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The Kent News.

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BRICK HOTEL
At Private Sale.

THE undersigned will sell at Private Sale, his

BRICK HOTEL

In the village of Millington, Kent Co., Md.

It is a Two-story Building, situate on the corner of Sassafras and Cypress Streets, within seventy-five yards of the Depot on the Kent and Queen Anne's Railroad.

On the first floor there is a Parlor, a Dining room, Sitting-room and a Bar-room, a Pantry and Kitchen. On the second floor are nine chambers. There is a LARGE DRY CELLAR under the whole of the building.

THE HOTEL LOT

is about 75 by 200 feet.

There is a Meat House, Carriage House and proper Stables.

The whole property is in fair order.

The property is now occupied by Mr. JAMES R. HANES, who will take pleasure in showing the premises to any who wish to purchase.

TERMS OF SALE:

The following terms of sale are proposed, subject to such modifications as may be found expedient: $896 on the first day of September next, $800, with interest on the residue from the day of sale, on the first day of May, 1869, and the balance on the first day of January, 1870, the whole to be secured by bond, with security approved by my Attorney, RICHARD HYNSON, Esq., Chestertown, Md.

WILLIAM T. URIE.

Chestertown, June 6, 1868—tf.

1868. HARVEST. 1868.

NEW GOODS
OPENED THIS WEEK.

THOMAS S. WICKES calls the attention of Farmers to his large and varied stock of HEAVY GROCERIES just purchased, to meet the demands of the approaching Harvest.

BROWN SUGARS, COFFEES, LIQUORS for field hands, at a low figure; MOLASSES, OILS, TIN-WARE, &c., &c., &c., all offered at reasonable advances.

Chestertown, June 20, 1868.

WINE BOTTLES for sale by the dozen, by
June 20, 1868. TH. S. WICKES.

New Summer Goods.
New Summer Goods.

T. W. ELIASON & SON
Will open on Monday next.
A LARGE STOCK OF SEASONABLE GOODS.
June 20, 1868.

BOOTS AND SHOES.

T. W. ELIASON & SON will have in store for sale next Monday, a large assortment of BOOTS AND SHOES, embracing in part:

Men's Fine French Calf Boots, ½ D. sole,
" " " " " pump "
Boys' " " " " "
Men's Balm'l Boots,
Boys' do. do.
Ladies' last'g Anklets,
" " Gaiters,
" Mor. Bal. Boots,
" Goat " "
Misses' last'g Anklets,
Misses' Mor. Boots,
" Goat Boots,
" Fancy "
" Buff "
Childrens' Gaiters,
" Fancy Boots,
" Buff "
Infants' plain and fancy Kid and Morrocco and Patent Leather Shoes.
June 20.

New Goods at Kennedyville.

JUST OPENED, A FULL ASSORTMENT OF GOODS for the Household and Farm.

DRY GOODS, à Full Assortment,

Among which we will quote CALICOES from 8 to 19 cts., MUSLINS 10a30 cts.

Clothing.—A fine and complete assortment; COTTONADES, SATINETS; CASSIMERES, plain and fancy. Plain Black Cloth Suits from $10 to $20, and all at REDUCED PRICES.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—A large stock, especially of Misses and Children's.

Notions, Queensware and Groceries.

Also, a large stock of MEDICINES. Prescriptions carefully compounded.

CHARLES W. WARREN.
April 25, 1868.

NEW BOUNTIES.
United States Bounties.
State of Maryland Bounties.

AS it is confidently expected that both Congress and the State Legislature will, at their present sessions, enact laws providing Bounty for those Soldiers and Sailors who have never yet received any, it is important that those interested should have their claims in the hands of some one who will look to their interests and see that their claims are put upon file early and in due form for prompt payment.

I shall be glad to receive the papers of any who desire to avail themselves of my experience and facilities in the collection of all just claims.

All papers will be promptly acknowleged, and while in my hands will be kept in a fire and burglar proof vault, specially built for the increasing number of valuable papers in my possession.

WM. B. HILL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
N. E. Cor. of Fayette and St. Paul St.,
jan18. BALTIMORE, MD.

BURNS & SLOAN,
132 Light Street Wharf,
BALTIMORE, MD.,
OFFER FOR SALE A COMPLETE ASSORTMENT OF WELL-SEASONED
Building Lumber
LATHS AND SHINGLES,
FENCING AND PALES,
ASH, OAK & WALNUT,
AT LOWEST PRICES.
ALSO, DOORS, SASH & BLINDS.
May 16, 1868—y.

LUMBER, LUMBER.

WE invite the attention of our customers and the public generally to our LARGE STOCK OF LUMBER, embracing in part

White Pine Select Culling Boards,
" " Pick " "
" " Shippen " "
" " Common " "
Hemlock Boards and Fencing,
Joist, Scantling, Siding,
Flooring, Shingles, Laths, &c.
je13. T. W. ELIASON & SON.

DR. W. T. URIE,
HOMŒPATHICIAN,

OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Chestertown and vicinity.

He may at all times be found at his Office under the Voshell House, when not professionally engaged. d14-tf.

FARMERS ATTENTION!

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY YOUR MACHINERY!

McCormick's Celebrated Self-Raking Reapers,
McCormick's Prize Mowers,
Kirby Combined Reaper, Mower & Self-Raker,
Kirby Clipper Mower,
Ridgaway's National Reaper, Mower and Self-Raker,
Shaw & Co.'s Combined Iron Harvester,
" " " Clipper Mowers,
Hauck & Bro's Celebrated self-discharging Hay and Grain Rakes,
Stevenson's Patent Grinder for sharpening Reaper knives.

☞ All of the above Machines are warranted to give satisfaction, or they will be taken back and considered no sale. Call and see these Machines and get Pamphlets, containing certificates of farmers who have used them. For sale by CHARLES STANLEY & SON,
je6-6t. Chestertown.

ICE CREAM, ICE CREAM!

W. HUDGINS would respectfully inform his friends and the public that he has fitted up his Saloon, and is now ready to supply the public with ICE CREAM, CAKES and SODA WATER.

Thankful for past patronage I would respectfully solicit a continuance of the same.

NOTICE, NOTICE!

PARTIES, PIC-NICS,
EXCURSIONS and FESTIVALS
supplied on the most reasonable terms.

All in want of BREAD, RUSK, PIES and CAKES, wholesale and retail, fresh every day, should apply to

WASHINGTON HUDGINS,
je20-3m, Opposite Post Office.

A CARD.

OWING to pressing engagements in my Carpentering business, and therefore not able to give scarcely any attention to the Stove and Tin business, I have concluded for the present to give up the Stove and Tin business, and now offer on good terms the whole

STOCK, TOOLS AND FIXTURES FOR SALE.

The business is a good one, and to any one who can give it their personal attention will be well remunerated. If I do not succeed in selling out I shall again commence operations on a larger scale on the first day of October.

I return my sincere thanks to my friends who have so liberally patronized me, and regret that they have not been more faithfully served. I have some elegant Cooking Stoves, besides a good stock of Tin-ware, which I shall endeavor to close out low.

je27-3t. A. A. BISCOE.

LUMBER.

THE undersigned has now for sale in his Lumber Yard at Turner's Creek, a full assortment of Lumber, embracing—

White Pine and Hemlock Bill Stuff, nearly all lengths and sizes.
White Pine Boards from 1 to 2 inches,
" " Select Boards,
" " Flooring,
" " and Hemlock Fence Boards,
" " and Cypress Shingles, No. 1 & 2,
Yellow " Flooring,
White " Pickets, pointed and plain,
" " and Hemlock Pale Railing.
Laths, Siding worked and plain.

Orders left with Mr. A. BELL at Buck Neck, will be promptly filled, and the lumber delivered at that place.

I will also furnish FERTILIZERS of all kinds, either at Turner's Creek or Buck Neck Wharf. Carpenters and Builders will do well to examine my stock before making their purchases elsewhere.

je27. GEORGE W. JONES.

FARMERS!

YOU need not go any further than Chestertown now to get your

Reapers, Mowers, Rakes,
THRESHING MACHINES
OR HORSE POWERS.

They are all kept by

HINES, WOODALL & CO.,

at the Foundry of Mr. CHAS. A. ESTES, in Chestertown.

REAPERS.—Woods' self-rake Reaper, and Woods' Reaper and Mower combined; New Yorker self-rake Reaper, and New Yorker self-rake Reaper and Mower combined; Johnson's self-rake Reaper, and Hoffkin's self-rake Reaper

MOWERS.—Monitor Mower, Woods' Mower and Hoffkins' Mower.

RAKES.—Harman Wheat and Hay Rake.—Sinclair Wheat and Hay Rake; Hoffkins' wheat and Hay self-discharge Rake.

THRESHERS.—Gueser Thresher, large and small size.

All kinds of Horse Powers.

For other articles we refer you to the advertisement of R. Sinclair & Co., for whom we are acting agents. All the above articles for sale by HINES, WOODALL & CO.

June 13, 1868—4t.

WOOD AND COAL.

THE subscriber has in his yard, and is prepared to supply OAK, HICKORY and PINE WOOD at regular prices. He also gives notice that he will be prepared in a few months to furnish COAL of all sizes and quality. Persons wishing to engage their Coal, will be supplied as cheap as it can be furnished in this market. WM. H. HAMILTON.

June 20, 1868—tf.

Registers of Voters.

COMMISSIONS have been received from the Governor appointing the following named gentlemen Registers of Voters in Kent county, namely:

First district,	Samuel P. Benny.
Second "	Chas. W. Warren.
Third "	Geo. T. Moore.
Fourth "	John L. Stam.
Fifth "	James H. Edes.

The above gentlemen are required to qualify on or before the 22d day of July, as the thirty days allowed by law will then expire.

JESSE K. HINES,
Clerk Circuit Court Kent County.
June 27, 1868—4t.

At Private Sale.

A FARM containing 205 ACRES, Situated on Swan Creek, adjoining the farm of Mr. Walter Miller. Persons wishing to purchase will call and examine the premises.

Terms made very easy.

je20-6t* THOMAS COLEMAN.

SPECIAL NOTICE.—Beautiful French and American Lawns half price, with many other goods, just received from New York Auction, at the People's Popular Store.

July 4th. WM A. VICKERS.

LOOK! LOOK!—*REMOVAL.*—Farmers and others are invited to call and examine the large stock of New Harness, Saddles, Fly Nets, &c., at JOHN F. HOWARD'S NEW STAND, opp. Court House, formerly occupied by Mr. A. W. Sparks. jy4.

CITY-MADE WORK.—SHOES.—We have just received some fine goods for Ladies, Gentlemen, Misses, Boys and Children, that can't be surpassed, at the People's Store.

July 4. WM. A. VICKERS.

Valuable Property
AT PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned will sell at Public Sale, at the Voshell House in Chestertown, on

TUESDAY, the 21st of July, 1868,

The following Valuable Property:

NO. 1.

A Store House, Dwelling,
AND OUT-BUILDINGS,

situated in the village of Locust Grove, Kent county, Md., consisting of Store Room 10 by 24 feet; Grocery Room, 14 by 16; a small Dwelling attached; also, Stable for two horses, Carriage House and Hay Mow. A Pump of most excellent water. Meat and Coal Houses.

NO. 2,

Is a DWELLING

Large and comfortable, and with a half acre Lot attached, situated on Bridge Street, in Chestertown.

NO. 3.

A BUILDING LOT on Bridge Street, adjoining No. 2.

ADVANTAGES: The Store House is considered to be one of the best stands for a store in the county, being within 2¼ miles of Shallcross' wharf, where there is communication with Baltimore three times a week, and twice to Philadelphia, by steamers. The neighborhood is healthy and thickly settled. There is a flourishing school in the village. This property is all new and built within the last three years. No. 2 is pleasantly situated on the main street leading from the long bridge, in a very quiet and retired part of the town.

TERMS OF SALE, as desired but may be modified to suit purchasers:—On Nos. 1 and 2 eight hundred dollars cash on the day of sale, and the remainder in six and twelve months. No. 3 is one-half cash, and balance in 6 months. The deferred payments to be secured by note of purchaser with approved security. Purchaser paying for stamp and deed.

For further particulars apply to the undersigned at Chestertown.

je27-ts. R. P. STEWART.

LAND FOR SALE.

THE subscriber finding it inconvenient to attend to his Farm in Quaker Neck, and his professional and public duties, has concluded to dispose of it at private sale if suitable terms are offered. It contains about

356 ACRES,

and is about four miles from Chestertown—divided into six fields and is under good fencing. The land has been limed.

There are several Peach Orchards

in bearing, containing in the aggregate about THREE THOUSAND TREES.

A PEAR ORCHARD of about 150 Trees, of Standard and Dwarf, also bearing. 200 Apple Trees, dwarf and standard, about nine years old, beginning to bear fruit; also an old Apple Orchard.

THE DWELLING

is in fair condition—Kitchen new—Out-Buildings in a good state of repair.

There is a good TENANT HOUSE on the farm.

The LANDING is a good one on Chester River. The WOOD is ample for the farm.

THE TERMS may be made to suit both seller and purchaser, and are therefore not stated.

Mr. John C. Money, the tenant, will shew the premises to any one who may call.

GEORGE VICKERS.
Chestertown, June 27, 1868—5t.

LAND FOR SALE.

THE undersigned, under a Power of Attorney from the owners, offers at private sale the HANSON or WILMER FARM in Quaker Neck, adjoining the lands of S. W. Spencer, Esq., lying along the waters of Chester River, within three quarters of a mile of Chestertown, and occupied by Mr. William A. Thomas as tenant. The Farm contains about

468 ACRES,

and is productive. The DWELLING is of brick of ample dimensions and in good condition—Out-Buildings sufficient. Lime has been freely used. The situation is commanding and desirable, and the advantages of the farm are perhaps not surpassed by any on the River.

The Terms will be, one-third cash or on a short time; bal ance in one two and three years.

Mr. Thomas, the tenant, will take pleasure in shewing the property to any who may call.

GEORGE VICKERS,
Agent and Attorney.
Chestertown, June 27, 1868—5t.

Farm for Sale.

THE subscriber offers at Private Sale his FARM in Kent county, Maryland, situated on the road from Chestertown to Worton Heights, adjoining the lands of Thos. C. Parsons and Wm. Vannort,

Containing 107½ ACRES,

all arable except about six acres in Wood. It is divided into four fields, under good fencing. The land has been limed three times within the last ten years, and is in good heart and produces well.

THE BUILDINGS consist of a TWO-STORY FRAME, DWELLING, containing six rooms, and Kitchen. The Out-Buildings are ample for the purposes of the farm, and are in good condition. There is a PEACH ORCHARD of 1800 Trees, of different varieties; also a small Apple Orchard, and other fruits. The farm lies within four miles of Chestertown, in one of the best neighborhoods of the county.

For further particulars consulf the subscriber on the premises, or by letter to Hanesville.

jy4-5t.* CHARLES BACON.

FOR SALE.

THE subscriber, wishing to change his business, offers for sale the

Stock, Good Will and Fixtures,

including lease for three years on Store, with Dwelling attached, Garden, Stable, &c., at the

Trappe Corner.

The neighborhood is one of the finest in the county, and is four miles distant from any other store. To an enterprising man a rare chance is offered, as this can be made one of the finest business stands in the county.

Rent moderate. For further particulars apply on the premises, or my mail to Chestertown Post Office.

STEVENSON CONSTABLE,
jy4-3t. Trappe Corner.

At Galena, At Galena!

Just received for Harvest purposes, a large assortment of Goods, including the Cheapest Groceries in the county, and Oil for Machinery.

je27-4t. E. W. PURNELL.

HARVEST GOODS! HARVEST GOODS!

Received this week, a large assortment of New Goods. Call and examine at the Cheap Store, Tin and Hardware Store of

June 27. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

"AS OF YORE."

Yonder stands the little cottage
Where my childhood's hours were spent,
Ere my heart knew life had hardships
Or of grief or sorrow dreamt.

There it stands, a rude old cottage,
Clustered round with memories bright;
There my mother, smiling, kissed me
As she spoke her sweet good-night.

There in scenes of sweetest memories
I have mingled with the few,
Who, though all the world deserted
Were to me kind, loving, true.

There a father, sister, brother,
Kindly took me by the hand,
And alike through storm and sunshine,
By my side did ever stand.

Years have passed, the old cot's standing,
But how changed it looks to-day,
Those who then did love and bless me
Have from earth now passed away.

But their counsels, kindly spoken,
Still shall guide my erring feet,
Till beyond the vale in heaven
I again the loved ones meet.

Joyful there will be that meeting
On that far-off better shore;
Happy, yes, I'll be so happy
When they greet me as of yore.

Soliloquy of a Sabbath School Scholar.

Seven verses of the Testament committed to memory and recited to-day in Sabbath School. And what for? I am sent to Sabbath School by my parents, who say I must be good; must study the bible and learn to be true, honest, God-fearing, and become an upright member of society. It seems to me that the person who is only good to escape punishment, and not from love of doing good is not entitled to great credit. But I don't know about this, there is so much difference of opinions. But I do know my teachers tell me to be good, to keep good company, and not to have anything to do with the bad, the wicked and the dishonest. And father kneels every night, when he has time, and prays God to lead us not into temptation, and he asks a blessing on his food, and he goes about the house stern, dignified and christian-like, as if it hurt him! I wouldn't want religion if it made me so unhappy! And father says it is wrong to lend our influence to those who are not good—who are not christians, for the partaker is bad as the thief. I know father is a good man, for he is a church member. But he don't care so much for Christ as he did, now that his soul is saved, and on the Book of Life. I wonder if they ever blot out names on that book? If not, there must be one or two names on there by mistake! And that cannot be. But I wonder why it is that some men who profess to be so good, are cross at their homes, crabbed to the children who must have a little fun every day, and why they are not at heart good, as they profess to be. And I cannot see why it is that good christians, like my father, take advantages in trade, and tell so many little lies in business. It seems a pity it is against the Commandments to lie, when it seems to be so necessary in business!

And it puzzles me to understand how it can be wrong for us children to play with bad children, and run off with boys who rob hen's nests, and injure poor little birds which sing as God made them to, when it is not wrong for father and all the other church members to vote for, and give money, and time, and influence, to put bad men in office to rule over us. I can't see why such good christians as my father vote for men who steal, and who rob, and who lie, and who cheat, and who squander money not their own, and who work against christians, and against us sunday school children, and make us, when we grow big, pay taxes to keep them in idleness.

If all the church members in the land would vote only for good, christian men, they could elect them, and this country would be a christian country in a little while. But they don't do so. They tell us children it is wrong to mix with or play with bad boys and girls, and they go and vote for bad men, beeause they belong to their party. And so the bad men use the good men, and make good men vote for the bad ones, and they are all bad together it seems to me. Now if it is right for father to be cross to mother and to scold us all the time; if it is right for father to help bad men make money it seems to me right for us children to play with bad children and have fun with them, for they belong to our party for fun! There is something queer about this, and I begin to think religion is only intended for children and not for grown up people. And yet it is something beside a plaything! But is it not singular that our fathers advise us to do what they won't do themselves.

ILL WON WEALTH.—The man who seeks fortune by crooked paths, and *finds* it, can only be consistently envied by adventurers who have sought it by the same bad roads, and *missed it*. Ill-won wealth is comparatively worthless to the winner, however loudly he may crow over it.—No golden key, forged in the furnace of fraud will open the doors of the virtuous to aspiring scoundrelism. Christian gentlemen are the same everywhere, and they never strike hands cordially, or on terms of equality, with baseness, even though it may be double-gilt and peacock-plumed.

INIMITABLE.—The comment of a colored preacher on the text, "It is better to give than to receive," is inimitable, as well as eloquent: "Brudden, has any ob you knowed a church that died" cause it give too much? Dey don't die dat way. But if you do, just let me know, and I'll make a pilgrimage to dat church, and I'll climb to de soft light ob de moon on its moss-covered roof, and I'll stand dere and lift my eyes to heaven and say, "Blessed are de dead dat die in de Lord."

JOSH BILLINGS CHIPS.

Don't mistake a dounkast eye for modesty, dounkast eyes are often on the lookout sideways.

It is one thing tew *take* the chances, and quite another thing to *find* them.

Is is not the whole ov our duty tew foller the examples ov good men, but tew leave behind us sum decent tracks for others tew foller.

Rumor is a spark at fust, then a fire, then a conflagration, and then ashes.

The wust enemy that a man kan have is flattery, it is wuss than abuse; it is better tew be knocked endways by a foe than to be blowed up sideways with the quill ov a windy friend.

Death is a cessation ov hosstilitys; a flag ov truce; to the righteous a gain, and tew the wicked no loss.

If you are looking after happiness don't take the turnpike, take one ov the byroads, you will avoid the tollgates, and find it less crowded and dursty.

Mutch buty iz like the strawberry, soon out ov seazon, but exquisit while it duz last, and like the strawberry, aint perfekt without a good deal ov sugar.

Rules for long life are like gide boards to a deserted citty.

Hipokrasy iz one ov the vices that yu kant konvert, you might az well undertake tew git the wiggle out of a snake, or the grease out ov fat pork.

A witty writer iz like a porkupine, hiz quill makes no distinktion between a friend and a foe.

About one-half the discumfert ov this life iz the result ov getting tired ov ourselfs.

Solitude wud be an excellent place tew go if a man could leave his baggage (or *sin*) behind him.

He that marries a christian woman iz the son-in-law ov Divine Providence.

Menny a young person haz died old by living a long time after they wuz dead, and menny an old person haz died long before their time cum by being dead while they waz a living.

Precepts are poor stuff tew bring up young ones on, it iz like sending them down cellar without enny kandle tew larn them tew see in the dark.

There iz no sutch thing az acksidents, if one thing happens by acksident awl things may; Heaven haz no beureau by acksidents.

We should be kerful how we encourage luxurys, it iz but a step forward from hoecake to plum-puddin, but it iz a mile and a half, by the nearest road, when we hav tew go back agin.

Smiles and tears cum from the same fountain, az the showers ov Heaven are followed by the sunshine, tew gladden the earth, so duz joy follow sadness, tew make the soul cheerful.

There iz just az mutch jelonsy, (it iz only less dangerous) among the lowly az among the ritch; the poor devil with a whole loaf under hiz arm, iz the lord ov his naberhood, and the half loaves look on with envious wonder, while he struts up and down the alley.

We only love them that we fear. This may be only one ov my lies, but it looks so tew me from where I stand now.

The best condishun in life iz not to be so ritch az tew be envyed, nor so poor az to be damned.

Iz it charity tew giv tew a thankless cuss in need? certainly; jest az mutch az it would be to save a drouning cow.

Just praise iz the vernakular ov good deeds.

Where thare iz grate virtue, thare must hav bin grate vices, or else a very poor sile, that raizes nothing but what haz bin planted, and well tended and manured at that.

Revenge iz jist az natral az milk, you will see little bits ov boys club the post that they bump their heads aginst.

AGES OF ANIMALS.—The average age of cats is 15 years; of squirrels and hares, 7 or 8 years; of rabbits, 7; a bear rarely exceeds 20 years; a wolf, 20; a fox, 14 to 16; lions are long lived, the one known by the name of Pompey living to the age of 70; elephants have been known, it is asserted, to live to the great age of 400 years. When Alexander the Great had conquered Porus, King of India, he took a great elephant which had fought very valiantly for the king, and named him Ajax, dedicated him to the sun, and let him go with this inscription: "Alexander, the son of Jupiter, dedicated Ajax to the sun." The elephant was found with this inscription 350 years after. Pigs have been known to live to the age of 20, and the rhinoceros to 20; a horse has been known to live to the age of 62, but average 25 to 30; camels sometimes live to the age of 100; stags are very long lived; sheep seldom exceed the age of 10; cows live about 15 years, and are then killed for beef. Cuvier considers it probable that whales sometimes live 1,000 years; the dolphin and porpoise attain the age of 30; an eagle died at Vienna at the age of 104; ravens frequently reach the age of 100; swans have been known to live 300 years. A tortoise has been known to live 107 years.—*Exchange.*

A MODEL WILL.—The following is a copy of a will left by a man who chose to be his own lawyer:

"This the last will and testament of me, John Thomas. I give all my things to my relations, to be divided among them the best way they can. N. B.—If anybody kicks up a row, or makes any fuss about it, he ins't to have anything.—Signed by me, John Thomas."

AN incorrigible loafer, being taken to task for his laziness, replied, "I tell you, gentlemen, you are mistaken. I have not a lazy bone in my body, but the fact is, I *was born tired.*"

Surgical Separation of the Siamese Twins.

The scientific world, and especially that portion of it who have made the study of medicine and surgery their profession, cannot fail to be intensely interested in the fact which has recently come to our knowledge, of the determination of Chang and Eng, the Siamese twins, to submit to a surgical operation for the purpose of dissevering the wonderful link that has so long bound them together. Some forty years ago these twins were introduced to the notice of the civilized world, having been brought to England from Siam in the year 1827 or 1828, by Capt. Bunker, at present living in New York, and for a series of years they were exhibited to the public at all the great centres of civilization. Having visited America they determined to make this land their home.—They bought a valuable tract of land in North Carolina, married two sisters, and settled down in the ordinary routine of a farmer's daily life. Each of them is now the father of nine children. The reason for their determination, at this late day, to call in the art of surgery to produce an entire physical separation, is that having reached such an advanced age (59 years) they are fearful that one may become the subject of disease which may prove fatal to both. The interesting question arises, What are the probabilities of a successful operation being performed? It will be remembered in pursuing these inquiries that the twins are held together by quite a massive link of thoroughly normal and perfectly vitalized integument, some 10 or 12 inches in circumference, situated near the vital organs, and in close proximity to the heart and lungs; and the connection is so intimate that each seems to be thoroughly an organized portion of the other, as much so as any of the ordinary members of a naturally constituted human body. Sensation, nervous impression, mental phenomena, morble, physical, and nervo-mental conditions, all show a most perfect physical unity in this wonderful dual physical existence. The question in regard to the result of an operation is no new one, but soon after their first appearance in London and Paris it excited the minds of the foremost intellects in the surgical world.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

THE HUSBAND.—Ladies sometimes do not value their husbands as they ought.—They not unfrequently learn the value of a good husband for the first time by the loss of him. Yet the husband is the very roof of the house, the corner-stone of the edifice, the keystone of the arch called home. He is the bread-winner of the family, its defence, and its glory, the beginning and ending of the golden chain of life which surrounds it, its consoler, its lawgiver and its king. And yet we see how frail is that life on which so much depends. How frail is the life of the husband and father. When he is taken away who shall fill his place? When he is sick, what gloomy clouds hover over the house! When he is dead, what darkness, weeping, agony! Then poverty, like a murderous assassin, breaks in at the window; starvation, like a famishing wolf, howls at the door. Widowhood is too often the associate of sackcloth and ashes. Orphanhood too often means desolation and woe.

STRIKE THE KNOT.—"Strike the knot!" said a gentleman one day to his son, who, tired and weary, was leaning on his axe over a log which he had in vain been trying to cleave. Then, looking at the log, the gentleman saw how the boy had hacked and chipped all around the knot without hitting it. Taking the axe, he struck a few sharp blows on the knot, and split the log without difficulty. Smiling, he returned the axe to his son, saying—

"Always strike the knot."

That was good advice. It is a capital maxim to follow when you are in trouble. Have you a hard sum to do at school?—Have you got to face a difficulty? Are you leaving home to live for the first time among strangers? Strike the knot?—Look your trouble in the eye, as a bold lion hunter looks in the face of the lion. Never shrink from a painful duty, but step right up and do it. Yes, strike the knot, boys and girls, and you will always conquer your difficulties. Strike the knot, and crack it goes.

DO NOT SWALLOW GRAPE SEEDS.—Grape seeds, cherry pits and the like, are insoluble in any and all juices used in the process of digestion; they must therefore pass from the body in the same state in which they are swallowed. In their passage along the alimentary canal, they cannot but induce more or less irritation, and if the digestive organs are at all weak, they must of necessity cause great disturbance; being hard, almost like stones, they scrape along over the delicate mucous membrane which lines the stomach and bowels, and frequently lodge in the coils of the intestines, or become imbedded in the delicate lining and cause ulcerations and tumefactions of the bowels, which may result in death. A friend just tells me of a young man who, having eaten a quantity of grapes, become ill, suffered intensely, was unable to get relief from any source, and finally died.—An examination disclosed a large quantity of cherry pits imbedded in the bowels, together with about half a pint of grape seeds, which had completed the work of death.—*Fruit Culturist.*

"WHAT a pity it is, my dear sir," said a lady to Garrick, "that you are not taller." "I sheuld be supremely happy, madam," replied Garrick, "to be higher in your estimation."

IF you are a lover, don't love two girls at once. Love is a good thing, but it is like butter in warm weather—it won't do to have too much on hand at one time.

The Wickedest Man in New York.

Mr. Oliver Dyer has been studying underground life in New York, and publishes an article in Packard's paper entitled "The Wickedest Man in New York."

The individual on whom Mr. Dyer bestows this unflattering distinction keeps a low dance house in Water street. This fact of itself would justify the epithet, but there are peculiarities connected with it which make good the odious distinction. The man is worth between seventy-five and one hundred thousand dollars, so that the need of money cannot be pleaded in his behalf, poor as such a plea would be under any circumstances. Moreover, he is an educated man, was formerly a school teacher, and is reputed to have once been a preacher. He has three brothers who are clergymen. By his education, connections and independent pecuniary position he would seem removed from every inducement to follow his present iniquitous business.

If it is strange that such a man should keep a dance house, his method of keeping it is still more inexplicable. He reads the Bible to his dance house girls, and his favorite papers are the New York *Independent* and *Observer*. He also takes the Little Wanderer's Friend, and is much interested in mission work. Still more astonishing are his relations with his children, whom he loves warmly, while consigning them to a life of infamy. He has a little five year old boy of whom he is especially proud.

Into the dance house of this anomalous monster, Mr. Dyer, with two or three companions, descended and found thirteen ugly looking girls in the saloon, three musicians in the orchestra, and seven customers paying attention to an equal number of ballet-dressed syrens. The "wickedest man" was in his glory, and called on the girls to do their best. Soon he sent up for his prodigy of a boy, whom his father took up and said, "Now, gentlemen, you are writers, philosophers and preachers; but I'll show you that my baby knows as much as any of you. He's hell on reading, writing, praying and fighting."

Thereupon he catechised the young child in history, geography, &c., with astonishing results, afterwards calling on him successively for a song, a "breakdown," and a prayer, all of which were given with the utmost promptitude. The visitors were invited to join in the dance, but refused, when he asked them to give a song, in which the girls took part, singing, "There is Rest for the Weary," with great unction. Having got thus far, Mr. Dyer afterwards proposed a prayer, but the "wickedest man" replied—

"Well, no, gentlemen, I can't go *that.* You know that every man must have regard to his profession and the opinion of his neighbors. What with my *Observer* and *Independent*, and you fellows coming here and singing camp meeting hymns, I am already looked upon in the neighborhood as being rather loose and unsound; and if, a top of all that, I should let you hold a prayer meeting here, I should lose what little character I've got left."

On a subsequent occasion, however, a prayer-meeting was held, and the dance girls were so affected that they begged Mr. Arnold, of the Howard Mission, to take them to where they could earn an honest living. Such is the strange story of the "wickedest man."

HOW A SUN-STROKE AFFECTS MAN.—The general impression is that death by sun-stroke is very painful, but the contrary would seem to be a fact, judging from the following account of the effect of such a visitation, given by Gen. Sir J. Napier. He experienced an attack while in Scinde, where the thermometer, according to the General himself, was as much use to him as it would have been to a boiling lobster, and wrote as follows to one of his daughters: "The sun-stroke was a staggerer; yet my hope is to die by one, for death never can come in an easier shape. I was just deadly sleepy; it was deadly had I been left alone; but the only feeling of the transition would have been a tiredness, like that experienced at being suddenly waked up before time.—This was to a degree almost to be called painful; then came a pleasant drowsiness, with anger that the doctors would not let me sleep. Were it not for others, would that my horn had been sounded; so easy, so delightful, I may say, was the approach of death." This resembles the accounts that have been given by men who have been saved from freezing to death, after having got far down into the dark valley; so that excess of heat and excess of cold produce precisely the same effect.

THE SANITARY INFLUENCE OF LAUGHTER.—"Laugh and grow fat" is an aphorism which needs little argumentation to sustain it. To be happy we must be cheerful; and to render that cheerfulness truly enjoyable, one must now and then yield to mirthful impulses. As a healthful agent, a full-chested, "hearty" laugh is unrivaled. When his patient smiles, the doctor takes hope.

A clerical friend, at a celebrated watering-place, met a lady who seemed hovering on the brink of the grave. Her cheeks were hollow and wan, her manner listless, her steps languid, and her brow wore the contraction so indicative both of mental and physical suffering, so that she was to all observers an object of sincere pity.

Some years afterward he encountered this same lady, but as bright, and fresh, and youthful—so full of healthful buoyancy and so joyous in expression—that he began to question if he had not deceived himself with regard to her identity.

"Is it possible," said he, "that I see before me Mrs. B., who presented such a doleful appearance at the springs a few years ago?"

"The very same."

"And pray tell me, madam, the secret of your cure? What means did you use to attain to such vigor of mind and body—to such cheerfulness and rejuvenation?"

"A very simple remedy," returned she, with a beaming face. "I stopped worrying and began to laugh—that was all."

A GENTLEMAN once wrote to a lady whom he had offended by his dilatoriness, and who had for a long time refused to speak to him. His letter was earnest in supplication for forgiveness. It concluded with "One word from your lips will make me happy. When and where will you speak it?" Her answer was: "Next Wednesday, at the altar." In answer he replied, "I will be there."