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We put on sale to-day more than 1000 yards of the very best 10c Outing Cloth, in light and dark colorings, special only

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Ladies' Welt Oxfords, were $2.49 now $1.29. Ladies' $1.25 and $1.19 Dong. and Pat. Leather, one strap Oxfords, now 98 cents. Ladies' Pat. Leather and Vici Kid Oxfords, were $1.50 and $1.25, now $1.19. A splendid lot of Children's Shoes from 50 cents to $1.13 now 69 cents. Men's $2.25 Pat. Leather Oxfords now $1.69. Men's $2.75 Vici Kid Oxfords now $1.99. Men's $2.75, $3.00 and $3.50 Black Clay Worsted Pants will go at half regular price.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF Two FINE FARMS and other Real Estate, and Valuable Personal Property, in Carroll County, Maryland.

By virtue of a deed of trust from Evan Haines and Elizabeth J. Haines, his wife to William H. Thomas and Charles T. Reifsnider, Jr., dated the 10th day of August, A. D. 1901, and duly recorded among the land records of Carroll county, the undersigned trustees, will offer at Public Sale, on the farm and premises on which said Evan Haines now resides, situated in Uniontown district in Carroll county, Maryland on the public road leading from Linwood to Uniontown, and about 1 mile from Linwood on

WEDNESDAY, the 11th of September,

1901, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following described Personal and Real Property:



FIVE Horses, 9 Cows, 1 Bull, 1 Buckeye Mower, 2 Spring Wagons, 1 Grain Separator, 1 6-horse Broadtread Wagon, 1 2-horse Wagon and Bed, 1 Walter A. Wood Self Binder, 1 Self Binder, 1 Superior Grain Drill, 1 Feed Cutter, 1 Horse Power, 1 Wheat Fan, 2 AA Harrows, 2 Springtooth Harrows, 1 Clod Roller, 3 Barshear Plows, 3 Corn Workers, 2 pair Hay Carriages, about 40 tons of Hay, 1 Hay Tedder, 1 Hay Rake, 1 Crosscut and Wood Saw, 2 Wheelbarrows, 15 Milk Coolers, 1 Log Sled, 1 Milk Sled, lot of Forks, Shovels, Mattocks, 1 Milk Sled, lot of Forks, Shovels, Mattocks, 1 Post Digger, Plows and various other farming implements; also a lot of Walnut Sawed Lumber and a lot of Sawed Planks.

2nd. All that Valuable Farm, lot or parcel of land, on which said Evan Haines now resides, situated in Uniontown district, in Carroll county, Maryland, about 1 mile from Linwood and 2 miles from Uniontown, on the public road leading from Linwood to Uniontown, adjoining the lands of Wm. H. Zepp, Wm. Caylor and Joseph L. Haines, containing

102¼ ACRES OF LAND, more or less



and improved by a double Brick Dwelling House, containing 14 rooms with conservatory attached; a large Brick Bank Barn, with extensive Sheds and with water at house and barn. Frame Barn with Slate Roof, 2 Hay Barracks, Stable, Corn House, Hog House, 2 Dairies, Meat House and 3 Tenant Houses, one with 4 rooms, one with 5 rooms and the other with 6 rooms, and each with Stable, Hog House, Hennery and Water convenient. This is very properly considered as one of the best farms in Carroll county. The improvements are in first-class condition and the land is in a high state of cultivation and very productive.

3rd. All that farm, lot or parcel of land now occupied by Samuel Graham, tenant, adjoining the above described farm and the lands of William H. Zepp and John Myers, situated near the public road leading from Uniontown to Union Bridge, about two miles from Linwood, containing

130¾ ACRES OF LAND, more or less,



and improved by a large Stone Dwelling House, rough coated; a very large Bank Barn, about 90 feet long, with Wagon Shed and Corn House attached, and an abundance of water convenient to all buildings; Hog House, Carriage House, Wood House, Dairy; a 4-room Tenant House, with basement, Stable, and Hennery; and a large Saw and Chop Mill. This is also a very fine farm. The buildings are in first class condition and the land in a high state of cultivation.

4th. All that lot or parcel of land which was conveyed to said Evan Haines by Robert S. C. Cookson and wife, situated in Carroll county, aforesaid, on the public road leading from Linwood to Uniontown, about an equal distance from each place, containing

1 ACRE AND 9 SQUARE PERCHES



of land, more or less, and improved by a 6-room Log and Frame Weatherboarded Dwelling House, Stable, Hog House, Hennery, Smoke House and well of good water at the door. This is a very desirable little home. The first mentioned farm is only one mile from Railroad Station at Linwood, and the second about two miles, and all of the properties are convenient to schools, churches, &c.

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

Terms of Sale for Personal Property: All sums less than $10.00 cash; on all sums of $10.00 or more a credit of six months will be given, to be secured by the note of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

WILLIAM H. THOMAS,
CHARLES T. REIFSNIDER, Jr.,
J. Thomas Roop, Auct. Trustees.
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TRUSTEES' SALE OF A FIRST CLASS FARM

and other Desirable Properties thereto adjoining.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a court of equity, passed on the 25th day of July, 1900, wherein Jacob Crowl and others are plaintiffs and John Young and others are defendants, the undersigned, trustees appointed by said decree, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 1901,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the farm of which the late Jacob Young was possessed at the time of his death, situated on the turnpike road leading from Westminster to Uniontown, in Carroll county, Md., adjoining the lands of Jno. Royer, David J. Roop and others. Said farm has been recently surveyed and laid off into the following described parcels:

1st Parcel, containing

113¾ ACRES AND 13 SQUARE PERCHES



of Land, more or less, improved with a large and commodious Brick Dwelling House, with back building, all in good condition and thorough state of repair, with a never failing spring of water and dairy convenient thereto, and also an inexhaustible well of water under roof and within 15 feet of the dwelling. In proximity to the well there is a new and improved winter dairy. The other improvements consist of a large Bank Barn, with slate roof, which has been recently painted and is otherwise nearly as good as new; wash house, smoke house, log house, poultry house, large wagon-shed with granaries and storage room above the same, 3 corn cribs, carriage house, wood shed, machine and implement shed and blacksmith shop, with tool shed attached thereto. Has also an Orchard of about 2 acres, consisting of apples, pears, cherries and other fruits. Has about 25 acres of superior Meadow land and 10 acres or more in timber, of which the land has an even and otherwise good surface for cultivation when cleared.

2nd Parcel, containing

46¾ ACRES OF LAND, more or less,



is situated on the south side of the turnpike road and is improved with a log and weatherboarded Dwelling House, Stable and other buildings; a thriving young orchard, in bearing condition; well of water near the door, and the land otherwise watered. About 10 Acres of this tract is Timber Land.

3rd Parcel, containing

14¾ ACRES AND 6 SQUARE PERCHES

of Land, more or less, is an unimproved lot, situated between John Royer's land and the road leading from Morelock's schoolhouse to Frizellburg.

These lands will be first offered in the above described parcels, and afterwards in one entire body and sold accordingly as may be most desirable to purchasers and most advantageous to the estate.

A plat of these lands will be exhibited on the day of sale, and can be seen previously thereto by calling upon Jno. T. Cassell, one of the trustees, who will be pleased to furnish any further information desired; or upon Alfred H. Young, residing upon the property, who will show the same.

Terms of Sale, as perscribed by the decree:—One-third of the purchase money shall be paid the purchaser or purchasers to the trustees the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof by the court, and the residue shall be paid in two equal payments, the one to be paid one year and the other in eighteen months from the day of sale, with interest, and to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with security to be approved of by the trustees; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

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TRUSTEES' SALE OF A VALUABLE MILL PROPERTY, Two Fine Farms, Limestone Quarry and other Real Estate in Carroll County, Maryland, and VALUABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.

By virtue of a deed of trust from Edward E. Roop and Mary N. Roop, his wife, to Charles T. Reifsnider, Jr., and William H. Thomas, dated the 3rd day of June, A. D., 1901, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, the undersigned trustees will offer at public sale, on the premises hereinafter described and commonly known as the David Roop Mill property, on

WEDNESDAY, August 28th, A. D., 1901,

at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following described personal and real property, as follows:



1st. One Portable Steam Engine, (Crowl Manufacturing Company make), one pair of bay Mules, each about four years old; two gray Mules, two wheel Horses, one six-horse Western Wagon and bed, one six-horse broadtread Wagon and bed, one two-horse Western Wagon and bed, one Mill Wagon with top, five Carts, lot of Shipping Cans, Butter Boxes and other articles of personal property used in connection with the creamery property hereinafter mentioned.

2nd. All that valuable lot or parcel of land, known as the David Roop Mill property, containing

23 ACRES, 1 ROOD AND 37 PERCHES

of land, more or less, situated in the county aforesaid, about 1¼ miles from Medford and Wakefield, about 3½ miles from New Windsor and about 4½ miles from Westminster, on the public road leading from the Westminster and New Windsor road to Uniontown and improved by a large Brick Mill building, with steam and water power and modern machinery and equipment, large frame barn, wagon shed, corn crib, hog house, saw mill, cooper shop, chicken house, mill dams, and mill race, all in good condition. This property is now in the occupancy of William Keller.

3rd. All that lot or parcel of land, containing

2 ACRES, 3 ROODS AND 25 PERCHES



of land, more or less, adjoining the above described real estate, and improved by a two and one-half story Weatherboarded Frame Dwelling House, in good condition, known as the miller's house. On this property there is a valuable spring of water of fine water the right to use which for domestic purposes will be reserved for the benefit of the above described mill property and the store and creamery property hereinafter mentioned. This property is now occupied by William Keller.

4th. All that lot or parcel of land adjoining the above described Mill property and fronting on the public road above mentioned, containing

4 ACRES AND 12 SQUARE PERCHES



of land, more or less, and improved by a fine new Frame Store and Dwelling House combined, a creamery building with ice house attached, with a complete creamery outfit, consisting of a De Lavalle separator, (No. 1 Alpha,) a box churn, milk and water tanks, two pairs of scales and one Babcock steam tester. The store property with dwelling apartments is now occupied by Mr. Charles A. Smelser.

5th. All that lot or parcel of land adjoining the above described mill property, containing

5 ACRES, 2 ROODS AND 37 PERCHES



of land, more or less, and improved by a handsome Brick Dwelling House, in excellent condition, and necessary outbuildings, with large orchard of the various fruits and is now occupied by Mr. Edward E. Roop.

6th. All that farm, lot or parcel of land, adjoining the above described mill property, containing

153 ACRES OF LAND, more or less,



and improved by a two and a-half story Brick and Stone Dwelling House, large bank barn, two large hay tracks, hen house, hog house, wagon shed, dairy, grain shed and other outbuildings, all in good condition. This is one of the finest and most productive farms in Carroll county, with a due proportion of rich meadow land, commonly known as the Augustus Ensor farm, and is now occupied by William H. Eckard, as tenant.

7th. All that lot or parcel of land adjoining the above described mill property, on the public road leading from the New Windsor and Westminster road to Uniontown, containing

65¼ ACRES OF LAND, more or less,



improved by a new Weatherboarded 2½ story Dwelling House, stable, hen house, hog house, dairy, and other outbuildings, with an abundance of water on the farm and convenient to the buildings. This farm is very rich and productive and has on it one of the finest

LIMESTONE QUARRIES

in Carroll county, and several DRAW KILNS of large capacity and is commonly known as the Nicholas Ogg farm, and is now occupied by David E. Yingling.

8th. All that lot or parcel of land, containing

1 ACRE OF LAND, more or less,

situated in Uniontown district, in Carroll county aforesaid, about 4 miles from Westminster, near the Westminster and New Windsor public road and adjoining the land of George R. Staub, Daniel Young and others. This property is improved by a two story Log Weatherboarded Dwelling House, new stable, hog house, hen house, smoke house, well of good water and fine orchard and is the same property obtained by David Roop, deceased, from John Fresh and wife.

9th. All that lot or parcel of land situate in the town of New Windsor, in said county and State, adjoining the properties of Dr. A. E. Lambert, and John Murray, and improved by a Weatherboarded Dwelling House and two story Blacksmith Shop. This lot is desirably located and is the same conveyed to David Roop, deceased, by William Vansant and wife, and is now occupied by William Karbaugh.

The properties above described will be accurately surveyed and a plat thereof exhibited on the day of sale.

The above mentioned farm described herein as the 6th parcel will be offered as a whole and that part of it lying on the north side of the public road will be offered separately and that part on the south side of said public road will be offered in connection with the 5th above described parcel of land.

Terms of Sale for the Real Estate.—One-third cash on the day of sale, or upon the ratification thereof, one-third in 6 months and the balance in 12 months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser or purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

Terms of Sale for the Personal Property.—All sums less than $10 cash; on all sums of $10 or more a credit of 6 months will be given, to be secured by the note of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

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Aunt Charlotte's Responsibility.

The Story of a Faithful Slave's Faith in Her Master's Promise to Return.

From the St. Louis Republic.

Beyond the neglected shrubbery, the blackened timbers and the crumbling heap of bricks that marked the place where the big house of the plantation had stood before the war was a small inclosure surrounded by a rail fence.

In the plat were two graves—those of a grown person and a little child.

Without the rail fence nature had done her best, hiding the scars of war under a tangle of wild honeysuckle that wrapped the vines of the old mansion in a caressing greenery.

But within the enclosure there was evidence that nature had a helper in her ministry.

The plantation kitchen was a brick building that stood just back of the ruins of the house. From the door the frequent passage of feet had worn a path through the buffalo grass to the rail fence and the top rail of the panel of fence to which the path led was smooth and sagging where an old negress had climbed over it every day for many years.

She stood this morning in the little burying ground. She had been clipping the grass from the enclosure and the graves were covered with roses—white roses of the old fashioned "thousand leaved" variety that grow in old gardens. The old woman had brought them from the garden at Captain Terrill's, where Captain Terrill's wife, the new mistress of the plantation, gave her flowers for the graves and provisions for her larder with a beautiful impartiality.

Captain Terrill, riding down the levee road to the field, saw the pathetic figure by the graves and drew rein at the fence.

"Howdy, Aunt Charlotte?" he called. "Your graves look mighty nice this morning."

The old woman straightened her bent back.

"How you come on, Mist' Joe?" she inquired. "You lookin' peart. I'se jist tolluble, thanky, suh. Yes, suh, de grabes moughty fine. Miss Dell gin me de roses fo' Miss Ma'gret's grabe dis mawnin'. Miss Dell moughty good to me, Mist' Joe."

The young owner of the plantation smiled and nodded as he touched Bay Selim with the whip.

"That's all right, Aunt Charlotte," he called over his shoulder. "You go to your Miss Dell for anything you need."

Aunt Charlotte watched him out of sight beyond the bend in the levee road. She sighed as she turned back to the graves.

"Miss Dell moughty good," she said, stooping to touch a flower on Miss Margaret's grave. "She moughty good, but her an' Mist' Joe ain't my own folkses."

A tear rolled down her withered cheek and fell among the roses.

"Miss Ma'gret," she whispered, "I'se lonesome, Miss Ma'gret. Cyan't you ax de good Lord to sen' Marse Cunnel home an' tek po' ole Charlotte long er you an' lil' Marse John?"

One June morning, just after the desperate struggle to rend the Union asunder began, Colonel Murray rode away from Riverview to join the Confederate forces. From the door of the big house Miss Margaret watched him, and Charlotte held the colonel's little son up in her arms that he might watch the erect figure on the big horse out of sight beyond the bend in the levee road.

"Charlotte," Colonel Murray had said, "I know you are faithful. I leave your Miss Margaret and your little Marse John in your especial care. Until I come home again I will hold you responsible for their welfare."

After her master had ridden away Aunt Charlotte took up her trust. How faithfully she had fulfilled it only Miss Margaret and little Marse John could have told—Miss Margaret and little Marse John who slept beneath the roses.

The colonel had never come back to Riverview. The tide of war swept over the plantation and the soldiers left desolation behind them. When they burned the big house, the flames spared the brick kitchen, that, after the southern fashion, stood at some distance from the main building. And here, while the flames from the house, the outbuildings and the negro cabins in the quarters lighted the level delta country for miles, Aunt Charlotte carried her mistress and little Marse John. And here she had lived ever since.

The little boy died of a slow fever the last year of the war. Aunt Charlotte herself dug the little grave near the house so that Miss Margaret might still have her boy close to her. Miss Margaret lived three years after the war, a heartbroken woman, for whom the faithful negress cared tenderly and patiently as for an ailing, fretful child.

When at last Charlotte turned from the new grave beside little Marse John's, it was to new responsibility—to wait for Marse Colonel; to keep the graves fresh and green; to give back to him the trust she had kept. She had waited now for more than 30 years and though to every one else the colonel's name was only a memory Aunt Charlotte still believed that he would come.

On the night after Captain Terrill had stopped at the fence on his way to the fields Aunt Charlotte sat by the hearth in the kitchen. As always, her thoughts were in the past. For her door, damp and sweet, was heavy with the fragrance of the roses that bloomed by the galleries of the big house 30 years before.

A negro melody broke the stillness of the night. To the old woman the song came from the quarters where long ago the negroes sang on summer nights like this, and the years rolled back to give her again master and mistress, the old care free, irresponsible, happy life.

"We gwine fix dis heah place up w'en Marse Cunnel come home," Aunt Charlotte mused. Miss Dell say Marse Cunnel daid. She say he ain't never gwine come back. Law! Miss Dell ain't know my master. 'Miss Dell,' I say, 'my Marse Cunnel nevah bruk he wud yet. He done 'lowe he gwine come back, an' he comin'. 'Spec' he done chase dem Yankees dat fur norf dat hit tuck 'im all dis time to get back. But he sho' gwine come. I 'spec' 'im erlong enuv time. Law, law, twouldn't 'sprise me none to see Marse Cunnel walk in dat do' dis bery minnit—"

In her eagerness she turned to the open door. The words died on her lips. Her jaw dropped, and her face grew white with fear.

A man stood in the doorway. Behind him the darkness made a frame for his figure, and the fire that flickered on the hearth—kindled there to light the room—showed his ragged clothing, glinted on the tangled white hair that covered his head and the white beard that hung unkempt on his breast. His eyes looked out hungrily from beneath shaggy brows.

He took a step into the room. Aunt Charlotte rose to her feet.

"Is it you, Charlotte?" the stranger said. "Charlotte, where is my wife? Where is the home? Where is your little Marse John? I left them in your care."

The old woman gave one cry of happiness.

"Marse Cunnell," she cried, "my marster! Bress Gawd dat you come home. What dey do to you, ole marse, dat you look dat ole an' po'?"

"I want my wife and child," the man repeated sharply.

The old woman knelt at his feet.

"Marse Cunnel, dey bofe gone dese many years," she said, her tears beginning to fall.

"Gone," he said after her—"both gone?"

"I done de bes' I could, Marse Cunnel," she begged. "Gawd knows dat I kept' dat trus' de bes' I could. I kep' de grabes moughty nice an' green, suh."

"The graves!" this wreck of her old master shouted. "Dead! Margaret dead! My God!"

He pushed away Aunt Charlotte's detaining hands and rushed out into the night.

"Lawd," Aunt Charlotte whispered, kneeling with upraised hands where her master had left her, "you know dat I done filled dat 'spons'bility de bes' dat I knowed how. O Lawd, yo' know how I wuk dem grabes an' cut de grass an' fotch de water an' kep' um green. Miss Ma'gret, Miss Ma'gret, I'se old and lonesome. De 'spons'bility is ober. Ax Gawd to lemme come erlong wid yo' an' lil' Marse John."

They found the colonel next morning lying among the faded roses on his wife's grave. And in the old kitchen, on the bed where Miss Margaret had died, Aunt Charlotte lay, her responsibility over, the years of her trust fulfilled.

Three days later, when the keepers of a northern insane asylum came to Riverside in search of an escaped patient who had been an inmate of the institution for more than 30 years, and who had never been able to tell them where was his home and who were his friends, they found two new graves in the plot behind the rail fence.

Master and mistress and faithful servant were united.

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