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EXAMINERS' NOTICE.

The undersigned examiners, appointed by the County Commissioners of Harford county to locate a public road in the Fifth District, beginning at the lane of N. W. Thomas on the public road leading from the Line Bridge to the Conowingo and Peach Bottom road and running thence through the lands of Nathan W. Thomas, Truston McLaughlin, Joshua McLaughlin, the heirs of S. Parker Cooper and James T. Bennington, until it intersects the public road leading from Conowingo to Peach Bottom, at a point near Isaac Morris's, hereby give notice that they will meet on the ground, on

Thursday, September 13th, 18 8,

At 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose above designated

WM. BAY,
WM. J. HARKINS,
JAMES W. MCNABB,
Examiners.

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EXAMINERS' NOTICE.

The undersigned examiners, appointed by the County Commissioners of Harford county to locate a public road in the Fourth District, beginning at Pennington's Shops, on the public road leading from Jarrettsville to Cooptown, and running thence through the lands of Catharine Pennington, Francis Ayres, James Amos, Joseph Gross, Thomas Denbow, C. Buckins, John Gross, Dr. Andrew Kinhart, J. Howard Watters, John West and George W. Morse, until it intersects the public road leading from Cooptown to Mrs. Amos's Shops, hereby give notice that they will meet on the ground, on

Tuesday, 11th day of September, 1888,

At 10 o'clock, A. M., for the purpose above designated.

NELSON RAMPLEY,
NICHOLAS WATT,
THOS. E. CATHCART,
Examiners.

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THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE—That the subscriber has obtained from the Register of Wills of Harford county, Md., Letters Testamentary on the estate of

RICHARD F. GARRETTSON,

late of Harford Co., deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby notified to exhibit the same with the legal vouchers thereof.

On or before the 9th day of February, 1889, or they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand and seal, this 9th day of August, 1888.

10au REBECCA J. GARRETTSON, Executrix.

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Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Harford County, as a Court of Equity, the subscriber, as trustee, will offer at Public Sale, at the Court House door, in Bel Air,

ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 1888,

At 12 o'clock, M., all that

TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND,

situated on the public road leading from Clayton P. O. to Magnolia, containing

2 Acres, 1 Rood & 10 Square Perches of Land, More or Less,

being part of a tract called "Onion's Gravely Hill," and the same and all the land described in a deed from John Price and wife to Conrad Krell, dated May 28th, 1878, and recorded in Liber A. L. J., No. 37, folio 184, one of the Land Books of the Circuit Court for Harford county.

The property is well fenced and has on it a thrifty young Orchard, and is improved with a comfortable DWELLING HOUSE and other necessary outbuildings.

TERMS OF SALE.

The terms of sale as prescribed by the decree are—that one-third of the purchase money shall be paid in cash on the day of sale; one-third in six, and the balance in twelve months from the day of sale, the credit payments to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the notes or bonds of the purchaser with security to be approved by the Trustee.

THOS. H. ROBINSON, Trustee.

J. S. Richardson, Auctioneer. 17au

Trustee's Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Harford county, as a Court of Equity, the subscriber, as Trustee, will offer at Public Sale, at the Court House door, in Bel Air,

ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10th, 1888,

At 12 o'clock, M., all that

TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND,

situate in the Fourth Election District of Harford county, on which Joseph Eckert and wife lately resided, containing

30 Acres, 3 Roods and 9 Square Perches of Land, More or Less,

being part of a tract of land called "Streetts Pleasant Hills," or by whatsoever name or names the same may be known or called, and is the same and all the land conveyed by and described in a deed from Mary B. Fowler to Ellen W. Eckert, dated March 5th, in the year 1887, and recorded among the Land Records of Harford Co., in Liber A. L. J., No. 38, folio 138.

The improvements on this property consist of a good DWELLING HOUSE, and suitable outbuildings. It is situated about one mile from Rocks Station, M. C. R. R., and is in a very desirable neighborhood.

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A COMPARISON.

I'd rather lay out here among the trees,
With the singin' birds an' the bum'lebees,
A-knowin' that I can do as I please,
Than to live what folks call a life of ease,
Up thar in the city.

For I really don't zactly understan'
Where the comfort is for any man
In walkin' hot bricks and usin' a fan,
An' enjoyin' himself as he says he can,
Up thar in the city.

It's kinder lonesome, mebbe you'll say,
A-livin' out here every day,
In this kinder easy, careless way,
But a hour out here is better'n a day
Up thar in the city

As for that jus' look at the flowers aroun'
A-peepin' their heads up all over the groun'
An' the fruit a-bendin' the trees way down,
You don't find sech things as these in town,
Or rather in the city.

As I said afore, sech things as these,
The flowers, the birds and the bum'lebees,
An' a-livin' out among the trees,
Where you can take your ease an' do as you please,
Makes it better'n the city.

Now, all the talk don't amount to snuff
'Bout this kind of life a-bein' rough,
An' I'm sure its plenty good enough,
An' 'tween you an' me 'taint half as tough,
As livin' in the city.

Miscellaneous.

A SMART WOMAN.

BY HELEN FORREST GRAVES.

"That woman," said Squire Dockley within himself, "ought to have been a man!"

The English language, as the Squire interpreted it, had no higher form of praise than this. The Squire believed implicitly in his own sex. And when he said that Maria Poole, 'ought to have been a man," he did homage to her capacity.

Squire Dockley was on his way to the postoffice. He liked to go in the early morning, before the thermometer had mounted to too high a degree, and while the dew yet sparkled upon the close, short grass along the road.

Old Mr. Poole had been postmaster at Sassafras Gap for 12 years, but his daughter Maria performed all the duties of the position, as the old man was bed-ridden, deaf and helpless. Maria also worked the farm, with the aid of a vacant-faced, red haired auxiliary, named Elias Smith, who came for half wages on account of a limp in one leg; and she kept boarders in summer.

"There's the clothes all out on the line, and it ain't eight o'clock yet," said the Squire. "And not a weed in the garden, and nobody to raise a finger about the place but Maria! I declare that woman ought to have been a man!" Close beside him was the well, shadowed with a canopy of blue-cupped morning-glories which had not yet folded their silken tents away from the sun.

The squire stopped to get a drink of water, when suddenly a human head popped up before him like a jack-in-the-box.

"Je-ru-sa-lem!" ejaculated the Squire, starting back. "Why, it's you, ain't it, Miss Poole?"

"Yes, it's me," said Maria. "I've been down the well to clean it. A tin trumpet, two doll babies, a spelling book, a coconnut shel and fourteen apple cores, that's what the boarders' children have dropped down since this day week. I some time think," giving herself a shake, and sending the surplus moisture of the well flying in all directions, "that King Herod wasn't so far wrong as folks pretend to think. If you want a drink, Squire Dockley you'd better go down to the spring house. The well's sort o' stirred up."

The Squire meekly followed Maria Poole down to the cool, sweet smelling springhouse where a living stream flowed beneath the shelves, all laden with pans of milk and a glittering spring bubbled up in the corner like a magnified diamond.

"Made much butter this year?" the Squire inquired as he slaked his thirst.

"Two hundred and nine pounds, packed down a'ready," was Maria's response.

"Well, I declare!" admiringly commented the Squire, as he laid down the gourd shell. "You'd ought to have been a man, Miss Maria; and so I've said ag'in and ag'in."

"Humph," observed Maria. "If I couldn't a-made a smarter man than some I know of, I would give up. Well, Squire, I don't want to hurry you, but its 'most time to open the postoffice and see about the morning mail."

"I was thinking about calling for my letters and papers," said Squire Dockley, wiping his mouth with a red bandana pocket handkerchief.

"Can't nobody get into the postoffice, not if they had a letter for the President himself, afore eight o'clock," said Miss Maria, curtly.

"Business hours is business hours!"

"Yes, I know, I know!" apologized the Squire, as he followed Miss Poole up the winding path; "but I was calculatin' to speak to you, Maria."

"Well, what is it? Don't keep me long!"

The Squire shifted from one foot to the other. Was ever lover expedited like this before?

"I was a-thinkin', Maria," said he, "that it wasn't in place for a woman to be keepin' postoffice."

"Oh, that's your game, is it?" retorted Maria. "You'd like to get the office away from father, would you? And you're gettin' up a petition to edge some friend o' your'n in? Well, it won't go down, Squire Dockley. All the folks hereabouts know father well, and you won't get no signatures to your papers. And I should think you'd be ashamed of yourself to go and—"

"Hold on, Maria, hold on!" gasped Mr. Dockley, instinctively stepping back a pace or two. "I mistrust you don't quite apprehend me. It's quite another tack as I'm on. I'm a well-to-do man, Maria, without no incumbrance but my son Leonidas, and I've reason to think he's plannin' to get settled in life pretty soon. And lately it's been borne in upon me that I'd sorter have a second partner. The Scripter say it is not well for man to be alone, and the Scripter is generally right. And you're the partner I'd like to have, Maria Poole!"

The Squire beamed. Evidently, in his opinion, there was no sort of doubt but that Maria would accept him, out of hand.

Was he not "the Squire?" and was not Maria Poole a hard-working, ungainly woman, just overstepping the borderland where people would begin to jeer at her lot of "single blessedness?"

Maria viewed him out of her honest, gray eyes with utter amazement.

"You see," went on Mr. Dockley "you ain't so young as you was, Maria."

"No," thoughtfully observed Maria, stroking her chin in a man-like fashion.

"And you ain't what folks call pretty?"

"No," wincing a little, in spite of herself.

"And there's your father. Most people would object to your father; because—"

"Squire, look here, none o' this!" curtly interrupted Maria. P'raps you think you've done me a favor, but you ain't! And I've no more time to stand giff-gaffing here, afore the mail is opened. I don't want you. And I wouldn't marry you at no price. There!"

"Very well, very well!" cried the Squire, in a great rage. Do jest as ye think best. I've no more to say. But it ain't likely a plain, homely old maid like you will get another chance if, indeed, you ever had one afore, which I doubt. I only hope you won't live to regret it, that's all."

And Squire Dockley whisked himself away, never stopping to enquire for his morning's mail.

"A plain, homely old maid!" Maria Poole was only a woman after all, and the old man's brutal words stung her to the very quick.

She had always been well aware that she was not fair to look upon; but a plain, homely old maid!

Was she, then, shut out forever from all the prospects that opened themselves to the eyes of other women?

Nevertheless, she went bravely about her manifold daily duties. She distributed the outgoing letters, stamped the incoming ones, and made her daily report as usual. She saw to the dinner, made her old father comfortable, superintended the affairs of the dairy, gave audience to Elias Smith, and looked after the boarders; and by the time that the soft dusk descended over the hills, she was tired enough. She had often been tired before, but this was a different kind of weariness. It seemed to strike to her very heart.

"I wonder if this sort of thing is to go on forever" thought she, as she went out into the garden to see if the tomatoes would be ripe for the morrow morning's breakfast.

She was stooping over the vines, when a shadow came between her and the moonlight. She looked up, it was Leonidas Dockley, a tall, well-made young fellow of eight-and-twenty, a most striking contrast to his father.

"Maria, what is the matter," cried he.

"Nothing is the matter," answered Maria, with a little hysterical laugh. I suppose you're come to scold me about your father. But I couldn't help it."

"Has he been meddling about the postoffice again?" said Leonidas, soothingly. "Well, don't mind him, Maria. He don't mean anything. It's only his way."

"But, Leonidas—"

"Yes?"

"He says—he says you're going to be married!"

Leonidas leaned against the picket fence, looking thoughtfully down at the scarlet spheres of the tomatoes.

"So I am," said he.

"Oh, Leonidas!"

"You know, Maria, we have never been formally engaged."

"No, but—"

"And I can't go on with things as they are now; it's too uncertain."

"But, Leonidas—"

"So I've made up my mind to marry you this fall whether you consent or not. And if you can't leave your father and the postoffice, why, I'll come here to live, but as for letting you drudge on by yourself as you re doing now, I won't stand it, and there's an end of the matter."

"But, Leonidas, your father says—"

"I don't care what he says!"

"That I'm a plain, homely, old maid."

"My father isn't a judge of the article," calmly asserted Leonidas. "Because it isn't he that wants to marry you."

"Yes, it is, Leonidas."

And then Maria told him the tale of the Squire's wooing.

Leonidas listened with a queer curve of the lips, a twinkle in his eys.

"Anyhow," said he, "I've got the start of him this time. He will have to content himself with the widow Blessington."

The Squire's amazement when he heard that Maria Poole was to be his daughter-in-law exceeded description.

"She ain't young," said he slowly, "and she ain't pretty; but I tell you, Leonidas, you're going to get a smart wife—yes, you are!"

As for Maria, she could hardly comprehend the ups and downs of her own fortune. She had lived such a dreary, arid life since she was a child. She had tasted so little of the sweets of love; and now late in the day, as it were, the flower of existence had burst into blosom at last!

"Every one says I ought to have been a man," said she to herself, with a smile on her lip and a tear in her eye; "but if I were a man, I never could be so happy as I am now, in a man's love!"

For there was a good deal of the woman about Maria Poole, after all.—*Saturday Night.*

Sound Views.

Harper's Weekly.

"Grave public questions confront us. There is a large, perilous, and increasing surplus in the revenue. It must be removed, not by needless extravagant expenditures, not by abolishing the proper taxing of whisky and tobacco, not by a stupid horizontal reduction for politics only; but by plain business methods, by freeing entirely those great necessaries of life that enter into the daily consumption of every household, and by wise and discriminating reductions, which will not only relieve the tax-payers, but will also encourage labor, and aid and strengthen industry, and extend our commerce."

These are not the words of the President, nor any one of "that element which sought to destroy this nation." They are the words of Mr. Henry Cabot Lodge, chairman of the Republican Committee of Massachusetts in 1884, and they were spoken in calling the State Convention to order.

"There are only two ways to reduce the surplus revenue; one by raising the tariff to a prohibitory height, which nobody advocates; the other the free list. The free list is the honest reformer's hope."

These, again, are not the words of President Cleveland, but of ex-Governor Long, of Massachusetts, a Republican leader in that State.

"Any tax or import duty which increases the price of these raw materials is a burden upon these skilled artisans and mechanics, or else a burden upon the consumers of their products."

It is not Mr. Mills, of Texas, who says this, but Mr. Allison, of Iowa, in 1870, advocating a general reduction of twenty per cent., which he declared would not be "a full equivalent for the removal of all internal taxes on manufactures,"

"We want all those articles that enter as raw material into the manufactures of the country free of duty, so that the country can stand on an equality in the markets of the world with the other nations of the world."

No, this is not Speaker Carlisle, but Senator Henry Wilson, and the same views were so universally accepted by the Republican party up to its Convention of 1884 that the Chicago *Tribune*, which supports the Republican nominations, "spits upon the platform" of this year as abandoning in its tariff plank the Republican doctrine. That platform declares that the party, rather than yield a single protective tax, would abandon what Mr. Lodge approved—the proper taxing of whisky and tobacco. It would engage in what he calls needless and extravagant expenditures. It would refuse to free the great necessaries of life that enter into the daily consumption of every household. It would refuse wise and discriminating reductions which would not only relieve the tax-payers, but encourage labor, aid and strengthen industry, and extend our commerce; and Mr. Lodge, despite his words in 1884, would now help to do it.

But if his words and those of the other Republican leaders were true when they were spoken, they are true now. They declare principles of taxation and economy, and those principles have not changed. Unless Mr. Lodge and Governor Long and Mr. Allison and President Garfield and Vice-President Wilson and other Republican leaders were freetraders, Mr. Cleveland is not a freetrader. Unless Mr. Lodge and his friends demanded free-trade in 1884, the friends of Mr. Cleveland do not demand free-trade in 1888. Unless the Republican leaders were willing in 1884 to ruin American industry for the benefit of British free trade, the President and his supporters are not willing to effect that ruin in 1888. It is plain that if the President's message and the Mills bill are the beginning of free trade, the stanchest Republicans began it before them. It is Republicans who expose the folly of their own cry of free-trade against the Democrats in the present campaign. In speaking of the ratification meeting in Boston some time ago, the Springfield *Republican* put the situation tersely when it said:

"It was little more than thirty years ago that Henry Wilson, Charles Sumner, and the other Representatives of Massachusetts in Congress spoke and voted in favor of reducing an average twenty-five per cent. tariff to one of eighteen and twenty per cent. Their political descendants last night at Boston denounced the proposed reduction of a forty-seven per cent. tariff to one of forty-two per cent. as meaning free-trade."

"The people of this country, sir," said an impassioned orator, "are not a fool."

An Innocent-Looking Rat Trap.

A farmer living near Greensboro, Ga., was much troubled by rats, and their depredations on his corn crib increased to an alarming extent. He finally thought of a method by which he could rid himself of them. He secured a three gallon jar and half filled it with water. On the top of the water he placed a thick layer of cotton seed. The seed, so he argued, would attract the rats as a pleasant place to play, and of course the moment they touched the seed down they go. The trap worked like a charm. The rats came; they attempted the frolic act on the seed with the deceptive foundation, and to use Mr. Kilgore's own words, he "caught a gallon and a half of rats the first night,' running the water to the top.—*Chicago Herald.*

—We are told that the coopers are to have a paper printed in their interests. We suppose it will be a barrel organ.

The Benefits of High Protection.

Mr. Blaine says the present generation must be taught the benefits of high protection. An excellent idea. The New York *Herald* seconds the mot