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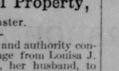
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ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF VALUABLE
Personal Property.

BY virtue of the power contained in a mortgagee from Adam Giggard to Samuel Mathias and Paul Giggard, dated August 17, 1894, and recorded among the Chattel and Bond Records of Carroll county, in liber B. F. C. No. 16, folio 223, etc., and duly assigned to the undersigned, I will sell at Public Sale, on the premises of John W. Warner, now occupied by said Adam Giggard, on the road leading from Union Mills to Bachman's Valley, about two miles southeast of Union Mills, on

SATURDAY, 5TH OF JUNE, 1897,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following goods and chattels:



1 Bay Mare, 4 Milch Cows, 1 Sow, 3 Shoats

1 Mower, 1 Deering Binder, 1 Crown Grain Drill, (good as new,) 1 Corn Planter, 1 Horse Rake, 1 Sulky Plow, 1 Horse Power, 2 Furrow Plows, 1 Spring Harrow, 1 Shovel Plow, 1 Corn Fork, 1 Stick Wagon, 2 sets of Breechbands, 4 sets of Lead Harness, 1 double set of Harness, 1 set of Buggy Harness, 6 Bridles, lot of Collars, Halters, etc., also a lot of other farming implements and smaller articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS OF SALE.—All sums of $10.00 and less cash; on all sums above $10.00 a credit of 3 months, to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with sufficent security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

IVAN L. HOFF,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
my-15-4t

Public Sale
OF VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE,
In and near Westminster, Md.

By virtue of a power of attorney, the undersigned will sell at public sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, JUNE 5th, 1897,

at 1.30 o'clock, P. M., all the real estate of which the late Samuel P. Everhart died seized and possessed, as follows, to-wit:

1st. A Lot on corner of Main street and Bishop alley, in the city of Westminster, Md., containing

¼ ACRE OF LAND, More or Less.



The improvements consist of a very comfortable Brick Dwelling House, with nine rooms, two pantries, and cellar under the entire building. Also Brick Barn, and other necessary out-buildings, wells of never failing water at house and barn; also choice fruit on said lot.

2nd. A lot on Green street in said city, immediately in rear of first lot, containing

¼ ACRE OF LAND, More or Less.

The improvements consist of a large barn, 60 by 40 feet, with wagon shed attached. Each of the above lots is subject to an annual ground rent of one dollar.

3rd. 10 ACRES OF LAND,

more or less, about ¾ of a mile from Westminster, Md., and adjoining lands of Lawrence Zepp and others. About three acres is in timber.

4th. 14 ACRES AND 19 PERCHES

of land, more or less, on old Baltimore road, about ½ mile from Westminster, Md., and adjoining lands of Lawrence Zepp and Mrs. Sarah Brown. Above land is in an excellent state of cultivation.

5th. 33 ACRES, 1 ROOD, 9 Perches

of land, more or less, on the Washington road, about ½ mile from Westminster, Md., adjoining lands of Joshua Gist, Samuel Blizzard and Frederick N. Hook, and immediately opposite the farm of Thomas Turfle. The above land is in an excellent state of cultivation. All growing crops reserved.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash on the day of sale; the residue in two equal payments of six and twelve months, with interest thereon from day of sale, to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

GEO. Y. EVERHART,
JOHN J. REESE,
Attorneys for heirs of Samuel P. Everhart, deceased.
F. A. Gorsuch, Auctioneer. my-15-ts

MORTGAGEES' SALE
OF A
Valuable Hotel Property,
In Westminster.

BY virtue of the power and authority contained in a deed of mortgage from Louisa J. Marsh and John Marsh, her husband, to William B. Thomas and Charles E. Fink, Mortgagees, dated April 1st, 1895, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll County, in Liber B. F. C., No 36, folio 340, &c., the undersigned mortgagees will offer at public sale, on the premises, on

MONDAY, THE 7TH DAY OF JUNE,

1897, at one o'clock, p. m., all that valuable Hotel Property, on the southeast corner of Main and Centre streets, in the city of Westminster, in Carroll county, Maryland, fronting about 60 feet on Main street and about 198 on Centre street, improved by a three-story Brick House, a two-story Frame House attached,



containing 25 rooms; large frame barn and stable; this is one of the best hotel stands in Westminster, centrally located between the Railroad Depot and the Court House, and has enjoyed nearly all the country trade and is patronized by nearly all people attending court. This property would make a first class store stand.

Also at the same time and place the undersigned, by virtue of said power in said mortgage, will also offer at public sale a large lot of personal property now used in said hotel, namely: 18 sets of bedroom furniture, including in each set, bed, bedding, washstand, bureau and chairs; one set of dining-room furniture, including tables, buffets or sideboards, chairs, stove, china and tableware; one set of parlor furniture, (hair cloth) including sofa, chairs, centre table, standing clock and stove; one set of office furniture, including chairs, table, desk and stove; one set of barroom furniture and fixtures, and one set of kitchen furniture, including tables, chairs, range and cooking utensils. Mr. John Marsh, the present occupant of the property, will cheerfully show it to any one desiring to look over it.

Terms of Sale for the Personal Property: All sums of five dollars and under, cash; on all sums above five dollars a credit of six months will be given upon the purchaser giving his note with approved security bearing interest from the day of sale.

For the Real Estate:—One-third cash upon the day of sale or upon the ratification thereof; one-third in one year and 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; or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

WILLIAM B. THOMAS,
CHARLES E. FINK,
J. Frank Long, Solicitor. Mortgagees.
my-15-ts R. C. Matthews Auct.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

EPHRAIM BANKERT,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 4th day of December, 1897; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 4th day of May, 1897.

ANNA M. BANKERT,
my-8-4t Administratrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

SAMUEL MATHIAS,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscriber, on or before the 4th of December, 1897; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 4th day of May, 1897.

JACOB L. MATHIAS,
my-8-4t Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

JAMES H. SHIPLEY,

late of Carroll county, deceased. All persons having claims against the deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof legally authenticated, to the subscribers, on or before the 3rd of December, 1897; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 3rd day of May, 1897.

FRANCIS W. SHIPLEY,
J. WILBER SHIPLEY,
my-8-4t Administrators.

Wm. F. Derr. | Wm. F. Derr. | Wm. F. Derr.

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Ladies' custom and hand made Oxford Ties, in every style toe and tip, at $1.75 and $2.25, that are truly worth one quarter more than the price.

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AT 39 CTS. PAIR.

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50 pieces High Grade Stylish Dress Goods, including every popular material, all our 75c goods,

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15 pieces Beautiful Quality printed India Silks, in all colors, also Black Brocade Taffeta Silk, 24 inches wide, the 75c quality, on sale

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100 pieces New and Beautiful Dimities, Jaconets, and Lawns, all pretty styles, real 12½c value,

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Fine Beautiful French Organdie, in Lovely Floral designs in all colors, the 25c goods,

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20 pieces New Beautiful Black Dress Goods, all pure wool goods, every desirable thing including the New Grenadine Effects that we have sold for 75c,

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Black Figured Mohair in a lovely scroll design, 40 inches wide,

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Special Notice.

Persons having Real Estate for sale or exchange and wishing to dispose of the same will do well in conferring with

GEORGE W. ALBAUGH,
Westminster, Md.

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dec-26-96-1y

IMPORTANT
Announcement!

Change of Business Method at
S. P. Engler & Son's Mill,
New Windsor.

The undersigned hereby announce that on and after April 1st, 1897, they will conduct their business, at New Windsor, upon a

STRICTLY CASH BASIS.

☞ Goods will be sold only for cash.

This method will enable us to make a decided reduction in prices, to the advantage of all purchasers.
mr-20-2m* S. P. ENGLER & SON.

BEST and Cheapest Refrigerators, at GILBERT & GEBR.

NO. 84 INSOLVENTS.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

In the matter of the Insolvent Estate of Edward Ridgely.

ORDERED, this 21st day of May, A. D. 1897, that the account of the Auditor, filed in this cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 7th day of June next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

True Copy.—Test:
my-22-2t BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

NO. 86 INSOLVENTS.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

In the matter of the Petition of Henry W. Crook for the benefit of the Insolvent Laws of the State of Maryland.

Ordered, this 13th day of May, A. D. 1897, that the 27th day of August next be and the same is hereby fixed for Henry W. Crook, petitioner for the benefit of the Insolvent Laws of this State in the above entitled case, to appear in said court, and answer such interrogatories or allegations as his creditors, endorsers or sureties may propose or allege against him; and that the said petitioner, or Joseph D. Brooks, his permanent trustee, shall give notice thereof to the creditors, endorsers or sureties of said insolvent petitioner, by causing a copy of this order to be published in some newspaper published in Carroll county, for five successive weeks before the 9th day of August next.

BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

Published at the request of Joseph D. Brooks, Permanent Trustee.

True Copy,—Test:
my-15-5t BENJ. F. CROUSE, Clerk.

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Attention Farmers and Fruit GROWERS.

I have over 50,000 No. 1. Peach Trees for Fall of '97 and Spring of '98; and 20,000 Apple Trees for sale. I will sell low for cash. Also all kinds of

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I have all the leading varieties the orchard men recommend.

☞ Send for price list, or come and examine my stock. It will be ready for delivery after OCTOBER 20th, 1897.

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Sawed Lumber.

THE undersigned is prepared to fill orders for Sawed Oak Lumber of all kinds, for House and Barn Frames, Fence Boards, Palings &c. I have for sale White Oak Lumber, in any length or thickness. All orders will be delivered if desired.

WILLIAM Y FRIZZELL,
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Wagon for Sale.

A good as new Canvass Top Spring Wagon, with Iron Axles. Heavy enough for 2 horses. Suitable for a farmer. Will be sold cheap.

my-1-4t Apply at this Office.

Grant's Equanimity.

General Horace Porter, in his "Campaigning With Grant," in the May "Century," says: Throughout this memorable year, the most important as well as the most harassing of his entire military career, General Grant never in any instance failed to manifest those traits which were the true elements of his greatness. He was always calm amidst excitement, and patient under trials. He looked neither to the past with regret, nor to the future with apprehension. When he could not control he endured, and in every great crisis he could "convince when others could not advise." His calmness of demeanor and unruffled temper were often a marvel even to those most familiar with him. In the midst of the most exciting scenes he rarely raised his voice above its ordinary pitch, or manifested the least irritability. Whether encountered at noonday or awakened from sleep at midnight, his manner was always the same; whether receiving the report of an army commander or of a private soldier serving as a courier or a scout, he listened with equal deference and gave it the same strict attention. He could not only discipline others, but he could discipline himself. If he had lived in ancient days he might, in his wrath, have broken the twelve tables of stone; he never would have broken the laws which were written on them.

Mend your fences now, politicians mend theirs in the fall.

MOUTH MARVELS.

The largest mouth, proportioned to the size of the animals, is that of the frog. The mouth of the leech is a powerful sucker, which will sustain many times its weight. The tongue of the toad and frog is prehensile. By means of these animals seize and hold their prey. The mouth of the lobster is small and he must tear his food to pieces with his claws before he can devour it. The mouth of the octopus is in the centre of his body and is provided with a beak closely resembling that of a parrot. The teeth of fish, like the teeth of most animals, are not fastened to the bone, but are held in sockets.

The color of the sweet pea, according to a contributor to the Medical record, "is so offensive to flies that it will drive them out of the sick room, though it is not usually in the slightest degree disagreeable to the patient." It is, therefore, recommended that sweet peas be placed in the sick room during fly time.

A wild boar roasted whole was the chief dish at a state dinner recently given by the prince of Montenegro. It was brought in smoking hot. Inside the boar was a turkey and inside the turkey was a snipe which had been shot by the host.

The man or woman has a high order of courage who can cheerfully wear old clothes until new ones can be paid for.

Select Story.

Written for the SENTINEL.

JOHN BARRISTON;

A Carroll County Love Story.

CONCLUDED FROM LAST WEEK.

It was an awful moment in the life of the poor girl and left an impress of sorrow, the effects of which time has not effaced.

It seemed to her she could have better borne the knowledge of his certain death than the cruel suspense awakened by the brief record.

Imagination pictured him lying in some lonely spot, perishing from wounds, hunger and thirst. She afterwards declared that she distinctly heard his voice calling in feeble, agonized tones for help, and felt that madness would seize her if no relief came to her overwrought brain.

Then the unconsciousness of a violent fever of the brain ensued and she knew no more until it abated and left her helpless as a babe. But it was months before she could bear to ask whether any tidings had come concerning her missing lover. When answered in the negative she tacitly accepted the theory of his death and took up the burden of her joyless life, with conscientious fortitude.

It was pitiful to see her perform some household duty with that sad, hopeless look of constrained resignation on her face.

John's sad fate and Essie's grief greatly affected Mr. Royston also. He had loved John sincerely for his own sake, and his sense of personal bereavement was intense. It was not long until his form was bowed and his once vigorous step became feeble and halting.

Just then Barton Henstow saw his opportunity. He loved Essie, and believing she could be induced to marry him for her father's sake, endeavored by every means in his power to make himself necessary to Mr. Royston's comfort.

His plan was well conceived and he pursued it persistently, until Mr. Royston came to lean upon him as the mainstay of his old age, and entrusted him with many important affairs. These confidential relations gave the young man free access to the elder's papers and correspondence, a fact which subjected him at length to grievous temptation and sin.

He maintained toward Essie the attitude of a devoted friend, or brother, never obtruding upon her grief, but ever watchful of her comfort.

Thus eighteen months passed away. The war was over and the mighty armies of the nation disbanded, when Barton venturned to approach Mr. Royston with the story of his love for Essie, and the hope he cherished, of making her his own. To his joy he found her father in sympathy with his wishes, and willing to use his fatherly influence with Essie in behalf of the marriage.

With tender solicitude her attention was called to Barton's proposal, which she received with unnatural calmness and without the slightest emotion answered:

"Why not, father? You need the care of a son. John is dead, and the love of my heart is dead with him; but I will marry Barton for your sake and give him a wife's faithful duty. Love I cannot give him. It was John's in time and will be his in eternity."

And so, without apparent difficulty it was arranged that at any time after the expiration of two years from the date of the fatal tidings of John's loss, the marriage might be consummated. When the two years were ended Barton urged the speedy fulfillment of the engagement and the wedding was set for an early day in September.

And then, a singular change occurred in Essie. She had acted, in her consent to the marriage and her consequent conduct, almost as an automaton; but, as the date of the wedding approached, she became conscious of an intense aversion to it. She would have given worlds to recall her promise. But no way of escape appeared and she prepared to make the sacrifice.

The friends of the prospective bridegroom observed that he was also restless and ill at ease, as if burdened with anxious care; but they forebore any comment upon it.

"Time and tide wait for no man."

The wedding day arrived, and with it numerous friends to witness the ceremony. The Royston carriage was sent to Westminster to meet other guests coming by rail from the western section of the county. The driver, an old colored man named Jonas, had been for years a farm servant of John Barriston, and was tenderly attached to John's memory. The service in which he was engaged was therefore not to his mind, as he had known of the engagement between Essie and John, and as the carriage rolled towards the station he soliloquized concerning his own part in the affair, somewhat in this fashion:

"Nice bisniss dis you is in Ole Jonas—drivin' dis yer kerridge fur people to come an' see Miss Essie marrid to dat Barton Henstow when she done b'long to Mr. John. But dey say Mr. John, he daid. Dis nigger don' b'lieve it. Pears like dey mout wait a little wile longer, befo' dey so done sure 'bout it."

Arriving at Westminster an hour in advance of the train he was to meet, Jonas secured his horses and paced up and down the long station platform, muttering his dissatisfaction with things in general and the impending event in particular.

While he was thus engaged a west going train arrived, and Jonas looked curiously at the passengers for Westminster as they were leaving the cars, at the same time continuing his soliloquy.

"S'pose Mr. John on dis yer train. Guess it make a ruction sure enuff. If he 'live Miss Essie done wif dat Barton Henstow I reckon. She jes dyin' for Mr. John. Bress de Lo'd! who dat?"

He uttered this exclamation in the form of a question, as a pale, attenuated and feeble man was supported from the train by the conductor.

"Fo' God! if 'tisn't Mr. John hese'f," and Jonas, overcome by emotion approached the young man with both hands outstretched and tears raining down his sable cheeks.

And John Barriston it really was, but only a shadow of the old time John.

He was soon recognized by many of the bystanders and given such a greeting as quickened his pulses with pleasure.

Jonas did not long permit the ovation, however, very wisely concluding that there might be too much of it. He therefore quickly said:

"Mr. John, dis 'citement too much fur you. Come 'long wif me. I'se jes yer wif Mr. Royston's kerridge, an' I'll take you home."

Glad to escape from the increasing crowd, John assented and Jonas started homeward without the wedding guests.

"Spec' dem weddin' folks kin wait," he muttered, as the purpose of his errand to the train occurred to his mind.

It had all been arranged so quickly that John did not reflect on the cause of Jonas' presence at the station with the Royston carriage, until he heard the low muttered words. Then he insisted upon an explanation, and the whole story was revealed.

"But don' worry you'se'f Mr. John. Miss Essie only gwine to marry dat Barton cause he bin doin' everythink for Mr. Royston, an' de ole man jes trus' 'im and 'pen' upon 'im, an' dey all b'lieve you's daid. Miss Essie jes pale and cold ever since dat time dey hear de news dat you was desputly wounded an' missin', ontwil lat'ly she seem to be growin' wild wif trubble. Dis yer idear of marryin' Barton Henstow jes killin' her. Dats really so, Mr. John, an' you better b'leive it."

Thus the old man talked on until John interrupted him with the question:

"Jonas, who is living on my place now?"

"Lo'd bress you, Mr. John! Don' you know dat yer cousin, Sam. Carman, done 'minister on de 'state, 'an bein' de onliest 'air, jes tuck it fur his own, an' is now livin' dar?"

"Then drive me there, Jonas. I cannot go to Mr. Royston's to-day."

Much against his will, Jonas was compelled to comply, and turned his horses into the road leading to John's old home.

While these events were transpiring Essie was becoming more restless and distressed as the hour set for the marriage approached. At last unable to bear the presence of the friends gathered to witness the ceremony, she left the house and walked aimlessly across her father's fields, her steps involuntarily carrying her in the direction of the Barriston homestead. She wandered on until she reached the road over which she saw Jonas driving with his unexpected passenger. The familiar appearance of the carriage first aroused her from the abstraction of painful thought: but there was scarcely time for wonder at Jonas' disobedience of orders, before the vehicle was stopped beside her and she glanced curiously at its occupant. Then a look of surprise and joy broke over her face and she cried, "Oh, Merciful heaven! can it be the dead alive again? Oh John, John! am I awake, or is this only a dream come to torture me with a vision of paradise as the gates of despair are opening to receive me?"

"No, no, Essie, my darling, my dear love, it is no dream. It is I, indeed. Jonas, help me descend from the carriage."

But Essie anticipated his purpose, and seeing how worn and ill he looked, was quickly by his side with his dear head pillowed on her heart and her arms clasping him with passionate energy.

On his part John could only murmur words of tender endearment, while a sense of infinite content pervaded his whole being.

The scene was witnessed by Jonas with estatic delight, and he conversed with himself concerning the outcome of the affair, according to his usual habit, in the most effusive manner.

"Mr. John done spile dat weddin', sure. Miss Essie carn't marry dat Barton now. Didn't I done tole Mr. John, she don' care a button fur dat man. Golly but I's glad!"

He was interrupted by the voice of Essie ordering him to turn the carriage and drive to her father's.

To this John feebly objected, but yielded at once when Essie assured him she could not be parted from him so quickly—and duty called her home.

Jonas gladly obeyed the order and they reached Mr. Royston's just as some of the guests were coming from the house to look for Essie whose strange conduct and absence had filled them with alarm.

They were promptly informed of the real state of the case, and Mr. Royston, hearing their exclamations of wonder and surprise, came to the door to see his daughter supporting the form of a young man who walked feebly towards him.

"Father! oh, father!" cried Essie, "it is John Barriston, come back to us as from the dead."

The old man opened his arms and folded the returning soldier to his heart, while tears of joy coursed down his furrowed cheeks. He did not speak, but his action was an eloquent welcome.

The wedding guests looked on, still wondering what the end would be; and as they stood in expectation a neighboring farmer's lad approached and handed Essie a note. She read it hastily and handed it to her father saying:

"Dear father, this concerns ourselves alone. Let it be kept a secret from all but John."

The note was from Barton Henstow, without date and read:

"DEAR ESSIE:—I saw your meeting with John Barriston a few moments ago and know that my fate is sealed. I will see you no more, but must confess the wrong I have done you. I have known for months that John was alive. I learned it by his letters to you which I took from the postoffice and withheld from you. I hoped he would not return before our marriage, and I could not bear to give you up, although I knew you did not love me. Forgive and pity me for I love you truly.

Yours in despair,
BARTON HENSTOW.

Mr. Royston read the note and then turning to his guests, said:

"My friends, Barton Henstow ha learned of John's return and resign his pretensions to Essie's hand. But there shall still be a wedding here today. David Anthor," addressing one of the guests, "will you accompany Jonas to Westminster and obtain a license for the marriage of John Barriston and Essie Royston?"

Mr. Anthor promptly assented and set out at once on his mission. Jonas was strictly charged not to forget the expected guests again, but was so full of delight that he would probably have returned without them, if Mr. Anthor had not reminded him of his duty at the proper moment.

The marriage was solemnized by the father of the bride according to the simple forms of his church. The bridegroom, pale but with an expression of exalted happiness on his face, leaned on the arm of the bride, whose eyes were ever and anon lifted to his face with glances of ineffable love. When the ceremony was ended she quickly said, "Now, John, I can nurse you back to health again."

He stooped and kissed her tenderly, whispering, "God bless you my own sweet wife, now and forever."

Essie's promise must have been fulfilled, for I saw John Barriston in Westminster a few days ago, and he is now a hale, strong man, past middle age. He is known far and wide as one of nature's true noblemen. When I saw him last he was accompanied by his eldest son, a young man who strongly resembles his mother, and is a son of whom any father and mother might well be proud.

Daniel Royston was gathered to his father, some fifteen years ago, at a ripe old age. He lived long enough to be convinced that John and Essie would never be estranged from each other by their differences in regard to questions theological. They know they are agreed in trusting to the saving power of Divine grace, and each respects the other's opinions on the minor details of their creeds.

Barton Henstow left the county the day after Essie's marriage and has never returned.

Old Jonas still lives, in extreme old age, a superannuated servant in the family of his old friend and employer, and never wearies of relating how "Mr. John spiled dat weddin'."

"Oh, but," says some one, "where was John Barriston during the year he was given up as dead?"

Gentle reader, that is a question the answer to which would make a very long story. An interesting story it would be, too, but it must be reserved for future telling. Essie knows it well, and has often told it to her children with a glow of admiration for the heroism, and a throb of pity for the suffering it reveals.

THE END.

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