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TAXES.

THE undersigned is now ready to receive the Taxes of the Fourth District, and earnestly requests prompt payment. May be found at the Office of John N. Usilton, Esq., on TUESDAYS and SATURDAYS.

CHARLES H. BAKER.

Aug. 22, 1868—tf.

TAX PAYERS TAKE NOTICE.

YOUR Tax bills for 1868 are now due and in my hands for collection. I am not only anxious to collect the bills and settle the books during the present year, but parties are urging their claims for payment, which cannot be delayed longer than the first of January next. A prompt settlement therefore is asked.

The subscriber will be at Massey's Cross Roads on Wednesday mornings and at Sassafras the afternoons of the same day; at Chesterville on Saturday mornings, and at Millington in the afternoon of the same day; at Galena on Mondays; and will continue to visit said places on the days named in each week until further notice

E. E. MILLER,
Collector 1st Dist. Kent co.
a1tf.

NOTICE

To Tax Payers in the 2nd District.

TAXES are due from the first of July. All who pay in August will get 5 per cent. off their State tax, 4 per cent off if paid in September, and 3 off if paid in October.

I hope this notice will be sufficient to induce every person to pay without delay. I will say to those who have not paid last year's taxes that I shall not wait much longer.

Office at Mr. Hayes' store

JACOB SUTTON.
Kennedyville, Aug. 8, 1868—tf.

Tax Notice.

THE undersigned respectfully notifies the Tax Payers of the Third District that their Taxes for the present year are now due, and that he is prepared to receive them.

He may be found at the store of Mr. A. L. Vannort, Hanesville, every day, except Sundays. In case of his absence Mr. Vannort will collect and receipt for him.

THOS. H. KENNARD,
Collector Third District.
a1-tf.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

MY TAX BOOKS and Accounts for 1868 are now ready, and persons are earnestly solicited to settle their taxes promptly. The demands upon the Collector this year, both by the State and County, are urgent, and will not permit indulgence.

Those whose taxes for 1866 or 1867 are still unpaid need not expect further indulgence, as I shall be under the necessity of advertising and selling their property unless their accounts are settled at once.

SAMUEL G. COPPER,
Aug. 8—tf. Coll'r 5th District.

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.

Farmers Look to Your Interest.

BLACKSMITHING DONE AT REDUCED RATES.

THE undersigned having taken the up-town Shop recently occupied by Alfred L. Benjamin, is now prepared to do all kinds of

BLACKSMITHING

AT REDUCED RATES, and guarantee it to give satisfaction.

Particular attention paid to repairing of Carriages. Also, GUNSMITHING done in workmanlike manner.

I respectfully ask a share of your patronage, believing we shall be mutually benefitted, as I am determined to work at Reduced Rates.

HENRY H. SIMMS.
Chestertown, May 30, 1868.

CLOTHING & CONFECTIONERY.

JAMES H. SMITH respectfully informs the public that he has taken the store formerly occupied by Mr. A. M. Russell, and has now in store an assortment of

READY-MADE CLOTHING,
AND FURNISHING GOODS.

He has also now in store, and will keep constantly on hand a supply of

CONFECTIONERY,

Such as Candy, Figs,
Rasins, Prunes, Tamorinds,
Dates, Brandy Peaches,
French Mustard, Brandy Cherries, &c.
Preserves, Jellies,
Worcestershire Sauce,
Canned Pine Apples, Canned Strawberries,
Chow-Chow, Cucumber Pickles, Oranges, Lemons, Apples, Walnuts, Almonds, Palm Nuts, Filberts, Pea Nuts, &c., all of which will be sold at the lowest rates. Also, Lamps and Chimneys.
apr25.

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,	Misses' Mor. Boots
Boys' do. do.	" Goat Boots,
Ladies' last'g Anklets,	" Fancy "
" " Gaiters,	" Buff "
" Mor. Bal. Boots;	Childrens' Gaiters,
" Goat " "	" Fancy Boots,
Misses' last'g Anklets,	" Buff "

Infants' plain and fancy Kid and Morrocco and Patent Leather Shoes.
June 20.

Strawberry Plants AND DWARF PEARS.

I have about **200,000** Strawberry Plants, cultivated expressly for the Plants, which I now offer as low as can be bought of any Nurseryman, embracing the following choice varieties: Wilson's Albany, Agriculturist, Russell's Prolific, Knox's Jucunda or 700, and Golden Seeded.

Also, **5,000** Dwarf Pear Trees, principally Dutchess, *budded on the best two year old transplanted Angers Quince*, of my own importation, from the celebrated nursery of Duvesse & Co., at Orleans, France, that I will warrant equal if not superior to any that can be bought and at as low a price.

For the benefit of those wishing to plant Pear Trees, I will state that I have 2,800, of eight varieties, planted in 1863, and selected from the orchard of a gentleman who had thirty-two varieties, as the oply ones worthy of cultivation. My own experience has induced me to discard all but the following, of which I shall plant about 5,000 myself this fall: Beure Gifford, very early; Beure Easter, very late; Louise Bon de Jersey; Dutchesse de Augoulene.

For price, &c., address

R. S. EMORY,
a1-2m. Chestertown, Kent co., Md.

One Cent Reward.

Ranaway from the subscriber on the night of August 21st, a negro girl named VICTORIA HACKETT, aged fourteen, about five feet high, broad shouldered, and a very decided brunette. Also, on the night of August 22d, a negro Boy of a rather paler hue, eighteen years of age last December, about five feet five inches high, and of slender frame.

The above are bound apprentices, and one cent reward is offered for their apprehension and delivery to their master. All persons are hereby forewarned against harboring or employing them at the peril of the law.

DAVID C. BLACKISTON.
Aug. 29, 1868—3t.

REDUCTION IN MEDICINES AT CHESTERTOWN, MD.

THE undersigned respectfully call the attention of the people of Kent county and elsewhere to their

NEW STOCK OF DRUGS,
MEDICINES,
SOAPS and PERFUMERY,

which they are now prepared to furnish at REDUCED PRICES.

Thankful to the public for the past patronage, and trust by their own merit and strict attention to business to continue that patronage. Having secured the services of a competent assistant, (Mr. J. P. PRICE,) who will be ever ready to compound Prescriptions at any hour of the night or day.

aug29. S. WICKES & SON.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS!

Wheat Seeding, 1868

REDUCTION IN PRICE.

RHODES'S UPER-PHOSPHATE,
The Oldest Established Standard Manure.

Prepared expressly for the Drill.
$50 per ton in Bags and Barrels.

B. M. RHODES & CO.,
Office 82 South-st., below Corn Exchange,
jy18-3m. Baltimore, Md.

White Goods!

PLAIN, PLAID and STRIPED SWISSES AND CAMBRICS,
White Organdies, Nainsooks and Victoria Lawns.

Tarlatanes, Lenos, and a full and varied line of White Goods generally; all purchased from the Importers direct, and for sale upon the best terms by

THOMAS S. WICKES.
Chestertown, July 18, 1868.

Black Alpacas,

IN rich and general variety, some of them of extra quality. Alpacas in Tan and Mode Colors, received from first hands and offered at reasonable rates by THOS. S. WICKES.

PURE CIDER VINEGAR, for sale by

TH. S. WICKES.
Chestertown, August 1, 1868.

HEAD-QUARTERS Wheelwright and Blacksmiths DEPARTMENT.

FAIRLEE, KENT COUNTY, MD.,
Aug. 20, 1868.

THIS is to inform all mankind and particularly those persons who are indebted to me for work done prior to the 1st day of January, 1868, that my purse is empty, and consequently am in need of funds to purchase the necessary material to continue business. Therefore with regret I kindly request and will lawfully insist upon a settlement on or before the

First day of October next.

My thanks the public have. Indulgence after the above date will cease to be a virtue.

Respectfully,
ag22-3t. JOHN A. SCHWEARER.

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 Vosbell House, when not professionally engaged. On and after the 1st Jan, '69, he will be found at the residence now occupied by W. O. Smith, Esq., corner of High & Cross streets. Special attention paid Chronic Diseases and diseases of Women and Children.

Job Lots, for Cash.

WE have reduced our SUMMER STOCK a a fraction above cost. All persons in want of Cheap Goods will find them at the Popular Store.

Part of the new system of doing business is prompt settlements. All accounts are now due. We need money very much to meet our engagements, and certainly expect all who are indebted to comply with our terms.

Respectfully, WM. A. VICKERS.
July 25, 1868.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent County, letters of administration on the personal estate of John W. Jones, late of said County, deceased.

All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 24th day of March, 1869, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit in the said estate.

Given under my hand and seal this 25th day of September, 1868.

JOSIAH M. JONES, Adm'r C. T. A.
Aug. 29, 1868—4t.

A FULL stock of Builders' Hardware on hand and for sale at the lowest market price. Call and examine my large stock at the Tin, Stove and Hardware store of

Aug. 8, 1868. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

WINE BOTTLES for sale by the dozen, by

June 20, 1868. TH S. WICKES.

FOR SALE

1019 ACRES OF FIRST RATE RIVER LANDS,

IN Middlesex county, Va., lying immediately on the Rappahannock River, eight miles below Urbana—300 Acres well set in clover and other grasses. All the arable land has been well marled and produces well all grain crops—soil loamy and well adapted to Fruit and Truck of all kinds—Improvements good and ample—fencing good.

The tract can be divided into three or more farms, all with river fronts—two farms would have dwelling houses and a first rate barn on each. A Young Orchard of 1600 Fruit Trees of different sorts planted out last fall—plenty of Fish and Oysters of the best kinds—about 2,000 cords of Pine could be cut, worth $4 per cord on the beach.

Address J. L. SMITH, Urbana, Va., or take Baltimore steamboat and landing at Urbana see the premises.

Terms low—one-half cash, balance on terms to suit purchaser. sep5 5t.*

FOR SALE,

MONDAY, 21st September, 1868,

TWO HOUSES AND LOTS

on the new road leading from Chestertown to Millington, adjoining the lands of John Bosee and others.—One is a store doing a good business; there is no better business place in the county for a man with a small capital, but I am desirous to return to the city. It is two stories high, 32 feet front, 18 feet deep, with a Kitchen attached; a small Granary and Stable, Carriage house and Hen house, a Garden and about ONE AND A HALF ACRES OF LAND. The Buildings are all new.

The other is a HOUSE AND LOT. The house is two stories high, 16 feet square, with a Kitchen attached, with ONE ACRE of Land. Both Lots are well enclosed with good substantial fencing; one is well set in Fruit Trees.

I will sell this property at private sale any time between now and the 21st of September. If not sold prior to that date, I will then offer it at Public Sale.

ALSO, MY

FURNITURE, STORE GOODS,

CART, CARRIAGE HARNESS, &c.
SOFA, CHAIRS, TABLES, 1 SIDE-BOARD, CARPETS, &c.
KITCHEN FURNITURE, 3 Stoves, &c.

This property is on Morgan's Creek Neck, one mile from the Landing and five miles from Chestertown. It is convenient to Churches, Schools, Mills, &c.

aug22-ts. C. BRYAN.

A FARM AT PRIVATE SALE.

BECAUSE of my infirm health, I desire to sell my farm in Kent county, State of Maryland, and will sell the same at a fair price and upon liberal terms. It contains about

250 ACRES,

200 of which are arable, and the balance is wood and brush land. The arable land is divided into six fields and under good fencing.—About sixty acres are now well set in Timothy and Clover. It is eligibly located on Fairlee Creek, within a mile of the thrifty village of Bel-Air; about one mile and a half from the Kent County Railroad, now under construction, and six miles from Chestertown; and convenient to churches, schools, mills, &c.

The soil is naturally good and well adapted to grain, grass and fruits.

The Improvements

are a Two-Story Frame Dwelling House, with three rooms on the first and four on the second floor and two rooms in the garret, a shed Kitchen attached with a room above, and the usual out-buildings, all nearly new and in good order. A young Apple Orchard of 50 trees in bearing, a Peach Orchard of 300 trees, and various other fruit trees.

This farm is well worth $50 per acre, and I will sell it upon these terms, or make them more liberal:—One-fifth cash; the residue in 1, 2, 3 and 4 years, with interest from the first day of January next, when possession will be given. The deferred payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with approved security.

For further information consult my Attorney, R. HYNSON, Esq., at Chestertown, Md.

J. B. FENNIMORE.
August 1, 1868—tf.

Small Farm for Sale.

THE undersigned, intending to remove to Virginia, offers at private sale his farm situate near Belair, Kent county, Md., adjoining the lands of Messrs. I. C. Taylor, John T. Shirven and Comegys Cosden, and containing

About 60 Acres.

The land is all arable, except a small meadow, and divided into three fields—one of which is in Peach trees (about 1,900) planted last spring. The Dwelling is brick, and with some repairs might be made a very comfortable house. A pump of good water in the yard.

The farm lies in a good and improving neighborhood, and is within a mile and a half of a mill, churches and school. The Railroad will pass within half a mile of the farm on the western side.

This farm will be sold a bargain. For further particulars consult the undersigned, or address him at Chestertown, Md.

jy25-tf WM. R. APSLEY.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE.

THE undersigned will sell at private sale their House and Lot in Quaker Neck, containing AN ACRE OF LAND, more or less. It lies directly on the public road leading into Quaker Neck, adjoining the lands of Col. Edw. Wilkins, Mr. James Baker and others; is about three miles from Chestertown, convenient to places of public worship, &c., and eligibly located for a store.

The improvements are a frame dwelling, with two rooms above and two below; a small Apple and Peach Orchard.

These terms are desired, but may be modified: One-half of the purchase money to be paid cash or within sixty days, and the balance twelve months from the day of sale, with interest from the first day of January next, when possession will be given. For further information consult our Attorney, Richard Hynson, Esq.

DAVID SHEPPERD,
a15-tf. JACOB SHEPPERD.

EDWARD B. BATES, ATTORNEY AT LAW, EASTON, MD.

PROMPT attention to collection of Claims and purchase and sale of Real Estate in Talbot, Queen Anne's and Caroline Counties.

REFERENCES:—Hon. Geo. Vickers, Hon. S. Hambleton, Hon. P. B. Hopper. a22-6m.

BICKFORD & HOFFMAN GRAIN DRILLS with Guano Attachment, now on hand and for sale by HINES, WOODALL & CO.

Chestertown, Aug. 8-tf.

PUBLIC SALE OF A VERY FINE FARM IN KENT COUNTY, TWO MILES FROM CHESTERTOWN.

THE subscriber, as attorney for the owner, Stephen A. Biddle, Esq., will offer at PUBLIC SALE, on

TUESDAY,

The Twenty-second of September, 1868,

at 12 o'clock, M., on the premises, that

VALUABLE and HIGHLY IMPROVED ESTATE known as

"ROSE HILL,"

Containing 274 ACRES,

being the home residence of Stephen A. Biddle, Esq., situated two miles from Chestertown, on the Stage Road to Elkton, and near the line of the Kent County Railroad now in course of construction, adjoining the lands of James A. Pearce, David Biddle and others. The above Farm is divided into six fields, well watered.

The Improvements

CONSIST of a VERY LARGE

BRICK DWELLING,

40 feet square, with double porticos, 104 feet long, each 10 feet wide, with a beautiful lawn of seven acres, with well grown shade trees; fine Garden and

Orchard of 300 Pear Trees,

250 PEACH of Choice Varieties,

2,000 GRAPE VINES,

of selected varieties, in full bearing.

The OUT HOUSES consist of a BARN 45 by 80 feet, and 45 feet hight, STABLE, Cow House, &c.

TERMS:—One-fourth cash, balance in six annual payments with interest.

For full particulars apply to

M. BANNON,
32 St. Paul Street, Baltimore.
Aug. 29, 1868—ts.

REAL ESTATE At PUBLIC SALE BY TRUSTEE.

BY virtue of a Deed of trust the undersigned will offer at public sale, on

TUESDAY,

The Fifteenth day of September, 1868,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,

at the Voshell House in Chestertown, all those LOTS OR PARCELS OF LAND of which the late Dennis Vickers died possessed. This property is situated in the Fifth Election District, Kent county, State of Maryland, adjoining the lands of Thomas Jones and others. They

Contain about 56¼ ACRES,

of which about 45 acres are arable; the residue is in WOOD, among which is a fine growth of YOUNG CHESNUT. The arable land is divided into four fields and two lots under good fencing. The soil is naturally good, and has been improved by two applications of lime, and is now in good heart. It is well adapted to grain, grass and fruit.

The location is desirable, being convenient to Churches, Schools, Mills, &c., is near the Steamboat Landing on Gray's Inn Creek, and directly on the Kent County Railroad now under construction.

The Improvements

Are a One Story FRAME DWELLING HOUSE

with three rooms below and four above, and a Kitchen attached, and the usual Out-buildings all in fair order.

Young APPLE & PEACH ORCHARD and a Small Pear Orchard.

THE TERMS OF SALE prescribed by the deed are as follows: One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale or within sixty days thereafter, the balance in three equal instalments of six, twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale, with interest from that day. The deferred payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with approved security.

RICHARD HYNSON,
Chestertown, a22-ts. Trustee.

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm and style of GEO. W. RUSSELL & BRO., has this 1st day of September, 1868, been dissolved by mutual consent. The business will hereafter be conducted by RICHARD B. RUSSELL, who will collect all bills and settle all claims of the firm.

G. W. & R. B. RUSSELL.

All persons indebted to the firm of Geo. W. Russell & Bro will please settle their bills forthwith, as I desire to settle up the business of the firm by the First of October.

sep5-5t. R. B. RUSSELL.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

IT having been decided by competent legal authority that the County School Commissioners have no right under the late law to *sell* books to the pupils in the public schools, the following regulations have been adopted by the Board for Kent county, and will be strictly adhered to:

All Text Books issued hereafter will be retained as the property of the School Board, and each pupil will be held responsible for the safe keeping of the Books issued to him or her.—These Books are to be returned to the Teacher when the pupil leaves school, or at the commencement of summer vacation.

The District Trustees will have proper Book Cases in each School House for the safe-keeping of Books and Stationery.

Every pupil is required to pay the sum of FORTY CENTS in advance each term for the use of Books and Stationery, upon presentation of a bill by the teacher. No one will be released from the payment of the book fee except upon a written order to the teacher, signed by the two Trustees of the School District.

By order of the Board.

W. F. MASSEY, Sec'y.
Chestertown, Sept. 5, 1868.

North East Classical Seminary,

NORTH EAST, MD.

THE next Annual Term of this institution commences MONDAY, Sept. 7th, 1868.

For terms and further particulars address

N. C. DOUGHERTY,
aug29-10t.* Principal.

NOTICE.

All accounts left at the office of WM. BACCHUS, Esq., in Chestertown, to be collected according to law or on commission, will receive prompt attention by

ap11-tf. R. W. CALDER, Constable.

FOR YOU.

A thought! a thought! for the rosy morn,
That comes thro' the gates of dew!
But I'll keep a kinder, happier thought
For twilight and for you.

A word! a word! for the humming bird,
A-tilt on the jessamine new!
Will my lip let slip, but my heart will keep
Its softest words for you.

A song! a song! for the mocking bird,
In answer to his so true!
But you know right well I will always keep
My sweetest song for you.

A kiss! a kiss! for the sweet red rose,
And none for the violet blue!
But standing here at the garden gate
I'll keep back one for you.

A sigh! a sigh! for my pale white rose,
That the chilling night wind slew!
But I answer you when the lilies say—
I am sighing most for you!

A Dream of Last Night.

J. P. PRICE.

I dreamed I were a child again
Last night as I slumbered free from pain;
My vision was beautiful,—land and sea
Alike were lovely and fair unto me.

The flowers were all of a brilliant hue
Bathed in showers of the softest due;
The ocean rolled on as it murmured low
Lullabys sweet as it rocked to and fro.

Friends who've passed from this earthly shore
Smiled again as in days of yore,
And hearts were happy as they could be,
And oh! it was a happy dream to me.

But sleep kissed my eyelids heavy with tears,
Soothing the spirit, dispelling my fears—
Gladdening the soul with fond dreams of joy,
The purest, the sweetest, without alloy.

But I awake, the bright vision had flown,
And left me to battle with life alone,
But the memory's full of enchantment yet,
And the dream of last night I'll never forget.

"I'll Take What Father Takes."

"What will you take to drink?" asked the waiter of a lad, who for the first time accompanied his father to a public dinner. Uncertain what to say, and feeling sure that he could not be wrong if he followed his father's example, he replied, "I'll take what father takes."

The answer reached his father's ear, and instantly the full responsibility of his position flashed upon him. If he said, "I'll take ale," as he had always said before, his son would take it also, and then! And the father shuddered as the history of several young men, who, once promising as his own bright lad, had been ruined by drink, started up in solemn warning before him. Should his hopes also be blasted, and that open-faced noble lad become a burden and a curse as they had become? But for strong drink they would have been active, earnest, prosperous men; and if it could work such ruin upon them, was his own lad safe? Quicker than lightning these thoughts passed through his mind, and in a moment the decision was made. If the boy falls, he shall not have me to blame; and then in tones tremulous with emotion to the astonishment of those who knew him he said: "Waiter, I'll take water;" and from that day to this strong drink has been banished from that man's home.

That young lad, in this brief utterance was really the representative of the generation to which he belongs. God has so decreed it, that a father is the highest authority in the world to his child. Who does not know that, "My father said so," is the end of all controversy with the little ones around us? Who does not see the parent's tones and gait and manners reproduced continually in the children whose nature is now "soft as wax to receive an impression, and rigid as marble to retain it;" and who watch with a quick and imitating eye, those who to them are God's vicegerents?

LONG FACES.—What a sad mistake it is to suppose that a man should be gloomy because he is devout, as if misery were acceptable to God on its own account, and and happiness an offence against his dignity. A modern writer of much wisdom and pith says: "There is a secret of unbelief amongst some men that God is displeased with man's happiness, and so they slink about creation, ashamed and afraid to enjoy anything!" These are the people of whom Hood says:

"They think they're pious when they're only bilious!"

A good man is almost always a cheerful one. It is fit that bad men scowl, look blue and melancholly, but he who has God's smile of approbation upon him should show his radiance in his countenance. Dr. Johnson said he "never knew a villain in his life that he was not, on the whole, an unhappy dog." And well he may be. And an honest man—the man with good conscience—let him enjoy his sleep, and his dinner, and love of his wife and the prattle of his children, and show a beaming face to his neighbor. Surely there is no worse theology than that which teaches that He who has given such fullness of joy to beasts and birds delights in the misery of men; or, that having filled us with gladness, we ought to give the lie to His goodness by wearing faces beclouded with woe, and furrowed with pretended happiness.

A SOLEMN THOUGHT.—It has been observed with much significance, that every morning we enter upon a new day carrying still an unknown future in its bosom. How pregnant and stirring the reflection! Thoughts may be born to-day which may never die! Feelings may be awakened to-day which may never be extinguished. Hope may be excited to-day, which may never expire. Acts may be performed to-day the consequences of which may not be realized until eternity.

RATHER GOOD.—On the marriage of Mr. Rush and Mrs Canter—

When Hymen thought this maid to banter,
And dared her forth to take a brush,
At first she went it with a Canter,
But now she goes it with a Rush.

THE DANDY.

After natur had finished the fust man and the fust woman, she had a little material left at the bottom of her cups, and not willing to waste enything, she mixt the two remnants together, more for a frolic than ennything else, just to see what the compound would produce.

Throwing the mixture onto the dieing coals, in a few minnitts a half-baked, comikal creature lay smirking and mincing before her.

This iz the way that the fust dandy wuz made, and with a bouquet in one hand and a looking glass in the other, Dame Nature turned him loose into the world to root.

The construkshun of this creature of remnants iz peculiar.

A dissection of a dandy, in the thirteenth century, revealed the fakt that his heart resembled a pin cushion, having no cells, the interior ov it being filled with cotton batting and sawdust, and stuck awl over the outside with rosettes, and dead butter flys, with pins through them.

Hiz head was divided into innumerable little stalls, in each ov which wuz deposited, in solution, a very small quantity of brains, which ackted independent of each other.

One stall waz devoted to kid gloves as a science, another to tight boots, and a third to colone water.

All his thoughts and affeckshuns are divided between the fit ov hiz clothes and admirashun ov them.

Hiz ideas never grasp ennything stronger than Phalon's last sensashun in perfumery; his whole emotional natur finds its nourishment and counterpart in a plate of the last Paris fashions, hung up at a tailor's window.

The genuine dandy—one who knows hiz bizziness—never falls in love with ennything but hiz looking glass; his strongest pashun iz admerashun, he kant reach the dignity of love.

To love requires both brains and a soul and a dandy in love would be az whimsikal a sight az a butterfly kneeling at the feet ov a tulip.

Your real dandy is a long-lived bird; hiz pashions are weak, but regular, and, like a watch, the works and the case wear out together.

He grows old like a bouquet, and is brisk, and in humor to the last.

Dandys have no courage, their pashuns are a mixture ov weak and delikate things; they kant insult, nor be insulted; they are rabbits among men, and among wimmin, not bold enuff tew be feared, nor useless enuff to be despized.

There iz not one single trait in their charakters, that I kan think of now, highly commendible; they are selfish (and have a right to be,) bekause they haint got ennything to spare; their ambishun haz no more glory in it than a scent bag.

Reverence implys faith, and a dandy haz no faith, but in the case of hiz hairdresser, or taylor; meekness implys hope, but hope in them iz nothing but emasculated impudence.

But while theze useless creatures lack the virtews ov life, they are seldum, or never gilty ov enny first-class viees, they go through life heedless ov awl that iz very good, or very bad, and when they git reddy to die, it iz ov az little importance tew the world as the loss of a cosmetic receipt, or a clever twist in a yaller neck-tie.

Your genuine dandy seldom unites; he courts az the humming-bird duz among the flowers, for honey, not a wife, and thinks that hiz attacks are awl conquests, but no sensible woman would marry him enny quicker than she would knowingly take counterfeit money in change.

This world will never be rid ov the dandy, there iz so many pincushion hearts, and heads not made for brains, there iz so much vanity that it iz amply pleased with a dog's head on a bamboo cane, there iz so much kindnes in looking-glasses, there iz so much fragrance in being a pin feather king, for an evening, among silly hearts, that young dandys will keep being born, and old dandys will frisk in spite of their gout, or ennybody's whiloso phy.—*Josh Billings.*

TRUSTING IN FATHER.—A traveler in Scotland observed some choice and rare plants growing on the edge of a precipice. He could not reach them, but offered to a little Highland boy a handsome present if he would consent to be lowered to the spot by a rope round his waste. The boy hesitated. He looked at the money, and thought of all it would purchase, for his parents were poor, and their home had but few of the comforts of life; but then he glanced at the terrible precipice, he shuddered and drew back. At length his eye brightened, and he said, with decision, "I'll go if father will hold the rope." And he went safely."

DON'T TEASE.—Nothing annoys a man more than to be eagerly questioned when he comes home tired. Give him a neatly-served dinner, or a pair of easy slippers and a cup of tea, and let him eat and drink in peace, and in time he will tell you, of his own proper motion, all you wish to know. But if you begin the attack too soon, the chances are that you will be rewarded by curtly spoken monosyllables. Put down that piece of wisdom in your note-book, girls; it will serve you well some day.

PLEASURE unattained is the hare which we hold in chase, cheered on by the ardor of competition, the exhilarating cry of the dogs, the shouts of the hunters, the echo of the horn, and the ambition of being in at the death. Pleasure attained is the same hare hanging up in the sportsman's larder, worthless, disregarded, despised, dead.

OVERDOING IT.—A well-known Methodist clergyman who was once traveling on horseback through the State of Massachusetts, stopped one noon, on a sultry day, at a cottage by the roadside, and requested some refreshment for himself and beast. This was readily granted by the New England dame; so the parson dismounted, and, having seen his horse well cared for, entered the cottage, and partook of the refreshment which was cheerfully placed before him. For some time past there had been no rain, and the country had been literally parched up. The minister entered into conversation with the old lady, and remarked as to the dryness of the season. "Yes," she replied, "unless we have rain soon, all my beets, cabbages and cucumbers will be good for nothing, and I think that all the ministers ought to pray for rain." The worthy divine informed her that he was a minister, and that he should be happy to comply with her wish. He accordingly knelt down and prayed fervently that the gates of Heaven might be opened, that the showers might descend and refresh the earth. He then arose from his knees, and, having kindly thanked his hostess, bade her good day, and mounted his horse and departed. But he had not been gone more than an hour when the clouds began to gather, and a tremendous shower of rain and hail descended, and with such force as to wash the contents of the old lady's garden clear out of the ground. "There!" said she, "that is always the way with those tarnal Methodists; they never undertake to do anything but they always overdo it!"

WHAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS.—A passenger by a night train on the Hudson River Railroad tells the following: The train was detained at Greenbush for a little while, and, while waiting, a cattle train came on the other track and stopped. Such a noise has seldom been heard; the cattle bellowed, the sheep set up a bleating, and the hogs grunted, until the passengers were nearly crazed. One old fellow had slept for hours, but this noise awoke him. Rubbing his eyes, he listened in amazement "Good heaven!" says he, "what's this?" Peering into the darkness without discovering anything, and listening more critically, he at last satisfied himself, and set the passengers roaring by the exclamation, "Why, this must be a political convention."

A WAGGISH journalist, who is often merry over his personal plainness, tells this story of himself:

I went to a chemist the other day for a dose of morphine for a sick friend. The assistant objected to give it to me without a prescription, evidently fearing that I intended to commit suicide. "Pshaw!" said I, "do I look like a man who would kill himself?"

Gazing steadily at me a moment, he replied, "I don't how. It seems to me if I looked like you, I should be greatly tempted to kill myself."

A RESIDENT in a certain village, having had sanded sugar sold to him, inserted in the local paper the following:—"Notice: I bought of a grocer in this village a quantity of sugar, from which I obtained one pound of sand. If the rascal who cheated me will send to my address several pounds of good sugar, I will be satisfied; if not, I shall expose him." The following day nine sevenpound packages of sugar were left at his residence from as many different dealers, each supposing himself the one intended.

MARRIED women, says a statistician, on an average live until forty-five, while unmarried women do not live to be more than forty-three years of age. An exchange therefore charges that every man who refuses to marry shorten's some woman's life just two years, and thus practically commits homicide, and follows up the allegation by calling on the grand juries to find bills against bachelors over thirty years old.

SOME years ago, at a public dinner, a Dutchman was one of the company, and during the banquet he paid so assiduous attention to a roasted pig immediately in front of his plate, that he devoured the entire animal. As he finished the last morsel, unctuous and savory, a bustling waiter asked him what he would be helped to.

"Oh," replied the feeder, "I'll dank you for von more of dem leetle hoks."

THE editor of the *Religious Telegraph* objects to singing by choirs while taking up a collection. He says: "We have sometimes seen brothers so absorbed in the singing during the collection, that, with their closed eyes, they could not see the basket as it passed."

AN absent wife is thus advertised for: "Jane, your absence will ruin all. Think of the children, your parents, your husband. Return, return; all may yet be well. At any rate, enclose the key of the cupboard where the gin is."

"THE sound of your hammer," says Franklin, "at five in the morning or at night, heard by a creditor, makes him easy for six months longer; but if he sees you at a tavern, when you should be at work, he will send for his money the next day."

AN exchange says, "it is better to love a person you cannot marry, than to marry a person you cannot love." This is a short text for a long sermon, which human experience will continue to preach until the last syllable of recorded time.

BUTLER'S compliment that Bingham is an acknowledged "lady killer," is returned by Bingham in the declaration that no man surpasses Butler in his *taking* ways.

"ARE you the mate?" said a passenger to the Irish cook of a vessel. "No," answered Pat, "but I'm the boy that boils the mate!"

A SURGEON, whose wife is a great scold, being asked what he thought would be the greatest triumph of the surgical art, replied, "To take the jaw out of a scolding woman."

THE fewer relations or friends that we have the happier we are. In your poverty they never help you; in your prosperity they always help themselves.

MAKING ox-head cheese and ox-tail soup may properly be considered making both ends meet.