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TO FARMERS, DAIRYMEN,
and Country Merchants.
ALL WHO HAVE FOR SALE
Grain, Clover and Flax Seed, Tobacco, Hay, Lumber, Staves, Bark, Sheep, Calves, Poultry, Eggs, Bacon, Lard, Butter, Cheese, Game, Vegetables, Wool, Rags, Furs, Skins, Fruit, green and dry, &c.,
Can have them well sold at the Highest Price in Baltimore, with full returns always within ten days of their reaching the city, by fowarding to the Commision House for Country Produce of
F. E. MARINE,
N. E. Corner of Frederick and Pratt Streets,
BALTIMORE, MD.
☞The highest charge made is five per cent. Goods of every description, (except Liquors,) purchased and forwarded with despatch, when either cash or trade accompanies the order.
By consent I refer to the following certificates:
BALTIMORE, Feb. 25th, 1864.
Having known Mr. FLETCHER E. MARINE for many years past, we take pleasure in stating that we know him to be a gentleman in whom the utmost confidence may be placed, in the transaction of business. He is prompt, attentive, obliging and reliable. John W. Randolph, Cashier Fell's Point Bank; Isaac P. Cook, Register of Wills; Armstrong & Berry, Booksellers; Robert Turner, dealer in Fertilizers; John W. Bruff & Co., Dry Goods; E. & S Frey, Druggists; Rev. C. B. Tippett, East Baltimore Conf.; Rev. Andrew Manship, Phila. Conf.

ROCK HALL, Kent Co., Md., Dec. 21, 1863.
This is to certify, that during the last six years, I have been both directly and indirectly connected with Mr. F. E. Marine, in business; and take pleasure in stating that during that time I have always found him a practical, industrious, business man, of most unquestionable integrity, possessing the confidence of all the business men who know him.
Yours, most respectfully, C. A. LEARY.
apr15—y.

PORTER AND ALE in bottles—an excellent article, for sale by
Oct. 28. B. H. GARDNER.

New Fall and Winter Millinery

MRS. SARAH PEARCE
HAS returned from the city with a new and choice assortment of Fall and Winter MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS, embracing BONNETS, HATS, RIBBONS, FLOWERS, &c., &c., which she will sell at the very lowest prices. A call from the Ladies is respectfully invited. n18-3t.

A Card to the Ladies.

MRS. MARTHA BISCOE tenders her thanks to the Ladies who have so liberally patronized her, and would inform them that she has just returned from the city with a good assortment of
FALL AND WINTER
MILLINERY
OF THE LATEST STYLES; also a variety of *FANCY GOODS*, which she will be pleased to sell at a small advance. She has also in her employ a young Lady of great experience in the business, and being a practical Milliner herself feels confident that she will be able to give general satisfaction. Her Store is at the same place in Queen St., next door to the old Bakery.
Oct. 7, 1865—2m.

Removal & Enlargement of Business.

JOHN MERRICK,
EXTENSIVE MANUFACTURER OF
CARRIAGES,
CORNER of NINTH and KING STREETS, WILMINGTON, DEL.
Having erected one of the largest CARRIAGE FACTORIES in this country, with the advantages of Steam Power, the most improved Machinery, with a capacity to manufacture fifty to sixty CARRIAGES weekly; and an experience of over twenty years in the business, I am now prepared to furnish all who are in want with the best class work. Work all Warranted. [s30y.]

COAL AND WOOD.

THE subscriber has made arrangements to supply the citizens of Chestertown and vicinity with COAL for the ensuing winter.
He will be able to furnish it in quantities to suit purchasers by the 15th of August next.
Parties desiring to be supplied should leave their orders at an early day either with the subscriber or at the office of H. W. EARNEST, Esq., in Chestertown, as it can be supplied from the boats at a less price than from the yard.
Hickory, Oak and Pine Wood always on hand at fair prices.
jy15-6m. WM. H. HAMILTON.

GROCERY AND LIQUOR STORE.

JOHN H. MORGAN,
RESPECTFULLY invites the attention of the public to a varied assortment of GROCERIES, LIQUORS, &c., now in store at his stand up town, one door below the residence of H. W. Earnest, Esq., consisting in part of
WHISKEY, BRANDY, RUM, GIN WINE, CORDIAL, &c.
GROCERIES, of all kinds,
BROOMS, Buckets, Soap, Candles, Crockery-Ware, Meal and Flour, SEGARS, Tobacco and Snuff, Candies and Nuts, Coal Oil,
SUGAR, COFFEE, Molasses, Lard and Bacon, Mackeral, Herring, &c.
Those in want of anything in the above line are invited to GIVE ME A CALL, as I am determined to sell goods at the VERY LOWEST PRICES for cash.
jan17y. JOHN H. MORGAN.

1865. 1865.
Levi Mastbaum,
Is now opening the very best selected stock of
MEN AND BOYS'
Fine and Medium Clothing,
AND
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS,
Comprising the Largest Assortment yet offered in this community, and which will be sold at the
Lowest Market Rates FOR CASH.
Also, on hand the LATEST NOVELTIES OF THE SEASON IN
HATS AND CAPS.
An early call is respectfully solicited.
LEVI MASTBAUM.
Mos: TURKHEIMER, Salesman.
Chestertown, Nov. 25, 1865.

PRODUCE and VARIETY STORE.

THE undersigned takes this method of informing the public that he has removed to the room next door below B. H. Gardner's Tobacco and Cigar store, opposite the new Voshell House, and is prepared to purchase
COUNTRY PRODUCE,
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, such as POULTRY, of all kinds, BUTTER, EGGS, &c., &c., for which the
HIGHEST MARKET PRICE
will at all times be paid. Also, all kinds of
FUR and RAGS WANTED,
at the highest CASH PRICES. Farmers and others having any of the above articles to dispose of will find it to their interest to give me a call. FOR SALE—Notions, Confectionery, and all kinds of Country Produce.
WILLIAM SIMPSON.
Chestertown, Feb. 4, 1865.

LIME! LIME! LIME!

THE undersigned as agent for the sale of RAMBO'S SCHUYLKILL LIME, takes this method of informing his friends and the public that he is now prepared to furnish them with a SUPERIOR QUALITY of
Quick and Slacked Lime,
delivered at any of the accessible landings on Chester, Sassafras, Bohemia and Elk Rivers, and respectfully solicits their patronage.
All orders promptly attended to.
WM. N. BRICE,
ag5-tf. Kennedyville P. O., Kent Co., Md.

THOMPSON,
(OPPOSITE THE BANK.)
HAS just returned from Philadelphia with the largest and Cheapest Fall and Winter Stock of BOOTS, SHOES and GAITERS, for Gentlemen, Ladies, and Children, ever offered in this market.
Chestertown, Sept. 30, 1865—3m.

Thanksgiving Proclamation.

STATE OF MARYLAND,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

We hail at this time, with a livelier sensibility than usual, the approach of our customary season of thanksgiving: for not only has a merciful God spared our lives, averted so far from our State the pestilence which has infested other lands, and crowned the labors of the year with abundant fruitfulness, but in answer to the prayers which have been everywhere so earnestly uttered, He has vouchsafed us the blessing for which all hearts have of late chiefly and most devoutly yearned.

The clouds of war, which for the last four years have so fearfully darkened our prospect, have been dissipated; the bright and blessed light of Peace again illuminates our whole horizon; the fraternal strife in which we have been engaged is ended; the Nation has been preserved, its authority re-established and universally acknowledged, and its people preparing to reunite as of old, are looking forward again to the glorious destiny of the American Republic under auspices more encouraging than ever before greeted us.

With hearts gladdened at the thought of these results, and grieved at the recollection of the gallant men who have perished to secure them, let us join in the public thanksgiving that the National Authorities have already ordered.

To that end, I, AUGUSTUS W. BRADFORD, Governor of Maryland, do by this my Proclamation, appoint THURSDAY, the 7th day of December next, to be observed throughout the State as a day of General Thanksgiving and Prayer. Let us upon that day abstain from all ordinary business pursuits, and with meek and reverent hearts, return thanks to our Heavenly Father for these and all the other mercies received at His hands; and invoking His especial blessing upon the Widows and Orphans of the honored dead, let us entreat Him so to direct the hearts of their survivors, that they may prove themselves worthy of the great sacrifice by which their deliverance has been accomplished.

{SEAL} Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, at the City of Annapolis, this 10th day of November, in the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred and Sixty-five, and of the Independence of the United States the 90th. A. W. BRADFORD.

By the Governor:
nov18-3t. WM. B. HILL, Sec. of State.

MARY I. MANSFIELD,
RETURNS her sincere thanks to her friends and the public in general, for the liberal patronage bestowed upon her, and respectfully informs them that she is daily receiving
NEW AND SEASONABLE GOODS,
selected with care in New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore markets, and not from auction as has been represented by others.
☞PLEASE CALL and see for yourselves.
Chestertown, Nov. 11, 1865-tf.

GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS! GOOD NEWS!
ATTENTION is invited to our LARGE STOCK OF CLOTHING and FURNISHING GOODS. Also, HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, &c, which I will sell lower than any other House in Chestertown.
☞REMEMBER☜
I. FRANK'S
CLOTHING STORE,
UNDER THE VOSHELL HOUSE.
Give us a call and see how low we sell our Goods. B. STRAUSS.
Chestertown, Oct. 28, 1865.

NOTICE.
A New and Useful Enterprise.
THE undersigned has started an EXPRESS LINE in connection with ADAMS' EXPRESS COMPANY, for transportation of Goods from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to all parts of the United States.
Goods left at POST OFFICE, Chestertown, BAYNARD'S BAKERY, Crumpton; MORRIS' HOTEL, Chesterville; TICE'S STORE, Millington, will be forwarded, if light articles, by stage, or if heavy will be received by Wagon on Friday of each week. From Northern or Southern routes will be forwarded to the above named places on their arrival per Adams' Express Co. to Smyrna.
E. SPRUANCE, Propietor,
oc28-3m. Clayton, Del.

NOTICE.
I AM prepared to accommodate the community with SAWING, either their own Timber or I will furnish Timber to fill bills at the
Fairlee Steam Saw Mill.
My terms for sawing are $10 per thousand. All bills made at this Mill will be presented when the work is done, and if not paid six per cent. will be charged from date until paid. I will not be responsible for Lumber left in the yard.
J. B. FENIMORE, JR.
Fairlee Mill, oc28-tf.

LIME! LIME! LIME!
THE subscribers, successors to COOK & HILLIS, take this method of informing the public that they are prepared to furnish them with a SUPERIOR QUALITY of
UNSLACKED LIME,
delivered at any of the accessible landings on the tributaries of the Chesapeak Bay, during the navigable season, and respectfully solicit their patronage. Orders should invariably be given *thirty days in advance*, and addressed to the firm at HAVRE DE GRACE, or to Mr. H. M. ROLLISON, Agent for Kent county, at Melbourne, P. O. JAMES COOK & CO.
Havre De Grace, Md., d3-y.

For Sale,
COTSWOLD BUCKS and BUCK LAMBS, by an imported Buck; long wool—I have seen it measure a foot in length—fine and glossy. Price $15 to $20. Also, the Bronze breed of TURKEYS, weighing at Christmas five pounds more than the common Turkeys. Price $7 a pair.
JOHN GALE,
oc14-tf. Worton Manor, Kent Co.

A Small Farm for Sale,
SITUATED in Quaker Neck, five miles from Chestertown and one mile from Chester River, and containing 50 ACRES OF ARABLE LAND. DWELLING and Out-Buildings all in good order. For particulars enquire at the "Kent News" Office. sep16-tf.

"WHAT THEY SAY."

BY MRS. L. H. SIGOURNEY.

Would'st thou know what troubles many?
What annoys them night and day?
Not a frightful myth, or robber,
But the spectre "What they say."

"What they say." It haunts the maiden
When her hat or dress she buys;
Goads the matron till she maketh
Husband's purse a sacrifice;

To the orator it clingeth;
Daunts the statesman in his dream;
With the pulpit-teacher stealeth
'Tween him and his highest theme.

"What they say." Well, let them say it,
Airy echo, fleet as dew;
When they've breathed it, 'tis forgotten;
They who hear, forget it, too.

Would'st thou know what rules the million?
Themis, with her ancient sway?
Pomp and tramp of banner'd legions?
No—the bubble "What they say."

LOOK AT HOME.

Should you feel inclined to censure
Faults you may in others view,
Ask your own heart, ere you venture,
If that has not failings too.

Let not friendly vows be broken,
Rather strive a friend to gain;
Many a word in anger spoken
Finds its passage back again.

Do not, then, in idle pleasure,
Trifle with a brother's fame;
Guard it as a valued treasure,
Sacred as your own good name.

Do not form opinions blindly,
Hastiness to trouble tends,
Those of whom we've thought unkindly
Oft become our warmest friends.

SERENITY.

"Friends," commonly known as *Quakers*, as a class live longer than any other persons in the world. The very name of "Quaker" brings up before the mind the personification of equanimity, composure, and quiet dignity. The serene command at once our confidence, our respect, and our love. The brave are serene, and so are the good. In fact, serenity is our highest dignity; it is godlike! And as we should aim to be like him, in all the qualities possible to man, it is our duty to cultivate serenity, not only because it promotes length of days on earth, and happiness, but does much towards preparation for that after life whose duration is endless and whose quality is bliss. That serenity of mind is a cultivable characteristic, is demonstrated by the existence of Friends' Society. Their founders were as other men in birth and habits and propensities; but convictions of certain moral and practical truths came upon them, and they emerged into a new life; they "put off the old man with his deeds," and thereupon framed to themselves a new garb, a "moral dress," which made them stand out in the world a distinct and an admired people. Peace is a fundamental faith of theirs, and peace is serene. Even-handed justice toward all of human kind is the polar star of their practical faith, and justice is serene. By the practice of these serenities themselves, and by their inculcation upon their children, they have, in a half dozen generations, made it an almost inheritable virtue. While we should cultivate serenity of heart and mind, for the benign influences which it cannot fail to have on ourselves and on those with whom we associate, we should be deterred from the neglect of cherishing a quality so divine by keeping in mind the evils which befall those who give a loose rein to the natural man. The great and good Washington is known to have been an extremely irritable man in early life, but he schooled himself to become as calm as a summer's sea in his later years. Our children should be early taught to look calmly at all things, to speak calmly of all things, and judge calmly of all things, and thus avoid those habits of conversational exaggerations, of hasty judgments, of ridiculous praises, and of demoniacal vituperations which so commonly prevail, and which are at once a disgrace to the head and heart of the multitudes who are chargeable in this regard. The want of this self-control, of this calm looking at a trouble and a joy, lays us all liable to death without a moment's notice. Mr. P—— died the other day in this city from "some words with a gentleman, which excited him greatly." "He was a man of varied abilities, and had held many high and responsible situations," and might have held them for many years to come had he possessed one other "ability," that of serenity. Mrs. G——, "a lady of high social distinction," on hearing that her nephew had been elected to Parliament, died under the excitement of the gratifying intelligence. Let us then practice ourselves, and teach it to our children, to look at all things, to think of all things, to speak of all things "SERENELY."—*Hall's Journal of Health.*

WE are indebted to the Philadelphia *News* for the following bit of astonishing information:

A man recently died in Maryland, aged ninety-eight, who had never heard of the rebellion. He was so deaf that he had to be talked to through a trumpet, and his friends never thought it worth while to tell him the news of the day, fearing he would get excited over it and weary them with questions.

There were two soldiers once, in Grant's army, lying beneath their blankets looking up at the stars in a Virginia sky.—Says Jack; "What made you go into the army, Tom?" "Well," replied Tom, "I had no wife, and I love war. What made you go to the War Jack?" "Well," he replied, "I had a wife, and I loved peace, so went to the war."

SINGULAR FREAK OF A LUNATIC.

Has any one noticed the miniature fort at the top of Blackwell's Island to the North of the Lunatic Asylum? It is the work of an insane man, who has spent half his life upon it. He lost his mind in Mexico, where high privates were in demand, and just escaped being Mr. Armstrong, or Mr. Parrott, or Mr. Withworth, by going crazy. Gunnery was what ailed him—and fortification. As he was found to be quite hopeless, and obedient to his monomania, they gave him entrenching tools and told him to fortify the island.—He took the geographical and geological bearings with the accuracy of a West Pointer, and concluded that any attack upon it would come from the Sound. So he devised a seacoast battery with bomb-proof, approached by a dyke with sluices and gates, and mounting heavy ordnance.—There never was a more patient worker for humanity or patriotism than this poor addled head. Nobody else being insane upon the same point he could get no assistance. All the other monomaniacs had oil on the brain, or poetry, or capital punishment, or negro suffrage, and were quite as devoted and zealous as he upon their several claims.

So the old soldier, with a long sigh and a brave heart, took up his single shovel and commenced to build the whole fort by himself. He wheeled barrow after barrow of earth into the sea, tugging from morning till night, until at last he raised a narrow causeway from the mainland to a rock at the end of a long sand bar.—With pebbles and stones from the river, he walled this causeway until it became permanent. All this was not a month's or a year's work, year after year passed over his gray hairs, but he kept on wheeling, wheeling. The great city of the greater island required protection, and he was making the ægis. So he went on like the men who threw up the Charleston redoubts, and for fear that he might be late to his task he left his bed in the asylum altogether and built himself a hut close to his place of labor. Here he slept and dwelt, in the company only of his assuring conscience; and when at last his path was done, he set to work at his fort.

The result of all these years is before us. His battery is sodded green, with parapet, berm, ditch, magazine, abutments abbatis, and mounts mock or Quaker guns, upon carriages of capital construction, looking up from the Sound towards Hell Gate, like real arbiters of dominion. The lunatic is worn and failing, but he is not satisfied. His fort is done, but not his whole duty. So he has projected a water battery and sea-wall around the entire island, and means to bring to bear upon it all the knowledge of Vauban and Todleben.—When the island is impregnable he will wrap his mantle about him and die at his battery.

For the truth of all this story, let anybody passing up the East river look upon the island tip, and see an old man ditching and building, and the little fort close by him bristling with pop guns.—*Scientific American.*

JOB'S PATIENCE, AS VIEWED BY A LADY.—If there is a proverb that needs revamping, it is "the patience of Job." Now, in the first place Job wasn't patient. Like the rest of his sex, from that day to the present, he could be heroic only for a little while at a time. He began bravely, but ended as most of them do under annoyance, by cursing and swearing. Patient as Job! Did Job ever try when he was hungry to eat shad with a frisky baby in his lap? Did Job ever try, after nursing one all night, and upon taking his seat at the breakfast table the morning after, to pour out coffee for six people, and second cups at that, before he had a chance to take a mouthful himself?—Pshaw! I've no patience with "Job's patience." It is of no use to multiply instances; but there's not a faithful house mother in the land who does not out-distance him in the sight of men and angels every hour in the twenty-four.

BURNING WATER.—A contemporary says that "the New York Association for the advancement of science are discussing the practicability of *burning water.* We hope they will establish the fact that it can be done. What a collapse there would be among the speculators in coal!" The fact that it *can* be done has long since been established. What remains is only a question, as we suppose, of economy of manufacture. Water being composed of hydrogen and oxygen, an electrical current compresses it into these two gases. If they be collected in separate tubes, and these, at a certain point united, and a match applied, the greatest artificial heat known results from the combination. An enormous heat is contained in a pint of water if there were but a cheap way to develop it, and it will, doubtless, be done ere many years.—*Home Journal.*

"What ugly, carroty headed little brat is that madam? Do you know his name?" "Why—yes—that is my youngest son!—You don't say so,—indeed!—why, what a dear, sweet little dove eyed cherub he is, to be sure!" This is the fashionable, scientific way of backing right square out.

IT was a happy sentiment of some devout writer that God carries his people only when they cannot walk; he pities our weakness but not our sloth.

SYMPATHY.

There are hearts that ache in every household; and the aching heart hungers for sympathy. The neglected child that crosses our path, or whose little pinched, weird face looks in at our door "for broken pieces;" the youth whom the world has flattered and crushed; the proud, ambitious man, whose hopes have been wrecked, and who feels that he has nothing for which to live; old age tottering on his staff; the peerless woman, and flaunting belle, all have unutterable longings for sympathy.

"Kiss me, Hardy," said the dying Nelson. At that bitter hour, even the stern man of battle longed for some visible expression of kindness and love.

It is strange that, poor, weak, erring creatures as we are, have so little sympathy for others. Too few of us that look upon the sorrows of others. Too few of us that look upon the sorrows of others as He looked upon them who went about relieving human misery, and who spake to the downcast and miserable, words of unequaled tenderness. We seem to forget that we are all members of one family—that we are all subject to like feelings; and that it is as hard for others to suffer as it is for ourselves. As we see the deformed, the beggar, the feeble, and pinched by want and care, we seldom think how sadly we should feel in their situation.

We let some trivial thing prevent us from visiting the stranger, the sick, and the needy, never once thinking how we should feel languishing in pain, without the soothing influence of friend or acquaintance; passing the long, weary hours, uncertain whence the sustenance was to come to save us from perishing.

Yet who has made us to differ? He who has rendered our lives pleasant, has made others unfortunate, and we are unworthy of the blessings He has bestowed upon us, if we are unwilling to impart them to others. Our feelings should be so susceptible to misfortune that we cannot passively endure that another should suffer. When Sir Philip Sidney was dying on the battle-field, an attendant brought him some water. A wounded soldier looked wishfully at the cup.

"Bear it to him," said the noble man, "his necessity is greater than mine."

Beautiful! the generous philanthropy that filled his great soul. Not only those whose names have come down to us, but Heaven is full of those whose fame says nothing.

The child who labors to support and make pleasant the declining years of a parent, is a philanthropist in the sight of God, and however little is known of them here, their names are spoken among the angels.

The man of limited means who makes a pleasant home for another whom circumstance or misfortune has rendered homeless, is as noble in the sight of God, as the millionaire who founds an asylum, and whose name is chiseled in granite and trumpeted over the world.—*Sat. Ev. Post.*

IDLE BOYS.

He who is idle and vicious in school is still more so when he leaves it. He who fires squibs, will in time fire pistols. He who plays cards for sport, will, if he turn not, play erelong for money. He who robs hen roosts and orchards, will probably some day rob safes and pockets. He may not do it in the way to expose himself to the penitentiary; he may have his wits so sharpened as to rob legally, by setting up a wild cat bank, or betraying the confidence of his employer, or obtain the possession of property without the means of paying for it, or by getting his hand upon the public coffers, that he may fill his own, under the soft appellation of "breach of trust."

I would that you could see with my eyes for a little while; you would then think with me, that he who, when a boy, could not be trusted, cannot now that he is a man. It would not be proper for me to mention names, or I could illustrate this by numerous painful examples. But they are not necessary. Effect will follow cause—as a man sows so shall he reap; boyhood is the seed time, of which manhood is the harvest.

As therefore, you love yourselves, form the habit, while young, of employing all your time usefully. Never be unemployed. The land is full of idlers, striving to live without labor. It is not to be supposed that you are never to take recreation; this is useful, it is necessary—but if it come after hard study or productive labor, it will probably be healthful and moderate. An honorable mind, in the desire of mere relaxation, will not go forth in forms of mischievous exertion. It is not to be supposed that a boy is to be a man, much less an old man; but, in the midst of his mirth and hilarity, he may be innocent and amiable.

CONDITION OF LIBERIA.—Recent intelligence from the Liberian republic brings pleasant accounts of material prosperity. The country is growing rapidly; its resources are developing, under the stimulus of free labor; trade is active; emigration, temporarily suspended in consequence of the war in the United States, is again flowing in the old channels; the treaty obligations assumed by the people are opening new markets for native products; and ample fields for foreign enterprise invite the employment of large capital, with certainty of profitable returns.