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Trustees' Sale
OF A DESIRABLE
FARM
AND WOODLAND
On the Western Maryland Railroad, near Westminster, Md.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in cause No. 2375, wherein Nathan I. Gorsuch and Charles C. Gorsuch, partners, trading as N. I. Gorsuch & Son, and others, are plaintiffs, and Wm. A. Allgire and others are defendants, the undersigned, as trustees, will sell at public sale, on the premises, on

Saturday, March 2d, A. D., 1889,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following valuable real estate, to-wit: First: The late residence of Amon Allgire, deceased, containing

91 ACRES AND 27 PERCHES OF LAND

more or less. The improvements thereon are a two-and-a-half Story Stone Dwelling House, Bank Barn, wagon shed, hog house, smoke house, dairy and other necessary outbuildings; water convenient to the buildings; orchard of apple and other fruit trees on the premises; there is a due proportion of wood and meadow land.

Lot No. 2 contains 33 Acres, 3 Roods and 18 Perches, more or less. There is a frame tenant house on this parcel; about 8 acres is in timber.

Lot No. 3 contains 66 Acres and 1 Rood, more or less. There is a log dwelling house on this parcel; about 12 acres is in timber.

Lot No. 4 contains 21 Acres, more or less.

Lot No. 5 contains 15 Acres, 1 Rood and 29 Perches, more or less.

Lot No. 6 contains 7 Acres and 20 Perches, more or less.

Lot No. 7 contains 7 Acres, 2 Roods and 7 Perches, more or less.

Lots Nos. 4, 5, 6 and 7 are heavily covered with superior Oak and Hickory Timber.

This land is on the old Indian road, near the road leading from Sandy Mount to Patapsco Station, on the Western Maryland Railroad; the woodlots all front on the railroad, near Patapsco Station, are about six miles from Westminster, Md., and adjoin the land of Wm. H. Westaway, John Flater and others.

A survey of this property has been made, and a plat of the same will be exhibited on the day of sale, by which the same will be sold. A road is provided for the woodland.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash on the day of sale or on the ratification thereof, one-third in one year and the other one-third in two years from the day of sale; the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

HARRY C. ALLGIRE,
CHAS. T. REIFSNIDER, } Trustees.
R. C. Matthews, Auctioneer. feb-2-ts

Trustee's Sale
OF A DESIRABLE
Small Farm
And Personal Property.

BY virtue of a deed of trust from John T. Phillips and Rachel C., his wife, to the undersigned, duly executed and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, I will sell at public sale, on the premises, to the highest bidder, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH, A. D. 1889,

at 1 o'clock, p. m., the following desirable real and personal property:

First, That desirable little farm containing

36 ACRES, 1 ROOD AND 36 SQUARE PERCHES OF LAND,

more or less. The improvements thereon are a large and convenient two-story frame Dwelling House, bank barn, corn house, smoke house and all other necessary outbuildings. All the buildings have been erected within the last few years and are in first-class condition. Water convenient to the buildings. There is a large quantity of bearing apple, peach and pear trees and other choice fruit on the place. The land is in a good state of cultivation, and to any person desiring a small home a good opportunity is here offered to secure one.

This property is in Woolery's district, on the Nicodemus road, is about one mile from Bird Hill, and adjoins the lands of Charles Arnold, Hanson Davis and others, is convenient to churches, school, market, &c., and is now in the occupancy of the said John T. Phillips.

Also, at the same time and place, I will sell at public sale the following Personal Property: One Gray Gelding, two Milch Cows, 1 one-horse wagon with bed, Oliver chilled plow, harrow, double and single shovel plow, corn drag, set single harness, sleigh, Champion binder, fly net, lot of collars and bridles, halters, chains, forks, hoes, mattocks, and a number of other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale of the Real Estate.—One-third cash on the day of sale or on the ratification thereof, one-third in six and the other one-third in twelve months from the day of sale; the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

Terms of Sale of Personal Property.—All sums of $5.00 and under, cash, and on all sums above $5.00 a credit of six months will be given, on note, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

ALFRED T. BUCKINGHAM,
Trustee.
Reifsnider & Reifsnider, Solicitors.
P. A. Gorsuch, Auctioneer. fe-9-ts

Assignee of Mortgagee's Sale
OF VALUABLE
RealEstate
Near Finksburg, Carroll County, Md.

BY virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage from David R. Condon to Jeremiah Baile, dated April 1st, 1884, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, Md., in Liber F. T. S. No. 20, folio 305, &c., and by virtue of an assignment of said mortgage from the said Baile, duly executed and recorded, the undersigned, assignee of said mortgage, will offer at public sale, at the Court House door, in the city of Westminster, Carroll county, Md., on

MONDAY, 4th day of MARCH, 1889,

at 2 o'clock, p. m., all that valuable farm containing

185 1-16 ACRES OF LAND,

more or less, which the said David R. Condon obtained by deed from George M. Pearce trustee, dated the 1st day of April, 1884, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, Md., in Liber F. T. S. No. 60, folio 321. This farm is situated about one quarter of a mile from the village of Finksburg, on the Baltimore and Reisterstown turnpike, in Carroll county, and is within a short distance of two stations on the Western Md. Railroad, and conveniently situated with respect to postoffices, churches, schools, &c.

It is improved by a large Frame Dwelling House, Barns, Stable and the usual number of farm outbuildings, all of which are in good condition, having been built since 1870 by the former owner of said property, the late Thomas C. Brown. This property is very desirably situated, possessing the advantages of a good neighborhood and proximity to the city of Baltimore by turnpike and rail.

TERMS OF SALE ARE:—One-half cash on the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof by the Court; the balance or the other one-half of the purchase money to be paid in twelve months from the day of sale, and to be secured by the note of the purchaser with approved security, and to bear interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

DENNIS H. MAYNARD,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
James A. C. Bond, Solicitor.
John T. Diffenbaugh, Auct'r. feb-9-ts

Before Insuring or Renewing Your Insurance

In Mutual Companies, call and see the superior advantages that I offer you in First Class Stock Insurance Companies. I will give you greater privileges and lower rates than they give. Special forms for Farm Property and Household Furniture. Privilege to thresh with steam; Live Stock paid for if killed or crippled anywhere on your premises by lightning. For further information call on or address

JAMES E. SMITH,
Westminster, Md.,

Agent for the North British and Mercantile Insurance Company of Great Britain; Commercial Union Assurance Company of London; Phœnix Insurance Company of Harford, and the Merchants' Insurance Company of Newark, N. J. fe-9

NOTICE!
FIRE INSURANCE!

HAVING accepted the agency of the Royal Fire Insurance Co. (lately represented by Geo. W. Matthews, Esq.,) I hereby invite all who have policies expiring in said Company to call at my office, No. 14 Liberty street, Westminster, opposite the depot, and have them renewed or rewritten.

JAMES SHRIVER,
Agent for Continental, Western, and Royal, three of the best and most responsible stock companies in the country. fe-9-1m

Public Sale
OF A DESIRABLE
LITTLE HOME
Close to Westminster, Md.

BY virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the last will and testament of Elizabeth S. Mitten, late of Carroll county, Maryland, and also by virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county aforesaid, the undersigned will offer at public sale, at his residence on Webster street, in the city of Westminster, Md., on

TUESDAY, MARCH 5TH, A. D. 1889,

at 1 o'clock, p. m., all that piece or parcel of land, containing

ONE-HALF ACRE, MORE OR LESS,

situate on the Gorsuch road several hundred yards from the limits of the city of Westminster, adjoining the lands of John A. Krouse, Lawrence Zepp and others.

The improvements consist of a two-story frame weatherboarded house, with basement and a one-and-a-half-story back-building, and other outbuildings. Upon the premises are a quantity of apple, cherry and peach trees and grape vines. The buildings and fences are in good condition.

Terms of Sale as prescribed by the Court: One-third cash on the day of sale or upon the ratification thereof, and the residue in two equal payments, payable in six and twelve months respectively; the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficient security, bearing interest from the day of sale; or, all cash at the option of the purchaser.

At the same time and place the personal property of said deceased will also be sold; see hand bills.

JOHN F. MITTEN,
Executor.
Charles E. Fink, Attorney.
R. C. Matthews, Auctioneer. fe-9-ts

Trustee's Sale of a Valuable
SMALL FARM!

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, in Equity No. 2693, the subscriber, as Trustee thereby appointed, will offer at public sale, on the premises, in New Windsor district, Carroll county, on the road leading from Warfieldsburg to Denning's post-office, about 1½ miles from the latter place, on

SATURDAY, MARCH 9TH, 1889,

at 1 o'clock, p. m., all the Real Estate whereof Julia A. Kauffman died seized, consisting of a small farm, containing 13 Acres, 1 Rood and 25 Perches of Land, more or less, improved by a Log DWELLING HOUSE, two stories high, containing 8 rooms, with stone basement and a good cellar; a bank barn, 22x28 feet, hog pen, hen and wash houses, dairy, &c. A splendid orchard of different kinds of fruit; never-failing spring of good water. Farm laid off into fields, with good fencing; and the land and buildings in fair condition. It is in a good neighborhood, and offers a good chance for purchasers. Possession can be given by April 1st.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, or ratification thereof by the Court; one-third in one year and the balance in two years from the day of sale, with interest from sale, credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with sureties to be approved by the Trustee.

THEODORE A. KAUFFMAN,
Trustee.
Samuel Crawford, Auctioneer.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

The creditors of said Julia A. Kauffman, deceased, are hereby notified to file their claims, with the proper vouchers thereof, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, in Equity cause No. 2693, within two months from the 9th day of March, 1889.

THEODORE A. KAUFFMAN,
fe-16-ts Trustee.

Private Sale.

A small farm, 2 miles from Uniontown and about ½ mile from Tyrone, and near the Plank Road, adjoining lands of Lewis Myers, Wm. Nusbaum, Josiah Unger and others, containing 56 ACRES OF LAND, improved by a good Frame House, 2½ stories high, containing 7 rooms, with large porches and pantry; good bank barn, 40x60 feet, with good stabling; wagon shed, corn house and buggy house combined; spring house, wash house, hog house, and all necessary outbuildings. The land is under cultivation, well watered, with good fences; orchard of choice fruit.

This property is convenient to churches, schools and market. Terms easy. For further particulars apply to or address

JOSEPH FORMWALT,
fe-16-3t Tyrone, Md.

Private Sale.

THE undersigned offers at private sale his mill property, situated on Gillis Falls, in Franklin district, containing 50 acres of land, part of which is splendid Meadow Land. There is an orchard of fruit on the premises. The improvements thereon consist of a frame Dwelling House, Grist, Hominy, Saw and Shingle Mills, Circular Saw and necessary outbuildings. The Mills are run by a Turbine Water Wheel, and the buildings and machinery are new. The water power is one of the best in the county. Sold only on account of bad health. Terms made to suit purchasers. Any one wishing to view the premises can call upon Jackson Shipley, residing thereon, or the undersigned, at Mt. Airy.

fe-16-3t F. I. LEWIS.

Private Sale.

THE subscriber offers at private sale his property, about 2½ miles from Westminster, on the road leading from the Manchester to the Gorsuch road, containing 35 ACRES, fifteen of which are in growing Timber. The improvements are a good Frame Dwelling, Bank Barn, Smoke and Hog House, and other outbuildings. The land is in a good state of cultivation, under good fencing, has a young orchard, water, &c.

Also 3 ACRES OF LAND, adjoining the above property, improved by a two-story Frame Dwelling House, &c. For further particulars apply to

J. L. STORMS,
sep-22-6m* On the premises.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphan's Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the estate of

ELIZABETH S. MITTEN,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 5th day of September, 1889; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 5th day of February, 1889.

JOHN F. MITTEN,
fe-9-4t Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

THIS is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, in Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of

JESSE SHULTZ,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 4th day of September, 1889; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 4th day of February, 1889.

SIMON J. GRAMMER,
fe-9-4t Administrator W. A.

VALUABLE FARM
At Private Sale,

About 5 miles north of Westminster and containing 92 ACRES OF LAND, more or less. Ten acres is good TIMBER LAND; balance under good cultivation, with Dwelling House, barn and all necessary outbuildings. Spring of never-failing running water. An abundance of fruits of all kinds. If desired the farm can be bought with all the farm stock, machinery and growing grain, included. For further particulars inquire at the SENTINEL office. de-29-tf

Auctioneering.

THE subscriber offers his services as Auctioneer. Charges moderate. Satisfaction guaranteed. Reference given.

J. ALBERT EASTON,
ja-5-3m Winfield, Md.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF A VALUABLE
WAREHOUSE
AND DEPOT LOT,
At York Road Station, on Western Maryland Railroad, Carroll county, Md.

BY virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage from David Heltabidle and wife, dated the 25th day of May, 1872, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, in Liber J. B. B., No. 6, folio 536, the undersigned, Mortgagee, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

Tuesday, 26th day of February, 1889,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., all the right, title and estate of the said David Heltabidle and wife, (being an undivided one-half interest) in and to all that lot of ground situated on the Western Maryland Railroad at York Road Station, in Carroll county, Maryland, containing

3 ACRES, 3 ROODS AND 25 SQUARE PERCHES OF LAND,

more or less, and being the same land which the said David Heltabidle and the undersigned obtained from W. Marshall Mehring and wife by deed dated March 22nd, 1870, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county aforesaid, in Liber J. B. B., No. 38, folio, 185, &c.

This lot is improved by a large Four-story Brick Warehouse 30x80 feet, with basement; also big Market House 14x20 feet. The buildings are in excellent condition. Also by a Railroad Switch, extending thereon, for about 100 yards, and partly elevated, with coal bins thereunder, and constructed at a cost of $1,400. This property is within about 200 yards of the Junction of the Pennsylvania and Frederick R. R., and Western Maryland R. R., and is situated in one of the most fertile portions of the county, and commands a large and lucrative business.

The Terms of Sale as prescribed by said Mortgage, are: One-half of the purchase money cash on the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof by the Court, and the balance in one year from the day of sale, bearing interest from the day of sale, and secured by the note of the purchaser with approved security; or if desired by the purchaser, one-third cash on the day of sale, or on the ratification of the same; one-third in one year and the remaining one-third in two years from the day of sale; the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

JASPER C. SHRINER, Mortgagee.
Jas. A. C. Bond, Solicitor for Mortgagee.
R. C. Matthews, Auctioneer.

N. B.—The undersigned, owner of the other undivided one-half interest in the aforegoing described lot of land, will offer the same on the above day, at the same time and on the same terms as given above, so that the purchaser may acquire a full title to the entire property.

JASPER C. SHRINER,
feb-2-ts

ance to be paid in equal installments of one and two years respectively from the day of sale, with interest, and to be secured to the satisfaction of the trustees.

JAMES A. C. BOND,
CHARLES B. ROBERTS,
Jno. T. Diffenbaugh, Auct. Trustees.
feb-2-ts

Public Sale
OF A DESIRABLE
Dwelling House, Carriage Shop, &c.,
Near Middleburg, Carroll County, Md.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in cause No. 2651 Equity, the undersigned, as Trustees, will sell at public sale, on the premises, on

Wednesday, 27th of February, A. D., 1889,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., a parcel of land containing

100 SQUARE PERCHES, MORE OR LESS.

The improvements thereon consist of a com-

Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county in Liber W. N. M., No. 24, folio 494, &c., the undersigned, Mortgagee, will offer at public sale, on the premises, on

Wednesday, 27th of February, A. D., 1889,

at 1.30, P. M., all the property conveyed in and by said mortgage, consisting of a parcel of land containing

5 ACRES, 1 ROOD AND 22 SQUARE PERCHES OF LAND,

more or less, situate at the village of Frizellburg, Carroll county, Maryland. The improvements thereon consist of a comfortable two-story Frame House, stable, icehouse, and other outbuildings, all in good condition. This property is convenient to schools, churches, and markets.

Terms of Sale.—Cash. If desired, credit terms can be had by applying, before the sale, to the Mortgagee or to Charles E. Fink, Attorney at Law, Westminster, Md.

NOAH SCHAEFFER,
Mortgagee.
Chas. E. Fink, Solicitor.
John T. Diffenbaugh, Auct. feb-2-ts

NO. 2683 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Jeremiah Rinehart, Mortgagee, vs. Theodore C. Shriner and Martha J. Shriner, his wife, Mortgagors.

ORDERED this 8th day of February, A. D. 1889, that the sales of the mortgaged property, made and reported in the above entitled cause by Jeremiah Rinehart, Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Theodore C. Shriner and Martha J. Shriner, his wife, to him, bearing date on the 16th day of March, A. D. 1886, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county in Liber G. A. M., No. 23, folio 300, &c., be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 13th day of March, next: Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, Maryland, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 4th day of March, next.

The Report states the amount of sale of real estate to be $950; also states the amount of sales of personal property to be $17.97.

WM. N. MARTIN, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
fe-9-3t WM. N. MARTIN, Clerk.

NO. 2634 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting in Equity.

William B. Thomas and Charles B. Roberts, Trustees, vs. Mary E. Poblitz and husband.

ORDERED this 15th day of February, 1889, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by Wm. B. Thomas and Charles B. Roberts, Trustees under deed of trust from Mary E. Griffee, who has since intermarried with Charles Poblitz, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 18th day of March next: Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Carroll county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 11th day of March next.

The report states the amount of sale to be $576.60.

WM. N. MARTIN, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
feb-16-3t WM. N. MARTIN, Clerk.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County
NO. 2687 EQUITY.

William B. Thomas, Assignee of Mortgagee, vs. George Mihm.

ORDERED this 8th day of February, A. D. 1889, that the sale of the property mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by William B. Thomas, Assignee of Mortgagee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 11th day of March, next: Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Carroll county once in each of three successive weeks before the 4th day of March, next.

The Report states the amount of sale to be $997.50.

WM. N. MARTIN, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
fe-9-3t WM. N. MARTIN, Clerk.

NO. 2668 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Charles B. Roberts and William B. Thomas, Trustees, versus Louisa Griffee, et al.

ORDERED this 15th day of February, A. D. 1889, that the sales of the property mentioned in these proceedings, made and reported by James A. C. Bond and Charles B. Roberts, Trustees, for the sale of the real estate in said cause decreed to be sold, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 18th day of March, next: Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 11th day of March next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $2,073.75.

WM. N. MARTIN, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
feb-16-3t WM. N. MARTIN, Clerk.

ROAD NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the County Commissioners of Carroll county, at their first meeting after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, for the extension of the public road known as the road leading from the Taneytown and Gettysburg road to William Starner's Mill, over the lands of John Fair, A. N. Hess, Franklin Kephart, C. M. Hess and William A. Linn and terminating at William Starner's Mill, to extend said road over the lands of William Starner to the Frederick county line to intersect a public road about to be laid out on the Frederick county side at that point.

WILLIAM STARNER,
JOHN FAIR,
WILLIAM A. LINN,
D. F. KEPHART,
fe-9-5t C. M. HESS.

Dividend No. 61.

Farmers' and Mechanics' National Bank of Westminster,
Westminster, January 31st, 1889.

THE President and Directors have this day declared a Dividend of

2½ PER CENT.

on the Capital Stock, out of the earnings of the past six months, payable to stockholders of this date after February 10th, 1889, clear of Federal, State and county taxes.

W. A. CUNNINGHAM,
fe-9-3t Cashier.

For Rent.

12-Room House, No. 144 Pennsylvania Avenue. Water, Range, Heater, Gas; all modern conveniences. Rent low. Also, Tenant House on Sunny-Side Farm, 1 mile east of Stonersville; $2 per month. Possession given of the above properties at once. Apply to

E. J. LAWYER,
de-22-tf Westminster, Md.

For Rent.

DWELLING HOUSE, No. 26 W. Green Street, opposite Belle Grove Square, containing 7 rooms, kitchen and double cellar, and is furnished with gas; garden, water and fruit. Possession given February 1st, 1889. For further particulars apply to

J. Q. STITELY,
de-29-tf No. 13 Liberty Street.

Money to Loan on Mortgages.

WM. H. THOMAS, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Westminster, Md. Office with J. A. C. Bond, opposite City Hotel. oct-6

Select Poetry.

PATIENCE WITH THE LIVING.

Sweet friend, when thou and I are gone
  Beyond earth's weary labor,
When small shall be our need of grace
  From comrade or from neighbor;
Passed all the strife, the toil, the care,
  And done with all the sighing,
What tender ruth shall we have gained,
  Alas, by simply dying?

Then lips too chary of their praise
  Will tell our merits over,
And eyes too swift our faults to see
  Shall no defect discover,
Then hands that would not lift a stone
  Where stones were thick to cumber
Our steep hill path, will scatter flowers
  Above our pillowed slumber.

Sweet friend, perchance both thou and I,
  Ere love is past forgiving,
Should take the earnest lesson home;
  Be patient with the living,
To-day's repressed rebuke may save
  Our blinding tears to-morrow;
Then patience, e'en when keenest edge,
  May whet a nameless sorrow!

'Tis easy to be gentle when
  Death's silence shames our clamor;
And easy to discern the best
  Through memory's mystic glamor;
But wise it were for thee and me,
  Ere love is past forgiving,
To take the tender lesson home:
  Be patient with the living.

—CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE.

Select Story.

SEVEN OFFERS.

What Happened While Waiting for the Next.

BY BESSIE CHANDLER.

From GOOD HOUSEKEEPING.

"Well, good night, Elizabeth," said Tom Barbury, and opened the front door and went out.

Miss Elizabeth Lawton stood a few minutes in the hall where he had left her. There was a half smile on her face.

"Poor Tom," she said, "poor, dear old Tom!" Then she sighed a little and went back into the parlor, where the chairs were drawn up suggestively near together in front of the bright grate fire.

"This is the seventh time," she said, softly. "Yes, the seventh time, poor, dear old Tom!"

She looked around the beautiful luxurious room, and wondered how it would seem if she had given a different answer to the seventh asking of *the same question. Would he be* here still? Would she be sitting beside him on the sofa, his arm, perhaps—but Miss Elizabeth blushed slightly, and changed the subject in her own mind. Such thoughts seemed hardly decorous in a maiden lady past thirty.

She rose and walked across the room to ring the bell, but paused as she noticed a letter on one of the little tables. It had come in the evening post, and been brought in while Tom was there, and so she had not read it. She opened it now, and her face grew surprised and a little hard as she read. And yet it certainly contained only pleasant news. Her old friend Helen Armstrong wrote to say that she was going to be married, and wanted her to come and be a bridesmaid at her wedding. Surely there was nothing distressing in this, nothing that should make Elizabeth feel suddenly betrayed and deserted, and yet she did. She had a curious feeling of having locked the front door in the face of an enemy while her friend weakly and deceitfully admitted him at the back.

"Well, well," she ejaculated as she read, "a widower with two children!" and she thought with the rapidity of lightning that Tom Barbury at least was a bachelor, in good and regular standing.

"I am ashamed at my age," the letter ran, "to be so much in love and to feel so happy over it, but if you only knew him, Elizabeth! He is the dearest man, so good and honorable, and so fond of me. Every one repects him, and I am so anxious for you to know him. He is of the firm of Cochrain & Brown, merchants, quite well off and with a lovely home.'

Miss Elizabeth instantly stripped the sugar coating from the pill, and examined it.

"In trade, is he—a dry-goods merchant! Well, I certainly shouldn't have expected it of Helen?" And then the disagreeable thought rose in her mind and confronted her, that the reason, the real reason, why she had said "no" several times to Tom Barbury was because he owned a shoe store. She had never acknowledged this to herself before, it was such a horrid, snobbish reason.

She was ashamed of it: she had covered it up with finer, more dignified explanations and hidden it away, even from herself. But to night it shook them all off, and appeared before her in all its unveiled ugliness.

Yes, she would have married Tom Barbury years ago, except for her silly, false, unwomanly pride. She was ashamed, a little bit, of him.

And what was there to be ashamed of? He was as honest and good as man as ever walked the earth, and as true a gentleman, too.

But the Lawton blood had never run in channels of trade. Elizabeth's father, old Judge Lawton, during all the years that he had sat on the bench, had never known Tom Barbury's father, who was sitting on a bench of a different kind, and making shoes.

Tom had partly washed away the stain which a retail trade seems to bring, with the cleansing waters of a wholesale trade. He did not sit on a bench as his father had done; he did not button customers' shoes. He sat in a little office, with a pen behind his ear, and wrote most of the time, but still to sensitive Elizabeth Lawton, the trail of the serpent was over it all. She used to look at the Lawton crest on her note paper occasionally, and say sorrowfully, to herself: "O, I could never quarter it with a button hole hook?"

She and Tom had grown up together but their family backgrounds were different. In Elizabeth's home ever thing was stately, elegant and refined. She had never been inside Tom Barbury's house, but she had reason to think it was otherwise there. He had a mother and a shadowy sister or two, but they were nebulous and uncertain persons in Elizabeth's fancy, for she had never seen them at a close social range.

With Tom it was different. He was all that was delightful and satisfactory. O why is it that we can not pick a man off from his family tree, as we would a ripe pear or peach, and serve him separately.

It was ten years since Tom had first asked her to marry him, and she had been ashamed to say yes; but she had been ashamed of her shame ever since. Poor, dear old Tom? Her heart warmed toward him to-night, as she read her friend's letter.

There is a very strong *esprit de corps* among unmarried women, who are no longer young. Friendships between them are unusually deep and strong, partly perhaps because the sentiment generally called out by marriage is by them unexpended, and finds its outlet upon their friends. They band together and stand by and uphold one another. They watch each *other anxiously, and honestly mourn* when one of their number deflects from the course, and joins the great majority of the married. They are always a little disappointed in the absconding member, and have a peculiar grieved, lonely feeling for her desertion. They do not grudge her her happiness but they wonder at her choice of it.

Miss Elizabeth experienced all these feelings after she had read Helen Armstrong's letter.

She shivered a little and drew her chair closer to the fire. She felt unreasonably angry with Helen. Presently she rang the bell, and said to the maid who answered it:

"You may put out all the lights and lock up," and then she went up to bed, feeling more lonely than she had felt in many a day.

She went on to her friend's wedding, and found Mr. Cochrain just as she had expected, a stout, middle-aged, uninteresting man. Why is it that we are so apt to be disappointed in our friends' husbands? It seemed as absurd for him to be in love, as it would have been for him to wear a doublet and hose. There was incongruity about it. However Elizabeth smothered these unfavorable impressions in her own bosom, and helped Helen in her wedding preparations with all the sympathy and cheerfulness that she could muster. The excitement of a wedding is very contagious and irresistible, and in spite of herself Elizabeth was seized and swept away by it. What with the unpacking of the wedding presents, the arranging of dresses, the decorating of the house, and the constant meeting with other people, all filled with the same enthusiasm and interest, Elizabeth found herself full of tremulous excitement. Her heart beat and thumped unreasonably and when she finally walked up the aisle before her friend on the night of the wedding she was as full of emotion as any girl of eighteen.

She helped Helen change her white satin gown for the plain, little traveling dress and it was then, while they were alone, together, that Helen suddenly said:

"Elizabeth, whatever became of Tom Barbury?"

Elizabeth colored. "He is at home," she said, shortly.

Helen was arranging her hat, and did not look at her, but said, quietly: "I always thought he was such a very nice fellow!"

Elizabeth was silent. It was only a few minutes afterward that Helen said good-bye. She threw her arms around Elizabeth's neck and kissed her again and again. "Good-bye, dear," she said, and then she looked straight at Elizabeth out of her wet grey eyes, and added: "Oh, Elizabeth, I am so happy!"

Somehow Elizabeth felt that she had received the charge to "Go and do likewise." She tried to think it was by accident that Helen had mentioned Tom's name, but accident or not, the thought persistently stayed in her mind that Helen believed it would be a good thing if she should marry Tom Barbury. She could not rid herself of the impression that she had somehow received Helen's consent and blessing.

She thought of Tom a great deal; she couldn't help it. He was so superior to Helen's husband, in fact he was superior to most of the men she met. She began to feel guilty that she had not appreciated him more.

On the long journey home she indulged in a great many day dreams. What if she should marry Tom after all? Her home was absolutely her's in her own right. Of course he would come there and live. Perhaps he would give up his business and look after her's. She was sure there must be plenty to do, for lawyers were always bothering her, bringing her some papers or other to sign. But even if he kept on at his old business, which had certainly been a good and profitable one to him, well, it wasn't so dreadful after all; and for the first time in ten years Miss Elizabeth mentally sniffed shoe leather without finding the odor disagreeable.

Then the thought darted across her mind that perhaps Tom would never ask her again. She nervously and hurriedly tried to remember how he had taken her last refusal. He certainly hadn't seemed crushed by it, but perhaps a man gets used to that sort of thing after awhile. She thought of the first time, ten years ago, when he had told her that he loved her, and she had declined to take his honest, manly love. Ah, he felt badly enough then! Miss Elizabeth groaned.

"I wish, I wish that I had married him then," she said to herself, "I would be a happier and better woman to-day if I had."

Then she thought of all the other times. Sometimes he had asked her seriously, sometimes almost as if it were a joke. This last time, she remembered that his kind, good face scarcely changed at all when she said:

"No, dear Tom, it can never be." What if he should never ask her again! But she reassured herself. Of course he would, why it was a habit of his that had almost become chronic! And the very next time she would—well, she wasn't sure—but she might say "yes."

It never occurred to her that it was rather a selfish thing, to give him her hand now because she was getting a little old and lonely, and needed him.

He came to see her as soon as she came home, and heard all about her visit and the wedding, listening with that look of pleasure which his face always wore when she talked to him.

As he rose to go he said:

"Elizabeth, we have a little girl, a sort of cousin staying with us. She is very young and shy, and I'm afraid she isn't having a very good time. May I bring her to see you, and will you help me to make it pleasant for her?"

"Certainly, Tom," said Elizabeth, graciously, let me help you all I can. I shall be very glad to do so."

She thought afterward that it was just like Tom, to be thinking of some one's else pleasure. He brought the little cousin, a pretty girl of about eighteen, with a face as innocent as a child, and soft, timid manners, that won one's heart.

Miss Elizabeth invited her to dinner, she gave a little party for her to introduce her to the young people of her own age, she took her to drive and had her come and practice her music on her own grand piano. She was very kind and sweet to her, and all for Tom's sake.

"He has asked me to help him," she thought, "and I will show him that I can give my help freely and gladly."

The only trouble was that she so seldom saw Tom alone now, for Lucy was nearly always with him.

"But never mind," thought Miss Elizabeth, "she will go home before long and then we will drop back into our old ways."

One night, however, Tom came alone, and they sat by the fire as they had done so often. She was a little stiff and formal in her manners, for her thoughts about Tom made her conscious now that she was alone with him. She found it hard to be as easy and natural as she had always been, but he did not seem to notice it.

Suddenly he reached over and took her hand. Every drop of blood seemed to fly from Elizabeth's body. She was frightened, she had not expected it so soon. She had not thought he would ask her again for two or three months at least, but there was no mistaking that look and that deep, earnest tone. She had seen and heard them too often not to know what they meant now.

"Elizabeth," he said, slowly, "I have something that I want to say to you."

Her heart beat wildly, she nerved herself, more for her answer than for his question.

"Yes," she thought, "I shall tell him that I will marry him. I am not afraid, I know I shall be very happy; how glad he will be!"

"You have always been the best friend I have had, Elizabeth," he went on; "you know how I have always loved you. Years ago, when we were both younger, I asked you if you would marry me, and I have asked you many times since. But you have always given me the same answer, and so as I could not have your love, I have prized your friendship above everything. And this is the reason that I come to you, before any one else, to tell you that my little cousin Lucy has told me—that is—we are engaged!"

He squeezed Elizabeth's hand, and looked at her half bashfully, while his happiness shone in his face.

For a moment the world grew black and swam dizzily to Elizabeth. Then she rallied. The Lawton blood of which she was so proud didn't run in her veins for nothing. She held Tom's hand firmly and cordially, she looked at him squarely and her voice was clear and ringing as she said:

"O, Tom," I am very glad! She is a lovely girl, so young and sweet and pretty. She brings you everything—her youth, her beauty, and I know her fresh, true love, and you deserve them all! I am so glad! I know you will be happy."

Tom's face fairly beamed.

"Dear Elizabeth," he said, you have been so kind to her. She loves you already like a——"

"Mother," said Elizabeth, heroically.

"O, no!" said Tom, gallantly. "Sister, a dear elder sister. We can never thank you enough for all that you have done."

Fortunately, Tom did not stay very much longer, after he had made his astonishing announcement, or Elizabeth might have lost her hard-won self control. As it was, as soon as he had gone, she threw herself down on the sofa, and laughed and laughed. To be sure it was a half-hysterical laughter, which the tears were ready to follow.

"O," she gasped, "this is the time that I was going to accept him, is it? O, the satire of it! The irony of it! This is the time I was going to send him away so happy! Well, I have;" and she laughed again.

Suddenly she sat up and was calm.

"It serves me right," she said, "it serves me quite right. I have been ashamed of him, and have trifled with his love all these years. Even now, when I had made up my mind to accept him, I didn't love him with one-tenth the true love that this young girl will give him. I have been selfish, selfish through it all! But," and here her laughter broke out again, "I will never be so sure of anything again in my life, as I was of my next offer!"

RAILWAY SIGNALS.

One pull of the bell cord signifies "stop."

Two pulls mean "go ahead."

Three pulls mean "back up."

One whistle signifies "down brakes."

Two whistles signify, "off brakes."

Three whistles mean "back up."

Continued whistles indicate "danger."

Short rapid whistles, "a cattle alarm."

A sweeping parting of the hands on a level with the eyes means "go ahead."

A slowly sweeping meeting of the hand over the head signifies "back slowly."

A downward motion of the hands, with extended arms, signifies "stop."

A beckoning motion with one hand indicates "back."

A red flag waved up the track indicates "danger."

A red flag by the roadside means "danger ahead."

A red flag carried on a locomotive signifies "an engine following."

A red flag raised at a station means "stop."

A lantern swung at right angle across the track means "stop."

A lantern raised and lowered vertically is a signal to "start."

A lantern swung in a circle signifies "back the train."

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A citizen bought himself a book the other day, and wrote this on the fly leaf: "Presented to John Jones by himself as a mark of esteem."

THE PROVIDENCE OF GOD.

It has been said that an honest atheist does not exist. We might go farther and say that it is impossible for one to be a serious student of human life and not recognize the sustaining, guiding, governing hand of the God of providence, as well as the hand of the Creator. We see the providence of God in its direct application to men and their affairs. However confused the currents of human affairs may seem in their present state, however tangled the web of life may appear from our standpoint, yet in the review of a long period of human history, equally confused and opposing currents appear blended and directed in one channel and for one purpose, and the providence of God is distinctly seen shaping and guiding the varied streams through all their course.

So, too, of individual life it is true that "Man's goings are of the Lord." He does not start in life alone; it is not of his own design that he starts at all. He is placed in this world and led through it by an unseen hand. His early training, his education, his whole course of life from the cradle to the grave is passed under the providential care and guidance of his Creator. This becomes more evident when we see how few men carry out that plan of life which had been marked out for them by their parents or by themselves.

How different, too, are the results of effort from that which was contemplated at the outset of a career! A humble, unknown, friendless orphan is raised to the highest point of distinction and prosperity. Another man, with every advantage which wealth and position and friends could afford, sinks into obscurity and neglect. Much is doubtless due to individual character, but yet how great the diversity in the success of persons who are similar in their characters, attainments, and advantages! Some men are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them. The race is not always to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, nor riches to men of understanding. So universally it is acknowledged to be true, even by those who are irreligious and even profane, that "It is not in man that walketh to direct his steps," that it has become a proverb that "man is the creature of circumstances."

We need not go beyond personal experience to find abundant illustration of this providential care of God. They are few who have not been led in a way that they knew not; few who, if piously inclined, cannot, in looking back over their past lives, see *that the finger of God plainly pointed* out the path in which they were to walk; who have not felt the strong grasp of God's hand holding them back from evil, his words of love drawing them to himself, and his light shining into their hearts, and on that road which he had made straight and plain for their weak and stumbling feet, or thorny or difficult to test their self-confidence, and bring them to a humble and patient reliance upon the only true strength.

How often have those plans that seemed the best, been frustrated; prospects which were bright with the rainbow of hope been darkened by clouds of misfortune, purposes formed for life been blown away like chaff before the tempest, ways of sorrow opened before us wherein our feet were forced to tread, and avenues closed forever, in which we had deemed that he might walk joyful without interruption! So, too, the blessings which have brightened our lives have come from the most unexpected quarters, and often through our greatest and sorest trials. Our success has been the most complete when we despaired of accomplishing anything, and an enterprise which we were almost ready to abandon has been productive of sudden profit and advantage. Every one who reviews his life with religious reflection is surprised to see how little influence his own plans have exerted upon that life, and how evident it is that "there's a divinity that shapes our ends." In spite of our conscious freedom our firmest decisions have been overruled, we have done the very things that we pledged ourselves not to do, and have neglected or forgotten those things which were once foremost in our thoughts. God has directed all our efforts, marked out our course, and introduced us to new and unthought-of scenes. Infidels call this directing power "chance," the irreligious call it "fate" or "accident," but the Christian humbly agrees with the wise King of Israel, "A man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord directeth his steps."

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Little Brown-stone Boy (sighing)—"Oh, dear!" Fond Mother—"What is it, my darling? What do you want?" Little Brown-stone Boy—"I want to want something."

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Customer (impatiently): Hello, there! What's sugar this morning? Grocer (hurrying up from the cellar, absent-mindedly); Same as usual, glucose and sand.

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Boston girl—Uncle Gawge, do you think my photographs do me justice? Uncle Gawge (critically)—Yes Emeline, justice without mercy.