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AUCTIONEERING.

The undersigned is a licensed Auctioneer, and is always prepared to officiate as such at Vendues and public sales of every kind.

WM. H. HAMILTON.

Chestertown, nov30-3t.

TAKE NOTICE!

THE undersigned hereby notifies ALL persons indebted to him for Taxes, that settlement in EVERY CASE is REQUIRED prior to the first day of January next. All claims upon me for levies are due and must be paid at that time, and to meet these claims taxes must be promptly settled. It is not my wish to run any one to cost, and therefore give this notice so that there may be none in arrears after the day above named.

JOHN W. DUYER,
dec7-4t. Col. 4th District.

Last Notice.

ALL PERSONS that have not paid their Taxes for the year 1866, or do not pay the same on or before the

TENTH DAY OF DE EMBER,

will be proceeded against, and the taxes collected according to *law*, without respect to persons.

I would be very glad if persons will settle this year's taxes also. The year is drawing to a close and I must have the money.

n16-4t. E. TROUCH, Collector.

County Commissioners' NOTICE.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF KENT COUNTY will meet at their office in Chestertown, on

TUESDAY,
The 17th day of December, 1867.
At 11 o'clock, A M.,

to appoint CONSTABLES AND ROAD SUPERVISORS.

All applicants will attend.

JOHN RUSSELL, Clerk.
Nov. 30, 1867—3t.

FARM FOR SALE,
375 ACRES,

ON the Rappahannock River, beautifully located, well watered and Timbered. Good House and Out Houses. Land very fertile and fine for all uses; marl in abundance; considered the best farm in lower Virginia. The river abounds in fish, oysters and wild fowl. The farm is within a few hours' steam of most of the Atlantic cities. Terms easy—price $30 per acre. Reference: Samuel H. Hurley, Esq., Kent county, Md.

H. L. LAYTON,
n30-2m. Saluda, Middlesex county, Va.

NOTICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF SLAVE STATISTICS.

THE subscriber having qualified as Commissioner of Slave Statistics for Kent county, is prepared to discharge the duties imposed upon him by the Act of Assembly relative thereto.

Persons whose slaves were emancipated by the Constitution of 1864 are hereby notified to appear before him with lists of their Negroes, containing the ages, condition and sex of the same; also, with such information as they may possess as to whether any of said former slaves had prior to or after that time entered the service of the United States.

He will be found at FORKTOWN on the 16th, 17th and 18th of December.

At HANESVILLE on the 19th and 20th.

PHILIP MEDDERS,
nov30-3t. Commis'r of Slave Statistics.

SELLING OFF AT COST!

The undersigned, intending to reduce his present stock of goods, about four thousand dollars, has THIS DAY COMMENCED

SELLING OFF his ENTIRE STOCK AT COST,

AND MANY THINGS BELOW COST.

Money is needed and must be raised. Though selling off is an old song, this time there is no mistake, and any one calling upon him will find that all his goods are selling at greatly reduced prices.

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS and CAPS, AT GREAT SACRIFICES.

Come and see the Cheapest Goods in Town

nov23 A. W. SPARKS.

Keep Your I's and Mind on V. C. S.

JUST received from Philadelphia a large assortment of

LADIES' DRESS GOODS,

Calicoes, Cassinets, Cassimeres, Breakfast and Sun'g Shawls, Hoods, children's Socks, Men's and Boy's Hats and Caps, Boots and Shoes bought since the recent decline, and are selling them at prices that defy competition. Call, examine and be convinced that you can save money and time by buying at

Nov. 23. VANNORT'S.

Dwelling House, on High St., FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers at Private Sale the DWELLING HOUSE on High Street, in Chestertown, now occupied by himself. The House is very eligibly located near the river, and in a very desirable neighborhood. There is a fine Garden, and a Pump of good drinking water in the yard.

The terms will be made accommodating.

apr20-tf. J. W. HINES

NEW STOVE AND TIN STORE.

THE undersigned would inform the citizens of Kent county, that they have opened a new Stove and Tin Shop in the store room recently occupied by Mr. Washington Hudgins, next door to the corner where the Post Office was kept. They are prepared to furnish new STOVES of various patterns and will exchange and REPAIR STOVES. They are also prepared to put on tin and sheet iron ROOFING and TIN SPOUTING and all kinds of tin and sheet iron work with promptness and at a fair price.

LATROBE and other stoves put up to please.

A. A. BISCOE, Proprietor.
BENJ. ELLIOTT, Foreman.
Chestertown, Oct. 12, 1867—3m.

SOLDIERS' FAMILIES.

NEW U. S. BOUNTIES,
INCREASED PENSIONS,
BACK PAY, &c., &c

State and Local Bounty.

White and Colored Soldiers, or their Widows or heirs, can have their claims promptly and faithfully attended to, (without charge until collected,) by

WM. B. HILL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Corner of Fayette and St. Paul St.,
BALTIMORE, MD.

☞ Information given *Gratis.—Enclose a postage Stamp for reply.* jan12.

SELLING OUT!
CLOCKS, WATCHES & JEWELRY

HAVING concluded after the 1st of January to discontinue business in Chestertown, I will sell ALL MY STOCK OF

CLOCKS, WATCHES, And JEWELRY,

AT A VERY REDUCED PRICE!

Good Hunting-case Silver Lever Watches, $15! AMERICAN, in good cases, at $20 to $25! SIX FINE GOLD WATCHES lower than City Prices, and other things in proportion.

I shall have on hand a large stock of

Christmas Toys and Presents

as usual, and will sell them very cheap, my object being to have none on hand after Christmas is over. I will continue to serve my customers and the public by doing all work entrusted to my care up to the first of February.

If any work should remain uncalled for until Feb., 1868, it will be found at the same place in the hands of my successor as tenant.

☞ Don't forget I will have a fine lot of CHRISTMAS GOODS VERY CHEAP.

All persons have an opportunity to settle their bills now with me in person.

dec7-4t. J. V. SMITH.

Notice is Hereby Given,

THAT Taxes for the years 1864 and 1865, amounting to nine dollars and forty-nine cents ($9.49), are in arrears and unpaid, and charged upon property of the heirs of Charles T. Osborn, deceased, consisting of a

LOT OF LAND

containing about one-eighth of an acre, together with the Frame Store House now occupied by James T Britton as a Restaurant and oyster saloon, and also a Granary thereon, situated on the west side of Sassafras Street in the town of Millington, Kent county, adjoining property of Mrs. James B. Ruth and Samuel Hurlock.

Unless the said taxes and interest thereon shall be paid on or before the 5th day of February, 1868, the said lot of land and buildings or so much thereof as may be necessary, will be sold to the highest bidder for the payment of said taxes.

JAMES WILLIS,
Dec. 7, 1867-5t. Collector of Taxes.

Rich Jewelry! Silver Ware!
WATCHES! CLOCKS!
CUTLERY and NOTIONS!

A NEW STOCK just opened at

E. T. WILLIS',

Nearly opposite the Court House, adjoining the store of T W Ellison & Son.

These goods have just been purchased from city wholesale dealers at the lowest prices for cash, and *can* and *will* be sold at very low figures. They are of the latest styles, and most beautiful and fashionable designs. We name in part:

Jewelry.—Genuine gold Breast Pins, Ear Rings, Sleeve Buttons, Studs, Scarf Pins, heavy 18k. Rings, beautiful 18k. Rings, Pens and Pencils, Rosewood Jewelry, &c. We have also a variety of Common Jewelry, the character of which is always made known to purchasers. Also, Silver Rings and Thimbles.

Gold and Silver Watches, among them a number of heavy-cased American Watches warranted good time keepers.

CLOCKS of the best makes.

SILVER PLATED WARE.—Dinner & Tea Castors, Butter Dishes, Knives, Spoons, Forks, &c., &c. NOTIONS.—A fine assortment of CUTLERY Table Knives, Pen Knives, Pocket Books, Ladies' Satchels Purses, Cabas, &c.

An examination is invited.

☞ Repairing done in the best manner at short notice, by E. T. WILLIS

Adjoining T. W Ellison & Son's.

Tobacco and Segars,
CONFECTIONERY, &c.

JOHN H. REDUE,

INVITES the attention of the public to a fine assortment of

CHEWING TOBACCO AND CIGARS, OF EXCELLENT QUALITY.

Persons fond of the luxury of a chew of good Tobacco, or a fine Cigar, are invited to give him a call. Also PIPES of various patterns and fine SMOKING TOBACCO

CONFECTIONERY.

CANDIES, RASINS
ALMONDS, FIGS DATES,
PRUNES, COCOANUTS.

FLAVORING EXTRACTS, ESSENCES, &c

Also, **Fine French Confectionery,** such as Mint Julip Charms, Brandy Smash do.; Grape Drops, Jelly Cake, Fig Jelly Cream, Quince, Peach, Pear and Apple Paste; Cordial Drops, Cream Chocolate, &c.

Also, Letter and Note PAPER, PENS, INK, and ENVELOPES. JOHN H. REDUE,

dec3y. Next Door to the Bank

75,000 PEACH TREES FOR SALE.

The subscriber offers for sale at his Nursery at Galena, Kent county, Md., 75,000 PEACH TREES of the following varieties:

Hale's Early,	Crawford's Late,
Troth's Early,	Barker's Seedling,
Early York,	Delaware White,
Crawford's Early,	Crocketts "
Moore's Favorite,	Smock Free,
Old Mixon,	Late Heaths,
Reeve's Favorite,	Algeirs' Winter.

Persons wishing to purchase will do well to apply early.

sep21-3m. CHARLES C BEDDING

Trees and Shrubbery.

ORDERS taken for No. 1 PEACH and other FRUIT TREES, Small Fruits, Shrubbery, &c., by HINES & WOODALL, Agents for A. Hance & Sons' Rumsom Nurseries, Red Bank, N. J.

se.14.

LOOK HERE!

J. H. BURCHINAL & SON,

HAVE just received, and are NOW OPENING at their store in the middle division of the building corner of High and Cross Sts., a

Large and Varied Assortment of Goods,

which they are selling VERY LOW.

Call and see. Sept. 28, 1867.

HARDWARE! HARDWARE!

We have received this week Axes, Butcher's Cleavers and Saws, Gun Tubes, ram-rod Tips, Brass and Gun Caps, gun worms, wad cutters, nipple wrenches, sadler's punches, pat. faucets, sash fasts, braces with 24, 30 and 36 bits, pen floats, punch plyers, &c.

Oct. 14 J. K ALDRIDGE.

NOW IN STORE
A Beautiful Assortment of
FINE JEWELRY,

Beautiful Cross Setts, Breast Pins, Ear Rings Sleeve Buttons, fine Bogwood Sets, &c. Also, another supply of heavy 18k. Rings. Call and see! at E. T. WILLIS',
adjoining Ellison & Son's.

VENDUE.

WILL be sold at Public Sale at the farm of the subscriber, in Shrewsbury Neck, on

MONDAY, the 16th of December, 1867.

a portion of his Stock and Farming Implements as follows:

FIVE HEAD OF
HORSES AND COLTS,
ONE SUPERIOR DRIVING MARE,
1 Superior Stallion "Nimrod,"
SIX HEAD OF
GOOD MILCH COWS,
1 YOKE OF OXEN,
LOT OF WESTERN EWES.
Farming Implements,

1 BUCKEYE MOWER, 1 Jersey Blue REAPER nearly new; 1 GRAIN DRILL, 1 OX-CART, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, &c.

1 FRAME HOUSE, 16x18, with shed Kitchen, can be removed after the sale. Also, several thousand PEACH TREES.

☞ SALE POSITIVE, and to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., when the terms will be made known. N. WOLFE.

E. E. MILLER, Auct. d7-st.

VENDUE.

THE subscriber will sell at Public Sale at his residence on Still Pond Creek, on

Monday, Dec. 16th, 1867,

the following Property, to wit:

5 HEAD OF GOOD
WORK HORSES,
1 Yoke of good Oxen,
7 Milch Cows,
2 Three-year old HEIFERS,
4 two-year old do., and 2 one-year old; 1 Bull,
15 SHOATS, 6 SHEEP,
1 DOUBLE CARRIAGE & HARNESS,
1 WESTON HOUSE THRESHER,
1 Wheat Reaper, 1 Guano Drill, 1 Barrel Corn Sheller, 1 Iron-axle Farm Wagon, 1 Good Peach Wagon, 1 Wheel Cultivator & other
Farming Implements.

4,000 weight Corn Blades, 3 or 4 tons of good Clover Hay, &c.

☞ Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TERMS:—All sums of $20 cash; over that amount 8 months credit with note and approved security. JOHN H. GEMMILL.
JOHN N. USILTON, Agent.
WM. R. APSLEY, Auct. nov23-ts.

VENDUE.

THE subscriber will sell at public sale at his residence "Green Point," in Worton, on

WEDNESDAY, December 18th, 1867.

the following property:

FOUR HEAD OF
Young Horses,
1 Yoke of Very Superior Oxen,
five years old and well broke;
15 Head of CATTLE
25 HEAD OF SHEEP,
3 SOWS and 10 SHOATS
1 OX-CART, 1 HORSE CART,
1 KIRBY REAPER AND MOWER, 1 RAKE, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators and other
Farming Implements.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount Ten Months credit, with note and approved security.

n30-ts. EDWARD PLUMMER.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will offer at Public sale, at his residence near Grey's Inn Wharf, on

Friday, Dec. 20th, 1867,

his ENTIRE STOCK AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS, consisting in part as follows:

FIVE HEAD OF GOOD
WORK HORSES,
AND ONE COLT,
1 Yoke of Extra Work Oxen,
trained to work also with long Yoke for hauling Timber.
22 HEAD OF SHEEP,
LOT OF CATTLE.
Among them 4 Good MILCH COWS,
Farming Implements,
PLOWS, HARROWS, CULTIVATORS, &c., &c., &c.

1 GRAIN FAN, 1 CORN SHELLER, Ox-Cart, Grain Cradles, &c.; 1 single and 1 double-barrel Gun, and many other articles not herein enumerated.

☞ Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., when the terms will be made known.

J. V. CROSBY.
J. W. CARROLL, Auct. dc7-ts.

VENDUE.

INTENDING to discontinue farming, the subscriber will sell at public sale at his residence Morgan's Creek, on B. H. Gardner's farm, on

THURSDAY, the 19th December, 1867,

the following property, to wit:

TWO HORSES,

1 Wagon and Harness, 1 Ox Cart and Yoke, 1 Dearborn and Harness, Horse Power and Corn Sheller attached, Wheat Fan, Ploughs, Harrows, Cultivators and other Farming Utensils. 1 Cook Stove and fixtures, and Kitchen Furniture.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

TERMS:—All purchases under $20 cash; all over that amount 8 months credit with security.

GEO. A. RHODENHISER.
JOHN W. CARROLL, Auct. n30ts.

NEW SHAVING SALOON!
JACOB DOWNS,
FROM BALTIMORE,

HAS taken the new Saloon in the basement of Burchinal's three-story building corner of High and Cross Sts., where he will be pleased to do SHAVING, HAIR CUTTING and SHAMPOOING in the best and most fashionable styles. Give him a trial. sep28-tf.

What is Man?

Man is the proud and lofty pine
That frowns on many a wave-beat shore;
Woman's the young and tender vine,
Whose curling tendrils round it twine,
And deck its rough bark sweetly o'er.

Man is the rock whose towering crest
Nods o'er the mountain's barren side;
Woman's the soft and mossy vest
That loves to clasp its sterile breast,
And wreathe its brow in verdant pride.

Man is the cloud of coming storm,
Dark as the raven's murky plume,
Save where the sunbeam, light and warm,
Of woman's soul—of woman's form—
Gleams brightly through the misty gloom.

Yes, 'tis to lovely woman given
To soothe our griefs, our woes allay,
To heal the heart by sorrow riven,
Change earth into an embryo heaven,
And drive life's weary cares away

NOTHING LOST.

Nothing is lost, the drop of dew
That trembles on the leaf or flower,
Is but exhaled, to fall anew
In summer's thunder shower;
Perhaps to shine within the bow
That frouts the sun at fall of day—
Perchance to sparkle in the flow
Of fountains far away.
So with our deeds, good or ill,
They have their power scarce understood;
Then let us use our better will
To make them rife with good;
Like circles on a lake they go,
Ring within ring and never stay.
Oh, that our deeds were fashioned so
That they might bless alway!

Sleep.

Though we are well acquainted with the phenomenon of sleep, it is a singularly strange one. Suppose we had never seen a sleeping creature, we should scarcely have believed that such a thing as sleep was possible We should have deemed it absurd to think of life being reduced to a condition of apparent lifelessness; of consciousness itself being rendered unconscious, and yet have the power to return to perception after the short space of six or seven hours, not knowing, except by the clock, that it had actually been both unperceiving and unconscious for such a length of time. That man, full as he is of spirit, life, and energy, should lie down motionless like a stone, and become for a time blind, deaf, and dum—that he should be shut out wholly from the impressions of the outer world for half a dozen hours, as if away on an errend to some other quarter of the universe, and yet be capable of being called back in a second of time by a touch of the arm or a shout into the ear, is a mystery, yet it is none the less a fact. It has perplexed the minds of the greatest thinkers; and Pyrrho, the ancient skeptic, after having exhausted his brain in trying to understand it, at length declared he did not know which was the real human life—the sleeping or the waking. "Do we," he asked, "dream during the night about what we have experienced during the day? Or do we during the day dream about what we have experienced during the night?"

To this last question we reply: A little of both The *mind* may be active though the *body* is in repose. The spirit-principal can not be said to sleep as the body does.—*Phrenological Journal.*

God in Nature.

No one has a better opportunity of witnessing the wonderful workings of God in the wide fields of nature than the farmer. His occupation brings him every day in full view of them. He is familiar with the progressive developments of the young plant, and the matured beauty of its full growth. He is well acquainted with the sunshine and the shadow, the softly falling dew and the heavy rain, the gentle breeze and the rushing tempest. Some, from their very familiarity with these evidences of Divine wisdom, lose all interest in them, and look on them with little more regard than the beasts that perish. Others, indeed, recognize the hand of God; look on its movements with awe and dread—but go no farther But it is only the Christian that can see in everything the hand of a Father. Other men may wonder and admire; he can love and praise. Everywhere around he sees the finger of God, and he rejoices to know that God is his friend; and when, in the tempest or thunder storm men's hearts are failing them for fear, he can be in peace, knowing that he is a son of Him whom the winds and the seas obey. Truly, the Christian farmer possesses greater pleasures and more exquisite joys than any other men have any idea of, and if they have not experienced them, they have never met true happiness.

SAVE A MOTHER'S TEAR.—Not long ago two friends were sitting together engaged in letter-writing. One was a young man from India. The other, a female friend, part of whose family reside in the far off land. The former was writing to his mother in India. When his letter was finished, his friend offered to inclose it with hers, to save postage. "If sent separately it will reach her sooner than it sent through a friend, and *perhaps it may save her a tear.*" His friend was touched with his tender regards for his mother's feelings, and felt with him that it was worth paying the postage to save his mother a tear!

Would that every boy and girl, every young man and every young woman, were equally saving of a mother's tear.

CALM men always succeed. Their power is something terrible. They seem to burn with a white heat, and by their intense quiet to dissipate and turn to account all opposition, as a furnace of molten metal liquifies and laps up the sharp sided ingots as fast as they are cast into it.

SOME wretch on an editor says that another twist to the present mode of "doing up" the ladies' hair would take them off their feet.

The Monotony of Life.

The general character of life is that of monotony. Whether we regard the life of man, or the life of beasts, we are struck by the same remarkable fact, that life, to all outward appearance, is a monotonous succession of scenes and movements—all but incidental. We wonder how the interest is kept up. But we never tire of going to bed at night, and we are very sorry when we tire of getting up in the morning. We never weary, except with regret, of breakfasting, dining and supping, and yet these actions are repeated incessantly three hundred and sixty five times in the year, with renewed excitement on every succeeding occasion. We take off our clothes once every day, and we put them on once every day. We do this, as nearly the same hour, in daily succession; and when health is good, the pleasure derived from so doing is not marred by the repetition of the act; for the ebbing and flowing of our bodily sensations prepare us, without any effort on our part, for all the vicissitudes of our existence. When hungry, food is agreeable; when weary, sleep or rest is a treat; when warm, the cool air is agreeable; when cold, the pleasure derived from a cheerful fireside and a comfortable supper is delicious. The excitement is kept up by contrasts; and we purchase the enjoyment of one feeling by encouraging the reverse. With health, and youth, and prosperity, we should never be weary. It is age and weakness, and poverty that prepares for us death; and even that comes easy upon most men, at last, like a sleep, and the heaviness of the heart gives even the last sleep a welcome

Toasts and Sentiments.

Connected with the subject of toasting the ladies, ill fortune has sometimes come of it when it might have been least expected. For example, "Honest men and bonnie lasses!" is a toast which one would think could never bring offence with it; but while the rule holds, the exception presents itself A young minister in Scotland was about to preach a probationary sermon in a church for the ministry of which he was a candidate. Being a stranger he was housed and entertained by a parishioner, who invited many of his fellows to sup with the candidate on the Saturday night. The elders had quietly saturated themselves with toddy and smoke, when the unlucky probationer, in his innocence, proposed, before they parted,—"Honest men and bonnie lasses?" The unco righteous looked through the smoke and over their glasses with orthodox horror, and the most solemn tippler present arose and said, that no minister would have their sympathy who could not stick quietly to his liquor, but whose thoughts were running on the lasses so near the Sabbath! The company assented, and the candidate had to forego the honor he coveted.

DOMESTIC FAULTS.—Homes are more often darkened by the continual recurrence of small faults, than by the actual presence of any decided vice. These evils are apparently of very dissimilar magnitude; yet it is easier to grapple with the one than the other. The eastern traveler can combine his force and hunt down the tiger that prowls upon his path; but he can scarcely escape the mosquitoes that infest the air he breathes, or the fleas that swarm the earth he treads. The drunkard has been known to renounce his darling vice, the slave to dress and extravagance his besetting sin; but the waspish temper, the irritating tone, rude, dogmatic manners, and the hundred nameless negligences that spoil the beauty of association have rarely done other than proceed till the action of disgust and gradual alienation has turned all the currents of affection from their course, leaving nothing but a barren track, over which the mere skeleton of the companionship strikes along.

THE WORLD.—Shakspeare said "all the world's a stage, and men and women merely players" Everybody thinks everybody else a dunce. There is a sad want of *appreciation* in the world. Few, as St. Paul advises think others better than themselves. The world is run mad with a scramble after selfish enjoyment Wealth and poverty, arrogance and humility elbow each other All are grovelling after transitory things. If some essay to rise, others are ready to pull them down. But few strive by patient labor to reach the summit of fame

WHEN a lady once asked Turner, the celebrated English painter, what his secret was, he replied, "I have no secret, madam, but hard work. That is a secret that many never learned, and they don't succeed because they never learned it.—Labor is the genius that changes the world from ugliness to beauty, and the greatest curse to a great blessing."

IT is not great wealth or high station which makes a man happy. Many of the most wretched beings on earth have both. But it is a radiant, sunny spirit, which knows how to bear little trials, which thus extracts happiness from every incident of life.

PERPETUAL aiming at wit, is a very bad part of conversation. It is done to support a character; it generally fails. It is a sort of insult on the company, and a constraint upon the speaker.

A CHEERFUL temper, a kindly heart, and a courteous tongue, cannot be too earnestly and sedulously cultivated.

TO ENLIVEN business use printer's ink Men have made fortunes by a judicious use of the press

A CRITIC calls the verses and sentimental stories of young writers the teethcutting and measles of literary infancy.

Sunday Evening.

On a recent Sunday evening, a young man, whom, for the sake of convenience, we will call John, went to visit the girl whom he would call his own The fair one resides near the canal. During the evening the young man of the name of John was unable to conceal the wish of his heart, and in tender accents declared his desire that the young lady should consent to be his. He met with a flat refusal.—The ardent John still pressed her further, declaring that, if she would not accept him, he would then and there drown himself in the briny waters of the canal. As this threat did not effect the desired purpose, he proceeded to carry it out He plunged fearlessly in the murky flood, and waded out until the chilly water reached over his shoulders It will be remembered that the evening on which this occurred was none of the warmest. Retreating, before finally carrying out his purpose, John cried out, shivering with cold:

"W-w-will you marry me now?"

"No!"

In he plunged again, this time until the water reached his neck, and again he halted before the last plunge.

"W-w-will you marry me now?"

"No!"

Again he went in this time going fairly under water, so far that only the top of his head could be discovered above the surface, but he emerged and staggered out of the canal and, shivering worse than ever, spouted out:

"N-now w-w-will you marry me?"

"No!"

"Well I don't care whether you'll marry me or not. You won't get me into that canal again?"

Nor did he again essay his fortunes in the uncertain deep. Shivering and chattering with his teeth, he quickly departed and returned home a sadder, and, let us hope, a wiser man.

Varnish for Shoes.

It is a bad plan to grease the upper leather of shoes for the purpose of keeping them soft; it rots the leather, and admits the dampness more readily. It is better to make a varnish thus: Put half a pound of gum shellac, broken up in small pieces, in a quart bottle or jug, cover it with alcohol, cork it tight, and put it on a shelf in a warm place; shake it well several times a day, then add a piece of gum camphor as large as a hen's egg; shake it well, and in a few hours shake it again and add an ounce of lamp black; if the alcohol is good, it will be dissolved in three days; then shake and use. If it gets too thick, add alcohol—pour out two or three teaspoonsful in a saucer, and apply it with a small paint-brush. If the materials were all good, it will dry in about five minutes, and will be removed only by wearing it off, giving a gloss almost equal to patent leather.

The advantage of this preparation above others is, that it does not strike into the leather and make it hard, but remains on the surface, and yet excludes the water almost perfectly. This same preparation is admirable for harness, and does not soil when touched, as lamp black mixtures do.

Domestic Recipes.

A RICH CHRISTMAS PUDDING.—One pound of raisins stoned, one pound of currants, half a pound of beef suet, quarter of a pound of sugar, two spoonfulls flour, three eggs, a cup of sweetmeats, and a wine-glass of brandy. Mix well and boil in a mould eight hours.

A GOOD CHRISTMAS PUDDING.—One pound of flour, two pounds of suet, one pound of currants, one pound of plums, eight eggs, two ounces of candied peel, almonds and mixed spice according to taste. Boil gently for seven hours.

MINCE PIES.—Take a pound of beef, free from skin and strings, and chop it very fine; then two pounds of suet, which likewise pick and chop; then add three pounds of currants nicely cleaned and perfectly dry, one pound and a half of apples, the peel and juice of a lemon, half a pint of sweet wine, half a nutmeg and a few cloves and mace, with pimento in fine powder; have citron, orange and lemon peel ready, and put some in each of the pies when made.

MINCE MEAT.—Six pounds of currants, three pounds of raisins stoned, three pounds of apples chopped fine, four pounds of suet, two pounds of sugar, two pounds of beef, the peel and juice of two lemons, a pint of sweet wine, a quarter of a pint of brandy, half an ounce mixed spice. Press the whole into a deep pan when well mixed.

CHURNING IN WINTER.—To make milk churn easy in winter, gather the cream where it will not freeze; take it over night into a warm kitchen Scald the churn next morning before putting in the cream, and it will seldom take more than an hour to churn it. Should the milk or cream swell, put nearly a quart of hot water into it.—*Cor. Country Gentleman.*

VALUABLE ADVICE.—Keep milk cows or fat cattle in the same enclosure with your sheep; and dogs cannot molest them. This is a secret worth hundreds of thousands to farmers and the State. It ought to be published in every week's paper.—Thirty years experience has established the soundness of this advice.

A GENTLEMAN, giving a lecture to some boys, was explaining how no one could live without air He then said, "You have all heard of a man drowning—how does that happen?" The ready answer was "'Cause he can't swim."

A YOUNG lady at school, engaged in the study of grammar, was asked if "kiss" was a common or proper noun. The girl blushed deeply, as she replied in a low tone: "It is both proper and common."

A COOL HUSBAND.—The following article is from a little paper edited and printed by a couple of girls in Dayton, Ohio:

There is one sensible man in the State, at any rate. He is a soldier, and was reported to have been killed, but was only a prisoner. He returned home to find that his wife had turned over a new leaf in the marriage service, and that another man occupied his seat in the chimney corner. He walked in and said:

"Well, old gal, how is things?"

"Putty good, Bill," said the double-married woman, but taken aback greatly.

"Which do you prefer, the old or the new love?"

She hesitated for an instant, and then he said:

"Oh, spit it right out. Don't mind my feelings, nor the other chaps! I won't be angry if you come down a little rough on my vanity. Count on me being amiable. I won' cut up rusty if you should go back on me."

"I'm glad you're so thoughtful, Bill, and I acknowledge that I do like my present husband best; but if anything should happen to him, I know nobody else I would as soon join fortunes with again as you."

"That's the way to talk. I'll now bid you good-bye, hoping that no accident will happen to the other fellow, and that he will live long to enjoy your delightful society."

And the careless husband travelled off with his knapsack on his back, whistling in cherry, clear tones, "The gal I left behind me."

A PERPLEXED IRISHMAN.—A few days since, a gentleman connected with one of our railroad corporations, while taking a ride through one of our country towns, accompanied by an Irish servant, had the misfortune to have his vehicle smashed, and himself and his companion thrown to the ground, by his horse taking fright and running. The gentleman was somewhat bruised but not seriously; his principal loss being that of his wig, which had been shaken off; and on picking himself up, he found Pat in a much worse condition, holding on to his head with the blood trickling through his fingers, which he was surveying with the most ludicrous alarm and horror. "Well, Patrick," said his employer, "are you much hurt?".

"Hurt, is it?" Ah, holy mother, sir, dear, do you see the top of my head in my hand?"

Pat, in his terror and confusion, had mistaken the gentleman's portable head-piece for his own natural scalp, and evidently regarded his last hour as arrived.

WANTED.—One hundred and seventy-five young men, more or less, of all shapes and sizes, from the tall, graceful, with hair sufficient to stuff a barber's cushion, down to the little bow-legged, freckled-faced, carrot-headed up-start. The object is to form a gaping-corps, to be in attendance at the church-doors at the close of divine service each Sabbath evening to stare at the ladies, as they leave church, and to make delicate and gentlemanly remarks on their persons and dress.

All who wish to enter into the above corps will appear on the steps of the various church doors next Sunday evening, where they will be duly inspected, their names, personal appearance, and quantity of brains, registered in a book kept for that purpose. To prevent a general rush, we will state that no one will be enlisted who possesses intellectual capacity above that of a well-bred donkey."

A STRONG SYMPTOM.—'Is Miss Blindkins at home?' asked Mr. Janders of the Irish girl who answered his ring at the door.

'Yes, I b'lave she is sir.'

'Is she engaged?'

'An' is it engaged, you say? Faith, an' I cann't tell you, sir; but she kissed Mr Vincent last evening as if she had never seen the like uv him, and its engaged I b'lave they are, sir.'

A YOUNG girl who had become tired of single blessedness, wrote to her true swain as follows: 'Der Gim cum rite off if you air cumming at awl. Ed. Collings is insistin that I shall have him, and he hugs and kisses me so continuerly that I can't hold out much longer but will have 2 kave in. Betzy.'

"WHO is that lovely girl?" said Lord Norbury, in company with his friend, Counsellor Grant.

"Miss Glass," replied Grant.

"I should often be intoxicated could I place such a glass to my lips," said Norbury.

"MADAM, at what price per yard do you sell this broadcloth?" asked William Pennington of a fair miss.

"Five dollars, sir?"

"You're a little dear."

"Yes," replied the blushing maiden, "so all young men tell me."

'HAVE you ground all the tools right, as I told you this morning when I went away?' said a carpenter to a rather green lad whom he had taken for an apprentice.

'All but the hand saw, sir!' replied the lad very promptly; 'I couldn't get all the gaps out of that.'

AN Irishman being in church where the collection apparatus resembled an election box, on its being passed to him, whispered in the carrier's ear that he was not naturalized, and could not vote, but he was ready to make a speech.

'MRS. BROWN, they say your husband follows very crooked ways.'

'Well, Mrs. Smith, that it not strange, for when he was a boy he got so much in the habit of chasing snakes, that he never could get over it.'

A DARKEY preacher was telling how Adam was the first man created, and set against the fence to dry. An old brother, who sometimes had lucid ideas, interrupted him, saying, "If dat am true, who made de fence? Pass 'round de sasser!"

AN editor 'out West' says that he hoped to be able to present a marriage and a death as original matter for his columns; but a thaw broke up the wedding, and the doctor fell sick, and the patient recovered.

THE human heart is like a feather bed; it must be roughly handled, well shaken, and exposed to a variety of turns to prevent it becoming hard and knotty.

THE substance of a verdict of a recent coroner's jury on a man who died in a state of inebriation, was, "death by hanging—round a rum shop."