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These goods are too well known to our trade to need lengthy description here. We just wish to remind you that we have in a full stock for this season, in new patterns, and in every possible size. We made a specialty of keeping the odd sizes in these goods. If you have trouble in getting pants long enough or big enough, come to us, you will be pretty sure to find your size in this lot. We guarantee these goods not to rip, and will gladly replace any that do not give satisfaction. And we are still selling them at the old price,

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50 CENTS.

We have some very nobby ones in ultra fashionable styles at $1.00. We should like to show you some of these new effects, they are pleasant to look at, even if you do not want to buy.

SMALL GOODS FOR SPRING NEEDS.

Whitewash Brushes, 5, 10, 25 and up to $1.00. Ours are the best for the money. 44 piece China Tea Sets, very nice ware, $2.40. Stove Polish, all kinds, 5 cents. Carpet Tacks, the box, 1 cent. Large Box Tooth Picks, 4 cents. Granite Wash Basins, 12 cent size, 10 cents. Granite Pudding Pans, 12 cent size, 10 cents. Lot of New Glassware, choice 7 cents. Fist Mittens 25 cents. Good Razor Strops 25 cents. Good Pen Knives, absolutely guaranteed, except against being lost, 25 cents. If they break in any way or fail to give satisfaction return them and get another free. Best Oil Painted Window Blinds 33 cents. Would be very cheap at 50. Lot of new Picture Frames, size for these $1.00 a dozen photos., 25 cents.

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A GRAND EXHIBIT

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Ten patterns best Tapestry Brussels Carpet at 75c.

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Six designs extra Super C. C. Ingrain Carpets at 50c.

Several styles best Body Brussels Carpets, worth regular $1.50 yd., Special price $1.15.

Several rolls excellent new Rag Carpets, very heavy chain, good serviceable colors, only 40c.

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A most superb collection of lovely "MODEL HATS" are here for your picking, everyone has the touch of an artist; only found here.

French style adapted to American taste is the way we describe them.

Some very elegant styles at $4, $5 and $6 make their first appearance today, not so elaborate as their imported sisters at $10 to 15, yet you may say they are prettier, more wearable sure. Come and see them.

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Fine Jointless China Matting, excellent quality—five styles at 20c.

Very best China or Japanese Matting in six handsome styles only 30c.

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Very Resp., Yours to Serve
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At the Highest Market Prices,
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Yours Respect.,
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WESTMINSTER, April 10th, 1899.
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J. W. LOCKARD & SON.
feb-17-1y Westminster, Md.

All druggists sell Dr. Miles' Nerve Plasters.

FUSS & ROOP, Agents, Westminster.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE Condition of the
WESTCHESTER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEW YORK, DEC. 31st, 1899.

Total Income during the year.....$1,410,180.81
Total expenditures during the year 1,301,750.96

ASSETS.

Real Estate	$ 225,000.00
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	529,000.00
Bonds and Stocks owned by Company	1,532,000.00
Cash in Office and in Bank	144,641.07
Interest	9,978.30
Net amount of uncollected Premiums, not more than 3 months due	197,615.48
Assets	$2,638,534.75

ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.

Securities deposited in various States for the Protection of Policy-holders in such States (market value)	$101,500.00
Liabilities in said States.	50,092.86
	51,407.14
Total	51,407.14
Total Assets	$2,689,941.89

LIABILITIES.

Net amount of unpaid losses	123,650.15
Total unearned Premiums	1,057,021.36
Salaries, Rent, Expenses, Taxes, Bills, Accounts, Fees, etc., due or accrued	15,110.01
Total amount of all Liabilities	1,195,781.52
	$1,494,160.37
Capital Stock paid up	300,000.00
Surplus as regards Stockholders	1,194,160.37
Amount of Policies in force in United States on 31st Dec., 1899	222,466,229.00
Amount of Policies written in Maryland during the year 1899	1,797,684.00
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1899	15,714.71
Losses paid in Maryland during 1899	6,977.36
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1899	5,809.31

State of Maryland, Insurance Department, Commissioner's Office, Annapolis, Jan 15, 1900.
In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the Westchester Fire Insurance Company of New York to December 31st, 1899, now on file in this Department. F. ALBERT KURTZ,
ap-7-3t Insurance Commissioner.

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YOU PICK UP DOLLARS
WHEN YOU INVEST IN OUR PAINT, because you add to the value of your property with every brushful you lay on. Your house becomes nearly twice as valuable because of its improved appearance, and because our paints harden, preserve, and increase the wear by many years.

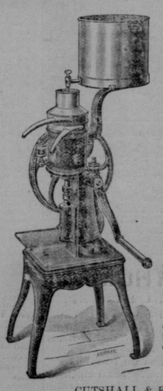
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BLACKSMITH FORGES AND FANS, Horse and Mule Shoes, Horse Nails, Wire and Cut Nails, Galvanized Fence Wire and Poultry Netting, Tinware and House Furnishing Goods; Whitewash, Horse, Scrub and Paint Brushes, Steel Horse Troughs, Hot Water Heating, Plumbers' and Steam Fitters' Supplies.
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FUSS & ROOP, Agents, Westminster.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE Condition of the
MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NEWARK, N. J., DEC. 31st, 1899.

Total Income during the year $ 13,470,918.05
Total Disbursements 10,317,323.24

ASSETS.

Value of Real Estate and Ground Rents owned by the Company less encumbrance thereon	$ 3,217,849.08
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	32,697,443.32
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks or other collateral, per schedule C.	5,559,700.00
Loans made to Policy-holders on this Company's policies assigned as collateral	5,639,652.97
Premium notes on Policies in force, of which $76,504.64 is for first year's premiums	4,571,424.28
Bonds and Stocks absolutely owned by the Company	15,995,962.58
Cash in Company's Office and in Banks	882,440.87
Interest due and accrued on Stocks, Bonds and other securities	1,156,130.97
Net amount of uncollected and deferred premiums	798,800.40
Total	$70,469,195.37

DEDUCT LEDGER LIABILITIES.

Agents' Credit balances $2,754.91	2,791.91
	2,794.91
Total	$70,466,400.46

ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.

Commuted Commissions, Agents' debit balances, not secured by bonds, $20,563.24	20,563.24
Commissons payable to Agents on premium notes when paid	2,563.24
	$70,486,963.70

LIABILITIES.

Net Reserve	63,930,112 00
Present value of amounts not yet due on matured installment policies	42,166.13
Net Policy claims	414,892.68
Unpaid Dividends on other profits due policy-holders	351,774 75
Salaries, Rents, &c., due or accrued	25,000.00
Premiums paid in advance	26,761.68
Total Liabilities	$64,840,707.24
Surplus as regards Policy-holders	5,646,256.46
106,178 policies in force in United States on Dec., 31st, 1899	392,712,473 00
195 policies written in Maryland during the year 1899	484,073 00
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1899	107,870.57
Losses paid in Maryland during 1899	140,437.00
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1899	136,686.00

State of Maryland, Insurance Department, Commissioner's Office, Annapolis, March 3rd, 1900.
In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the sworn statement of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, N. J., to December 31st, 1899, now on file in this Department.
F. ALBERT KURTZ,
ap-7-3t Insurance Commissioner.

The X-Ray Headache TABLETS

will invariably cure all kinds of headaches as well as train sickness. They are prompt in action, effective in results, convenient in form and absolutely harmless.
Rev. Robt. L. Patterson says: "In giving my unqualified endorsement of the X-Ray Headache Tablets, I feel that I render a personal service to any one who may thereby be induced to use them. They cannot be surpassed as a remedy for headache."
8 DOSES FOR 10 CTS.
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Sold by all wholesale and retail druggists in city and county.
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on 50c Lanterns at 33c. These are Berger pattern, Handle lift, one of the best lanterns on the market to-day. We close this lot at 33c.
One gallon Coal Oil Cans, that usually sold at 50c. This is a glass can, the best to be had. We will close this lot during this sale at 31c.
We always keep on hand a complete stock of the best quality of merchandise, at way down prices.
BAILE'S CASH STORE,
J. D. Baile, Proprietor,
oct-21-99-1y Gist, Carroll county, Md.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.
In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County:
FEBRUARY TERM, 1900.
Estate of Margaret S. Ferguson, deceased.
On application it is ordered, this 27th day of March, 1900, that the sale of the real estate of Margaret S. Ferguson, late of Carroll county, deceased, made by Jacob J. Weaver, Jr., executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this Court by the said executor, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 5th Monday, 30th day of April next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 4th Monday, 23rd day of April, next. The report states the amount of sale to be $50.00.
WILLIAM Y. FRIZZELL,
JACOB RINEHART,
L. CALVIN JORDAN, } Judges.
True Copy.—Test:
JOSEPH D. BROOKS,
ma-31 3t Register of Wills.

THIS AUDITOR'S NOTICE.—Having been appointed by the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., Auditor to state the account of Thomas J. Morris, Executor of Jacob Morris, late of Carroll county, deceased, and report distribution of the assets in the hands of the Executor, hereby gives notice that he will meet the parties entitled to participate in the distribution of said assets, at his office in Westminster, on Tuesday, the 17th day of April, 1900, at which time and place all persons having claims against said estate are notified to appear and prove the same or be excluded from all benefit of the assets in the hands of the Executor.
JOHN T. MATTHEWS, Auditor.
ap-7-3t

NO. 3756 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.
Ernest S. Bankard, vs. William Bankard, et al.
Ordered this 4th day of April, A. D. 1900, 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 23rd day of April 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.
JAMES H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
True copy.—Test:
ap-7-3t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

See Dr. Miles' NERVE PLASTERS for SPINAL WEAKNESS. All druggists sell 'em for 25c.

FUSS & ROOP, Agents, Westminster.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE Condition of the
HARTFORD FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF CONN., DECEMBER 31st, 1899.

Total Income during the year.....$6,699,955.91
Total expenditures during the year 7,153,005.82

ASSETS.

Real Estate	$ 811,000.00
Mortgage loans on real estate	1,225,700.00
Loans secured by pledge of Bonds, Stocks or other collateral	14,800.00
Bonds and Stocks owned by Company	6,563,472.94
Cash in Office and in Bank	604,627.42
Agents' Debit balances	705,624.88
Interest and Rents due	36,192.25
Net amount of uncollected Premiums, not more than 3 months due	467,500.00
Other Assets, Printing Plant	24,175.15
Reinsurance due from other companies or losses paid	23,388.93
Assets	$10,476,381.57

ASSETS NOT ADMITTED.

Securities deposited in various States for the protection of policy-holders in such States (market value)	$ 526,206.45
Liabilities in said States.	317,790.51
	208,415.94
Total	208,415.94
Total Assets	$10,684,797 51

LIABILITIES.

Net amount of unpaid losses	587,422.54
Total unearned premiums	5,037,170.47
Total amount of all Liabilities	5,624,593.01
	$5,060,204.50
Capital Stock paid up	1,250,000.00
Surplus as regards Stockholders	3,810,204.50
Amount of policies in force in United States on 31st Dec., 1899	921,000,670.00
Amount of policies written in Maryland during the year 1899	5,572,640.00
Premiums received on Maryland business in 1899	52,476.02
Losses paid in Maryland during 1899	21,735.15
Losses incurred in Maryland during 1899	21,377.00

State of Maryland, Insurance Department, Commissioner's Office, Annapolis, Feb. 15, 1900.
In compliance with the Code of Public General Laws, I hereby certify that the above is a true abstract from the statement of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company of Conn., to December 31st, 1899, now on file in this Department. F. ALBERT KURTZ,
ap-7-3t Insurance Commissioner.

NO. 2825 EQUITY.
In the Circuit Court for Carroll County.
In the matter of the Trust Estate of Usher Cabaniss, deceased.
Ordered this 4th day of April, A. D., 1900, that the 6th and 7th accounts of the Auditor filed in this cause be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 23rd day of April 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:
JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
ap-7-2t



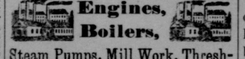
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Yours respectfully,
KLEE MILLING COMPANY,
june-10-99-1y Gist Md.

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We will Pay Five Dollars and Fifty Cents ($5.50) per Ton of 2,000 pounds, for
PRIME CHESTNUT OR SPANISH OAK BARK,
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HER EASTER ANTHEM.

BY VEIRS-SMITHSON.

Jeanne Marie leaned against the door of the church and wept.

Jeanne Marie had been a pretty little woman. Her people were Gascons, but she and her husband Tonta lived in a plain white painted house on the roadside near the city limits of New Orleans. They were happily married, for their choice was due to love, and is there anything else in this world that brings more happiness? If there is, neither Jeanne Marie nor Tonta knew of it. But soon they had a great sorrow, and it drew them closer together than all their happiness.

It came about in this way: They had a child, a beautiful boy, and when he was scarcely three years old he died. Then there came another one, a weak, tiny babe, to fill the dead one's place. But he was deformed. His hands were shriveled and twisted. They were dreadful to look at. People said this was due to the mother's ceaseless grieving for her firstborn, and the surgeons tried their best to remedy the matter, all in vain.

Yet the child lived and thrived, and the mother hated God for having taken her perfect boy and given her this one. Tonta was more patient. He suffered meekly. Sometimes he tried to comfort his wife. "Jeanne Marie," he whispered, "God is good, though his ways are beyond our understanding. Be sure this child will be a blessing to us yet."

But the little woman was hard, she would not be comforted. "God is not good or just," she said. "Look at those hands! Why should my other boy be taken from me and this wretched creature sent instead?"

"I love him all the more for his misfortune," said the father. "Dearest, have pity on your own flesh and blood."

She laughed in a satirical and unmotherly way.

"He can never work; he cannot earn his living. We shall have to support him all his life," she said.

When the boy was old enough to understand, he soon found out that his mother did not love him. One day he begged her not to be so angry with him, but she paid no heed to his tearful words. When he tried to use his clumsy fingers, she exclaimed bitterly:

"You are no child of mine. My child is dead. He was not maimed like you. Go away. You do not belong to me."

One night the boy sobbed himself to sleep. The next morning he kissed his father lovingly, as usual, then crept out of the house. There were dark circles round his eyes as he hurried away, not knowing where to go. He did not come home, and when after a few days his father went to look for him he could not be found.

"I am glad he is gone," said Jeanne Marie to herself, but she was very kind and gentle to her husband because he was so grieved.

Years passed, and Jeanne Marie was a widow. She lived alone, unloved and desolate. At night she lay awake and thought of her lost ones, her husband and her child, but it was always the first born, not the second.

And the poor outcast whom she had forgotten was living with a good woman who had pitied him and taken him to her home.

Jeanne Marie had gone to church every Sunday morning since her husband's death. But it was merely habit. She never prayed; the preacher's words had no meaning for her, and to the singing of the choir and people her ears were deaf. Her heart seemed turned to stone.

One Easter morning the widow knelt in her usual place in church, her eyes fixed absently upon the altar where the tall candles burned brightly and white flowers shed a soft fragrance.

Jeanne Marie saw nothing. Her thoughts were wandering. But gradually a sense of peaceful joy crept over her and happiness, so long a stranger to her, filled her soul. She knelt motionless as if entranced, giving herself up to the new sensation, though she knew not whence it came. Slowly at last she realized that she was in the church and that a voice in the choir was singing the Easter hymn, a tenor voice, sweet, high and clear as an angel's.

"Resurrexit sicut dixit!" "He has risen as he said, he is risen—halleluiah!" sang the voice, pouring forth triumphantly over the kneeling throng. And the people listened devoutly, some with tears in their eyes, some with faces radiant and joyous. They were thinking of the glory of the resurrection and the deep import of the mystery, but Jeanne Marie thought only of that Holy Mother's joy when she saw her son again.

Too soon the sweet voice sank into silence the organ's peals were hushed, the hymn was finished, and Jeanne Marie clasped her hands together supplicatingly and prayed to God to pardon her rebellion.

Then when all was over and the people went out of the church the lonely woman still knelt, with her face covered. There was no one else in the church but two figures—a man and a woman kneeling near the door—as Jeanne Marie rose and walked slowly out. On the steps a few persons stood talking.

"A great singer indeed," said one, "and so young. He has a future before him."

"They say his mother is an old friend of our pastor's, and that is why he sang for us today," said another. "She is a widow, and he supports her. Ah, what a good son she has!"

Jeanne Marie was alone on the steps when an elderly, sweet faced woman leaning on a young man's arm came out of the church They were both smiling, and the other woman looked at them wistfully. They stopped near her, and the man put on his hat. As he did so Jeanne Marie saw that his hands were deformed. There was no mistaking those shriveled, twisted fingers. It was her long forgotten son that stood before her. With a cry of joy she made herself known to him. While she talked the other woman looked at her in terror and clung still closer to the youth, whose pale face flushed as he listened.

A dead silence followed, and then the mother added:

"I was cruel and hard, but you will forgive me. I am so lonely!"

"My father is dead, you say? Poor mother! You are indeed alone." He spoke softly and pityingly, but at the same instant he clasped the thin hand which rested on his arm and with his crippled fingers caressed it lovingly.

"Come home, my son," cried Jeanne Marie. "I have repented and prayed for pardon. I will be a true mother now." She stopped as he shook his head.

"My home is with her," he said, looking down at the bowed figure beside him. "She found me crying on the roadside and took me to her heart, giving me the place of a child she had just lost. I bear her name. I owe everything to her. She has no one on earth but me, and I must always stay with her."

The mother exclaimed distractedly, "Then I cannot see you again? I am never to see my own child?"

The other woman raised her face and looked at him entreatingly, and as if in reply to her appeal he said gently:

"Yes, mother, of course you shall see me. Next autumn I am to sing in the cathedral. We shall live near you, and I shall go to you often, very often, I promise you.

He left his companion for a minute, and putting his face close to Jeanne Marie's whispered:

"Will you kiss me, mother dear?"

She strained him frantically to her heart without speaking, then watched him put the other woman's arm in his again, lead her carefully down the steps and out of the churchyard.

As he disappeared, his mother murmured hoarsely:

"He is a good man. He will do his duty, but he does not love me, and he never will. It is my punishment. God is just."

And in the glad Easter sunshine the childless mother leaned against the door of the church and wept.

"That little boy seems as busy as a bee."

"Yes, he has hives."

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