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J. J. PEARCE,

FASHIONABLE TAILOR,

SHOP AT MY RESIDENCE BELOW MR. J. T. DODD'S.

PHILADELPHIA FASHIONS received every season. CUTTING done at short notice. Thankful for past favors, he respectfully solicits a continuance of public patronage.

Chestertown, jan17y.

Dr. J. T. TWILLEY,
DENTIST,

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND,

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Kent Co., that having located in Chestertown, he can always be found (except on Thursdays,) at his office on the corner of Main and Water Streets, in the dwelling recently occupied by Capt. J. F. Taylor.

☞His charges are moderate and all work done by him guarantied to be as he represents.

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FARMERS
LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST!

THE subscriber has just received from the city an assortment of

SADDLES, CARRIAGE HARNESS,
Cart Harness, Bridles, Collars,

HALTERS, Carriage Reins, Hitch Reins, &c., which he will sell *twenty five per cent. Cheaper* than can be bought in Chestertown. He also has on hand and constantly receiving

Furniture of all Descriptions,

which he can sell as low as can be bought in the city. He still continues to carry on the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS in all its branches, and is prepared to send Corpse to any part of the country.

☞He will give 8½ cents cash for good Beef Hides, 4½ cents for good clean Rags, and the highest cash price for TURKEYS, CHICKENS, and EGGS.

CHARLES STANLEY.

feb27—tf.

SPRING TRADE!

A. W. SPARKS is this day opening a fine assortment of

Spring and Summer Goods,
OF ALL KINDS,

suitable for this market, which will be sold as low as the times will admit. His stock consists in part of the following:

BLEACHED AND BROWN MUSLIN,
HEAVY DRILLS, DUCK, OSNABURG,
HICKORY STRIPES, DOMESTICS,
COTTONADES, GINGHAMS, &c.,

Ladies' Dress Goods

of all the different styles.

HOSIERY, GLOVES, HAN'FS, NECK TIES,
BOOTS, SHOES, GAITERS,
HATS, CAPS, &c.

Quaker Hoop Skirts, latest styles.

Hardware, Tin-ware, Queens-ware, Wooden-ware, &c.

A fine assortment of LAMPS, which for beauty, durability, and cheapness cannot be equalled. The public are invited to call and examine for themselves.

☞No trouble to show Goods.

A. W. SPARKS.

Chestertown, March 19, 1864.

UNITED STATES INTERNAL REVENUE.

INCOME FOR 1863, AND ANNUAL TAXES FOR 1864.

The attention of tax-payers is hereby called to the provisions of the United States Excise law, relative to the assessment for annual taxes.

By the sixth section of the act of July 1, 1862, it is made the duty of all persons, partnerships, firms, associations, or corporations, made liable to any annual duty, license, or tax, *on or before the first Monday of May in each year,* to make a list or return to the Assistant Assessor of the District where located of the amount of annual income, the articles or objects charged with a special tax, and the business or occupation liable to pay any license.

Every person who shall fail to make such return by the day specified will be liable to be assessed by the Assessor according to the best information which he can obtain; and in such case the Assessor is required to add fifty per centum to the amount of the items of such list. Every person who shall deliver to an Assessor any false or fraudulent list or statement, with intent to evade the valuation or enumeration required by law, is subject to a fine of five hundred dollars; and in such case the list will be made out by the Assessor or Assistant Assessor, and from the valuation and enumeration so made there can be no appeal.

Payment of the annual taxes, except those for licenses, will not be demanded until the thirtieth day of June.

The appropriate blanks on which to make return, and all necessary information, will be furnished by W. H. LAMBERT, Assistant Assessor for the 7th Division, to whom the returns should be delivered on or before the first Monday of May, at his office, in Chestertown.

GEORGE M. RUSSUM,
U. S. Assessor, 1st District, Maryland.

April 2, 1864.—4t.

HATS AND CAPS.—Spring Styles—now opening at L. MASTBAUM'S.

1864. NEW GOODS! 1864

NEW GOODS! NEW GOODS!
WM. VANNORT,

HAS just returned from the cities of Philadelphia and Baltimore with a complete Stock of GOODS, which he invites the public to call and examine. His stock consists in part as follows:

DRY GOODS.

Bleached and Unbleached MUSLINS, CALICOES, PLAID DOMESTICS, GINGHAMS, PLAID LINSEY, STRIPE SHIRTING, CHECKS, DENIMS, CASSINETS, CASSIMERES, Sheeps Grey Sattinets, cheap. Mallalieu's fine and common Kersey, white Flannels, Red Flannels, Domestic Flannels. A beautiful assortment of

LADIES' DRESS GOODS.

NOTIONS.—Ladies, Gents, Misses and children's woolen and cotton Hose and Gloves, Gents' Buck Gloves and Mitts, Linen and Silk Handkerchiefs, Gents' Collars, Neck Ties, &c.

Boots and Shoes.

Special attention is called to his stock of Boots and Shoes; Men's and Boy's coarse Boots, and fine Shoes; Women's Shoes in great variety. A complete assortment of children's Shoes. Men and Boy's HATS and CAPS.

Always on hand a complete stock of HARDWARE suitable for Building purposes.

GROCERIES in great variety.

The highest market price paid for country Produce.

No trouble to show Goods. Give us a call.

WILLIAM VANNORT.

Chestertown, April 16, 1864.

HO, for the CHEAP CORNER!
NEW STORE in Chestertown.

(Corner of Main and Queen Streets,)
Nearly opposite the Post Office.

JOHN H. BURCHINAL,

ANNOUNCES to the citizens of Kent and Queen Ann's county, that he has opened a NEW STORE in Chestertown, on the corner of Main and Queen Streets, formerly known as Bacchus' Corner, and recently occupied by Mr. W. Hudgins, and has just opened a fine assortment of

CLOTHING,
DRY GOODS,
Groceries,
HATS AND SHOES,
QUEENS-WARE, GLASS-WARE,
China-ware, Wooden-ware,
Tin-ware, Iron-ware,

BRIDLES, COLLARS, TRUNKS, VALISES, and a variety of other Goods, VERY CHEAP according to the times.

These Goods were all purchased at the lowest prices for cash, with 10 per cent. off, and will be sold accordingly.

COUNTRY PRODUCE of all kinds taken in exchange for Goods.

JOHN H. BURCHINAL.

Chestertown, March 26, 1864.

For Sale or Rent.

THE subscriber offers at private sale, or for rent, the place on which he now resides, situated on Swan Creek, formerly called Page's Point, and now known as Humphrey's Point, containing *TEN ACRES,* more or less, of EXCELLENT LAND.

The improvements consist of a substantial and commodious two-story *BRICK DWELLING,* containing six rooms, with a two-story back building, all in good repair, together with a good Stable and Shedding. The location is exceedingly beautiful and pleasant. Oysters and Fish may be had in abundance. There are on the premises small Apple, Peach, and English Walnut Orchards. It is a good stand for a store, and a profitable business might be done.

There is a large Granary and good WHARF on the premises, affording every facility for running grain and marketing of all kinds to the city of Baltimore, distant only about twenty-five miles.

It is an excellent location for a Canning Establishment, for either Oysters or Fruit, or both. There are many fine Peach Orchards in the vicinity, and fruit in abundance could be obtained at reasonable prices; and Oysters also, which can be delivered at the wharf. The advantages of the situation for a business of this kind cannot be too highly appreciated. Possession can be given at any time.

Apply to DARIUS COLEMAN,
Rock Hall P. O., Kent county, Md

Feb. 20, 1864—tf.

1864. FASHIONS 1864.

For Spring!

THE LARGEST STOCK of MEN and BOY'S FASHIONABLE

SPRING CLOTHING,

Ever offered in Chestertown, is now ready for Examination at the OLD ESTABLISHED STAND AND POPULAR CLOTHING HOUSE OF

L. Mastbaum,

Comprising all the LATEST NOVELTIES of the Season, which for WORKMANSHIP, STYLE and DURABILITY, are *UNSURPASSED* by any other house on the Peninsula, and will be sold at prices

Defying all Competition!

☞AN EARLY CALL☜ from our old as well as new patrons, ☞is respectfully solicited☜

ALSO OPENING A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF GENTLEMEN'S

Furnishing Goods,

selected with great care from the Philadelphia and New York markets, AT REASONABLE RATES.

L. MASTBAUM.

Chestertown, March 12, 1864.

Plows! Plows! Plows!

MADE in the best manner, and for sale at the lowest prices, by

feb13. ROBERT C. MORRIS.

S. D. M. WILLIAMS,
VETERINARY SURGEON,
apr2-tf. CRUMPTON, KENT CO., MD.

PREPARE FOR HARVEST.

THE "KIRBY REAPER."

THE undersigned having been appointed agent for the sale of the above Machine in the lower part of Kent county, takes this method of informing the Farmers of that part of the county, that he is prepared to furnish them at Manufacturer's prices, with a COMBINED REAPER AND MOWER, that cannot be excelled in the country, just such a machine as every Farmer needs at this time, when labor is so scarce.

It Reaps, It Mows, It Rakes!

A perfect Reaper, a perfect Mower, a perfect Self-Raker, and a perfect hand raker.

All Machines sold by him will be put in running order, and the following warranty given if required:

WARRANTY—That they are well built, of good material, and capable of cutting with one span of horses an acre of grass or grain per hour. The purchaser to have the privilege of cutting two acres of grass or grain as a trial of the Machine. If it should not work well he shall give notice to the agent, and allow him time to send a person to put it in order; if it cannot then be made to work satisfactorily it will be taken back and considered no sale.

Early orders solicited.

GEORGE H. THOMPSON, Agent
Near Edesville.

The CLIPPER MOWER, the Cheapest and best single Mower in the world. apr2-3t.

TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY
Of Kent, Queen Ann's and
OTHER COUNTIES.

THE GREATEST INDUCEMENT ever yet offered in CHEAP GOODS of desirable styles, quality and durability, we now have opened for exhibition, at our Cash Store, corner of HIGH AND COURT STREETS, Chestertown, *consisting in part, as follows:*

CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, TWEEDS,
BOY'S WEAR, SATTINETS, Flannels,
Alpaccas, fine Delanes and Cashmeres,
Lawns, Mozambiques, Challies, Prints of splendid styles, Irish Linens, fine L. C. Hdk'fs, Swiss, mull and other muslins, Bed Tick, Domestic Plaids, Ginghams, Stripe Shirtings, Suspenders, Ties and Scarfs, &c.

ALSO,

The largest lot of Hoop Skirts of all descriptions which we have ever offered, together with all kinds of NOTIONS, Soaps, Perfumery, Dress Trimmings, Ladies' Collars, Chokers, Cuffs, &c.

ALSO,

HARDWARE, Table and Pocket Cutlery, Iron-ware, Wooden-ware, Tin-ware, Brooms, Rope, wrought and Cut Nails, &c.

ALSO,

All descriptions of GROCERIES and TEAS with other Goods adapted to that branch of business.

ALSO,

A general assortment of China, Glass, and Queensware, Crockery-ware, stone, Hollow and Earthen Ware, &c.

ALSO,

CARPETING, Ingrain, Hemp, Rag, Canton Matting, Floor Oil Cloths, Table do., Window Curtains, &c. ALSO,

The greatest assortment of Ladies and Gents, Misses, Boys, Youths and Children's BOOTS and SHOES, Gaiters, Slippers, &c., all of superior material and workmanship.

ALSO,

A general assortment of COAL OIL LAMPS, Fixtings, Burners, Chimneys, Shades, &c., together with an endless variety of all kinds of articles too lengthy for detail, *all of which we pledge ourselves to sell as low if not lower than can be bought on this Shore.*

☞All kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE taken in exchange for Goods at the highest market rates

JAS. R. CHANCE & SONS.

Chestertown, April 2, 1864.

HARRISON'S
PLANT-FERTILIZER,

A PERFECT FOOD FOR EVERY VARIETY OF FARM & GARDEN CROP.

The invention of the compound bearing the foregoing title, was prompted by the conviction, that no means of fertilization, either natural or artificial, yet existed to meet the demands of Agriculture and its kindred interests, or re-supply the nutritive elements which present methods were constantly removing from the soil, and with the means of but partial and very limited restoration.

It contains all the elements of nutrition, for every plant, shrub and tree, and their seeds, grains and fruits, cultivated for the use or benefit of man or the lower animals. It will furnish every element requisite for the most rapid, equable and enlarged growth, the most perfect structure of every organ of each plant, the most mature development of their fruit, and consequently, the most healthy constitution possible to attain. It will give fertility to the most barren soils, and maintain the highest fertility in all soils. ☞Descriptive Circulars, of its character, properties and uses, and testimonials of its great practical results—sent free by mail. *Price not advanced*—$50 per ton, of 2000 lbs., in bags of 200 lbs., each—net cash.

ALEXANDER HARRISON,
INVENTOR & PROPRIETOR,
a9-3m. No. 611 Commerce Street, Philad'a.

Woodleave for Sale.

A WOODLEAVE of at least 350 Acres, a part of the Tract of Land called "Colchester," situate in the lower part of Kent county, Maryland, about a mile and a half from a good landing, may be purchased at private sale, at a fair price, and on advantageous terms. This land is generally well wooded, and has a good deal of valuable TIMBER on it.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned, or to R. HYNSON, Esq., Chestertown.

jan9-tf A. J. REES.

DRESS MAKING.

MRS. A. E. MORRIS,
FASHIONABLE AND PLAIN DRESS MAKER.

Dresses made in the best and neatest manner, and a fit guaranteed. Residence corner Queen and Cannon Sts., near the Foundry. ap2tf.

LOGS WANTED.

THE undersigned will purchase at fair prices for cash, PINE and HEMLOCK LOGS. All kinds of Floating Logs taken, if delivered at a public landing on Fairlee Creek, or at the Mill. JOSEPH VENABLE,

feb6—6m.* Fairlee Mills.

NECK-TIES, Collars, silk, linen and cotton Handkerchiefs, Pocket Books, Suspenders, linen, muslin and cassimere Shirts, Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes in great variety and at fair prices, by I. FRANK & BRO.

ETHERIAL OIL, and of the best quality now in the market, in store and for sale by WICKES & BRO.

MAIDEN BEAUTY.

Her hand's like a lily—
But just at the tip
It hath stolen a tint
Like the hue of her lip!
Her breath's like the morning,
When hyacinths blow;
Her feet leave a blessing
Wherever they go!

For each one she's something
To comfort or cheer:
When her purse fails her wishes,
She gives them a tear!
E'en the sound of her step
Seems to bring them relief;
And they bless that sweet face
Which speaks hope 'mid their grief.

Her mouth's like a rose-bud,
Just budding half through,
When it opens at morn
Amidst fragrance and dew;
And her heart is a dwelling
Where angels might rest,
And forget their own heaven
In that of her breast.

CHARLES SWAIN.

A JUMPING MATCH.

A young man of our village (he relates the story himself) who fought, but did not die at Antietam and Gettysburg, recently went into the province on foot, with some small articles for sale. One night, just as the sable curtains of the evening were being lowered upon him, he applied at a very respectable looking house for entertainment. He was very kindly received by a young lady, who happened to be the only one of the family at home, with whom he partook of the evening meal, and everything seemed to our hero to be going "merry as a marriage bell." It seems, however, that the young lady began to suspect that in "entertaining a stranger" she had not entertained "an angel." But how to get rid of him was the trouble!—At length she asked him if he could jump well, saying that she could jump farther than any Yankee living. This was a "stump" which the hero of a dozen battle fields was not disposed to take, and so they arranged for a trial of leap frog.—The young lady, placing herself against the opposite door, at three jumps reached the door. Our Yankee now took his station for the trial. At two bounds he nearly reached the door, when Miss Bluenose, with all the feminine fascination imaginable, said she would open the door for him, so that he might have a chance to see how much he excelled her, and he took the third leap which landed him out in the snow.

The young lady instantly closed and fastened the door, took hat, mittens, overcoat and valise of merchandise, into the chamber, threw them out of the window to him, and told him there was a tavern about seven miles below, where no doubt he could be entertained. He went down the road, meditating on the mysterious ways of women!—*Loyal Sunrise, Presque Isle, Me.*

THE QUESTION ANSWERED.

Somebody—a woman, of course—inquires why, when Eve was manufactured from the spare-rib, a servant was not made at the same time to wait on her? Somebody else—a woman, we imagine—replies in the following strain: "Because Adam never came whining to Eve with a ragged stocking to be darned, collar string to be sewed on, or a glove to be mended 'right away, quick now!' Because he never read the newspaper until the sun got down behind the palm trees, and then, stretching himself out, yawned, 'Ain't supper most ready, my dear?' Not he. He made the fire and hung the kettle over it himself, we will venture; and pulled her radishes, peeled the potatoes, and did everything else he ought to do. He milked the cows, fed the chickens, and looked after the pigs himself. He never brought home half-a-dozen friends to dinner when Eve had no fresh pomegranates, and the mango season was over. He never stayed out till 11 o'clock to a ward meeting, hurrahing for an out-and-out candidate, and then scolding because poor Eve was sitting up and crying inside the gates. He never loafed around corner groceries while Eve was rocking little Cain's cradle at home. In short, he did't think she was especially created for the purpose of waiting on him, and wasn't under the impression that it disgraced a man to lighten a wife's cares a little. That's the reason that Eve didn't need a hired girl; and with it was the reason that her fair descendants did.

A Richmond paper says: A gentleman gave us for publication the following recipe for making good, wholesome soup. He obtained it of his landlord: Take three buckets of water, four onions, two long-legged collard leaves and a small beef bone, and put them in a large pot over the smoke. When the pot boils stir with a tallow candle, and add one pint of common salt that has been used in pickling pork.

I saw him smile, and oh! it seemed
So like the sunny smiles of heaven,
That when he vowed I fondly dreamed
Such vows to none but me were given.

But man is like the fickle breeze
That fawns around each lovely flower,
And steals a kiss, then onward flies
To revel in some gayer bower.

"MR. SMITHERS, how can you sleep so? The sun has been up these two hours."

"Well, what if he has? He goes to bed at dark, while I'm up till after midnight."

LOVE generally makes a wise man act like a fool, and interest sometimes makes a fool act like a wise man.

A GOOSE WITH A GOOD MEMORY.

A farmer being out shooting, wounded a wild goose. Being wing-tipped and unable to fly, he caught it and brought it home alive. It proved to be a female, and turning it into his yard with a flock of tame geese, it soon became quite tame and familiar, and in a little time its wounded wing entirely healed. In the following spring, when wild geese emigrated to the northward, a flock passed over the farmer's barn yard; and just at that moment their leader happened to sound his bugle note, our goose remembering the well-known sound, spread its wings, mounted into the air, joined the travellers, and soon disappeared.

In the succeeding autumn, the wild geese, as was usual, returned from the northward in great numbers. The farmer happened to be his yard when a flock passed directly over his barn. At that instant he observed three geese separate themselves from the rest, and after wheeling round several times, they alighted in the middle of the yard. Imagine his surprise and pleasure, when, by certain well-remembered signs, he recognized in one of the three, his long fugitive. It was she indeed. She had traveled many hundred miles to the lakes, had there hatched and reared her offspring, and now returned with her little family to share with them the sweets of civilized life.

Curious Facts about Congressmen.

A Washington letter writer gives some curious facts about the present Congressmen. He says Mr. Ames, of Mass., is the richest, worth over two millions; a Mr. Baldwin, of the same State, the largest; Mr. Clay, of Kentucky, the tallest; Mr. Cox, of Ohio, the smallest; Mr. McClurg, of Mass., the shortest; General Dumont, of Indiana, the most productive, being the father of nineteen children; Mr. Stevens, of Pennsylvania, the oldest, seventy-two years; General Garfield, of Ohio, the youngest, thirty-two years; Mr. Windom, of Minnesota, the handsomest; Mr. Kelly, of Pa., and Vorhees, of Indiana, the best speakers; Mr. Cox, of Ohio, and Mr. Washburne, of Illinois, the best parliamentarians; Mr. Kasson, of Iowa, and Mr. Pendleton, of Ohio, the readiest debaters; Mr. Clay, of Kentucky, the largest farmer, having 6,500 acres of land, 275 slaves and 150 blooded cattle; while Mr. Grunnell, of Iowa, has 6,000 acres of land and 6,000 sheep; Mr. Wallace, of Idaho, lives the farthest from Washington, and draws $6,397 for mileage, and Mr. Davis, of Maryland, the nearest, his mileage being only $32; Mr. Frank, of New York, the best penuman, and Mr. Stevens, of Pennsylvania, the poorest. The House has twenty-five members with bald heads, thirty with mustaches, and two with wigs.

MONEY.

Money is a queer institution, very. It buys provender, satisfies hunger and heals wounded honor. Everything revolves itself into cash, from stock-jobbing to building churches. Childhood carves pennies, youth aspires to dimes, manhood is swayed by the mighty dollar. The blacksmith swings the sledge, the lawyer pleads for his client, and the judge decides the question of life or death for his salary. Money makes the man; therefore man must make the money, if he would be respected by fools; for the world looks through golden spectacles. It buys Brussels carpets; lace curtains, gilded cornices, rich furniture, and builds marble mansions. It drives to church in splendid equipages, and pays the rent of the best pews. It buys silks and jewelry for my lady—it commands the respect of gaping crowds, and commands obsequious attentions. It enables us to be charitable, to send bibles to the heathen, to remove domestic indulgence. It gilds the rugged scenes of existence, bids care vanish, soothes the anguish of the bed of sickness, stops short of nothing save the grim destroyer, whose relentless hands spare none, but levels all mortal distinction, and teaches poor humanity that it is nothing but dust. Thus wealth pauses on the brink of eternity; the beggar and millionaire rest side by side beneath the sod, to rise in equality to answer the final summons.—*Mercantile Journal.*

IMPORTANT DECISION AS TO LEGAL TENDER NOTES.—A very important case was decided in the District Court of Philadelphia on Saturday. The defendant in the case had agreed to pay a yearly ground rent of $570, "lawful silver money of the United States, each dollar weighing seventeen pennyweights and six grains at least." When the rent became due the defendant tendered the amount in United States Treasury notes, which plaintiff refused to receive, demanding silver dollars. Suit was brought and the defendent pleaded tender as aforesaid. To this plea the plaintiff filed a replication, averring that the defendant did not tender in silver dollars, &c., but in promissory notes or paper money of the United States, of the nominal value of $285, but 40 per cent. less exchangeable value. To this the defendant filed a special demurrer, averring that the promissory notes so tendered were lawful money of the United States, and a legal tender in payment of all debts. On Saturday the court rendered its judgment that the treasury notes are a legal tender, and should have been received in payment of the rent, and that the special agreement was of no avail.

CAPITAL ANSWERS.

A professor of "universal knowledge" had a prince, who suddenly came in upon the pretender, and put his wisdom to test:

"So thou knowest all things," said the king; "then tell me to-morrow morning these three things only, or thou shalt lose thy head: First—how many baskets of earth there are in yonder mountain?—Secondly—how much is the king worth? And, thirdly what is the king thinking of at the time."

The professor was distressed beyond measure, and in his apartment rolled upon the carpet in agony, for he knew that he must die on the morrow. His servant learned the trouble and offered to appear before the king and take his chance of answering the questions.

The next morning, the servant, clothed in his master's robes, presented himself to his majesty, who was deceived by his appearance, and the king proceeded.

"Tell me, now, how many baskets of earth there are in yonder mountain?"

"That depends upon circumstances. If the baskets are as large as the mountain one will hold it; if half as large, two; if a quarter, four, and so on."

The king had to be satisfied, and proceeded. "Now tell me how much the king is worth?"

"Well, your majesty, the king of Heaven and Earth was sold for thirty pieces of silver, and I conclude you are worth one piece."

This was so witty an escape, that the king laugh and went on.

"Now, one more. Tell me what I am thinking of?"

"You are now thinking that you are talking with the professor, whereas it is only his servant."

"Well done, said the king, "you shall have your reward, and your master shall not lose his head."

A Bold Attempt to Destroy the Minnesota.

The Norfolk *Regime,* of Sunday, says: An officer from that vessel states that about two o'clock Tuesday, a small tug was discovered approaching the Flagship.—She was hailed, and answered in reply to the question, "What boat is that?" "the Roanoke." Still approaching, she was warned to keep off or she would be fired upon. Regardless of the warning, she came on drifting with the tide, and when quite near steamed straight at the port-quarter, striking the Minnesota with a torpedo or infernal machine, which exploded, shaking the noble craft with a terrible concussion from stem to stern, and throwing the tug several yards from the ship. Immediately steam was gotten up on the tug, and before anything could be done by the people on board the Flagship the tug was safe off in the darkness. The attempt resulted in nothing more than a shaking of the loose ends of the sleeping powers of the Minnesota.

AN ABRIDGED SERMON.—Abridgement of a sermon which took up an hour in delivering, from these words—"Man is born to trouble."

My friends, the subject falls naturally to be divided into four heads.

1. Man's entrance into the world.
2. His progress through the world.
3. His exit from the world; and
4. Practical reflections from what may be said. First, then

1. Man came into this world naked and bare.
2. His progress through it is trouble and care.
3. His exit from it none can tell where.
4. But if he does well here, he'll do well there.

Now I can say no more, my brethren dear,

Should I preach on this subject from this time to next year. Amen.

"Three and sixpence per gal," exclaimed Mrs. Partington, on looking over the Price Current. "Why, bless me, what is the world coming to when the gals are valued at only three and sixpence." The old lady pulled off her spectacles, threw down the paper, and went into a brown study on the want of a proper appreciation of the true value of the feminines.

CRITICISM.—The severest criticism to which a man can be subjected is to try him by himself—to condemn to-day's production, not because it is intrinsically bad, but because it does not happen to be so good as yesterday's.

THIRTY AND FIFTY.—At thirty we are all trying to cut our names in big letters upon the wall of this tenement of life; twenty years later we have carved it or shut up our jack-knife.

THE SILENT.—The silent generally accomplish more than the clamerous. The tail of the rattlesnake makes all the noise, but the head does the execution.

"I ONCE," said a friend, "saw a regiment of negroes on parade, and when they came to the 'right dress,' with the whites of their eyes all turned, it looked *just like a chalk mark!*"

A WEAK MIND does not accumulate force enough to hurt itself; stupidity often saves a man from going mad.

ARTEMUS WARD thinks it is a hard thing not to have a wife—no gentle heart to get up in the morning and build a fire.

THE most disagreeable of all bats to have flying about one's head are *brick bats.*