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VALUABLE
REAL ESTATE
At Private Sale.

THE undersigned will hold his FARM at Private sale until the
FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER NEXT,
which in many respects is one of the most desirable Estates in Kent county, Maryland. It lies directly on Chester River and Langford's Bay, and contains

About 600 Acres,

four hundred and fifty acres arable; seventy-one acres in

WOOD AND TIMBER,

and the residue in Marshes. The arable land is divided into six fields, and the whole estate is under good and substantial fences. The soil is fine, in good heart, and well adapted to grain, grass, fruit and vegetables.

There is no better Stock Farm

in the County. The Marsh being firm affords a very fine early Spring pasture.

This Farm has

ALL THE ADVANTAGES OF OUR MOST FAVORED WATER SITUATIONS

Upon it are several FINE DUCKING POINTS, and but a short distance off its shore, both on the River and Bay, lie some of our FINEST OYSTER BEDS and FISHING GROUNDS.

THE WATER VIEW

from the dwelling, with the aid of a glass, reaches down the river ten or twelve miles; and is passed daily by Slaughter's line of Steamers to and from Baltimore.

THE IMPROVEMENTS
Are a COMMODIOUS
DWELLING,
WITH A KITCHEN attached, and the usual OUT-BUILDINGS in fair condition.

AN APPLE ORCHARD OF FORTY TREES, in bearing;

A PEACH ORCHARD of 4,500 Trees also in bearing,

And a PEACH ORCHARD of 2,000 TREES two years old.

My Farm is positively for sale, and may be purchased at a fair price and upon liberal terms. For further particulars consult R. HYNSON, Esq, my Attorney, at Chestertown, Md.

RICHARD LL. NICHOLS.

N. B.—There are eighty-three bushels Wheat seeded in fallow, which will be sold with the Farm. Possession will be given January 1st, 1869, and a few weeks sooner should the purchaser desire it. n7-4t.

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.

BOUNTIES!

I am still receiving all classes of State Claims, for Collection, upon my usual Commission of ten per cent. NO CLAIMS BOUGHT.

No Charge unless Successful.

Notwithstanding the recent Limitation Act, it is believed that provision will be made for the payment of the large class of just Claims still unsettled.

Papers entrusted to my care will be kept in a *Fire-proof Vault*, specially built in the office for the purpose.

ALL KINDS OF U. S. BOUNTY, PAY AND PENSION Claims still promptly collected by
WM. B. HILL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
N. E. Cor. of Fayette and St. Paul St.,
sep19-y 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.

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.

BALTIMORE
LUNG AND EYE
FREE DISPENSARY,
N. E. Corner German and Green Streets.
Open daily at 2 o'clock.

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday—Diseases of the Lungs, Heart and Throat. F. Donaldson, M. D.; M. J. DeROSSET, M. D.

Monday, Wednesday and Friday—Diseases of the Eye and Ear. J. J. Chisholm, M. D.

Advice and Medicines given to the Poor free of charge. n7-4t.

TREES and PLANTS.

The undersigned, as agent for Mr. N. Barnard, will receive orders for Fruit and Ornamental Trees, and Plants of all kinds. He can be found at the store of Mr. J. L. Stam, Chestertown. [s19tf.] W. S. STAM.

Mules! Mules!

ONE PAIR OF MULES AND ONE HORSE for sale by N. BARNARD,
sep19-tf. Still Pond, Kent Co., Md.

FOR SALE.—The subscriber offers at private sale the Dwelling House on Cross street, opposite the jail, now occupied by Geo. W. Hurst. For terms, &c., apply to
jy25-tf A. H. ROCKWELL.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
A VALUABLE FARM
In Quaker Neck.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Kent county, sitting in Equity, the undersigned, as Trustee, will offer at public sale, on

TUESDAY,
The Fifteenth day of December, 1868,
at twelve o'clock meridian,
at the Voshell House, in Chestertown, all that

FARM,

the property of William H. Brown, late of Kent county, deceased, situate and lying in Quaker Neck, Kent county, Maryland, containing

196 Acres,
MORE OR LESS,

of which about one hundred and sixty Acres are arable, and the residue or balance is in

WOOD

and Marsh. The arable land is divided into four fields, a Lot and Peach Orchard. The soil is naturally good, and well adapted to grain, grass and fruit. The situation is desirable, being at the head of Comegy's Bite, on Chester River, and convenient to places of public worship, Schools, Mills, &c.

THE IMPROVEMENTS
consist of a TWO-STORY
Frame Dwelling,
with a Kitchen attached, and the usual Out-Buildings, all in good order.

A Peach Orchard
OF ONE THOUSAND TREES, IN BEARING.

250 APPLE TREES

planted in the Peach Orchard, and an APPLE ORCHARD in bearing of 25 Trees.

TERMS OF SALE:

The terms of sale prescribed by the Decree are as follows: Two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid on the day of sale, or on the final ratification thereof by the Court, at the option of the Trustee, and the balance to be paid in three equal instalments of six, twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale, with legal interest therefor from that day, and to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with security approved by the Trustee.

RICHARD HYNSON, TRUSTEE.

N. B.—The Decree also directs the Trustee to give the following notice, to wit: The Creditors of the late WM. H. BROWN are hereby notified to file their claims with the vouchers thereof with the Clerk of Kent county within four months from the day of sale.

R. HYNSON, Trustee.
Chestertown, Nov. 21, 1868—ts.

Trustee's Sale
OF
A SMALL FARM
NEAR CHESTERTOWN.

BY VIRTUE of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, sitting in equity, the undersigned as Trustee, will offer at Public Sale

ON TUESDAY,
The Fifteenth day of December, 1868,
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,
at the Voshell House in Chestertown,

THE FARM

of the late Charles T. Lusby, containing

About 60 ACRES.

This Farm is eligibly located in Kent county, Maryland, on the public road leading from Chestertown to Worton Heights. It is convenient to Churches, Schools and Mills, within a half mile of the Depot on the Kent county Rail Road, now under construction, and only a mile from Chestertown and Washington College.

All the land is arable except about five acres, which are covered with a thick and thriving growth of

YOUNG CHESTNUT.

The soil is naturally good, and has been improved by the use of lime and clover. It is well adapted to all cereals, fruits, vegetables and grass, and in view of its location and convenience to the markets, this farm with proper attention and a small outlay of money, would make one of the most remunerative truck farms in the county.

The Improvements
ARE A
FRAME DWELLING,
AND KITCHEN ATTACHED,
with OUT-BUILDINGS suitable for the purposes of the Farm.

An Apple Orchard of 60 Trees,

young and in full bearing, and also a fine selection of Peaches, Pears and Cherries, and a Pump of excellent Water in the yard.

TERMS OF SALE.

The terms of sale prescribed by the Decree are as follows: Two hundred and fifty dollars to be paid on the day of sale, or on the final ratification thereof by the Circuit Court for Kent county, at the option of the Trustee; the residue or balance to be paid in three equal instalments of six, twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale, with legal interest from that day. The deferred payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with security approved by the Trustee. The premises will be surveyed and a plot exhibited at the sale.

RICHARD HYNSON, Trustee.

N. B.—The Decree also directs the Trustee to give the following notice, to wit:

The Creditors of the late CHARLES T. LUSBY are hereby notified to file their claims with the vouchers thereof, with the Clerk of Kent county, within four months from the day of sale.

R. HYNSON, Trustee.
Chestertown, Nov. 21, 1868—ts.

FOR RENT, for the ensuing year, the DWELLING HOUSE in the upper part of Chestertown, now occupied by Mr. Thos. V. Simpson.
GEORGE VICKERS.
n7-3t. Ag't for Messrs. Lehmeyer & Bro.

FOR RENT for the year 1869, a DWELLING HOUSE and a WHEELWRIGHT SHOP, situated in Quaker Neck. Apply to J. H. BAKER.
Nov. 7, 1868—3t.

FOR SALE.
3 GOOD WORK HORSES,
and 20 Head of SHOATS for sale by
JOHN A MILLER,
n7-3t* Camelworthmore.

VENDUE.

THE subscriber will sell at public sale at his residence two miles from Bell Air, on the Chestertown road, on

Saturday, Nov. 28, 1868,
the following property:

3 HEAD OF HORSES,
3 HEAD OF
Milch Cows,
FIVE HEIFERS, 1 BULL
1 WAGON, 1 DEARBORN, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, &c.

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

TERMS.—All sums of and under $10 cash; over that amount a credit of nine months with note and approved security. No property to be removed till the terms are complied with. Purchaser to pay for stamps.

n14-ts. J. EVAN THOMAS.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned will sell at public sale at his residence on the farm of John S Parsons, adjoining the I. U. Church, on

MONDAY, November 30th,

if fair, (if not, the first fair day thereafter,) the following property, viz:

2 Horses,
1 COLT, one year old;
TWO COWS AND CALVES,
5 FATTENING HOGS,
1 LIGHT WAGON, ONE FARM WAGON,
1 YORK WAGON AND HARNESS,
2,000 lbs. Corn Blades, lot of Hay,
Plows, Harrows, Cultivators,
and many other articles too numerous to name.

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

TERMS.—All purchases of and under $10 cash; over that amount nine months credit with note and approved security.

n14-ts. JOHN W. RASIN.

VENDUE.

THE subscriber, intending to leave the county, will sell at Public Sale at his residence on the farm adjoining the late Walter Miller, on Swan Creek, on

MONDAY, the 30th of November, 1868,
THE FOLLOWING PROPERTY, VIZ:

6 head of Horses
TWO YOKE OF OXEN,
SIX COWS.
1 Horse Cart, 1 Ox-Cart, 2 sett of Cart Harness, 1 large Carriage, 1 Dearborn, 2 sett Carriage Harness, 1 Wheat Drill, Rake, Straw Cutter and other Implements.
ALSO, A LOT OF CORN FODDER.

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

TERMS.—All purchases of and under $20 cash; all over that amount a credit of 9 months with note and approved security.

n21-ts* THOMAS COLEMAN.

A VALUABLE FARM
On Chester River,
AT PRIVATE SALE.

THE undersigned will sell at Private Sale their FARM lying in Kent county, Md., containing about

350 ACRES,

nearly all arable and under good fencing. It is about five miles from Chestertown, lying directly on Chester River, convenient to Churches, Schools, Mills, &c.

The Improvements

are a FRAME DWELLING with Kitchen attached, Barn, Granary, and other Out-Buildings, all in good order. Also, two Tenant Houses.

A Fine Apple Orchard and about 300 *Peach Trees in bearing.*

TERMS OF SALE:—One-sixth cash; one-sixth in twelve and one-sixth in eighteen months and the residue in four years—the purchaser to give bond with approved security for the credit payments, with interest from day of sale. For further particulars consult R. HYNSON, Esq., our Attorney. FORD & BARKMAN.
Nov. 21, 1868—tf.

For Sale or Rent.

The subscriber offers at private sale, or rent for the year 1869, the DWELLING HOUSE and premises where he now lives, in the village of Bell Air, in Kent county. The Dwelling is commodious, and in good condition—stable, carriage house, and all necessary Out-Buildings, and TEN ACRES of good arable land, well enclosed. A Pump of excellent water in the yard. Terms easy. For further particulars apply to GEORGE VICKERS or JOHN O. SLAY, Esqs., or to the undersigned.

n14-3t* RICHARD SMYTH.

Kent County, To Wit:

I hereby certify that John T. Bramble, of Kent county, brought before me, the subscriber, one of the justices of the Peace in and for said county, this 19th day of November, in the year 1868, as estrays trespassing upon his enclosures, a red COW with crop off each ear, and a dark red STEER with crop in both ears and underbit, about three years old next Spring.

Given under my hand the day and year above written. JAMES GRAVES, J. P.

The owner of the above described property is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away.

n21-3t. JOHN T. BRAMBLE

NOTICE.

The Second Annual Session of the Parochial School of Chester Parish, for Boys and Girls, will begin on Thursday, October 1st, at 9 o'clock, A M. No pains will be spared to make the instruction given in the school thorough and systematic. For terms, &c., apply to the REV. MR. GOODWIN,
sep12-tf. Queen Street.

MILLS TO LET.

The undersigned offer to let their Mill property for the ensuing year, consisting of Grist Mill, Saw Mill, Blacksmith and Wheelwright Shops, all in good order and doing a good business. Enquire of ISAAC PARSONS,
ROB'T NICHOLSON,
n14-tf. or THOS. C. PARSONS.

Boarding House.

MRS STUART R. EMORY, having rented Mrs. Pearson's house, known as the Taylor house, is prepared to receive BOARDERS—House and Table Boarders. n14-3t.

ASPIRATION.

Our aims are all too high: we try
To gain the summit at a bound,
When we should reach it step by step,
And climb the ladder round by round.
He who would climb the height sublime,
Or breathe the purer air of life,
Must not expect to rise in ease,
But brace himself for toil or strife.

We should not in our blindness seek
To grasp alone for grand and great,
Disdaining every smaller good;
For trifles make the aggregate.
And if a cloud should hover o'er
Our weary pathway like a pall,
Remember God permits it there,
And his good purpose reigns o'er all.

Life should be full of earnest work,
Our hearts undashed by Fortune's frown;
Let perseverance conquer fate,
And merit seize the victor's crown.
The battle is not to the strong,
The race not always to the fleet;
And he who seeks to pluck the stars,
Will lose the jewels at his feet.

MAKING LOVE WITH UMBRELLAS.—A certain dramatic writer, being caught in a shower of rain, took refuge under the portico of a handsome dwelling in New York. As soon as he had taken the position a window was opened, and a lovely female face appeared, which seemed to beam with sympathy and anxiety. She soon retired and sent him an umbrella by a servant. He fell at once desperately in love, and thinking from her anxious looks that the feeling was reciprocated, he called on her the next morning, sent up his card, and gave into her own hand a very costly umbrella he had purchased in place of the old and shabby one he had borrowed, and then wound up all by making a profession of love. The young lady, without even noticing the exchange that had been made, perceiving how her act had been misinterpreted, naively replied: "I feel it to be my duty to undeceive you sir. At the time of the shower I was anxiously expecting a gentleman who is, I confess, very dear to me, who wished to see me in private, and my only motive in sending you the umbrella was to get you off the steps."

AN OREGON COURTSHIP.—A character in a well-known play says: "I never respect a man half so much as after I have fought with him." There is a good deal of human nature in the remark. An incident, illustrating this same principle, occurred lately in Oregon. A country schoolmaster near Corvallis undertook to chastise one of his pupils, a large large, endowed with good health and plenty of muscle. A long and spirited contest ensued, the result of which was awaited with breathless interest by the entire school. The teacher finally reduced the spunky girl to subjection, but only after a gallant struggle on her part. The conflict, however, inspired them with such a mutual respect for each other, that a few days after they were married. We don't admire the Oregon style of courtship.

KISSING IN POLITICS.—Everybody recollects the story of the beautiful Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire, the partisan of Mr. Fox, who kissed a butcher for his vote in the famous Westminster election. It has been oddly enough recalled by a recent electioneering experience of Lord Sandon, who has been kissed by an enthusiastic fisherwoman of Liverpool while on a visit to the voters of that city in the fishing interest. Should the woman's rights party prevail in Great Britain and the United States, it will be worth while to inquire how far a candidate for Parliament or Congress is in duty bound to kiss his feminine constituents or to receive from them this mark of their support and approval; and it will be also a matter for Legislatures to determine whether kisses for votes will not come under the statute concerning bribery in elections.

AN auctioneer, selling a library, and not being well posted on books, scanned the titles, trusted to luck, and went ahead. "Here you have Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress; how much 'm I offered for it? How much do I hear for the Pilgrim's Progress, by John Bunyan? 'Tis a first-rate book, gentlemen, with six superior illustrations; how much do I hear? All about the Pilgrims, by John Bunyan!—Tells where they come from, an' where they landed, an' what they done after they landed! Here's a picture of one of them goin' about Plymouth, peddlin' with a pack on his back."

THE NAME IOWA.—It is said that the Indians, who made the word and alone knew its definition, pronounced Iowa as if spelled E O-Wah—putting heavy stress on the ending syllable; and they say it does not mean "beautiful land," as has been generally and poetically imagined, but has a meaning equally as poetical and far more substantial: "An *Always* Home." That is, a home pretty much forever, or as long as you desire it. We accept the amendment, and pass it over to the public for a third reading.—*Des Moines Reg'r.*

A LADY inquires whether we think an action for breach of promise of marriage can be sustained against the writer of the following verse:

"Angel beneath whose folded wing
My soul would rest,
Be mine, for lo! I've bought the ring,
And all the rest
Of those house treasures and etceteras,
Which every one who tries his state
to better has!"

GUILT though it may attain temporal splendor, can never confer real happiness; the evil consequences of our crimes long survive their commission, and like the ghost of the murdered, forever haunt the steps of the malefactor; while the paths of virtue, though seldom those of pleasantness, are peace.

A CHINESE SHAVE.

A Chinese shave and shampoo is thus described by a correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune*: "The operator took a razor, and strapping it upon his leg, began to cut the beard from my face without having lathered it. Upon my suggestion that a little lather would prove beneficial, he replied that it was entirely useless, and had a tendency to make the hair stiff and tough, and was therefore never used by persons who had any knowledge of the human face divine, and its appendages. I, perforce, acquiesced in the opinion expressed, but would rather be shaved twice with soap than once without. After the beard had been taken off—and it was done in a very short time—the barber took a long, sharp, needle-pointed spoon and began to pierce my ears. He explored every avenue, and brought up from the numerous little crevices bits of wax and dirt which had been accumulating there since my childhood, for I never submitted to such an operation before. Having become satisfied with picking my ears, the barber suddenly twisted my neck to one side in such a manner that it cracked, as if the vertebræ had been dislocated—"Hold on!" I shouted, alarmed for the safety of my neck. "All right," replied the tonsor, "me not hurt you," and he continued to jerk and twist my neck, until it was as limber as an old woman's dish rag. He then fell to beating my back, breast, arms and sides with his fist, and pummeled my muscles until they fairly glowed with the beating they had received. He then dashed a bucket of cold water over me, and having dried my skin with towels, declared that his work was done. I dressed myself, and having paid my two cents, walked away, feeling like a new man. The sensation of soreness was gone, and one of elasticity remained. I really never felt better in my life, and must say that half an hour under the hands of a Chinese barber would be far better than a glass of soda after a night's debauch."

GROWTH OF WOOL IN THE UNITED STATES The Rutland County (Vt) Journal says:

"The history of the growth of wool is very curious. Fifty years ago not a pound of fine wool was grown in the United States, in Great Britain, or in any other country except Spain. In 1784 a small flock was sent to the elector of Saxony as a present from the King of Spain, whence the entire product of Saxony wool, now of such immense value. In 1809, during the invasion of Spain by the French, some of the valuable crown flock were sold to raise money. The American consul (Jarvis) at Lisbon purchased fourteen hundred head and sent them to this country. A portion of this pure and unmixed merino flock is still to be found in Vermont at this time. Such was the origin of the immense flock of fine wool sheep in the United States at the present time."

TO CURE A COLD.—The following is from Hall's Journal of Health: "The moment a man is satisfied that he has taken cold, let him do three things: First, eat nothing; second, go to bed, cover up, in a warm room; third, drink as much cold water as he can, or as he wants, or as much herb tea as he can, and in three cases out of four he will be well in thirty-six hours. To neglect a cold for forty-eight hours after the cough commences is to place himself beyond cure, until the cough has run its course of about a fortnight. Warmth and abstinence are safe, certain cures, when applied early.—Warmth keeps the pores of the skin open and relieves it of the surplus which oppressed it, while abstinence cuts off the supply of material for phlegm, which would otherwise be coughed up.

A BALTIMORE LADY'S PLAN FOR THE PAYMENT OF THE PUBLIC DEBT.—Secretary McCulloch has received a letter from a lady in Baltimore stating that she had been informed that the interest on two cents for a thousand years would pay off our public debt. She has not made the computation and could not speak positively, but if this is the case, she could not see the utility of so much talk about repudiation when the payment of the national debt is only a matter of two cents and a question of time. She was willing to furnish the principal for that purpose, and accordingly enclosed two cents, which she requested should not be deposited to swell the conscience fund, but should be placed at interest for the liquidation of the public debt.

WHAT SOUTHERN LANDS CAN DO.—The Macon (Ga.) Journal of the 28th ultimo gives an account of a yield of cotton on five acres of land, in Bullock county, near Union Springs, that deserves mention.—The land was prepared by thorough plowing to the depth of fifteen inches, enriched by the application of twenty-five hundred pounds, five hundred pounds to the acre, of mixture of Peruvian guano and phosphates, and worked at least once a week. The hill system of planting was adopted, and the yield was 15 bales of clean, beautiful cotton, of fine quality, each bale weighing five hundred pounds.

DAVY CROCKETT.—Davy happened to be present at an exhibition of animals, in the city of Washington, where a monkey seemed to attract his particular regard, and he abstractedly observed:

"If that fellow had on a pair of spectacles, he would look like Major Wright, of Ohio."

The Major happened to be just behind Crockett and tapped him on the shoulder. Turning round, Davy very formally remarked:

"I'll be hanged if I know whose pardon to ask, yours or the monkey's!"

An Excellent Snake Story.

A friend of ours in Benton county is very fond of getting a joke upon his neighbors, and enjoys a laugh even at his own expense. The tables were lately turned so nicely upon him, however, that we doubt whether he will try his hand at a joke again for a long time. He was lately crossing a field on his premises when he felt a peculiar sensation in his trousers' leg, and in an instant the terrible suspicion fastened upon him that there was a snake there. Putting out his hand to ascertain, it came in contact with what he supposed to be the head of the reptile. It flashed across his mind at once that the only hope of his life lay in his ability to grasp and firmly hold the head until he could obtain assistance and extricate himself from his unpleasant predicament.—Seizing it, therefore, with one hand, he started at full tilt for the house, about half a mile distant. As he ran he could feel the reptile wriggling around his leg. He was fairly bathed in a cold sweat at the thought that it might free itself from his grasp and give him the fatal blow while far away from help, and fear lent wings to his feet. As he approached the barn, where his wife was at work, he became fearful of the terrible effect it might have upon her to reveal his dangerous situation, and he therefore slipped slyly in at the back door. Going into one corner, he divested himself of his clothing, drew forth the cause of his terror, and with a sense of relief hurled it violently from him. It struck the rafters above, then fell to the floor and revealed to his astonished gaze an old piece of rope, which he had put, as he supposed, into his pocket—but which had slipped down into his trousers' leg. The movement of walking had produced the wriggling which first attracted his attention. As he ran, of course, the motions became more violent. A knot on one end he had mistaken for the head, and had been holding it as with the grasp of death. His wife, good soul, was nearly frightened to death, then almost laughed herself to death. The story was too good to keep, and soon his neighbors were anxiously inquiring regarding his recovery from the "snake bite." We have often heard of persons having "snakes in their boots," but never in that way before.—*Lafayette (Ind) Courier.*

WEBSTER MATCHED BY A WOMAN.—In the somewhat famous case of Mr. Bogden's will which was tried in the Supreme Court some years ago, Mr. Webster appeared as counsel for the appellant. Mrs. Grenough, wife of Rev. Wm. Greenough, late of Weston, a tall strait, queenly-looking woman, with a keen black eye—a woman of great self-possession and decision of character—was called to stand as a witness on the opposite side. Mr. Webster, at a glance, had the sagacity to foresee that her testimony, if it contained anything of importance, would have great weight with the court and jury. He, therefore, resolved if possible to break her up. And when she answered to the first question to her, "I believe," Mr. Webster roared out:

"We don't want to hear what you believe; we want to hear what you know!"

Mrs. Greenough replied: "That just what I was about to say, sir," and went on with her testimony. And notwithstanding his repeated efforts to disconcert her, she pursued the even tenor of her way, till Webster quite fearful of the result, arose, apparently in great agitation and drawing out a large snuff box, thrust his fingers to the very bottom, and carrying the deep pinch to both nostrils, drew it up with a gusto; and then extracting from his pocket a very large handkerchief, which flowed to his feet as he brought it to the front, he blew his nose that ran distinct and loud through the hall.

Webster.—"Mrs. Greenough, was Mrs. Bogden a neat woman?

Mrs. G.—I cannot give you a very full information as to that, sir; she had one very dirty trick."

W.—"What was that, ma'am?"

Mrs. G.—"She took snuff!"

The roar in the court house was such that the defender of the Constitution subsided!

PROVERBS.—Hope paves the golden way to bliss, and cheerfulness is the lamp that lights the beauteous walk.

The proudest man as well as the greatest will stoop to a flower.

The pleasure of doing good is the only one that never wears out.

A cripple upon the right road will beat a racer upon the wrong.

Wait for others to advance your interests, and you will wait until they are not worth advancing.

HERE is the best pun of the century; and by these presents we confer on its unknown author, whoever he may be, the grand Cross of the Legion of Honor—which every fool wears now-a-days:—"Brighman Young is indeed a pillar of Salt Lake. His idea of a wife is—Lots."

A LADY advertises for sale one baboon, three tabby cats and a parrot. She states that, being now married, she has no further use for them, because their amiable qualities are all combined in her husband.

Two rival belles met at a hop. "How well you look under candle light!" exclaimed one, with a stress on the candles. "And how charming you are in the dark!" answered the other.

SMITH lives in Cincinnati. There are six hundred and twenty-three of him doing business in that city, and those of him who are named John have dwindled down to two hundred and ten.

WHY is a pretty girl's foot like the letter y? Because it is the end of beauty.

NOT UNDERSTANDING EACH OTHER.—In his late speech at Charleston, South Carolina, Mr. John Quincy Adams said:

"I do not believe honestly that there is any great difference of opinion, or even any necessary divergance of faith, between the people of South Carolina and the people of Massachusetts to-day. But I do think there is this: *I think they do not understand each other. I think they have no more idea of each other than the man in the moon has of either.*"

This seems incredible, but it is true. Mr. Adams, one of the best educated men of Massachusetts, who has had, by his associations, probably, as great facilities of information of the characteristics of the people of all sections as any other man in Massachusetts, says that the people of that State and South Carolina "have no more idea of each other than the man in the moon has of either." In a former speech, Mr. Adams stated that he had learned more of the real character of South Carolina in a personal visit of a few days than he could have done in Massachusetts in a lifetime. There are perhaps no two nations of Europe which to-day do not know more of each other's true character, and which North and South do not understand better, than North and South do each other. The war opened their eyes to the misconception prevailing in both respecting the fighting qualities of each other, and among the actual combatants increased the respect which "warriors feel in foemen worthy of their steel." But beyond this, the old ignorance of each other is almost universal. It is most strange that two States like Massachusetts and South Carolina, which have been living under the same general government nearly ninety years, having close commercial connections, and the representatives of both in Congress meeting and mingling with each other in Washington every winter until 1861, should at this moment, after all the modern improved facilities of mutual communication and intercourse, "have no more idea of each other than the man in the moon has of either." This ignorance will continue until mutual prejudices cease to exist; for so long as people are unwilling to understand each other, they will not be able.—*Balt. Sun.*

A THEORY OF EARTHQUAKES.—The earthquake in San Francisco is said to have been predicted by Professor S. M. Thorpe, of Nebraska College. In a letter (October 29) to the New York Express, Mr. Thorpe states that upon the evening of the day, some months ago, when it was first announced that Vesuvius had broken into eruption, he propounded the following theory as the cause of it, to wit:—That a vast mass of the crust of the earth under the West Indies, having by some means become detached, had fallen into the burning mass below, and had given rise to the antecedent disturbances in St. Thomas and vicinity; that the shock had sent rolling eastward an irresistible, although sluggish ocean of lava, seeking a vent; that "the phenomenon reported that morning was the first demonstration, and that the various outlets of the globe—especially in the line of march—would in regular succession of time give similar tokens of the surging commotion beneath them;" and more to the same effect. It is not agreeable, also, to learn from the Professor that he fears that our Atlantic coast, from New York south, must suffer in turn, though he suggests the consolation that a body in motion is retarded in proportion to the distance traversed.

NO SUCH MEN NOW.—"Darnel Webster," remarked old Col. Gumpey, as he trimmed a quid of niggerhead and fastened it securely between two decayed teeth in the left side of his mouth, "Darnel Webster was a great man. There wa'n't nothin' mean about him. I've hearn him talk, but 'twa'n't his talk so much as his ginerosity that took me. He had a kinder careless way like, that kept him from gettin' rich. He never seemed to think what things cost. I was a-coming up the Hudson river along with him once, and in the mornin' Darnel Webster and me was washin' our faces and slickin' our ha'r in the cabin, and he took out his tooth-brush and brushed his teeth. I didn't see no other tooth brush around, so I borrowed his'n. And after I used it I handed it back to him, and what do you think?—Why, Darnel Webster just slung that tooth brush right into the river. And I s'pose next day he went and bought him a new one. That's all he cared about money! There ain't no such man as Darnel Webster living now," concluded the colonel meditatively, as he spirted a stream of tobacco juice into the fireplace at the other end of the room.

SIR WALTER SCOTT'S wife, though an excellent and sensible woman, was a matter-of-fact one. One day, while walking in the fields in early spring, he dilated to lady Scott on the beauties of nature, the verdure, the wild flowers, the playful lambs, etc. "Ah, my dear," said the lady, "you remind me that we must have a nice roast of lamb, with mint sauce for dinner to-morrow."

"Wife," said a man, looking for his boot-jack, "I have places where I keep my things, and you ought to know it, I think."

"Yes," she replied, "I ought to know where you keep your late hours—but I don't."

IN the depths of the sea the waters are still; the heaviest grief is that born in silence; the deepest love flows through the eye and touch; the purest joy is unspeakable; the most impressive preacher at a funeral is the silent one whose lips are cold.

MR. SNORT says the only thing he can pay these times is his address to the ladies; and these he never allows to get overdue.

AN irritable man, having been disappointed in his boots, threatened to eat up the shoemaker, but compromised by drinking a cobbler.

The official vote of Delaware is—for Seymour 10,953, Grant 7,633; Seymour's majority 3,320.

"RACHEL, the Lord has sent me to marry thee," said the suitor. "The Lord's will be done," was the submissive reply.

A gymnast at Liverpool hung from white hanging to a rope by his teeth at the height of forty feet.