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Set back in an ancient grove of trees plantation horses. House slaves and Havre de Grace Bows is "The Hermitage," in 1740 the home riding and coach horses were kept of William Alexander and his wife Ara- nearer the Manor House.

minta. One of noblest houses in Elk- Araminta outlived William Alexandton, its thick stone walls have seen er. After her marriage to George Catto she remained at "The Hermitage" many history making changes. At the eastern end of Head of Elk its where she died, sometime before 1776, tree-arched driveway led to the Old living to "a good old age." She wa Post Road. Passing its gate marched buried in the family graveyard, besid the soldiers of the Revolution. The William Alexander, which was south American and British in 1777. Howe's east of "The Hermitage." Hessians on their way to Gray's Hill George Catto then left "The Hermin

and Cooch's Bridge, bringing the rum- age" and moved to Bohemian Mano. ble of ancient artillery, the flashing of where he settled, demanding his wife bayonets and the gleam of scarlet coats. share of Bohemian Manor for himself. Later, the tramp, tramp, of The next occupant of "The Hermit ragged soldiers on their way to York- age" was Robert Alexander, who is town. Tench Tilghman's swift ride herited it from William Alexander and through Head of Elk as he carried the Araminta. news to Philadelphia of Cornwallis' sur- Robert Alexander was a very able

render. Galloping Post boys, and cultured gentleman. He had lived coaches-and-fours. All, passing along Baltimore for some years and had be the Old Post Road in front of the Her- come very prominent in the council the Colony just prior to the Revolution This estate of William Alexander He represented Baltimore in the Procovered nine hundred acres, including vincial Council at Annapolis from 1774 to June 1776. He was one of the "Sons in its holdings part of the Belleconnel of Liberty" in 1765 and a member of and Friendship tracts. It extended west to the Hollow and Bow street and on tion of European Goods" in 1769. He the East and south its fields and woodopposed war with England but objected lands stretched far on both sides of the to her taxes and tactics. He was elect-Old Post Road and Big Elk Creek. ed delegate to the convention in Phila-The dignified symplicity of this love-

y home speaks of the early date of its building. Typically colonial, it carries still the charm and air of gracious hoshis excuse. pitality which belied its name of "Her-He evidently retired from public life about this time as Scharf reports he did William Alexander married a very aristocratic and haughty lady. Little

and eighteenth century.

reverted to the Alexanders.

is known of her excepting that her inheriting an estate in Cecil County. We next hear of him as being the Time of game: 2 hr. 35 min. name was Araminta, (her maiden name is unknown) and that she was four only Loyalist of prominence in Cecil County. He was at "The Hermitage" Bees Sign Guy Bush, greatly in demand in the seventeenth when our country entered the war and is best remembered for the following

Her first husband was Ephriam Au- incident: with two daughters. They had one son, August 1777, Robert Alexander pre- Guy Bush, recently released by Pitts- made from pieces of brass tubing John Augustine Herman. Ephriam died pared a great feast for him at "The burgh ,had accepted terms offered by slightly smaller in diameter than the in 1735. Araminta then married Joseph Hermitage," then went down the river Manager Bill McKechnie. Young, who did not live very long be- to meet him. Lord Howe arrived at Bush pitched for the Chicago Cubs cause by 1740 she had become the wife Head of Elk August 27th but Washing- in the World Series against the Yankees of William Alexander. She received ton had been ahead of him for, hearing in 1932 and against the Athletics her share of the income of her first hus- of this feast, he, and his attending gen- 1929. band's property, and probably also a erals stopped at "The Hermitage" and share of their son's property, John Au- ate the feast prepared for Howe.

gustine Herman, as he died while his Robert Alexander did not return to mother was married to Alexander. Her Head of Elk with Howe and is said fourth, and last, husband was George never to have been seen there again. He was supposed to have joined the British Cincinnati Reds in runs batted in-de-William and Araminta Alexander or gone to England. Scarf reports he spite the fact that he has been lead-off others'. were great admirers of Whitefield who petitioned the State of Maryland to be man often, coming up at least once in 1740 visited the Eastern Shore. John- allowed to return but they refused his every game when nobody is on base ing, and just as the golfer uses a followston tells us that he preached to a large request. In 1788 he acted as agent for and batting after the weakest hitters in audience "which met under the shade the Tories of Maryland who were the lineup. of an oak tree that stood a short dis- claiming compensation from the Brittance west of Bow street probably about ish Government for their loss from

a hundred yards north from the river." property confiscated by the state. The next year, 1741, William and Ara- In 1780, when the colony passed the Brusie Ogrodowski of the St. Louis minta Alexander deeded the acre of "Act of Confiscation," the property of Cardinals caught 104 consecutive games land where Whitefield had preached to all Loyalists was taken. Robert Alex- for Columbus in 1935. Robert Lucas, Zebulon Hollingsworth, ander had left a wife and several chil-Thomas Ricketts and Robert Evans of dren in Head of Elk and their friends | Babe Phelps No Thief Cecil County and David Barr of New made a great effort to save the prop-Castle County Delaware, "for a meet-ing-house convenient for people as-was made and they confiscated two-stolen a base in the majors since he sembling to worship God and hear his thirds of his land and one-half of his made his debut with Washington in word preached." This was the first slaves. He owned 900 acres of land 1931. Presbyterian Church organized in Cecil and 22 slaves, so that eleven slaves and County. It was never built so the land three hundred acres were given to his long crepe veils of the period, left the

which surprise us today. 8000 in one pounds for carrying on the war. place; 2000 at Bohemia Manor; at Head! Under the direction of the commis- go with them to "The Hermitage." Arof Elk a "great number of people." sion, Clement Holliday and Nathaniel riving there they walked slowly up the When we remember that Head of Elk Ramsey, lots were laid out on that part long drive way and then stood for a comprised only a few scattered houses of the land of Robert Alexander that long time looking at the house. Rethat seems impossible. But, preachings lay east of the Hollow and sold, in Oc- turning to the hack they were driven were events in those days and men, tober 1782, at public sale. A commit- back to the station. Only as the train women, and children came from all tee, headed by Colonel Henry Hollings- was approaching did they reveal their over the county, even the adjoining worth, was appointed to buy land for identity. Then, lifting their heavy veils counties. On horseback, on mules; the building of the Court-house and

their wives carrying their babies in the Market-place. their arms as they rode behind their Colonel Henry Hollingsworth bought husbands. The lassies rode on pillions, considerable of this land of Robert their arms around the waists of the Alexander adjoining the town. Joseph gallants in front, or walked miles, carrying their shoes in their hands until
joining his mill property, and Tobias
mitage." they arrived near their desitnation, Rudulph the farm on the Glasgow Road. when they donned the precious shoes. The wife and children of Robert Al- Mary Husband Gilpin, (Polly Hollings-Large estates in William Alexander's day held many slaves and his was no exander remained in Head of Elk for worth) when they were married in 1818. exception. Tradition claims that the some years. William Alexander, his Frisbie Henderson being her second

where Miss Maggie Strickland lived, on County and was known as an able, brilthe corner of Main and South Streets liant lawyer. (formerly called Dolly Barton Street) The last story connecting the Alex- Gilpin Manor in the old graveyard. was the tenant house of "The Hermit- anders with "The Hermitage" is one full

age" and that the old stables, many of pathos: remember, back of the house held the One day two old ladies, dressed in the tons, who still own it.

Canners Take Two And Crowd Newark From First Place

Twice And Aberdeen Takes Undisputed Possession Leading Position

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(Continued Fre	om I	Pag	re 2	2)	
McNutt, 3b., p					
Nichols, 2b.	5	0	1	3	
Donahoo, rf	5	0	3	0	(
Thompson p. lf.	4	1	0	1	1
Horton, p	1	0	0	0	
Totals	43	6	13	30	1
Aberdeen	Ab.	R	H	. O.	. 1
Jones, 3b	3	1	1	4	
Baldwin, p	5	1	1	1	1
N Hall ce	•			,	
Brown, 1b.	5	0	0	9	
H. Burns, rf	5	1	2	1	-
Budnick, 2b	3	2	2	0	
Wilkinson 2h	0	1	0	0	(
V. Bell, lf.	4	0	2	2	(
Fisher C		•		10	- 4
N. Mitchell, cf	3	1	1	2	-
Totale	30	9	10	30	1

Score By Innings not attend any further meetings of the deen, 2. Sacrifice hits: Jobes, Jones (2), arrows are used. "Council of Safety," Also writes of his Brown. First base on errors: Havre de "The bow is identical to the automo- interesting match.

Leads Reds

Kiki Cuyler has been leading the

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wife and children. His confiscated train at Elkton. They astonished the Whitefield preached to congregations property brought the Colony 6,000 hack driver by asking for the oldest man in the town. Him they asked to from their tear stained faces, they said softly, "We are Robert Alexander's

buried in the grave yard by "The Her-

to which Frisbie Henderson brought old log house, now plastered over, son, became States Attorney for Cecil husband. When he died in 1845 his wife returned to Gilpin Manor where she died in 1850. She was buried at After her death "The Hermitage" was sold to the Earles and later to the Brat-

HOBBIES

By MAX CHAMBERS

Archery archery, especially in Maryland and the er than the upper to give the proper District of Columbia, your columnist trajectory to the flight of the arrow. has brought to these lines an expert "I have shot fish in eight feet of water

Robin Hood and his men, but the fasci- ed in under the most refined surroundnation of archery has existed through- ings or a field with equal enjoyment." o out the ages and the sport is now on a Among those finding interest in archrising wave of popularity. There is ery are Mr. Herbert Harrison, St. Michsomething in the twang of a well-drawn aels; Mrs. James Speer, Jr., Trappe; and bow-string that sets the blood of a real the Archery Club of Washington Col-

o bow equal in length to the user's body ton, has made several fine bows. 5 tho' this is by no means a fast rule. The Of course, gunpowder and lead are majority of bows are either five and a certain but they make a lot of noise. bases: Havre de Grace, 9; Aberdeen, 12. ceeded unless for an occasional flight Shockley expects to challenge

Grace, 3; Aberdeen, 4. Umpire: Cloak. bile spring in action, each separate lay- Books: Archery, Dr. Robert P. Elmer; birch dowels for arrows are easily ob- Arrows, Duff. Released By Pirates tainable at any lumber yard, and very cheap, but the best arrows are made of The Boston Bees, National League Norwegian pine or Port Oxford cedar. gustine Herman, who was a widower When Howe came up the Elk River, baseball club, announced today Pitcher Practice points for the arrows may be shartf and one inch long.

> "In the feathering, or fletching, lies the secret of good arrow making and the process requires time and patience. The feathers are best cut from the two large out-side feathers of a turkey wing. The cresting is the painted design on the feathered end of the shaft to distinguish one archers' arrows from an-

"A good stance is necessary in shoot-

thru so much an archer keeps his position for a fraction of a second after the arrow has left the string. Unlike rifle shooting in which the marksman! aims directly at the target, the bowman ms below the target. This is due to the structure of the bow in which the Recognizing the new interest in lower end must be made slightly strong-

archer, Mr. Kenneth Shockley, who is with a 50 pound target bow and have well known as a builder of archery driven with steel broadhead arrows equipment and as a "bulls-eye" scorer. from an 85 pound bow through a cor-He is not a professional but rides the rugated steel oil drum. Archery is a hobby for pleasure. Listen, please, sport in which few, if any, physical while he tells you of this interesting handicaps are recognized. A girl may become as deadly a shot as a man, "It is a far cry, indeed, from the either in the field or at target. It is wind-swept plains that were the homes only necessary that she use lighter of the hordes of Genghis Khan and equipment. Archery is a great sport, from the greenwood forests of "merrie one with a romantic past and a streng-England," so dear to the hearts of thening future, one that may be indulg-

o sportsman a-tingle. lege, which numbers about ten mem-"It is a common practice to build the bers, all girls. Mr. W. L. Hull of Eas-

Havre de G.... 0 0 1 0 0 3 2 0 0 0-6 half or six feet long, and arrows should Remember Braddock's defeat? And how 1 0 0 1 2 0 0 0 2 2-8 be made from the particular bow. The the silent arrows of the Indians were Two base hits: R. Burns, Donahoo, length is governed by the user, the ar- driven thru the Red Coats before any-Jones, H. Burns, Budnick. Home runs: row being equal in length to the dis- one knew the company was being am-R. Burns (2). Bases on balls: off tance from the center of his outstretch- bushed? And don't forget William Tell's delphia in 1776, when the Declaration Thompson, 4; off McNutt, 4; off Bald-left fist to a point on the cheek direct-apple. Archery is America's fastest of Independence was signed, but, did win, 1. Struck out: by McNutt, 3; by ly under the right eye. A five and a growing sport and outfits can be had at Horton, 1; by Baldwin, 10. Stolen bases: half foot bow will use twenty-six inch all prices, ranging from \$7.50 to \$200. Jobes and Thompson, V. Bell. Left on arrows. This length should not be ex- Sometime during the summer Mr. Earned runs: Havre de Grace, 2; Aber- shot when thirty or thirty-two inch "Shore's best golfer" to a round of "archery Golf," which should be a most

> er of the grain acting as the individual "Art" Young in Africa, Young; Hunting leaves of the spring. Making a bow is with the Bow and Arrow, Pope; The a test of skill and patience. Round Adventurous Bowmen, Pope; Bows and

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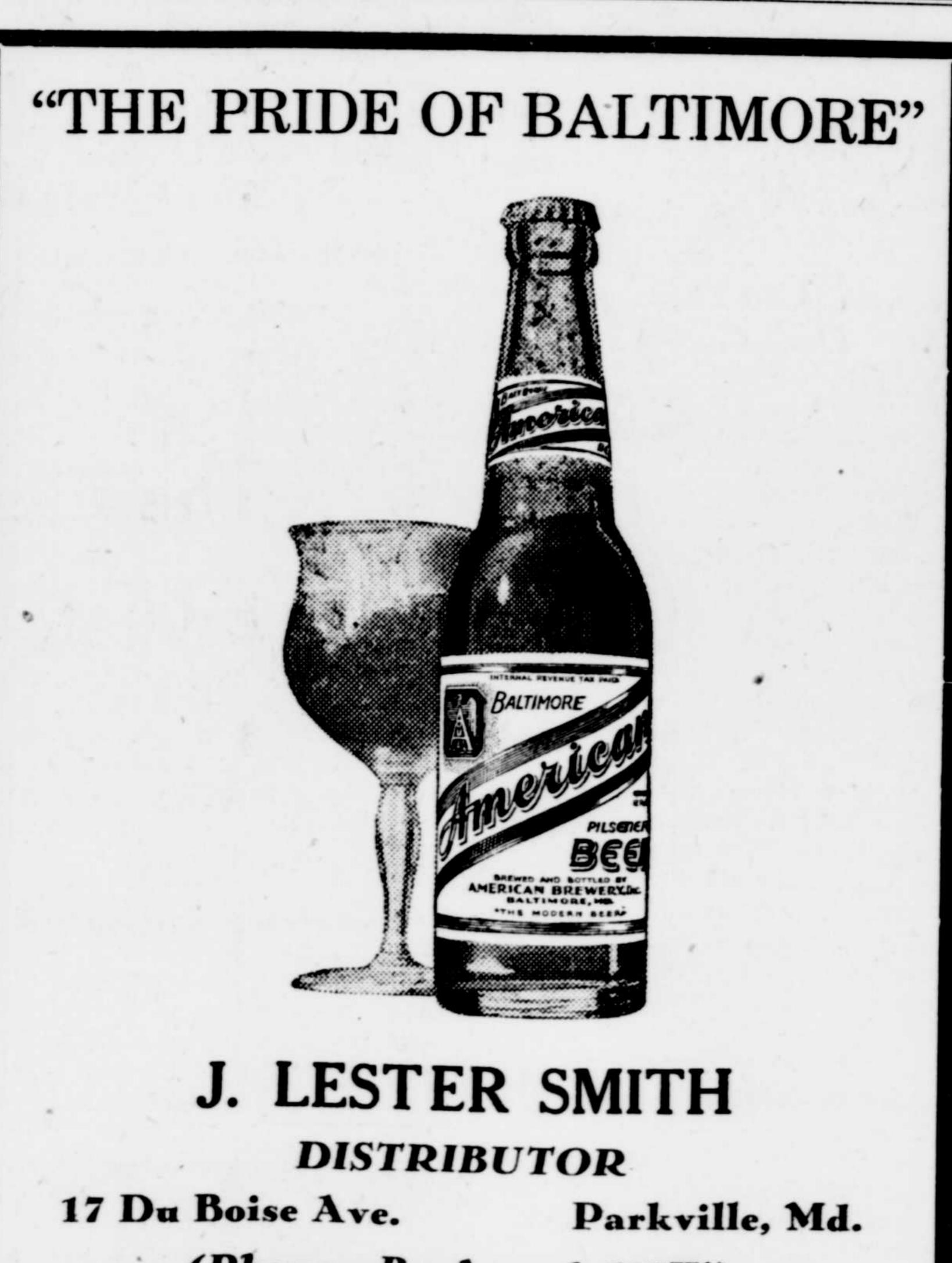
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