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TRUSTEES' SALE OF VALUABLE REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY,

In Manchester District, Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll county, sitting in equity, passed in cause No. 4125 equity, wherein Paul Leister, infant, by next friend, is plaintiff, against James A. Leister and others, defendants, the undersigned, Trustees named in said decree, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises, situate on the public county road leading from Westminster to Hampstead, 6 miles from the former, and 4 miles from the latter place, on

THURSDAY, 17TH DAY OF MARCH, 1904,

at 1 o'clock, P. M., all that farm of which M. Alice V. Leister died seized and possessed, containing

83 ACRES OF LAND, more or less,



improved by a new Weatherboarded Two-story Dwelling House, with basement, 24x32 ft.; new Switzer Barn, 36x50 ft.; Buggy Shed, Corn Crib, Wash House, Spring House, Smoke House and all usual outbuildings, well of water at the barn, and excellent spring near the house; buildings recently painted, all in good condition; farm under good fencing, and in good state of cultivation. Also a small lot adjoining the home place, containing

3 ACRES, 2 ROODS AND 23 PERCHES



of Land, more or less, and located on the aforesaid public road, improved by a Frame Weatherboarded Dwelling House, Corn House, Wash House, Chicken House and other buildings, a good Orchard and all kinds of small fruits, good spring of water; property in good repair and worthy of the attention of purchasers.

At the same time and place will also be sold a Wood Lot, containing

4 ACRES, 3 ROODS AND 26 PERCHES

of Land, more or less, and is fair timber land. It lies near St. John's or Leister's Church.

These three parcels of real estate are well worthy the attention of any person desiring to purchase real property.

This is the same land and premises which was conveyed by deed from David H. Leister and wife, unto M. Alice V. Leister, bearing date June 22nd, 1903, and recorded among the land records of Carroll county, in liber J. H. B. No 98, folio 44 &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third of the purchase money to be paid to the trustees on the day of sale or upon the ratification thereof by the Court, the remaining two-thirds payable in one and two years from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the note or notes of the purchaser or purchasers and bearing interest from the day of sale, or all cash upon ratification of sale, at the option of the purchaser.

A cash deposit of $300 will be required on the day of sale, on the home property; $100 required of the purchaser on second parcel, with the improvements thereon, and $50 on the wood lot.

MICHAEL S. BRILHART,
GEORGE L. STOCKSDALE,
Trustees.

Geo. O. Brillhart, Solicitor.
John W. Reaver, auctioneer.

Public Sale of PERSONAL PROPERTY.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, the undersigned, administrators of M. Alice V. Leister, late of Carroll county, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, at her late residence on the public county road leading from Westminster to Hampstead, 6 miles from the former and 4 miles from the latter place, on

THURSDAY, 24TH DAY OF MARCH, 1904,

at 10 A. M., all the following Personal Property, to-wit: 1 gray Horse, a good leader; 1 black family Mare, 6 Milk Cows, 3 Heifers, 1 Sow, 9 Shoats, 1 two-horse Wagon, Threshing Machine, stone bed, hay carriage, 2 springtooth harrows, 2 single and 1 triple plow, new mower, binder, 2 buggies, set of buggy harness, drill, corn planter, horse rake, corn sheller, butt, breast, log and cow chains, 2 sets of lead harness, wagon harness, wagon saddle, bridles, halters, dung hook, drag, sled, wheelbarrow, forks, mattocks, shovels, rakes, hoes, dinner bell, logs, wood, shingle blocks.

CORN BY THE BARREL, FODDER,

21½ Acres of growing Wheat, and 5½ Acres of growing Rye, and many other articles too numerous to mention. Also

HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

consisting of 3 Bedsteads and Bedding, 1 Buffet, 2 Bureaus, 2 Tables, Chairs, Mirrors, Carpet, Cook Stove, Stoves, copper kettle, iron kettle, pots, lot of dishes, also potatoes, apple butter, jarred fruit of all kinds, and many other articles too numerous to mention, but will be sold on day of sale.

Terms of Sale.—All sums of $5.00 and under, cash, on day of sale; on all sums above $5 a credit of 6 months will be given, the purchasers to give their notes, with approved security, and bearing interest from the day of sale. No property to be removed until settled for.

MICHAEL S. BRILHART,
JAMES A. LEISTER,
Administrators.

Geo. O. Brilhart,
Geo. L. Stocksdale, Attorneys.
Jno. W. Reaver auct. feb 19 4t

PUBLIC SALE OF A VALUABLE FARM AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.

The undersigned will offer at Public Sale, on the premises on the county road leading from St. John's Church to Jacob Richards' Mill, in Hampstead district, at 12 o'clock M., sharp, on

TUESDAY, MARCH 22nd, 1904,

a very desirable farm, containing

47 ACRES, 1 ROOD AND 16 PERCHES,



more or less, improved by a two-story frame Dwelling House, Bank Barn, Blacksmith Shop, Wagon Shed, Smoke House, and other outbuildings, a good well and spring of water, elegant apple orchard and other fruit. Said land is in an elegant state of cultivation except a due portion of thrifty Timber, and on said farm is a blacksmith shop and an elegant opportunity for a blacksmith.

Said farm adjoins the farms of David H. Leister, John W. Basler, Joseph Eck and others, and is conveniently located in regard to churches and schools, and has the U. S. Mail delivered at the residence twice each day by R. F. D.

At the same time and place will be sold a full line of Farming Utensils, in elegant condition For further particulars and terms see hand bills.

Terms of Sale of Real Estate.—One third cash, one-third in 6 and one-third in 12 months from the 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; or all cash, at the option of the purchaser. The purchaser will be required to make a cash deposit of $25, on the day of sale, with the undersigned.

WINFIELD A. LONG.

Walsh & Walsh, Attorneys.
Wm. H. Blizzard, auct. feb 26 4t

ASSIGNEE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF A FINE FARM

at Finksburg, Carroll County, Maryland.

By virtue of the power of sale contained in a mortgage from Samuel J. H. Frazier, dated June 30th, 1894, and recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in liber B. F. C. No. 85, folio 13, etc., the undersigned, as Assignee of the Westminster Deposit & Trust Company, will offer at Public Sale on the premises on

SATURDAY, THE 19TH DAY OF MARCH,

1904, at 1.30 o'clock, P. M., all the land described in said mortgage, less 22 acres, 2 roods and 31 perches thereof heretofore sold to John N. Simmons, the balance remaining being

176 5-16 ACRES, MORE OR LESS.

This farm is situated on the Baltimore and Westminster turnpike at the village of Finksburg, in Carroll county, Maryland, and one-half mile from the W. Md. Railroad Station, is only 20 miles from the center of Baltimore. This is one of the best producing farms in Carroll county, and contains a due proportion of good timber suitable for railroad ties or building purposes The buildings are in a fair condition and consist of a large



Dwelling House and Barn, stabling for twenty-five head of cattle and five horses, and other outbuildings; also a tenant house and stable. This farm may be offered in two or three parcels or as an entirety as the undersigned may determine before the day of sale.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-third cash on the day of sale or upon the ratification thereof, one-third in one year, and one-third in two years, the purchaser giving his notes with approved security bearing interest from the day of sale, or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

CHARLES E. FINK,
Assignee of Mortgagee.
Phineas A. Gorsuch, Auct. feb 26 4t

Commissioners' Notice.

HEREAFTER, and until further notice the County Commissioners of Carroll county will meet at their office in Westminster EVERY MONDAY for the transaction of business.

By order, FRANCIS L. HANN,
jy 2 tf Clerk.

Hering's Department Store.

Spring Dress F[redacted]

This Foremost Dress Goods Store claims your special interest. The advance styles and the best weaves are now shown here in the fullest varieties. The styles that fashion has avowed to be the favorites for costumes, skirts and tailored garments the coming season.

Mannish Suitings, Tweeds, Plain and Nub Voiles, Eoliennes, Silk and Wool Crepes, Flaked Suitings, Cheviots, Plain and Fancy Mohairs.

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SURE TO FIT.

The privilege of choice from a lot of styles is equal to an extra ten per cent. of value. All stores agree on this, Do you realize that the "Queen Quality" shoe

Originates nearly all the styles

of shoes worn by women.

"Queen Quality" is made in every possible style from original designs. In each style there is every size and shape for every kind of foot. We carry all this stock. It is practically impossible to produce a need for which there is not a "Queen Quality" shoe already designed and in our store today. And

They are original designs

found on no other shoe unless they are copied. It is equally impossible to produce a normal foot which we cannot accurately fit in this shoe. This is not true of other makes of women's shoes.

With any other shoe you may or may not be fitted; but with "Queen Quality', you have nearly twice as many styles and far greater differentiation in size and shape

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Special Styles — BOOTS - $3.00 — Fast Color Eyelets
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20 YOUTHS' OVERCOATS, 15 to 19 year sizes, marked to $3.50. These were coats that were cheap at former prices $5 to $7.

A few MEN'S OVERCOATS at bargain prices.

8 STORM COATS, size 35 to 38, at special bargains.

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About 20 BOYS OVERCOATS at half value.

What we have left in Boys Suits and Knee Pants reduced.

Low prices on Winter Pants. A few pairs Cords left.

$20.00 and $22.00 SUITS to order this month $16.00.

$16.00 and $18.00 SUITS to order this month $13.50.

Working Shirts 25, 40 and 50c, special values. Splendid 50c Overalls. Also the famous Sweet, Orr & Co's. Do you want to place your order for a Spring Suit? If so we have over 200 Suit patterns, this season's newest and handsomest creations.

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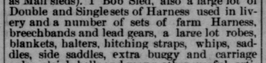
ADMINISTRATORS' SALE OF VALUABLE PERSONAL PROPERTY,

In the City of Westminster, Carroll Co., Md.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of Carroll county, passed on the 23rd day of February, A. D. 1904, the undersigned, administrators of the estate of Jacob Thomson, late of Carroll county, Md., deceased, will offer at Public Sale, on the premises formerly occupied by the said Jacob Thomson, deceased, as a Livery Stable on John Street in the City of Westminster, Carroll county, Md., on

TUESDAY, March 15th, 1904,

at the hour of 9 o'clock, A. M., all the following Personal Property, to-wit:



32 Head of Fine Driving and Work Horses,

all in good and working condition; 11 Falling Top Buggies, 3 Runabouts, 4 two-seated Surries, 1 three-seated Surry, 1 four-seated Passenger Wagon, 1 three-seated combination Passenger and Drummers' Wagon, 5 Closed Carriages, 1 Victoria, 1 Road Cart, 1 four-horse Farm Wagon and Stone Bed, 1 four-horse Wagon with Hay Carriage, 1 two-horse Wagon, 1 one-horse Wagon, 2 one-horse Spring Wagons, 1 Dump Cart, 1 Double Swell Back Cutter, 6 Single Swell Back Cutters, 4 Sleds, (now used as Mail sleds), 1 Bob Sled, also a large lot of Double and Single sets of Harness used in livery and a number of sets of farm Harness, breechbands and lead gears, a large lot robes, blankets, halters, hitching straps, whips, saddles, side saddles, extra buggy and carriage poles, sleigh bells and many other useful articles too numerous to mention. Also a lot of Farming Implements, consisting of 1 new Binder, McCormick make, only used one season; 2 Mowers, McCormick make; 1 Empire Wheat Drill, good as new; 1 Fodder Cutter, 1 Horse Rake, 3 Furrow Plows, 1 Springtooth Harrow, Single and Double Shovel Plows, 4 Corn Workers, 1 grain cradle, single and double trees, and many other farming implements. About 10 Acres of growing Wheat, 6 Acres of growing Rye. Also a lot of Household and Kitchen Furniture.

Terms of Sale.—All sums of less than $5.00 cash, on all sums of $5.00 or more a credit of 6 months will be given, to be secured by the note or notes of the purchaser or purchasers with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

ELIAS O. GRIMES,
CHARLES L. THOMSON,
Elias N. Davis, auct. Administrators.
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The little country schoolhouse—you
Remember it; of course you do!
Within the angle sturdy set,
Where two long yellow highways met,
And saplings planted here and there
About the yard, and boxed with care
As if to typify, in turn,
The youngsters caught and caged, to learn.

Around the rolling pastures spread,
With woodland patches garlanded,
From which the breezes gladly bore
Sly invitations to the door.
Across the sills the bees' soft hum
Was mingled with the muttered sum,
And from their covert in the vale
In plaintive pleading piped the quail.

With basket and with pail equipped,
Clear eyed, tan cheeked and berry lipped,
Athwart the pasture, down the road,
They trudged to learning's poor abode.
The pink sunbonnet, the broad brimmed straw;
The bare brown feet that knew no law
Of fashion's last; the bundled forms
That laughed aloud at cold and storms.

What tales the scarred desks might relate
Of trumphs gained with book and slate!
What lore the clapboards loose possess
Of feats at noontime and recess!
And doomed how oft the panes to see.
Back up the road, and o'er the lea,
Haste boy and girl, new worlds to find,
The little schoolhouse left behind.

Oh, little country school! In vain
May critics hold you in disdain.
The greatest lessons you have taught
Were not by chalk and pencil wrought.
As oped your door on fields and sky,
So, likewise, just as wide and high,
You opened to the eyes of youth
The principles of love and truth.

—Youth's Companion.

GRETCHEN'S PRAYER.

BY BERTHA E. TREBEIN.

Gretchen Hartbreg sat as usual at the western window of her little cottage, the window looking over fertile meadows and down the valley road. There were no curtains to obstruct the sunlight, and it flooded the room, making it as brilliant as the glistening snowclad world outside. As bright and more inviting, for the cook-stove grate was aglow, the kettle was singing in persistent repetitions its cozy-song, and the Maltese cat, Gretchen's only constant companion, was purring profoundly and contentedly not far away.

But Gretchen's needles were not twinkling in the sunlight as was their wont. Her knitting lay in her lap, and its stead a letter trembled slightly in in the wrinkled hands. The carrier had just brought it, the semi-weekly letter from her boy—her comfort—and she had torn it open eagerly with infinite fondness in her expectant face. She had read and looked puzzled, and read again. Then she had sat erect, half-dazed, with a troubled look in her eyes, absorbed in the news that the little sheet had brought her.

The letter ran thus:

Dear Mother: I am not sending the usual bill in my letter today. Fritz and I have met with reverses this week. We've got into trouble, and I want to ask your advice. Someone broke into our store somehow, Monday night, and stole a lot of stamps and the postoffice and freight money out of our desk. We can't get a clue as to who it was. We were to turn the freight receipts over tomorrow to the railroad and are to make our monthly report to the postoffice department next week; and we'll have to make the money good if we don't want to lose the postal appointment and the freight agency. Fritz's father will help him with his share. My share's $75. I can spare $25 out of the business, but I don't know what to do about the rest. I can't think of any way to raise it, unless you'd let me give a mortgage on the house for it. I think I could pay it back again in six months.

I don't like to send you this news, mother, but I'm in a tight place. We can't afford to lose the postoffice and the agency. If we do, somebody else will come in and get them and run against us. That would kill our business, and we might as well stop. Get Mr. Pritchard to write me right away what you think.

Your loving son, Carl.

Poor Gretchen! The news had come like a thunder bolt into her quiet life. She had been used for the last few years to live on uneventfully from day to day. Her needs were few, and the widow's pension she received, with the bill which Carl enclosed, were enough to satisfy them. This new thing had sprung up like the return of the monster of former years, when she had had no home, little money and a sick husband.

The new burden took on a threefold nature as she sat gazing fixedly out into the roseate west. First and uppermost in her motherly heart was the thought that Carl was in trouble. Then came the realization that she was powerless to help him, and this meant added bitterness. In the trial of earlier years she had health and the vigor of youth, but these she could number no more among her blessings. There was one way to help, the way Carl had suggested. But Gretchen's whole nature revolted from the idea of the mortgage. She looked about the little room. In the ruddy evening glow everything looked strangely beautiful and dear. It had given her such a sense of satisfaction and peace to feel that the house was her own. Satisfaction and peace had been such a small part of her life, and she could not bear to give them up. Yet she would be doing it for Carl, and Carl had a right to ask for the mortgage. He had been a faithful son, and it was due to his efforts that she had known at all the infinite comfort of owning the roof over her own head.

So she reasoned, and when the course of reasoning was done, she went all over it again. At last she knelt down impulsively and opened her heart to God. Gretchen was no novice in prayer, and on this afternoon she offered her plea with all the earnestness of experience. "Give me back health and strength, O God. Bless him and keep him from further harm. Have mercy, O God, and show us kindness." The same thoughts were repeated in various ways. There was a knock at the door, but Gretchen prayed on. The knock was repeated, and still she did not hear. Then for a minute a child's face was pressed against the window-pane. Two wide blue eyes opened wider at sight of the woman kneeling there, and presently a demure little maiden crept out of the yard on tiptoe, as if afraid that her footsteps might disturb Gretchen's devotions.

"I didn't forget the package, mother," Mary Mercer reported a few minutes later. "I knocked and knocked and couldn't make her hear. Then I peeped in at the window to see if any one was at home; and mother what do you think?" Mary's eyes grew large again as she laid her finger mysteriously on her mother's hand. "Mrs. Hartberg was on her knees by her chair, crying as hard as she could. Do you suppose her rheumatism's worse?"

Mrs. Mercer looked serious. "She suffers so much," she said; and she wondered anxiously whether Gretchen could have some other trouble besides her physical pain. Making the yarn the child had been unable to deliver an excuse for the visit, she hurried down to the Hartberg cottage after she had tucked her little daughter into bed.

Gretchen came to the door, tranquil and immaculate as usual. "Well, Miss Mercer!" she said, throwing up her hands, "I never looked to see you at this hour. I bet you've come to fetch me yarn!"

"You've guessed it partly, Gretchen; but I came also to visit with you. I've been busy lately and couldn't get down in the daytime. Does your rheumatism hinder your knitting any?" Mrs. Mercer asked as she opened her cape. "If there's ever a time when you want to stop that work for the hospital, Aunty"—half the town called Gretchen aunt—"you must be free to say so."

"Oh, darlin',"—Gretchen shook her head—"my stiff, achy joints has made me powerless in many ways, but I can still perform that service for my Master." A tear dropped on the knitting. "Somehow, though, my hands are trembly and I've been dropping stitches to-night, but I'm sure it ain't that I've got too old for this. I'm too old for most everything 'cept doctor's bills."

The two women talked on and Gretchen made no reference to her trouble, but Mrs. Mercer believed that she had ferretted out its cause. Rising at last rather abruptly, she said good-night and hurried out into the dark. She had come to the conclusion that Gretchen needed money to pay her doctor, and she had made up her mind that that money was going to come from the hospital board. For six years Gretchen had knitted free of charge dozens of pairs of shoes for the hospital bureau. She had refused to listen to any mention of reward. This was her contribution to charity, she said. She couldn't give money, and she was; glad to give service. But Mrs. Mercer believed that the time had come when Gretchen should be paid. The board were having a meeting at her house that night, and she intended to lay the case before them. She had at home a beautiful black silk purse, one of Gretchen's few treasures, which she had borrowed as a copy. Her plans were laid to the smallest detail. She meant to carry that purse back to its owner full of the money she had earned.

As Mrs. Mercer had surmised, the board needed no persuading. Some remuneration was Gretchen's by right, they said, and they agreed to make it $100. It was decided, too, to pay it in coins, for the sum would seem more real to Gretchen's untutored mind in this form than in a check.

When Mrs. Mercer laid the purse on the mantel of the Hartberg cottage, two days later, she could hardly keep from revealing the secret. But she wanted Gretchen to make the discovery of the money herself, so she said good-bye as if there had been nothing unusual in her call.

The door was scarcely closed, when Gretchen picked up the treasured black silk bag to put it away. Surprised at its weight, she let it fall to the floor, when it emptied its glittering contents about her feet. She could not credit the sight. She stooped down and handled some of the pieces to make sure that they were real, then threw open the cottage door and called to Mrs. Mercer.

"Look at my floor!" she cried, as her visitor reappeared in the doorway. "It was all in the purse. Ye must have left your money in it!"

"No, Gretchen; its yours," was the reply.

Gretchen looked half scared at this information. "It can't be," she said. "I don't own it."

"Yes, you do, Auntie Hartberg. You own it all. The hospital board sent it to you as a gift, and every cent is yours."

Gretchen was silent, but tears of joy streamed down her face. Then a new thought came to her. "It ain't for pay?" she asked. "Miss Mercer, I can't take pay for those shoes."

This was the difficulty Mrs. Mercer had feared, but she was resolved that Gretchen should take the money. "It's not meant for pay, Auntie," she said. "If it were pay, it would be twice as much. Why, Gretchen, the hospital couldn't have done without you all these years; and you'll surely let them show that they appreciate your services."

Then Gretchen told her recent woe. "Oh, Miss Mercer," she said, "you don't know how it has troubled me. Carl's such a good boy. I couldn't refuse him. I wanted Mr. Pritchard to fix up the mortgage fer us yisterday. But he's so kind. He said this shouldn't worrit me, an' I needn't give a mortgage; that he'd lend Carl the money. But it's all on my mind. I can't bear to think we're owin' friends. Now, would you do somethio' fer me? Mr. Pritchard was to send the check last night, an' I s'pose its gone. You jus' count out fifty of these dollars an' give 'em to Mr. Pritchard, will ye?"

And so the new trouble vanished. That night Gretchen wrote a note to Carl that was a psalm of praise and thanksgiving. The debt was paid, it said, and "Miss Mercer" had put fifty dollars in the bank for her. "Carl, it never fails: Them that fear the Lord, He will save out of their distresses." In this faith Gretchen lived. It was this that made her life so placid and that made all the village look with reverence on her sweet, worn face.

Work on Apple Trees.

Apple trees which are neglected fill up their heads with inside branches. These are not only useless in themselves for fruit bearing, but they damage the fruit boughs by depriving them of air and light, and by taking strength from them. All these inside growths take away from the fruit-forming capacity of the trees, and for that reason they should be removed.

Cut them out freely. Leave only such limbs as can be exposed to the sun and the free movement of the air. Orchardists often hesitate to remove these growths, as it generally looks like cutting away good growth, but examination will show that most of the growths are without fruit buds, and that in reality these numerous and vigorous little limbs are mere suckers, differing from the regular root suckers only in being on the limbs.

They show that the trees are vigorous for one thing. They show, too, that the top grafts are more luxuriant growers than are the stocks on which they are grafted, just as the root suckers show that the stocks are more vigorous growers than the tops. In cutting out these airy suckers use a sharp tool. Make the cuts clean and leave no large parts of the extra limbs on the main boughs. Paint all the scars with some mixture that prevents decay. These suckers should not be permitted to grow to large switches. When trees show the tendency to put little limbs in every open space in their heads, it will be a saving of time, work, muscles, tools and tree-strength to go over such trees and rub off such shoots as they appear.

The Duties of a Mother.

She should be firm, gentle, kind; always ready to attend to her child. She should never laugh at him, at what he does that is cunning; never allow him to think of his looks except to be neat and clean in all his habits. She should teach him to obey a look; to respect those older than himself. She should never make a command without seeing that it is performed in a proper manner. Never speak of a child's faults or foibles or remarks before him; it is a sure way to spoil a child. Never reprove a child when excited, nor let your voice be raised when correcting him. Strive to inspire love, not dread; respect, not fear. Remember that you are training and educating a soul for eternity. Teach a child to wait on himself, and to put away a thing when done with it; but don't forget that you were once a child. The griefs of little ones are too often neglected; they are too great for them. Bear patiently with them, and never in any way arouse their anger if it can be avoided.

Teach the child to be useful whenever opportunity may offer. Look to God for wisdom and grace.—Word and Work.

Husband—"The coffee is cold again, dear. What would you do if I were to kick?"

Wife—"What would I do, darling? Why, I would certainly make it hot for you."

A Plea For Song Birds.

The winter is over and the song birds, the harbingers of spring, are making their appearance throughout the State. Song birds are insectiverous birds, hence apart from the pleasure they afford the ear of man, they are of great assistance to the farmer, gardener or fruit grower. In recognition of these facts the State of Maryland, in Chapter 206, of the Acts of 1898, has thrown around these beneficial agents due protection:

Chapter 206, Acts 1898, Sec. 15H, names the birds as follows:

Sec. 15 H—No person shall, in this State, at any time shoot or in any manner catch or kill, expose for sale, sell or buy, or have in possession, alive or dead, any turkey-buzzard, wren, sparrow, blue bird, humming bird, blue jay, migratory, or other thrush, wood robin, red-breasted robin, martin, mocking bird, cat bird, swallow, oriole, red bird, lark, indigo bird, joe wink, pewit, sapsucker, whippoorwill, gold finch (yellow-breasted chat, cedar bird, herring gull or mackeral gull or gull of any description, under a penalty of not less than one ($1) dollar nor more than five ($5) dollars for each bird so shot, caught, killed, exposed for sale, sold, bought, or had in possession; and no person shall, under like penalty, have in his or her possession, offer for sale or wear, the skins, plumage, wings or feathers of any of the birds, the catching or killing of which is prohibited by this Section: provided, however that nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to make it unlawful to shoot, catch or kill, or in any manner destroy, at any time, any hawk or other birds destructive to domestic poultry, or any English sparrow, or crow, or blackbird; provided, that this section shall not apply to St. Mary's county and Calvert county; provided that it shall be lawful to have mocking birds or red birds, or other song birds in cages, or stuffed specimens of any of said birds in educational institutions, or public or private museums.

The State Game Warden, Col. John W. Avirett, is urging all of the newspapers of the State to give publicity to the law and to assist in creating a sentiment in its favor which will ensure respect for its every provision.

In the case of Calvert county there is no restriction as to the killing of these birds except the mocking birds, and in St. Mary's the robin may, by local act, codified in Article 19 of the Code of 1898, be shot in that county, from October 1, to March 1. The game warden has asked the delegations from these counties to pass the necessary Act to have State law apply to these counties that there shall not be any section of the State where the killing of the song and insectiverous birds shall be legal. The support of the movement is general and the publicity given the law at this time will ensure its observance.

A Cure for Lockjaw.

Rev. Dr. Cyrus Cort, of Poulton, Pa., in a letter to the "*Waynesboro Record*," says: "I have lately noticed several accounts of deaths of persons and animals as the result of tramping on rusty nails. I have a very simple remedy to suggest which was recommended to me many years ago by Dr. Stephen B. Kieffer, then an eminent physician of Carlisle. He told me that a poultice made by scraping an ordinary raw beet would prevent lockjaw in man or beast. He said he had used such a remedy repeatedly on gunshot wounds, etc., with efficacious results, and had cured cases of incipient lockjaw by such an application. In case the beet is too dry a little weak vinegar can be used to moisten it. I used the remedy with splendid results on a horse threatened with lockjaw from a dangerous wound, and have frequently suggested it to persons who had trodden on nails, etc., and who afterward reported very satisfactory results from its use. It is a very cheap, simple and safe remedy, always within reach, and no harm can be done from its use, but, as I verily believe, great benefit. I deem it my duty to pass it along in the interests of suffering humanity. The poultice can be applied to the foot of a horse by means of a stocking or pants leg tied shut at one end."

Killing Lice on Chickens.

There are a number of different kinds of lice that prey on the chicks. But the worst and most disastrous louse that is found is the big gray louse found on their heads and necks.

Thousands of chicks are hurled into the unseen annually from the ravages of these pests.

Quick work can be made in destroying them in a large flock by taking a machine oil can filled with lubricating oil and drooping one or two drops on each chick's head. This manner of treatment will be very rapid and sure death to the lice.

The man who has a breed of hogs which requires twelve months to make them weigh 200 pounds has either the wrong breed or gives them the wrong care. When this state of affairs exists it is time to study the source of the trouble.

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