it spread to the neighboring houses, and was only with the greatest difficulty extinguished. As a fitting monument, the people erected to the "Mighty Julius" a lofty column surmounted by a star.

Coming down to modern times, accounts of the obsequies of the "Iron Duke," perhaps the greatest ever known in England, and the second funeral of Napoleon must still be born freshly in mind by many of the veterans of today. The duke of Wellington, after lying in state five days in Chelsea hospital, was borne to his last resting place in St. Paul's on a car drawn by twelve horses, accompanied by a grand military and civic concourse, the latter including Prince Albert, both houses of parliament, judges, nobles, public bodies, the mourning coaches of the queen and royal family, and an innumerable throng of the people.

Napoleon's funeral, as a parade, remains unparalleled in our times. The cherished remains of their hero, having been received from the English nineteen years after his death. It was not so much a funeral as a vast triumphal procession that followed, during which all France resounded with booming cannon, tolling bells, and strains of martial music, while the excited people lined the banks of the Seine and filled the air with frenzied shouts and cries and sobs of joy and gratulation. The resources of funeral art were exhausted upon the pageant, and the imagination is unable to distinguish the details of a procession in which the catafalco, the central object of interest, was borne on a moving mound of gold and velvet drawn by sixteen black horses and guarded and escorted, it is said, by an army of 150,000 soldiers.

Compare with these splendors the quiet and simple funeral rites of our own Washington, so befitting republican simplicity and the character of him who was, nevertheless, "first in the hearts of his countrymen." A gathering of the dignitaries of the neighboring town of Alexandria, with the militia and Freemasons, his friends and neighbors, his own war horse, duly caparisoned, led in the midst, one vessel in the river hard by, firing minute guns, and the whole procession confined to his own private grounds, where his tomb was made and still is.—*Boston Advertiser.*

The Unluckiest of Men.

A venerable old tramp entered an Austin business house and said to the proprietor: "I am the most unfortunate man in the world; please do something for me." "I don't know who you are," replied the merchant; "you may be an impostor." "Here is a certificate from Parson Jordan, of Galveston, that I am a hard-working, honest man, who has been unfortunate." "A certificate from Parson Jordan, of Galveston?" asked the merchant. "Yes, sir; here it is," replied the mendicant, handing the merchant a paper. The merchant looked at the paper and said: "Parson Jordan, of Galveston, is my brother. I know his signature very well, and his signature on that certificate is forged." "Just as I expected," whined the mendicant; "I told you I was the most unfortunate man in the world. Just think of me coming to the brother of Parson Jordan, of all the people in the town, and showing him that forged certificate, when there is not another man in Austin who knows his signature."

The Reason Why.

Flipkins came down to the club last night with a great problem weighing on his mind.

"If I should stand on my head," said he, coming up to the boys with the air of a man who has got a poser—"if I stand on my head the blood all rushes into my head, don't it?"

No one ventured to contradict him.

"Now," continued he, triumphantly, "when I stand on my feet, why don't the blood all rush into my feet?"

"Because," replied, Miss Coshannigan's brother, "because, Flipkins your feet are not empty."

The boys all laughed, but Flipkins said he couldn't see any joke.

"LET me see," said a minister, who was filling out a marriage certificate, and had forgotten the date, "this is the fifth; is it not?" "No, sir," replied the bride, with decided indignation, "this is only my second."

MAMMA—"Don't you think, Emma, you are getting a little too old to be playing with the boys so much?" Emma—"I know it, but the older I get the better I like 'em."

Parental and Filial Duty.

Prof. Felix Adler, in the course of a lecture, said that the gift of children tended to moral elevation. The man who desired to see his children grow up better than himself would not fail to improve his own life and character, so as to set them a good example. If a parent sought to curb the angry passions of a child, that parent would most carefully guard against any ebullition of temper, such as would set an evil example. If it was sought to have the children avoid slander, no encouragement at the table or in the parlor should be given to those who meet only to rend their neighbor's character. Avoid the feasts of those moral cannibals who feed upon the reputations of others.

The moral nature and individuality of children, Prof. Adler continued, should be carefully studied and respected. They are, it is true, bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh, but we are the only channels through which the river of life is transmitted to them. Some parents make a point of trying to mould their children into reproductions of themselves. But every child has a right to its own individuality. For instance, if a boy shows talent for art, it is a grave question whether it be wise for the boy's father to say: "Oh! I don't want my boy to be a painter; I mean him to be a lawyer." Or, again, a youth shows an intense passion for study, but a friend of the father has an opening in his counting house, and so the instincts of genius are sacrificed to the dollar. Thus the individuality of life is destroyed and the particular message with which it was entrusted to deliver to the world lost.

In conclusion the speaker dwelt upon the reverence and love due from children to their parents. As an instance from filial devotion he cited the case of the fireman who lost his life at the fire at College Place, New York. As he fell from the ladder to the ice-bound pavement below, he was heard to exclaim, "Oh! my poor mother." His one thought in that dreadful moment was for his mother. How many men there were whose heads were gray and the tenderest recollection in whose career were the remembrance of the father who had guided and trained their steps in their earlier years, and the mother whose tenderest care had never been equaled by any one else on earth.

Wonderful Ice Caves.

One of the greatest natural wonders of Europe is the Hungarian ice cave. At the foot of the highest group of the Carpathian chain lies the Comitar of Gomar, a district of singular beauty and variety, in which are mountains on whose summit grows the artic lichen and the pine, while at their base tobacco, Indian corn and melons flourish. It is in this country, within a few miles of the town of Dobsham, that the newly-discovered ice caverns are situated. The existence of these extraordinary caves was well-known; but although situated at the low elevation of three thousand five hundred feet, where snow rests only in winter, it was left to a youth named Ruffiny to explore these secret recesses of the earth. Having provided himself with everything that could be imagined necessary for such an expedition, he entered the chasm, and working his way over blocks of ice and a chaos of debris, which in course of ages had accumulated there, he became lost for a time in the darkness of a new world. With infinite difficulty, he reached what appeared to him a frozen lake, and returned to his point of departure. His companions now joined him, and penetrated still further into these icy solitudes. Not alone do these caves contain pillars and waterfalls of ice, but their walls are studded "with thousands of ice structures, hexangular in form, from one-half to an inch in diameter, which clustered together, resembling anemones, and other bowers scintillating like diamonds in the magnesium lights."

TALKING.

It has been estimated that a public speaker says in one hour, on an average, what, if printed, would occupy fifteen octavo pages. In ordinary conversation words flow from the lips quite as rapidly as in public speech. Supposing then that all the talk of one day be estimated as equivalent to four hours consecutive speaking, a man says in one week what, if printed, would be an octavo volume of 320 pages. In one year he speaks fifty-two such volumes; and in thirty years he would have an extensive library of 1,560 volumes. It is a matter of rejoicing that the talk of society is not thus printed and perpetuated. Few men, if any, could pass creditably through such a severe test. It is said that Swift, at an evening party, on one occasion retired to a corner of the room and commenced noting down the talk of the company. Being asked what he was doing, he produced the verbatim report of the conversation which had just taken place. Every speaker felt lamentably chagrinned at the superficial and trifling character of his utterances. So, doubtless, would every right-minded man feel if some disciple of the phonographic school were always with us plying his pencil whenever we speak. But there is a recording angel by our side. Every word is written, though not by any visible agency. Our conversation exercises a power for good or evil on the mental and moral life of others, and no word as the vehicle of a thought can pause in its relative effect.

A Door that Cost $28,000.

One of the finest works of art in Washington is the bronze door of the capitol, which fills the doorway leading from the portico into the rotunda. It was modeled in Rome in 1858 by Randolph Rodgers, and cast in bronze at Munich in 1860 by F. Von Miller, at a total cost of $28,000. The valves of the door stand in a superbly enriched casing, also of bronze, and fold back into suitably fitted jams. In heighth it is nineteen feet, and nine feet wide, weighing 20,000 pounds.

In 1862 this door stood in the south doorway of the old hall of representatives. In 1871 it was removed to its present situation, which is more appropriate, as it is now the front door of the capitol, and can be easily examined by strangers. Each wing of the door has four large panels, and eight smaller ones. The events portrayed in the larger panels constitute in alto relievo the principal events in the life of Columbus and the discovery of America, while in the sixteen smaller ones are beautiful statuettes of his patrons and eminent contemporaries. On the key of the arch is an excellent head of Columbus. In the casing are four typical statuettes, representing Asia, Africa, Europe, and America, while between the panels is a series of heads representing the historians of the life and voyages of Columbus and his followers, among them Washington Irving and W. H. Prescott.

The Bet Was Off.

A few days ago, after a couple of esteemed citizens, who are close neighbors, had arranged to pass a few days with their families at a lake in Oakland county, one of them offered to wager a box of cigars that he would catch the largest fish. The wager was promptly taken, and next day one of the gentlemen put in an appearance at a fish stand on the market and said to the dealer:

"Have you got a fresh pickerel weighing about fifteen pounds?"

"I have, sir."

"Well, I want you to put him on ice and ship him to me at —— lake. I propose to catch him on a hook out there."

"Very well, sir. I think I'll ship the two together."

"The two?"

"Yes, sir. Mr. —— (mentioning the other esteemed citizen) was here an hour ago, and bought one weighing twenty pounds. It will take less ice to pack the two in the same box."

The fish was paid for, but the bet was declared off.—*Detroit Free Press.*

A Lawyer's Ruse.

They tell a good story of a lawyer of Wooster, Ohio. A client charged with stealing a hog admitted his guilt to his counsel. The latter was noted for his honesty in private life. After thinking the matter over, he said, "John, cut that hog exactly in half, and bring one half to me." John obeyed. The evidence for the prosecution was weak, and when the counsel for the defense arose he won the case by saying to the jury. "Gentlemen, I can hold up my hand to heaven and say that the defendant has no more of that hog than I have."

Letter from Cambridge.

CAMBRIDGE, August 31, 1885.

Messrs. Editors:—The recent rain laid the dust, cooled the air, settled the mosquitoes and enabled the farmers who were behind to get their fallow ground broken, and others to get it in order for seeding; will greatly benefit the corn, especially the late planting, and will also be of great advantage to the fruit and vegetable crops.

The great need of the farmers of this county is grass. The old maxim, "Poor grass, poor stock," furnishes ample proof of its truthfulness here. The soil is stiff clay and soon dries out, and the clover (the only grass sown to any extent) dies, leaving the lands utterly barren, except the little natural grass, which does not amount to much either to shade the soil or for pasture; hence the stock as a rule are small and poor. If the farmers would sow other varieties not so easily hurt by drought in connection with their clover they would have better stock, better lands, more manure and greater general thrift.

The building boom continues with unabated interest, especially in the west end.

The new academy building will be ready for use by the first of October. It will be a very fine building, one of the finest schoolhouses on the shore. The city is well supplied with excellent school buildings far better with houses than with schools. Our schools average only about six months. It is important to have good buildings, but far more important to have good schools ten months in the year.

The oystermen are making large preparations and are anxious for the season to open.

The Methodist Protestant Church held a festival last week at which they made about eighty-five dollars clear. The principal feature was a large flag, for which thirteen young ladies, representing the thirteen original States, were candidates, the one collecting the largest amount getting the flag, Miss Lydia Flint being the successful competitor. Yours, DORSEY.

The Richest Doll on Earth.

A little girl now at Long Branch—the child of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Randell, of New York, who, with her parents and little brother, is in a cottage on Bath avenue—glories in the possession of probably the most magnificent doll ever made, whose self and trousseau were the wonder of all Paris, and took a prize at an Industrial Exposition there. The little girl is named Virginia Campbell, for the late Mrs. Robert Campbell, of St. Louis, and the eldest son of that lady, knowing the affection both his parents had for the child's father and grandparents, brought her the handsomest present he could find in Europe. The doll is the size of a child three years old. The trousseau includes a sealskin sacque, lined with quilted satin, large enough for a child three years old, point-lace fans with pearl sticks, lace-covered parasols with pearl and other fine handles, gloves, lace handkerchiefs and other laces, fine silk stockings, lingerie dresser, hats, wraps, satin slippers and every imaginable article a bride could have in her trousseau, and all large enough for a child of the age named, and even a wedding-dress and fine lace veil. The smaller articles were all in sets, not only one or two of each, but the underwear, handkerchiefs, etc., by dozens. It took a very large Saratoga trunk to hold the doll and her wardrobe.

Home Study.

The writer of a letter published in the London *Times* objects to home study in the evening for tired school children, and adds: "Whenever schools shall be worked upon true principles, and not the tongue and memory only receive nearly all the training, but hand, and eye, and ear, and judgment, and feeling, and nervous vigor all receive their due share, and the immeasurable distinction is imperatively made between those who are merely teachers and those who are born and bred educationists; then school will be the happiest place in the world, and there will be growing up a race attractive in form and feature, skillful in art, full of energy for work-day employment, true and sympathetic in judgment, well-informed in necessary knowledge, and with almost unlimited capacity and will for receiving more, and with a taste, almost ideal in its purity, that shall extend from the lowest things of life to the highest. Overpressure then will never be spoken of."

Sold Very Cheap.

Not long ago a sailor who is very thick headed was aboard of a vessel in Baltimore and desired to go to sleep. As it was warm and the mosquitoes very thick he wrapped himself up in the stays'l on deck and was soon snoring away. A thief came along about midnight and seeing the sail exposed and unguarded slipped it into his boat, sailor and all. He immediately took it to a junk shop, sold it, and it was rolled in, the junk man not observing the sleeping sailor, who had never awaked. The next morning the junk dealer was nearly as much surprised as the sailor himself, when the latter, amid a pile of iron and rags, awoke and crawled out. As the dealer had paid about a cent a pound for the sailor, he claimed him as his property, but the latter quoted the 15th amendment, proposed a treat as a compromise, and waddled off feeling that he had been sold very cheap.—*Capt. Billy Flowers, of Cambridge.*

Politeness and Its Place.

Sir Arthur Helps had the happy faculty of putting expressions of wisdom into a few words. It was he who said "Familiarity should not swallow up courtesy." Probably one half the rudeness of the youths of this day, that later in life will develop into brutality, is due to the failure of parents to enforce in the family circle the rule of courtesy. Of all places in the world, let the boy understand home is the place where he should speak the gentlest and be the most kindly; there is the place above all where courteous demeanor should prevail. The lad who is rude to his sister, impertinent to his mother, and vulgar in the house, will prove a bad husband for a suffering wife and a cruel father to unfortunate children. The place for politeness, as Helps puts it, is where we mostly think it superfluous.

Timber Belt.

In the timber belt of Washington Territory there are 20,000,000 acres covered with timber, most of which is included in the limits named—an area nearly