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To Travelers.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

ON and after Saturday, April 7th, 1877, the Steamer HIGHLAND LIGHT, Captain R. T. Leonard, will leave Light st. Wharf, foot of Camden, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 8 A. M., for EASTON, Dunkirk Mills, Oxford, Bond P. O., by Bachelor's, Cambridge, Choptank Point, Cook's Point, Creek and Medford's, making close connection with the Dorchester & Delaware Railroad at Easton, and with Maryland & Delaware Railroad at Cambridge. On Tuesday trip will be extended to Denton, making all regular landings on the River. On the return trip, will leave Denton every Wednesday, by 12 o'clock noon, and every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, arriving in Baltimore early next morning.

Steamer Peter Stevens, Capt. Jas. Stevens, will leave Easton every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, for Vienna, Light st., foot of Camden, every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 6:30 A. M., for St. Michaels and Miles River Ferry (Eastton). On the return trip, will leave Miles River Ferry at 8 o'clock A. M., and reach Baltimore early P. M.

Excursions at the rates and distance handbills.

Baltimore, March 27, 1877.

Fall & Winter Arrangement.

THE STEAMER

OLIVE,

CAPT. E. N. DODSON.

FROM BALTIMORE.

On and after Tuesday, September 18th, the steamer Olive will leave Baltimore every Tuesday and Thursday, at 10 a.m., for Claiborne, St. Michaels, Tunis's Wharf, Trimble's Wharf and Wye Landing. Every Saturday, at 10 a.m., for Claiborne, St. Michaels and Tunis's Wharf.

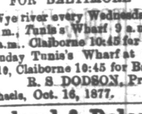
FOR BALTIMORE

Leave Wye river every Wednesday and Friday at 7 a.m., Tunis's Wharf 9 a.m., St. Michaels 10 a.m., Claiborne 10:45 for Baltimore. Every Monday Tunis's Wharf at 9 a.m., St. Michaels 10, Claiborne 10:45 for Baltimore.

R. S. DODSON, Proprietor.

St. Michaels, Oct. 16, 1877.

Maryland & Delaware



RAILROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

On and after Monday, Nov. 26th, 1877, trains will run as follows:

GOING NORTH.			GOING SOUTH.		
LEAVE			LEAVE		
Easton	7 30	A. M	New York	8 25	P. M.
Woodland	7 45	"	Baltimore	6 50	A.M.
Jordova	7 55	"	Philadelphia	8 00	"
Hillsborough	8 10	"	Wilmington	8 30	"
Bloxsy	8 25	"	Clayton	11 30	"
Greensborough	8 45	"	Easton	12 05	P.M.
Hillsborough	9 00	"	Naughters	12 25	"
Emerson	9 15	"	Marydell	12 05	P.M.
Marydel	9 25	"	Henderson	12 15	"
Naughters	9 40	"	Goldsborough	12 30	"
Easton	9 55	"	Greensborough	12 50	"
ARRIVE AT			Bloxsy	1 05	"
Bayside	10 15	"	Hillsborough	1 20	"
Wilmington	12 30	P. M.	Jordova	1 35	"
Philadelphia	1 45	"	Woodland	1 45	"
Baltimore	3 35	"	ARRIVE AT		
New York	5 10	"	Easton	2 00	"

Freight must be at the various stations at least ten minutes before starting of Trains, otherwise they will lay over twenty-four hours. Freight trains will have passenger car attached and will be subject to delays, incident to freight business.

J. L. CALDWELL, Superintendent

To Farmers and Merchants

On Choptank River.

Steamer Ruggles.

Choptank River and Baltimore.

WE beg to announce that we have placed the good Steamer RUGGLES, Capt. Townsend, upon the Choptank River, to do Freight Boat to and from Baltimore, and solicit the patronage of farmers and others to sustain the enterprise. This is exclusively a Freight Line for transportation of Grain, Fruit, Trash, Merchandise, &c., at reasonable rates. A good wharf has been secured in Baltimore, foot of Commerce street, for delivery and receipt of cargo. The RUGGLES will leave Choptank River on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS, leaving Coward's Point at 10 A. M., and stopping at Reese's Landing, Gilpin's Point, Kingston, Dover Bridge, Hog Island, Lloyd's Landing, Medford's Wharf, Clift, Cabin Creek, Jamaica Point.

Will leave Baltimore on TUESDAYS and SATURDAY evenings.

Every effort will be made to satisfy the patrons of the Steamer and merit success.

I. M. PARR & SON,

WM. E. TURNER, Agt. on the Choptank.

Baltimore, August 8th, 1877.

Farmers' and Merchants

Packet Line

The Schooners

Clara M. Leonard

and

Annie M. Leonard.

THE above boats are making weekly trips between Easton and Baltimore, and will take all kinds of freighting as cheap as any other line. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction. Our boats are new and built out of the very best material. Orders left with Messrs. G. E. Bowdoin & Co., Commission Merchants, corner of Bowley's Wharf and Pratt st., Baltimore, will be promptly attended to. Grain bought or taken at the lowest freight rates. All Grain stored in our Warehouses, in case of fire will be at the owners risk. Agricultural Lime delivered at the lowest cash price. Feeling thankful for past favors, we hope by strict attention to business, a continuance of the same.

C. R. LEONARD & BRO.

Office in same room with R. B. Dixon on Dover street, Easton.

may5,77

Easton Livery Stables.

FRANKLIN G. WRIGHT, Proprietor.

Next door to The Easton Star Office.

TRAVELERS will deposit their whips, robes, blankets, &c., at the office. Stable accommodation 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 free of charge.

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

A DAILY STAGE LINE TO THE RAILROAD

Passengers leaving Easton in the morning arrive in Baltimore and Philadelphia in time for dinner.

Extra hiring horses, 12 hours is considered a day, 6 hours a half day. For extra hours an extra charge will be made.

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Ice Cream.

Martin & Co. will supply parties, picnics and excursions with Ice Cream at city prices. Families can at all times be supplied, delivered at their houses by leaving their orders in advance. We use none but the best "Alderney Cream" which makes it superior in richness and flavor.

The Easton Star.

Devoted to Politics, Literature, Agriculture, Foreign and Domestic News.

NEW SERIES. EASTON, MD., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1877. VOL. XIII.—NO. 15.

LUMBER! LUMBER!!

Building Materials of all Kinds.

Weatherboarding, Framing,
Shingles, Flooring,
Laths, Bricks,
Lime & Hair, Doors,
Sash, Shutters,
Mouldings &c.

White, Virginia and Carolina Pine,

Fencing, Fence Posts, and Cant Rails.

Lumber Dressed and Undressed.

Farmers and Builders, Look to your Interests.

Everything at Bottom Prices.

LUMBER-YARD AND OFFICE ON WASHINGTON STREET, NEAR TREAT'S PEACH HOUSE.

The subscriber informs the public that he has a full line of all kinds of building material and teaching particularized above, which he is offering at city prices. He particularly invites a call from all wanting lumber, satisfied that he can please all as to PRICE and QUALITY.

John A. Airingdale.

Easton, March 28th 1876.tf

THE GREAT DEMAND

For our

POPULAR CLOTHING

has induced us to place upon our counters the largest and finest line of goods to be found in the city.

OUR MEN'S DEPARTMENT

is filled with new and choice styles from lower to finer grades. Gentlemen desiring suits for either business or dress wear will find it to their advantage to make their selections wish us.

Our Boys' Department

is a special feature of our business and contains everything new and desirable in the way of cut and fabrics including many styles not to be found elsewhere. Parents and Guardians should not fail to inspect our goods and prices before making their purchases.

NEW YORK ONE PRICE

CASH CLOTHING HOUSE.

184 West Baltimore st., opposite Light st., Baltimore.

Beauty!! Excellenbe!! Durability!!!

Are the leading *characteristics* of the immense *New Stock* of

Fall & Winter Clothing

just opened by us.

CHAS. N. OEHN & SON,

Wholesale and Retail Clothing House,

230 West Pratt street, near Hanover street,

adjoining Citizens National Bank, *BALTIMORE, MD.*

SPECIALTIES.

We are making specialties of solid, heavy, substantially made and shrunk FARM SUITS which we are selling at $8:50 and $10

ALSO.—Fine and Elegant Business and Dress Suits at $10, $12, $15, $16, $16:50, $18, $20, $25, $28, $30, $35.

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Fashionable

DRESS MAKING

MRS. M. A. STEWART has connected with her Millinery establishment, MADAM LOED, (late of New York)

FASHIONABLE

DRESS AND CLOAK MAKER,

where may be found the latest

NEW YORK AND PARIS FASHIONS,

and also the most reliable Patterns to please the most fastidious.

CUTTING, FITTING AND BASTING

done for those who wish to do their own work. Also Pinking, Stamping, Stitching, Plaiting and Braiding. We will be corresponding weekly with the leading Fashionable Emporiums of the Metropolis and can confidently promise superior work and elegant styles. We invite a call from the Ladies, Misses and Children. We will make prices to suit all who will favor us with their custom.

NEW MILLINERY GOODS,

Fancy Goods & Notions.

I have secured the services of a first-class Milliner from the city and will be pleased to wait on the ladies in this department. I have just returned from the city with everything the newest and most desirable in my line. I am constantly receiving novelties from both Baltimore and Philadelphia. I earnestly invite an examination of my stock. Repairing done with neatness and dispatch.

The public's obedient servant,

oct13 M. A. STEWART.

SHIPS for PICTURE FRAMES. Assorted colors. G. W. MINNICK, opposite the Bank.

The Ladies

BAZAAR OF FASHION,

And Fashionable Resort,

For Millinery, Notions and Fancy Goods,

Mrs. M. S. Norris

Opposite Court House, Easton, Md.

The cases of this well-known and favorite establishment have again been replenished with all the articles necessary to make up the fashionable toilet, and selected with the greatest care as to quality, style and prices. Bonnets and Hats in endless variety. Ribbons and Laces of every grade. Trimmings a heavy assortment of every design; and Notions innumerable. The elegant taste always displayed in the trimming of Bonnets and Hats and which has secured for her an enviable reputation as a Milliner which she intends in the future to maintain, and the Ladies may always rest assured that their work will be executed with neatness and dispatch.

Grand Opening

Every Tuesday and Saturday. The Ladies of Talbot and adjacent counties are cordially invited to inspect her large and superb stock of Millinery. To see is to please.

MILLINERY

I HAVE begun the purchase of my Fall Stock of

MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS,

and can now display some of the latest styles of Hats untrimmed. My

"Fall Opening,"

will take place in October, for which cards will in due time be sent out.

Ladies not receiving a card to my Spring Opening are requested to hand in their name and post-offices prior to October 1st, and they will be entered on my post-office book, and cards sent them.

Don't buy your Fall Hats and Bonnets until my "Opening" and I will show you "Models of Taste and Style."

Respectfully,

sep15 E. V. HIGGINS.

LORD & TAYLOR,

NEW YORK.

We inform the Ladies of Easton that our mail and express department is now so thoroughly organized, they can do their shopping in New York without the expense of traveling there. We send samples of piece goods with prices plainly marked, and catalogues of Ladies', Misses' and Children's Furnishing Goods by mail to applicants who send us their proper address, free of charge, and if they explain clearly the kind of goods wanted, we seldom fail in suiting them. From the printed catalogue they can always make selection of garments that will give satisfaction, and it is only necessary to give the proper measurements to insure success.

OUR IMPORTATIONS

OF THIS SEASON GIVE US AN UNEQUALED STOCK OF GOODS.

BLACK SILKS, handsome and durable, all widths, $1.00 to $2.50. The GREAT AMERICAN INDESTRUCTIBLE SILK $1.20, $1.25, $1.50.

PLAIN COLORED SILKS, new shades, commencing as low as 75c. per yard, and at $1.00 same as quality of last season at $1.25.

Fancy Brocha and Fashion Figures of the new Paris shades, from $2.00 upwards. Trimming Satins at $1.00, worth $1.25.

THE PRICES AT WHICH WE OFFER OUR SILKS ARE ONE-QUARTER TO ONE-THIRD LESS THAN LAST SEASON.

NOVELTIES IN DRESS GOODS

give a richer display of colorings and brilliant effects this season than for many years past, and we are receiving by every European Steamer fresh additions to our stock.

The mixed COSTUME CLOTHS range in price from 50c. a yard to $8.00, and on low-priced DRESS Goods from 10c. a yard up, many of them being as effective as the heavier fabrics.

SHAWLS, MANTLES a d WRAPS.

India Valley Cashmere Shawls from $100.00 up. Satin Filled Centers at $30.00 and up.

Real Decca, Chedda and Striped India Shawls new designs from $10.00 upwards. Also, full lines British, French and German Shawls in beautiful new styles, of the best and most reliable manufacture. Paris Mantles and Cloaks of the latest modes from $15.00 up, and Berlin from $8.00.

Ladies' and Children's Suits and Fine Under Clothing

These departments embrace everything pertaining to Female Costume suited to all ages and circumstances. For full particulars see catalogues.

HOSIERY.

Ladies, Misses', and Children's Hosiery from $1.50 a dozen, up to the finest goods. All the newest and prettiest designs in Hosiery are represented inour stock in Silk, Cotton and Merino.

"A thing of beauty is a joy forever," and beautiful stockings are now considered an indispensable part of female attire.

GLOVES.

Kid, Silk Lisle Thread and Merino Gloves of the new colors and shapes in great variety. Lord & Taylor's Kid Gloves, 2 buttons, warranted, at $1.00 per pair price last season $1.50.

ALSO.

Lace, Cambric, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs and beautiful Neckerchiefs, all prices from 25c. upward, and all kinds Dress Trimmings to match our Goods.

MOURNING DEPARTMENT.

French and English Crapes Grenadines and Organdies, Boubazines, Henrietta Cloth, $1.00 up, French Cashmere, 50c. up; Biarritz Cloth, Serges, Australian Crapes and other desirable fabrics at very low prices.

We make up full suits of MOURNING from measure at short notice. Mourning Jet Jewelry, and all small articles of Mourning in variety.

DOMESTIC and HOUSEKEEPING GOODS

Sheetings, Pillow Cloths, Blankets, Quilts, Comfortables, Flannels, and, in fact, every article required in this line, we always sell at manufacturers' prices.

White Goods and Linens, from the finest White Cambric to the best Linen Damask or all grades and qualities, and at satisfactory prices.

FURS

Alaska Seal Sacques, from $65.00 up.
Alaska Seal Muffs from $6.00 up.
Alaska Seal Boas, from $6.00 up.
Mink Muffs and Boas, from $12.50 a set, up.
Silk Fur-lined Garments, from $65.00.
Alaska Sable Sets, from $7 50.
A good set of Furs as low as $5.00.

Our goods are all first-class. We make a point to fill all orders exactly and to the interest of purchasers. We guarantee all purchases to be satisfactory to buyers, and stand ready to remedy all errors. We invite orders, convinced that a first trial will insure us the regular custom hereafter.

All orders for Goods to be accompanied by the money, or where parties wish, Goods will be sent by Express C. O. D. Where the remittance is too large we always return the difference.

Broadway and Twentieth sts., Grand, Christie and Forsyth streets,

NEW YORK,

nov6 3m

GOULD'S HOTEL.

Terms reduced to Specie Basis.

THE undersigned takes pleasure in announcing to his many friends and patrons that he has taken the management of the above Hotel, where he would be pleased to meet them. This Hotel is furnished with fine suits of rooms, also a large number of single rooms handsomely furnished and well ventilated. Elegant Parlor, Reading Room, Hot and Cold Baths free for our guests. We have added a fine Billiard room with the most approved style of Tables. Our sample rooms contain the choicest liquors and cigars. Messenger Call and Telegraph in the Office, and with an excellent table, polite and attentive servants every endeavor will be made to satisfy the wants of all who may favor us with their patronage. We have adopted the following low schedule of prices:

Transient Rates, $2.00 per day.
Transient Board and Room, $7 to $10 per week.
Table Board, $5 per week.
Dinner, 50 cents.
Rooms, 50c. to $1 per day.

WM. WHITNEY, Manager.
Late of Ridgway House.

Philadelphia, Pa., nov6-3m

No Quinine!

Dr. Berg's German Ague Pills!

Are strictly Vegetable, being entirely free from Quinine, Mercury and all other deleterious substances. They have been tested for years in private practice, and have never been known to fail to cure Fever and Ague in its worst stages. Dyspepsia, Indigestion; Headache, Foul Stomach, Bad Taste in the Mouth, Heartburn, Liver Complaint, Nervous Debility and all diseases arising from a change of climate and impurity of the blood, greatly benefitted by their use. All I ask is a trial of these valuable Pills, and they will convince the most skeptical of their merits. Ask your Druggist for them and if he has them not, inclose 50 cents by mail to us, and they will be sent free of charge, by the next mail, with full directions for use. Address

GEO. E. WILLIAMS & Co.,
Sole Proprietors and Manufacturers,
818 Spring Garden st., Phila., Pa.

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KELLER'S

VEGETABLE

LIFE

TRADE MARK

DROPS

In the introduction of Keller's Vegetable Life Drops, a new departure has been instituted. Instead of appealing to the credulity and desperation of the sick, the judgment of all is addressed in "A Brief Manual of Purgative and Depurative Medicine,"—(to be had of druggists *free of charge*, and given with every bottle of the Drops,)—written for those who, having a perception of their diseases, can intelligently apply the principles therein contained, with the assurance of relief and cure of

Diseases of the Blood

LIVER AND STOMACH;—

INDIGESTION,

Dyspepsia, Constipation, &c.

Keller's Vegetable Life Drops

by their peculiar alterative and purgative influence, act especially upon the BLOOD, purifying it, and removing such diseases as

Liver Complaint,
Biliousness,
Ulcers, Rheumatism,
Pimples, Skin Diseases,
Blotches, Neuralgia,
Boils, Eruptions,
Headache, Nervousness,
Jaundice, Fever & Ague,
Colds, Loss of Appetite,

and KINDRED DISEASES, resulting from impoverished or vitiated BLOOD.

DYSPEPSIA.

The possession of pure blood depends upon good digestion; for where derangement of the digestive function exists disease inevitably results, and Dyspepsia, with all of its terrors and tortures, becomes established.

Keller's Vegetable Life Drops

are a specific for DYSPEPSIA, or INDIGESTION, FLATULENCY, HEARTBURN CRAMPS, NAUSEA and VOMITING, Pains in the Head, Side and Back, Palpitation of the Heart, Hypochondria, and all that class of diseases arising from Indigestion.

LIVER COMPLAINT.

When from any of the numerous exciting causes the Liver begins to act abnormally, the bile remains in the system, vitiating and perverting every vital process, and causing Boils, Carbuncles, Blotches, Pimples, Coughs Bronchitis, Asthma, Consumption, Dysentery, Kidney and Bladder diseases, and many other disorders, all originating directly or indirectly from the Liver. Keller's Vegetable Life Drops induce the healthy action of the Liver by providing for the removal of the biliary constituents by the Bowels, Kidneys and Skin.

CONSTIPATION.

The suppression and retention of the contents of the alimentary canal produce Foul Breath, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Piles, Chronic Headache, Skin affections, and very many other diseases referable to the insidious influence of Constipation. Keller's Vegetable Life Drops promptly cure this disease, and all the bad effects attending upon or resulting from it.

Keller's Vegetable Life Drops

are the safest remedy for those peculiar diseases arising from the structural differences between the sexes, and known as Female Complaints.

The use of Keller's Vegetable Life Drops has been thus only partially indicated; their range of application is very great, and their work is always more than satisfactory. Their remarkable efficacy, as already shown, is particularly exhibited in diseases of Blood, Liver, Stomach and Bowels.

Keller's Vegetable Life Drops are recommended as being the best and cheapest FAMILY MEDICINE ever offered, and are sold by druggists and dealers at 50 cents a bottle, or five bottles for $2.

W. L. KELLER, Chemist,

BALTIMORE, MD.

Fall and Winter Goods.

S. KANN,

154 and 156 Broadway street,

BALTIMORE, MD.

Dealer in Foreign and Domestic

DRY GOODS,

Has now in store a complete stock of

Black Silks, Dress Goods, Shawls, Blankets, Flannels, Cassimeres and Domestic Goods

of every description. *Prices warranted lower than anywhere in the city.* This is the

Largest Dry Goods Store

in Baltimore. oct. 9,77-1yr

FRESH ARRIVAL

OF

BOOTS & SHOES.

A. A. Hughes has just received a new supply of Ladies', Gentlemen, Misses' and Children's Boots and Shoes. Will sell cheap.

MARTIN & CO. Bake daily all kinds of cakes and bread. Country stores supplied by Steamboat, Rail, or their wagon, which runs regularly.

POEMS BY TWO LITTLE AMERICAN GIRLS.

[ELAINE AND DORA READ GOODALE, the two sisters, some of whose poems are here given, are children of thirteen and ten years of age.

Their home, where their infancy and childhood have been passed, is on a large and isolated farm, lying upon the broad slopes of the beautiful Berkshire hills of western Massachusetts, and is quaintly called "Sky Farm."

Here, in a simple country life divided between books and nature, they learn, almost as soon as they begin to live, to express in verse what they see and feel, rhyme and rhythm seeming to come by instinct. Living barely out-of-doors, vigorous and healthful in body as in mind, they draw pleasure and instruction from all about them.

One of their chief delights is to wander over the lovely hills and meadows adjoining Sky Farm. Peeping into mossy dells, where wild flowers love to hide, hunting the early arbutus, the green harebell, or the blue gentian, they learn the secrets of nature, and these they pour forth in songs as simply and naturally as the birds sing.]

SONG VERSES, WRITTEN BY DORA GOODALE (TEN YEARS OLD), ON A HUMMING-BIRD'S NEST, WHICH SHE FOUND IN HER STOCKING ON CHRISTMAS MORNING.

When June was bright with roses fair,
And leafy trees about her stood,
When summer sunshine filled the air
And flickered through the quiet wood,
There, in its shade and silent rest,
A tiny pair had built their nest.

And when July, with scorching heat,
Had dried the meadow grass to hay,
And piled in stacks about the field
Or fragrant in the barn it lay,
Within the nest so softly made
Two tiny, snowy eggs were laid.

But when October's ripened fruit
Had bent the very tree-tops down,
And painted flowers faded, drooped,
And stately forests lost their crown,
Their brood was hatched and reared and flown—
The mossy nest was left alone.

And now the hills are cold and white,
'Tis never'd from its native bough;
We gaze upon it with delight;
Where are its cunning builders now?
Far in the sunny south they roam,
And leave to us their northern home.

JUNE.

For stately trees in rich array,
For sunlight all the happy day.
For blossoms radiant and rare,
For skies when daylight closes,
For joyous, clear, outpouring song
From birds that all the green wood throng,
For all things young, and bright and fair,
We praise thee, Month of Roses!

For blue, blue skies of summer calm,
For fragrant odors breathing balm,
For quiet, cooling shades where oft
The weary head reposes,
For brooklets babbling thro' the fields
Where Earth her choicest treasures yields,
For all things tender, sweet and soft,
We love thee, Month of Roses!

Elaine Goodale (13 years old), St. Nicholas for December.

ASHES OF ROSES.

[Grown people often write in sympathy with children, but here is a little poem by a child written in sympathy with grown folks:]

Soft on the sunset sky
Bright daylight closes,
Leaving, when light doth die,
Pale hues that mingling lie—
Ashes of roses.

When love's warm sun is set,
Love's brightness closes;
Eyes with hot tears are wet,
In hearts there linger yet
Ashes of roses.

Elaine Goodale, (13 years old), St. Nicholas for December.

SUMMER IS COMING.

"Summer is coming!" the soft breezes whisper;
"Summer is coming!" the glad birdies sing.
Summer is coming—I hear her quick footsteps;
Take your last look at the beautiful Spring.

Lightly she steps from her throne in the woodlands:
'Summer is coming" and I cannot stay;
Two of my children have crept from my bosom
April has left me but lingering May.

"What tho' bright Summer is crowned with roses
Deep in the forest Arbutus doth hide;
I am the herald of all the rejoicing;
Why must June always disown me?" she cried.

Down in the meadow she stoops to the daisies,
Pincks the first bloom from the apple-tree's bough:
"Autumn will rob me of all the sweet apples;
I will take one from her store of them now."

Summer is coming! I hear the glad echo;
Clearly it rings o'er the mountain and plain.
Sorrowful Spring leaves the beautiful woodlands,
Bright, happy Summer begins her sweet reign.

Dora Goodale (10 years old), St. Nicholas for Dec.

SPRING SONG.

Oh, the little streams are running,
Running, running!—
Oh, the little streams are running
O'er the lea;
And the green soft grass is springing,
Springing, springing!—
And the green soft grass is springing,
Fair to see.

In the woods the breezes whisper,
Whisper, whisper!—
In the woods the breezes whisper
To the flowers;
And the robins sing their welcome,
Welcome, welcome! —
And the robins sing their welcome, —
Happy hours!

Over all the sun is shining,
Shining, shining!—
Over all the sun is shining,
Clear and bright,—
Flooding bare and waiting meadows,
Meadows, meadows! —
Flooding bare and waiting meadows
With his light.

Elaine Goodale (13 years old), St. Nicholas for December.

THE GRUMBLER.

His Youth.

His coat was too thick and his cap was too thin
He couldn't be quiet, he hated a din;
He hated to write, and he hated to read,
He was certainly very much injured indeed;
He must study and work over books he detested,
His parents were strict, and he never was rested;
He knew he was wretched as wretched could be;
There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he.

His Maturity.

His farm was too small and his taxes too big,
He was selfish and lazy, and cross as a pig;
His wife was too silly, his children too rude;
And just because he was uncommonly good,
He never had money enough or to spare,
He had nothing at all fit to eat or to wear;
He knew he was wretched as wretched could be,
There was no one so wretchedly wretched as he.

His Old Age.

He finds he has sorrows more deep than his fears,
He grumbles to think he has grumbled for years;
He grumbles to think he has grumbled away
His home and his fortune, his life's little day,
But, alas! 'tis too late,—it is use to say
That his eyes are too dim, and his hair is too gray.
He knows he is wretched as wretched can be,
There is no one more wretchedly wretched than he.

Dora Goodale (10 years old), St. Nicholas for Dec.

—John R. Brown, Jr., editor of the Elliott City Times, a democratic paper, died last week. He was thirty-seven years old and unmarried. The disease of which he died was paralysis of the brain. Mr. Brown, during the late civil war, was private in Capt. George R. Gaither's company of the First Maryland Cavalry, in the Confederate service. He was of a genial nature, was very popular, and edited his paper in a manner that was very acceptable to all parties in Howard county.

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Louisa M. Alcott's new story, "Under the Lilacs," a serial for girls, opens with an instalment of three long, delightful chapters, and with four fine illustrations by Mary Hallock Foote. A capital portrait of Miss Alcott, with an admirable and sympathetic sketch of her life, also appears in this issue.

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Besides the more brilliant attractions, there is an exciting tale, "The Lion Killer," from Mary Wager Fisher; a timely