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Special attention given to the sale of Grain Dried, Evaporated and Green Fruits.

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By quick sales, square dealing and prompt returns we hope to merit your patronage. Refer to the wholesale trade here, also prominent growers and shippers, for whom we sell, upon application

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Homeopathist,

CHESTERTOWN - - - MARYLAND.

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DR. J. HORTON KELLEY,

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HOMEOPATHIST,

STILL POND, MD.

DENTIST.

DR. C. P. GILPIN,

CHESTERTOWN, MD., MAIN ST., ADJ. CAHALL'S STORE.

Office Hours, 8:30 to 12 A. M., and 1 to 4 P. M.

Having enlarged my office and added many new conveniences, I am able to offer my patients much greater comfort while under treatment than in the past. d1-tf.

DR. THOMAS H. COOPER,

HOMEOPATHIST,

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HARRISON W. VICKERS,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND,

JOHN D. URIE,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Office adjoining T. W. Eliason, Jr.'s Store. will practice in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

BENJ. B. OWENS,

Architect,

N. W. Corner Lexington and Charles Streets,

BALTIMORE.

Reference:—"KENT NEWS." n24-tf.

TO THOSE FARMERS

Who Contemplate Using Fertilizers on Their Corn and Truck, We Offer

TRADE MARK

OUR BONE SUPER-PHOSPHATE

And think we can make it to your interest to deal with us. We had reason to believe last season that fertilizer material of all kinds would be higher this year, and it has proven to be the case, hence we congratulate ourselves that we have now in our building nearly 500 tons of Materials that were bought under last year's contract, and are prepared to offer *Special Inducements* for *Cash* or *First-class Paper*.

MR. R. J. CATLIN says he used our fertilizer last spring on a field that contained 26 acres, and lofted 1,700 bushels of corn, or a little over 65 bushels per acre, and gave his order for 5½ tons for the present tillage.

MR. J. CORDRAY LOUD says our Corn Phosphate prevented his corn from frenching in the low lands, and made for him better corn than the up grounds.

J. R. MASSEY, of Harford, says he made a test of our Corn Phosphate alongside Dissolved Bone and Oriole Phosphate. Sold his corn to canners, and that our goods netted him $14 00 more per acre than the others.

DAVID HANDY, of Harford, says our Phosphate gave such universal satisfaction on Sugar Corn and Tomatoes, that he will want to use and sell from 75 to 100 tons this spring.

WM. R. ALABAND, of Wyoming, Del., says Hubbard's Fertilizers paid him better on his Tomatoes than any he ever used. When picking time came it was all and all.

WM. M. BATTEN, Sweedsboro, N. J., one of the largest truckers, says our Special Potato Manure gave him a basket more to the row than Mape's Fertilizer that cost him $13 00 more per ton.

Send for Circular Containing Certificates.

T. R. HUBBARD & SON,

April 13, 1889. MANUFACTURERS, CHESTERTOWN, MD.

FREDERICK FOUNTAIN,

—AGENT FOR—

R. J. BAKER & CO.,

—*MANUFACTURERS OF*—

HIGH GRADE FERTILIZERS,

BALTIMORE, MD.

We make a specialty of furnishing in quantities to suit the purchasers every article used for the purpose of fertilizing the soil. We will sell separate or will manipulate and mix to order according to any formula. We also offer to the farmers our old reliable brands of

Ammoniated Bone Superphosphates, Corn and Oats Fertilizers,
Asparagus Phosphate, Peach Tree Phosphate,
Fine Ground Raw Bone, Dissolved Raw Bone;
Dissolved South Carolina Phosphate, Muriate Potash,
Sulphate Potash and Kainit.

ORDERS SOLICITED.

FREDERICK FOUNTAIN, Agent,

March 23—3m. **CHESTERTOWN, MD.**

SPRING FERTILIZERS.

TRADE MARK

From the results of the various SPECIAL FERTILIZERS manufactured by us last spring, we expect a large trade this spring, and laid in a heavy stock of raw materials. From the way orders are coming in, and the expressions of satisfaction from our last year's customers, we take the greatest pleasure in offering the same brands of Fertilizers again. Our goods are so well known in the county that is not necessary to publish many testimonials, but we will be pleased to show a large number at our office to who ever may require it.

ACME FERTILIZER, No. 1, presents frenching in corn and will grow a large crop used on heavy land.

ACME FERTILIZER, No. 2, a Corn Fertilizer for lighter soil, stands high. The increase of Fodder alone will pay for the use of the above Corn Fertilizer.

CLIMAX TRUCK FERTILIZER was used last season by the largest growers of Truck in the county with wonderful success. It is the Best Truck Fertilizer at the price on the market.

SPECIAL POTATO FERTILIZER.—At the request of some of our customers, we made last season a Special High Grade Fertilizer for Potatoes. We have so far more than doubled the sale of these goods over last spring. The results were very large. Try it on early or late potatoes.

OUR PEACH TREE FERTILIZER has given great satisfaction, the results of last year more than ever convincing those that have used the same that it pays well; Better Fruit was had, consequently better prices: the Fruit Ripened up Splendidly; the trees more vigorous; no complaint of Yellows. Fruit-Growers use the goods and Your Trees Will Be Healthier, Your Fruit Finer and Your Pocket-book Better Filled at the end of the season.

A Wonderful Result.

LYNCH'S, March 1st, 1889.—Gentlemen: I grew Seventy-Five Tons of Tomatoes on (7) Acres of Ground where I used your Fertilizer along with manure last spring. I am very much pleased and want a larger quanitly this spring. Respectfully, BENJAMIN F. RASH.

Seven Hundred Dollars Clear from Seven Acres, Who Can Beat It?

CHURCH HILL, March 1st, 1889.—Gentlemen: Once again I wish to state the excellent results received from your Peach Tree Fertilizer used by me last fall. My fruit commanded the highest price at Price's Station, a large quantity bringing ($1.25) one dollar and twenty-five cents a basket. I realized ($700) seven hundred dollars clear from seven acres. Respectfully, GUS. PORTER.

For prices of the above fertilizers call on us or see our representatives.

C. W. KENNARD & CO.

Office under VOSHELL HOUSE. March 30, 1889.

HORSE - SHOEING

Headquarters!

SAMUEL HICKS, near the Court House,

Gives his Exclusive Attention to HORSE-SHOEING!

I have learned the business thoroughly and have given it my study, and had much experience in the work of Horse-Shoeing. For this reason I think I am better prepared to do Horse-Shoeing than shops which do all kinds of Blacksmithing.

My system of Shoeing prevents CUTTING and FORGING and preserves the horses' feet.

My best recommendation is the universal satisfaction of my customers, and I have no hesitation in referring to any for whom I have done work.

My prices I guarantee to be as low as the lowest.

Horsemen! Come and see me, and I will save you trouble and expense.

SAM. HICKS, H-O-R-S-E-S-H-O-E-R,

d15. Court Street, Chestertown

WILLIAM PARR'S

NEW HARNESS STORE

I have just opened a nice line of

Robes, Blankets, Whips, Saddles, Bridles, all Kinds of Harness,

which I am selling very low. I also have in stock everything that is kept in a First-Class Harness Store, from a 10-cent Hame Strap to a Set of Fine Harness.

Encourage me by buying your Harness Goods where you can have them neatly and promptly repaired. Thantful for past patronage I remain yours respectfully,

WILLIAM PARR,

no3-1y. STILL POND, MD.

New Store--Old Stand!

Mrs. D. GRUBER

HAS thoroughly renewed and refitted her business property up town and is now better able than ever heretofore to supply the public with

Fresh Bread, Buns, Cakes and Pies

and indeed everything in the Bakery Line. Long experience, the best material, and personal attention to the business enables her to give the very best goods for the least money.

CONFECTIONERY.—I have also added to my stock a line of confectionery, such as Fresh Candy, Nuts, &c., to which I invite attention. Give me a call. MRS. D. GRUBER.

sep3-y. Up Town.

Special Notice to the Public!

hereby inform the public that I have taken the sole agency of

PROF. STRAUSS' ERADICATOR

for removing Grease and Oil Spots from Silks, Satins, Woollen Goods and Carpets, without injury. You cannot be convinced of the quality of this compound until you come to my establishment and convine yourself free of charge. Price, **25 cents** per box. It will be sent by mail to any one desiring it. Orders will be promptly filled.

I am still supplying the well known "VANDEGRIFT HAIR INVIGORATOR." Ask your druggist; if he can't supply you address the proprietor,

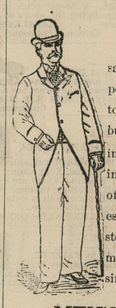
JOHN S. VANDEGRIFT,

s15-tf CHESTERTOWN, MD.

SHOES for Gents', Ladies', Misses or Children, at prices as low as can be found. J. H. SIMPERS.

Oehm's Acme Hall.

COMPETITION RETIRES.



Three hundred thousand dollars' worth of superbly made clothing, due to our large facilities in buying and manufacturing, (second now to none in America) enables us to offer the largest, the richest and the most varied stock in spring and summer clothing, at prices simply inimitable.

MEN'S SUITS.

Every mill of worth, at home and abroad, is represented in our stock of Clothing.

Business Suits $7.50 to $30.00.
Working Suits $5.00 to $18.00.
Dress Suits $10.00 to $40.00.
Spring Overcoats $6.00 to $30.00.

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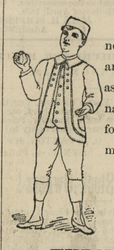

Our Boys' Department never was so beautifully and bountifully stocked as at present. Extraordinary values, $2.00 really for $1.00, are bound up in many of our offerings.

Norfolks, Plain Blouses, Sailor Blouses, Pleated Suits, Plain Kilts, Braided Kilts, Short Pants and Long Pants Suits $2.00 *to* $18.00.

FURNISHINGS FOR MEN AND BOYS.

New importations of Neck Wear from 50c. to $1.25
Our White Shirt 50c.
Gold Headed Silk Umbrellas $1.45.
Our "Wearwell" Hose, 2 for 25c.
Tennis, Bicycle, Baseball and Outing Suits and Shirts.

CLOTHING MADE TO MEASURE

at one-third less than exclusive merchant tailors' prices.

Write for samples, catalogue and self-measurements.

Waiting, baggage, toilet & retiring rooms for visitors.

Of interest to visitors—Our Electric Cash Cable System and Electric Lighting.

OEHM'S ACME HALL,

5 & 7 W. BALTIMORE STREET,

ONE DOOR FROM CHARLES,

BALTIMORE.

SPRING HARDWARE

—AT J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S!—

ROPE TRACES, Plow Lines, Back Bands, Plow and Wagon Hames, Long-Handle Pruning Shears, Hand Shears, Pruning Saws, Pruning Knives, Garden Rakes, Garden Forks, Manure Forks, Garden Hoes, Bush Hooks, Bush Axes, Trimming Axes and other Tools too numerous to mention.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

PLOWS! PLOWS!

We have a complete stock of Roland Chilled Plows. It is an acknowledged fact that they are as good a Plow as there is on the market. A full line of Repairs for them and the Norris Chilled. Also have repairs for the Oliver and Willard Chilled, Minor & Horton and Concave, at the Hardware Store of

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

FENCE WIRES!

Buck Thorn, Ribbon and Hog Wire. We are prepared to give LOWER PRICES on Fence Wire this season than ever before. SPECIAL LOW PRICES on large Lots.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

SEED POTATOES!

Stop in and see our "Prince Edward's Island Early Rose." "Prince Edward's Island Beauty of Hepbron." "Maine Early Rose." "Early White Ohio" Seed Potatoes. We have just received them.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

Shovels and Spades!

We have the biggest stock of Steel Shovels and Spades that has ever been seen in Kent county. Had them made to our order.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.,

March 16, 1889. Chestertown, Md.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

Your Mutual Wants Supplied at

J. LLOYD McFEELY'S

Confectionery, Tobacco & Fruit Store

opposite Court House, and adjoining J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s Hardware Store. The taste of ladies and children will be gratified by all sorts and kinds of Confectionery and Fruits. I have just opened a Fresh Stock and as Fine a line of Confectionery as the season will allow. Give me a call. Prices as low as the lowest.

GENTLEMEN,

if you are fond of a Nice Cigar for a Small Price try those 2 for 5 cents of mine. Long Havana Filled Cigar for 5 cents, a still better one for 10 cents.

For Chewing Tobacco I can't be beat in Kent county for prices. Quantity and Quality. Good Natural Tobacco for 25 cents per pound. E. F. Gravely's Superior is my leading brand. Remember

J. L. McFEELY'S

Tobacco Emporium of Kent county, opposite Court House and adjoining J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s Hardware Store. jy14.

TO MOTHERS.

Every babe should have a bottle of DR FAHRNEY'S TEETHING SYRUP. Perfectly safe. No Opium or Morphine Mixture. Will relieve Colic, Griping in the Bowels and Promote Difficult Teething. Prepared by DRS. D. FAHRNEYs & SON, Hagerstown, Md. Druggists sell it; 25 cent. Trial bottle sent by mail 10 cents. fe9-y.

MR. BOWSER.

He Attempts to Give a Party.

Mr. Bowser suddenly looked up from his paper the other evening and asked:

"Why is it that we haven't given a progressive euchre party this winter?"

"They have been voted too much trouble," I responded.

"They have, eh? Did any one vote besides you? I saw a half dozen mentioned in the papers last Sunday."

"It is almost impossible to get thirty or forty people together on a certain evening, even if all desire to come. Mrs. Johnson calculated on eight tables and only had enough for five. Mrs. Dart calculated on—"

"Oh, bosh! What does a woman's calculation amount to?"

"But if people can't come and don't come, what are you going to do?"

"They can come, and they will come. It's all in the management."

"Well, I wish you'd try it."

"Do you? Very well, Mrs. Bowser; I shall give a progressive euchre party next week, Wednesday evening. If you'll see to the refreshments I'll see to the people."

"I'll be glad to, of course, but—"

"But what?"

"You must prepare yourself for disappointments."

"Oh, I must! How kind of you to give me warning! Mrs. Bowser, I don't want to seem vain or egotistical, but I'll invite thirty-six people here on that night, and for every one who fails to come I'll give you a $20 bill."

"You are very kind, very kind. I hope the party will be a great success. You can begin at once."

During the next half hour he had the use of the telephone to call up acquaintances, and when he finally hung up the trumpet he turned to me with:

"Anything very dismal about that, Mrs. Bowser? I've got ten couple without moving out of my tracks. I'll have the other eighteen before to-morrow night."

"That is, they will promise to come."

"Promise! Promise! Do you imagine that all other people are like you? Most folks know their own minds for a day ahead, Mrs. Bowser."

When he came home next night he had a list of eighteen couples who had been invited and solemnly promised to come. Mr. Bowser had made it a point to inform each one that the playing would begin at eight sharp, and all had agreed to be on hand fifteen minutes before that hour.

"Voted too much trouble—can't get people enough," sneered Mr. Bowser, as he looked over the list. "It's in the management, Mrs. Bowser—all in the management."

For three days he walked around on tiptoe and took every occasion to brag over me. Then came the first set-back. We were at dinner when the telephone rang, and Mr. Bowser was asked for.

"Hello, Bowser!"

"Yes."

"This is Filbert."

"Yes."

"I wanted to tell you that we can't come down to the party."

"You can't."

"No. My wife has just remembered that she agreed to go over to Johnson's on that night. Sorry, old fellow, but I hope—"

Mr. Bowser shut him off with a loud bang and turned to me and said:

"Mrs. Bowser don't you ever darken Filbert's door again—never! They are liars and dangerous people. I can fill their places in five minutes."

Before he got out of the house there was another ring.

"Hello, Bowser!"

"Yes."

"This is Watkins."

"When I told you the other day we'd be down Wednesday evening I forgot that our Eva was to have a child's party on the same evening. That knocks us out."

"And you can't come?"

"Of course not. Sorry to disappoint you old fellow, but of course—"

"Watkins is a liar, Mrs. Bowser, a first-class, bold-faced liar!" exclaimed Mr. Bowser, "and you want to cut the whole family as dead as a door nail!"

He went off saying he could get 2,000,000 couples to take their places, and he returned at evening just as the following note came by the hands of a messenger boy:

"Mr. and Mrs. Jackson present their compliments, and regret that the death of an uncle in China will prevent them from being present on Wednesday evening."

Mr. Bowser had begun to turn white when the telephone rang.

"Hello, Bowser!"

"Yes."

"Say, old man, this is a world of change, you know. When I told you we'd come down to that party I never thought about my sister. She's to be married that evening. Tra la, old boy; hope you'll have a good time."

"I told you it would be hard work to get so many people out," I remarked.

"Did you, Mrs. Bowser? How kind of you! But I'll show you and these liars and deceivers a thing or two before I get through."

There were no declinations until Wednesday morning. Then Mr. Bowser was called up by telephone.

"That you, Bowser?"

"Yes."

"Is it to-night you have that party?"

"Yes."

"Pshaw! I thought it was a week from to-night! Well, that knocks us out. We have got to go to the Y. M. C. A. Sorry, you know, but this is a previous engagement."

Mr. Bowser was jumping up and down when there came another ring.

"Say, Bowser, my wife made a previous engagement for to-night. We have got to go—"

Mr. Bowser shut off with a bang and started for the office. During the forenoon I took in two more declinations, and while he was at dinner there was a ring and the old familiar hail:

"Hello, Bowser!"

"Yes."

"We expect to be down early to-night."

"Glad of it."

"But it may be that my mother-in-law will come on the 6.30 train. If she does, we can't come."

Mr. Bowser seemed dazed as he hung up the trumpet and left the house. The last blow came at seven in the evening. The telephone rang and he crawled over to answer.

"Where's the old man?"

"I am Mr. Bowser."

"Oh! so you are. Your voice seems very weak to-night. Say, old man, the three couples of us in this terrace were coming down to-night, but we must disappoint you at this late moment. We have had free tickets sent up for the opera and of course—"

Mr. Bowser walked to the front door, locked it, muffled the bell and turned out the gas. Then he sat down and was very quiet for a couple of hours. At last he looked up and said:

"Mrs. Bowser, some husbands would murder a wife for this!"

"But what have I done?"

"What have you done! Coaxed, bribed and bulldozed me into giving a progressive euchre party, and where's the party? I told you how it would come out, and here we are! Mrs. Bowser, I—I—"

But he was too full for further utterance, and went to bed.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Curiosities of Punctuation.

The following specimens of curious punctuation are given by the *Printers' Register*: A man who was suddenly taken sick "hastened home while every means for his recovery were resorted to. In spite of all his efforts, he died in the triumphs of the Christian religion." "A man was killed by a railroad car running into Boston supposed to be deaf." A man writes: "We have decided to erect a school-house large enough to accommodate 500 scholars five stories high." On a certain railway the following luminous direction was printed: "Hereafter, when trains in an opposite direction are approaching each other on seperate lines, conductors and engineers will be requested to bring their respective trains to a dead halt before the point of meeting and be careful not to proceed till each train has passed the other." A steamboat captain, advertising an excursion, says: "Tickets, twenty five cents; children half price to be had at the office." A hotel was thus advertised: "This hotel will be kept by the widow of the former landlard, Mr. Brown, who died last summer on a new and improved plan." "Wanted, a saddle-horse for a lady weighing about 950 pounds." An Iowa editor says: "We have received a basket of fine grapes from our friend W., for which he will please accept our compliments, some of which are nearly two inches in diameter." "Board may be had at No. 4 Pearl street for two gentlemen with gas." Over a bridge at Athens, Ga., is the following: "Any person driving over this bridge in a pace faster than a walk, shall, if a while man, be fined five dollars, and if a negro, receive twenty-five lashes, half the penalty to be bestowed on the informer." A newspaper contained this: "We have two school-rooms sufficiently large to accommodate 300 pulpits one above another." A newspaper, in describing the doings of a convention at Cleveland, said: "The procession was very fine, and nearly two miles long, as was also the prayer of Dr. Perry, the chaplain."

The Pets of Ceylon.

Ceylon, the sunny isle—"where every prospect pleases and man alone is vile," is inhabited by half a dozen different races, some of which can hardly be said to evince more than the degree of human malice; but it would be a still greater mistake to suppose that the occasional vileness of local phenomena is limited to the two-legged products of that qualified paradise. Its serpents are not content with posing in the foliage of forbidden trees, but invade the banana orchards and even the cabins of the natives. The family of gnats is represented by at least twenty-different species, filling the air of the coast-swamps in swarms which, in the words of a recent explorer, "fall upon the traveler like a shower of hot ashes." The foot hills are less cloudy, but wiggle with land leeches and scorpions, while the highlands are haunted by copards that will crouch down flat in the fork of a roadside tree, where they remain motionless for hours, starving with the fortitude of a Texas temperance editor, to get a good chance to pounce on the neck of an unwary rambler. Troops of eupeptic monkeys raid the fruit plantations with an effrontery exceeded only by the hardihood of the rugivorous bats, that will enter an open skylight and devour the provisions suspended over the very heads of the sleeping rustics. The plagues of the neighboring mainland sometimes appear in the form of migratory locust swarms, and according to a despatch of Reuter's telegram syndicate, a detachment of the salvation army has just landed in the harbor of Trincomalee.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Couldn't Remember Trifles.

When the conductor of the Lansins train was making his rounds the other morning after leaving Detroit, he came to a man who was not ready with his ticket. He felt in all his pockets, searched the lining of his hat, and finally remarked:

"I thought I bought a ticket, but I can't find it."

"I must have your ticket or your fare," said the conductor.

"Of course. Nobody can ride free on railroads. Guess I've lost my ticket, and I haven't got a cent to pay fare with."

"Then I'll have to put you off."

"I suppose so."

He was allowed time to make another search, but not finding a ticket, he was told to get off at the next station. He was ready to step off when the train stopped, but he scarcely left the car before a passenger found his ticket on the floor and called him back.

"So you had a ticket after all?" said the conductor.

"Yes, it seems so."

"Very odd that you should have forgotten that you bought it."

"Yes, it is, but I was kinder mixed, you see. I was drunk for two days, got pulled in and turned out by the police, had two fights, met my divorced wife, got run over by a hack, and some-one stole my watch in the depot. I couldn't remember whether I bought a ticket for Brighton or signed a contract to split 10,000 rails. Please keep an eye on me and see that I get off at the right station, for this car seems to be running bottom side up."

DETECTING FRAUDS.

Among the traditions of the Pennsylvania bar are preserved some examples of the sudden detection of fraud by the quick wit of a lawyer during a trial.

The late David Paul Brown was employed as counsel for the heirs of a wealthy old man, who had left a will devising his entire estate to a stranger. Mr. Brown, the judge and the audience in the court room were convinced that the will was a forgery, but it seemed impossible to prove it to be so. The trained nurse, a sturdy Englishman, was one of the witnesses, and swore stoutly to the genuineness of the will. Something in his manner convinced the lawyer that he was swearing to a lie, but how could he convict him of it?

When he was placed on the stand for cross-examination, Mr. Brown opened the will and held it before him.

"You swear that this is your signature, do you?"

"I do."

"And that you signed this will two days before Mr. Blank's death, he being then confined to his bed?"

"Yes," said the man, doggedly, "I signed it, and helped him fold and seal it."

The lawyer's eyes kindled. "How did you help him?"

"'Joseph,' he said to me, 'fold this paper.' So I folded it. 'Joseph,' says he, 'look in yonder closet and bring me my seal and wax and a candle.' So I brought them and lighted the candle.

'Joseph,' he says, 'drop the wax.' So I dropped it, and as his hands were shaking so, I sealed it with his seal.'

"You swear this to be true?"

"I do."

"Gentlemen of the jury," said Brown impressively, "this is the will. It has been fastened by a wafer!" and he won the case.

Another suit, the incidents of which have served as a basis for one or two novels, involved the possession of a large estate, which a distant relative of the late owner claimed by virtue of a deed of gift, which he asserted had been executed at a time when the owner was on bad terms with his sons. There was no will.

The paper bore every mark of being genuine; the witnesses swore to their signatures, and experts testified their belief that the name of the dead man was written by himself. All hope for the heirs seemed to be over, when their counsel, suddenly raising the paper close to his eyes, sent a messenger hastily out of court.

The claimant continued to bring in testimony in proof of the genuineness of the document for an hour. His case appeared to be fully established, when the counsel for the defendants called a grave old Quaker to the witness stand.

"Friend Blank, please hold that paper up to the light. What is the water mark on it?"

"That of my firm, Blank & Son."

"When did you begin the manufacture of paper?"

"In 1849."

"What is the date of the document?"

"July 10, 1844."

"That is enough. Gentlemen of the jury we close our case."

The late Attorney-General Brewster was counsel in a case which also hung upon the authenticity of a will. He observed that on the impression of the seal of the devisor, twice used upon the document, was a mark as light as a hair. He examined the seal itself, and found no crack which could produce this mark. He then caused a search to be made for engravers of seals in Philadelphia, and succeeded in finding the man who had made that used in the fraudulent will.

"I recollect the job," said the engraver, "for the seal was accidentally cracked; but the man who ordered it would not wait for another to be made."

He had made the seal three weeks after the death of the devisor. The forgery was proved, and Mr. Brewster won his case.

Rabbit Brains for Teething Infants.

The natives of Arkansas have many curious customs and remedies for the ills that man is heir to that few people outside of the State would ever think of adopting. Among others is their relief for the painful teething through which every baby has to go. When their children become fretful on account of prospective teeth the parents hie themselves to the woods, and, if possible, catch a rabbit alive. If they are unable to do this they shoot one, and then they remove its brains. Taking a large quantity of the brains, still warm with the blood of the animal, they put it in a piece of cheese cloth, which they then rub over the ladies' gums. This possibly would not appear to those who have not been educated up to it to be a very desirable method of bringing relief to the baby, but it is a very effective one, and has never been known to fail. Generally six or seven mothers who are blessed with teething infants, get together and go through in unison. This is supposed to hasten the attainment of the desired result.

For Nail Wound in Hoofs.

You ask practical farmers for practical facts writes Ezra Herr in the New York *Tribune*. Here is one that every owner of a horse should know. Nails will be thrown into the street, despite of all we can say to the contrary. Have a small vial of muriatic acid on hand, and when a horse has picked up a nail go for the vial first of all, then get pinchers and pull out the nail; soon as it is out pour in the acid, before the hoof contracts; then put cotton on top and cover it with tallow, melting it with a hot poker. The next morning open and add more acid, closing as before. Do this three times; then apply cotton and tallow only daily for about a week; the wound will then take care of itself. I have had more than a dozen nails, from haevy spikes down to seven-pennys, in my horses' feet, and cured them all this way. Do not pull out the nail first, and then go for the vial, as you will not thus get the acid to the bottom of the wound. I know this to be reliable, and only ask fellow-farmers to try it when the opportunity offers.

If there were no obstacles to progress the sluggish energy of man would cause him to seek the most comfortable place, and he would roll down hill rather than make the exertion to climb up.

Fashion Notes.

From Godey's Lady's Book.

Most of the French gowns still retain a bouffant back.

One thing most noticeable in all gowns is the increasing tendency to elaborate details in the sleeve.

The old-fashion grenadine is again seen in some of the imported dresses. Many are woven with satin stripes to simulate the ribbon effects which have been for a long time popular in net dresses.

Skirts of walking gowns are made a little longer and they generally touch the ground in the back. For the house demi-trains are once more popular and many handsome imported gowns are made up in this way.

Plain kilted skirts without any drapery are very fashionable, and their first cousin in style, the accordion skirt, will in all probability be more worn than any other style during the summer.

Sashes are all the rage and no woman, no matter what her age, who can possibly have one, considers her wardrobe complete without this addition to it. Some think they make an old person look younger, while others consider them absurd for any other but young people.

Hats, as a rule, are low and flat; but the trimming brings them up to any height desired. This is decidedly a flower season, and art rivals nature in the variety and beauty of the blossoms produced.

Blouse waists, made in plain and fancy materials, promise to be even more popular than last season. These help to give variety to costumes, as several skirts can be worn with the same waist; they are particularly appropriate for young persons.

A charming bonnet is of a close fitting shape made of crepe and embroidered net of the new shade of green called *saule*. The crown is made of puffings of crepe caught into a large five pronged buckle. The trimming is brought from the back over to the front where it forms a knot. On top is a mass of small pansies, cowslips and roses. The strings are of embroidered net caught with a spray of roses.

The Inventor of Fashions.

M. Reve is the great inventor of fashions. He makes models for Worth, Felix, Roderigne; for all the big houses, in fact, which are reputed to revolutionize dress. With the worries of business to occupy them, these dressmakers are not always disposed to make new models; they do not always find the time to pore over the history of dress for the combination of colors and styles. M. Reve has made invention of dress his specialty. He has 10,000 volumes and engravings which he daily consults for present combinations. "The women of today tend to enfranchise themselves more and more from the absolute and monotonous dictates of fashion as expressed by its arbiters," said M. Reve to me: "many no longer allow a contourier to think out their dresses for them; they are tired of being treated like a flock of sheep that are to be dressed all alike. If Worth or Felix happens to get a good idea in cut or style, he multiplies that cut or style until it is found everywhere. You can't run away from it; you will see it in New York and in all the capitals of Europe. That is the reason they have decided to be eclectics; to study the art of dress for themselves, and that is why I have so many ladies come and combine toilets with me. They consult me as they would an artist who is about to paint their portraits. 'There now,' they say, as they stand before me, 'You see I am a blonde'—or a brunette, as the case may be—'I think such and such a combination of colors would suit me, and that this and this drapery would suit my figure. Now make me a colored figurine of the dress I want. And mind, you must not re-produce it for any other lady or house.' Well, I study her features and figure, and get up a toilet that harmonizes with both. 'But as soon as she wears it she stands in danger of having it copied.' Ah, but the effect has then been produced, and it is only a lady void of taste and invention who will copy her neighbor's dress; then rest assured that the copy will never be more than a burlesque of the original. 'But where is the lady to go to have the dress made after she has a figurine?' That's the difficulty—to find a good dressmaker who will take a lady's ideas. The realization of a lady's dream is to discover a rather obscure dressmaker who is a divine genius in 'fitting.'"

A Practical Joker.

Of all practical jokers the actor Sothern was the most daring, incorrigible and cruel. Sometimes his cleverly conceived plots caused his personal friends to make themselves ridiculous, and again it was a stranger who suffered, but occasionally his jokes were not heartless. One day he went into a hardware store and asked for a copy of Macauley's "History of England."

"We do not sell books, sir," said the assistant. "This is a hardware store."

"Well, I'm not particular," replied Sothern, pretending to be deaf, "I don't care whether it is bound in calf or russia."

"But this is not a bookseller's!" shouted the man.

"All right; wrap it up neatly. It's for a present I wish to make to a relative."

"We don't keep it!" shrieked the assistant getting red in the face.

"Do it up as you would for your own mother," said Sothern. "I don't wish anything better than that. I would like to write my name on the fly-leaf."

"Sir," screamed the assistant, at the top of his voice, "can't you see we do not keep books?"

"Very well," said Sothern, quite undisturbed, "I will wait for it."

The clerk left him, and appealed to his master, saying he thought the customer must be insane.

"What is it sir? What do you desire?" asked the owner of the shop, coming forward.

"I want to buy a file," replied Sothern, quietly. "A plain file, four or five inches long."

"Certainly," said the master, and he cast upon his assistant a look which should have withered that misunderstood young man.

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