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hey are experimenting, some advocating certain measures and others opposing them. The great and doubtful problem of negro suffrage and negro equality stand in the way. These must be adjusted and settled definitely, either in the establishment of universal and impartial rights guaranteed to all, or they will have to be ignored and the two races brought to a fixed and clear understanding as to their relative positions, socially and otherwise in the body politic. If the colored race be finally guaranteed the constitutional prerogatives claimed for it by the ratification of the fifteenth amendment, then will the negro as an element of political power be taken hold of by aspiring politicians on both sides, and demoralized precisely as white men have been. He will be used, in a figurative sense, to "cut his own throat." History and experience have shown that this is by no means improbable. It is folly for republicans to suppose these people, subject to temptations, private and other interests, can be held constantly under their partisan control. A very few years hence may find the majority of them upon the side of democracy, and thereby placing it in power and be the means of our working a complete revolution in governmental affairs. Who can tell that such may not be the case? Looking at the question in all its phases and at the evidently unstable condition of the party now dominant, the difficulties besetting it on every side, and which foreshadow disorganization at no distant period, there is certainly no very encouraging hopes that it will continue harmonious and united longer than the expiration of the present administration. It is utterly out of the question and against nature to hold the Southern States subservient to laws and restrictions forced upon their people by minorities they detest. Give the citizenry of these commonwealths their liberty—are thing they are bound to have sooner later—and three-fourths, if not four-fifths of them, will strive unceasingly, undoing what has been done by radicalism. This is just as certain as that the sun rises and sets.—*Md. Republican.*

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.

A VALUABLE FAR
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.

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.

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 here with 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.

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.

j9-tf. JOHN L. STAM.

EDWIN CROUCH, JR.,
MILLINGTON, MD.,
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
Schuylkill Lime,
Delivered at any landing on Sassafras or Chester Rivers. mh6-tf.

MILLING & SAWING.

The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public that he is carrying on his Mills, and asks a share of patronage.
m20-tf W. DACCHUS.

IF you want the HIGHEST CASH PRICE for all kinds of Country Produce and Fur, go to SAPPINGTON'S, opposite Geo. E. Lambert's Coach Factory. mh6.

UP TOWN
CHEAP DRY GOODS STORE!

I HAVE now open and offer at the Lowest market rates, a general assortment of
DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS,
An Elegant Assortment of
Ladies Dress Goods,
Beautiful Style of Prints,
Spring Delaines, Ladies' Cloaking Cloth, White Marseilles, Plaid and Striped Muslin, Plaid and striped Nainsook, White Spreads, Bleached and unbl'd Muslin, Hosiery, Hoop Skirts, Cassimer for Men and Boys' wear, Domestic, Shirting Stripe, Ticking, Floor Oil Cloth and Matting, Ladies' Gaiters, Ladies' and Children's Shoes.
☞ No trouble to show goods. Call and examine. MRS. S. E. BARRETT.
March 27, 1869—4m.

A NEW STOCK
JUST OPENED AT
COLLINS' BOOT & SHOE STORE.

JOHN W. COLLINS has just returned from the city with a new and fine assortment of BOOTS, SHOES, &c., which cannot fail to please purchasers. He calls especial attention to his goods for

Ladies and Children's Wear,
AND GENTS' FINE WORK.
Side-lace, Front-lace, Button and Congress GAITERS for Ladies, Misses and Children. Gents' fine Calf-skin Sewed Boots and Gaiters, English Walking Shoes, Slippers, &c.

Coarse Boots and Shoes of all kinds.
Also, a large assortment of
Children's Shoes,
of every description, to which the attention of parents is invited. Call and see.

LOOK HERE.

ALONZO MING,

HAS taken the store room formerly occupied as an Apothecary by Mr. John L. Stam, and has opened a store for the purchase and sale of all kinds of

PRODUCE and GROCERIES,
and has now in store and for sale
FLOUR AND MEAL, POTATOES,
BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY,
Cabbage, Parsnips, Turnips, Onions, Dried Apples, Sweet Cider, Cider Vinegar, Tea, Coffee, Sugar, Molases, Rice, Mackeral, Herring, Tobacco, Snuff, Cod Oil, Pepper, Mustard, Allspice, Pickels by the dozen, &c.

WANTED
ALL KINDS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE
for trade or cash. RAGS, FUR and HIDES wanted, for which the highest market prices will be paid. Call and see me
jan23-y. ALONZO MING.

STEAM GRIST MILL!

THE subscribers would respectfully inform the public that the STEAM GRIST MILL, at Chestertown wharf, is now in full operation, and prepared to grind

WHEAT, CORN, &c.,

at the same rates of toll charged by country Mills. Our Mill being new, we are prepared to do good work and give a good turn-out.

FLOUR, MEAL, &c., kept on hand at the Mill, and for sale by the barrel, bushel, or small quantity. MILL FEED of all kinds for sale.
H. M. STEWART & BRO.

Carpentering.

The subscribers are also prepared to do Carpentering of all kinds. Being practical STAIR BUILDERS, our particular attention will be given to that branch of business.

Having attached to the MILL, SAWING AND PLANING MACHINES, we are prepared to do all kinds of work in this line as cheap as it can be done in the city.
Nov. 7. H. M. STUART & BRO.

Tobacco, Segars,
AND CONFECTIONERY.

RICHARD B. RUSSELL respectfully calls the attention of all who love good Segars and Tobacco, to his fine assortment now on hand.

SEGARS of all kinds,
OF MY OWN MANUFACTURE,
by the box or single one, kept on hand. Those who can appreciate good Cigars are invited to give us a call. Storekeepers will be supplied at city prices.

TOBACCO, of superior brands, always on hand. Also, a good assortment of SMOKING TOBACCO, SNUFF and PIPES.

We have also in store a variety of CONFECTIONERY, which will be sold at low prices.

We return our thanks for the liberal patronage extended to us in the past, and hope by untiring efforts to please, to secure continued favor and patronage.

☞ GIVE ME A CALL. Store opposite the M. E. Church. jan23. RICHARD B. RUSSELL.

OPPOSED TO FIGHTING!

YOU CAN FIND AT
John Bordley's Store
All kinds of articles for Family use, such as GROCERIES of all descriptions; the best of TOBACCO AND SEGARS, and Ladies forget not the best Garrett's SNUFF from the city of Philadelphia, always on hand. As for Farmers, they know where to get the best and cheapest WHISKEY in Chestertown for Harvest; and do not forget Old Family Nectar.

FLOUR of all grades, by the barrel or pound. Sugar cured HAMS, and all kinds of BACON, LARD, and all articles appertaining to the Grocery trade.

Paints and White Lead
of all grades, OILS &c.—Lewis' Lead, Loane's Lead, Linseed Oil, Turpentine, Copal Varnish, Japan Varnish, Train Oil, Machine Oil, Lard Oil, and the oil of Wry. Colors—Prussian Blue, Crome Green, Crome Yellow, Burnt Umber, Raw Umber, Red Paint, Venitian Red, Lamp Black, Putty, Sand Paper, Paint Brushes of all kinds, Varnish Brushes, Sash Tools of all sizes. ☞ PAINT UP YOUR HOUSES and save money.

PATENT MEDICINES.—Drake's Plantation Bitters, Morning Star Bitters, Scheidem Snapps and many others too tedious to name.
my30y. JOHN BORDLEY.

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.

SPRING GOODS.

STOCK VERY COMPLETE TO MEET PRESENT WANTS OF BUYERS.

STAPLE & FANCY
DRY GOODS,
Purchased during the most favorable turns of the market.

READY-MADE CLOTHING,
IN FINE BLACK CLOTH and Light Fabric Cassimere of bright Spring color.

Our present stock of SHOES and HATS is in quantity and variety fully as large as during any former Season, and most of it in FRESH GOODS of very recent purchase.

LIGHT and HEAVY GROCERIES bought for cash, just received.

Thomas S. Wickes.
April 17.

PLOW CASTINGS superior to anything we have ever had in stock before, on hand in large quantities

GARDEN SEEDS, warranted fresh, for sale by THOMAS S. WICKES.
Chestertown, April 17, 1869.

LATEST ARRIVAL!

E. S. FOWLER,

WOULD respectfully announce that he has just received and opened his

First Spring Purchase,

comprising Heavy and fine Brown Muslins, brown Drills, Osnaburgs and Stripes for heavy shirtings, Cotton Ducks, "Wamsutta," "Fruit of the Lawn," "James' Steam Mills," and a variety of the lower grades of Bleached Muslins. Bleached and col'd Corset Jeans, col'd Cambrics, Wiggans, Denims, Blue Drills and Jeans. SPRING PRINTS, Shirting Prints, Purple do., Late Style Delaines, col'd and black and white Ginghams, Irish Linens, Linen Cambrics, Shirt Fronts, Hosiery, Gloves, Hdk'fs, Suspenders, Knitting Cotton, and an assortment of Notions generally. Among his stock of SHOES are a nice line of Ladies' City Made and Eastern glove Kid, Calf, Morocco and Goat high cut Balmorals; Women's Medium and Coarse Boots for service; Misses, Children's and Infants' Morocco, Goat and Fancy Boots and Balmorals, with and without heels. Men's, Boys' and Youth's Coarse, Medium and fine Brogans and Balmorals, and a fine article of Men's Plough Shoes.

Groceries.—Rio and Laguayra Coffee, Black, Japanese and Imperial Teas, comm. and good brown and white Sugars, Crackers, Spices, Tobacco, Cigars and Snuff, Soaps, Putty, Glass, Tumblers, Goblets, Lamps, Lamp Chimneys and Wicks, Butter Dishes, &c.

A small stock of Tinware on hand will be closed out very cheap.

ROPES, Twines, Traces, lines, brooms, tubs, buckets, Plow Castings of Galena and Balt. manuf., Nails by keg or lb., Builders' Hardware, Chain Traces at less than ruling prices; Shovels, Forks, Spades, Hoes, Bridles, Collars, Whips, &c. Garden Seeds and Beans. Wall, horse, shoe and scrub Brushes, Carriage Canvass, Green Oil Cloth for Window Blinds, Table Oil Cloths, and a general assortment of all kinds of Goods most generally in demand.

☞ Purchasers may rely upon getting goods from us at the lowest possible cash figures, as our terms are Cash, or its equivalent in merchantable Produce. Cash paid for Lard, Bacon, Butter, Eggs, Rags, Feathers, &c., by
L. S. FOWLER.
Chestertown, March 27, 1869.

The Last Sensation!

JAS. W. IVENS,

HAS OPENED the Store lately occupied by Mr. Wm. W. Parks, corner of High St., UP TOWN, where you can get

GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,
AND LIQUOR,

AT THE LOWEST PRICES for Cash or Country Produce. Our stock consists in part of JAPAN AND OTHER TEAS,
COFFEE, SUGAR, TOBACCO,
CIGARS, FIGS, ORANGES,
SPICES, Worcestershire SAUCE, and a variety of othes goods.

A Large Stock of LIQUORS,
Consisting of RYE WHISKEY, of several grades; FINE KENTUCKY BOURBON WHISKEY; extra fine APPLE BRANDY and COGNAC BRANDY.

Many of these goods have been bought at auction for cash, considerably below cost, and will be sold at a small profit, as I am determined to give the public every advantage of my experience in buying goods in the New York Philadelphia and Baltimore markets.

Tavern Keepers will find it to their advantage to call and buy our Liquors. We will sell from one gallon to a barrel at lower prices than they can purchase elsewhere.
mh27. JAMES W. IVENS.

A STOCK OF
NEW JEWELRY,
Silverware, Watches,
CLOCKS, NOTIONS, &c., NOW OPEN AT
E. T. WILLIS'

THESE goods have been purchased of honorable wholesale dealers and manufacturers, at the lowest cash prices, and *will* be sold at reasonable figures. The styles will be the latest and most fashionable designs. It is useless to enumerate articles; all that is asked is to call and examine for yourselves. Any article not found in the stock on hand, can be procured in a few days, from a find Gold Watch down to any article, however small, usually kept in a similar establishment. The determination is to do strictly a legitimate business, *always* representing in their true character goods offered for sale.

Attention may be called, however, to a fine assortment of FINGER RINGS, 18k., suitable for engagement, wedding or other purposes; BREAST PINS, Ear Rings, Sleeve Buttons, &c. TABLE CUTLERY.—Joseph Rodgers & Sons' celebrated manufacture.

REPAIRING of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry done in workmanlike manner.
E. T. WILLIS.

N. B.—Work will not be kept on hand longer than six months after being fixed. If not called for in that time, will be sold for charges.
March 14, 1868. E. T. W.

TUBS, Buckets, Churns, Wash Boards, Butter Prints, wood Spoons, Paddles, Bowls, Potato Mashers, Measures, Clothes Pins, Plow and Wagon Hames, horse, scrub, dusting and white-wash Brushes, Wisps, Paint Brushes, Bushel Baskets, Clothes Baskets, Safes, Lamps and Chimneys, Gev. Stu. Lamps, &c.
April 17. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

LAND LIME,
BUILDING LIME and HAIR,
For sale by LEVI FIDDIS, JR.,
ap10-3m. Chestertown.

FLOWERS NOW READY.

SHRUBBY CALCEOLARIAS—one of the most splendid bedding plants.
Carnation and Picotee Pinks.
Clematis Lanuginosa—fine climber, large blue flowers.
Fuchsias—double and single.
Geraniums of all colors.
Heliotropes.
Maderia Vines—very rapid grown, flowers very sweet scented.
Pansies—of various styles.
Lemon Verbenas—fine bushy plants.
Penstemons—scarlet, blue, yellow & white.
Double Petunias.
ROSES—Marechal Niel, Safrano, Devoniensis, General Jaquiminot, White Tea, Madame Desprez, Madame Bosanquet.
Sedum, Kenilworth, Ivy, Alternantheras, Lobelia Gracilis and Lycopodium, for hanging baskets.
Verbenas, of all colors.
Astilbe Japonica—a hardy, white flowering shrub, fine for Cemetery Lots.
Also, a great variety of Plants of Annual Flowers, in a short time.
Any Plant not found in my collection I will procure upon short notice.
SWEET POTATO, TOMATO and EGG PLANTS now ready.
W. F. MASSEY,
QUEEN STREET GARDEN,
my1-tf. Chestertown.

MILLINERY
AND FANCY STORE!
NEW SPRING GOODS Just Received

MISSES A. E. MIDDLETON
AND M. J. WYATT,
Respectfully inform their friends and the Ladies generally, that they have formed a Copartnership for the purpose of conducting a general MILLINERY BUSINESS, and have taken the Store Room on High Street, in Chestertown, recently occupied by Miss Anna Earle, where they will keep on hand a general assortment of Seasonable MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS, consisting of

Bonnets, Hats, Ribbons, Laces,
OF THE NEWEST STYLES,
which will be sold at the LOWEST PRICES.

They have just returned from the city with a handsome assortment of Spring Goods, to which the attention of Ladies is invited
A. E. MIDDLETON.
ap17-tf. M. J. WYATT

SPRING MILLINERY!

I HAVE just received my stock of
ELEGANT AND CHOICE
MILLINERY,
embracing all PARISIAN NOVELTIES for the Spring and Summer of 1869. Also, all the small wares suitable for Ladies, comprising everything that is new. I have a choice assortment of KID GLOVES, first quality, to which I especially invite the attention of the Ladies. My stock will be found unusually attractive, and I engage to give entire satisfaction to my customers in styles, quality and price.
C. R. FIDDIS.

TO THOSE INDEBTED.

I would respectfully say that, being very much in need of funds for the successful prosecution of my business, those in arrears will confer a favor by promptly paying up.
ap24-tf. C. R. FIDDIS.

SPRING MILLINERY!

Mrs. Clara Rawleigh

INFORMS her numerous friends and the Ladies generally of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, that she has just returned from the city with

SPRING MILLINERY
AND
THE SPRING FASHIONS.

BONNETS of all descriptions made to order, including the latest novelties.

A general assortment of Milliners' Goods on hand, and orders promptly attended to.

The Ladies are invited to call at her store on Queen Street, near High. ap24-3t.

NOTICE.

I AM BUYING WOOL for Mallalieu & Bro., and paying the highest price for the same in GOODS or CASH, optional with seller.

I am also prepared to repair Coal Oil Lamps, add the many different improvements.

Coal Oil and Lamps
for sale at Low Figures. My stock of
GOODS and NOTIONS
are as usual well selected, and sold at SMALL PROFITS for the cash, or on short time to punctual customers.

☞ My bills up to the first of January last, are all made out, and the money is very hard to get in place of the bills. I hope "times" will soon get better, and money will be more plentiful. Give me a call and help me out.

Respectfully, ENOCH N. ROLAND,
mh27-3m. Bell Air.

SPRING GOODS.
Something New and Beautiful
NOW OPENING AT THE
PEOPLE'S POPULAR STORE.

Especial attention is called to our Beautiful BLACK ALPACAS, unsurpassed in this State; bring your cheap goods and compare, which will ensure us sales. Bleached Sheetings, bleached and brown Muslins, Chintzes, new styles Prints, Tickings, Cambrics and Fancy Goods.

We are waiting for some of our friends to settle their last year's accounts. Credit in the city is unknown. Respectfully,
m13-tf WM. A. VICKERS.

FOR SALE
1 GOOD FARM HORSE,
1 GOOD MILCH COW,
1 DEARBORN, and
1 FARM WAGON and Harness.
Terms liberal. Apply to Dr. W. MELVIN,
ap24-3t. Kennedyville.

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,
sept2-tf. Queen Street.

ESTRAY.—Came to the subscriber's about the last of March, a Black HORSE, with three white feet. The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take it away. ENOCH JONES,
ap24-3t. near Sassafras.

CAUTION.—All persons are hereby forewarned from trespassing upon the farm owned by Dr. T. H. Whaland, now occupied by the undersigned, by crossing over the same on foot or otherwise. The law will be enforced against all offenders.
apr24-3t. JAMES WHITE.

A Gentle Word is Never Lost.

A gentle word is never lost,
Oh! never then refuse one;
It cheers the heart when sorrow-tost,
And lulls the cares that bruise one;
It scatters sunshine o'er our way,
And turns our thorns to roses;
It changes weary night to day,
And hope and love discloses.

A gentle word is never lost—
Thy fallen brother needs it;
How easy and how small the cost,
With peace and comfort speed it.
Then drive the shadow from thy cheek,
A smile can well replace it;
Our voice is music when we speak
With gentle words to grace it.

A HUNDRED YEARS TO COME.—To-day we are striving, pushing, grasping after wealth, honor, power, and pleasure.—The poor claim wealth that they may be above want; the rich seek to add their countless thousands. So are we rushing forward, reckoning not the final result of our probationary existence. No one ever appears to think how soon we must sink into oblivion—that we are one generation of millions. Yet such is the fact. Time and progress have, through countless ages, come marching hand in hand—the one destroying, the other building up. They seem to create little or no commotion, and the work of destruction is as easily and silently accomplished as a child will pull to pieces a rose. Yet such is the fact.—A hundred years hence, and much that we now see around us will too have passed away. It is but the repetition of life's story; we are born, we live, we die.—Think then of the souls, that are above, imperishable. The souls of countless millions still exist, in punishment or bliss.

We all within our graves shall sleep
A hundred years to come;
No living soul for us will weep
A hundred years to come.
But other men our land will till
And other men our streets will fill,
And other birds will sing as gay,
As bright the sunshine as to-day,
A hundred years to come.

LET US HELP ONE ANOTHER.—This little sentence should be written on every heart and stamped on every memory. It should be the golden rule practiced not only in every household, but throughout the world. By helping one another we not only remove thorns from the pathway, and anxiety from the mind, but we feel a sense of pleasure in our own hearts, knowing we are doing a duty to a fellow creature. A helping hand, or an encouraging word, is no loss to us, yet it is a benefit to others. Who has not felt the power of this little sentence? Who has not needed the encouragement and aid of a kind friend? How soothing, when perplexed with some task that is mysterious and burthensome, to feel a gentle hand on the shoulder and to hear a kind voice whispering: "Do not feel discouraged; I see your trouble, let me help you." What strength is inspired, what hope created, what sweet gratitude is felt, and the great difficulty is dissolved as dew beneath the sunshine. Yes, let us help one another by endeavoring to strengthen and encourage the weak and lifting the burden of care from the weary and oppressed, that life may glide smoothly on and the fount of bitterness yield sweet waters; and He, whose willing hand is ever ready to aid us, will reward our humble endeavors, and every good deed will be as "bread cast upon the waters to return after many days," if not to us, to those we love.

TAKE CARE OF YOUR HABITS.—Character is the substance, reputation the shadow only—sometimes longer and sometimes shorter. How important, then, is care in the growth and formation of habits, since character is but a "bundle of habits" that years have been picking up and combining; and when combined you may annihilate the composition, but you can not alter it. It is no easy matter to drop habits, even those that hang most loosely upon the outside. We have an attachment to them, or they have an attachment to us, which is not readily separated. They are like an old pair of shoes, which, though there are no advantages attending them, still they are easy, and we are loth to "cast them off." They are like an old hat, which, though it has become unsightly, still sits comfortable to our head, and we dread the breaking of a new one.

THINK FOR YOURSELVES.—It is always best to think first, for ourselves on any subject and then to have recourse to others for the correction or improvement of our sentiments. Thus we may reach truth which we never should have observed had we caught a particular mode of thinking from an author. No principle should be received from education or habit merely. Let men observe before pursuing the opinions of others. We check original thought by first learning how and what to think from others. The strength of others should be called to assist our weakness, not to prevent the exertion of our powers. By means of this dependence upon books, error as well as truth descends in hereditary succession.

BE FIRM.—The winds and the waves may beat against the rock, planted in a troubled sea, but it remains unmoved.—Be you like that rock, young man. Vice may entice, and the song and the cup may envite. Beware—stand firmly at your post. Let your principles shine forth unobscured. There is glory in the thought that you have resisted temptation and conquered. Your bright example will be to the world what the light-house is to the mariner upon a sea-shore; it will guide hundreds to the point of virtue and safety.

Most of the shadows that cross our path through life are caused by our standing in our own light.

FEMININE BEAUTY.

Men in society have, from time immemorial, so raved about beauty in women, and poets in rhyme and romance have so sung its praises, that it would be natural to conclude only beauty lovable in the sex. And the proverb, "Men lose their hearts through their eyes, and women through their ears," not only corroborates the idea, but makes it appear that in our sex, the senses—and in the opposite sex, the intellect—predominate. Men set sufficient store, the gods know, upon physical comeliness in women. But, after all, it appeals to them as an effect rather than a cause, and is outweighed by a dozen other qualities. Beauty commends but it does not win; it attracts, but it does not hold. And if it be not answered by some inward beauty, it soon disappoints; and may, by constant suggestion of disharmony, at last repel, just as a fair flower invites us. We admire its form, its color, its daintiness. But when we pluck it and find it scentless, a reaction comes that borders on disgust. We feel we have been cheated by a counterfeit, and the flower looks homelier than if it were less fair.

So there must be some thing more—a vast deal more—than personal beauty in woman, to make her, for any length of time, even pleasant in our eyes, much less grateful to the heart. What that something is, it is difficult to say; but it is expressed in the word interest—which to convey the exact idea, should be interestingness. How or why any one interests us we can not determine. Of the fact we are convinced beyond argument, but we are incapable of analyzing the subtle agencies that produce the effect. This capacity to interest is not a necessary concomitant of personal comeliness, but, on the contrary, is independent of it—at least, in many cases.

A WOMAN'S FRIENDSHIP.—It is a wondrous advantage to a man in every pursuit or vocation, to secure an adviser in a sensible woman. In a woman there is at once a subtle delicacy of tact and a plain soundness of judgment which are rarely combined to an equal degree in man. A woman, if she be really your friend, will have a sensitive regard for your character, honor, repute. She will seldom counsel you to do shabby things, for a woman friend always desires to be proud of you. At the same time, her constitutional timidity makes her more cautious than your male friend. She therefore seldom counsels you to do an imprudent thing. A man's best female friend is a wife of good sense and heart, whom he loves, and who loves him. But, supposing the man to be without such a helpmate, female friendship he must still have, or his intellect will be without a garden, and there will be many an unheeded gap even in its strongest fence. Better and safer, of course, are such friendships where disparity of years or circumstances puts the idea of love out of the question. Middle life has rarely this advantage; youth and old age have. We may have female friendships with those much older, and those much younger than ourselves. Female friendship is to a man the bulwark, sweetness, ornament of his existence.

A CURE FOR LOVE.—Recommended to take twelve ounces of dislike, one pound resolution, two ounces of the powder of experience, a large sprig of time, fourteen drams of the spirit of dishonor, one quart of the cooling water of consideration.—Set them over a gentle fire of love, sweeten it with sugar of forgetfulness, skim it with the spoon of melancholy, put it to the bottom of your heart, cork it with the cork of a sound conscience, and then let it remain, and you will instantly find ease, and be restored to your right senses again. Those things are to be had of the apothecary, at the house of Understanding, in Prudent street, in the parish of contentment.

A RARE ONE.—There is said to be living in Williamsport a rare specimen of humanity. He has now lived to the age of thirty-seven years, and has never known an hour's sickness; has never tasted tea, coffee, liquors of any kind, tobacco or cigars; eats neither cakes, pies, custards, candies, fruits or vegetables; takes but two meals a day, and these of the plainest food; and, to cap the climax, has never walked a rod with a woman since he has reached even boyhood's age. A rare one surely, and he bids fair to live long and die an old bachelor.

Somebody's Heart.

My heart is waiting for somebody,
Somebody, where can he be?
Somewhere on earth he is waiting,
Waiting and watching for me.

My heart shall be faithful and true, then,
To that somebody, wherever he be;
Yes! my heart is locked firmly and fast,
But there's *some one* possessing the key.

How shall I know who's the somebody?
My heart will tell faithful and true;
You wonder who can be the somebody?
Well, somebody, darling, is *you.*

THE ART OF BEING MISERABLE.—Kingsley says: "If you wish to be miserable, you must think about yourself, about what you want, what you like, what respect people ought to pay you, what people think of you, and then to you nothing will be pure. You will spoil every thing you touch; you will make sin and misery for yourself out of every thing God sends you; you will be as wretched as you choose."

A ROWDY intending to be witty, thus accosted a lady in the street, "Madam, can you inform me where I can see the elephant?" "No, but if I had a looking-glass, I'd show you a very large monkey." The rowdy sloped.

MR. CHANDLER'S LATE SPEECH.—The press of the country has not attached much importance to Mr. Chandler's late speech in the Senate on his resolution to solve all controversies between England and the United States by the surrender of all the British possessions in North America to this government. The speech, we did not regard as likely to create much sensation, when it was remembered that Mr. Chandler is the same person who offered a resolution in July, 1866, repealing the neutrality law in order to affect the British war in Abyssinia. He has taken pains that this should not be forgotten, by referring to it in his recent speech. In view of the fact that the British expedition to Abyssinia put an end to the war with the slightest difficulty or delay, a repeal of the neutrality law would have placed us in a very ridiculous position. In the course of philippic alluded to, Mr. Chandler caused several of his old speeches to be read again to his unfortunate hearers. If this process is to be continued, it will save valuable time, at future sessions, for the Senate to adopt a rule by which Mr. Chandler's speeches can be read on their second and third readings, and their first also, if deemed advisable by their titles. The Senator insists that England shall "surrender" her territory, a word aptly chosen for such a demand, and well calculated to arouse the pride of a more meek-spirited animal than John Bull. Unless Britian surrenders, the Michigander says we must have a "short, sharp and decisive war." We think that prase has been used before in reference to a much weaker adversary than England. Therefore "short, sharp and decisive" may mean at least long enough for some patriotic and profitable contracts. Indeed, the "contracts" seem to be running already in the Senator's mind, as he proposes that his veteran Michiganders shall capture Canada by contract. The gratuitous insults to France in the same speech are not likely to increase the number of our friends in Europe. Considering that our relations with Spain are not the best, and those with England require delicate manipulation, a little observance of the common courtesies of civilization in our public allusions to the outside nations might be perhaps not only polite but profitable. As the effect of Mr. Chandler's speech, however, the Britishers seem only disposed to find a further set off for our Alabama claims by putting in an account of expenses in repelling raids from our shores into Canada a year or two ago.—*Balt. Sun.*

HONESTY.—An instance of the finding of money was told us a few days ago. A lad named Johnny Black, twelve years old, picked up on the street a pocket-book containing evidently a large amount of money. He put it in his pocket and turned back to walk in an opposite direction to that in which he was going when he found the pocket-book, in expectation of meeting the loser on the hunt for it. He had gone but a block when, sure enough, he met a man very excitedly searching the pavement, and walking quite hurriedly. Johnny went up to him and touched him.

"Have you lost any thing, sir?"

"Yes."

"What was it?"

"A pocket-book with a large amount of money in it."

"Come in here with me."

And the two walked into a store, where, in the presence of the proprietor, the man named the amount of money, and gave a list of papers contained in the pocket-book Johnny had found. It contained $16,000 in bills, the amount named by the stranger, and all the papers he had mentioned; when the little fellow, without any apparent emotion, handed the stranger the pocket-book, with its contents.

"Now," said the stranger, "you come with me!"

And he took Johnny to a clothing-store, and fitted him out with a nice warm suit of clothes; thence to a boot and shoe-store, where his pedal extremities were adorned with an elegant pair of calf-skin boots; then to a jeweler's they went, and the boy was presented with a fine gold watch and chain, the former bearing the inscription, "Presented to John Black (aged 12) for his honesty in returning a lost pocket-book containing $16,000. By the Loser, 1868."

Will not Johnny be happier and *better* all his life, than if he had kept, or *tried to keep*, the money?"—*Exchange.*

THE NEGRO'S SIMILE.—An old negro named Pete was very much troubled about his sins. Perceiving him one day with a very downcast look, his master asked him the cause.

"O, massa! I'se such a great sinner!"

"But, Pete," said his master, "you are foolish to take it so to heart. You never see me troubled about my sins."

"I know de reason, massa," said Pete; "when you go out duck shooting and kill one duck and wound another, don't you run after de wounded duck?"

"Yes, Pete;" and the master wondered what was coming next.

"Well, massa, dat is de way wid you and me; de debble has got you sure; but as he am not sure of me he chases dis chile all de time."

A Mississippi paper relates that a pompous negro lately rode up to the home of a citizen of that place, and asked the favor of a word at the gate, as he couldn't well leave his steed.

"Well, what is it?" quoth the man of the house.

"Mornin' sah! I come to ax if you owed anything to Moses W. Dunn, ceased. I'm de moderator ob de state now, and wishes to settle up all his fairs. If I can find plenty folks dat he owes, dat it's hard work to find any dat owes him."

The gentleman didn't owe anything.

A HINT.—Girls, remember, that the man who bows, smiles, and says many soft things to you, has no genuine love, while he who loves most sincerely struggles to hide the weakness of his heart, and frequently appears decidedly awkward.

"Kisses," says Sam Slick, "are like creation, because they are made out of nothing and are very good." They are also, says *The Galaxy*, "like sermons, requiring two heads and an application."

A SENTIMENTAL chap intends to petition Congress for a grant to improve the channels of affection, so that henceforth the course of true love may run smooth.