HOW TOM SAWYER GOT HIS FENCE WHITEWASHED. Tom Sawyer, having offended his sole guardian, Aunt Polly, is by that sternly affectionate dame punished by being set to whitewash the fence in front of

her garden. The world seemed a hollow mockery knew that he would be the laughing-stock of all the boys as they came past and saw him set to work like ration was will appear from what follows: One of the boys, Ben Rogers, comes by and pauses, apple, but he stuck to his work. Ben said

"Hello, old chap; you've got to work, hey?" "Why, it's you, Ben; I wasn't noticing. wish you could? But, oi course, you'd ruther work, wouldn't you? Course you would !" Tom contemplated the boy a bit and said "What do you call work?" "Why, ain't that work?" Tom resumed his whitewashing and answere "Well, may be it is and maybe itain't. All I know

ested, more and more absorbed. Presently he said : "Say, Tom, let me whitewash a little."

"No, no; I reckon it wouldn't hardly do, Ben. You see, Aunt Polly's awful particular about thisright here on the street, you know-but if it was the back fence I wouldn't mind, and she wouldn't. Yes, she's awful particular about this fence; it's got to be done very careful; I reckon there ain't a boy in a thousand, maybe two thousand, that can do it in the way it's got to be done." "No-is that so? Oh, come now, lemme just try, only just try a little. I'd let you, if you was me,

"Ben, I'd like to, honest Injun, but Aunt Pollywell, Jim wanted to do it, but she wouldn't let him. Sid wanted to do it, but she wouldn't let Sid. Now, don't you see how I am fixed? If you was to tackle this fence and anything was to happen to it-" "Oh, shucks! I'll be just as careful. Now, lemme try. Say, I'll give you the core of my apple." "Well, here. No, Ben; now don't; I'm afraid-"I'll give you all of it!" Tom gave up the brush with reluctance in his face but alacrity in his heart. And while Ben worked and sweated in the sun the retired artist sat on a barrel in the shade close by, dangled his legs, munched his apple, and planned the slaughter of

more innocents. There was no lack of material; boys happened along every little while; they came to jeer, but remained to whitewash. By the time Ben was fagged out, Tom had traded the next chance to Billy Fisher for a kite in good repair; and when he played out, John Miller bought it for a toy rat and a string to swing it with; and so on, and so on, hour after hour. And when the middle of the afternoon came, from being a poor, poverty-stricken boy in the morning, Tom was literally rolling in wealth. He had, besides the things I have mentioned, twelve marbles, part of a jews-harp, a piece of blue-bottle glass to look through, aspool cannon, a key that wouldn't unlcck anything, a fragment of chalk, a glass stopper of a decanter, a tin soldier, a couple of tadpoles, six fire-crackers, a kitten with only one eye, a brass door-knob, a dog collar-but no dog-the handle of a knife, four pieces of orange peel and a dilapidated old window-sash. He had a nice, good, idle time all the while-plenty of company-and the fence had three coats of whitewash would have bankrupted every boy in the village. Tom said to himself that it was not such a hollow world after all. He had discovered a great law of human action without knowing it-namely, that in

LETTER FROM WILMINGTON, DEL. DEAR NEWS:-The blizzard, after tearing things around to suit itself, in general bidding defiance even to railroad kings and everybody and everything else, blowing its cold breath and shaking its icy fists in our faces, departed, leaving a very chilly and disagreeable farewell behind. But springtime despite of its cool reception, is coming along, a little late, but nevertheless it has come. The buds are swelling, the grass springing, the "time for the singing of birds has come."

necessary to make it difficult to attain.

The Delaware farmers are very much behind with their work, owing to the late season. Truckers have scarcely been able to do anything in the way of pre-paring for their early crops outside of the hot-houses. This will make early vegetables scarce and high, and we shall have to depend on the Southern truck-ers for our supplies. Good for them. It is an ill wind that blows no good. Our city has been favored with important gatherings of late. The Wilmington Conference closed a very pleasant session on the 13th of March, notwithstanding the unpleasantness caused by the blizzard.
The itinerant wheel has made its annual revolution. and in its upward movement has dumped some up line of Shirts--ready and in its downward turn has dumped some down. The changes, however, whether up or down, were generally satisfactory.

Last week we had another representative gathering in the form of a State Sunday School Convention, at which over two hundred Sunday school workers, representatives of the schools of the various Christian denominations in the State, were present and participated. The object was to organize a Our Specialt.V. State Convention and to elect delegates to the Inter national Convention, Delaware being the only State which has not been represented heretofore. A very pleasant and profitable time was had. Some excellent papers were read. We are to have another large representative gathering on the 18th inst., the anniversary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the State, and

this is to be followed by another on the 25th instant. the anniversary of the Women's Home Missionary Society. So you see we are going to be tremendously anniversaried for awhile. All right; let the women have a good time. The political pot is beginning to blubber a little, and we have lots of considerate men who desire, for the city's sake, to be its next Mayor. What the people think about it will be seen. I am glad to see that the farmers of your county, with those of others, have awoke to the importance of finding sale for their products in home markets,

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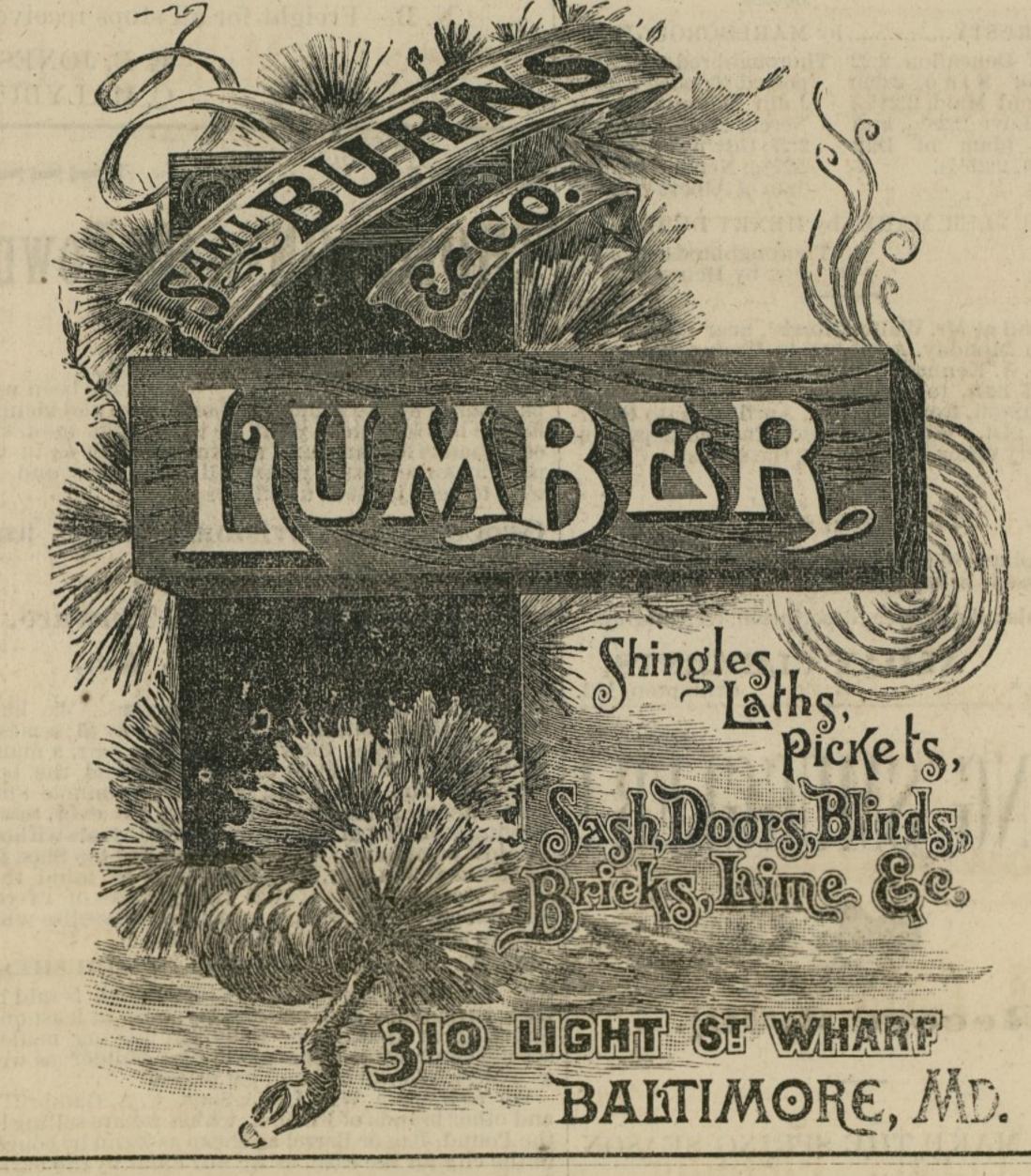
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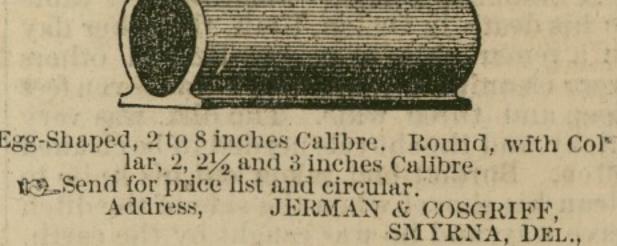
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