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Owing to the late season we have decided to begin a special sale on
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25 pieces of 40 to 50c Dress Goods, 25c.
10 pieces of 75 at 50c, and 10 pieces of $1.00 grade, at 65c.
1000 yards of Calico at 3½ to 4c.
1000 yards of Percale 5 to 8c, the 10 to 12c grade.
1000 yards Hamburg Edge 1-3 less than regular price.
100 pairs of Ladies' Fine Shoes half price, Cavitt Bro. make.
100 pairs of Misses and Children's Shoes, 1 to 2, 50 to 75, $2 50 to $3.00 grade to go at 1.25.
30 pairs Plow Shoes, to go for 75c.
25 pairs Boys' Shoes, 2 to 4, for 50c.
50 to 75 good style Gents' Yacht Straw Hats, 25 to 40c., were, 50c to $1.00.
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50 Laundried Shirts, fine Percales, 7 c to 1.00 grade, 38 to 50c.
10 pieces of Matting for 10 to 11c.
300 yards of Fancy Silk.
15 to 20 Gents' Suits at 1-3 to 1-2 regular price.
Come and see us as we propose to make this a great sale.
A small present given with each bill from 5.00 up.
Thanks for past patronage, we hope to have you deal with us often during the season.
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NO. 3614 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.

Kenley E. Carr and Alice Carr, his wife, and others, plaintiffs, vs. Elmer G. Carr, Harvey F. Carr and Carrie Carr, defendants.

ORDERED, this 10th day of June, A. D. 1898, 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 27th day of June inst.; provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
True copy.—Test:
jn11-2t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

CHAS. E. FINK,
Attorney at Law
And Solicitor in Chancery
Will attend PROMPTLY to all legal business. Office, No. 19 Court st., Westminster, Md.

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☞ We close at 6 P. M., [Except Saturdays.] ☜

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of the big markets is the only way to keep in the front ranks of the business world. Eager customers are ever alert for extra values and only by giving them can you satisfy and retain the steady patronage of economical people. Our persistently watching eye was especially open this week and we were rewarded by a stupendous bargain that even astonished us who are so long accustomed to them. A prominent and reputable shoe manufacturer needed cash at once. He had on hand some 2,000 pairs of shoes, he was willing to sacrifice at less than half their cost to him. Now he has the cash and we have the shoes.

THIS MAMMOTH PURCHASE

Enables us to offer you these goods at the most astonishingly low price ever known in the history of Carroll county. Yet notwithstanding the low price the shoes are not trashy goods but well worth many times what we ask.

800 pairs of Ladies' Oxford Shoes, black or tan, medium toes, patent leather tips, absolutely cost to manufacture not less than 75c per pair, we price for this sale at

29c per Pair.

700 pairs of Ladies' Dongola Boots, button or lace, a stylish well made serviceable boot with the latest shape toe and tip. An actual saving to you of more than one-half from the manufacturer's cost of $2.00 for we price them at only

95c per Pair.

300 pairs of Children's wear resisting shoes, heavy soles, made in tan or black, button or lace, cost to make $1.25 per pair, now only 75c PER PAIR.

300 pairs of our old reliable $2.50 Shoes for ladies, go into this sale at a price to equal the others. You have doubtless seen or worn this shoe and further words from us are useless. It goes for this sale at $1.50 PER PAIR.

THE GRAND MILLINERY CLEAN UP

Brings to light new bargains every day, still they can hardly last much longer and it would be well for you to come early to participate in these. The prices are cut to a mere nothing.

Trimmed Hats, they were priced fairly at first, but at these figures they are wonderfully low. They cost to make $3.00 and $4.00 but you may have your choice now for 98c EACH.

Untrimmed $1.50 and 75c Hats, now 39c. 1,000 bunches of Violets, so perfect as almost to deceive you into expecting a breath of the perfume, actually sold for 10c, now only 2c A BUNCH.

BED SPREADS. An extra value in pure white Spreads, full size and perfect in every way, actually worth 75c, only 59c EACH.

LACE ORGANDIES. The prettiest effect and most skillful imitation of the beautiful French creations we ever saw, light or dark grounds and worth 12½c, for only 6 1-4c A YARD.

LACE CURTAINS. A dainty pattern lace curtain, one you will fall in love with at once for it looks fully worth the price of $2.00, yet you may have it for only $1.50 PER PAIR.

SILK UMBRELLAS. Our watchful eye was open in the Umbrella market and we secured an extra value. 150 Natural Wood handled, Gloria covered unbrellas, cost in the spring $2.00 are now only $1.00 EACH.

☞ We are closed all day JULY 4th.

THE GREAT MODEL EMPORIUM,
WM. F. DERR,
Westminster, Maryland, near Railroad Station.

TRUSTEES' SALE
OF DESIRABLE
REAL ESTATE,
near Eldersburg, Carroll County, Md.

BY virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, passed in cause No. 2225 Equity, the undersigned trustees will sell, at Public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, THE 9TH DAY OF JULY, A. D., 1898, at 2 o'clock, P. M., all the following several parcels of land.

1st. A parcel containing

116 ACRES, 3 ROODS AND 9 PERCHES, more or less. The improvements thereon are a large Two-story Frame Dwelling House, Log and Frame Stable, &c.; Garden, Orchard, &c. Well with pump at the door, Spring of excellent water near the buildings. About 30 Acres is in Timber. There is a due proportion of Meadow Land, the balance is under cultivation.

2nd.—A parcel, containing

92 ACRES, 1 ROOD AND 36 PERCHES, more or less. This tract has a due proportion of Wood and Meadow Land, balance under cultivation.

3rd. A parcel containing

60 ACRES, 2 ROODS AND 9 PERCHES, more or less. On this tract is a Two-story Log Dwelling House, Orchard, &c. There is a due proportion of Wood and Meadow Land, balance under cultivation.

All the land is naturally of excellent quality. The fields are conveniently watered, and these parcels present an excellent opportunity to buy good land in an excellent neighborhood.

The above parcels will be offered separately, two parcels together, also as one entire parcel, and will be sold as may appear to be for the best interest of the parties concerned.

This property is in Freedom district, on the Baltimore and Liberty Turnpike Road, is about 16 miles from Baltimore, and about 2½ miles from Eldersburg, and is known as the "Ireland property." It is convenient to markets, Schools, Churches, Mills, &c.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash on the day of sale or on the ratification thereof, one-third in one 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; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

WM. H. THOMAS,
JAS. A. C. BOND,
CHAS. T. REIFSNIDER,
Trustees.
Jos. W. Berret, auct.
ju-11-3t

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County:
APRIL TERM, 1898.

Ordered, this 6th day of June, 1898, by the Judges of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, that the account and distribution of the assets of the personal estate of William H. Miller, deceased, in the hands of Adam M. Miller, administrator of said deceased, made among the creditors of said deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 4th Monday, 27th day of June, 1898, provided a copy of this order be inserted for two successive weeks before the last named day in some newspaper published in Carroll county.

JACOB RINEHART,
ALBERT SCHAEFFER,
WILLIAM T. FRIZZELL, } Judges.
True copy.—Test:
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
ju-11-2t Register of Wills.

Stop suffering! Try Dr. Miles' Pain Pills.

PUBLIC SALE
OF VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE,
IN WESTMINSTER, MD.

THE undersigned, executor of Edward D. Wells, by virtue of a power in his will and an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, will offer for sale at Public Auction, on

TUESDAY, THE 5th DAY OF JULY, 1898, commencing at 1 o'clock, P. M., at the late residence of Dr. Edward D. Wells, No. 80 E. Main street, Westminster, Md., described in Lot No. 1, the following described lots of land and premises, to-wit:

Lot No. 1 consists of a lot of land and improvements, situate on the southwest side of Main street, in Westminster, Md., commencing on an alley, and fronting on said Main street 45 feet, with a depth of about 142½ feet, containing

4823 SQUARE FEET OF LAND,

more or less, improved by one 3-story Weatherboarded House, lately the residence and office of said Dr. Wells, with Stabling, Carriage House and other requisite out-houses; and one 2-story and French roof, Weatherboarded House and office. This property is desirably located, both for residences and business purposes, and is in excellent condition.

Lot No. 2 consists of about

THREE-EIGHTHS OF AN ACRE

of land, more or less, situate on Pennsylvania Avenue, west side, north of Union Street, adjoining land of Harry K. Schaeffer. There is an alley in the rear of this lot. The improvements are a 2-story Brick Cottage House and Office, adjoining, Carriage House, Stable and all other outbuildings required, with fine fruit and water. This is a very desirable property. Open grounds surround the house and office.

Lot No. 3 consists of

3 ACRES, 2 ROODS AND 3 PERCHES

of Land, more or less, situate on the Ridge road, about ¾ of a mile from the west end of Westminster. It is improved by a substantial small House and outbuildings, and has fine fruit.

Persons desirous of examining any of the properties can do so by applying at the office of the executor, 150 E. Main Street, Westminster, Md.

Terms of Sale.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid to the executor on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof by the said Orphans' Court, and the residue in two equal payments, the one payable in six months, and the other in 12 months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser or purchasers, with security satisfactory to the executor, and bearing interest from the day of sale.

DAVID N. HENNING,
Executor.
Wm. T. Wilson, Auctioner.
ju-11-4t

NOTICE.
PAVE WASH LICENSES.

Office Westminster Water Company, June 16th, 1898.

The charge for pave wash license hereafter will be TWO DOLLARS per year instead of FOUR DOLLARS as heretofore. This license will be issued to expire first of May of the succeeding year and will cover the same privileges as the four dollar license. Patrons who have paid four dollars for the current year will have the excess credited on the same privilege for 1898.

A. H. HUBER,
ju-18-3t Sec. and Treas. W. W. Co.

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BETTER THAN GOLD.

Two persons stood at the garden gate of Farmer Bray's cottage.

One was a tall, stalwart young fellow, with no beauty save a pair of dark, expressive eyes that lighted up his face with a look of intelligence and goodness.

The other was a fair young girl, whose rippling hair glittered like gold in the sunlight that fell over it, and eyes of the clearest and softest blue.

There was a changeful color in the cheeks, and a conscious look in the averted eyes that felt rather than saw the earnest gaze that was directed toward them.

"And so you are going to leave us, Amy?"

"Yes, John; I'm going to the city tomorrow. Don't you envy me? It don't seem as if I could survive another winter in this place."

John Thornly winced a little at these words.

"And yet you have spent many happy years here!" he said, in a tone of gentle reproach.

"To be sure," responded Amy with a toss of her head; "when I was a child it was all very well. But of late it does seem as if Millbrook grew duller and duller every day of my life!"

"Then—then you don't think you would like to settle down here?"

Amy well knew all that lay beneath those low, quietly spoken words.

At one time they would have made her heart beat with very different feeling, but the newly awakened aspirations of the past week changed them to alarm at the crisis that was approaching, and which she was anxious to avoid.

"No, John, I don't believe that I should ever be contented to settle down in Milibrook," she said, resolutely, doing her best to look unconscious of the blow that she knew these words inflicted on that loving and faithful heart.

"Then it will be of no use for me to tell you of the errand on which I came tonight," he said, sadly; "so that I will only wish you happiness in the new life that is before you. In all the gay and brilliant circle that will surround you, you will never find a friendship so true and faithful as mine! Should sorrow and misfortune overtake you, remember this!"

He was gone.

And as Amy watched his retreating form, something deeper than sorrow for his sorrow touched her heart.

A thousand instances of his worth and goodness thronged upon her recollection.

Would she ever find a heart as true and noble as his?

But these regrets soon vanished before the bright anticipations of the future.

Her uncle and aunt were wealthy and childless. They had offered her a home, and in the refined circles in which they moved she would be likely to find some one more congenial with her feelings.

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"Mr. Frederic Crowly called upon me to-day, Amy."

A bright swift color rose to the cheeks of the young girl.

The face of the good old man saddened as he observed it.

"Yes, uncle."

"He told me that he called by your permission."

The grave tone in which this was spoken struck coldly on Amy's heart.

She raised her eyes to his with a startled look.

"I am sorry to hear that, my child."

"Why, uncle, what objection can you have to Frederic Crowley?"

"I have no faith in him, Amy. He is a showy, brilliant man, but destitute of the fixed principles that can alone insure your happiness."

"You wrong him, uncle."

"Time will show. Don't look so distressed, my child; if you are really in earnest, I will not oppose your wishes. But I cannot but think your fancy to be captivated rather than your heart. Wait a few months—you are both young yet, and can afford to wait—and if you continue to be of the same mind, I will say no more."

Amy yielded a ready assent to this.

"She was in no hurry," she said.

But she found some difficulty in reconciling Frederic to this delay, who manifested an impatience which secretly delighted Amy, who looked upon it as a proof of the ardor and sincerity of his love.

Two months after Mr. Hunt's conversation with his niece the good old man dropped down dead in his counting room.

Upon examination his affairs were found to be in such a state that it took all his estate to satisfy the demands of his creditors; everything went but the house and furniture.

At first, poor Amy, who was overwhelmed with sorrow at the loss of her kind friend and protector, was too much engrossed to notice the change that had come over her lover. His manner became constrained and his visits more brief and infrequent, until at last they ceased altogether.

Then came a letter of explanation—if explanation it could be called—stating "that she was far too dear for him to wish to entail upon her poverty and wretchedness that would follow his selfishly insisting upon the fulfillment of the engagement. He did not insist upon it, but gave her back her freedom."

Amy's lip curled with scorn as she read this. Before this the clouds had begun to break away that hid from her eyes the real nature of the man who had taken such a strong hold upon her imagination, if not her heart—now they were completely dispelled.

Nearly all her gay associates dropped away from her as well.

But Amy had no time to mourn over the defection of these "fair-weather friends;" her aunt was taken dangerously ill and in less than a week she, too, was laid in the grave.

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It was a bitter cold night, and John Thornly was seated by the glowing grate, in the coziest and pleasantest of all cozy and pleasant rooms.

And yet, to tell the truth, his feelings were not of the most pleasant and contented description.

He had just heard of Amy's misfortunes, and his big generous heart was all aglow with sympathy for her in her loneliness and her sorrow.

"How I wish she was here," he said to himself, as he glanced around. "There is plenty of room; if she would only come!"

But as John had made up his mind that he would go to the city the next morning and seek her out, he heard the rumble of wheels that stopped at the door, followed by a ring of the door bell.

Then the housekeeper put in her head, saying:

"Please, sir, there's a lady come in the stage, who says she won't give her name and business to any one but you."

"Let her come in."

Only the quick eye of love could have detected anything familiar in the form so encased in wrappings as to hide every outline from view, but John's heart beat fast as he looked at it.

But he made no movement toward it until the door had closed between them and the curious housekeeper.

Then he approached it.

"It is I, John," said a half-laughing, half sobbing voice.

Instantly a pair of stout arms seated her in the easy-chair before the grate, and then the hands belonging to them began to divest her of shawl, furs and cloak, bringing into view the fair, sweet face that was so dear to him, but, oh, so much paler and thinner than when he had looked upon it last.

"You told me to come to you if I was in trouble, and I have come, John."

"My darling! I'm so glad. And now you will stay with me always?"

"Do you really wish it John?"

"You know that I do."

Warm and happy tears sprang to Amy's eyes, as the arms that were from henceforth to be her refuge for all time folded tenderly around her.

"I am wiser than when I left you, John, for I have learned that a true and loving heart like yours is better than gold."

Belle—I never saw such a girl as Bettie; she can't keep a thing to herself.

Beulah—I guess you never saw her when she had a box of caramels.

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