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All medium weight Black Suits excepted.
Youths' $6.00 and $7.00 Suits now $4.75.
Youths' 4.50 and $5.00 Suits now 3.60.
Boys' $5.00 Knee Pants Suits now 3.34.
Boys' 4.50 Knee Pants Suits now 3.00.
Boys' 3.75 Knee Pants Suits now 2.50.
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Men's 7.50 Storm Overcoats now 5.50.
Men's 9.00 English Whipcord Overcoats, "a Beauty," now 6.98.
Men's 7.50 Dark Blue Beaver Overcoats now 5.98.
Men's $6.50 Overcoats now $4.98.
Men's 4.50 Overcoats now 1.98.
Youths' $2.75, $3.50 and $4.75 Overcoats now 2.29.
Boys' $4.50 Chinchilla Reefers now 2.69.
Men's Winter Weight Dress Pants one-third off regular price.
A lot of Men's $1.00 Stiff Bosom Fancy Shirts now 69 cents.
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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

ELIZABETH SLITZ,

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 11th day of September, 1902; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 11th day of February, 1902.

HENRY GRACE,
feb 15 4t Executor.

GUY W. STEELE, LAWYER.

No. 21 Court St, Westminster

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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

REBECCA ROUTZOHN,

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 11th day of September, 1902; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 11th day of February, 1902.

SAMUEL ROOP,
feb 15 4t Executor.

J. Milton Reitsnider,

Attorney-at-Law and Solicitor in Chancery.

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Separate Walking and Dress Skirts.

Full assortment of all the new shapes and meterials, special values, at.....$5, $6 and $7.

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Pure Lemon and Vanilla Extracts
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PUBLIC SALE OF A DESIRABLE DWELLING HOUSE and LOT of LAND,

in Westminster District.

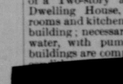
By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., the subscriber, as executor of the last will and testament of Rebecca Routzohn, late of said county, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on the Westminster and Meadow Branch Turnpike, about three-fourths of a mile from Westminster, on

SATURDAY, 22ND DAY OF MARCH, 1902,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., sharp, the following Real Estate, to-wit: A lot of Land, containing

28 SQUARE PERCHES, more or less.

The improvements thereon consist of a Two-story and Attic Frame Dwelling House, containing four rooms and kitchen, with cellar under the whole building; necessary outbuildings, well of good water, with pump, and good fencing. The buildings are comparatively new and in good



TRUSTEE'S SALE OF A DESIRABLE PROPERTY,

In the West End of the City of Westminster, Maryland.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a court of equity, passed in cause No. 3839 equity, wherein Joseph N. Parker, et al., are plaintiffs and Charlotte Parker et al., are defendants, the undersigned as trustee will sell, on the premises, on

MONDAY, MARCH 17TH, A. D. 1902,

at 2.30 o'clock, P. M., all that lot or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Westminster, in Carroll county, Md., on the Northwest side of Union Street, being house No. 63 Union Street and 5 doors from Pennsylvania Ave., containing about

ONE-FOURTH OF AN ACRE OF LAND,

more or less, described in a deed from Sophia Shockney to Nicholas Parker, dated 2nd day of April, A. D. 1868, and recorded among the land records of Carroll county in liber J. B. B. No. 40, folio 106, &c.

The improvements thereon consist of a good and comfortable Two-story Weatherboarded Dwelling House, and other outbuildings; there is also a very productive garden on the premises. Appurtenant to this property is the right to use the well and pump now sunk and erected on No. 14, adjoining the same and to take, have and get water thereon as provided in a certain deed from George A. W. Bowersox and wife to Francis Weaver, which said deed is recorded among the land records of Carroll county in liber J. B. B. No. 17, folio 323, &c.



This house is also supplied by City Water. The property is in excellent repair and is now occupied by Joe Costley.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third part of the purchase money shall be paid by the purchaser or purchasers to the Trustee on 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 in 6 months and the other in one year 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 trustee, or all cash, at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

E. OLIVER GRIMES, Jr.,
feb 22 4t Trustee.

FOR RENT.

A House and Blacksmith Shop with necessary buildings, in good condition, located near Shiloh, Hampstead district, Carroll county, on two public roads, in a populous community. Apply to

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ja-18tf Attorney at Law, Westminster, Md.

PUBLIC SALE OF A VALUABLE LITTLE FARM,

near Taylorsville, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, Md., the subscriber, as executrix of Jacob Stimmell, late of said county, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, about one-fourth of a mile from Taylorsville, in said Carroll county, Md., on the public road leading to Winfield and about one and a half miles from the latter place, on

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19TH, 1902,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., the following Real Estate, to-wit: That valuable little Farm, of which the said Jacob Stimmell died seized and possessed, containing

62 ACRES OF LAND, more or less.

The land is divided into convenient fields, is well watered and in a fair state of cultivation. There is about 10 ACRES of WOOD LAND and a due proportion of meadow or pasture land. The improvements thereon consist of a Two-story Log House, weatherboarded and roughcast; Log Stable with hay loft, Corn House, ben house, meat house and other necessary outbuildings; well with pump at the house, spring and spring-house about 60 yards from the dwelling; two small apple orchards and other fruit. This farm adjoins the lands of Messrs. Thomas A. Barnes, Isaac E. Frizzell and the late Joseph Tener, and is convenient to churches, schools, mills and markets.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third cash on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof by the Orphans' Court; one-third in 6 and the other one-third 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 sufficient security, and bearing interest from the day of sale; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser.

SARAH STIMMELL,
J. Albert Easton, Auct. Executrix.
feb 22 4t

EXECUTORS' SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM,

at Dennings, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in the last will and testament of Neily Kelly, late of Carroll county, Md., deceased, and in pursuance of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the undersigned, executors named in said last will and testament, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY, 19TH DAY OF MARCH,

1902, at 1 o'clock, P. M., all that tract of land situated in Carroll county, Md., at Dennings, on the Old Liberty Road, containing

50 ACRES OF LAND, more or less,

and improved by a large Two-story Stone Dwelling, Stable, Granary and other necessary outbuildings. This farm is all under cultivation and is of excellent farming land. There is a due proportion of Meadow and the tract is well watered, with a well at the door of the house. This property adjoins the lands of Joseph Stem, Bradford Greenwood and others, and is convenient to churches, schools and stores, with mail delivered at the door by the Rural Delivery. A survey of this property will be made before the day of sale, and the accurate quantity of land ascertained.



TERMS OF SALE.—One-third cash on the day of sale or on the ratification thereof by the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, and the remaining two-thirds in two equal payments of six and twelve months each; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. The credit payments will bear interest from the day of sale and will be secured by the notes of the purchasers, with approved security.

HENRY DEMMITT,
ELHANAN A. HAINES,
Executors of Nelly Kelly, deceased.
Bond & Parke, Solicitors.
feb-22-4t

ELECTION NOTICE.

FEBRUARY 22ND, 1902.

Office of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Dug Hill, Carroll County, Md.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the members of the Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Dug Hill, Carroll county, Md., will be held on SATURDAY, March 15th, 1902, between 12 M., and 3 o'clock, P. M., at the Company's office, in Manchester, Md., for the purpose of electing twelve directors for the ensuing year.

JOHN R. STREVIG,
m 1 3t Secretary.

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Once I knew a garden plot
Filled with fragrant flowers,
None was rare, but all were fair,
After summer showers,
Up from beds of mignonette
In the sunlight steeping,
Up from beds of mint and thyme,
Perfume sweet came sweeping.
Crimson peony beside
Purple flaunting mallow;
Marshalled by the garden wall,
Hollyhocks grew trim and tall,
Red and white and yellow.

All along that garden's walk
Sweet pinks were blooming;
In among the columbines
Brown bees were humming.
Lad's-love and larkspur
And daffydowndilly,
Scarlet poppy, marigold,
And spotted tiger-lilly,
Sweet alyssum, grew therein,
And the pansy tender,
Great blush-roses pearly-pink,
Oh, my heart is sick to think
On the vanished splendor!

Foxglove and four-o'clock
Caught the sunlight sifted
Through trumpet-flower and virgin's bower
On the trellis lifted.
Lavender and bergamot
Strayed beyond the border,
And privet prim towered over all,
Like some ancient warder.
Oh, that garden did abound
In all rich completeness!
Even now, across the years,
Summer's breeze unto me bears
Its scent of summer's sweetness.

Long ago that garden fair
From the earth departed.
Up and down I sought it long,
Half broken-hearted.
Oh, its very place was gone!
And one mocked me: "Never
More your eyes shall look upon
Its lost bloom forever!"
But I *know* my garden now,
Somewhere still is blooming;
And the kindly angels flit
In and out and tend on it
Till my tardy coming.

—Alice Williams Brotherton, in The Century.

A PORTRAIT OF A LADY.

BY JEROME K. JEROME.

From Ladies' Home Journal.

My work pressed upon me, but the louder it challenged me—such is the heart of the timid fighter—the less relish I felt for the contest. I wrestled with it in my study only to be driven to my books. I walked out to meet it in the street only to seek shelter from it in music-hall or theatre. Thereupon it waxed importunate and overbearing till the shadow of it darkened all my doings. The thought of it sat beside me at table and spoiled my appetite. The memory of it followed me abroad and stood between me and my friends, so that all talk died upon my lips, and I moved among men as one ghost-ridden.

Then the throbbing town, with its thousand distracting voices, grew maddening to me. I felt the need of converse with solitude—that master and teacher of all the arts—and I bethought me of the Yorkshire wolds, where a man may walk all day, meeting no human creature, hearing no voice but the curlew's cry; where, lying prone upon the sweet grass, he may feel the pulsation of the earth traveling its eleven hundred miles a minute through the ether. So one morning I bundled many things, some needful, more needless, into a bag, hurrying lest somebody or something should happen to stay me; and that night I lay in a small Northern town that stands upon the borders of smokedom at the gate of the great moors; and at seven the next morning I took my seat beside a one-eyed carrier, behind an ancient piebald mare. The one-eyed carrier cracked his whip, the piebald horse jogged forward, and the nineteenth century, with its turmoil, fell away behind us. The distant hills, creeping nearer, swallowed us up, and we became but a moving speck upon the face of the quiet earth.

Late in the afternoon we arrived at a village, the memory of which had been growing in my mind. It lies in the triangle formed by the sloping walls of three great fells; and not even the telegraph wire has reached it yet, to murmur to it whispers of the restless world—or had not at the time of which I write. Nought disturbs it save, once a day, the one-eyed carrier—if he and his piebald mare have not yet laid their ancient bones to rest—who, passing through, leaves a few letters and parcels to be called for by the people of the scattered hill farms round about. It is the meeting-place of two noisy brooks. Through the sleepy days and the hushed nights one hears them ever chattering to themselves as children playing alone some game of make-believe. Coming from their far-off homes among the hills they mingle their waters here and journey on in company, and then their converse is more serious as becomes those who have joined hands and are moving onward toward life together. Later they reach sad, weary towns black beneath a never-lifted pall of smoke, where day and night the clang of iron drowns all human voices, where the children play with ashes, where the men and women have dull, patient faces; and so on, muddy and stained to the deep sea that ceaselessly calls to them. Here, however, their waters are fresh and clear, and their passing makes the only stir that the valley has ever known. Surely of all peaceful places this is the one where a tired worker may find strength.

My one-eyed friend had suggested I should seek lodgings at the house of one Mistress Cholmondeley, a widow lady, who resided with her only daughter in the whitewashed cottage that is the last house in the village, if you take the road that leads over Coll Fell.

"Tha' can see th' house from here, by reason o' its standing so high above t'others," said the carrier, pointing with his whip. "It's theer or nowhere, aw'm thinking, for folks don't often come seeking lodgings in these parts."

The tiny dwelling, half smothered in June roses, looked idyllic; and, after a lunch of bread and cheese at the inn, I made my way to it by the path that passes through the churchyard. I had conjured up the vision of a stout, comfort-radiating woman, assisted by some bright, fresh girl, whose rosy cheeks would help me banish from my mind all recollections of the town; and, hopeful, I pushed back the half-opened door and entered.

The cottage was furnished with a taste that surprised me, but, in themselves, my host greatly disappointed me. My bustling, comely housewife turned out a wizened dame. All day long she dozed in her big chair, or crouched, with shriveled hands spread out, before the fire. My dream of winsome maidenhood vanished before the reality of a weary-looking, sharp-featured woman of between forty and fifty. Perhaps there had been a time when the listless eyes had sparkled with roguish merriment, when the shriveled, tight-drawn lips had pouted temptingly. A narrow, uninteresting woman I found her; troubled with a shyness that sat ludicrously upon her age, and that yet failed to save her from the landlady's customary failing of loquacity concerning "better days," together with an irritating, if harmless, affectation of youthfulness.

All other details were, however, most satisfactory; and at the window commanding the road that leads through the valley toward the distant world I settled down to face my work.

But the spirit of industry, once driven forth, returns with coy steps. I wrote for perhaps an hour; and then, throwing down my halting pen, I looked about the room, seeking distraction. A Chippendale bookcase stood against the wall, and I strolled over to it. The key was in the lock, and opening its glass doors I examined the well-filled shelves. They held a curious collection: miscellanies with quaint, glazed bindings; novels and poems, whose authors I had never heard of; old magazines long dead, their very name forgotten; "keepsakes" and "annuals," redolent of an age of vastly pretty sentiments and lavender-colored silks. On the top shelf was a volume of Keats, wedged betwen a number of the "Evangelical Rambler" and Young's "Night Thoughts," and, standing on tiptoe, I sought to draw it from its place.

The book was jammed so tightly that my efforts brought two or three others tumbling about me, covering me with a cloud of fine dust; and to my feet there fell, with a rattle of glass and metal, a small miniature painting, framed in black wood.

I picked it up, and taking it to the window, examined it. It was the picture of a young girl, dressed in the fashion of thirty years ago—I mean thirty years ago then. I fear it must be nearer fifty, speaking as from now—when our grandmothers wore corkscrew curls and low-cut bodices. The face was beautiful, not merely with the conventional beauty of tiresome regularity and impossible coloring, such as one finds in all miniatures, with soul behind the soft, deep eyes. As I gazed the sweet lips seemed to laugh at me, and yet there lurked a sadness in the smile, as though the artist, in some rare moment, had seen the coming shadow of life across the sunshine of the face. Even my small knowledge of art told me that the work was clever, and I wondered why it should have laid so long neglected when as a mere ornament it was valuable. It must have been placed in the bookcase years ago by some one, and forgotten.

I replaced it among its dusty companions, and sat down once more to my work. But between me and the fading light came the face of the miniature, and would not be banished. Wherever I turned it looked out at me from the shadows. I am not naturally fanciful, and the work I was engaged upon, the writing of a farcical comedy, was not of a kind to excite the dreamy side of a man's nature. I grew angry with myself, and made a further effort to fix my mind upon the paper in front of me. But my thoughts refused to return from their wanderings. Once glancing back over my shoulder, I could have sworn I saw the original of the picture sitting in the big chintz covered chair in the far corner. It was dressed in a fading lilac frock, trimmed with some old lace, and I could not help noticing the beauty of the folded hands, though in the portrait only the head and shoulders had been drawn. Next morning I had forgotten the incident, but with the lighting of the lamp the memory of it awoke within me, and my interest grew so strong that again I took the miniature from its hiding place and looked at it.

And then the knowledge suddenly came to me that I knew the face. Where had I seen her, and when? I had met her and spoken to her. The picture smiled at me, as if rallying me on my forgetfulness. I put it back upon its shelf, and sat racking

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