The Easton Star.

DEVOTED TO POLITICS, LITERATURE, AGRICULTURE, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC NEWS.

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NEW SERIES.

THE EASTON STAR.

ISAAC BANSON, Editor & Proprietor.

Two dollars cash in advance, or two dollars and fifty cents if not paid in advance. Clubs of twenty, thirty dollars in advance.

No paper will be discontinued, except at the discretion of the proprietor, until arrears are paid. No subscription will be taken for a shorter period than six months.

Books received free of postage will be promptly noticed under the editorial head.

TERMS OF ADVERTISING.

One square, 14 lines—one insertion $1 and 25 cents for each subsequent insertion. A liberal deduction made to those who advertise by the year or for six months.

Advertisements sent to the office not marked the number of times to be inserted, will be continued till ordered out, and charged according to regular rates.

Special Notices, inserted before Marriage and Deaths, 20 cents a line for each insertion. Marriages and Deaths inserted gratis.

To Travelers.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

WINTER ARRANGEMENTS.

The Steamer Highland Light has discontinued her trips to Easton, Oxford, Cambridge and Denton, for the winter.

The Steamer CHAMPION, on and after Wednesday, Dec. 28, will leave Baltimore WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 7 A. M., for Annapolis, West River, Cambridge, Oxford, Easton, and intermediate landings, returning MONDAYS & THURSDAYS, leaving Easton at 6 A. M.

Leave Baltimore TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 7 A. M., for Covey's wharf, St. Michaels, and Miles River Ferry, (Easton) returning same day.

Maryland & Delaware RAILROAD.

On and after MONDAY, April 11th, 1870, trains will run as follows:

PASSENGER TRAIN.

GOING NORTH.

Leave Easton	8 00	A. M.
" Woodland	8 15	"
" Cordova	8 25	"
" Hillsborough	8 40	"
" Ridgely	8 50	"
" Greensborough	7 05	"
" Goldsborough	7 15	"
" Henderson	7 20	"
" Marydell	7 35	"
" Slaughter's	7 45	"
" Kenton	8 00	"
Arrive Clayton	8 10	"
" Wilmington	10 15	"
" Philadelphia	11 45	"
" Baltimore	1 05	P. M.
" New York	4 54	"

GOING SOUTH.

Leave New York	12 30	P. M.
" Baltimore	2 40	"
" Philadelphia	5 00	"
" Wilmington	6 35	"
Arrive Clayton	8 25	"
" Kenton	8 40	"
" Slaughter's	8 50	"
" Marydell	9 00	"
" Henderson	9 10	"
" Goldsborough	9 20	"
" Greensborough	9 30	"
" Ridgely	9 45	"
" Hillsborough	9 55	"
" Cordova	10 05	"
" Woodland	10 15	"
Arrive Easton	10 35	"

FREIGHT TRAIN

WITH PASSENGER CAR ATTACHED.

GOING NORTH.

Leave Easton	10 45	A. M.
" Woodland	10 50	"
" Cordova	11 05	"
" Hillsborough	11 20	"
" Ridgely	11 35	"
" Greensborough	11 55	A. M.
" Goldsborough	12 15	P. M.
" Henderson	12 35	"
" Marydell	12 50	"
" Slaughter's	1 05	"
" Kenton	1 25	"
Arrive Clayton	1 45	"
" Wilmington	3 50	"
" Philadelphia	5 25	"
" Baltimore	8 10	"
" New York	10 20	"

GOING SOUTH.

Leave New York	12 00	A. M.
" Baltimore	7 25	"
" Philadelphia	9 20	"
" Wilmington	10 10	"
" Clayton	12 10	P. M.
" Kenton	12 20	"
" Slaughter's	12 25	"
" Marydell	12 50	"
" Henderson	1 05	"
" Goldsborough	1 45	"
" Greensborough	1 40	"
" Ridgely	1 50	"
" Hillsborough	2 00	"
" Cordova	2 15	"
" Woodland	2 30	"
Arrive Easton	2 50	"

By the above arrangement, close connections will be made both ways, and passengers will arrive early both in New York and Baltimore, and will be able to visit Philadelphia or Baltimore, returning same day.

All freights must be at the various stations at least thirty minutes before starting of trains, otherwise they will lay over twenty-four hours.

J. N. CALDWELL, Superintendent.

Easton Livery Stables.

FRANKLIN G. WRIGHT, Proprietor.

TRAVELERS will deposit their whips, robes, blankets, &c., at the office. Stable accommodations for 100 horses. Horses received on livery by the day, week, month or year. Horses and Buggies for hire at all times. Travelers promptly sent to any part of the county or adjoining counties. Hacks run regularly to the steamboat landings, to meet every train. Orders by dispatch. The highest market price paid for corn, hay, horses and cattle. Carriages will be made to order. Shop on Harrison street, rear of Post Office. Easton, Md., apr25

THE LINE OF THE R. R. RROAD was started on the 1st of July, 1868. The stage leaves Easton at 7 A. M. every day, Sundays excepted, connects with the morning train of cars at Hillsboro'—leaves the latter place on the arrival of the afternoon train, and reaches Easton at 5 P. M. Good horses and carriages and passengers made comfortable. Fare $2.00. Passengers leaving Easton in the morning arrive at Baltimore and Philadelphia in the city same day.

N. B. Hearses, 12 hours in advance of any other hearse in the county. Orders promptly attended to. Carriages will be made to order. Shop on Harrison street, rear of Post Office. Easton, Md., apr25

The Royal Oak CHEAP CASH STORE.

JOSEPH S. ROBSON, at Royal Oak, has just returned from the city with a new and full stock of cheap goods, bought since the late fall in prices, all of which are being offered at a very small advance for the cash. He invites his friends and customers to call and examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere.

Come a Running, but Don't Fall Down.

If you wish to buy CHEAP GOODS for the cash, come and examine the stock of J. S. ROBSON, at Royal Oak. There you can get the entire worth of your money, from goods bought at the very lowest prices, and sold with a determination that those who deal for money shall get goods as low as they can be had anywhere. He does not wish to extend his credit sales, but for the cash, or good country produce, will guarantee that customers will be satisfied.

Bargains! Bargains!

He has great bargains, but in order to get bargains, you must be sure and bring the CASH.

NEW STORE.

FAMILY GROCERIES.

THE subscriber takes this method of informing the public that he has opened a New Family Grocery Store, in the building on the corner of Front and Cabinet streets, formerly occupied by Mr. E. H. Anderson, as a Daguerrian Saloon. The room has been newly fitted up and filled with first-class GROCERIES and FRUITS. He has on hand a lot of superior Buckwheat Flour and thirty barrels of the best Northern Apples. Nuts, Candies and Christmas Goods may also be found in abundance at his store. He asks the public to give him a call, and as he keeps nothing but the best goods that can be purchased, he feels confident that entire satisfaction will be given. R. THARPE

W. M. HOLLYDAY,

Attorney-at-Law,

EASTON, MD.

Will attend to all business entrusted to his care with promptness and fidelity. Office adjoining Star Office.

Terrible Storm at Sea.

Affairs near Delaware Lost, but Everything Turned up Right.

THE STRANGE HIGHLAND LIGHT.

After a stormy night and a clear sky, and the wind blowing a gale, reached Annapolis harbor. But strange to say, though many were made awfully sick, not a soul was lost. All goods destined for Easton reached here safely about 11 o'clock the next day, and created a terrible excitement on the "Flats." Such a rushing of men, women and children, old and young, to the front doors, never was seen before. Windows were thrown up, heads put out, and a general inquiry made, of no one in particular, the excitement, when lo and behold! it was cars-loads, and wagon-loads, and dray loads of GOODS, destined for

Davis Griffith's Cheap Grocery Store,

where he would be happy to receive a call from the public generally. He challenges the Eastern Shore, and is determined to win the first position among the cheap grocery stores, and can beat all the "Cheap John's" in St. Michaels, Centreville, Denton, or Cambridge.

All articles kept in a No. 1 FAMILY GROCERY, LIQUORS of all kinds, by the gallon or bottle; FLOUR by the barrel or retail; SPICES, COFFEE, BACON, HAMS, LARD, CHEESE, FISH, &c., &c.

Also, CANNED FRUITS of all kinds, such as Peaches, Pears, Plums, Strawberries, Pine Apples, Cherries, Blackberries, Whortleberries, and a great variety Brandy Fruits and Preserves, and canned Lobsters.

Pickles in variety, Sardines, &c.

CONFECTIONARY of all kinds, including Raisins, Currants, Citron, Ginger, Figs, Common and FRENCH CANDIES, and Nuts of all kinds.

Also, a splendid assortment of GLASS, CHINA, and QUEENSWARE.

The public are invited to call and get the worth of their money, as I defy competition and sell everything for CASH or country produce, as cheap as any first-class grocery in the city. DAVID R. GRIFFITH.

Easton, dec15

The Sun.

CHARLES A. DANA, Editor.

The Daily Sun,

A Newspaper of the Present Time.

Intended for People Now on Earth, Including Farmers, Mechanics, Mechanics, Professional Men, Business Business, and all Manner of Honest Folks, and the Wives, Sons, and Daughters of all men.

ONLY ONE DOLLAR A YEAR!

ONE HUNDRED COPIES FOR $50.

Or less than One Cent a Copy. Let there be a $50 club at every Post Office.

SEMI-WEEKLY SUN, $2 A YEAR.

Of the same size and general character as THE WEEKLY, but with a greater variety of miscellaneous reading, and furnishing the news to the subscribers with greater freshness, because it comes twice a week instead of once only.

THE DAILY SUN, $6 A YEAR.

A preeminently readable newspaper, with the largest circulation in the world. Free, independent, and fearless in politics. All the news from everywhere. Two cents a copy; by mail, 50 cents a month, or $6 a year.

TERMS TO CLUBS.

THE DOLLAR WEEKLY SUN.

Five copies, one year, separately addressed, Four Dollars.

Ten copies, one year, separately addressed (and an extra copy to the getter up of club), Eight Dollars.

Twenty-copies, one year, separately addressed (and extra copy to the getter up of club), Fifteen Dollars.

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One hundred copies, one year, to one address (and the Daily for one year to the getter up of club), Fifty Dollars.

One hundred copies, one year, separately addressed (and the Daily for one year to the getter up of club), Sixty Dollars.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

Five copies, one year, separately addressed, Eight Dollars.

Ten copies, one year, separately addressed (and an extra copy to getter up of club), Sixteen Dollars.

SEND YOUR MONEY

in Post Office orders, checks, or drafts on New York, wherever you reside; if not, then register the letters containing money. Address,

I. W. ENGLAND, Publisher,

Sun office, New York City.

dec20-3m

$10 REWARD.

WAS stolen from the subscriber, on or about the 5th inst., at Chapel, the following named goods:

Jack Planes, For plains, Brace, 5 Auger Bits, Hatchet, Drawing Knife, 2 Saws, Hand Axe, Screw Driver, 2 Chisels, 2 Augurs, Compass, Trying up Square, Daguerotype, 2 Whet Stones, 1 Powder Horn, Shot Bag, 3 Razors, 1 Strop, (the strop has the name of James H. Green upon the case.) 2 Shaving Brushes and Box, 1 Sash Saw, 2 Bed Quilts, 1 Fur Hat, 1 Yard Shirt, (don't open shirt, color is white and a pale red.) 1 flint and steel musket, 1 single barrel gun, 1 picking axe. The house was broken open in my absence to Delaware.

The above reward will be paid for any information leading to their discovery. A letter will reach me at Odessa, New Castle county, Delaware. JESSE W. GREEN.

dec27-6m

SEEDS.

We are now receiving our usual supply of

CLOVER, TIMOTHY, Orchard, Kentucky Blue-Grass, RED TOP, AND ALL OTHER Field Seeds.

We shall spare no pains to have none but choice Seeds, and will always sell at the lowest price possible.

SEEDS are invariably CASH.

NICOLS & TAYLOR,

Dealers in Hardware, Seeds, Implements, Machinery, &c., of all kinds.

jan31

PHOTOGRAPHS.

THOSE beautiful Photograph Cards which are so life-like, durable and, constantly sought after, are now fully equal in finish to the best Photographs made in Philadelphia, and at half the price charged by the city artists. Every style and variety of Photographs taken at the EASTON PHOTOGRAPH GALLERY.

Mechanical.

Easton Stove and Tin House.

FORD & SON,

EASTON, MD.

COOKING RANGES, WARM AIR FURNACES, FIRE PLACE HEATERS, PARLOR AND COOK STOVES, TIN, SHEET-IRON & HOLLOW-WARES, Wholesale and retail.

TIN ROOFING, SPOUTING, all kinds of STOVE REPAIRS, and JOB WORK, With BELL HANGING, PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. jy12

STOVES MADE AND REPAIRED;

STOVES SOLD AT CITY PRICES;

Tin Plate and Sheet Iron Work made to order;

Tin Roofing and Spouting done in the best manner;

Gun-Smithing promptly executed.

Cooking Stoves, Parlor Stoves, Heaters, Ranges, Fire-Place Stoves, Furnaces, all of the most approved patterns, furnished as cheap as the cheapest.

Thankful for past favors, a share of the public patronage is solicited.

GEO. W. BECK.

Easton, my25

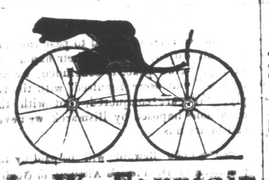
Plastering and Bricklaying

BY

TODD & SPARKLIN.

THE subscribers having associated themselves in business for the purpose of carrying on the above business, hereby give notice that they are prepared to do PLAIN and ORNAMENTAL PLASTERING, and all kinds of BRICKLAYING, in the best manner, and promptly to order. Orders solicited. Residence and shop near Dr. Earle's gate, in Easton. Graves bricked in all weathers.

Easton, mh8-1y



A. W. Fountain

IS

MANUFACTURING

CARRIAGES & HARNESS

OF THE

MOST APPROVED STYLES.

CALL and see him before purchasing.—He is offering inducements impossible to be met with elsewhere.

REPAIRING done on reasonable terms.

Easton, dec20-4m

BARBERING.

PHIL. FLOYD, Barber, Shaver, Shampooer, and Hair Dresser, informs his old customers and friends, that he has removed his Barber's shop to Dover street, second door from Mr Arthur Brown's store, where he has fitted up a nice shop, and where he will be pleased to wait on all who may desire an easy shave, or wish their hair dressed in the latest style. He has endeavored to serve the citizens of Easton and vicinity to the best of his ability for twenty-two years, and he hopes to retain their confidence and patronage, by strict attention to his shop. Customers may confidently expect always to find a sharp razor at his shop, and he claims that his assistant is the best shaver in America. Don't forget, Dover street, in the house lately occupied by Mr. Smith, the watch maker.

jan17

Cart & Wheelwrighting

BY

JOHN H. THOMPSON.

SHOP AT EASTON GAS WORKS.

THE subscriber returns his sincere thanks to his friends and the public, for the liberal patronage received in the past, and takes this method of informing them that he has on hand a first-rate lot of the best quality and thoroughly SEASONED MATERIAL, and is prepared to make and repair CARTS, WAGONS, WHEELS, PLOWS, HARROWS DRAGS, and other farm work, promptly to order, at reduced prices, and in the most substantial manner.

SCYTHES CRADLED.

Cradles repaired. A first-rate lot of thoroughly seasoned material for scythe cradles always on hand. Persons should order their harvest work done early in the season.

The subscriber has always made it a point to do his work in the best manner, and his customers may rely on getting a good job of all work ordered.

In addition to reducing prices generally, to keep up with the times, a discount of ten per cent. will be made for the cash, on all bills over $50.

A share of the public patronage respectfully solicited.

JOHN H. THOMPSON.

Easton, mh22-1y

Edw. H. Anderson,

WATCH-MAKER

AND

JEWELER,

Washington Street, 2nd door from Corner of Dover st., (with Mr. Samuel Patchett.)

WATCHES, Clocks, Jewelry, and Sewing Machines of every make repaired in the best manner, at reasonable rates. Terms cash.

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BUILDER'S NOTICE.

THE subscriber having had many years experience in Architectural proportions and designing, respectfully offers his services to the public as BUILDER. He will furnish specifications, drawings, and contracts, and do and perform all business pertaining to the duty of Builder or Superintendent of the erection of buildings. He will take work by the day or on contract. He solicits Job Work, small or large. Will measure brick work, plastering, &c. He warrants all work entrusted to him to be well and substantially done, and at moderate prices to suit the times.

Shop on Goldsborough street, under R. H. T. Counsell's paint shop.

WM. D. ROBERTS.

Easton, Md

Safe Deposit Boxes.

THE Easton National Bank of Maryland has in its vault

BURGLAR AND FIRE-PROOF VAULT,

Deposit Boxes for the safe keeping of STOCKS, BONDS, DEEDS, WILLS, and other securities and valuables, which will be rented at $10 per annum.

Apply to

J. E. THOMAS, Cashier.

jan29

SIMMONS LIVER Regulator

The symptoms of Liver Complaint are uneasiness and pain in the side. Sometimes the pain is in the shoulder, and is mistaken for rheumatism. With loss of appetite and sickness, bowels in general costive, sometimes alternating with lax. The head is troubled with pain and dull, heavy sensation, considerable loss of memory, accompanied with painful sensation of having left undone something which ought to have been done. Often complaining of weakness, debility, and low spirits. Sometimes many of the above symptoms attend the disease, and at other times very few of them; but the liver is generally the organ most involved.—Cure the Liver with

DR. SIMMONS'

Liver Regulator,

A preparation of roots and herbs, warranted to be strictly vegetable, and can do no injury to any one.

It has been used by hundreds, and known for the last 40 years as one of the most reliable, efficacious and harmless preparations ever offered to the suffering. If taken regularly and persistently, it is sure to cure Dyspepsia, headache, jaundice, costiveness, sick headache, chronic diarrhœa, affections of the bladder, camp dysentery, affections of the kidneys, fever, nervousness, chills, diseases of the skin, impurity of the blood, melancholy, or depression of spirits, heartburn, colic, or pains in the bowels, pain in the head, fever and ague, dropsy, boils, pain in the back, &c.

Prepared only by J. H. ZEILIN & CO., Druggists, Macon, Ga.

Price $1; by mail, $1 25.

For sale by HENRY & GOLDSBOROUGH, Easton, Md. and by Druggists generally. dec20 1y

COUGHS COLDS WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY. INFLUENZA CONSUMPTION

This remedy does not dry up a Cough; but loosens it, cleanses the lungs, and allays irritation, thus removing the cause of the complaint.

SETH W. FOWLE & SON, Proprietors, Boston

Sold by druggists and dealers generally.

None genuine unless signed I. Burns.

FARMERS' and MERCHANTS' LINE.

THE SCHOONERS

Oxford and Tred Haven.

The above vessels are now running between Easton and Baltimore, and will do all kinds of freighting as cheap, if not cheaper, than can be done by any other line. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction. All freight must be paid on delivery of the goods.—Feeling thankful for past favors, we hope, by strict attention to business, to merit a continuance of the same

LEONARD, BLAND & CO.

OFFICE—In same room occupied by R. B. Dixon, on Dover street.

feb22

The Cheap

FLOUR STORE.

FLOUR, MEAL, CORN, BUCKWHEAT, AND FEED, CHEAP FOR CASH, AT EVANS' OLD STAND, IN EASTON, OPPOSITE THE TALBOT HOUSE.

HAVING bought out Evans & Co., I announce to the people of Easton and vicinity, that I shall keep constantly on hand, and sell cheap for cash, FLOUR, MEAL, CORN, BUCKWHEAT, FEED and HOMINY.

I respectfully solicit a call and an examination of my stock and prices.

dec6 CHARLES P. P. MATTHEWS.

BUCKWHEAT.—A fine lot just received and for sale by

C. P. P. MATTHEWS.

HOMINY.—A beautiful article, constantly on hand, for sale at only 8 cents per quart, by

C. P. P. MATTHEWS.

FLOUR.—A nice article of Flour, by the barrel or by retail, just received and for sale by

C. P. P. MATTHEWS.

CHOPS.—A nice article—corn and oats mixed, for sale by

C. P. P. MATTHEWS.

MEAL.—A beautiful article, just received and for sale by

C. P. P. MATTHEWS.

CORN.—The highest market price paid for corn and oats. Corn always for sale at the cheap flour store of

dec6 C. P. P. MATTHEWS.

GRAPE VINES FOR SALE.—

I offer for sale, at prices below the Northern Nursery rates, some very fine grape vines, which have been rooted and grown in Talbot county, and are therefore perfectly acclimated. The stock is composed of the following well tested varieties, which I can recommend as hardy and prolific: Delaware, Concord, Clinton, Creveling, Diana, Hartford Prolific, Iona, Israella, Ives' Seedling, Mascatawney, Rebecca, and Union Village. Some of these vines are one, and some two years old.

I am also the agent for Talbot county for the well known Rumelan Grape, said by Dr. Grant to be the finest American grape yet produced.

Grape vines may be planted six or eight feet apart, or from 600 to 700 per acre. When six years old they will average 10 pounds to the vine, or six or seven thousand pounds to the acre, and will readily command 25 cents per pound. Any one who will make the calculation can readily see that grapes is the most profitable crop that can be grown.

There is no better section of country than this for grape culture, as all the improved varieties do well here, as I have already tested on my farm in Oxford Neck.

Letters addressed to me at Trappe, Talbot county, Md., will receive prompt attention.

M. H. KELSEY.

November 1st, 1870-4m

The Best Stoves

THE CHEAPEST STOVES.

The Stoves you Want.

Are at TUTHILL & AVERY'S Easton Foundry, consisting in part of MONUMENTAL, COLUMBIA, CARROLL, PLANTER'S PREMIUM, NIAGARA, STAR, QUAKER CITY, COTTAGE and GRAY JACKET COOK STOVES.

PARLOR Cook for wood and coal. The Vesta, the Parlor Light, (self-feeder) Tower Gas Burner, Magnet Gas Burner, North Star, New Era, and Woodland Heaters, just bought in Baltimore and Philadelphia, cheap for cash, and will be kept on purchasing STOVES Tubes and Elbows constantly on hand. Tin, Brick, Pipe, Zinc and Hollow-ware for sale; tin, sheet iron and copper work done to order. Call at TUTHILL & AVERY'S, Easton, call

Select Poetry.

[Written for the Star.]

A Sympathetic Offering to the Mourning Friends of Nellie Fairbank.

BY COUSIN SARAH.

"She has gone to the land that is starward,"
Gone to the land of the blest;
Gone from all tears and sorrow,
Safe from earth's trials to rest.

Upward, through pain and anguish,
Onward her pure spirit fled,
With beams of supernal glory
Circling about her head.

Calmly she gazed on Death's river—
Fearless stepped into the flood;
Softly her spirit voice whispered,
"He hath ransomed me with His blood."

Mourn not o'er the crystal bowl broken,
And the sundered silver cord;
But joy that white-robed she standeth,
Pure and spotless before the Lord.

Weep not o'er the pale earthern casket—
Look up in your sorrow and pain;
Remember, "He gave and He taketh,"
Remember your loss is her gain.

Feb. 3d, 1871.

BEST.

Mother I see you, with your nursery light,
Leading your babies, all in white,
To their sweet rest;
Christ the Good Shepherd, carries mine to-night,
And that is best.

I cannot help tears when I see them twine
Their fingers in yours, and their bright curls shine
On your warm breast;
But the Saviour's is purer than yours or mine—
He can love best!

You tremble each hour because your arms
Are weak; your heart is wrung with alarms,
And sore oppress:
My darlings are safe, out of reach of harms,
And that is best.

You know, over yours may hang even now
Pain and disease, whose fulfilling slow
Naught can arrest;
Mine in God's gardens run to and fro,
And that is best

You know that of yours, your feeblest one
And dearest may live long years alone,
Unloved, unblest;
Mine are cherished of saints around God's throne,
And that is best

You must dread for yours the crime that sears,
Dark guilt unwashed by repentant tears,
And unconfessed;
Mine entered spotless on eternal years,
O, how much the best!

But grief is selfish; I cannot see
Always why I should so stricken be,
More than the rest;
But I know that, as well as for them, for me,
God did the best!

—Verses by H. H.

Select Story.

THE DARK HOUR.

A TRUE ROMANCE.

BY OLIVER.

I can't stand it any longer, Jane; I'll go out, and perhaps something will turn up for us."

"It's a cold night, Robert."

"Cold, yes! But it's not much colder outside than in. It would have been much better for you if you had married John Tremain," he said, bitterly.

"Don't say that, Robert; I've never regretted my choice."

"Not even now, when there's not a loaf of bread in the house for you and the children?"

"Not even now, Robert. Don't be discouraged. God has not forsaken us. Perhaps this Christmas eve the tide will turn; better days may dawn upon us to-morrow."

Robert Brice shook his head despondingly.

"You are more hopeful than I, Jane. Day after day I have been in search of employment. I have called at fifty places, only to receive the same answer everywhere."

Just then little Jimmy, who had been asleep, woke up.

"Mother," he pleaded, "won't you give me a piece of bread? I am so hungry."

"There is no bread, Jimmy darling," said the mother, with an aching heart.

"When will there be some?" asked the little child piteously.

Tears came to the mother's eyes. She knew not what to do.

"Jimmy, I'll bring you some bread," said the father hoarsely, and he siezed his hat and went to the door.

His wife alarmed, laid her hand upon his sleeve. She saw the look in his eyes, and she feared to what step desperation might lead him.

"Remember, Robert, it is hard to starve, but there are things that are worse."

He shook off her hand, but not roughly, and without a word passed out.

Out in the cold streets! There would be their only home next. For a brief time longer he had the shelter of a cheerless room in a cold tenement house, but the rent would become due at the end of the month, and he had nothing to meet it.

Robert Brice was a mechanic, competent and skillful. Three years since he lived in a country village where his expenses were moderate, and he found no difficulty in meeting them. But in an evil hour he grew tired of his village home and removed to the city. Here he vainly hoped to do better. For a while he met with very good success, but he found his tenement house, in which he was obliged to live, a very poor substitute for the neat cottage which he had occupied in the country. He saw his mistake, but was too proud to go back.

"Of course I can't have as good accommodations here as in the country," he said, "but it is something to live in and be in the midst of things."

"I'd rather be back again," said his wife; "someow the city doesn't seem like home; there I used to run in and take tea with a neighbor, and have a pleasant social time; here I know scarcely anybody."

"You'll get used to it after a while," said her husband.

She did not think so, but did not like to complain.

But a time of great depression came, and with it a suspension of business enterprises. Work ceased for Robert Brice and many others. If he had been in his old home he could have turned his hand to something else, and, at the worst, could have borrowed of his neighbors till better times. But the friendly relations arising from neighborhoods do not exist in the city to the same extent they do in the country. So day by day he went out to seek work, only to find himself one of of a large number, all of whom were doomed to disappointment. If he had been alone he could have got along somehow, but it was a sore trial to come to the cheerless room, and pale wife and hungry children, with no relief to offer them.

When on that Christmas eve Robert Brice went into the streets he hardly knew how he was going to redeem the promise he had made to little Jimmy. He was absolutely penniless, and had been so for three days. There was nothing that he was likely to find to do that night.

"I will pawn my coat," he said at last. "I cannot see my wife and children starve"

It was a well worn overcoat, and that cold winter night he needed something more to keep him warm. Weakened by enforced fasting, he was more sensitive to the cold, and shivered as he walked along the pavement.

"Yes," he said, "my coat must go. I know not how I shall get along without it, but I cannot see the children starve before my eyes"

He was not in general an envious man, but when he saw sleek, well-fed citizens, buttoned up to the throat in warm overcoats come out of the brilliantly lighted shops, provided with presents for happy children at home, while his were starving, he suffered some bitter thoughts upon the inequality of fortune's gifts to come to his mind.

Why should they be so happy, he so miserable?

There was a time, he remembered it well, when he, too, suffered not the Christmas eve to pass without buying some little gifts for Jimmy and Agnes How little he dreamed then that they would ever want bread.

There was one man shorter than himself, warmly clad, who passed him with his hands thrust deep into the pockets of his overcoat There was a pleasant smile upon his face. He was doubtless thinking of a happy circle at home.

Robert knew him as a rich merchant, whose ample warehouse he often passed. He had applied to this man only two days before for employment, and had been refused. It was, perhaps, the thought of the wide difference between them, so far as outward circumstances were, that led Robert Brice to follow him.

After awhile the merchant, Mr. Grimes, drew his handkerchief swiftly from his pocket. As he did so he did not perceive that his pocket-book came with it and fell to the sidewalk.

He did not perceive it, but Robert did. His heart leaped into his mouth, and a sudden thought entered into his mind He bent quickly down and picked up the pocket-book. He raised his eyes hastily to see if the movement was noticed. It was not. The merchant went on unheeding his loss.

"This will buy bread for my wife and children," thought Robert instantly.

A vision of the comfort which money would bring that cheerless room lighted up his heart for an instant, but then—for he was not dishonest—there came another thought. The money was not his, as much as he wanted it.

"But I cannot see my wife and children starve," he thought again. "If it is wrong to keep the money God will pardon the offence. He will understand my motive."

All this was sophistry, and he knew it.

In a moment he felt it to be so. There were some things worse than starvation. It was his wife who said this just before he came out. Could he meet her gaze when he returned with food so obtained?

"I've lived honest so far," he thought; "I won't turn thief now."

It was with an effort he came to this decision, for all the while there was before his eyes that vision of a cheerless home, and he could hear Jimmy vainly asking for food. It was with an effort that he stepped forward and placed his hand on the merchant's shoulder, and extended the hand that held the pocket-book.

"Thank you," said the merchant, turning round; "I hadn't perceived my loss."

"You dropped it when you took out your handkerchief."

"And you saw it and picked it up. I am much obliged to you."

"You have reason to be," said Robert in a low voice. "I came near keeping it."

"That would have been dishonest," said Mr. Grimes, his tone altering slightly.

"Yes, it would; but it's hard on a man to be honest when he is penniless, and his wife and children without a crust.

"Surely you and your family are not in that condition?" said the merchant earnestly.

"Yes," said Robert, "it is only true."

"And you are out of work?"

"For two months I have vainly sought for work. I applied to you two days since."

"I remember you now. I thought I had seen your face before. You still want work?"

"I should feel grateful for it."

"A porter left me yesterday. Will you take his place for twelve dollars a week?"

"Thankfully, sir, I would for half of that."

Then come to-morrow morning, or rather, as to-morrow will be a holiday, the day succeeding. Meantime take this for your present necessities."

He drew from his pocket a bank note and put it into Robert's hand.

"It's fifty dollars!" said Robert in amazement.

"I know it. The pocket-book contains a thousand dollars. But for you I should have lost the whole. I wish you a merry Christmas."

"It will, indeed, be a merry Christmas," said Robert with emotion. "God bless you, sir. Good night."

"Good night."

Jane waited for her husband in the cold and cheerless room which for a few days longer she might call her home.

"Do you think father will bring some bread?" said little Jimmy as he nestled in her lap.

"I hope so, darling," she said; but her heart misgave her. She feared it was a delusive hope.

An hour passed; there was a step on the stairs—her husband's. It could not be, for this was a cheerful elastic step, coming up two stairs at a time. She looked eagerly to the door.

Yes, it was he. The door opened. Robert, radiant with joy, entered with a basket full of substantial provisions.

"Have you got some bread, father?" asked little Jimmy hopefully.

"Yes, Jimmy, some bread, and meat from a restaurant, and here's a note to Easton, call

and sugar. There's a little wood left, Jane. Let's have a bright fire and a comfortable meal, for, please God, this shall be a merry Christmas."

"How did it happen? Tell me, Robert."

So Robert told his wife, and soon a bright fire lit up the before cheerless room, and there were four happy hearts that waited in joyful hope for the dawn of a "merry Christmas day."

The next week they moved to a better home. They have never since known what it was to want. Robert found a firm friend in the merchant, and has an account in the savings' bank, and has reason to remember with a grateful heart God's goodness on that Christmas eve.

Gems of Thought.

INDUSTRY.—A man who gives his children a habit of industry provides for them better than by giving them a stock of money.

FAULTS.—The most ignorant have sufficient knowledge to detect the faults of others; the most clear-sighted are blind to their own.

THE TREE AND THE FRUIT.—If the tree be good the fruit will be good; but if the tree be bad no amount of cultivation will produce good fruit.

BELIEVE nothing against another but upon good authority; nor report what may hurt another unless it be a greater hurt to others to conceal it.

THE RIGHT KIND OF RELIGION.—We want a religion that not only bears on the sinfulness of sin, but on the rascality of lying—a religion that banishes all small measures from the counters, small baskets from the stalls; sand from sugar, chicory from coffee, alum from bread, lard from butter, strychnine from wine, and water from milk-cans; that they will not put all the big strawberries and peaches on the top and small at the bottom, and sell more baskets of wine than there are bottles.

ENVY.—The greatest flood has the soonest ebb, the sorest temper the most sudden calm, the hottest love the coldest end, and from the deepest desire oftentimes ensues the deadliest hate. A wise man had rather be envied for providence than pitied for prodigality. Revenge barketh only at stars, and spite spurns at that she cannot reach. An envious man waxeth lean with the fatness of his neighbors. Envy is the daughter of pride, the author of murder and revenge, the beginner of secret sedition, and the perpetual tormentor of virtue. Envy is the filthy sediment of the soul—a venom, a poison, or quicksilver—which consumeth the flesh and drieth up the marrow of the bones.

SET bounds to your zeal by discretion, to error by truth, to passion by reason, to divisions by charity.

CIVILIZATION AND CORRUPTION.—We accomplish from time to time great external improvements; but we find them as constantly abused; and the example has yet to be seen in the world's history of a high state of civilization which shall escape corruption and decay.

FORTUNE.—"I am old enough," says Smollet, in a letter to his friend Carrick, "to have seen and observed that we are playthings of fortune; and that it often depends upon something as insignificant and precarious as the tossing up of a halfpenny whether a man rises to affluence and honors or continues to his dying day struggling with the difficulties and disgraces of life."

A Happy Home.

A pleasant and sensible writer says that in a happy home there will be no fault-finding, overbearing spirit—there will be no peevishness nor fretfulness. Unkindness will not dwell in the heart or be on the tongue. Oh, the tears, the sighs, the wasting of life and health, strength and time, of all that is most to be desired in a happy home, occasioned merely by unkind words! The celebrated Mr. Wesley remarked to this effect, namely—that fretting and scolding seem like tearing the flesh from the bones, and that we had no more right to be guilty of this sin than to curse and swear and steal. In a perfect, happy home all selfishness will be removed. "Even as Christ pleased not himself," so the members of a happy home will not seek first to please themselves, but will seek to please each other.

Cheerfulness is another ingredient in a happy home. How much does a sweet smile emanating from a heart fraught with love and kindness contribute to render a home happy? How attractive, how soothing, is the sweet cheerfulness that is borne on the countenance of wife and mother! How do the parent and child, the brother and sister, the mistress and servant, dwell with delight on those cheerful looks, those confiding smiles, that beam from the eye and burst from the inmost soul of those who are near and dear. How it hastens the return of the father, lightens the cares of the mother, renders it more easy for youth to resist temptation; and, drawn by the cords of affection, how it induces them with loving hearts to return to the parental roof. O that parents would lay this thing to heart! By untiring effort they would so far render home happy that their children and domestics shall not look for happiness in forbidden paths!

QUARRELLING.—If anything in the world will make a man feel badly, except pinching his fingers in the crack of a door, it is unquestionably a quarrel.

No man never fails to think less of himself after it than before. It degrades him in the eyes of others, and, what is worse, blunts his sensibilities on the one hand, and increases the power of passionate irritability on the other.

The truth is the more peaceably and quietly we get on, the better for our neighbors. In nine cases out of ten, the better course is, if a man cheats you, quit dealing with him; if he is abusive, quit his company; and if he slanders you, take care to live so that nobody will believe him.

No matter who he is, or how he misuses you, the wisest way is to let him alone; for there is nothing better than this cool, calm and quiet way of dealing with the wrongs we meet with.

HOW DIFFERENT is the view of past life in the man who has grown old in knowledge and wisdom from that of him who is grown old in ignorance and folly.

LIVING always in the world makes one as unfit for living out of it as always living out of it does for living in it.

Wit and Humor.

A Preacher Caught in His Own Trap.

Once two ministers of the gospel were conversing together on extemporaneous preaching:

"Well," said the old divine, waxing warm, "you are ruining yourself by writing your sermons and reading them off. Your congregation cannot become interested in your preaching, and if you were called upon to preach unexpectedly, unless you could get hold of an old sermon, you would be completely confused."

The young divine used all his eloquence, and in vain, to convince the old gentleman that the written sermons expressed his own thoughts and feeling, and if called upon he could preach extemporaneously.

"As we are of the same faith," said the young minister, "suppose we try next Sabbath morning. On ascending the pulpit you can hand me a text from any part of the Bible, and I will convince you that I can preach without looking at the text before I stand up. Likewise I must be allowed the same privilege with you, and see who will make the best of it."

The idea seemed to delight the old gentleman, and it was immediately agreed upon.

The following Sabbath, on mounting the pulpit, his senior brother handed him a slip of paper, on which was written: "And the ass opened his mouth and spake,"—from which he preached a glorious sermon, chaining the attention of his delighted hearers