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GEORGE VICKERS, JONATHAN HODGSON AND RICHARD C. JOHNSON,
VERSUS
WILLIAM C. MEGINNISS AND MARGARET MEGINNISS.

Bill on the Equity side of the Circuit Court for Kent county, as a Court of Equity, Jan. 4th, 1870.

THE object of this Bill is to procure a Decree to annul and set aside a Deed from William C. Meginniss to Margaret Meginniss, his wife, for a House and Lot of Land at Massey's Cross Roads, in Kent county, containing ten acres more or less, and to have a Trustee appointed to sell the same for the benefit of the complainants' creditors of the said William C. Meginniss.

The Bill states, that the said William C. Meginniss was indebted on Bond to the said George Vickers, one of the complainants, in the sum of $9,256.45, with interest from the first of January, 1868, on which bond the said Jonathan Hodgson and Richard C. Johnson are sureties: three-fourths of which said sum and interest on the whole sum was due on the 1st January, 1870, the remaining fourth to fall due the 1st July, 1871; that a judgment has been recovered against all the said obligors in the Circuit Court for Kent county; that the said William C. Meginniss being so indebted did on the 18th November, in the year 1868, by deed duly executed, acknowledged and recorded among the land records of Kent county, convey unto his wife, the said Margaret Meginniss, in fee, a lot of land at Massey's Cross Roads, in Kent county, consisting of four lots of four and a half acres each, with the buildings and improvements thereon, subject to a mortgage of $600 thereon to Margaret J. Hackett; that the said conveyance was fraudulent in fact and in law, and void because made direct to the wife, and intended to defraud the complainants, and especially the said sureties; that the said William C. Meginniss and Margaret Meginniss have left the State of Maryland and gone to reside in the State of Virginia, and now reside in the latter State, leaving the said bond and judgment unpaid, and that sufficient property of the said William C. Meginniss cannot be found to pay the said indebtedness, nor the portion thereof and interest that is now due, and that the said complainants have not adequate remedy at law.

It is thereupon adjudged and ordered, that the complainants by causing a copy of this order to be inserted in some newspaper published on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, once in each of four successive weeks before the tenth day of February next, give notice to the said absent defendants of the object and substance of this bill, and warn them to appear in this Court in person or by solicitor, on or before the tenth day of June next, to answer the premises and show cause if any they have why a decree should not pass as prayed.

JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
jan8-4t. JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

Ratification Notice.

JOHN RUSSELL AND OTHERS,
versus
SARAH L. RUSSELL & LEWIN L. RUSSELL.

On the Equity side of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Jan. 4th, 1870.

ORDERED by me, Jesse K. Hines, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, as a Court of Equity, that the sale made and reported by GEORGE VICKERS, Esq., Trustee in the above case be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the fifteenth day of March next, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published on the Eastern Shore of Maryland once in each of three successive weeks before the fifteenth day of February next. The report states the amount of sales to be $792.00.

JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.
True Copy,—Test:
jan8—4t. JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

Ratification Notice.

BENJAMIN F. WALMSLEY,
versus
SARAH A. BOYER AND OTHERS.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, sitting in Equity, October Term, 1869.

IT is hereby ordered that the sale made and reported by GEORGE VICKERS and D. JAMES BLACKISTON, Trustees for the sale of the real estate mentioned and described in the above entitled case, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shewn on or before the twelfth day of March next; Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the twelfth day of February next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $11,475.00. JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.
True Copy,—Test:
jan8-4t. JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

NEW JEWLERY,
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.

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, 1869—y.

UNDER SHIRTS and DRAWERS, from a common to a fine grade. Striped and col'd WOOL PLAID SHIRTS from Auction. Also a cheap lot of Fine Linen Bosom Shirts.
Nov. 6. L. S. FOWLER.

JAN. 8, 1870. JAN. 8, 1870.

PEOPLE'S STORE.

GREAT BARGAINS!
Great Reduction! Closing Out!
Cheapest Goods in Chestertown!

BEAUTIFUL POPLINS only 25 cts. per yard.
LARGE STOCK of FINE DRESS GOODS AT COST FOR CASH.
Cloaking Cloths $5.00 marked down to $3 50
A good article for $3.75 reduced to $2.50.
YARD WIDE MUSLINS ONLY 12½ cents.
Splendid article of RAG CARPET.
EXTRA OIL CLOTHS at Reduced Price.
BEST CITY MADE BOOTS for Men's & Boys.

BEST GOODS
FOR LADIES AND CHILDREN,
At Prices to suit the stringency of the Money Market.
CALL AND BE CONVINCED.
GREATEST BARGAINS from this date to Feb. 4th, 1870, ever offered in Chestertown!
COAL OIL only 25 cts. per gallon.
Respectfully,
WM. A. VICKERS.
Saturday, Jan. 8, 1870.

T. W. ELIASON & SON
INVITE THE ATTENTION OF BUYERS TO THEIR
NEW and ATTRACTIVE STOK OF
WINTER GOODS,
JUST RECEIVED,
AND FOR SALE AT LOW RATES.
Dec. 11, 1899.

New Seasonable Goods
AT KENNEDYVILLE.
C. W. WARREN,
HAS NOW IN STORE a large, well-selected stock of Seasonable
Dry Goods, Groceries, &c.,
bought on good terms, and will be sold as low, for cash or Produce, as they can be purchased anywhere in this county.
Ready-Made Clothing,
A LARGE STOCK, OF ALL KINDS, AT LOW PRICES.
MALLALIEU'S CELEBRATED
Cassimeres and Kerseys
IN GREAT VARIETY.
Call and see our Stock. No trouble to show Goods. C. W. WARREN,
Kennedyville, Jan. 15, 1870.

NEW GROCERY STORE.
SAMUEL L. RAWLEIGH
Has opened in the room formerly occupied by Mr. W. Hudgins (next door to Mr. Wm. Bacchus' corner,) a full assortment of
GROCERIES.
Such as COFFEE, SUGAR, LARD, FLOUR, MEAL, SYRUP, &c.
I am determined to sell at the very lowest prices, and solicit a share of public patronage.
Highest price paid for Country Produce.
jan8 3m. S. L. RAWLEIGH.

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 just below Mr. Thos. B. Hynson's.
jan8. RICHARD B. RUSSELL.

URIEVILLE GRIST AND SAW MILLS.
THE undersigned having rented the above well known Mills, takes this method of informing his friends and the public generally that he is now prepared to accommodate them in GRINDING and SAWING, having at both Mills competent and reliable men.
The Mills are in excellent condition for work, and all who favor him with their patronage may rely upon full justice in every respect being done them, and as good a turn-out of Grist as can be had at any Mill in the county.
jan8-2m. L. L. ROLLISON.

A CARD.
FINDING the general notices to settle thro' the County papers overlooked or disregarded, and a determination to give those indebted to me another opportunity to make amicable settlement, I shall send C. W. WHALAND (my son,) with full instructions to close my books. I expect to send with him a prompt and accurate accountant who will render him any assistance. My books must be closed to the 21st day of January last, when I associated with Dr. Perkins. My duty demands it.
d18-tf. T. H. WHALAND.

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

J. BELL & BRO., Buck Neck Wharf,
Agents for the
Celebrated Weed Family Favorite SEWING MACHINE.
Send for circulars and samples. n20.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF
REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY.
BY virtue of the power vested in the undersigned by the mortgage from B. B. Boyd to John W. Hines, bearing date on or about the 18th day of November, 1868, and recorded among the land records for Kent county in Liber J. K. H., No. 7, folios 438, &c., he will offer at public sale, on
TUESDAY,
THE FIRST DAY OF FEBRUARY, 1870,
at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Voshell House in Chestertown, all those several
TRACTS or PARCELS OF LAND,
situate, lying and being in Kent county, State of Maryland, on the North side of the public road from Chestertown to Millington, containing
107 Acres of Land,
MORE OR LESS.
It is the farm on which Mr. B. B. Boyd now resides, and is most eligibly located in a thrifty and healthy neighborhood, convenient to Mills, Churches, Schools, &c., to the Kent Co. Rail Road now completed to Kennedyville; to a public Landing on Chester river, and not more than six miles from Chestertown. Nearly the whole farm is arable, and is divided into four fields. The soil is good and has been highly improved by the very free use of lime.
The Improvements
ARE A
FRAME DWELLING
and the usual OUT-BUILDINGS in fair order.
And on SATURDAY, Jan. 29th, 1870,
at 10 o'clock, A. M., and on the farm just described, under and by virtue of, the aforesaid power, the undersigned will offer at public sale the following Personal property:
SIX HEAD OF
HORSES,
Young and valuable; 1 Bay Colt,
TWO YOKE OF OXEN,
TWO COWS;
1 REAPER, 2 OX-CARTS, 1 MOWER
1 four-horse Wagon and Harness, and one Wheat Rake.
This property, real and personal, will be sold under the terms prescribed in the aforesaid mortgage, which are cash.
RICHARD HYNSON.
Jan. 8, 1870—ts.

Trustee's Sale.
BY VIRTUE of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, as a Court of Equity, the undersigned as Trustee will offer at public sale to the highest bidder, on
Monday, Feb. 7th, 1870,
at 11 o'clock, A. M., at the Railroad Hotel, kept by J. A. James, in the town of Millington, Kent county, Maryland, the
Western Side or One-half part of the Double
BRICK HOUSE
and Kitchen, standing on the Northern side of Cypress Street, in said town of Millington, with Meat House, Stable, and one-half of the Barn, and also the Garden attached, being the property which was conveyed by Richard Millington to Annie E. Blackiston, and now owned by her. Edwin Crouch, Jr., occupies the premises.
TERMS OF SALE:—Cash on the day of sale or in sixty days thereafter, at the option of the Trustee.
GEORGE VICKERS, TRUSTEE.
Jan. 15, 1870—ts.

Dwelling House on High St.,
FOR SALE OR RENT.
THE subscriber offers at private sale, or for rent for the present year, the DWELLING HOUSE on High Street, in Chestertown, occupied the past year by Mr. E. T. Willis. The house is very eligibly located near the river, and in a very desirable neighborhood. There is a fine Garden, and a Pump of good drinking water in the yard.
The terms will be made accommodating.
jan8-tf. J. W. HINES.

Confectionery, Toys, &c.
JAMES H. SMITH,
HAS NOW IN STORE
A Large and General Assortment of Goods in his line, embracing
CONFECTIONERY of ALL KINDS,
and of the best quality.
A Handsome Stock of TOYS,
SUITABLE FOR PRESENTS.
Beautiful CHINA & GLASSWARE
Such as Vases, Pitchers, Toilet Sets, Perfume Bottels, large and small DOLLS, &c.
Also, Lamps and Chimneys, Hair Brushes, Combs, &c. Tobacco and Segars. Oranges, Lemons and Apples, Canned Fruit, Pickles, Chow Chow, French Mustard, Jellies, Tammarinds, Pepper Sauce, &c. Call and see for yourselves. Dec. 11, 1869.

General Jobbing and Carpentering
DONE BY
ARTHUR J. TOULSON.
SHOP over the Blacksmith Shop, near the Foundry. Particular attention paid to mending broken Tables and Furniture. Will also neatly varnish the same if desired. Venitian Blinds neatly repaired and hung. Desks, Wardrobes, Tables, Stands, Ironing Boards, Lap Boards, Clothes Racks, Gates, &c., made to order. Also, Saw Filing.
Patronage solicited. jan8-3m.

BOOT and SHOE
MANUFACTURING.
THE undersigned having removed to and opened a BOOT AND SHOE STORE on High Street adjoining the millinery store of Mrs. C. R. Fiddis, is prepared to make in the best workmanlike manner, Ladies and Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes of all styles.
My old customers and the public generally are invited to give me a call.
jan8-tf. JOHN A. FIDDIS.

PURCHASERS looking for
Cheap and Serviceable
PANTS STUFF FOR WINTER WEAR,
should not fail to call at
L. S. FOWLER'S,
and examine his stock of Jeans, Sheeps Grey's Kerseys and Cassimeres, which he offers at low prices for the times. Nov. 6.

BLANKETS—white and colored—at prices to compete with any Store on the Shore,
Oct. 9. at W. A. VICKERS'.

A Bird Song.

A little bonnie bird I know,
With breast more soft than elderdown;
A dress she wears of dappled brown,
And sings with sweeter tone, I trow—
Ah! sweeter far this birdie sings
Than all the birds the summer brings;
And yet her song is only this:
"I love you papa!" then a kiss.

Not tenderest song of nightingale,
Nor sparkling trills and gurgling gush
Of joy from velvet-throated thrush,
Nor brilliant pipe of mottled quail,
Nor tuneful plaint of whip-poor-will,
The measure of her song can fill;
And yet her song is only this;
"I love you papa!" then a kiss.

First Love.

I had just donned my first tail-coat,
My whiskers had but started,
When Araminta crossed my path,
And left me broken-hearted.
I fancied she had auburn hair,
('Twas more like new-burnt bricks,)
Her favorite was "number one,"
Her gaiter number six.

But as I pressed her freckled hand,
(A rather clumsy seven,)
I shut my eyes—bade earth farewell,
And dreampt I was in heaven.
I vowed she was etherial,
An angel or a saint;
I madly kissed her blushing cheek,
Alas! the blush was paint.

And when another she espoused,
And asked *me* to the bridal,
My brain was turned, my spirit crushed,
My thought was suicidal.
But somehow with another now,
I share connubial joys,
And she—a buxom widow—has
A dozen red-haired boys.

LEISURE is never so enjoyable as when it comes unexpectedly, like the visit of a long absent friend. And to be sweet it must be short. Too much of it palls upon the appetite. Luxurious as a warm bath it is also as enervating. He who finds himself suddenly possessed of leisure in great plenty will do well to dispose of the bulk of it as soon as possible by setting himself something to do. Systematized activity is one of the best preservatives against "dull care." Leisure is but a sauce of life, which helps to make work more palatable and digestable—the one apart from the other soon becomes disgusting. Men of leisure, as they are called, are most commonly restless, fidgety, and unhappy men. The kindest thing which can be done to them is to deprive them, if possible, by hook or crook, of the greater part of their leisure. At first sight it does not seem so, but a very short experience will prove that it is so. Much leisure infers the absence of a purpose, and life without a purpose is a perpetual burden.

SLANDER.—Yet, you pass it along whether you believe it or not. And that one sided whisper against the character of a virtuous female or an honorable man, "you don't believe it," but you will use your influence to bear up a false report and pass it on the current. Strange creatures are men and women. How many reputations have been lost by surmise.—How many hearts have been blest by whispers. How many benevolent deeds have been chilled by the shrug of a shoulder. How many individuals have been shunned by a gentle, mysterious hint.—How many chaste bosoms have been wrung with grief by a single nod. How many graves have been dug by false report. Yet you will pass the slander along. You will keep it above water by a wag of your tongue, when you might sink it forever. Destroy the passion for tale-telling. Lisp no word that will injure the character of another, and, as far as you are concerned, the slander will die.

ITS' DARK.—The following beautiful sentiments are from Meister Karl's Sketch Book, entitled the "Night of Heaven."—It is full of touching tenderness:

"It is dark when the honest and honorable man sees the result of years swept cruelly away by the knavish, heartless adversary. It is dark when he feels the clouds of sorrow gather round and knows that the hopes and happiness of others are fading with his own. But in that hour the memory of past integrity will be a true consolation, and assure him even here on earth of gleams of light in Heaven. It is dark when the dear voice of that sweet child once fondly loved, is no more heard around in murmurs. Dark when the pattering feet no more resound without the threshold, or ascend step by step up stairs. Dark when some well known air recalls the strains once oft attuned to childish voice now hushed in death! Darkness; but only the gloom which now heralds the day spring of immortality, and the infinite light of Heaven.

THE LESSON OF CHILDREN.—Children may teach us one blessed, one enviable art—the art of being easily happy. Kind nature has given them that useful power of accommodation to circumstances which compensates for many external disadvantages, and it is only by judicious management that it is lost. Give him but a moderate portion of food and kindness, and the peasant's child is happier than the duke's; free from artificial wants, unsatiated by indulgence, all nature ministers to his pleasure; he can carve felicity from a bit of twig, or fish for it successfully in a mud puddle.

A "RING" WEDDING came off in New York last week, and each member of that organization gave a present to the bride. A house, furnished, was one of the gifts; besides which three sides of a large room were occupied by tables, upon which were three or four $10,000 checks, a solid service of silver, diamonds, jewels, and costly articles of manufacture exceeding description. A number of detectives were present to guard the costly array.—The presents it is said exceed $200,000.

My Second Wife.

BY SAMMY SKINNER.

When I married my second wife she was dreadful set about going off on a bridal tour. I told her she had better wait six months or a year, and I'd try to go with her; but she said she'd rather go alone—when a woman was travelling a man was an out and out humbug.

So I gave her seventy-five cents, and told her to go off and have a good time. I never begrudge money where my wife's happiness is concerned. My first wife never could complain of not going anywhere, for I'm dreadful fierce to go off on a good time myself, and always was. I won't pretend to say how many times I took her out to see the engine squirt, and there was no end to the free lectures I let her go to. The neighbors used to say, "It does beat all how the Skinners do go!"

When Signor Blitz was in Slunkville, with his wonderful Oanaries, he gave my wife a complimentary ticket. I not only sold that ticket for my wife, but I gave her half the money. I don't boast of it, though; I only mention it to show how much I thought of my wife's happiness.

I don't think any man ought to get married till he can consider his wife's happiness only second to his own. John Wise, a neighbor of mine, did thusly, and when I got married I'd do like Wise.

But the plan didn't work in the case of my second wife. No, I should say not. I broached the subject kindly.

"Matilda," I said, "I suppose you are aware that I am your lord and master?"

"Not much you ain't," said she.

"Mrs. Skinner," I replied, "you are fearfully demoralized. You need reorganizing at once. You are cranky."—And I brandished my new sixty-two cent umbrella wildly around her.

She took the umbrella away from me, and locked me up in the clothes-press.

I am quick to draw an inference, and the inference I drew here was that I was not a success as a reorganizer of female women.

After this, I changed my tactics. I let her have her own way, and the plan worked to a charm from the very first. It's the best way of managing a wife that I know of. Of course this is between you and me.

So when my wife said she was bound to go off on a bridal tour anyhow, I cordially assented. "Go Matilda," said I, "and stay as long as you want to, then if you feel as though you would like to stay a little while longer, stay, my dear, stay."

She told me to stop talking, and go up stairs and get her red flannel night-cap, and that bag of pennyroyal for Aunt Abigail.

My wife is a very smart woman. She was a Baxter, and the Baxters are a very smart family indeed. Her mother, who is going on eighty, can fry more slapjacks now than half these primped up city girls, who rattle on the pianos, or else walk the streets with their furbelows and fixings, pretending to get mad if a young chap looks at 'em pretty hard, but getting mad in earnest if you don't take any notice of them at all.

Ah! girls ain't what they used to be when I was young, and the fellows are worse still. When I went courting, for instance, I never thought of staying till after ten o'clock and only went twice a week. Now they go seven nights in a week, and cry because there ain't eight. Then they write touching notes to each other during the day:

"Dear George, do you love me as much now as you did at quarter past twelve last night. Say you do, dearest, and it will give me courage to go down to dinner and tackle them cold beans left over from yesterday."

Well, well, I suppose they enjoy themselves, and it ain't for us old folks, whose hearts have got a little callousing by long wear, to interfere. Let them get together and court if they like it, and I think they do. I was forty-seven when I courted my present wife, but it seemed just as nice to sit on a little cricket at her feet, and let her smooth my hair, as it did thirty years ago.

As I said before, my wife is a very smart woman; but she couldn't be anything else, and be a Baxter. She used to give lectures on Woman's Rights, and in one place where she lectured, a big college conferred the title of L. L. D. upon her. But she wouldn't take it.

"No, gentlemen," said she, "give it to the poor."

She was always just so charitable. She gave my boys permission to go barefooted all winter, and insisted upon it so much in her kind way that they couldn't refuse.

She fairly dotes on my children, and I've seen her many a time go to their trowsers pocket and take out their pennies after they'd got to sleep, and put them in her bureau drawer for fear they might lose them.

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I started to tell you about my wife's bridal tour, but the fact is, I never could find out much about it myself. I believe she had a good time. She came back improved in health, and I found out before she was in the house twenty-four hours, that she'd gained also in strength. I don't say how I found it out. I simply say I found it out.

In conclusion, I would say to all young men: Marry your second wife first, and keep out of debt by all means, even if you have to borrow money to do it.

A western editor suspended the publication of his paper for one week for the purpose of trying his hand at poetry; and after a long and laborious trial, he brought forth the following:

"Tain't every man can be a poet.
No more'n a sheep can be a go-at!"

Two Meals a Day.

If any man or woman of forty-five or over, not engaged in hard manual labor, especially the studious, sedentary and indoor livers, would take but two meals a day for one month, the second not being later than three in the afternoon, and absolutely nothing afterwards, except it might be in some cases an orange or lemon, or cup of warm drink, such as tea, broma, sugar-water or ice-cream, there would be such a change for the better in the way of sound sleeping, a feeling, on waking, of having rested, an appetite for breakfast, a buoyancy of disposition during the day, with a geniality of temper and manner, that few, except the animal and glutton, would be willing to go back to the flesh pots of Egypt. "Ben Wade," as he is frequently called, one of the political lions of the west, has taken but two meals a day for twenty years, and if all sedentary persons, those who are in doors a greater part of their time, would, after the age of forty-five, observe the same inflexible rule, there can be no doubt, other things being equal, that long years of happy exemption from the ordinary ills of life would be the result. The reason is that the stomach would have time to rest for recuperation, and would thus be able to perform its part more thoroughly, making purer blood, giving better sleep and securing good appetite for breakfast. Let any man try it for ten days, taking the second meal seven hours after the first, and abandon the practice if he can.—*Hall's Journal of Health.*

A WOMAN MARRIES TWO WIVES.—A strange disclosure has been made at Etherly, near Bishop Ankland, by the death of a woman who has for the past fifty years resided in that neighborhood and married two wives. It is said that she came from Scotland fifty years ago in the guise of a young man and obtained employment at one of the collieries, at which she worked as one of the men for some time, and paid her addresses and ultimately married, a servant girl living at the village inn.—After her marriage she relinquished working at the pit, and commenced to make besoms, yellow clay balls and pipe clay rubbers, which she and her partner vended in the neighboring villages. They had lived together twenty-three years, when the wife died, and the reputed husband professed to lament her loss very much, but at length the grief wore off, and she married a second wife, with whom she lived a number of years, but not on the most affectionate terms, and eventually by mutual consent they separated.—For some time the woman had lain on a bed of sickness, and been dependent upon some kind neighbors, whom, however, she always prevented coming too near her. The other day she died, and then the discovery of her sex was made. The deceased woman gave her name as Josiah Charles Stevenson, and she has often been heard to speak of being heir to some property about Berwick-on-Tweed, but had no money to go and claim it. Many strange stories are told in connection with this singular individual's history.

MEDICINAL PROPERTY OF CELERY.—A correspondent of the Practical Farmer says:

"I have known as many men, and women too, who, from various causes, had become so much affected with nervousness that when they stretched out their hands they shook like aspen leaves on windy days—and by a daily moderate use of the blanched foot stalks of the celery leaves as a salid they become as strong and as steady in limbs as other people. I have known others so very nervous that the least annoyance put them in a state of agitation, and they were almost in constant perplexity and fear, who were effectually cured by a daily moderate use of blanched celery as a salad at meal times. I have known others cured by using celery for palpitation of the heart."

A COUNTRY school teacher, who was a tanner by trade, required his pupils to write a verse of poetry every week.—Among his pupils some were wits and others very dull. One of the latter commenced his verse with

The children of Israel wanted bread,
And the Lord sent them manna;

Here he was stuck, but the boy at his elbow finished it by writing

And our school wanted a fool,
And the devil sent us a Tanner.

HENRY WARD BEECHER, returning from church one Sunday, passed a number of specimens of "Young America" amusing themselves with a game of marbles, mixed with fancy swearing. "My boy," said Mr. B. to an interesting youth of eight years—"my boy, I am frightended." "Are you?" answered buttons, quite naively; "why the devil don't you run then?"

A COUNTRY girl coming from the field, was told by her cousin that she "looked as fresh as a daisy kissed with dew."—"Well, it wasn't any feller by that name, but it was Steve Jones that kissed me;—I told him that every one in town would find it out."

"I WILL consent to all you desire," said a young female to her lover, "on condition that you will give me what you have not, what you never can have, and yet what you can give me." What did she ask for? A husband.

A SOUTHERN exchange tells of a negro who insisted that his race was mentioned in the Bible. He said he heard the preacher read about how "Nigger Demus wanted to be born again."

VERY NEAR—

Stranger, do you wish to know
Why we've no blue in English skies?
'Twas stole from heaven long ago,
And given to our maidens' eyes.

Corruption at Washington.

A Washington correspondent of the New York *Sun* (Rep.) writes as follows:

The spread of corruption here is appalling. It has invaded the highest places. Such opportunities through class and special legislation never existed before, and, they have been improved without stint by distinguished members of both branches of Congress. Fifty or more men might be named without the least effort, who came to Washington poor only a few years ago, and who are now rolling in great wealth. It is hardly necessary to inquire how these sudden and large fortunes have been acquired. Enormous railroad grants, whiskey taxes, banks, tariffs, and the like, furnish the explanation. In former times political and personal agencies were employed to exert influence in Congress for special objects. They are now almost entirely discarded, unless they be of the gentler sex, who have become "claim agents," and whose exercise of that calling provokes more than criticism in the lobbies, which they unbecomingly haunt.

In all the big things Congressmen of supposed power, and who are open to conviction upon the principle so broadly announced by Sir Robert Walpole, will admit of no immediate agency. They are frank enough to demand the price of co-operation, and to insist upon the conditions of the bond, even to the last ounce of flesh. Hence, we see them making costly voyages to Europe, setting up grand establishments here, driving fast horses, sporting fine carriages, and affecting the airs of court life.

There is what is called a ring of chairmen in the Senate. As the chairman has power to call the committee together, and to exercise exceptional influence in many ways, he is necessarily the organ of its authority, and often, by a sort of conventional rule, the director of its opinion. Hence such places are sought with unusual zeal, not only for their prominence, but for their advantages. There is a sort of tacit understanding among these chairmen generally (to which there are exceptions of course,) that one shall not oppose any project particularly pressed by another. In this way multitudes of corrupt schemes are carried, because the chairman who is favored to-day reciprocates the courtesy to-morrow, when some other job is to be hurried through. No questions are asked. The committee report the concealed roguery. That is sufficient. A law is made, one or more Senators are enriched, and the Treasury is robbed.—But these are patriots all, and preeminently Radical, else they could not be chairmen. Look around that chamber and remark the pursy demagognes who have grown proud, pretentious, and wealthy, by shouting for freedom, bleeding Kansas, on to Richmond, and reconstruction. Their shouts, like the mantle of charity, cover all sins with the faithful; and the greater the knave the louder the shout. The noblest of causes has suffered by an organized venality, which has had no parallel in history.

THE Springfield *Republican*, which is understood to be the organ of Judge Hoar, explains the failure of the Senate to confirm his nomination to the Supreme Court bench by the alleged fact that while he has held the position of Attorney-General he has steadfastly refused to permit Senators to dictate to him what appointments he should make in his own department.—Candidates for the Senate who gained their elections by promising to procure the post of marshal for one of their supporters, or that of district-attorney for another, have been made indignant by finding that the Attorney-General preferred to select his own subordinates for himself. If this be true, it is exceedingly creditable to Judge Hoar, and amply explains the reason of his rejection.

FREE NEWSPAPER CIRCULATION.—Acting upon a suggestion contained in the report of the Postmaster General, Hon. J. Lawrence Getz, the Democratic member of Congress from Berks, offered a resolution the other day which looks to the abolition of the franking privilege, and the transmission of newspapers through the mails free of postage. The motion was referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads. The Postmaster General expresses his belief that the department could very well afford to extend this boon to the people, if the iniquitous and burthensome franking privilege was abolished. It would be a popular movement. The present system puts subscribers to newspapers to considerable inconvenience, and is a tax on the spread of the most valuable means of enlightenment. Let the people have cheap newspapers and they can very well dispense with the tons of buncomb speeches and other trash which is now carried in the mails costing five millions dollars a year.

ANNEXATION OF THE ISLAND OF SAN DOMINGO TO THE UNITED STATES.—As already stated, the President on Monday transmitted to the Senate, in executive session, the Samana Bay lease and the San Domingo annexation treaties. Speaking of the people of the island, a correspondent of the New York Times says:

"Both sexes on the island are noted for their strength, endurance and longevity. The population is now not over 150,000, though the Dominicians claim more. Though the government is substantially a white government, there is no distinction of caste or color. Baez's chief of staff, Guielermo, is a colored man and so is the collector of the port of San Domingo. The Catholic church prevails, though other denominations are tolerated. At San Domingo there has been a Methodist chapel for twenty-four years, and on Samana Bay, among the blacks, there is a Methodist church of several hundred members. The people and government of San Domingo are entirely willing to become part of the United States. The bargain is not the great object with them; it is the protection of a strong government which is to render them peaceful and prosperous."

"I WISH you'd not give me such short weight for my money," said a customer to a grocer, who had an outstanding bill against him. "And I wish you wouldn't give me such a long wait for mine," replied the grocer.

Horace Greeley resolved in 1828 that he would never drink another drop of liquor, and he has stuck to his pledge ever since.