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To Peach Growers!

A VERY LARGE AND SUPERIOR LOT OF

PEACH TREES,

FOR SALE at MODERATE PRICES.

From among the hundreds of varieties of the Peach which have been grown, these trees were budded from

A Few of the Best,

and those were bearing trees, thus giving a decided advantage over budding from Nursery Stock as most Nursery men do.

THESE TREES WERE NOT GROWN FOR THE TRADE or speculation, but for a special purpose. Different arrangements having been made, this valuable selection is offered for sale at moderate prices.

A better show of trees, and a finer and more choice variety of Fruit cannot be found anywhere. Address

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fe27-3t. HANESVILLE, Kent county, Md.

FOR SALE,

1019 ACRES OF LAND,
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LYING immediately on the Rappahannock River. The arable land is 500 acres, all of which has been marled and produces well all sorts of grain crops. The soil is loamy and particularly adapted to FRUIT TREES and TRUCK of all sorts.

THE IMPROVEMENTS are ample, and with the fencing in good order. An ORCHARD of 1600 TREES was planted one year ago. 2,000 Cords of Pine Wood could be cut, now worth $4 per cord on the Beach.

The land can be easily divided into three or more farms, each having River fronts, and two would have Dwelling Houses and Barns on them. For particulars and price apply to

J. L. SMITH,
f6-81* Locust Hill P. O., Middlesex Co., Va.

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.

To My Friends and the Public.

FEARING that I may not be able to undergo the arduous duties of my profession, I have this day associated with me Dr. J. A. PERKINS. From my knowledge of Dr. Perkins, I without hesitation recommend him to my patients. If any one should object to the services of either, they will so state when sending, that anything unpleasant may be avoided. The one preferred will give all or most attention. Consultations will be held without the consultation fee. Our charges will correspond with those who practise around us. We herewith offer our services and pledge our best efforts to discharge our duty.

T. H. WHALAND.

N. B.—I shall proceed to settle my old books, by legal process, upon all accounts remaining unsettled for more than two years.

Jan. 23, 1869—tf. T. H. W.

THE PLACE TO GET BARGAINS.

THE undersigned respectfully informs his customers and the public generally, that he has removed to the Store Room lately occupied by Mr. Levi Fiddis, where he will continue to keep on hand a general assortment of

Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Dry Goods, Notions,

TOBACCO AND SEGARS,
FLOUR, MEAL, CORN, &c., &c.,

together with such other articles as are usually kept in a store of this kind.

My friends and the public generally are invited to call and examine my stock, satisfied that I will sell as cheap as any Store in Chestertown or in the county.

JAMES W. PATTEN.
Chestertown, Feb. 6, 1869.

BURNS & SLOAN,

132 Light Street Wharf,
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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.

A. H. ROCKWELL'S EATING HOUSE,

CHESTERTOWN.

THE undersigned having opened an Eating House on the corner opposite the jail, is prepared to accommodate the public with

OYSTERS, Beef Steak, Tea and Coffee, &c.,

gotten up in the very best style. I will spare no effort to give entire satisfaction to all who may favor me with their patronage.

OYSTERS by the quart or gallon supplied to families.

A. H. ROCKWELL.
Dec. 12, 1868.

NOTICE.

On and after Monday, January 4th, 1869, my son, COLIN F. STAM, will have an interest in my business. The title of the firm will be JOHN L. STAM & SON.

All persons indebted to me are respectfully requested to call and settle their accounts either by note or cash, as it is important to me that my old accounts should be settled to pay my own indebtedness. My son, COLIN, is authorized to settle up my old business.

jo-tf. JOHN L. STAM.

KENT CO. R. R. CO.

NOTICE to STOCKHOLDERS.

THE following section of the Act of March 8th, 1856, incorporating the Kent County Railroad Company, is published for the information of Stockholders:

"SECTION 8. And be it enacted, That upon every such subscription, there shall be paid to such person or persons appointed to receive such subscriptions, such instalments as the President and Directors of said Railroad shall require; provided, that no payment shall be demanded until at least thirty days public notice shall have been given in at least one newspaper in the county in which said payments shall be demanded: and should any subscriber fail or neglect to pay such instalment, or any part of said subscription thus demanded, for the space of sixty days next after the time the same shall be due and payable, the stock on which it is demanded shall be forfeited to the company; but the President and Directors may remit any such forfeiture, on such terms as they may think proper. Provided always, that in addition to the forfeiture aforesaid, the said company shall be entitled to receive, sue for, and recover the said instalment and subscription due as aforesaid, in such manner as other debts and claims are now recoverable by law."

The Board of Directors of the Kent County Railroad Company, being desirous to relieve the Stockholders who are in arrears on the instalments which have been called for by the Board, at a meeting on the 4th of Feb'y, 1869, passed the following order:

"Ordered, that any Stockholder who has forfeited his Stock by failing to meet the instalments previously called for, shall be reinstated by the payment of the first three calls on or before the first day of April next.

By order of the Board,

C. TYLDEN WESTCOTT,
m13-3t Secretary.

BUILDING ASSOCIATION NOTICE.

THE BOOKS of the KENT MUTUAL BUILDING ASSOCIATION will be open for the subscription of Stock on THIS (SATURDAY) EVENING, at 7½ o'clock, and will remain open every Saturday evening from 7½ to 9½ o'clock, until and including the FIRST SATURDAY IN APRIL, when the payment of weekly dues will commence.

All persons desirous of taking Stock—thus becoming members of the Association, entitling them to an equal share in its benefits and profits—are requested to do so on or before the said first Saturday in April.

By order of the Association.

WM. B. USILTON, Pres't.
T. WATERS RUSSELL, Sec'y. m13-3t.

A Useful Machine.

ONE THAT EVERY FARMER SHOULD HAVE!

THE undersigned having purchased the County Rights for Kent and Cecil, of

MOHR'S PATENT POST AND RAIL MACHINE,

offer it to Farmers and others at a very low price. This Machine will bore holes in any size post and clean them out; point rails ready for fencing; saw fire-wood, or do anything in the shape of Sawing or ripping. It will do as much work in a day as ten men, and will recommend itself to all who use it.

The Machine is on exhibition at the shop of John T. Dodd & Son, Chestertown, where persons are invited to call and examine it.

JOHN N. DODD,
ISAAC CORDRAY.

N. B.—The Right for Cecil county will be sold on reasonable terms.

Address, JOHN N. DODD,
mh20-3m. Chestertown, Md.

CASH SYSTEM!

I take this method of informing my customers and the public generally that, hereafter, I shall sell for

CASH OR TRADE,

or to prompt paying customers only, on three months time.

I also embrace this opportunity to return my thanks for the liberal patronage received in the past, and respectfully ask a continuance of the same. A choice assortment of SEASONABLE GOODS for sale very low.

C. W. WARREN,
Jan. 9, 1869. Kennedyville.

ROAD NOTICE.

Thirty days after date, the undersigned intend to apply to the County Commissioners to widen and straighten the road in Quaker Neck, commencing at or near Bond Chapel and running to the new road to Quaker Neck Wharf.

Also the road from or near the Friend's Meeting House to Walton Chapel.

C. H. BAKER,
Feb. 20, 1869—m6-3t. and others.

MEDICAL CARD.

After nearly ten years practice in Kent Co., Delaware, the subscriber has located in Kennedyville, where he intends continuing the practice of Medicine, and offers his professional services to the citizens of the village and vicinity.

☞Medicine furnished if preferred.

feb20-3m* WALTER MELVIN.

FLOUR.

WM. R. HOWARD,
FLOUR DEALER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 2 Spear's Wharf, Baltimore.

☞Good to Choice Fine, Super, Extra and Family Flour, suitable for retailing constantly on hand. fe27-3m*

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.

SCHOOL

FOR SMALL CHILDREN.

MISS MOLLIE USILTON respectfully informs the parents of Chestertown, that she has opened a School for Small Children, at the corner of Queen and Cannon Sts. The room is pleasant and every attention will be paid to the comfort of the pupils. Terms moderate.

March 6, 1869—3t.

PEACH TREES.

The subscriber offers for sale about 3,000 PEACH TREES of choice varieties, well grown and guaranteed to be as represented.

Address ISAAC REYNOLDS,
feb27-5t. Chestertown.

FOR SALE,

SAGE PLANTS one year old 25 cts. per doz. CONCORD GRAPE VINES two years old, very fine, 25 cents each.

W. F. MASSEY,
feb20-tf. Chestertown.

NOTICE

To MERCHANTS, TRADERS, AND OTHERS.

ALL PERSONS AND BODIES, corporate or politic, in Kent county, who are or shall be doing any act or thing, or shall be in the occupation of any house or place for any purpose for which a license is made necessary by the laws of Maryland, are hereby warned to obtain a license or renew the same on or before the

FIRST DAY OF MAY

ensuing, under the penalties prescribed by said laws for the infraction thereof.

Those interested are notified of the following requirements of the License Laws passed by the General Assembly of Maryland.

The rates required for Traders' Licenses are as follows:

If the amount of goods on hand at the principal season of sale, or expected to be kept on hand, does not exceed one thousand dollars, the price of License is - - - $12 50
If over $1,000 and not over $1,500 15 50
" 1,500 " " 2,500 18 50
" 2,500 " " 4,000 22 50
" 4,000 " " 6,000 30 50
" 6,000 " " 8,000 40 50
" 8,000 " " 10,000 50 50
" 10,000 " " 15,000 65 50
" 15,000 " " 20,000 80 50

The applicant must either make oath, as heretofore, before the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county where he is engaged in business, of the amount of goods kept on hand at the principal season of sale, or the oath may be administered by a Justice of the Peace when the person wanting the License applies through an agent. If the latter course be adopted, the following form will be deemed a sufficient compliance with the act:

KENT COUNTY, TO WIT:

On this —— day of ——, 1869, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said county, personally appeared ——, and declared that he intends to apply for a Trader's license, under the laws of the State, to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent Co., and made oath that the amount of the stock of goods generally kept on hand by him (or the concern in which he is engaged in case it is a partnership) at the principal season of sale, (or if the applicant has not previously engaged in such trade, that the amount of the stock of goods which he expects to keep, &c.,) does not (or will not) exceed $ ——

Sworn before —— Justice of the Peace.

If the oath be administered by a Justice of the Peace out of the County in which the application is made, there must be attached the certificate of the Clerk of the County in which the Justice resides.

The rates of license of females vending millinery, &c., whose stock at any season of the year does not or will not exceed $500, is $6.50. If their stock does or shall exceed $500, the rates are the same as those of Traders' license, and the same form of application must be observed.

The law requires all persons proposing to sell spirituous or fermented Liquors or Lager Beer in quantities not less than a pint, to apply to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in person, or in making the oath before a magistrate as above, state that he desires a license to sell spirituous or fermented liquors, as the case may be, and the amount of the Stock in trade, in the same manner as those applying for traders' license.

If the amount of stock does not or shall not exceed - - - $500 the rate is $18 50
If over 500 and not over 1000 " 35 50
" 1000 " " 2000 " 50 50
" 2000 " " 4000 " 75 50
" 4000 " " 6000 " 100 50
" 6000 " " 10000 " 120 50
" 10000 " " 20000 " 140 50

Persons applying for Ordinary Licenses, in which spirituous or fermented Liquors or Lager Beer is sold in quantities less than a pint, must make application to the Clerk of the Circuit Court in the County in which they reside and must also be recommended by two respectable freeholders of the immediate vicinity of the applicant, which may be made in the following form:

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county:—We, the undersigned, freeholders of Kent county, living in the immediate vicinity of ——, who is about to apply to you for a license to keep an ordinary at ——, in said county, do hereby recommend him as a suitable person to obtain the license.

—— —— 1869.

The applicant must then make oath to the Clerk to the following effect: that he has bona fide, and without intending to evade the requirements and the Acts of Assembly of this State, regulating the issues of Licenses to ordinary keepers and traders, provided and expects to maintain six good beds, with sufficient clothing therefor, and three rooms more than sufficient for the private use of said applicant, and stabling and provender for five horses at least.

In addition he shall also make oath to the Clerk of the rate of rent or annual value of the house or place at or in which the business to be authorized by the license may be done or intended to be done. If the said rent or annual value does not exceed $100 the rate is $25 50
If over $100 and not over 200 " 40 50
" 200 " " 300 " 50 50
" 300 " " 400 " 60 50
" 400 " " 500 " 75 50
" 500 " " 750 " 90 50
" 750 " " 1000 " 100 50

Any person proposing to keep an oyster house, &c., or any place other than an ordinary, for the sale of spirituous or fermented Liquors or lager-beer, in quantities less than a pint, shall apply to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for the County where he resides, and must be recommended by two respectable freeholders of his immediate vicinity, as a suitable person to keep such a house. The license in all cases is $50.00.

The oath required to be made by applicants for Traders' License, and license to sell spirituous liquor in quantities not less than a pint, may be made before a Justice of the Peace and forwarded to and filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, to whom all applications for license must be made.

Any person, or company of stage players, ventriloquists, slight of hand performers, rope dancers, tumblers, and wire dancers, shall previously to exhibiting or performing for a reward in any county in this State, pay to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for such county thirty dollars for one year, or one dollar for each exhibition, at his or their option.

Every person or company of circus riders or equestrian performers, who shall exhibit for a reward in any County of this State, shall pay to the Clerk of the Circuit Court for such county, the sum of thirty dollars for a license therefor for one year.

Every person or company who shall exhibit for a reward any animal or animals, or natural or artificial curiosities of any kind, (except models of useful inventions,) shall pay to the said Clerk the sum of fifteen dollars for a License therefor for one year.

Each license shall contain a list of the personal performers, or animals, or other articles or things to be exhibited.

The owner or keeper of every stallion or jack shall, before being permitted to stand or station such animal, pay to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of some one of the counties in this State the highest sum which he intends to ask or receive for the season of one mare; and the receipt of the said Clerk, with the seal of his court attached thereto for said sum, shall be the license for sationing or standing such stallion or jack for one year from the date thereof: Provided that in no case shall the sum directed to be paid by this section for such license be less than ten dollars; and that every stallion or jack upon which the said tax is paid shall be exempt from all other State tax.

Any owner or keeper stationing or standing any stallion or jack without a license, shall forfeit and pay twice the sum authorized and required to be paid in the last preceding section, one half to the State and the other half to the informer.

JOSEPH E. GILPIN,
Sheriff of Kent county.

AMENDMENT TO THE LICENSE LAWS,

Passed by the General Assembly of Maryland at the regular session commencing January, 1862, relating to License.

An Act to amend the twenty-first and twenty-second sections of the fifty-sixth article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the Licenses of Hawkers and Pedlars.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the twenty-first and the twenty-second sections of the fifty sixth article of the Code of Public General Laws relating to the licenses of hawkers and pedlars, be and the same are hereby repealed, and the following sections enacted in lieu thereof:

"Twenty one." For every such license, not to extend beyond the county in which the same may be issued, there shall be paid the following rates, to wit: For every license to travel on foot, the sum of forty dollars; to travel with a horse or other beast of burden, and wagon or other vehicle, the sum of fifty dollars; with two horses or other beasts of burden, and wagon or other vehicle, the sum of seventy-five dollars. For every such license to extend over the whole Eastern Shore, or the whole Western Shore, there shall be paid the following rates, to wit: for every license to travel on foot, the sum of sixty dollars; to travel with a horse or other beast of burden, and wagon or other vehicle, the sum of one hundred dollars; with two horses or other beasts of burden and wagon or other vehicle, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

"Twenty-two." No such license shall be granted to any other than a white person or to any hawker or pedler in the name or style of partnership or company, and but one person shall act under such license.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect on the day of its passage.

An Act to amend the fifty-sixth article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to Licenses, by adding thereto the following section, relating to partnerships taking out Licenses.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the following section be and the same is hereby added to the fifty sixth article of the Code of Public General Laws, to follow the second section thereof:

Any license may be obtained by partnerships or firms, as well as by individuals; but in all cases, the names of all the partners of any firm shall be set forth in full in the license, and no license shall protect any person pretending to act under the same, unless it is named therein, or is entitled as a representative, or assignee under the provisions hereinafter contained in this article, and the clerk issuing the license shall enter upon the record of license, the full names of all the members of a copartnership to which such license is issued.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect on the 30th day of April next.

An Act to amend the seventieth section of the fifty-sixth Article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to licenses for Ordinaries.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the seventieth section of the fifty-sixth article of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to License for Ordinaries, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following enacted in lieu thereof:

If any person or body politic shall propose to open or keep an Ordinary, he shall apply to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which said applicant may reside, or if he resides in the city of Baltimore, to the Court of Common Pleas, for a license thereof, under which license spirituous or fermented liquors, or lager beer may be bartered or sold in quantities less than a pint.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That this act shall take effect on the 30th day of April next.

An Act to amend the forty-second section, relating to the granting of licenses to Traders, of Article fifty-six of the Code of Public General Laws.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland, That the forty-second section of article fifty-six of the Code of Public General Laws, relating to the granting of Licenses to Traders, be and the same is hereby repealed, and the following section enacted as a substitute therefor:

Sec. 42. When any person, body or politic, or corporate, shall propose to sell or barter anything mentioned in the preceding section, except spirituous or fermented liquors, he shall apply to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the county in which he may reside, or if he resides in the city of Baltimore, to the Court of Common Pleas, for a license therefor; but no license to trade or to sell spirituous or fermented Liquors shall be issued by any Clerk of a Court to a feme-covert, or to any person under the age of twenty one, without the special order of the Judge of the Court; but no Judge shall give such special order to issue license to sell spirituous or fermented liquors, unless upon the recommendation of at least ten respectable freeholders, resident of the ward or district wherein the place of sale may be, and whenever any license shall be issued to a feme-covert, or minor, shall be responsible for all contracts made in the prosecution of their business under such license, and shall be liable to be sued therefor in any court of this State; and the said feme-covert may be sued, or indicted and prosecuted in case of a violation by her of the license laws of this State, or in case she should keep a disorderly house, as if she were a feme sole; and if judgment be obtained against her on any contract, execution shall or may issue in the ordinary way to affect her separate estate, provided however, that such responsibility shall in no manner affect or impair the responsibility of the husband or parent, under the existing laws; and that this Act shall take effect on the Thirtieth day of April next.

The foregoing are truly taken and copied from the laws received from the Comptroller.

JESSE K. HINES,
mr27-tml. Clerk Circuit Court Kent Co.

TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION of Kent County will meet at the School House in Chestertown, SATURDAY, March 27, at 10 o'clock A. M. Mr. J. J. HOGG will deliver an Address before the Association.

Subject for Discussion: The comparative importance of branches taught, and the time to be employed in teaching each per day.

HOWARD MEEKS, Pres't.
m20-2t S. S. BAKER, Sec'y.

Have Courage to Say, No.

You're starting to-day on life's journey,
Alone on the highway of life:
You'll meet with a thousand temptations,
Each city with evil is rife.
This world is a stage of excitement,
There's danger wherever you go,
But if you are tempted to weakness,
Have courage, my boy, to say, No.

The siren's sweet song may allure you,
Beware of her cunning and art;
Whenever you see her approaching,
Be guarded and haste to depart.
The billiard saloons are inviting,
Decked out in their tinsel and show;
You may be invited to enter,
Have courage, my boy, to say, No.

The bright ruby wine may be offered—
No matter how tempting it be,
From poison that stings like an adder,
My boy, have the courage to flee.
The gambling hells are before you,
Their lights, how they dance to and fro,
If you should be tempted to enter,
Think twice, even thrice, ere you go.

In courage alone lies your safety,
When you the long journey begin,
And trust in a Heavenly Father,
Will keep you unspotted from sin!
Temptations will go on increasing,
As streams from a rivulet flow,
But if you are true to your manhood,
Have the courage, my boy, to say, No.

Slurs on Woman.

At a recent meeting in Boston at which no ladies were present, a man, in responding to the toast "women," dwelt almost solely upon the frailty of the sex, claiming that the best among them were a little better than the worst, the chief difference being in the surroundings. At the conclusion of the speech a gentleman rose to his feet and said:

"I trust the gentleman in his applications refers to his mother and sisters not ours."

The effect of this most just and timely rebuke was overwhelming—the maligner of women was covered with confusion and shame.

This incident serves an excellent purpose in prefacing a few words which we have for a long time had it in our minds to say. Of all the evils prevailing among young men we know of none more blighting in its moral effects than the tendency to speak slightly of the virtues of women. Nor is there anything in which young men are so thoroughly mistaken as in the low estimate they form of the integrity of women—not of their own mothers and sisters, thank God, but of others, who, they forget, are somebody else's mothers and sisters.

As a rule, no person who surrenders to this debasing habit is safe to be trusted with any enterprise requiring integrity of character. Plain words should be spoken on this point, for the evil is a general one and deep rooted. If young men are sometimes thrown in the society of the thoughtless, they have no more right to measure other women by what they see of these than they would have to estimate the character of honest and respectable citizens by the developments of crime in our police courts.

Let young men remember that their chief happiness in life depends upon their utter faith in women. No worldly wisdom, no misanthropic philosophy, no generalization, can cover or weaken this fundamental truth. It stands like the record of God himself—and should put a seal upon lips that are wont to speak slightingly of women.

MIRTH A MEDICINE.—I know of nothing equal to a cheerful conversation, for restoring tone of mind and body, when both have been overdone. Some great and good men, on whom very heavy cares and toils have been laid, manifest a constitutional tendency to relax into mirth when their work is over. Narrow minds denounce the incongruity; large hearts own God's goodness in the fact, and rejoice in the wise provision made for prolonging useful lives. Mirth, after exhaustive toil, is one of nature's instinctive efforts to heal the part which has been racked or bruised. You cannot too sternly reprobate a frivolous life; but if the life be earnest for God or man, with here and there a layer of mirthfulness protruding, it becomes a soft bedding to receive heavy cares which otherwise would crush the spirit. To snarl against the sports of mirth, may be the occupation of a small man, who cannot take in at one view the whole circumference of a large one.—*Arnot's Ills of Proverbs.*

MATRIMONIAL LOTTERY.—A short time since, at a wedding in South Carolina, a young lawyer moved that one man in the company should be selected as president, that this president should be duly sworn to keep entirely secret all the communication that should be forwarded to him in his official department that night, that each unmarried gentleman and lady should write his or her name on a piece of paper, and under it place the name of the person they wished to marry, then hand it to the president for inspection, and if any gentleman and lady had reciprocally chosen each other the president was to inform each of the result, and those who had not been reciprocal in their choice were to be kept entirely secret. After the appointment of the president, communications were accordingly handed up the chair, and it was found that twelve young ladies and gentlemen had reciprocal choices, and eleven of the twelve matches were solemnized.—Let the young ladies and gentlemen try it here.

A USEFUL cement for closing up cracks in stove plates, stove doors, &c., is prepared by mixing finely pulverized iron, such as can be procured at the druggists, with liquid water glass, to a thick paste, and then coating the cracks with it. The hotter the fire then becomes the more does the cement melt and combine with its metallic ingredients, and the more completely will the crack become closed.

An Affecting Scene.

The Richmond *Enquirer*, of a few days since has the following:

"An affecting scene took place a few days since at the police station, which melted more than one heart to tears. A young man of most respectable connections had been arrested for drunkenness and disorderly conduct, and was raving like a maniac in his cell, when his aged mother, attired in widow's weeds entered the station house, and requested to be allowed an interview. The request was granted and she stood face to face with her erring son. The surprise almost sobered him for a moment, and he greeted her with manly tenderness, but the demon soon broke forth in fresh ravings. The mother endeavored to calm and soothe him, but without avail; his dull ear was deaf even to the tones of natural love, and retiring from the cell she sank into a seat, while the sobs so long choked down, burst forth with passionate vehemence for her son—her fallen son, her fond hope and pride, the prop and stay of her old age—for whom she would willingly have laid down her own life. For two hours her uncontrollable agitation had full sway, and, then, with an effort of calmness, she departed.

"It was a scene which none could view without emotion, and spoke in thunder tones of the evils of strong drink: For your own sake, for God's sake, spurn the intoxicating bowl. It is fraught with ruin to bod and soul. Don't drink.—The ruby bowl may invite, but there is death in every sparkle; tears and sighs in every glowing drop. It will deprive you of health, fortune, reputation and friends; mar your every prospect, blight your every hope bring down the gray hairs of your parents in shame and sorrow to the grave, and finally consign you, a poor bloated, disgraced wretch to a pauper's trench in a Potter's field. Boys, don't drink."

The Spirit of Discontent.

How universal it is! We never yet knew the man who would say, "I am contented." Go where you will, among the rich or poor, the man of competence, or the man who earns his bread by the sweat of his brow, you hear the sound of muttering and the voice of complaint. The other day we stood by a cooper who was playing a merry tune with his adze around a cask.

"Ah!" said he, mine is a hard lot, forever trotting around like a dog, driving a hoop."

"Heigho?" sighed a blacksmith, on one of the late hot days, as he wiped the perspiration from his brow, while the red-hot iron glowed on his anvil—"this is life, with a vengeance! melting and frying one's self over a fire!"

"Oh! that I were a carpenter," ejaculates a shoemaker, as he bends over his lap-stone. "Here I am, day after day, wearing my soul away making soles for others, cooped up in this little seven by nine room—no hum!"

"I'm sick of this out door work!" exclaimed the carpenter, "broiling under a sweltering sun, or exposed to inclemency of the weather, I wish I was a tailor!"

"This is too bad!" perpetually cries the tailor, "to be compelled to sit perched up here plying the needle all the time, would that mine were a more active life!"

"Last day of grace—banks won't discount—customers won't pay—what shall I do?" grumbles the merchant. "I had rather be a truck-horse, or a dog, or anything else!"

"Happy fellows!" groans the lawyer, as he scratches his head over some perplexing case, or pores over some dry musty record, "happy fellows! I had rather hammer stone than puzzle my head on this tedious, vexatious question."

And so through all the ramifications of society are all complaining of their condition, finding fault with their particular calling. If I were only this, or that, or the other, I should be content, is the universal cry—"Anything but what I am." So it has wagged and so it will wag.

THE KING AND THE SOLDIER.—Frederick the Great of Prussia, had a great mania for enlisting gigantic soldiers into the Royal Guards, and paid an enormous bounty to his recruiting officers for getting them. One day the recruiting sergeon chanced to espy a Hibernian, who was at least seven feet high, he accosted him, in English, and proposed that he should enlist. The idea of military life, and a large bounty so delighted Patrick, that he immediately consented. "But unless you can speak German, the King will not give you so much."

"Oh," said the Irishman, "sure it's I that don't know a word of German."

"But," said the sergeant, "three words will be sufficient, and these you can learn in a short time. The King knows every man in the Guards. As soon as he sees you, he will ride up and ask you how old you are? you will say, "Twenty seven;" next, how long have you been in the service? you must reply, "Three weeks;" finally, if you are provided with clothes and rations? you answer, Both."

Pat soon learned to pronounce his answers, but never dreamt of learning questions. In review. His Majesty rode up to him. Paddy stepped forward with "present arms."

"How old are you?" said the King.

"Three weeks," said the Irishman.

"How long have you been in the service?" asked his Majesty.

"Twenty seven years."

Am I or you a fool?" roared the King.

"Both," replied Patrick, who was instantly taken to the guard room, but pardoned by the King after he understood the facts of the case.

JOHN ANDREW JACKSON CRESWELL.—The Baltimore *Gazette* gives Grant's Postmaster-General the following not very flattering notice: "To what Mr. Creswell owes his appointment to a seat in the Cabinet it puzzles Marylanders to divine. This individual is recognized here as the veriest weather-cock that ever twirled in the political atmosphere. He has been everything by turns and nothing long.—He cast in his fortunes with the Know-Nothing party as soon as it became uppermost in this State. He took stock with the Democratic party when it regained its ascendency. He was the most uproarious proslavery man and secessionist after most of the Southern States had left the Union. He became one of the most noisest patriots and most vindictive loyalists as soon as that was found to be the paying side. He was bursting with denunciations against the late Henry Winter Davis immediately before the war, and he afterwards became the most fulsome panegyrist of that gentleman's life and services toward the abolition party, and he has long been and is now striving sedulously to force upon us negro suffrage. He has no hold whatever upon the affection or respect of the people of our State; he wields but an insignificant amount of influence here; he represents only a section of the party to which he belongs and which comprises at best but a very small minority of our people. If General Grant has selected Mr. Creswell on personal grounds he must not be surprised if the public questions his own discernment and judges his character by that of his chosen companion. If he has made this appointment on any assumed political grounds, he must expect it to be laughed at by astute politicians as the most inexplicable of blunders. The nomination conciliates no one and offends thousands. It is acceptable to no one in the South and is obnoxious to the whole North. It adds no strength to General Grant's Cabinet and does not elicit for the new administration the faintest increase of popular confidence. We presume it will be sharply cavilled at in the Radical camp, and we await with some little curiosity to hear the reasons why Mr. Andrew Jackson Creswell has been lifted to so lofty a pinnacle. We say, with curiosity merely for all the other feelings with which we had looked forward to the incoming administration are fast vanishing. We had tried to hope that, in this dark and perilous hour, we might find on the part of the Government some clear recognition of the reality and character of the dangers that beset us; some franker reliance on the true statesmanship and patriotism of the nation; some cheering indication that the interests of the country were about to culminate above those of party. As matters stand, we feel how insubstantial were the dreams we sought to believe in."

FARM STOCK IN THE UNITED STATES.—We learn from the report of the Department of Agriculture that horses have increased slightly in most of the Western and Southern States, but very little in the Middle and Eastern—not enough to keep pace with the increase of population in the Atlantic sea-board States. Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Minnesota, Wisconsin and the Pacific coast States exhibit the largest increase. The numbers are, however, not equal to the demand, as is shown by the general though small advance in prices. The increase of mules is also slow, and the range of prices appears to be higher than last year.

The returns of oxen and other cattle show a positive decrease in New Jersey, Maryland, North Carolina, Florida, Texas, Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, the diminution amounting to five per cent. in the latter State. In milch cows a reduction is reported in Texas, Ohio and Illinois, and some of the Southern States.—A general increase in prices of cattle is reported.

The reduction in the number of sheep appears to be general, the only exceptions being Rhode Island, Tennessee, Missouri, Minnesota, Kansas and the Pacific States. The loss cannot be less than 10 per cent. In some States it is placed at 15 or more. The prices of sheep have declined slightly in certain sections and advanced in others. In Connecticut and in our own State, where unusual attention has been given to mutton breeds, prices have been fully maintained. In districts where the Merino stock monopolizes sheep-walks, the decline is general and in some sections heavy.

The report states, moreover, that the returns of swine mark a very decided reduction in numbers of fattening hogs, amounting to 15 per cent. in a large portion of the Ohio valley. The prices are largely increased in many States—25 or 30 per cent., and not unfrequently 50 or 60 per cent.—*Newark (N. J.) Advertiser.*

NEWSPAPER MEN.—Congress does not always take all the excellent advice it receives from the newspapers—more's the pity—but it lays hold of all the newspaper men it can find for its high offices.—Having already Mr. Schuyler Colfax, a Western editor, for president of the Senate, and Mr. Gorham, formerly connected with the California press, for its new secretary, succeeding Mr. Forney, editor of two papers, with Mr. Blaine, a Maine editor, for Speaker of the House, and Mr. McPherson, a Pennsylvania editor, for its clerk, and with any number of other journalists in prominent positions in or about either house, the Senate has just finished the journalistic organization of that body by the choice of Mr. Anthony, editor of the Providence (R. I.) Journal for president *pro tempore*. Their appreciation of the profession being thus made known, will not Congressmen take the example of the gentlemen whom they delight to honor, make few and short speeches, attend promptly to their business, get through with it as soon as possible, and leave the American eagle to Mr. Pogram and his brethren of the stump.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

At a concert recently, at the conclusion of the song, "There's a good time coming," a country farmer got up and exclaimed: "Mister, you couldn't fix the date could you."

A LAD met a colored boy the other day and asked him what he had such a short nose for. The little darkey replied, "I spect's so it wont poke itself in other people's business."

THERE are some notes in music called hush-notes. 'Twere well if a good many singers had no other.

IF the ant gives an example of industry it is much more than many uncles do.