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To Travelers.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

DAILY LINE FOR CHOPTANK ROUTE.

On and after Saturday, March 30, 1878, the steamers HIGHLAND LIGHT and KENT will leave pier 3, Light Street, foot of Camden, as follows:

The Steamer Highland at 6 P. M. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday for Easton, Double Mills, Oxford, Clara's Point, Wallack's, Cambridge, Chancellor's Point, Jamaica Point, Cabin Creek, (Yates's on the Choptank,) and Medford's wharf.

The Steamer Kent at same hour every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for all the above landings extending her trips to Denton, stopping at Hog Island, Dover Bridge, Kingston, Gilpin's Point and Towers's wharf.

On the return trips the steamer Highland Light will leave Medford's wharf every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3, Cambridge at 8, and Easton at 9 P. M.; and the Steamer Kent will leave Denton every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 12 noon, Cambridge at 5 and Easton at 9 P. M.

The Steamer CHAMPION will leave same pier every Tuesday and Friday morning at 7 o'clock for St. Michaels and Miles River Ferry (Easton); returning same day, leaving Miles River Ferry at 12 noon and stopping at Annapolis both ways. Fare $1.

Freights collected at low rates and carefully handled.

HOWARD B. ENSIGN, President.

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Resumption of Route.

THE STEAMER

OLIVE,

CAPT. E. N. DODSON.

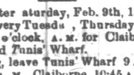
On and after Saturday, Feb. 9th, 1878, leave Baltimore every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for Claiborne, St. Michaels and Tunis' Wharf.

Returning, leave Tunis' Wharf 9 A. M., St. Michaels 10 A. M., Claiborne 10:45 A. M. every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

R. S. DODSON, Proprietor.

St. Michaels, Mar. 12, 1878.

Maryland & Delaware



RAILROAD.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

On and after Monday, May 13th, 1878, Trains will run as follows:

GOING NORTH.			GOING SOUTH.		
LEAVE			LEAVE		
Easton	10 30	A. M.	New York	8 55	A. M.
Wyalland	10 45	"	Baltimore	10 00	"
Dodova	11 00	"	Philadelphia	11 45	"
Gilliebert sgh	11 15	"	Wilmington	1 05	P. M.
Bridgely	11 30	"	Clayton	2 40	"
Greensborough	11 50	"	Kenton	3 00	"
Goldsborough	12 10	P. M.	Slaughters	3 15	"
Henderson	12 25	"	Marydel	3 30	"
Marydel	12 45	"	Henderson	3 45	"
Slaughters	1 05	"	Goldsborough	4 00	"
Kenton	1 25	"	Greensborough	4 20	"
ARRIVE AT			Bridgely	4 35	"
Clayton	1 35	"	Hillsborough	4 50	"
Wilmington	4 20	"	Cordova	5 05	"
Philadelphia	5 45	"	Woodland	5 15	"
Baltimore	7 55	"	ARRIVE AT		
New York	10 05	"	Easton	5 20	"

All freights must be at the various stations at least twenty (20) minutes before starting of Trains, not overlooked 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. CAMPBELL, 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 as a 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, Truck, 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, Cliff, Cabin Creek, Jamaica Point.

Will leave Baltimore on *TUESDAY* 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 do 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 freigh 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. E. LEONARD & BRO.

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

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Easton Livery Stables.

FRANKLIN G. WRIGHT, Proprietor

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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.

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Hacks run regularly to the steamboat landings, to convey passengers with dispatch.

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

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Tinware—

Every description on hand or made to order. Orders for Roofing and Spouting solicited and promptly executed. T. C. Nicols.

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For cleaning and preserving the Teeth and hardening the Gums, for sale by Henry & Goldsborough.

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230 WEST PRATT STREET, near Hanover,

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Offer the following inducements and attractions for this season in their immense stock of

SPRING **Clothing,**

FOR MEN, BOYS AND CHILDREN,

Viz: 1. Elegance of Style, 2. Perfection of Style, 3. Cheapness of Price.

N. B.—Choice Cassimere Pants at $2 00 to $6.00.
Cheviot and Flannel Suits, $5.00, $7.00, $10.00, $14.00.
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Stylishly Cut Cassimere Suits, $6.50 to $20.00.
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Clothing Made to Order.

At a saving of ONE-THIRD from former prices. Call and see the largest line of English, French and Domestic Goods to select from ever before exhibited. You are cordially invited to inspect our new establishment and enormous assortment of new styles for Spring and Summer wear.

CHAS. N. OEHM & SON,

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The Leading and Popular Clothing House,
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New Iron Building,
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ASK FOR

KINGSFORD'S NEW STYLE STARCH,

Put up in Handsome 4 lb. Paper Boxes. The Most Attractive and Conceded by all to be the

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AWAY WITH POOR WASHING!

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And have your Clothes Beautifully and Stiffly done up.

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For the Laundry, and

Kingsford's Oswego Corn Starch for Puddings, Custards, &c.

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☞ *FOR SALE BY ALL GROCERS.* ☜

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Wholesale Agents,

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OLEINE SOAP,

LIKE ALL ARTICLES OF GENUINE MERIT,

PROCTER & GAMBLE'S CINCINNATI OLEINE SOAP

HAS MANY COUNTERFEITS.

ASK FOR

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AND TAKE NO OTHER.

☞ Your Clothes cost more than *Soap*, so why Rot *Them* by using Cheap, Sticky Stuff.

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ALTHOUGH

Procter & Gamble's Cincinnati Oleine Soap

Is so Superior to all others, it is sold by Grocers everywhere, at the SAME PRICE AS ORDINARY SOAPS.

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JAMES T. ROBINSON has just received a new stock of *Notions*, which he is selling cheap.

Groceries.

JAMES T. ROBINSON has just laid in a big stock of sugar, coffee, bacon, flour, and all other kinds of groceries, which he is offering extremely cheap.

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JAMES T. ROBINSON has just received a fine assortment of all kinds of Boots and Shoes, which he is selling cheaper than the cheapest.

BRIGGS' GARDEN SEEDS by the ounce, pound, or in papers. Also LANDRETH'S garden, cheaper than ever. For sale by JAMES T. ROBINSON.

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JAMES T. ROBINSON has a full line of dry goods. Calicos, good, as low as five cents. Muslin very cheap. Everything in the Dry Goods line at bottom prices. Also Ready Made Clothing.

SHRYOCK & CLARK.

LUMBER.

Sash, Doors and Blinds,

delivered in any part of the state at the

Lowest Cash Price.

Union Dock. Baltimore.

Orders left with John A. Arringdale, Easton, Will receive prompt attention.

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WITH

Jacob Crouse,

DEALER IN

CARPETINGS,

68 North Second street, below Arch,

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Would respectfully call the attention of his old friends and the public in general to our full line of Carpets, Oil Cloths, Mattings, &c.

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Shoes Made to Measure.

THE introduction of "Custom Goods" into my trade has proven a decided success, and I renew my

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Boot, Shoe or Gaiter,

at short notice to measure.

The workmanship on these goods is acknowledged by many judges to surpass anything ever before offered in this market. My Walk-easiest Shoes at $7 00 equals the $12.00 goods of St. Paul and Charles street, Baltimore. Call and examine them.

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STRAW GOODS.

Have just received my full stock of Straw Goods of all descriptions.

Taylor's Mackinaw Hats a Specialty.

M. M. HIGGINS.

Herd Book Jersey *Bull*

CHROME.

I have purchased of Jas. W. Tyson, Esq., of Baltimore, the registered Jersey Bull "Chrome," Herd Register No. 1718, by "Druid," Herd Register No 299, out of "Mat," Herd Register No. 2798, and offer his services to the public at $5.00 per cow.

"Chrome" was dropped Sept. 16 1874, is a solid dark color, black switch and tongue, with all the other fashionable points of this justly admired breed.

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U can make money faster at work for us than at anything else. Capital not required; we will start you $12 per day made at home by the industrious. Men, women, boys and girls wanted everywhere to work for us. Now is the time. Costly outfit and term free. Address TRUE & Co., Augusta, Maine.

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A fine assortment, And very cheap.

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Black Harness Soap.

SOMETHING new. This soap is not only adapted to the cleansing and oiling of Harness, but is peculiarly suited to the oiling of boots, shoes, carriages and buggy tops, or any article made of leather or rubber. Give it a trial, and you will be pleased with it. For sale by Henry & Goldsborough.

Pickles, Pickles!

Cucumber Pickles by the hundred or dozen; also, pickled Chow Chow by the pint; something very nice; try it.

John M. Mason.

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Base Balls & Bats.

LARGE stock, *better* and *cheaper* than ever before offered in this market.

G. W. MINNICK,
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The Most Wonderful

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Money saved by it in Field and Kitchen.

See it! Try it!! Buy it!!!

THE EASIEST HANDLED,

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The only Perfect Combined Machine

With different Bars for Reaping and Mowing is the

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Farmers should examine carefully into its Merits. The Best is always the Cheapest.

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For all kinds of mowing the

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is the best Mower manufactured. It is simple, durable and light.

For Small and Hilly Farms

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A combined Dropper and Mower, fully guaranteed in every respect.

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Plain, Stamped & Japanned

TINWARE

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Excelsior Cook Stove,
The Best in the Market.

Ranges and Cook Stoves
of every description.

Roofing and Spouting
done in Talbot and adjoining counties.

Estimates given upon application.

Special attention paid to the repairing of old stoves.

Having worked at the trade for the past 8 years, I have advantages that enable me to get up work at lower figures than any other establishment in town.

Orders through the mail will receive prompt attention.

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SUMMER GOODS.

JACOB WILLIAMS, on Market space, announces his late return from the city, with a full line of

Cheap Goods,

including

Groceries

Boots and Shoes,

Wood and Willow Ware,

Crockery, Glass & China,

and a variety of other articles for family use, all purchased especially with a view to May court. Jurymen and witnesses, and others, call and pay your expenses by saving money on your summer purchases. may21,78

Oranges, Lemons, Cocoanuts, Figs, Raisins, &c.

Fresh invoice just received. Oranges 20 cts. per dozen. G. W. MINNICK,
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BEST business you can engage in. $5 to $20 per day made by any worker of either sex, right in their own localities. Particulars and samples worth $5 free. Improve your spare at this business. Address STINSON & CO., Portland, Maine. mar12,78yr

The Morning Herald.

A live Baltimore Daily *Newspaper*, one cent per copy. Mailed to any address for 30c per month. G. W. MINNICK, Agent
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Fruits, Nuts, &c.

I have just received a fresh supply of Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Raisins and Nuts of all kinds. John M. Mason.

Rattan Rocking Chairs.

Handsome and Light, Durable and Cheap.

Just received and for sale by John Mason.

Splints—

Various lengths and colors, just received and for sale by G. W. Minnick,
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KELLER'S ROMAN

LINIMENT.

Rheumatism.

Time and money have been wasted in futile endeavors to obtain some embrocation that would prove a cure for this excruciating disease; but all have failed except KELLER'S ROMAN LINIMENT, and that has been successful in almost every instance where it has been employed, whether such has been of the inflammatory or chronic type. In Lumbago and Sciatica it affords instant relief.

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This excruciatingly painful disease is instantly relieved and rapidly cured by the continued application of this Liniment.

Toothache.

This painful and annoying complaint is instantaneously cured by the application of the Liniment.

Frosted Feet.

The Roman Liniment has proved effectual in all cases where it has been properly used. No instance is known where it has failed in giving immediate relief.

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This Liniment has proved itself to be one of the best remedies ever used for Burns and Scalds. Its quickness in alleviating pain when applied, gives it great superiority over all other preparations.

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The healing and purifying qualities of KELLER'S LINIMENT render it the best article for the speedy and safe cure of ulcerated sores.

A Stitch in the Back

Is caused by a sudden wrenching of the spine, and produces violent and acute pains, making it very difficult for the person to move. It should not be neglected, as the curvature of the spine is often brought on by neglect of this common complaint.

Sore Throat and Quinsy.

The causes which usually induce Sore Throat are those which give a sudden check to perspiration, and thus obstruct Nature's regular work, quickly producing, in consequence, an inflammatory condition which, involving the tonsils, and rapidly spreading over the whole mucous membrane of the fauces will cause Quinsy.

Inflammation of the Breast.

This distressing complaint may be cured, or entirely prevented by the timely use of this remedy. It has never failed, when applied at the commencement, or before the gathering takes place.

Weakness of the Ankles and Joints.

Strains and chronic pains, cold and external injuries, are the chief causes of this complaint. The muscles are relaxed, in many cases making it difficult to move. By a free use of this Liniment a certain cure will be effected. As a

Horse and Cattle Lotion

it is invaluable to Farmers, Express Companies, Stage Proprietors, well appointed Livery Establishments, and all who own or use Horses and other Stock, immediately relieving and curing

Spavins,	Foot Rot in Sheep,
Ring Bone,	Foundered Feet,
Bruises,	Corns,
Cracked Heels,	Flesh Wounds,
Sprains,	Galls of all Kinds,
Scratches or Grease	Poll Evil,
Sores,	Splint,
Colic,	Fistula,
Lameness,	Sitfast,

And many other Diseases.

KELLER'S

Roman Liniment

Never fails to give satisfaction, and, as a domestic remedy for man and beast, it is incomparably superior to any of the so-called family liniments, salves, etc., as a single trial will convince all.

FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Price, Fifty Cents.

SEASIDE HOTEL,

Ocean City,

Maryland's Famous Watering Place,

will be open for the reception of guests, on the

20th Day of June,

and will continue open through all the season.

The hotel has been remodeled, greatly enlarged, and refurnished, and many improvements have been added to since last season. The accommodations are FIRST-CLASS in all respects.

The hotel is splendidly situated between the Sixth Street Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, only 150 yards from the breakers, and 200 yards from the Bay.

The Surf Bathing

is unequalled on the Atlantic coast.

Fine Boating, Gunning and Fishing on the Bay.

The Proprietors have erected TERRAPIN AND HARD AND SOFT CRAB PENS, which assure these delicacies for the table at all times. DELICIOUS FISH in abundance.

Round Trip tickets at reduced rates on all the railroads. Passengers are landed near the hotel door.

A Band of Music

will be in attendance during the season. Healthful Sports provided in abundance. Horses, carriages, boats, fishing tackle, and bathing suits furnished to order.

☞ Patronize the Seaside Hotel. ☜

Board per Day $2 50
Board per Week 12.50

Special arrangements can be made for a longer period.

S. J. MASSEY & CO., Proprietors.

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Select Poetry.

RAIN.

Oh, the rain has many fitful moods
Ere the merry summer closes,—
From the first chirp of the robin-broods
To the ruin of the roses!

Through the sunshine's gold her glitter steals,
In the doubtful April weather,
When the world seems trying how it feels
To be sad and glad together.

Now and then, on quiet sultry eves,
From her low persistent patter,
She would seem confiding to the leaves
An extremely solemn matter.

Then, again, you see her from the sky
Such a mighty flood unfolding,
That you wonder if she knows why
It receives so hard a scolding!

Yet we learn to love, day by day,
As we watch her softly shining,
That she has no cloud, however gray,
But it wears a silver lining!

For in autumn, though with tears she tells
How the lands grow sad and darken,
Yet in spring her drops are tinkling bells
For the sleeping flowers to hearken!

And her tinted bow seems Love's own proof,
As it gleams with colors seven,—
Like a stately dome upon the roof
Of her palace, high in heaven!

—*Edgar Fawcett, St. Nicholas for July.*

Select Story.

Ruth Henderson's Pride.

"AND this is your answer, Ruth?" said James Wilkins, sorrowfully.

The speaker was a stout, pleasant looking young man, but his face was sunburnt, and his hands bore the unmistakable marks of being used in some handicraft. They were not as white and shapely as Byron Fortescue's, who had just commenced practice as a lawyer in the village. Perhaps Ruth thought of this, as in a low voice she answered.

"Yes, James, I must decline your offer."

"I thought," the young man continued, sadly, "I suppose I was presumtuous, but I really thought Ruth, that you—that you cared for me a little."

"I do, James," said Ruth, and there was a trace of agitation in her voice.

"But not enough to marry me?"

"It is not that—at least not entirely," said the girl hesitating, "but you will be offended, perhaps, if I tell you why I cannot accept you."

"No, Ruth, I will not be offended."

"I do like you, James, but it is your occupation I object to, I cannot marry a carpenter."

A flush arose on the young man's face. "Is it not a respectable business?" he asked.

"Yes, James, but you cannot give me that position in society which I desire. If now you were a merchant or a professional man, it would be different."

"If I were either, I might be less honest and honorable than I am now."

"You would occupy a higher social position."

"And is that all important with you Ruth? I can give you an honest heart and a comfortable home, and I may rise. If you love me, Ruth, don't let any silly pride stand between us. With you at my side, I will work, and win an honorable position for both of us," said James.

"I can never become a carpenter's wife," said she coldly.

"If such are your feelings," said the young man proudly, "you are not what I took you to be. Farewell, Ruth, I wish you every happiness."

"Good bye, Mr. Wilkins," said Ruth coldly, "I reciprocate your good wishes."

A moment later and he was gone, and hide it as she might, Ruth's heart confessed that he carried with him more of her love than she had ever granted to any other. But pride was in the ascendant. She could not make up her mind to marry a carpenter. This foolish notion she had imbibed from the fashionable acquaintances which she had made at a select boarding-school, where she had spent a single quarter at the expense of an aunt whose liberality commenced and ended with this outlay. Her neice would have been better off without it. She had struck up an intimacy with several young ladies from the city, the daughters of wealthy merchants, and with them she had learned to look down upon those who were forced to rely upon the labor of their own hands for a livelihood. This was the more unfortunate because her lot was cast in a small village where her choice was necessarily restricted.

Soon after her return from school a young man named Byron Fortescue had established himself as a lawyer in the village. He was not very liberally supplied with brains, but had a large amount of assumption and self-conceit, and the consequential airs which he saw fit to assume led some to think that he was possessed of great ability. As Ruth was really pretty and attractive, the young lawyer paid her marked attention on several public occasions, considerably to the envy of many of her own sex, and the annoyance of village beaux, who had hitherto shared in her smiles. Of all, however, none had been so favored hitherto as James Wilkins. Had he proposed to Ruth before she went to boarding school there is little doubt that a favorable answer would have been returned to his suit. But Ruth had become ambitious. She felt that she should not be willing to acquaint her city friends with her approaching marriage to a mechanic.

The attentions of Byron Fortescue gratified her vanity, though he had not the slightest share in her heart. Indeed he was so much attached to himself that it is doubtful whether he was likely to inspire love in any one else. Why then did he pay court to Ruth? Mainly because she was the village belle, and it gratified his vanity to bear off the subject of general contention. Again she had expectations from her aunt and might inherit a considerable share of the fifty thousand dollars which the penurious old lady possessed. On the whole the experiment was worth trying. A week after Ruth's rejection of James Wilkins, she had engaged herself to marry Byron Fortescue and three months later the marriage took place.

The young lawyer had a few thousand dollars which he at once invested in a house, more pretentious than any of the village homes to which Ruth had been accustomed. It must be admitted that she enjoyed the consequence which attached to her from her style of living, and her husband's position. She had gained what she sought. What matter if she had no real affection for her husband, or he for her, for she soon made this double discovery. She was at last a lawyer's wife, and could mention her husband's business without shame to her fashionable friends.

As for James Wilkins, he soon removed from the village, and settled in a town in Ohio. His sparse means he invested in lands and foreseeing that the town at no distant day was likely to become a point of considerable importance, he borrowed money for the same purpose. His sagacity was proved by the event. In a few years a railroad was built running through his land. Its value was greatly increased, too, too. The houses he had built on speculation were enhanced in value. He found himself in fifteen years a rich man.

More than this, his fellow citizens discovered his probity and sound practical sense, and judgement. He was elected to the State Legislature, where he became a man of influence. Whenever political question arose he studied faithfully, devoting his leisure time also to the acquisition of those branches of learning which his limited education had not allowed him to become familiar with. He was everywhere acknowledged to be a rising man, and a popular favorite. Accordingly it surprised no one but himself when he was put in nomination for Congress. The contest was a spirited one, for party feeling ran high. Mr. Fortescue was nominated by the successful. James Wilkins, he was so generally respected that the whole district, opponents as well as friends, acquiesced in the result. James Wilkins, M. C. He had attained a position which would have gratified Ruth's ambition. But she had thrown him aside. Do not fancy that he remained single for her sake. He said truly that Ruth was not what he had supposed. Her marriage to Fortescue, the motive of which he understood, had cured him of all for her. There was a Mrs. Wilkins, however, an amiable, attractive woman, who had been a helpmate, and who, though proud of her husband's elevation, had never blushed because he was a mechanic.

Meanwhile how fared Mrs. Fortescue? Her husband was a shallow pretender to talents which he did not possess. This was found out after a while, and affected his professional success. Feeling that he was not appreciated, he removed to a larger place, that his talents might have a wider field. But here, too, the verdict was the same. He failed to acquire the confidence of the more respectable classes, and his chief earnings came from sharp practice among the most ignorant, who were duped by his consequential airs into thinking him a man of talent. Meanwhile his little property became yearly less from the inroads which were made upon it, until nothing remained.

Finding his professional success so poor, he turned his attention to politics. Accompanied by his wife, he went to Washington to try his luck at gaining a government office. They took cheap lodgings, and waited upon different officials in the hope of interesting them in their suit. But as usually happens, there were ten office-seekers to one office, and all their efforts proved unavailing. Meanwhile their scanty funds gave out. They were warned to leave their lodging house, and in despair Mrs. Fortescue went out into the street with her husband, now looking very seedy and disreputable. On Pennsylvania Avenue, they met a well-dressed gentleman who looked at them earnestly.

"Am I mistaken," he said at length, "or do I see Mr. and Mrs. Fortescue?"

"You are right, sir," said the lady, "but I do not recall you at all."

"Yet you once knew me intimately," he said. "I am James Wilkins."

"James Wilkins!" exclaimed Mrs. Fortescue, who had not heard of her old suitor's elevation. "Are you living in Washington?"

"For the present, yes. You have not heard, then, that I am a member of Congress."

"A member of Congress!" exclaimed she amazed.

"You are surprised," said he smiling. "Well, so was I, when I first heard of it. But how has the world gone with you, my friends?"

"Badly," said Mr. Fortescue, gloomily. "I came to seek an office but have failed in my application. My money is spent, and I have just been turned out of my boarding house."

"You are indeed unfortunate," said the member of Congress. "I fear I cannot help you to an office, but a friend of mine in Ohio is in want of a book-keeper. He will accept you on my recommendation, but the salary is small, only eight hundred dollars."

"I will accept it gratefully," said Fortescue, "only I am ashamed to say it, I have no money to defray my expenses."

"That is easily remedied," said Wilkins, and he hastily wrote off a check for two hundred dollars, saying:

"You need not trouble yourself to repay this. Your wife and I are old friends, and on the score of old friendship she will please accept it."

This assistance was like a plank to a drowning man and was thankfully accepted.

"What a pity I did n't marry him," thought Ruth, regretfully. "Who could have imagined that a common carpenter would ever become a member of Congress?"

So Ruth's ambition defeated itself, and her false pride proved the bar to her advancement.

A Boy's Experience with Tar Marbles.

Almost all boys, at some period of their lives, devote their spare time to playing with marbles, and I certainly was not unlike other boys in this respect. My fondness for marbles began very early, and when I was about seven years old led me into a curious experience, which I am about to relate. A great rivalry for acquiring marbles had suddenly arisen at that time among the boys of the town, and to possess as many of the little round beauties as my oldest brother owned, soon became the desire of my heart and the height of my ambition.

I had already obtained a large number, when one day I overheard my oldest brother telling one of his schoolmates that he had made the important discovery that marbles could be formed from coal-tar, of which there was a large quantity on a certain street in a distant part of the town. He did not condescend to explain the process of manufacture, but he showed the marbles he had made,—black, round and glossy. The sight inspired me with ardent desire to possess an unlimited quantity.

My brother told me just where the coveted treasure was to be found, and, in the afternoon, I started off, without confiding to any one my intention, to find the spot and lay in a supply of the raw material, which I could convert into marbles when I had leisure. It was a very hot July afternoon, and I was in a violent heat; but the sight of the heaps of coal-tar put all thoughts of anything unpleasant quite out of my head; it caused me to forget also that I had on a suit of new clothes, of which I had been cautioned by my mother to be extremely careful.

I need hardly remark that I was not very well acquainted with the substance I was handling, and my only idea of its qualities, that it could be molded into any shape I pleased,—melts with heat, and becomes the toughest, stickiest, most unmanageable of substances with which a small boy can come in contact.

I fell to work to collect what I wanted to carry home. I filled the pockets of my pantaloons, and of my jacket, and lastly, when these were stuffed to their utmost capacity, I filled the crown of my hat so full that it would hardly go on my head. The place was at some distance from my home, and I did not wish to have to return immediately for more.

With a heart filled with triumph, I started off toward home. By this time I began to realize that the weather was not cool. It had been a long walk, and I was pretty tired, but I was also in a great hurry to begin making marbles, so I walked as fast as I could. After a little time I began to be sensible of a disagreeable feeling of stickiness about my waist, and a slight trickling sensation in the region of the knees.

A cloud not bigger than a man's hand fitted across my horizon,—perhaps coal-tar *might* melt?

A very slight inspection of my two pockets satisfied me that coal-tar was capable of becoming liquid, and, if I needed further evidence, the sable rivulets that began to meander down the sides of my face gave ample corroboration of the fact. I tried to take off my hat, but it would not come.

I looked down at my trousers with feelings of dismay. Ominous spots of dismal hue were certainly growing larger. I tried to get the tar out of my pockets, but only succeeded in covering my hands with the black unmanageable stuff.

That I should get a whipping for spoiling my new suit, if I could not manage to get the tar off, I was quite certain, and I had had no permission to go from home, and on the whole the outlook was not cheerful in that direction. Quite driven to desperation, I seated myself on the ground, and tried to scrape off the black spots, which now had extended to formidable dimensions; while I could feel small streams coming down inside of the collar of my shirt, and causing rather singular suggestions of a rope around my neck. My labor was all in vain. I got a good deal off, but there seemed to be an inexhaustible quantity on. I gave up in despair and burst into uncontrollable sobs. The flow of tears thinned the lava-like fluid, and it now resembled ink, which covered my face like a veil; but in the extremity of my anguish a hope dawned upon me. I found that I could wipe off with my hand this thinner solution, and if water would do it, water was plenty, and I would wash it off. A pound of mud lived not very far off, and I knew that in the yard of her house there was a pump. Inspired by this idea, I set off at a run, and did not slacken my pace until I had reached the spot. Here another difficulty met me. I could not reach the handle of the pump so as to get the benefit of the stream from its mouth, and it was only a complete shower-bath that would restore me to respectability. I set to work to find a rope, and fastened together quite a complicated piece of machinery, as I thought, by which I managed to pump the ice cold

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