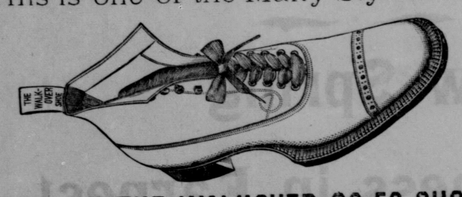
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m 22 3t A. V. GIBSON, Gist.

THE MODEL WEEKLY STORE NEWS.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will open books for receiving subscriptions to the capital stock of The Wakefield Valley Railroad Company, at the Bank of William B. Thomas, at No. 83 E. Main street, Westminster, Maryland, on the 22nd day of April, A. D. 1902.

WILLIAM B. THOMAS.
ELIAS O. GRIMES,
CHARLES T. REIFSNIDER,
E. OLIVER GRIMES, Jr.,
W. FRANK THOMAS,
JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM.
Incorporators.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

This is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, Md., letters of administration on the estate of

AMON MILLER,

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 18th day of October, 1902, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under our hands this 18th day of March, 1902.

SARAH A. ZEPP,
JOSEPH ZEPP,
Administrators W. A.

m 22 4t

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

LARKIN SHIPLEY,

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 17th day of October, 1902; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 17th day of March, 1902.

HORACE L. SHIPLEY,
Administrator.

m 22 4t

NO. 3839 EQUITY.

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

Joseph N. Parker, et al., plaintiffs, vs. Charlotte Parker, et al., defendants.

Ordered, this 19th day of March, A. D. 1902, by the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting as a Court of Equity, that the sale made and reported in the above entitled cause by E. Oliver Grimes, Jr., trustee appointed by the decree passed in this cause to sell the real estate therein decreed to be sold, be finally ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 21st day of April next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Carroll county, once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 14th day of April next. The report states the amount of sale to be $375.00.

JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

True copy.—Test:
m-22-3t JAS. H. BILLINGSLEA, Clerk.

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 JANE BAILE,

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 3rd day of October, 1902; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of March, 1902.

NATHAN H. BAILE,
m 8 4t Executor.

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

JOHN BURT,

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 3rd day of October, 1902; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 3rd day of March, 1902.

ABRAHAM H. HUBER,
m 8 4t Acting Executor.

Do you want Job Printing? If so give us a call. We can print anything you want from a small Card to a large Poster.

ASSIGNEE OF ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE REAL ESTATE!

In Woolery's District, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of the power and authority contained in a mortgage from Christiana Shipley and Lewis Shipley, her husband, to John W. Nelson, bearing date May 26th, 1886, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, in Liber B. F. C. No 33, folio 503, etc., which said mortgage was duly assigned to George C. Stansbury and by him assigned to John W. Weant, the undersigned assignee will sell at Public Sale, on

WEDNESDAY, 9th day of APRIL, 1902,

at 2 o'clock, P. M., on the premises of the First Tract hereinafter described, being the Home Place of the said Lewis Shipley and wife, situate in the village of Gamber, Carroll county, Md.

First.—All that tract or parcel of land, containing 8¼ acres more or less, which is improved by a large Dwelling House, 42 by 18 ft., with L addition, splendid Bank Barn, Stone Dairy, Meat, Hen, Hog and Ice Houses and other out-buildings.

Second.—That tract or parcel of land containing 70 acres, more or less, of fine farming land, 60 acres of which is cleared and under a high state of cultivation, having been recently limed, balance in elegant timber—hickory, white-oak, &c., splendid Orchard of 100 choice Apple trees and 200 Peach trees, and is made up of the two tracts or parcels of land conveyed to the said Christiana Shipley by L. A. J. Lamotte and wife, by deed bearing date Oct. 13, 1888, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, in Liber F. T. S. No. 60, folio 10, and by deed from N. L. F. Harden and wife, by deed dated Feb. 7th, 1887, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, in Liber W. N. M. No. 65, folio 327, etc.

Third.—That tract of land containing

ONE ACRE, MORE OR LESS,

improved by a five-room Dwelling House, nearly new, with beautiful lawn in front, necessary buildings and well of water near the door.

Fourth.—That tract or parcel of land containing

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more or less, improved by a five-room Dwelling House, Summer Kitchen, Stable, all necessary outbuildings, variety of superior fruit, with well of water at the door, being the same property conveyed to Lewis Shipley by Jacob A. Edmondson and wife, by deed dated Dec. 24th, 1891, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, in Liber B. F. C. No. 73, folio 343, etc. All of the aforesaid property is very valuable and desirable, being located in the village of Gamber, convenient as to schools, churches, stores, postoffice and about six miles from Westminster.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash; or if desired by the purchaser, the following credit terms will be given: One-third cash on the day of sale, one-third in six months and the balance in twelve months from day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchaser, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

JOHN W. WEANT,
Assignee of Assignee of Mortgagee.

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EASTER TIDE.

They ring again, the bells of earth,
Beneath the stars that hailed the birth
Of Judah's king, where softly lies
Fair Bethle'em mirrored in the skies;
From out the land of rose and palm,
From Galilee's immortal calm
Their wondrous music mounts and swells,
For seraphs ring the Easter Bells.

The lilies in their robes of snow,
Deep in the chancels bloom and blow,
The roses lift their heads to see
Once more that spot by Calvary
Where rose the Lord, death's fetters riven,
To wear again the crown of Heaven;
While o'er the country far and wide
Earth hails its first glad Easter-tide.

No more the thorn, no more the tear,
No more the cruel Roman spear,
But in their stead a beauty glows,
Far fairer than the garb of rose:
He rises on the wings of light
And shakes from earth the hues of night;
The watchful Marys turn aside,
Bathed in the beams of Easter-tide.

Fair Kedron's brook that seeks the sea
Reflects the smiles of Galilee,
The lily in her beauty blooms
Beside the saintliest of tombs;
And "He is risen!" far and near
The angels chant for earth to hear,
As louder still the music swells
Of Heaven's holy Easter Bells.

O'er earth the hymns of love and peace
Bid every cankered sorrow cease,
And Memory's music sweetly stirs
The emerald crests of Lebanon's firs;
The stars of Easter brightly shine
Upon the groves of Palestine;
And where He trod the darkened ways
Soars Easter's endless chant of praise.

Where orient roses in samite
Bend to the lily's garb of white,
The bells of Easter gladly chime
And sanctify that storied clime;
I hear the notes that grandly rise
To meet the anthems of the skies,
And higher yet the pæan swells
Till all earth hears the Easter Bells!

—T. C. HARBAUGH.

AN EASTER BONNET.

A Romance of the Good Old Days.

BY MRS. MANDA L. CROKER.

Charity Ann pressed the tiny bit of red wax on the folded paper and tossed her pretty head in coquetish triumph.

For once she had time by the forelock.

It was in the days of stage coaches and poke-bonnets, when the average village belle considered it a matter of no small importance to obtain a poem in headgear on short notice, that this all happened.

But the eldest daughter of Judge Bently had solved the problem of an easter bonnet by ordering it three weeks ahead of time. The city milliner was to forward to her address "a dream of a poke in blue velvet and white plumes," the last of Lent, and she, Charity Ann, would see to the rest. Now, "the rest" meant wheedling the judge out of a respectable bank-note to square accounts and to astonish all Millville; and become the envy of the belles and the admiration of the beaux at St. Catherine's Easter night.

Over and over the ambitious girl planned for the conquest; as she looped up her brown curls on side-combs of "real shell," practiced the opening carol for the Easter service as first treble or good-naturedly washed the dishes for Patty, the planning went on. A part of the plan, also, was to drop a word, now and then, concerning the "love of a poke," much as a careless knitter drops stitches, omitting the motive. So the whisperings began to circulate that Miss Bently's Easter bonnet was to be a marvel in millinery. And while the whisperings went around and the first treble dreamed of white plumes, the second treble, sitting at her elbow evening after evening, caught the fever of being fashionable and dreamed in unison. Nevertheless, Charity Ann had not the remotest idea that her musical neighbor, whose faded neapolitan dating back three long winters was rusty enough, had laid the aforesaid whisperings to heart; and had determined to "not be eclipsed by any seventh magnitude poke that the Bently's could order."

As a result Ruth Hamlin surprised her mother one day by a very startling question: "Do you suppose," she began, measuring her words, "that if I should write to Aunt Prudence of my success as a second treble at St Catherine's and my special part in the Easter songs, she would send me a new bonnet, if I hinted—very delicately, of course—that I would be the only shabby one in the chorus, in my old poke?"

"Would wh-at?" and the astonished mother waked up suddenly to the weighty interrogative.

"Why, send me a new bonnet, if I hinted," repeated Ruth, impatiently perking up the dilapidated bows on the ancient neapolitan.

"It is not impossible," answered Mrs. Hamlin, after considerable deliberation, "but then—"

"But the then!" Ruth flushed with the excitment of anticipation. "I don't care a fig for the "but thens," she said, enthusiastically; "if it is not impossible," why it is possible," and away went the second treble to "hint" as delicately as feminine tact could devise.

After this heroic tack in the direction of Aunt Prudence Hamlin's purse, Miss Ruth kept her own counsel and slyly hugged her precious secret as she listened to the further whisperings of the "marvel" in blue velvet.

The stage was due at Millville at sunset, and the inhabitants were agog with the excitement usual at the coming of the weekly mail in the rural districts. To this add the curious expectancy of certain interested gossips, and you have the attitude of the waiting groups in and about the Golden Sickle.

Suddenly, as if by magic, with a prolonged toot from his horn, the venerable and voluble stage driver was in the midst. After the mail was disposed of, the usual array of bundles and boxes were whisked this way and that into the arms of their respective owners, while the meaning nods and covert smiles kept pleasant tally.

Of all the mysterious packages delivered, however, not one seemed to compare in general interest to the huge, big-flowered band box assigned to Amos Bently, Charity Ann's tall brother. But when Ruth Hamlin put out her hands timidly from the back row to receive a formidable looking bundle for a girl in her circumstances, everybody concluded that her rich city auntie had once more tired of an out-of-date gown.

Charity Ann was tying her satin hood under her dimpled chin in a precise bowknot, when Amos appeared with the expected box.

"Now," he cried in triumph, "you can tangle up Orlando Hines, for he is not proof against starry eyes beneath nodding white plumes; eh! Chat."

"O, you tease!" laughed she of the satin hood, wondrously pleased at the reference to the rich man's son who lately had shown her marked preference. "But never mind now," she added, hastily. "Come along, it is getting dreadfully late to go to practice. I will try it on when I get back."

She was thinking of a little tete-a-tete with that same Orlando, before the rest of the choir came.

Amos deposited the box on the nearest shelf and followed his sister to St. Catharine's, wondering somewhat. Surely Chat's heart was not so vain as he supposed, else she would not have gone without even indulging in a "peek," at least.

Be that as may, she surely had vanity enough to be painfully shocked when, later, she took from the perfumed depths of the bandbox a pretty combination of gray and olive green, instead of the dream in blue.

"O, my stars!" she almost shrieked, and down went the attractive, yet offensive, millinery into the depth, a despised affair. The brilliant plan rose up, the whisperings marshalled themselves and Charity Ann's all-conquering perspective became bluer than any poke ever invented. "What shall I do?" she exclaimed, overcome by it all, "O, dear, it is somebody's wretched mistake!"

By and by, out of the chaos, a bright idea materialized, and Charity Ann seized it.

"It is to late too remedy it," she said, trying to be resigned, "for to-morrow is Easter, and I don't mind it much anyway; besides I can wear my new gray alpaca now. These colors match it to perfection."

Up came the gray and olive-green combination hurriedly and Charity Ann continued: "See! what a lovely buckle and what a fine, rich plume; why, I declare, it is a lovely poke! As to color," musingly, "why I have changed my mind at the very last," thinking of the whisperings, "and—well, I have, that is all!" this very decisively.

But while Miss Bently was thus bravely "changing her mind," Ruth Hamlin was going into raptures over the jewel of a bonnet for which Aunt Prudence must have paid quite a sum, considering the knots in her purse strings, usually. And it would go nicely with the blue sacque she sent in the winter; likely as not she had that in mind when she chose the bonnet. So the garment was brought out and fresh lace added to the neck and sleeves, while the second treble hummed the Easter carol with delight.

Orlando Hines was woefully behind time at the service Easter evening. He had spent two whole hours indicting a carefully-worded note to his lady love offering her his heart's devotion, "if she would accept, this blessed Easter time," hence he was abominably late.

Mortified at his tardiness, the leading bass stumbled along to his place, dropping the missive into his sweetheart's lap, and in spite of his confusion he could not help but notice how lovely her blue bonnet looked.

Ten minutes later when they stood up to sing he saw his mistake. Good heavens! He forgot everything but the awful dilemma he was in. Finally the sub-bass nudged him. "Why don't you sing?" he asked, gazing in blank astonishment into his white face.

Then, with the cold swead beading his forehead. Orlando Hines began the bass repeat with a desperateness scarcely ever entering into an Easter song.

When he sat down again everything was unintelligible pantomime until the second treble beamed at him over her book. She had accepted him for all time! For a minute the crowd melted into hazy distance, and he wondered if the gossips would gossip much if he died then and there? But his good sense came to the rescue; he shut his eyes a moment to collect his thoughts, then opening them, he looked at Ruth. Why, how sweet and graceful she was! He ought to have seen that before. And she was as good and pure as the saints; what more could he desire?

Instinctively his eyes sought the eyes of the first treble, perhaps for comparison, and he saw her look angrily, haughtily down on Miss Hamlin. He had not thought she could do that. Then he was glad that the whisperings had mixed up the Easter bonnet and Orlando Hines as well. So he came to himself, smiled his sweetest and kissed the tips of the fingers of the second treble.

But, be it said to Charity Ann's credit, she was putting on the proud exterior to mask the chagrined interior. From the moment she entered the church, the Bently banknote, as it were, mocked her from the innocent head of Ruth Hamlin. And, more than that; she saw the fickle Orlando's billet doux fall lovingly into her lap. After that everybody and everything was perfect torture, pure and simple; but the leading bass was judging from appearances only.

And everybody went home from St. Catherine's wondering about one of two things; why Miss Bently changed her mind from a dream in blue to a poem in gray, and why Orlando Hines came so near breaking down in the opening piece.

Mr. McSwatt (at the foot of the of the stairway)—Lobelia, it's time we were off.

Mrs. McSwatt (in a faint voice, from the floor above)—I am not going to church this morning, Billiger. The hired girl has g-gone and got a hat exactly like m-mine!

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