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To Travelers.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

ON and after Saturday, December 20th, 1873, the Steamer CHAMPION will leave Pier 3, Light street, foot of Camden, every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 7 o'clock A. M., for Clara's Point, Wallach's, Cambridge, Chancellor's Point, Sherman's, Oxford, Double Mills and Easton; arriving at Cambridge at 1.30 P. M and Easton at 5.30 P. M

On the return trip will leave Easton every MONDAY and THURSDAY at 7 o'clock A. M., Sherman's at 9, Cambridge 10, Claras Point 11 30 A. M., arriving in Baltimore at 5.30 P. M., and on TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS will leave same Pier at 7 o'clock A. M. for St. Michaels and Miles River Ferry, (Easton) direct. On the return trip will leave Miles River Ferry at 12 o'clock noon, arriving in Baltimore at 5.00 P. M.

Freights taken at lowest rates. dec23

Marvland & Delaware RAILROAD.

On and after Monday, Oct. 3rd, 1873, Trains will run as follows:

PASSENGER TRAIN GOING NORTH.

LEAVE		
Easton	5 30	A. M.
Woodland	5 50	"
Cordova	6 05	"
Hillsborough	6 20	"
Ridgely	6 35	"
Greensborough	6 55	"
Hillsborough	7 10	"
Harpers	7 20	"
Henderson	7 35	"
Marydel	7 55	"
Knightsers	8 05	"
Kenton		
ARRIVE AT		
Clayton	8 20	"
Wilmington	10 15	"
Philadelphia	11 45	"
Baltimore	1 05	P. M.
New York	3 50	"

PASSENGER TRAIN GOING SOUTH.

LEAVE		
New York	11 55	A. M.
Baltimore	7 25	"
Philadelphia	8 30	"
Wilmington	9 10	"
Clayton	12 00	M.
Kenton	12 20	P. M.
Slaughters	12 25	"
Marydel	12 40	"
Henderson	1 05	"
Goldsborough	1 15	"
Greensborough	1 40	"
Ridgely	1 50	"
Hillsborough	2 05	"
Cordova	2 20	"
Woodland	2 35	"
ARRIVE AT		
Easton	2 50	"

All freights must be at the various stations at least thirty (30) minutes before starting of Trains, otherwise they will lay over twenty-four hours.

J. L. CALDWELL, Superintendent dec23

BRICK HOTEL,

EASTON, TALBOT CO., MD.

CHAS W. BENNETT, Proprietor

THE old furniture in this popular hotel has all been sold and removed, and the house refurnished from cellar to attic with new and elegant furniture, including fine carpets and spring bottom beds.

The Parlor is furnished with new walnut furniture and Brussels carpet; is on the second floor, and has an out-look on the Court House square.

A Professional Cook has been employed and brought from Baltimore, to insure the most elegant table on the Eastern Shore, which is supplied with the best of every thing the market will afford. Only polite and attentive waiters employed.

The Dining Room furniture is all new and of best quality.

The BAR has been stocked with choice Whiskies, Brandies, Wines and Cigars, and nothing will be left undone to give entire satisfaction to guests.

Hacks and Omnibuses run regularly from the hotel to the cars and steamers for the accommodation of travelers.

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Paragon House,

EASTON, MD.

The subscriber respectfully informs the public that she has rented, and fixed up in good style, the Frame Hotel with every convenience, and comfort, and now has it in fine for the reception of permanent and transient boarders. Her long experience in the business is a guarantee that the wants of the traveling public will be fully met. The Table will always be supplied with the best the market affords, and none but attentive waiters employed. Omnibuses will be at the various steamboat landings and depot to convey passengers to this House. Terms reasonable.

Mrs. W. A. HALL.

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Easton Livery Stables.

FRANKLIN G. WRIGHT, PROPRIETOR.

The next door to The Easton Star Office.

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 carriages 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 convey passengers with dispatch.

The highest market price paid for corn, hay, oats, blades and straw.

A DAILY STAGE LINE TO THE RAILROAD passengers leaving Easton in the morning arrive in Baltimore and Philadelphia in time for dinner.

In hiring horses, 12 hours is considered a day, 2 hours a half day. For extra hours an extra charge will be made.

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MALTBY HOUSE,

BALTIMORE, MD.

A. R. ROGAN, - - - - - Proprietor

REDUCTION OF FARE.

IN consideration of the general decline in cost of all necessaries appertaining to Hotel Keeping, the price of Board was reduced on January 1st, 1870, to

$2.50 Per Day,

We are determined that nothing shall be left undone in the future to make the "MALTBY" what it has been in the past—second to none in the city. my2-1y

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 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 & BRO.

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

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TO FARMERS AND MERCHANTS.

THE new Schooner, ANNIE K. DUKES, Capt. Rd. Grason, is now running regularly from Oxford to Baltimore, and will carry Grain and other freights with dispatch, and as cheap as by any other boat.

Careful attention paid to the reception and prompt delivery of return freights.

Grain taken from any of the waters of Talbot county. The patronage of the public is earnestly solicited, and no pains will be spared to give entire satisfaction.

All orders left with the Captain on board or addressed to the subscriber at Oxford, will receive immediate attention.

mh14-6 EDW. S. HARRISON.

Ladies' and Gentlemen's RESTAURANT & EATING SALOON.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has fitted up the buildings on Washington street, adjoining the Norris House, in complete order, and has opened a first-class

Restaurant,

where Oysters, Terrapins, Beef and Pork Steaks, Mutton Chops, Coffee, and everything eatable, may be obtained in their season, at all hours, at short notice, and at reasonable prices.

☞ Private rooms for ladies and parties.

He has also fitted up a

BOWLING ALLEY, BILLIARD SALOON and BAGATELLE TABLE,

where the lovers of these sports can obtain recreation, and pass away a dull hour.

His BAR will be supplied with the purest and finest LIQUORS, and his PROVISIONS will always be fresh and of the best quality.

The best of order will at all times be preserved, and every effort be made for the comfort and pleasure of his guests.

T. H. HUBBARD.

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Farmers, Attention!

STANDARD FERTILIZERS.

THE undersigned offers for sale, at city prices, the following standard and well known fertilizers, delivered at any of the wharves in Talbot county:

SOLUBLE PACIFIC GUANO,
RHODES' SUPER PHOSPHATE,
ORCHILLA GUANO,
WHANN'S RAW BONE SUPER PHOSPHATE,
BAUGH'S RAW BONE PHOSPHATE,
BALTIMORE AMMONIATED PHOSPHATE,
MORO PHILLIPS' SUPER PHOSPHATE,
BRADLEY'S SEA FOWL GUANO,
THE FARMER'S NEW METHOD,
BRADLEY'S PATENT SUPER PHOSPHATE OF LIME.

These are claimed to be the best manures in the market, and the undersigned has unusual facilities for furnishing them. Farmers will find it to their interest to buy through me, as they will save the cost of freight and drayage.

THOMAS E. LLOYD, at Trappe, and JAMES BENSON, of St. Michaels, will receive orders for me.

R. B. DIXON.

INSURANCE.

FIRE AND LIFE.

THE undersigned represents the following old and reliable Insurance Companies:

Penn Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Philadelphia, surplus $5,000,000.

Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of Montgomery co., Md., assets $700,000.

Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Co. of York, Pa., assets over $1,000,000.

The Royal, of Liverpool, England, capital $10,000,000.

The Etna, of Hartford, Conn, capital over $2,000,000.

Risks taken in these companies at lowest rates, and made binding at once.

R. B. DIXON.

LUMBER.

ON hand and for sale, at my wharf at Easton Point, a full assortment of building materials, such as

House Framing, Weather Boarding, Dressed Lumber, Palings, Laths, North Carolina Shingles—Hearts and Saps—North Carolina and Georgia Flooring.

—ALSO—

Hair and Lime by the barrel or hogshead, Window Frames, Sash, Shutters, Doors, House Trimmings and Stair Materials furnished at lowest factory prices.

Any of the above lumber furnished as low as the same article can be obtained elsewhere.

COAL.

THE subscriber has now stored at his Coal and Lumber yard at Easton Point, a large stock of the best quality Anthracite Coal, of Broken, Egg, Stove, and Nut sizes. Also, Lykens Valley coal for cooking, and Cumberland coal for grates and smithing.

These coals are offered at the lowest figures. They are warranted clean, and will be sold at 2240 pounds to the ton. Summer is the season to buy winter supplies the cheapest. Persons will please hand in their orders early, so that they may be promptly filled.

Easton, aug23 J G R. B. DIXON.

WHEELWRIGHTING, CABINET MAKING & UNDERTAKING, AT TRAPPE.

JOHN H. ALLEN respectfully informs the citizens of Trappe and surrounding country, that he is prepared to do all kinds of cart work, wheelwrighting, cradling scythes, &c.; cabinet and coffin making, at short notice and in the best manner. He solicits a share of the public patronage.

☞ Hearses kept on hand to attend funerals. Fine caskets trimmed in the most elegant style.

Trappe, April 29th, 1873-1y

Watch, Clock an JEWELRY STORE.

SMITH & STREETS, opposite the Building Association office, Dover street, Easton, have the pleasure to offer for sale a full line of GOLD & SILVER WATCHES, CLOCKS of various patterns, SPECTACLES in variety, Silver and Plated SPOONS, Jet ware, and a large assortment of JEWELRY of the latest styles and finest quality, including bracelets, gold and plated sets, silver thimbles, &c., &c.

Watches and Clocks, and all kinds of jewelry repaired in the best manner, promptly to order.

They invite a call from the public, and will endeavor to please all, both in prices and quality. oct21-1y

Dr. Sharp's Specific cures Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Constipation, Vomiting or Food, Sour Stomach, Water Brash, Heartburn, Low Spirits, &c. In thirty-five years none failed to cure the most obstinate cases. Sold by Druggists.

Henry & Gabrielson, Agents for Easton. Depot, 165 Eighth st., N. Y. Circulars mailed on application. 3m4

Mechanical.

Matthew P. Flowers.

Architect, Carpenter & Builder

SHOP at his residence on Railroad Avenue, near Dr. Anderson's, Easton, is prepared to contract for work of all kinds in his line, by the Day or by the Job, and to furnish all materials if necessary. He has built a number of houses in Easton and vicinity, which speak for themselves as to the style and quality of his work. Persons intending to build or repair will find it to their interest to give him an opportunity to bid for the job. Plans and specifications promptly furnished when desired. All work warranted done in the best manner. (Feb. 4th, 1873-1y

CARTS! CARTS! CARTS!

FARMERS are respectfully informed that the subscriber is still at his old stand, adjoining the Easton gas works, doing all kinds of farm work, such as making and repairing Carts, Wagons, Plows, Harrows, Rollers, Cradles, Wheat Machines, Corn Shellers, out of the best material and in the most substantial manner. Now is the season for farmers to put their implements in good order, as a man with good tools will do twice the work he can with indifferent tools. All work warranted to give satisfaction. Thankful for past favors, the public are invited to give me a call.

ap2-tf JOHN H. THOMPSON.

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 executed by 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.

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FALL & WINTER TRADE Boots & Shoes.

Jesse Hughes

HAS just returned from the city with a Large and Superior Stock of Boots and Shoes to suit the present and approaching seasons, to an Examination of which I invite my friends and the public generally, being satisfied that I can sell as cheap as any house on the shore.

Ladies, Gentlemen, Misses, Boys, Youths, and Childrens' Shoes of all descriptions, also a large Stock of

GUM BOOTS AND SHOES, &C.

Manufacturing.—Also a large stock of superior Leather, which I am prepared to make to order into any kind of Boots or Shoes that customers may need.

Feeling thankful for past favors I beg the same encouragement for the future, as in the past, from my friends and the public generally. sep 30

EASTON BRICK AND TILE YARD.

IT has become well established and is now undisputed, that ALL land brings better crops by being underdrained, and that low, springy or wet land cannot be worked with profit without underdraining. Underdrains double or treble the crops, and increase the value of the land far more than the cost.—The undersigned have on hand a large stock of superior

DRAIN TILE, OF ALL SIZES,

from 2 to 7 inches vent, which they offer to farmers at from 20 to 30 per cent. less than they can be procured anywhere else. Terms will be made accommodating, so that no farmer need fail to put his land in order to raise the largest crops it can be made to produce. Call at our yard in Easton and examine our stock.

BRICKS! BRICKS!

We keep constantly on hand a large assortment of COMMON and FRONT Bricks of the best quality, which will be sold at lower prices than can be obtained elsewhere.—Orders for any number of BRICKS, from one to five hundred thousand, will be promptly filled and satisfaction guaranteed.

COOPER & WHITE, Easton, Md.

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OAKLAND STEAM SAW MILLS IN FULL BLAST AGAIN.

HAVING rebuilt our Mills, we are now prepared to furnish with greater facilities than before the fire, YELLOW PINE and WHITE OAK BUILDING LUMBER, any length and size, such as Sills, Joists, Scantling, Siding and Flooring; also Laths and Pickets.

Red Oak and Pine Fencing, White Oak and Locust Fence Posts.

Orders for Vessel Lumber, Flitch bottom plank, ceiling, keels, beams, clamps, plank shear bends, &c., &c., promptly filled.

White Oak Ship Plank a specialty.

Having a new vessel, we will deliver Lumber at any point on the Bay, when desired.

Our Mills are located on the waters of Leed's Creek, a branch of Miles River, opposite St. Michaels. Vessels load at the wharf, with the use of a Derrick for heavy stuff.

W. W. TUNIS & BRO. Easton, Talbot co., Md.

WANTED—PINE, CHESTNUT and LOCUST LOGS, delivered on the shore, or at the mill, for which the cash will be paid. oct22.

Iron Railing.

JAMES M. TOUCHSTONE, Port Deposit, Md., manufacturer of WROUGHT IRON RAILING, FENCES, AWNINGS, VERANDAS, FINIALS, FRAMES, and all kinds of Ornamental IRON WORK. All work done promptly to order, and in the best manner. Orders solicited. Address as above.

Port Deposit, Md., July 15, 1873-1y

PROPOSALS FOR LOANS.

THE Board of Directors of the W. P. B. L. A. of Talbot county give notice that APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS from the association may be made in writing to the Secretary, or other officers of any time, and will be acted upon at their regular meeting on every alternate Saturday night. By order of the Board.

R. HOLLIDAY, Secretary.

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THE FAVORITE HOME REMEDY.

This unrivaled Medicine is warranted not to contain a single particle of Mercury, or any injurious mineral substance, but is

PURELY VEGETABLE,

containing those Southern Roots and Herbs, which an all-wise Providence has placed in countries where Liver Diseases most prevail. It will cure all Diseases caused by Derangement of the Liver and Bowels.

Simmon's Liver Regulator or Medicine

Is eminently a Family Medicine; and by being kept ready for immediate resort will save many an hour of suffering and many a dollar in time and doctors' bills.

After over Forty Years' trial it is still receiving the most unqualified testimonials to its virtues from persons of the highest character and responsibility. Eminent physicians commend it as the most

EFFECTUAL SPECIFIC FOR DYSPEPSIA OR INDIGESTION.

Armed with this ANTIDOTE, all climates and changes of water and food may be faced without fear. As a Remedy in MALARIOUS FEVERS, BOWEL COMPLAINTS, RESTLESSNESS, JAUNDICE, NAUSEA,

IT HAS NO EQUAL.

It is the Cheapest, Purest and Best Family Medicine in the World!

MANUFACTURED ONLY BY J. H. ZEILIN & CO., Macon, Ga., and Philadelphia.

Price $1.00 Sold by all Druggists. dec16-1y

DYSPEPSIN

A CERTAIN CURE FOR

Dyspepsia, Liver Complaint, Jaundice, Biliousness, Sick Headache & Habitual Costiveness.

WHAT is Life without the enjoyment of health? If you had the wealth of Cœsus, and afflicted with Dyspepsia, or its kindred diseases, you could not enjoy life. Dyspepsia is a prevalent Disease in the United States, brought about by our habits and irregularities. The Materia Medica has been exhausted to find a remedy, and the skill of the most learned Physicians has failed to effect a cure. Notwithstanding this declaration we unhesitatingly say: "MILLER'S DYSPEPSIN" IS A CERTAIN CURE for DYSPEPSIA and the many complaints incident thereto.—It has been before the public a sufficient length of time to fully test its merits, and in every instance where it has been used according to directions, it has resulted in giving relief and effecting a cure. With each bottle is a Circular describing the symptoms of the diseases named, and for which only we claim it as a specific. ☞ Give it a fair trial, and rest assured you will be benefitted.

PREPARED BY

A. J. MILLER,

Firm DAVIS & MILLER, WHOLESALE DRUGGISTS, BALTIMORE.

☞ For sale by Druggists, Apothecaries, and Merchants throughout the country. jan6-1y

We are Up Town

WITH A

LARGE AND FINELY SELECTED

STOCK OF

Hardware, Tinware, Stoves & Ranges, Plows & Castings, Agricultural Implements, IRON AND STEEL, Hubs, Spokes, Rims, &c. Tin Work in all its Branches.

Farmers, Builders, Wheelwrights, Blacksmiths, EVERYBODY, COME AND SEE US.

TUTHILL & AVERY,

EASTON FOUNDRY.

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FURNITURE! FURNITURE!

JOHN MASON has just returned from the city with a full supply of all kinds of Furniture.

Tucker's patent Spring bed bottom, cheapest, most comfortable and durable of any thing in the market. Price $5 to $8.

MATTRESSES, Looking Glasses, Picture Frames and Moulding.

Repairing done with despatch and in good order.

A bill of $50 or over will be delivered to any part of the county.

Coffins and Caskets furnished and funerals attended promptly. nov11

CALL AND SEE YOUR FRIEND John T. Brady,

ON Washington street, (second door from Journal office), who has on hand a very superior lot of Carriage, Cart and Wagon

HARNESS,

of the best material and workmanship, and all of his own manufacture. He also keeps constantly on hand a large supply of

RIDING SADDLES AND BRIDDES,

as well as WHIPS, TRUNKS and all other articles in his line. He calls special attention to his display of the celebrated

DRAFT SCOTCH COLLARS,

the best in use, which he has just received from the city, and which he will sell at very low figures.

REPAIRING

done in the best manner and at reasonable prices. Give him a call and be convinced.

MARTIN & CO. Hives for sale of Swan and Irish Potatoes. They keep always on hand all kinds of Vegetables in their cellar, where they can be kept fresh.

Select Poetry.

HE WILL NOT WOO AGAIN.

'Tis but a word, a careless word,
In pride and passion spoken,
But with that word the charm that bound
Two loving hearts was broken.
The hasty wrath hath passed away,
The bitter words remain;
In vain the lady weeps and sighs,
He will not woo again.

No other love may light his path,
No other move his heart;
But changing seasons come and go
And find them still apart.
Her once bright cheek is paler now,
His beard a trace of pain,
Their days are sorrowful, and yet
He will not woo again.

They meet as strangers, calm and cold;
Calmly and as coldly part;
And none may guess that tranquil mein
Conceals the fortured heart.
To him the world hath lost its light,
For her all joy are vain;
Nor hope nor memory brings relief—
He will not woo again.

Alas! that love, long-tried and warm,
Should wither in an hour!
Alas! that pride o'er human hearts
Should wield such fearful power.
Then weep not thou for those who die,
For them all tears are vain;
But weep o'er loving hearts grown cold,
Who ne'er will woo again.

POLITICAL ENTOMOLOGY.

Sunset Cox Shedding Light on the Moth Question.

Applied Science in Congress—Mysterious Analogies of Nature and Politics—The Lackey Moth of the White House and the Hawk Moth of the Army.

In the House of Representatives Feb 6, during the discussion of the Army Appropriation bill, the question of an appropriation of $50,000 for the use of a preparation to preserve woollen and cotton fabrics from mildew being before the House, Mr. Cox said:

I move to strike out of the bill "$50,000," and insert "$25,000," in line 120

It is curious that so much money should be expended for preserving from moths the cassimeres, kerseys, cottons, tents, and clothing on hand.

This House was hardly prepared for the statement of the gentlemen from New York (Mr. Wheeler) that there were $7,000,000 worth of uniforms now on hand.

Mr. Wheeler—Not of uniforms, but of clothing, blankets, tents, &c., growing out of the stock accumulated during the war.

Mr. Cox—I know, sir, that every day these articles are wasting. Hence these appropriations. The money is to be preservative of the clothes and tents

I have a report before me from Quartermaster-General Meigs—perhaps the best officer in our service. It shows that we are spending hundreds of thousands to fight moths. They are worse than domestic or foreign enemies

Before I come to that, may I refer to the report of Quartermaster Bingham, of Dec 30, 1872? This report shows that then we had $23,435,821.27 in woollen clothing and tents—mostly the former.—This did not then include some forty-two thousand blankets, worth $128,000.—Nor did this include coats, jackets, trousers, flannel sacks, blankets, goods made up, and not made up. These items run into the millions, and the moths run into them. [Laughter.]

FOOD FOR MOTHS.

Here are $8,000,000 worth of coats, jackets, and trousers. Nearly eight hundred thousand of these articles of apparel for an army of thirty thousand. Our appropriation is a dollar and sixty-six and two thirds cents per soldier—not per month. Omitting the woollen blankets and "mounted great coats" (for the cavalry, I suppose), and the "sky-blue kerseys," there is a splendid objective point for the army of moths, which no great general of that corps should omit to attack if feeling well. Did not the moths fall? If they did, what need of this appropriation?

In this list we have at least one million and a quarter yards of flannel not made up. We have millions of dollars of this peculiar woollen property not yet made up into uniforms.

It is subject to the attack of the moth. A large part of this is still on hand, either in uniform or otherwise. The gentleman confesses to seven millions. Now, according to the report of the Quartermaster-General just referred to, there were $350,000 appropriated in a couple of years last past for a peculiar kind of process, which is said to prevent moths getting into this cloth and clothing. The Quartermaster-General in this report asks this Congress this year for $100,000. I copy his statement:

The expenditures on account of the moth and mildew proof process of George A. Cowles & Co during the fiscal year have been $350,000. This includes $200,000 appropriated for the current fiscal year, but made available for expenditure during the last fiscal year. To prepare such articles of woollen and cotton fabrics on hand as have not yet been submitted to the process, an additional sum of $100,000 has been asked in the estimate for the coming fiscal year.

Mr. Wheeler—And we give them half of it.

Mr. Cox—Why do you reduce? You give them $50,000. I know that. I still propose to reduce it. I do not understand whether we can by law sell out all this cloth and clothing at once. I hope so

Mr. Wheeler rose.

Mr. Cox—The gentleman knows I have only five minutes, and he must not interrupt me.

Mr. Wheeler—I will not trench on the time of the gentleman.

THE VALUE OF MOTHEATEN CLOTHES.

Mr. Cox—You can get the floor at any time. I would prefer, rather than be fighting moths at such immense expense, to give these uniforms away. Observe those eminent colored patriots in the gallery! They sit with us so regularly!—[Great laughter.] They toil not [laughter] neither do they spin. They are the lilies of the valley! Yet Solomon in all his glory would not be arrayed like them if they were clothed with their "sky-blue" uniforms! [Renewed laughter.] They sit yonder, uniformly, day after day, and why not in uniform? For there appear, in the gallery, properly arrayed in the colors of the Republic—heavenly blue! [Laughter.]

Why, Mr. Chairman, any man who does business, instead of paying at the rate of three or four hundred thousand dollars in two or three years to prevent moths from getting into clothing, would sell the whole concern out. Moths are the evidence of laziness and negligence. But I am growing personal. It takes more to keep out the moths than the clothing and clothes are worth according to our systems of finance. It is very curious that I find so much "mothesten clothing" sold. At the depots of Jeffersonville and Philadelphia alone, according to the Quartermaster's report there was sold as follows:

Year.	Jeffersonville.	Philadelphia.	Total.
1869.	$149,478 17	$191,995 26	$341,473 43
1870.	91,525 23	191,040 48	282,565 71
1871.	91,021 30	164,008 13	255,03 . 43
Total	$302,024 60	$547,043 89	$1,850,028 49

If mothesten clothes bring so much, what is the rest, the unmothesten, worth? Who buys the mothesten clothes and cloth? Who judges of the extent and damage of the innocent and hungry moth? Where are the expert contractors and tailors? I pass this by to insist on the practical question, why do we keep such a lot of clothing on hand to feed moths? This is not a political conundrum. Why, if there is so much clothing on hand, does the Quartermaster say that the appropriation for clothing for the past fiscal year was $900,000. Why were the expenditures on account of clothing and equipage during the same period $858,412 07.

MOTHS AND THIEVES.

Oh, it is said that there are new styles. *Oh, out, Monsieur le President.* New styles! New uniforms are ordered for the army. Well, why should not the fresh fashions be made of new goods, under fresh contracts, from time to time? Why not foil the moth of his prey?

Now, sir, what, or rather who are these moths? It is a matter of much concern to our families. Our women ought to know. Science ought to tell us.—Scripture—ah, I see my friend from Massachusetts is impatient. He is about to rise. I am afraid he will make a scriptural illustration. He is thinking of that place "where moth and rust do not corrupt"—(laughter.)

Several Voices—"Where thieves break through and steal."

Mr. Cox—I did not know the House was so accomplished in the Scriptures—(Laughter.)

I think the gentleman (Mr. Dawes) was about to apply it to the Democratic side of the House. I have anticipated him by a more appropriate application. The whole House, including the lilies of the gallery, know just where this quotation fits.

What is the moth, Mr. Chairman? I have looked him up (laughter), and (holding up an illustration in Chamber's Encyclopædia, volume 6) there he is.—(Great laughter.) There are several kinds.

The moth is a burglar, a nocturnal rascal. There are many families of them. It is worth while, since it costs us nearly half a million to watch this enemy, to know his power. Do not think it insignificant, because it is of the butterfly species. It bristles with antennæ! From base to apex these antennæ are pectinated, especially in the males (laughter); and they are formidable either in the larva or chrysalies state. I speak not of their beauty of color; I prefer to refer to the number of their eggs. If there is one moth I prefer to another it is the hawk moth; but the lackey is the one I have here pictorially illustrated,—holding up the volume.—The lackey moth is represented in politics: first, by this belt of eggs; second, as the caterpillar; third, as the pupa in the cocoon, and then the full-fledged insect for which we pay so much in this Army bill. [Laughter.]

ENTOMOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE.

Now, after this analysis of this insect, I would like to know from the distinguished gentleman from New York, my colleague, Mr. Wheeler, whether the moth to protect our army clothing, from which he would give this $50,000, is the *Phalænæ* moth of Linnæus or the *Lepidoptera* of other scientists. [Laughter.] Let there be no shirking that question. (Renewed laughter.)

Mr. Cox—I knew that I could not get a satisfactory reply. When I first read the item in this bill appropriating $50,000 for protection against moths in the army, and when I read that $350,000 had already been expended for that purpose, I wondered, in my simplicity, why so much money should be spent for such a purpose, when we might so easily economize by selling out our old and unfashionable army clothes. Casting about in my simple way, I remembered that the only preventative of moths was snuff. Then, as an economist, I looked up the price of snuff and the tariff on snuff. I found the tariff was about fifty cents per pound. Every sneeze was about a cent, to protect American manufacturers from foreign sneezes.—Hence I was about to tell how much it would cost us, tariff and all, to prevent these destructive moths, by using this article of snuff, when, lo! I found an adjutant in my friend from Kentucky, Mr. Beck

This pamphlet is the result of our inquiries: "Preservation of clothing and equipage of the Army and Navy by the process of Cowles & Co. for the prevention of destruction by moth," &c. This is just out—1873. There is no tobacco, no pepper, no camphor, no leather chips, which our mothers used. In plain words they use some sort of solution. I guess it smells badly—perhaps petrolium; but whatever it is it costs money, and has the *imprimatur* of our best officers. This pamphlet has a tolerable fair representation of the results of the microscopic tineas caterpillar, which breaks its egg and goes into a cocoon made out of the stuff it feeds on, at the rate of, say, $50,000 a year. But how does this plan we pay so much for save our Government? Messrs. Cowles & Co. say that they soak every thread and fibre. They leave the goods in the solution for hours; then kneed the goods in the fluid. Then they dry them on a machine which makes, I think, nine hundred revolutions per minute. This makes the saturation perfect. (Laughter.)

THE PARTY MOTH.

Mr. Wheeler—I desire to ask my colleague a question. Has he studied the history of the party moth? It has fed on his party, and no chemical process has yet been invented, I believe, to stay its ravages. [Laughter.]

Mr. Cox—I admit, as the House will see, out of deference to the majority and their feelings, to draw my parallel or political lesson out of these moths and their predatory habits. [Laughter.] I have material, however, for a speech of an hour and a quarter on that point. If the gentlemen will allow me, I will say it is mostly in connection with the Administration. [Laughter.]

And, sir, since I am challenged to it by my friend—not provoked, for he never provokes any one, except to acute wit and love him, the more you know him—I will endeavor to read in the life and character of the moth some of those analogies which are making the people regard the Administration so carefully.

The real moth that we have to deal with, in a political way, is a combination of the lackey moth, which generally haunts the White House and hovers about the purlieus of power, and the hawk moth, which is sometimes in the army, or educated there. All these moths you will find have a political and destructive significance. If you note how they are hatched; how they hide in cocoons; how they creep into dark places through crannies; how they go into closets where goods are stored; how they fly all summer quietly.—[Laughter, the members gathering about the speaker.]

Mr. Field—I rise to a question of order. Let the House be brought to order. [Laughter.]

Mr. Cox—I hope my friend of the elegant toilet will come down this way. [Laughter.]

[Here the hammer fell.]

Several Members—Go on, go on.

Mr. Wheeler—I hope my colleague will have unanimous consent to proceed.

The Chairman—Does the gentleman from New York yield to his colleague?

Mr. Wheeler—Certainly. I yield all my time to him.

MYSTERIOUS ANALOGIES.

Mr. Cox—I thank the gentleman and the House very kindly. It is not often that we have a scientific question which requires such analytic research like this before us. It is not often the Committee of the Whole is engaged in the mysterious analogies of nature and politics. It is not often, as a friend near me remarks, that I take the floor on questions of this kind. [Laughter.] But it seems to me that something ought to be said to justify these moth appropriations, and said a little more seriously. May I quote from "Harris' Treatise on Insects" to illustrate the physical and political relations of the moth? ["Go on!"]

The clothes moth, in its natural state—

Like the politician—

never leaves its cocoon until it emerges therefrom as a winged moth. Wherever it is born as a naked worm, it is because it has been disturbed and knocked out of its case—

For example, by an election or otherwise. I am told those scientists, the Grangers, are going after the naked worm—

and in these instances the moth—

And just so also the politician—

does not feed, but in a few days dies.

How sad the thought, but how true the analogy! [Laughter.]

And then the eggs, according to certain French Authors—

Mr. Field—Mr. Chairman, I insist upon my point of order.

Mr. Wheeler—I hope the gentleman from Michigan (Mr. Field) will not do that. This is the only matter in connection with the army which has not yet been discussed. [Laughter.]

Mr. Platt of Virginia—I would like to get the fullest information about the habits of the creatures that the gentleman from New York is discussing; and I wish him to mention, when these moths die, whether other moths take their places.

Mr. Cox—That depends upon whether they have a navy yard in their district. [Great laughter.]

NATIONAL MOTHS.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I will not detain the House very much longer; it is so good natured. I would read a few more scientific extracts, with a view to a political lesson:

The eggs (according to Latreille and Duponchel, from whose works the following remarks are chiefly extracted) are hatched in seven days and the little white caterpillars or moth worms proceeding therefrom immediately begin to gnaw the substances within their reach.

Just as a man from a district, like that of my friend would reach out quickly with his antennæ after the little patronage here and there floating about a navy yard. It is perfectly natural. I think I did it myself when I was in accord with the Administration in 1856. One or two postmasters, I think, suffered at the "substances" I began upon. Since then—and how long it seems—our side have not even had the opportunity of eating the moth upon the national patronage.

Again I read:

The little whitish caterpillars or moth worms proceeding therefrom immediately begin to gnaw the substances within their reach and cover themselves with the fragments, shaping them into little hollow rolls and lining them with silk. Some pass the summer within their rolls—

That is, I suppose, go down to Long Branch, ride in free palace Pullman cars, happy in—

some carrying their cocoons about on their backs and others fastened to the substance they are eating; and they enlarge them from time to time by adding portions of the two spun entrailles and by gores set in the sides, which they slit for this purpose. Concealed within their moveable cases or in their flat cupboard burrows, they remain on the work of destruction through the summer—

That is when Congress is not in session and in the autumn—

That is just before elections! [laughter]

they leave off eating, sinks into the substratum and remain at rest and sometimes even in the winter.

That is, until committees of investigation get to work. [Laughter.]

Early in the spring they change to chrysalides within their cases, and in about two weeks more the moths are ready to come forth and lay eggs in the woollen and other fabrics.

These are the defaulters who go out without being called to account by the Administration.

Just as soon as they have paid out the money, they come forth and lay eggs in the treasury till they have raised and are ready to lay their eggs.

Mr. Field—I insist upon my point of order. (Roars of laughter.)

A VARIETY QUESTION.

Mr. Cox—I will submit just one question. If I had the statistical faculty of my friend from New York (Mr. Wheeler) I would put it into good shape. (Laughter.) I think it should be something like this: Whether the moths which we are called upon to appropriate against—and whose incursions upon our army clothes are so wasteful—are the moths of the more numerous branch of the *Lepidoptera*, or do they belong to the Pandora family of Linnæus? (Laughter.)

Mr. Wheeler—To that question I answer in the affirmative. (Laughter.)

Mr. Cox—And have they a chum therein, and if we apply coal tar to them, instead of the expensive petroleum solution, will they not cease out the predatory threats, so that we can thereby save $50,000 a year? (Laughter.)

But, sir, to be serious for a moment, and to conclude. No man has suffered more than myself from the extraordinary essays on Saturday and other days, in Congress and Rome, at home and abroad, to peoplize and please. From the currency question. I believed I had unearthed some of its sophistries. I was sure at one time that inflation would carry. I saw the light of victory in the eye of my friend from Pennsylvania (Mr. Kelley.) Then I recalled the vicissitudes of politics. I read, reread, dropped all hands, notes, gold and silver, exchanges and convertibilities, until I was in despair. But today, sir, it is all clear. The solution of the financial problem is the moth. It is the *Lepidoptera*. I feel it. Whether produced by the war or by bad administration, the causes are at once solved by considering the habits and results of the moth. Therefore, sir, I propound this destructory, as the final relief of our financial debates and worries. Any gentleman of the ability of my friend from Pennsylvania (Mr. Kelley) or my colleague (Mr. Mellish) can answer.

THREEFOLD SUPPOSITIONS.

Suppose that, in the event of the success of the bill of the honorable gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. Kelley) there was at once established an intervertibility between the three sixty-f