AMERICAN SENTINEL.

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MONEY SAVING OPPORTUNITIES IN BLANKETS.



We make no idle boast when we say we can save you money on blankets this fall, and we ask you to apply the only true test, compare our blankets with those of other stores. We give you the exact size and weight, we weighed and measured them ourselves and these are not to be compared with factory measurements. 10-4 no longer has any meaning, even the smallest blankets are marked 10-4. Think for a moment, 10-4 means 2½ yards long, or 90 inches. Go into any store and ask them to measure their 10-4 blankets for you and see how near they come up to this size. Factory weights are not much more reliable. The figures we give below are our own and we know them to be correct. Further, we guarantee these prices because we know them to be very low and if you will compare them with other stores you will find them still more surprising than the sizes.

"Our Leader," Grey or White Blankets, exact size 56x74 inches, exact weight 2 lbs. 1 oz., price 50 cents.

"Valkyrie," Grey Blankets, size 62x78 inches, weight 2 lbs. 15 ozs., price 92 cents.

"Bayside," Grey or White Blankets, size 68x78 inches, weight 4 lbs. 6 ozs., price $1.50.

"Leonore," Grey Blankets, size 72x84 inches, weight 5 lbs., price $1.50. This blanket is one of the best bargains ever offered. Try just for fun to match it at this price. We will have no more when this lot is gone.

"Palmyro," Grey Wool Blanket, size 62x76 inches, weight 4lbs. 3 ozs., price $2.25. This too is a good bargain.

"Dewey," White Wool Blankets, size 64x76 inches, weight 4 lbs. 10 ozs., price $3.75. This too will be very hard to match as they are worth at least a third more.

"B. B. B," Red Wool Blanket, size 62x76 inches, weight 4 lbs., price $3.00. Red Wool Blankets at $3.00 are getting very, very scarce.

"Montezuma," our finest all Pure Wool Grey Blanket, the pride of the lot, size 70x82 inches, weight 5 lbs. 5 ozs., price $4.95. No better blanket bargain was ever offered you.

Remember to save this ad. for future reference. If you do not need Blankets now you will soon. We stand behind every one of the above figures. Show us another store who has nerve enough to do the same.

SPECIAL IN Bleached Muslin!

A little lot of remnants in fine heavy Bleached Muslins at prices less than cost to manufacture to-day. Any length you want at 8 and 9 cents the yard; actual value 10 and 12cts. This is not cheap Muslin but GOOD muslin cheap.

WE CLOSE AT 7 EVERY EVENING EXCEPT SATURDAY.

NEW YORK BARGAIN HOUSE,

Department Store,

31 East Main Street, Westminster, opposite Catholic Church.

T. W. MATHER & SONS. Telephone Call 24

Crowds Always Follow the Crowds,

and the people of Westminster and surrounding country are learning more and more every day that the best and cheapest place to buy Groceries of all kinds, both Fancy and Staple, is the popular Grocery Store of

JOHN T. DEER.

where you can find almost everything the heart can wish for in the line of Groceries and Confectionery.

We have the largest and most complete line of Fancy Groceries in bottles and cans ever before exhibited to the people of this city and county. Heinz's Pickels of all kinds, Heinz's Baked Beans, Heinz's Tomato Soup, Heinz's Ketchup, Chili Sauce, Jendia Relish, Celery Salad, Olives, Pepper Sauce, Mustard, Jams and Canned Meats of all kinds, Maple Syrup.

Mason's Bakery Fancy package Cakes of all kinds, Teas, Coffees, Spices, Sugars and Syrups. Try our line of Teas from 35c to 80c lb. Splendid line of Coffee from 12c eo 35c lb. Good Flour from 45c to 75c sack. Our line of Syrup is complete, at the following prices: 20, 35, 40 and 60c. Pint, Quart and Half Gallon Fruit Jars. White Fish and Mackerel. Best English Cheese 16c lb. Tin Cans at 33c dozen.

Full line of choice Confectionery of all kinds, which we are selling very cheap. We are still selling lots of Chipped Beef which is the finest in the county. Smoked Meats, Hams, Shoulders and Bacon. Fine Creamery Butter at 25c lb. In making your purchases do not fail to give us a trial and be convinced that we lead and others follow in price and quality.

All orders by Telephone thankfully received and promptly delivered free of charge.
Country Produce taken at highest market price. Open every Night. Agency Westminster. Steam Laund-y. Very Respectfully,

JOHN T. DEER, THE POPULAR GROCER, 69 EAST MAIN STREET,
ap-7-1900-1y-3 WESTMINSTER, MD.

THE UP TO DATE STORE.

YOU WILL NOT FIND ELSEWHERE THE VARIETY AND VALUES WE ARE SHOWING IN

Men's, Women's, Misses' and Children's Shoes.

It is to your interest to give us a look just now if you want to save money.

Men's Shoes from $1.00 pair to $4.00.
Women's Shoes from 89c pair to $3.50.
Boys' Shoes from $1.00 pair to $2.50.
Youths' Shoes from 75c pair to $2.00.
Children's Shoes from 25c pair to $1.50.

Before buying your Fall Hat let us show you our line of

SOFT AND STIFF HATS

You are sure your hat leads the fashion when you buy it here. Remember we carry everything that is new and up to date in

NECKWEAR, COLLARS, SHIRTS, GLOVES, HOSIERY, UNDERWEAR, SUSPENDERS, OVERALLS, WORKING PANTS, BOYS' KNEE PANTS, TRUNKS, SUIT CASES, TELESCOPES, &c.

Give us a call and get prices.

WM. C. DEVILBISS, 22 W. Main St., Westminster.
jan-7-00-1y

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, Md., letters Testamentary on the estate of

WILLIAM P. RICKELL,

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 2nd day of May, 1901; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 2nd day of October, 1900.

E. OLIVER GRIMES, Jr.,
Agent or Attorney for Rosa M. Rickell, executrix of William P. Rickell. oct-6-4t

JOB PRINTING, such as Sale Bills, Posters, Pamphlets, Books, &c., printed at short notice and at modern prices. Call at this office before placing orders elsewhere.

NO. 3742 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Emma J. Unger, by her husband and next friend, James L. Unger, plaintiff, vs. William J. Stonesifer, infant, defendant.

Ordered, this 10th day of October, in the year 1900, by the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, that the sale of the real estate in the above entitled cause, made and reported by James L. Unger, trustee, appointed by decree passed in said cause, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 12th day of November next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county and state of Maryland, once a week for three successive weeks before the 5th day of November next. The report states the amount of sale to be $1800.00.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.
True Copy, Test:
oct-13-3t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

CHAS. E. FINK. Solicitor.

EXECUTOR'S SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM,

Near Pleasant Valley, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of the authority contained in the last will and testament of E. Jerome Myers, and an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the undersigned will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20th, 1900,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., all that farm containing

185 ACRES, MORE OR LESS,

situated 1½ miles from Pleasant Valley, in Carroll county, Md., adjoining the lands of Jacob Study, Theo. Myers, Theo. King, and others. The improvements consist of a



2-story Frame Dwelling House, a good Bank Barn, two Dairies, two Tenant Houses, Hog House, 4 Sheds, Carriage House, 2 large Corn Cribs, Blacksmith Shop and other outbuildings. Nearly every field has water for cattle. There is a fine new Orchard of Apple, Peach, Cherry and Quince Trees, Raspberries, Blackberries, Currants, Gooseberries and Grapes, which were planted under a contract which will be explained at the sale. Timber prepared for a new dwelling house will be sold with the farm.

About 5 Acres of good TIMBER on the farm. This is one of the finest dairy farms in Carroll county.

Secondly.—About

3 ACRES OF WOODLAND,

about 4 miles from the farm, near the Stone road, and adjoining the lands of August Sittig and others.

Terms of Sale.—One-third cash on the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof, and the residue in two equal payments, the one payable in six months and the other in twelve months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bonds or single bills of the purchaser, with sufficient security, bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

SUSANNA C. WILSON, Executrix.

At the same time and place, I will offer for sale a lot of Farming Implements and other Personal Property.

sep-22-5t SUSANNA C. WILSON.

ROAD NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the County Commissioners of Carroll County at their first regular meeting after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, to open a public road in Carroll County and to locate and cause the same to be located as follows:

Beginning at a point in the public road, known as the Bloom Road, about a mile south-west of the point where the Bloom Road enters into the Washington Road and in an "L" in said Bloom Road, and running thence in a straight line over the land of Jonathan Owings about one-quarter of a mile in a westerly direction to the land of Mrs. Catharine Carr, thence in a northerly direction over the land of Mrs. Catharine Carr, about one hundred yards, thence on the line between the lands of George M. Owings and Ellsworth Lovell about one-quarter of a mile, thence north over the lands of George M. Owings in a straight line about one-quarter of a mile, thence on the line between the lands of George M. Owings and Mrs. Sarah Beaver in a westerly direction to the line between the lands of the said Mrs. Sarah Beaver and Levi T. Lee running in a northerly direction, thence through land of Mrs. Sarah Beaver over the bed of a private way to the mill property owned by Levi T. Lee and continuing thereon until said private way comes out on the Warfieldsburg Public Road at a point midway between the village of Warfieldsburg and the Washington Road, thence crossing the Warfieldsburg Road and running through the land of Mrs. Mary E. Owings, William H., Joshua D., John W., Jesse E. and Alice E. Owings on a line between their land and that of Richard Owings about one-half of a mile in a northerly direction, thence through the said land of Mrs. Mary E. Owings and others three hundred yards, thence across the land now occupied by John T. Lynch north about one-fourth of a mile, then across public road to Stone Market, through the land of Robert Gist about one-fourth of a mile north to Joshua Gist's land, thence across said Joshua Gist's land about one-quarter of a mile north to the Alms House farm, thence through the Alms House farm north one-fourth of a mile until the proposed road reaches the public road leading from the Alms House farm to the City of Westminster.

ROBERT GIST,
and 161 others.
September 29th, 1900. sep-29-5t

ROAD NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the County Commissioners of Carroll County at their first regular meeting after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, to locate or cause to be located, and open a public county road in Carroll County, beginning at the junction of the Washington and Deer Park Roads and on the West side of the Washington Road, and running thence in a Northwesterly direction through the land of Ezra Coppersmith to the land of George W. Owings, thence through said Owings' land in the same direction, to William H. Coppersmith's land at a point near his house, thence through said William H. Coppersmith's land on and along a private road known as the "Phillips' Road" to the line of the late Jesse Phillips' land, thence leaving said private road and on or near the line between William H. Coppersmith's land and the land of said Jesse Phillips, deceased, to the land of John W. Holmes, thence through the land of said John W. Holmes, by the most practical route to intersect an old road through the land of Joseph L. Gist and thence on and along said old road between the house and barn of said Joseph L. Gist, to the entrance of this farm on the public road known as the "Stone Market" Road.

ELIAS B. ARNOLD,
EZRA COPPERSMITH,
and 161 others.
September 29th, 1900. sep4-29-5t

ROAD NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the County Commissioners of Carroll county, Md., at their first meeting after the expiration of thirty days from the date hereof, to locate and open, or cause to be located and opened a public county road in Carroll county, Md., beginning at a point about one hundred yards southeast of the buildings of Mrs. Edward E. Roop, on the Medford road, thence on or near the old road bed, through the land of the said Mrs. Edward E. Roop to the land of Isaac N. Stoner, thence through the land of the said Isaac N. Stoner on or near the old road bed, to connect with the Church or Fork Meeting House lot or ground, thence through the land of the said Isaac N. Stoner to connect with the Wakefield road at the corner of the lot of the late Joseph Bowers and the land of J. Fletcher Babylon.

MRS. MAY N. ROOP,
ISAAC N. STONER,
LEWIS N. BAILE,
and 36 others.
oct-6-5t

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

JESSE BABYLON,

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 25th day of April, 1901; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 25th day of September, 1900.

JOHN F. BABYLON,
ALFRED S. BABYLON,
sept-29-4t Executors.

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

DAVID M. ROOP,

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 25th day of April, 1901; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 25th day of September, 1900.

DAVID J. ROOP,
sept-29-4t Administrator.

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

WILLIAM H. STARR,

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 1st day of May, 1901; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 1st day of October, 1900.

FRANCES S. STARR,
oct-6-4t Executrix.

WM. A. McKELLIP,

Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery.

Office Albaugh Building, Court St., Westminster, Md.

WILLIAM F. DERR.

THE MODEL'S WEEKLY STORE NEWS.



25C

For Ladies' heavy Fleeced Vests or Pants, all sizes and splendidly finished, really worth 39c, for

25C.

THE NEW SUITS AND CLOAKS.



6C.

1000 yards fine Unbleached Muslin, 40 inches wide, very best goods and really worth 8c yd., today

6C.

TREMENDOUS PUBLIC INTEREST FOLLOWS THIS STORE'S DOINGS.

These October days are eventful. The showing of the world's latest and best goods, coupled with the fact that in about two weeks there will be an IMPORTANT CHANGE IN OUR FIRM, naturally leads to remarkable selling. All goods are under the regular price, as the stocks must be cut down before the change. Prices and styles are irresistible magnets. Small wonder that Westminster's Best Store is filled with eager buyers. Are you one of them?

$5,000 WORTH OF NEWEST COATS AND CAPES

for women's and children's wear, but all must be sold and to do this we have marked them at about 25 per cent below regular prices. All goods are new and fresh and marked in plain figures. A few of the many below: come see the rest.

Pretty Black Cheviot Jackets, lined throughout and actually worth $5, for only - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $3.98.

Regular $6.50 Fine Beaver Jackets, beautiful black, always stylish and serviceable, for - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $5.00.

Handsome Kersey Jackets, cut in very newest shapes and silk lined, really $10 qualities, either black or castor, in this sale at - - $8.00.

Children's Reefers in the very newest styles of make and prettiest materials, actual $5 and $6 garments, for only - - - - - - $4.00.

Fifty fine Seal Plush Capes, 27 inches long, mercerized lining and fur-trimmed, a genuine $6.50 cape, now you can buy for - - $5.00.

Pretty Golf Capes, of fine all wool materials made in newest styles, regular $7.50, for - - - - - - - - - - - - - - $5.00.

Very stylish short Walking Skirts, of heavy materials, stitched around bottom, in either black or oxford grey, honest $5 value, for - $3.98.

Finest Seal Plush Capes, Salt's Goods, all beautifully lined with satin and trimmed in handsome fur, actually worth $12, now - - $9.00.

Brightest New Millinery.

This display of Fine High Class Millinery will delight every lady who cares for artistic headwear. Every new and popular style is found here and all at prices below the regular. "THE MODEL HATS" at $5, elegantly trimmed, are superior to those found most places at $8.

All our Pattern Hats at Cost.

Ready to Wear Walking Hats at very special prices.

$1.00 Hats for 75c, $1.25 Hats at $1.00, $1.50 Hats only $1.25.

Newest Feathers at Reduced Prices.

Ostrich Plumes from 20c to $3.00.

This Shoe Store a Safeguard

against ill fitting and poorly wearing shoes. The very best and newest shoes are found here, at prices less than inferior sorts are sold for elsewhere.

$1.50 for ladies' Fine Vici Kid Shoes, new toes and tips, you've paid $2 for no better many times before.

$2 Buys you a pair of shoes in the very newest and swellest shapes, more than 20 styles to select from, $2.50 is their value.

$3. These are "Queen Quality," not reduced in price but better than any shoe ever sold for $3.50. Come try them. Any style you wish, all comfortable.

Domestic Bargains.

Extra fine yard wide Bleached Muslin, regular 10c quality, for 7 1-2c.

8c Crash for 6 1-4 cts.

500 yards only, pure bleached union Huck Toweling, regular price 8c, in this sale at 6 1-4c.

10c Canton Flannel 8c.

Extra good Heavy Unbleached Canton Flannel, worth 10c yard, at only 8c.

LINEN VALUES.

Some remarkable linen bargains are here to-day. Linens are higher, but these prices are lowest ever quoted.

65c Damask for 50c.

Pure grass bleached table Damask, all pure linen, actual 65 cent value for 50c.

Turkey Red Linen 25c.

These goods are to-day worth 35c. Until we have to buy more you can take them at only 25c yard.

$1.50 VENETIANS AT $1.19.

A wonderful offer. They cannot be duplicated; only a limited quantity; all colors and black; the season's most popular Dress Goods, 52 inches wide.

MORE $1.00 DRESS GOODS AT 65c.

Serges, Diagonals, etc., all good popular colorings, on front counter at only 65c yd.

CARPETS AT LITTLE PRICES.

This is our busy corner, but why should'nt it be? Such values and styles can only be had here. Come look.

68c Yd.

for pretty stylish Silks, worth $1.00, in new Fall patterns for Waists or Trimming.

THE GREAT MODEL EMPORIUM,
WILLIAM F. DERR,
WESTMINSTER, - - MARYLAND.

25c Yd.

for beautiful Like Silk, worth 35c yd., the most stylish Cotton Dress goods, new patterns.



Turn your talents to more profitable and more pleasant work. Business men everywhere are looking for competent managers, assistants, confidential secretaries, bookkeepers, stenographers, etc. These positions hold great opportunities for increase, salary and

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We are showing from 25 to 30 different styles men's Hats; the Hat and Price will please us.
We have a larger stock than ever of Men's, omen's and Children's Boots and Shoes, and e extra values we have in them are our best vertisers.
Men's Solid Leather Boots $1.39. Snag Proof n Boots $3.39.
Remember we carry a complete line of Underwear, Overshirts, Overalls, Working and rd Pants, Hosiery, Trunks, Telescopes, Umellas, and you can depend on saving from 5 10 per cent by dealing with us.

STOUFFER & ENSOR, New Windsor, Md.

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PRIVATE SALE

Of a House and Lot belonging to the estate of the late John E. Hornberger, Liberty and George streets, Westminster. Two-story Frame Dwelling, with four rooms, basement and cellar, in good repair; city water, &c. Lot contains 55-100 square feet, more or less. For particulars apply to

GEORGE L. STOCKSDALE,
Executor, Court street, Westminster.
oct-6-4t

Select Poetry.

When Mother Made the Tea.

That 's English cooks an' German cooks' an' French cooks nowadays,
A-fixin' funny dishes in a thousand modern ways,
But just somehow or other things don't taste the same to me
As in the olden, golden days, when mother poured the tea.

Her snowy rolls all steamin', toast an' waffles rich an' brown
Are far ahead o' all this trash ye git today in in town.
An' life was sweet as honey, an' full o' joy an' glee,
In boyhood's sweetest, fleetest days, when mother poured the tea.

I see her now, the household queen, in her accustomed place,
Presidin' o'er the merry board with all a mon-arch's grace,
An' good old Dad an' little Nan, an' Fred an' Sue an' me
Wuz feelin' prime at eatin' time, when mother poured the tea.

But mother's gone long years ago, up to a fairer clime,
An' things don't taste exactly like they did in childhood's time.
'T ain't 'cause I'm never hungry, I'm as chipper as can be,
But food don't taste just like it did when mother poured the tea.

—Hilton R. Greer, in What to Eat.

Select Story.

HOW ANDY PAID THE MORTGAGE.

Andy pulled out the staying-pin, and drew down the big wooden lever and fastened it. The water rushed threw the open gateway, flung itself against the wheel, and in an instant the rafters of the mill began to tremble with action. The hopper slides were drawn, and the revolving, corrugated stones began to devour the several streams of wheat, corn, rye, barley and oats. After visiting the parts of the mill, noting the perfect action of the machinery, and moving the grain in the bins upstairs closer to the feed trough, Andy went out to the narrow platform before the door.

It was a beautiful morning, and the air was laden with the perfume of blossoms, and gay with the songs of birds. Not many wagons had yet passed the mill; some lads driving milk wagons to the factory hurried by, giving the young miller a "good morning" cheer. Then the early stage bound for the city dashed by, and was lost around the turn in the road, leaving behind a cloud of dust and the sharp crack of the driver's whip.

"I'd like to be in that stage; it must be fun to stay all one whole day in the big city. I don't like the grist-mill." The boy suddenly ceased his half-audible remarks, for a certain sound from the interior of the mill drew him quickly to the stone wheels. They were still revolving at a great rate—but there was a well-known odor, not unlike that which arises when one strikes a steel against a piece of flint. The boy knew in an instant what was wrong. He loosened the lever, raised and fastened it with the staying-pin. The wheels stopped, the hopper slides were closed, the rafters ceased trembling—the mill was stilled of its action.

"Sorry it happened. Pop said I should be careful, but—yes, a great big iron nut some careless chap left in his grain. My! the wheel is all gouged and cut to ribbons. Can't run to-day. I'll have to go and tell pop."

Andy had a peculiar habit of expressing his thoughts aloud when alone, and so he talked to himself while he dragged from the partly ground grain the guilty nut which had caused all the trouble. Sure enough, the wheel was spoiled for that day's work. It must be dressed before it would be fit for use again. The smaller wheels, used to grind the corn, barley and oats, were still and silent the same as the big stones used for the wheat.

The boy closed and locked the mill door, and went to his home across the fields.

"A nut got in the big grinder, and the stone's got to be dressed," said Andy, as he laid the bit of iron upon the table where his father was breakfasting.

"Oh, I am sorry, very sorry, Andy, boy. Did you screen the floor of grain carefully?"

Then the boy knew he had forgotten something, and—truthful to a dot—he answered as he hung his head:

"I did not."

"It's bad work, Andy, boy. I thought you understood—but never mind. I'll have the stone raised and will dress it—"

"Can I do anything to help?"

"You might know you could not, without asking."

"I'm so sorry——"

"Never mind. That'll not mend the stone. I'm sorry too. Every hour counts with us, Andy, my boy. We've got to get off a lot of work or"—and, leaning his head upon his hand, the sturdy miller said as he looked through the open window where the roses were budding and waving—"the big chap in the city will be down on us for that money."

"And you cannot raise it father, in time to save the mill?"

"Not if the mill has to lie idle many days to dress stones that are spoiled by carelessness, not regular wear. There, I've hurt you, Andy. Don't mind it. Run along now and go fishing. I'll soon be pecking away at the poor stone."

Andy's father went on his way toward the mill, after visiting his neighbor, who, with two of his men, accompanied him. The stone was soon raised from its pocket, and in a short time the miller was engaged in dressing its gashes and broken surface with his steel hammers.

But the boy did not go fishing. He didn't have any heart for sport after what had passed. He knew enough about business affairs to know that every hour of mill-work was needed. When the time for paying off the mortgage came, and it was not paid, the mill would pass into the city chap's hands and—what would Andy do without the dear old mill? He had played among its old bins ever since he was big enough to creep. He had watched the spider's weave their webs up among the grim old rafters day after day. He loved the old mill very dearly, now that he saw a possibility of its passing out of his father's hands. As for his father, what would he do without the mill? It was a painful question, and Andy did not try to answer it as he trudged across the field toward the big, black ledge of rocks that hung like a frowning shadow over the little valley.

"I'll go and watch for the rattlesnakes to come out in the sun," muttered Andy as he pushed through the grass.

Right here, we will say, that ledge of rocks was a famous place for the dreaded reptiles. They used to come out and sun themselves. It was a curious sight, if not a pleasant one, to see the poisonous creatures crawling about and coiling upon the heated rocks. People generally of timidity or sensitive nerves seldom visited this locality; but Andy felt in a mood for just such amusement to-day.

As he drew near the ledge he saw that the ugly creatures were in fine frolic. Their scales glistened in the sun and their eyes were bright as they crawled from nook to nook, coiled and uncoiled themselves, and disported in snake fashion among the warm rocks.

"They are lively to-day. I'd hate to get down there among them. Phew! they smell just like fresh cucumbers. I'd like to get a little nearer to watch them. I'll do it."

Andy climbed up the tall hemlock—and one of the hardest tasks in the way of tree-climbing is to scale a hemlock; but he prided himself upon climbing, and was soon lying upon a branch nearer the ledge where the snakes were than he believed any human being had ever been.

It was a curious sight. The prettiest honeysuckles grew among the patches of moss and dirt, right there where the deadly and most feared of reptiles disported. Andy's eyes were fastened upon the ugly creatures; for he was interested in nature, and always took occasion to study its mysterious workings. The green needles of the branch almost touched the ledge; with a stick he could have poked the squirming mass, but he didn't come there to disturb them—only to watch them, that was all.

Then—the boys heart almost bobbed up into his throat. If he could have gotten a million dollars for crying out he couldn't have uttered a sound. The form of a pretty little girl of ten or twelve passed the jutting wall, and began to cross that terrible platform of death. Her arms were full of honeysuckle. Nothing but the flowers attracted her eyes. Her cheeks were rosy and her half-opened lips disclosed pretty white teeth.

"'Sh—'sh!"

The girl stopped upon the edge of the ledge of rocks. Her eyes were lowered to the hemlock. As yet she had not seen the now coiled reptiles there among the honeysuckles.

"'Sh—'Sh!"

The whisper was near her. She peered into the tree—oh! a boy is there, seated upon a big branch almost on a level and but a few feet from her.

"Why, boy, what——"

"Don't speak! don't move one step back. Come closer to the edge. Are you brave?"

"You talk funny. I want the pretty honey——"

"Never mind the flowers. Drop what you have got——"

"What's that?" the girl whispered, as a strange, hissing, rattling sound fell upon his ears.

Andy knew what it was, but he didn't tell her.

He braced himself upon the stout limb, and said:

"You must jump—jump right toward me. It's only a few feet, but I can hold you."

"I, jump?"

"Yes; don't ask why—quick—jump!" cried he, as the holes among

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