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THE NEW STORE HOUSE!
Two Doors Above the Old Stand.

MY STOCK OF GOODS IS LARGE AND COMPLETE AND EMBRACES EVERY ARTICLE KEPT IN A FIRST CLASS STORE.

I respectfully invite the Ladies to call and examine the Goods I have for their wear. My Dress Goods are new and numerous and are of the Latest Styles.

MY ORDER MADE SHOES FOR LADIES, have spoken for themselves; and my Stock embraces the most Fashionable make.

If you will call you will find that I have as large and as good an assortment of

Dry Goods, Notions, Boots and Shoes, Queensware, Hardware, Groceries,

&c., &c., as any story you have visited on this Shore, and all at the VERY LOWEST PRICES FOR CASH!

☞ Don't forget to stop at the place (GALENA) and visit the Store of

E. W. PURNELL.

N. B—I have just received, and have for sale, Harrison's celebrated Flavoring and Coloring Extracts. E. W. P.
Galena, July 17, 1869.

JUNE, 1869.

Latest and Important NEWS!

THE subscribers would respectfully inform their friends, customers, and the public in general, that they have just returned from the city, where they have purchased a large and full assortment of Goods suitable for the season, and which they are prepared to dispose of on the most liberal terms, at a very slight advance on cost. We have a full assortment of

READY-MADE CLOTHING,
Of the Very Best Workmanship;
DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS
consisting of Bleached and unbleached MUSLINS of all grades, SHIRTING CALICOES, DRESS PRINTS, CHINTZES, &c.
Queensware, Boots, Shoes and Hats
A FULL ASSORTMENT OF
GROCERIES,
SUGARS, RIO & JAVA COFFEE, TEA, &c.
GOOD TOBACCO AND SEGARS.

They have also a full assortment of
Liquors of all kinds and grades
suitable for private or domestic use, consisting of American and Foreign Wines, Brandies and Gins. A good assortment of Whiskies, and a very good article suitable for the approaching Harvest, all of which we will sell CHEAP for Cash, or Sixty days.

☞ Country Produce Wanted, ☜
for which the HIGHEST PRICE will be paid.

SPARKS & WALLS,
je26-3m. LOCUST GROVE.

LATEST ARRIVAL!

L. S. FOWLER,

WOULD respectfully announce that he has just received and opened his

First Spring Purchase,

comprising Heavy and fine Brown Muslins, bro Drills, Osnaburgs and Stripes for heavy shirtings, Cotton Ducks, "Wamsutta," "Fruit of the Loom," "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.

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.

LIVERY STABLES.

THE undersigned having supplied himself with HORSES AND CARRIAGES, is prepared to convey persons to any part of the Peninsula, upon moderate terms.

HORSES AND CARRIAGES FOR HIRE, by the day or otherwise.

SABLES on Cannon Street, near the Iron Foundry. SAMUEL J. RAWLEIGH.
Chestertown, je5-6m.

NEW FIGS and LEMONS, just arrived at
June 5. IVENS'.

A Very Valuable Farm
—AT—
PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned as Attorney for the Morris heirs, will on

SATURDAY,

The TWENTY-FIRST day of AUGUST, 1869, at 11 o'clock, A. M. punctually, offer at public sale at the "Hayes' House," in Sassafras, Kent county, Maryland, the following VERY VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND:

A FARM,

SITUATED IN THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT OF KENT CO., MD., containing

175 Acres of Land,

More or Less, and adjoining the lands of David C. Blackiston, R. T. Cochran and others. The whole of it is arable and highly improved, with the exception of about ten acres, which is

Good Timber and Meadow Land.

The soil is admirably adapted to the growth of Grain, Fruit, Vegetables and grasses. It is divided into five fields, and each field is well watered and enclosed with good fencing.

The Improvements are,

A PEACH ORCHARD of 1500 TREES, of choice varieties, in full bearing.

AN APPLE ORCHARD OF 300 TREES, of choice varieties, in full bearing, and 400 Select Dwarf Pear Trees, in full bearing.

A TWO-STORY

FRAME DWELLING,



in good condition. The OUT-BUILDINGS are amply sufficient for the purposes of the farm. The farm is most desirably situated, being convenient to Churches, schools, Mills, &c., in a thriving, social and healthy neighborhood. Three miles from the Post Village of Sassafras; two miles from Wilson's Point, a Steamboat Landing on the Sassafras river, and one mile from a station on the Delaware branch of the Kent county Railroad.

THE TERMS OF SALE ARE:—One-third cash, or in sixty days, at the discretion of the Attorney, and the balance in equal annual instalments of one, two and three years from the day of sale. Interest on the credit payments to begin on the first day of Jan., 1870, when possession will be given. The crops now growing will be reserved. The purchaser will have the right of seeding wheat this fall. The graveyard as it now is, and the right of way to and from the same will be reserved.

Mr. E. S. MORRIS, on the farm, will take pleasure in showing the premises to any one who may call.

D. JAMES BLACKISTON, Att'y,
Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.
E. E. MILLER, Auct'r. [jy31ts.]

A VALUABLE FARM
NEAR CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
AT PRIVATE SALE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at private sale his Farm, situated near Chestertown, Kent county, Maryland. It adjoins the lands of Stephen Lecates, Thomas C. Parsons and others, and

Contains 256 Acres,
1 ROOD AND 19 PERCHES.

There is a sufficient quantity of TIMBER and Fuel for the use of the Farm. It lies within three miles of Chestertown, a half mile of a contemplated Depot on the Kent county Railroad; within four miles of a Steamboat Landing on Worton Creek, where we have a daily line of Steamers to Baltimore. It is also convenient to Churches, Schools and Mills, and is divided into five fields. The land is in a fair state of cultivation.

A Peach Orchard of 1600 Trees
And 85 APPLE TREES,

five years old this fall. The Farm has been limed over twice, and some of it three times within a few years. The land is kind and easily improved, and grows all kinds of cereals well. Its location, being convenient to the County Town, and in the midst of a highly improved neighborhood, renders it a truly desirable estate.

The Improvements
consist of a
CONVENIENT BRICK HOUSE,



dry cellar, with Kitchen attached; Pump of excellent water at the door; a Spring House in good order, convenient and cool water, with necessary Out-Buildings. There is a never failing stream of water running through the Farm.

TERMS OF SALE.—The terms are one-half cash; the balance in five years, bearing interest from the day of sale.

jy17-7t. JOSEPH WALRAVEN.

HOUSE AND LOT
FOR SALE.

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

The improvements are a frame dwelling



with two rooms above and two below; a small Apple and Peach Orchard.

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

DAVID SHEPPERD,
June 19-tf. JACOB SHEPPERD.

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.

LAND LIME,
BUILDING LIME and HAIR,
For sale by LEVI FIDDIS, JR.,
ap16-3m. Chestertown.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE
—OF—
Valuable Real Estate.

BY virtue of a power contained in a mortgage from R. F. Meredith and wife, and Charlotte A. Meredith to Miss Sallie E. Sterett of Baltimore city, the undersigned as Agent and Attorney, will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, in the town of Church Hill, Queen Anne's county, State of Maryland, on

SATURDAY, the 14th of August, 1869,

between the hours of 1 and 3 o'clock, P. M.,

ALL THAT FARM

on which Wm. Whaley, Esq., resides as tenant for the present year, situate in Queen Anne's county aforesaid, on the public road from Church Hill to Chestertown, Kent county, and on the public road from Rolph's Wharf to Crumpton, adjoining the farms of B. S. Ford, John Brown and others, containing

175 ACRES,
AND THREE ROODS OF LAND:

This Farm is about two miles from Chestertown, and three miles from Church Hill, and about one and a half miles from Rolph's Wharf on Chester River, and is mostly inclosed by Plank and Chestnut fencing.

The Land is of fine quality, mostly improved land—arable with the exception of about SIXTEEN ACRES in

WOOD AND TIMBER.

IT HAS ON IT A
FINE YOUNG PEACH ORCHARD
(three years old next Spring,) of about ONE THOUSAND TREES.

Improvements:



One-story Frame Dwelling,
three rooms above and three rooms below, with Frame Kitchen attached; Granary, two Corn Houses, Carriage House and two Stables, Poultry and Meat House.

The farm is convenient to Church, Mill, Shop, Store House, School House and Landing.

Purchaser to have the privilege of preparing ground and seeding Wheat this Fall. Possession in full on the 1st of January, 1870.

TERMS OF SALE:—One thousand dollars in cash on the day of sale, and residue in three equal instalments of nine, eighteen and twenty-seven months from the day of sale, with interest on each instalment as it falls due, from the day of sale.

JOHN B. BROWN,
Agent and Att'y for Miss Sallie E. Sterett.
July 31, 1869—tds.

Newark Academy,
NEWARK, DELAWARE.

PROF. EDW. D. PORTER, A. M., PRINCIPAL.
A first-class Mathematical, Classical & Scientific
BOARDING SCHOOL
FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN,

will commence its one hundred and first Academic year September 1st, 1869.

☞ For full information send for Circular.
July 31, 1869—3m.

West Nottingham Academy.

ONE mile from Colora Station, on Phila. and Balt. Central Rail Road. Location healthy. The course of study extensive, embracing Classics, Mathematics, Modern Languages and Commercial course.

Surveying taught practically.

Expenses for board, tuition and washing for school year of ten months in English, $200.

Send for a Catalogue to
REV. S. A. GAYLEY, A. M.,
PRINCIPAL.
jy31-2m. Colora, Cecil county, Md.

Newark Female Seminary.

MISSES CHAMBERLAIN, PRINCIPALS.

The next scholastic year will commence Sept 1st. A limited number of boarders will be received. Circulars containing terms, sent on application to the Principals, Newark, Del.
July 17, 1869—tf.

Examination of Teachers.

AN EXAMINATION of Applicants for positions as Teachers of Public Schools, will be held at the Court House, on

FRIDAY, the 20th day of August, 1869,

commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M., and closing at three o'clock, P. M.

Applicants unknown to the Examiner must bring satisfactory certificates of character and habits of sobriety and morality.

W. F. MASSEY, Examiner.
July 31, 1869—3t.

Railroad Notice.

THE stockholders of the Kent County Railroad Company are hereby notified that an instalment of SIX DOLLARS AND TWENTY-FIVE CENTS PER SHARE OF STOCK has been called for by resolution of the Board of Directors of said Company, payable to the Treasurer on or before the First day of September next.

C. T. WESTCOTT, Sec'y.
July 10, 1869—8t.

Attention Peach Growers.

100,000 PEACH BOXES of every style, now on hand and for sale at cheapest prices in the State. Our manufacturing facilities enable us to undersell any other manufacturer. ALLEN & UPTON,
Steam Box Factory, Furniture Works, Planing Mill, No. 13 Granby st., near the Falls.
Lumber Yard, No. 56 West Falls Avenue.
July 10, 1869—1m*

To Land Buyers.

BEING well acquainted with the soil and location of Tide Water, Virginia, I offer my services, for the next three months, to accompany parties visiting the State with a view to purchase or lease.

ALEX. HOGG, Chestertown, Md.
Washington College, July 3, 1869.

REFERENCES:—Geo. B. Westcott, W. N. E. Wickes, Judge Wickes, J. A. Pearce, R. Hynson, T. W. Ellison, J. K. Hines, Hon. George Vickers. 3m.

To the Farmers of Kent County

THE undersigned is now prepared to fill your orders for

Fertilizers of all kinds,
STONE AND SHELL LIME.

Delivered at your nearest landing, on as reasonable terms as any other dealer in the county.

He is also agent for McConaughey's Patent Corn Dropper. Try it.

W. A. MUSGROVE,
m13-tf Locust Grove, Kent Co., Md.

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

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"DRILLING."

"Sweet Amy asked, with pleading eyes,
"Dear Charley, teach me, will you,
The words I've heard your captain say;
I should so like to drill you?"

"What, little one, you take command?
Well, Amy, I'm quite willing;
In such a company as yours
I can't have too much drilling.

"Stand over there, and sing out clear
Like this: Squad stand at ease!"
"O, Charley, you'll wake papa upstairs!
Don't shout like that, dear, please."

"I stand at ease, like this you see;
And then, I scarce need mention,
The next command you have to give
Is this one: "Squad attention!"

"Now, Amy, smartly, after me,
(You're sure, dear, it don't bore you?)
Forward—quick march—halt—front—Right dress—
There, now, I'm close before you.

"Present arms! Well it does look odd!
You don't believe I'd trifle?
We hold our arms out, just like this,
In drill without the rifle.

"Now say, 'Salute your officer!'
"O Charles, for shame! how can you?
I thought that you were at some trick,
You horrid, cheating man, you!"

Charles "ordered arms" without command;
She smoothed her rumpled hair,
And pouted, frowned, and blushed, and then
Said softly, "As you were!"

A Little Boy's Pocket.

Do you know what's in my pottet?
Such a lot of treasures in it!
Listen now, while I bedin it:
Such a lot of sings it hold,
And every sin dat's in my pottet,
And when, and where, and how I dot it.

First of all, here's in my pottet
A beauty shell—I picked it up;
And here's the handle of a tup
That somebody has broke at tea;
The shell's a hole in it, you see;
Nobody knows dat I dot it,
I keep it safe here in my pottet,

And here's my ball, too, in my pottet,
And here's my pennies, one, two, free,
That Aunt Mary gave to me;
To-morrow day I'll buy a spade,
When I'm out walking with the maid;
I can't put dat here in my pottet,
But I can use it when I've dot it.

Here's some more sings in my pottet!
Here's my lead, and here's my string,
And once I had an iron ring,
But through a hole it lost one day;
And this is what I always say—
A hole's the worst sin in a pottet,
Have it mended when you've dot it.

Fashionable Women.

Fashion kills more women than toil and sorrow. Obedience to fashion is a greater transgression of the laws of woman's nature, a greater injury to her physical and mental constitution, than the hardships of poverty and neglect.—The slave woman at her task will live and grow old, and see two or three generations of her mistresses fade and pass away. The washerwoman, with scarce a ray of hope to cheer her in her toils, will live to see her fashionable sisters all extinct. The kitchen maid is hearty and strong, when her lady has to be nursed like a sick baby.

It is a sad truth that fashion-pampered women are almost worthless for all the good ends of life; they have but little force of character; they have still less power of moral will, and quite as little physical energy. They live for no great purpose in life—they accomplish no great ends. They are dolls, formed in the hands of milliners and servants, to be dressed and fed to order. They dress nobody, they bless nobody, and save nobody. They write no books, they set no rich examples of virtue and woman's life. If they rear children, servants and nurses do all, save to conceive and give them birth. And when reared, what are they? What do they ever amount to, but weaker scions of the old stock. Who ever heard of a fashionable woman's child exhibiting any virtue and power of mind, for which it became eminent? Read biographies of our great and good men and women. Not one of them had a fashionable mother. They nearly all sprung from strong minded women, who had about as little to do with fashion as with the changing clouds.

A TRUTHFUL SKETCH.—Let a man fail in business, what a wonderful effect it has on his former creditors! Men who have taken him by the arm, laughed and chatted with him by the hour, shrug up their shoulders and pass on with a cold "How do you do?" Every trifle of a bill is hunted up and presented that would not have seen light for months to come but for the misfortune of the debtor. If it is paid, well and good; if not, the scowl of the sheriff, perhaps, meets him at the corner. A man that has never failed knows but little of human nature. In prosperity he sails along gently, wafted by favoring smiles and kind words from everybody. He prides himself on his name and spotless character, and makes his boast that he has not an enemy in the world. Alas! the change. He looks to the world in a different light when the reverses come upon him. He reads suspicion on every brow. He hardly knows how to move—or do this thing or the other, for there are spies about him, and a writ is ready for his back. To understand what kind of stuff the world is made of a person must be unfortunate and stop payment once in his lifetime. If he has kind friends then they are made manifest. A failure is a moral sieve; it brings out the wheat and shows the chaff. A man thus learns that words and pretended good-will does not constitute real friendship.

A NOBLE Lord once asked a clergyman at the bottom of the table, "Why the goose, if there was one, was always placed next to the parson?" "Really," said he, "I can give no reason for it; but your question is so odd that I shall never see a goose again without thinking of your lordship."

TATTLERS.

"Oh! could there in this world be found
Some little spot of happy ground,
Where the village pleasures might go round,
Without the village tattling,
How doubly blest that spot would be,
Where all might dwell in liberty,
Free from the bitter misery
Of gossip's endless prattling!"

Every community is cursed by the presence of a class of people who make it their business to attend to every body's business but their own. Such people are the meanest specimens of depraved humanity which all-wise Providence permits to exist on this cursed earth. It is well known that almost every person is sometimes disposed to speak evil of others; and tattling is a sin from which very few can claim to be entirely exempt. But the object of our present article is to speak of that distinct class of tattlers who make tale-bearing the constant business of their lives. They pry into the private affairs of every family in the neighborhood, they know the exact state of one neighbor's feelings toward another; they understand every body's faults, and no little blunder or misdemeanor ever escapes their vigilant watchfulness. They are particularly well posted up on everything connected with courtship and matrimony, know who are going to marry whom, and can guess the exact time when it will take place. They watch every movement of parties suspected of matrimonial intentions, and if there is the slightest chance to create a disturbance, excite jealousy, or "break up" a match, they take immediate advantage of it, and do all in their power to keep people in a constant state of vexation. They glide quietly from gentleman to lady, from mother to daughter, from father to son, and in the ears of all they pour their dark, bitter whispers of slander and abuse, and at the same time pretend to be the most sincere friend of those they talk to. Their black and nauseous pills of malicious slander are sugar coated with smiles and honeyed words of friendship.

Tattlers are confined to no particular class of society. They belong to all classes, and operate in all. We find them the rich and the poor—"upper ten" and the "lower million," in the church and out of it. They are people who have no higher ambition than to be well informed in regard to other people's private business, to retail scandal to their neighbors, and exult in fiendish triumph over the wounded feelings and bruised hearts of their innocent victims. Beauless old maids and childish matrons make the most accomplished scandal-mongers in the world. They seem to take to tattling from the promptings of a natural instinct, and they prosecute it with an energy that would do infernal honor to their great leader—the prince of darkness himself. Our contempt for such graceless creatures knows no bounds, and we can find no words in which to express its infamy. What punishment they deserve we can not know; but God knows, and as sure as his eternal justice reigns, they will receive a retribution proportioned to the magnitude of their offenses against the laws of God and the interests of humanity.

SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.—Nothing is so easy as to write, and preach, and talk of the obligations we are under to "do justly and walk humbly;" but it is altogether a different matter to write and talk simply by example. And yet, though the former be useful, how much more valuable and effective is the latter! What are the most beautiful essays on the cardinal virtues, compared with the excellency of a life in which these virtues exist? It was not alone the doctrines advanced with such dignified and persuasive eloquence by our Saviour Jesus Christ; nor the wonderful miracles performed by him, which made the hearts of men follow after Him; these were rendered doubly effectual by the examples which he set at all times, even under the most trying circumstances. And so it is now, in humble sense, by mere human hopes. Men may preach, and the world will listen; but profit comes by example. A parent, for instance, inculcates gentleness to his children by many sound precepts; but they see him treat his beast in a rude and angry manner, and, in consequence, his instructions are worse than lost, for they are neither heeded nor respected. His example, as a gentle and humane man, would have been sufficient for his children without one word or command.

FEW DRUNKARDS REFORM.—Facts show that of the vast army of the intemperate—of the 50,000 in our land, who are wending their way towards a drunkards doom, comparatively few are reformed—only here and there one is saved. The deceptive power of appetite and habit, like some evil spirit, blindfolds its captives, leading them speedily to utter ruin. Companions in dissipation, encourage and embolden one another, and present a united front against saving influence. Togethre they drown the voice of admonition in the cup, together they cheered the way to death with songs of revelry, and fortify their hearts against God and salvation by ridicule of true and serious things. Thus they are held fast under the bonds of iniquity. The mother sees her son in the path of the destroyer, and goes after him with prayers and pleading tears, but alas, the bands of sin have already grown too strong for the ties of filial affection.—*Christian Secretary.*

THE young man of the period says, there is one particularly good point in a voyage across the ocean, which is, that one can get as tight as he pleases every day, and everybody thinks he's only sea-sick.

BABIES are the coupons attached to the bonds of matrimony. The interest is due at random.

A Goose Story.

Three winters ago, on a stormy and tempestuous evening in autumn, a friend, then residing in Arkansas, had his attention attracted by a loud and singular noise in his yard. Going out, he saw a large flock of geese overhead, steadily winging their flight southward, and on the ground lay a large gray goose, seemingly in the agonies of death. On examination he found one of the wings broken, and the bird wounded in various places. From the nature of the injuries it was supposed to have been hurt in a squabble with its companions.

The gentleman brought all his surgical skill to bear on the wounded fowl, and with such success that it recovered rapidly. It became the general pet of the whole family, and mixed with the tame geese as if it had never known a wider circle than the farm pond and meadow. But at last, when the old season of migration rolled round again, instinct became too strong for the newly acquired civilization. The goose disappeared, to the distress of the household and the chagrin of its master, who blamed himself for not having secured it by cutting its wings.

Last fall, and again on a stormy night, the family were awakened by a terrible quacking and screeching, as if a million of geese were clamoring for admittance.

When they went out an immense flock of fowls seemed hardly ten yards from the ground, and in the centre of the yard stood twenty or thirty geese. Quacking a loud farewell, the main flock passed on, leaving the singular guests headed by the gray goose the farmer recognized as his old protege. He opened the door of the pen. The goose marched into her old quarters, followed by her brood. Next day the gentleman secured their stay by cropping their wings: and apart from a little restlessness at stated seasons, they have remained with him ever since.

The accuracy of this tale is not to be doubted, but the greatest singularity consists in these geese leaving the main flock in mid career, and being escorted to the chosen resting place.—*N. O. Times.*

THE SIAMESE TWINS.—The following gossip concerning the Siamese twins seems rather apochryphal, but we hand it round for the benefit of ethnological science:

"Chang belongs to the Good Templars, and is a hardworking and enthusiastic supporter of all temperance reforms.—But to his bitter distress every now and then Eng gets drunk, and, of course, that makes Chang drunk too. This unfortunate thing has been a great sorrow to Chang, for it almost destroys his usefulness in his favorite field of effort. As sure as he is to head a great temperance procession, Eng ranges up alongside of him, prompt to the minute and drunk as a lord; but yet no more dismally and hopelessly drunk than his brother, who has not tasted a drop. And so the two begin to hoot and yell, and throw mud and bricks at the Good Templars, and of course they break up the procession. It would be manifestly wrong to punish Chang for what Eng does, and therefore the Good Templars accept the untoward situation and suffer in silence and sorrow. They have officially and deliberately examined into the matter, and find Chang blameless. Tney have taken the two brothers and filled Chang full of warm water and sugar, and Eng full of whiskey, and in twenty-five minutes it was not possible to tell which was drunkest."

A STRANGE MANIAC FREAK.—A curious freak was that of a maniac in New Orleans, who imagined himself to be a goose. Having built a nest of straw, he filled it with brickbats and seated himself thereon, for the purpose, he said, of hatching some ducks. As any one approached he would stretch out his neck in the most approved style of that domestic fowl. The family of course were much annoyed, and tried every entreaty to induce him to change his position, but for a long time the answer would be a hiss. At last his mother approached him and said: "Oliver, you ain't a goose!" "I ain't?" "No, you are my poor dear son." "I know better." "Why, yes, you are. These are not eggs—they are brickbats!" "Don't I know? Didn't I lay 'em, and I mean to hatch 'em or die!" In despair his mother left him to hatch out his brickbats.

TO BE NOTED.—In a cloudy morning it is a matter of importance to the farmer to know whether it will be sunshiny or showery in the afternoon. If the ants have cleared their hole nicely, and piled the dirt up high, it seldom fails to indicate a clear day, though it may be cloudy until eleven o'clock in the forenoon. Spider webs will be very numerous about the tops of the grass and grain some cloudy mornings; and strict observation has shown the writer that these little weather-guessers seldom fail in their prediction of a fair day.

THE acquisition of riches seems from the beginning of time to have been one of man's universal passions. Many causes have tended to inspire it. In the hands of the good riches have been a blessing; but who will say that in the hands of the majority riches have not been a corrupter and a curse? Yet it is not money which is the root of all evil, but the *love* of money for its own sake, or merely for the luxuries and pleasures it can bring one's self. This feeling is the real curse of gold.

A LADY whose family were very much in the habit of making conundrums, was one evening asked by her husband, in an excited tone, "why are these doors always left open?" "I give it up," instantly replied the wife.

THE PERILS OF INCONSISTENCY.—Those politicians who have raised the cry of "manhood suffrage" in order to let the negro vote occasionally find themselves hampered by their own creed. Such is the present dilemma of the California republicans. While they have been insisting on the natural inalienable right of the Southern negro to vote, California has become flooded with Chinese immigrants. Against these new comers there is a prejudice much stronger and more unjust than the white Southerners ever entertained against the blacks. To secure votes at the next State election the California republicans subserviently cater to this antipathy. In their platform, while they reaffirm their old dogma about suffrage for the negro, they insert a plank opposing "Chinese suffrage in any form." This is a sweeping provision, which means, if anything, opposition to the Chinese voting *after* they have become naturalized, for no one proposes that they shall vote without naturalization. They would not only deprive the Chinese of the suffrage after that preparation, but they would commit the greater wrong of barring them out of the country, so giving the lie to all our boasts of being the refuge and asylum of the poor and oppressed of all nations. One of their resolutions recognizes the "power of the general government to restrict or prevent Chinese immigration by terminating our commercial relations with China;" although there is a hypocritical suggestion that "the closing of our ports, at present, against the Chinese would be injurious to the material interests of the coast, and a reproach upon the intelligence of the American people and contrary to the spirit of the age"—every word of which assertion is true, and convicts these time-serving politicians out of their own mouths of the great wrong and the suicidal stupidity of the exclusion which they threaten. We commend the inconsistencies and absurdities of the platform as a study to politicians in other parts of the country who are trying to accomplish the feat of sitting on two stools. Unless they have a better knack at it than the California republicans, they will come to the ground surely. No party can live long—and none deserves to—which thus publicly brands itself with hypocrisy. As an instance of the shameless humbug of which politicians in desperate pursuit of office may be guilty, we have seen nothing lately to surpass this platform of the California republicans, who have always bragged of their boundless philanthropy and unfettered spirit of progress.—*N. Y. Jour. Com.*

AN ENORMOUS FARM.—A Lafayette (Indiana) correspondent writes to the Cincinnati Gazette that there is a corn field in Benton county, Ind., of seven thousand acres, in good condition and growing splendidly. This field is to be found on the farm of Adams Earl, Esq., who resides in Lafayette. The same correspondent adds:

"Messrs. Earl and Fowler have a farm of thirty thousand acres in Benton county, in one body, well watered, and with permanent improvements, having one hundred and forty miles of hedge fence and sixty miles of board fence, thirty dwelling houses for tenants, three blacksmith shops, &c. To cultivate the corn lands one hundred and sixty-nine one and two horse plows were kept in daily use, and on the pasture lands forty-one hundred head of cattle are now feeding for the New York market, and will be shipped by rail. Messrs. Earl and Fowler give their personal supervision to the farm, besides attending to their separate interests, the former a jobbing merchant and the latter a banker."

A VERY talkative little girl used often to annoy her mother by making remarks about visitors that came to the house. On one occasion a gentleman was expected whose nose had been accidentally flattened nearly to his face. The mother cautioned the child to say nothing about this feature. Imagine her consternation when the little one suddenly exclaimed: "Ma, you told us to say nothing about Mr. Smith's nose. Why, he hasn't got any!"

A YOUNG man from the country went into a drug store the other day, and seeing people freely patronizing the soda fountain, at length stepped up and called for a drink of "that 'ere', for himself. After swallowing the foaming contents of the glass, and laying his money with a satisfied air upon the counter, he said, "mister, what do you call that stuff that bites so?" "That is soda water." "Well, I s'posed it was sweetened wind."

"GENTLEMEN," said a candidate, after having given his sentiments on the "Constitution," the "Monroe doctrine," and such like topics, "gentlemen," and he put his hand on the region of his heart, "these are my sentiments, the sentiments, gentlemen, of an honest man—ay, an honest politician; but, gentlemen and fellow-citizens, if they don't suit you, they can be altered!"

A REASON.—A minister was walking out one day, and passed two little boys, one of whom made a bow. As he turned back he heard the following amusing conversation:

"Why, John, didn't you know that was Parson M.?"

"Yes, of sourse I did."

"Why did you not make a bow to him?"

"Why, mother don't belong to his church."

A STORY is told of a German shoemaker who having made a pair of boots for a gentlemen of whose financial integrity he had considerable doubt, made the following reply to him when he called for the articles: "Der poots ish not quite done, but der beel ish made out."

A GOOD old Quaker lady, after listening to the extravagant yarn of a shopkeeper as long as her patience would allow, said to him, "Friend, what a pity it is a sin to lie, when it seems so necessary to thy happiness."

A DAUGHTER is almost always right when she endeavors to imitate her mother; but we do not think the mother is equally right when, at a certain period of life, she tries all she can to imitate her daughter.

A FRIEND asked a little girl: "Which do you love best, your cat or your doll?" The little girl thought some time before answering, and then whispered in the ear of her questioner: "I love my cat best, but please don't tell dolly."