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PUBLIC SALE.

The undersigned, administrator of the estate of Lydia C. Circle, late of Carroll county, deceased, will sell at Public Sale, at the residence of Andrew D. Reese, on the road leading from Meadow Branch Church to the Littlestown Turnpike, half a mile from the said church, on

SATURDAY, JULY 27th, 1907,

at 12 o'clock, M., the following property: One writing desk, buffet, large chest, set of cushioned chairs, 3 rocking chairs, bureau, ten-plate stove, wire mattress, trunk; lot of bed clothes, consisting of 1 silk quilt, large lot of other fine quilts, lot of comforts, feather beds, pillows, pillow cases, sheets, coverlets; lot of JEWELRY, GOLD WATCH AND CHAIN, &c., lot of glassware, fruit dishes, cake stands dessert dishes, bread trays, pitchers, mugs, fruit stands, spoon holders, water glasses, sugar bowls, butter dishes, &c.; lot of queensware—dinner plates, teapots, cups and saucers, vegetable dishes, meat plates, gravy pitchers, &c.; lot of table cloths, napkins, towels, stand covers, hand and other baskets, dressing suit case, lot of tinware, looking glasses, lot of books and many other articles not mentioned. Also

4 SHARES OF THE CAPITAL STOCK

of the Union National Bank of Westminster.

Terms made known on day of sale.

DAVID A. CIRCLE, Administrator.

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TRUSTEE'S SALE OF Valuable Real Estate,

In Uniontown District, in Carroll County, Md.

By virtue of a decree of the Circuit Court for Carroll County, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in cause No. 2903 in the matter of the trust estate of Clotworthy Birnie, deceased, Clotworthy Birnie, Trustee; the undersigned trustee will offer at public sale on the premises, situate about three miles from Taneytown; and about nine miles from Westminster, on the road leading from Westminster to Taneytown, on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31, 1907,

at 1 o'clock P. M., the land and premises known as "Thorndale," formerly belonging to Clotworthy Birnie, deceased, situate in said Uniontown district, county and State aforesaid, as follows, to-wit:—

Tract No. 1, containing

173¾ ACRES AND 20 PERCHES OF LAND,

more or less, being part of the same land of which the said Clotworthy Birnie died seized and possessed. This tract contains about

35 ACRES OF WOOD LAND.



The improvements thereon consist of a rough cast stone dwelling house with 15 rooms, basement kitchen and linen room; there is also a barn, hog house and necessary outbuildings, also well and cistern water. This property is well located and one of the most desirable country homes in the neighborhood of Taneytown.

Tract No. 2, containing

150 ACRES AND 37 PERCHES OF LAND,

more or less, is located contiguous to Tract No. 1, in said Uniontown district, in said Carroll county, and State of Maryland, and is part of the same land of which the said Clotworthy Birnie died seized and possessed.



This property has about 50 ACRES of growing timber thereon. The improvements thereon consist of a 7 room weatherboarded dwelling house with a basement kitchen, large stable, hog house and other outbuildings. There is also a well of good water at the house. Bear Branch, a never failing stream of pure water, runs through this Tract and Tract No. 1.

Tract No. 3, containing

114¼ ACRES AND 32 PERCHES OF LAND,

more or less, is located contiguous to Tract No. 1, in said Uniontown district, in Carroll county, and State of Maryland, and is part of the same land of which the said Clotworthy Birnie died seized and possessed. This property is unimproved and contains about 25 ACRES of growing timber.

The aforegoing three tracts will be offered separately and then as a whole.

This property is well suited for farming purposes and has a good proportion of meadow land and especially well suited for stock raising.

For further information apply to the undersigned at Taneytown, Md., or to Eugene Althoff on the premises.

Terms of Sale:—One-third cash on the day of sale or upon ratification by the Court, one third in six months and the other one-third in twelve months from the day of sale, or if desired by the purchaser or purchasers, all cash on the ratification of sale by the Court; the credit payments to be secured by the notes of the purchasers, with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale.

CLOTWORTHY BIRNIE, Trustee.

Roberts & Crouse, Solicitors.

july27 ts Wm. T. Smith, Auctioneer.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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

ELIZABETH C. HULL,

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 24th day of January, 1908, they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 24th day of June, 1907.

HOWARD P. HULL, Administrator.

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RATIFICATION NOTICE.

In the Orphans' Court of Carroll County, Md.

July Term, 1907.

Estate of James H. McQuay, Sr, deceased.

On application, it is ordered, this 2nd day of July, 1907, that the sale of the real estate of James N. McQuay, Sr., late of Carroll county, deceased, made by David H. McQuay, executor of the last will and testament of said deceased, and this day reported to this court by the said executor, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause be shown to the contrary on or before the 1st Monday, 5th day of August next; provided a copy of this order be inserted for three successive weeks in some newspaper printed and published in Carroll county, before the 5th Monday, 29th day of July inst. The report states the amount of sale to be $2,206.54.

A. KURTZ MYERS, JOHN E. ECKENRODE, GEO. R. RUPP, Judges.

True Copy.—Test:

jy 5 3t J. J. Stewart Register of Wills.

DIVIDEND NOTICE 182.

Union National Bank of Westminster, Westminster, Md., June 29th, 1907.

The Board of Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of

FIVE PER CENT.

upon the Capital Stock of the Bank, less Taxes, payable on and after Tuesday, July 9th, 1907.

jy 5 3t J. W. HERING, Cashier.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

First National Bank of New Windsor, New Windsor, Md., June 29th, 1907.

The President and Directors of this Bank have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of

THREE AND A HALF (3½) PER CENT.

on the Capital Stock, for the six months ending this day, clear of United States, State and Carroll county Taxes, payable on demand.

NATHAN H. BAILE, Cashier.

jy 5 3t

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

The First National Bank of Westminster, Westminster, Md., June 20th, 1907.

The President and Directors have this day declared a Semi-annual Dividend of

FOUR AND ONE-HALF PER CENT.

on the Capital Stock of this Bank payable on and after July 10th, 1907. Taxes will be deducted from dividend.

GEORGE R. GEHR, Cashier.

jy 5 3t

DIVIDEND NOTICE No. 98.

Farmers and Mechanics National Bank of Westminster, Westminster, Md., June 29th, 1907.

The President and Directors have this day declared a Dividend of

FOUR PER CENT.

on the Capital Stock, out of the earnings of the past six months, payable to the stockholders of this date, on and after July 10th, 1907, clear of Federal, State, County and Municipal Taxes.

JOHN H. CUNNINGHAM, Cashier.

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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, Treasurer.

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"THE DAYLIGHT STORE"

BABYLON & LIPPY CO.

Mid-Summer SALE!

Everything in Stock Shows Market Reductions

Glance at our Window Displays--a characteristic slashing of prices to accomplish quick Clearance. The emphatic reductions we have placed on everything involved, makes it the biggest bargain clearance of the season. An important feature is that the offerings are made up entirely of this summer's newest and best styles which we are forced to close out at great reductions to make room for early fall shipments.

The Biggest Bargains of the Season

Any Suit in the house—Men's or Ladies', (Wash Suits included.)

$20.00	Suits	$16.00
16.00	"	12.00
12.00	"	9.00
10.00	"	7.50
7.50	"	5.50

and so on down through the entire stock.

This is a golden opportunity—don't miss it.

Dress Goods

15 pieces regular 25 and 35c Dress Goods to go during this sale at - - 19c

75c Silks - - - - 49c

Shirt Waists

We cannot well describe this lot, it being a large one, consisting of a great variety of both colors and patterns.

Every one new this spring. $1.25, your choice of the lot - - - - 89c

WASH FABRICS

This lot embraces madras, ginghams, seersuckers, organdies, batistes, etc. The regular prices of these goods were 12½ to 15c, this sale price 9c.

25c 40-in. white linen, sale price -	15c
15c 36-in. figured percales, sale price -	12½c
10c 30-in. figured lawns, sale price -	7c
25c silk tissues - - -	19c
25c french dimities - - -	19c
7c lawns - - - -	5c
7c calicoes - - - -	3c
75c white table Damask (all linen) -	59c
12½c cotton towels - - -	7½c

White Aprons

This lot alone is worth your consideration. Regular 50c white aprons, some bib aprons, some waist aprons - - - 39c

25c quality, assorted patterns - 19c

ONE WEEK ONLY

$1.75 Ladies' House Dresses $1.19. A limited quantity left in all sizes, worth today if we had to buy them more than we sold them at. This sale regardless of cost $1.19.

Gloves, Collars, Etc.

$1.00 ladies' white lace mitts -	25c pr.
25 to 50c ladies' white lace gloves -	10c pr.
25c ladies' embroidered collars -	15c
12½ ladies' vests - - -	10c
19c tooth brushes - - -	10c
5c torchon laces - - - -	3½c
Children's rompers - - -	49c
$1.25 bed spreads - - -	98c
5c cotton crash - - -	3c
25c sun bonnets - - -	19c

10c TOILET SOAPS 5c

This lot embraces all the best makes of 10c soaps, the variety is large, we are closing out all our soaps and offer them at this sale for 5c.

5c TOILET SOAPS 3c

Your choice of any 5c soap, all put in one basket and offered during this sale at 3c.

RUGS

$1.98 Velvet Rugs 27x54 - -	$1.49
$1.25 Brussels " " - - -	98c
69c Matting " 36x72 - -	49c

Household Goods

40c 10 qt. Enameled Buckets -	25c
25c 14 qt. " Dish Pans -	19c
35c China salt Boxes - - -	15c
25c Jardiniers - - - -	15c
19c Cuspidors - - - -	10c

50c Men's Negligee Shirts - -	39c
50c " Invisible Suspenders -	25c

SHOES AND OXFORDS

The sweeping reductions that prevail throughout the Dry Goods Departments show a marked decrease in our Shoe Department. We have collected all our small lots of different styles in Men's, Women's and Children's Oxfords and the prices show a marked reduction.

$2.00 Ladies' two-eyelet Tan Oxfords - $1.69

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126 East MAIN STREET, WESTMINSTER.

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TEAM HARNESS of all Kinds.

Soap, Oil, Collars, Halters, Whips, Chains, and in fact everything to furnish a horse complete.

Baseball and Turf Goods.

Repairing done at short notice.

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Plate work and repairing will be given prompt attention. Gas administered.

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DR. W. J. SELBY has removed his dental parlors from the Smith & Reifsnider building to 105 E. Main St., in the office formerly occupied by Dr. J. T. Herine.

EVERY DAY OF THE WEEK.

All work previously done by me which is not satisfactory will be replaced free of charge.

Teeth extracted positively without pain.

Sets of Teeth.....$4.00 and up.

Teeth filled with Gold..... 1.00 and up.

Teeth filled with Silver ..... 75c.

Teeth filled with Amalgam... 50c.

Gold Crown.....$4.00 and up.

Vitilized Air..... 75c.

Teeth cleaned..... 50c.

Bridgework at Reduced Rates. All work guaranteed.

DR. W. J. SELBY, Westminster Md.

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Pullets for Sale.

Single Comb Brown Leghorn Pullets for sale. February Hatching. 75c each. Apply to Mrs. Chas. W. Reese, Westminster, Carrier 1.

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Competitive Examination.

At 9 o'clock, A. M., TUESDAY, July 23rd, 1907, a Competitive Examination will be held in the High School Building, Westminster, Md., for the purpose of filling one Senatorial Scholarship (female, not under 14 years of age) for Western Maryland College; and one Senatorial Scholarship (male) for St. John's College, at Annapolis.

S. SIMPSON, County Superintendent.

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IVAN L. HOFF,

Attorney at Law.

ENGLISH and GERMAN SPOKEN.

Delight of Seeking Good.

(From "The Seeking of the Water-Fall.")

What matter though we seek with pain
The garden of the gods in vain,
If lured thereby we climb to greet
Some wayside blossom Eden-sweet?

To seek is better than to gain,
The fond hope dies as we attain;
Life's fairest things are those which seem,
The best is that of which we dream.

Then let us trust our waterfall
Still flashes down its rocky wall
With rainbow crescent curved across
Its sunlit spray from moss to moss.

And we, forgetful of our pain,
In thought shall seek it oft again;
Shall see this aster-blossomed sod,
This sunshine of the golden-rod.

And haply gain, through parting brows,
Grand glimpses of great mountain brows
Cloud-turbaned, and the sharp steel sheen
Of lakes deep set in valleys green.

So failure wins; the consequence
Of loss becomes its recompense;
And evermore the end shall tell
The unreached ideal aided well.

Our sweet illusions only die
Fulfilling love's sure prophecy;
And every wish for better things
An undreamed beauty nearer brings.

For fate is servitor of love;
Desire and hope and longing prove
The secret of immortal youth,
And Nature cheats us into truth.

O kind allurers, wisely sent,
Beguiling with benign intent,
Still move us, through divine unrest,
To seek the loveliest and the best!

Go with us when our souls go free,
And, in the clear, white light to be,
Add unto Heaven's beatitude
The old delight of seeking good!

—John G. Whittier.

How a Thief Caught a Thief.

A Detective Story.

BY D. R. ANDERSON.

From New Orleans Picayune.

'Judging from your remarks, you have no very high opinion of our vaunted detective system,' said I, as we turned into Vavasours's rooms.

'I cannot say I have,' he answered, smiling; my life has been a proof that their sagacity is not miraculous. I did not find the business required any unusual intelligence when I filled the roll of detective, and his smile broadened into a hearty laugh.

'You a detective!' I exclaimed amazedly.

'I assure you, yes,' he answered, rightly construing the question on my face. 'And I ran down my man, too. It was a good day's work for me. But light your cigar; I see you will not give me rest until I tell my story.

'There is an old saying, 'ae corbie, een,' but I am afraid my life has been a fight against that axiom. 'It takes a thief to catch a thief,' and so far as lay in my power I waged war only with rogues and thieves. I marked them as my game, and have never knowingly robbed an honest man. Oh, yes, some of the profession have their code of ethics, I assure you.'

'I can well believe that, now,' I said; and I meant my words. Vavasour's lips trembled slightly as he muttered: 'Thank you.'

Next moment all trace of emotion had left him, but I was not deceived. He felt keenly. His life ruined by a rogue as I learned afterwards, he had sworn to be revenged upon him and his class, and he had kept his vow, but at what a cost! And yet the excitement of those days appealed to him; his eyes would sparkle, and his features quicken as he told some tale of daring, and his words were pregnant with the enjoyment of its danger.

Along in my rooms they sound cold and lifeless, but sometimes as I write Vavasour seems with me, my pen flies rapidly, and I know my readers learn something of the true nature of the man of whose friendship I am proud in spite of his profession, and yet I know if it had not been for Sybil and her love he would have sunk into something but little removed from a common criminal.

Vavasour plunged directly into his story.

'I could not help noticing,' he began, 'that two well-known members of the knickerbocker looked anxious and purturbed as they sat at a little dining table a yard or two away from mine. Their faces were flushed and they spoke in whispers. Occasionally one would forget to restrain his voice, and the other would respond in similar tones. Then, suddenly, remembering my presence, both would become silent and look nervously in my direction. 'Hell, he has heard nothing, and if he had he would not understand,' I heard one mutter. But in both premises he had erred. From what they said, and knowing that both were directors of a life insurance company then prominently before the public it was an easy matter to conclude their conversation had to do with its affairs. From the frequency with which the words 'decamp' and 'manager' occurred, I had no doubt that official had disappeared with funds; but when the sum of half a million was mentioned, I confess I paid more attention to what they said than to the cordial which lay beside my plate.

''The chairman has called a meeting for tomorrow; nothing can be done till then.'

''I got the notice. I suppose they will call in the police.'

''And keep the matter quiet. If it gets to to the public the society may as well close its doors. The press will be down on us, and who knows whether we are not responsible; we left everything to Rogers. If it collapses, what will the widows and orphans do?'

'I had heard enough. Half a million was a prize worth scheming for. I did not wish them to know I had been interested in their conversation, so I left the table and strolled into the smoking room.

'I had heard enough and it now only remained for me to lay my plans. Needless to tell you, I possessed a thorough knowledge of the actor's part of making up. At that time I could have portrayed men of all ages and all ranks in life. In French and German I am proficient. The part of detective was an easy one to me. I knew many of them intimately. Next morning I devoted more than usual attention to my toilet, and when I slipped out unobserved I flattered myself that no one would have recognized me.

'Ten o'clock found me in the magnificent temple on Broadway which the company had erected for its head offices.

'Entering I inquired at once for the company's attorney.

'He is with the Board. They are sitting at present,' was the reply.

''I know it,' I said, handing him my card which read—

JACOB HOPKINS, Detective. No. 300 Mulberry St.

''Shall I tell them you are here?' he asked meekly, as he glanced at it.

''Yes, you might send it in at once,' I answered.

'As he turned about the 'phone on his desk rang and he paused and took the receiver in his hand. It was a call from the Board room. The words came clearly: 'Call Police Headquarters and tell them to send a detective here at once.'

'My nerves tingled as he answered, 'Yes, sir.'

''Was that a call for me?' I asked carelessly as he hung up the receiver.

'He looked at me, and from me to the others in his office, then glancing at my card again, he beckoned to a young man sitting at a far desk who came at once.

''Take this gentleman to the Board Room at once,' he said, handing the young man my card. He bowed and led the way and in a few minutes we were before the door which he opened after knocking, and with some importance said:

''Mr. Jacob Hopkins, from Police Headquarters,' and silently closed the door behind me as he withdrew.

'I bowed gravely to the Chairman as I entered.

''Be seated, Mr. Hopkins,' he said, courteously. 'Mr. Parker will explain the situation to you—a very serious situation—Mr. Hopkins; we look to you to help us.'

'The tale was soon told. I was instructed to follow Rogers and get the money back. They were sure he had it with him. He had taken it from the bank the day before.

''Don't spare expense, Mr. Hopkins,' said the chairman after Mr. Parker had ended; 'only get the money. We are not so particular about the man, as we wish the matter kept from the public ear. From this moment, gentlemen,—and 'we looked warningly around the table—'we will consider the matter dead until we hear from Mr. Hopkins.'

''You will hear within a week; I will report myself direct to you. You need make no inquiries at Headquarters. Believe me, gentlemen, I will do my best to get the money,' and I bowed myself out.

Mr. Parker accompanied me downstairs.

'This will be sufficient for the moment, perhaps,' he said, handing me a check for one thousand dollars payable to self or bearer.

'So far all was well; my commission and expenses were secured, but where was Rogers? He had more than twenty-four hours start of me. He might be far enough away by now. I had to act at once; any chance inquiry at Headquarters would send them after me. In my turn I must have the start of them.

'Going straight to his house, I found to my relief he was a bachelor. The servant was disposed to be communicative. He knew nothing of the robbery but he supposed that Mr. Rogers had gone away for a trip on business or pleasure. Before he went this man had gone out and bought some books for him at a nearby book store. He could not remember what any of them were by their titles, but after questioning he seemed to think that one of them was a French book, a kind of guide.

This was an important clue. In such matters one has to act a good deal by intuition. He evidently intended to hide himself in some French community and wished to pick up enough to get along with the natives. It might be either France or Canada. I decided in favor of the last place as the first to be considered and an hour later found me in conversation with the conductor of the Montreal train that left New York in the afternoon and from him I obtained the information I desired as to at what point I could soonest intercept the conductor of the train that had left on the previous day, when he was on his return trip. The upshot of it all was that I took the same train northward and this conductor put me off at Bellville Junction where I could intercept the other conductor on his return. This all worked smoothly and when I finally interviewed the conductor I sought and showed him the photograph I carried, he recognized the man instantly as one who had been on his train from New York on his trip and who had been presumably bound for Montreal, but who had got off at a small junction where he could catch a train for St. Catherine's.

'It is surprising how rapidly a scheme will unfold itself sometimes; all my thought as to probabilities had evidently run in the same channels as those of the fugitive. To me it seemed simplicity itself.

'The ordinary detective who muddles through a case, would have spent hours, perhaps days, watching steamboats and telegraphing to other ports of embarkation and in sending out copies of the photograph. He would probably have jumped to the conclusion that such distant points as Australia, or South America, or Europe, would be the first place for a man to fly who sought to hide himself with such a sum of money.

'I was a half day in St. Catharine's before I found my man, and even then I had sat beside him for over an hour without recognizing him, for he had taken off his moustache and his whole attire had been changed from the description which had been furnished me. This was only to be expected, but I did not look for so complete a transformation in a man's make up as it made in him.

'I came into the hotel office a bit disappointed at not having come across my man more readily, and sat down in one of the big cushioned chairs where perhaps a dozen or more men were seated, singly and in groups, talking. The man beside me had his face half buried in one hand and the other half was turned from me a paper lay upon his knee. Presently he threw this from him and took a book from his side coat pocket. As he did so he looked up and I caught a full view of his face I was not mistaken, it was the man I had trailed.

'I spoke to him in French by way of opening a conversation but he only nodded his head and muttered something 'Knee comprahnee' and I then addressed him in English.

''Mr. Rogers, I believe,' and a look of terror came into his eyes. I could see he was trying to master himself to brazen out a case of mistaken identity, but I followed it up saying that he might consider himself under arrest, and that of course as to there being a scene over it, the matter was entirely in his hands.

'I laid my hand upon his arm to make sure that there was to be no breaking away or other action, and I could feel his muscles quivering under my touch

'Let us go to your room,' I said, 'we can't speak here, and your face betrays you.'

'Unnoticed by any one we walked quietly up to his room. I closed the door behind me and locked it. He made a clean breast of it at once. He had embezzled to pay his losses on the Stock Exchange. The annual balance was due in a week or two, and he knew his fraud would be discovered He had no chance to right himself. His only hope seemed to him to plunge deeper and try and clear out forever, as many another poor wretch has thought. He induced the chairman to countersign a blank check before he left the office saying that it was only for a small sum, which was being determined by the bookkeeper. When he got the check he filled it in for every cent that was lying in the bank. He had not expect to be found out for a week or two, and he had intended to bury himself quietly in some little French town for a few years, until it had all blown over.

'The Funny part of it all was that to wind up he offered to go halves with me, Quentin Vavasour, if I would let him go free.

''The money is practically untouched, I have turned the large notes into bonds, they are negotiable everywhere!' Truly he had not misspent his time.

'I was very stern with him; I am afraid I moralized with him on the iniquity of his acts.

''We return to New York tonight,' I said.

'Imploringly he held out a black bag with both hands. 'Take it,' he cried, 'it is all there; only let me go,' and he wept like a child. Suddenly he leaped to his feet and seized a razor that lay upon the bureau, but before he could use if I was upon him. Grasping him firmly by both arms from behind, I pressed my fingers upon the nerve, compressing it upon the bone. My grasp is strong, and the glittering blade fell from his hands. Another second and I would have been too late.

''You need not add cowardice to your other crimes,' I said.

'The words unnerved him; he threw himself upon the bed.

''It is no cowardice to fly from disgrace,' he said, between his sobs.

'There I agreed with him. I sat down by his side.

'Did you have any money invested in the company yourself,' I asked.

''Yes, twenty-five thousand dollars,' he said.

''Then that makes four hundred and seventy-five thousand you have stolen. We will not mention what you took before. Now, I have no desire to be hard on you as you seem penitent. If I give you ten thousand dollars of your money will you endeavor to live honestly in the future?'

'He sat up eagerly, the warm blood rushing to his face.

''You mock me,' he whispered.

''I make you an offer. Can you go straight in future with the sum I name?'

''I'll do my best,' he answered.

''That is settlen then,' and opening the bag I counted out fifteen thousand dollars.

''This is more that you promised,' he gasped.

''In that case, it may be easier for you to keep you promise,' and placing my hand upon the door I was about to leave him. He did not answer. and looking back I saw that he had fallen on his knees, and his figure shook convulsively. I turned and said my hand upon his shoulder.

''Shake hands,' I said; 'you mean to be an honest man. If you ever need help to keep you from falling, a letter addressed to the Knickerbocker Club, Quentin Vavasour, will find me.

'That night I left for Boston from which point I sent the bag back to New York after leaving instructions for it to be held for two days before despatching it. I enclosed a letter which ran:

''Gentlemen:—I am pleased to be able to report that I have found the money, which I return less $75.000. I received the whole sum, intact, and am retaining this sum as covering my expenses and professional fee. Enclosed please find the cneck for one thousand dollars handed me by your Mr. Parker, the same not having been justly earned by me. Hoping that you will never require my services under similar circumstances, I am, gentlemen,

''Respectfully yours,

''JACOB HOPKINS.'

'There was a lively scene, I dare say, when the Board met and discussed the bag and its contents. As for Rogers he justified my faith apparently, for I met him some years afterwards in Cape Town, where he was at the head of the biggest importing house in South Africa."

Poultry Pickings.

An occasional dusting or sprinkling of lime on the floor of the hennery helps wonderfully.

Common wood ashes, under the grass of which your hen's nests are built, go a long way in preventing mites and lice.

Experiment with the fumes of carbolic acid is said to have destroyed gapes in poultry. The chicks to be treated are placed in a basket over a pail containing the cure, in which a hot brick is placed to volatilize the acid. Try it.

A good, large coop into which young chickens can easily go at feeding time is a necessity of the poultry yard. Covered with woven wire over a stout framework, food can be thrown into it easily. With an opening at the ground large enough for the young ones to go in and partake of their food in peace, such a coop is a great protection. Where old and young chickens are fed together, the young ones are run over and deprived of their rights.

The annual visitation of mites that commonly begin with warm weather in the spring may be prevented by precautionary measures during the latter part of the winter. First clean out your poultry house. Then spray or sprinkle with strong solution of carbolic soap, and finally scatter lime over the floor, the roosts and nesting places. A hand-spray pump costs less than a dollar, and once used, its handiness and value will commend it to every home owner. For fighting insects in the poultry house, the garden, the fruit trees or the flower yard, these inexpensive little machines do their work perfectly and save their cost several times over every year.

A combination of fruit growing and poultry raising is especially recommended in a bulletin from the Pennsylvania department of agriculture. Locate the poultry houses, if possible, so that the runs will be in the orchard. The fowls will destroy thousands of harmful insects, thus greatly benefiting the trees and increasing the prospects for fruit and the fowls will at the same time gain great comfort and benefit by the protecting shade of the trees. Plum trees and cherry trees are especially benefited by the presence of fowls about their roots. Peach trees will grow most rapidly and soonest give an abundant shade.

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