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ADVERTISEMENTS occupying the space of eight lines brevier type, will be inserted three times for One Dollar, and twenty-five cents for each subsequent insertion. Obituaries half price.

Job Printing of every description executed with neatness and dispatch.

K. N. R.

ATTENTION!

1st

To my LARGE AND VARIED STOCK OF GOODS, embracing the largest and best assortment of all descriptions. It would be impossible to enumerate the various kinds and qualities that I keep, and the only way to find out is to give me a call, and save money by buying of me for the Cash!

2d

To my fall and beautiful line of CASIMERES, bought to match in suits; together with an assortment of BEAVER & FRENCH CLOTHS for Overcoats: and to the fact that Mr. E. J. MOLINEAS, Fashionable Tailor, formerly of Philadelphia, now occupies rooms over my Store. I am therefore prepared to furnish to order CLOTHING of all styles, to suit the most fastidious.

3d

I am agent for the justly celebrated **Grover & Baker Sewing Machines,** which I keep constantly on hand in a room fitted up for the purpose, where they are open for inspection to all that wish to purchase.—This Machine is so well and favorably known that it needs nothing but an examination to accomplish a sale.

4th

Lastly, I call the attention of my customers to my complete

STOCK OF LIQUORS,

consisting in Whiskey, Brandy, Wine, Gin, &c., which I will keep constantly on hand until further notice. Especial attention is called to my superior Old Cognac Brandy, Holland Gin and pure Rye Whiskey, which I bought expressly for Medical purposes and family use.

Any of the above articles can be bought cheap for cash at

E. W. PURNELL'S, GALENA, MD.

N. B.—Country Produce, and Poulty dressed for the Philadelphia market, taken in exchange for merchandise, or the cash.
Nov. 13, 1869—tf.

NEW

Cheap Cash Store!

IN GALENA!

THOMAS H. HORSEY.

"Come one! come all! this rock shall fly
From its firm base as soon as I."
Fitz James spoke thus to Rhoderic Dhu,
And so kind friends will say to you

THAT WE INTEND TO SELL

Goods as Cheap as they can be bought in Kent!

We now offer to the public at LOW RATES for CASH or Country Produce, a general assortment of GOODS just purchased from NEW YORK and PHILADELPHIA.

OUR STOCK OF DRY GOODS IS HARD TO BEAT.

Always on hand a full supply of

Family Groceries and Choice Liquors

A well selected stock of BOOTS & SHOES, HATS AND CAPS, HOSIERY AND GLOVES, Builders' and Housekeeping HARDWARE, QUEENS, STONE and CEDAR WARE a full stock in this line to suit all tastes.

Ladies' Dress Goods, WHITE GOODS, Notions and Trimmings, we make a speciality.

Mallalieu's Kerseys and Cassimeres very cheap. Turner's Celebrated AXES just received.

NO TROUBLE TO SHOW GOODS.

Give us a call and we'll suit you all.
oc30tf. THOS. H. HORSEY.

Ratification Notice.

KENT NATIONAL BANK, VERSUS HENRIETTA L. SPENCER AND OTHERS.

On the Equity Side of the Circuit Court for Kent county, Jan. 10th, 1870.

ORDERED by me, Jesse K. Hines, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, that the sales made and reported by George Vickers and Richard Hynson, Trustees for the sale of the Real Estate of the late Samuel W. Spencer, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the seventeenth 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 prior to the seventeenth day of February next. The report states the amount of sales to be $22,116.00.

JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

True Copy—Test:
jan15-4t. JESSE K. HINES, Clerk.

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.

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.

PARASOLS, UMBRELLAS, NOTIONS, FANCY GOODS, HARDWARE and CUTLERY, now opening at VICKERS'. Goods at reduced prices—shewn with pleasure. May 29.

TREES, PLANTS, AND VINES.

MY friends and customers will please recollect that I am still in the market, with a large and extensive assortment of

NURSERY STOCK.

PEACH TREES, and SMALL FRUIT PLANTS specialities.

N. BARNARD, Still Pond, Md.
Jan. 15—3m.*

FRUIT GROWERS LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST.

I am still in the market with a LARGE and GENUINE ARTICLE OF

FRUIT TREES,

Such as PEACH, grown in New Jersey by Pullen and Bilyeau, and DWARF, grown in New York, and the different varieties of Small fruits, such as RASPBERRY, BLACKBERRY, STRAWBERRY, GRAPES, and in fact every variety grown in a first class Nursery.

My Peach will compare in quality and genuineness with any in the U. S. In regard to Mr. S. G. Bilyeu's Fruit, we will offer Col. E. Wilkins as a reference. Among our list of Peaches we have three prime varieties of late Peach, two of them white with a beautiful blush, ripening with Smock, being much larger, and in color there is no comparison. We have a fine stock of the Salway, which is ten days later than Smock or Heath, a very fine size round Peach, with beautiful blush and perfectly free to the seed—the buds Mr. Bilyeu went to Europe to procure. Two other varieties are Keyport White and Steven's Rareripe.

I think I can furnish anything in the Nursery line as cheap and as good, and on as good terms as any other man in the county. From an experience of ten years in Nursery stock, I flatter myself I can furnish any article that can be procured from any other source. Feeling very thankful for past patronage, I still ask for a continuance of the same.

Any information concerning any of the different varieties gladly given by letter.

Please address JOSEPH C. RASIN,
d4tA1. Still Pond, Kent county, Md.

TO PEACH GROWERS.

The subscriber has for sale about *Thirty Thousand PEACH TREES,* of the best varieties. Trees warranted to be of the variety represented. Orders solicited.

ROBERT NICHOLSON,
Oct. 16—tf. near Hanesville.

FOR SALE, 60,000 PEACH TREES, of prime quality, and very best orchard varieties. Also, 200,000 Osage Orange Quicks of superior growth. F. H. TAYLOR,
s4tf. Galena, Kent county, Md.

LOOK HERE! LOOK HERE!

Look Here!

STANLEY & SON,
Opposite the Kent National Bank,

Are receiving a large and well selected stock of

NEW FURNITURE,

which they will sell at the lowest rates for CASH. They have ONE PRICE ONLY for their goods, and sell to all alike. Give them a call before purchasing elsewhere.

UNDERTAKING.

We are still engaged in the undertaking business, and are prepared to execute all orders in that line at the shortest notice, and will guarantee satisfaction both in price and quality of work. STANLEY & SON,
d18-3m. Chestertown.

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.

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.

TO THE TAX-PAYERS Of the First District.

HAVING concluded that the taxable citizens of the First District may have forgotton that they owe taxes for 1869, I beg leave to remind them of that fact—and that unless they show some evidence of a disposition to pay them, I shall at an early day avail myself of the comfort of the law.

For the convenience of Tax Payers I will be at the following places on the days named:

At Galena on Mondays.
At Masseys on Wednesday mornings.
At Sassafras on Wednesday afternoons.
At Chesterville on Saturday mornings.
At Millington on Saturday afternoons.
oc23-tf. E. E. MILLER, Collector.

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

Farmers Look to Your Interest

AT THE

Galena Machine Shops

By W. A. HYLAND & CO.,

YOU CAN GET REAPERS, MOWERS, THRESHERS, HORSE POWERS, JACKS, CORN SHELLERS, CULTIVATORS, CULTIVATOR TEETH and PLOWS.

We have on hand about 15 TONS OF CASTINGS as good as can be bought in the State.

Also, ONE-HORSE POWERS, suitable for shelling Corn and other light work; a No. 1 article, as tested by some of our best Farmers.

REPAIRING of all kinds neatly and promptly attended to.

Old Iron wanted at market prices.

GIVE US A CALL. "Good Work and Fair Dealing" is our motto.

jan29 10m. W. A. HYLAND & CO.

Very Cheap Goods!

L. S. FOWLER

BEING desirous of reducing his stock of Goods still further, would especially invite the attention of all persons wishing to buy anything in his line

VERY CHEAP.

Needing money more than he does Goods, he will SELL AT A SACRIFICE FOR THE NEXT TWENTY DAYS.

A good stock of HATS is offered for sale very cheap, as he intends to close them out at prices to suit customers.

HARDWARE for Builders and others, is offered very low. Locks, Hinges, Bolts, Screws, Shutter Fasteners, Nails, Finishing Nails, Malleable Nails, Hinge Nails, Gate Hooks, Files, Hatchets, Augers, &c., *will be sold very cheap.*

WORSTED HOODS, Breakfast SHAWLS, Sontags, Children's Caps, and Ladies' Merino Vests, will be sold at reduced prices, by
Jan. 22. 1870. L. S. FOWLER.

Steam Mill in Chestertown.

THE subscriber having leased and put in complete order the STEAM MILL in Chestertown, is prepared to exchange or grind for the usual toll, all Wheat or Corn which may be sent or consigned to him, and promises to perform his duties with faithfulness and dispatch.

He will be at the Steamboat every day on her arrival and take charge of any grain sent to him, grind the same and have it put back on said boats, without charge for cartage.

He solicits a fair share of the public patronage and promises to give satisfaction to those who favor him with their custom.
jan29-3m. E. C. REICHE.

AGENT WANTED

EMPIRE MUTUAL Life Insurance Co., OF NEW YORK.

BRANCH OFFICE:—22 SECOND STREET, Opposite Post Office, Baltimore.

No restrictions upon residence, occupation, or travel.

All policies nonforfeitable and absolutely incontestable, after second premium.

Those contemplating Life Insurance will find themselves amply recompensed, in the end, by sending for free circular, &c. Persons of any honorable profession, or occupation having leisure hours, they wish to employ profitably, would do well to address,

A. PROSEUS, General Agent.
j15-2m. Baltimore, Md.

NEW MILLINERY GOODS.

Misses Middleton & Wyatt,

HAVE just returned from the city with a large assortment of *FASHIONABLE MILLINERY,* embracing BONNETS, HATS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS, FEATHERS, &c., &c., all of which are of the latest styles, and will be sold at the very lowest prices.

Our stock of FANCY GOODS cannot be surpassed in this market.

The Ladies are invited to call and see our goods before purchasing elsewhere.

Store adjoining T. W. Elinson & Son's.

NOTICE.—Persons indebted to us will confer a favor by making payment once. We are in want of money, and desire to close our books for last year.
Jan. 15, 1870—tf.

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.

Professional Notice.

DR. J. H. PRICE

HAVING located at the Trappe, offers his professional services to the surrounding community. Refers to a practice of four years at Hooversville, Anne Arundel co., Md.
Jan. 8, 1870—6m.

Medical Notice.

HAVING bought the house and lot at Belair lately belonging to Samuel B. Wheat, the subscriber has *permanently* located for the practice of Medicine and Surgery.

Special attention given to diseases of Women.
jan8-3m. A. SAPPINGTON, M. D.

EDWIN CROUCH, JR.,
MILLINGTON, MD.,

AGENT FOR THE SALE OF **Schuylkill Lime,** Delivered at any landing on Sassafras or Chester Rivers. mh6-tf.

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.

CHESTER RIVER.

BY GEORGE ALFRED TOWNSEND.

Wise is the wild duck winging straight to thee,
River of summer! from the cold Arctic sea,
Coming, like his fathers for centuries, to seek
The sweet, salt pastures of the far Chespeake.

Soft 'twixt thy capes like sunset's purple coves,
Shallow the channel glides through silent oyster groves,
Round Kent's ancient isle by beaches brown,
Cleaving the fruity farms to slumb'rous Chestertown.

Long ere the great bay bore the Baltimores,
Yielded thy virgin tide to Virginian oars,
Elsewhere the word went, Multiply! increase!
Long ago thy destinies were perfect as thy peace.

Still like thy water-fowl yearly do I yearn
In memory's migration once more to return,
Where the dull old college from the gentle ridge
O'erlooks the sunny village, the river, and the bridge.

On the pier decrepit I do loiter yet,
With my crafty crab-lines and my homespun net,
Till the silver fishes in pools of twilight swam,
And stars played round my bait in the coves of calm.

Sweet were the chinquapins growing by thy brink,
Sweet the cool spring water in the gourd to drink,
Beautiful the lilies when the tide declined,
As if night receding had left some stars behind.

But when the peach tints vanished from the plain,
Or struggled no longer the shad against the seine,
Every reed in thy marsh unto music stirred,
And to gold it blossomed in a singing bird.

Eden of water-fowl, clinging to thy dells,
Ages of molusks have yielded their shells,
While, like the exquisite spirits they shed,
Ride the white swans in the surface o'erhead.

Silent the otter, stealing by thy moon
Through the fluttered heron, hears the howl of the loon;
Motionless the setter in thy dawnlight gray,
Shows the happy hidden cove where the wild duck play.

Homely are thy boatmen, venturing no more
In their dusky pungies than to Baltimore,
Happy when the freshet from northern mountains sweeps,
And strews the bay with lumber like wrecks upon the deeps.

Not for thy homesteads of a former space,
Not for thy families of suppositious race;
Something I love thee, river, for thy rest,
More for my childhood buried in thy breast.

From the mightier Empire of the solid land,
A pilgrim infrequent I seek thy fertile strand,
And with a calm affection would wish my grave to be
Where falls the Chester to the bay, the bay unto the sea.

MEMORIALS OF LIFE—No matter what may be your sphere in life, you may so act, work in it as to secure some good result. In our mere contact with others, as friends or acquaintances, we may produce an influence which will remain an ever fresh memorial of a soul illuminated with truth and purity. No stately monument may rise to grace the spot of earth which encloses our ashes, but our name may be enshrined amid the sweetest associations in the deepest recesses of loving hearts. 'Tis true that

"The evil that men do live after them,"

but what a legacy? crushing, blasting, withering much that would otherwise have been good. How great the accountability of those who wield a potent influence for nefarious influences.

"The memory of the just is blessed."

Let this urgent yet inspiring truth be prominently fixed in our minds. How vividly illustrated it is by the examples of those holy men who far back in the centuries sought to promote the welfare of others rather than exalt themselves!—whose very nobility and power grew out of their saintly lives, whose names are as fresh now as the dews which still brighten the hillside where once their feet pressed the springing grass, and whose deeds and ringing precepts stimulate us to lives of Christian manliness and virtue.

A BEAUTIFUL COMPARISON.—Rev. T. Dewitt Talmage, now of Brooklyn, closed a sermon as follows:

Seated, at a country fireside, the other day, I saw the fire kindle, blaze, and go out, and I gathered up from the hearth enough for my reflections. Our mortal life is just like the fire on that hearth.—We put on the fresh faggots, and the flame bursts through, and up, and out, gay of sparkle, gay of flash, gay of crackle—emblems of boyhood. Then the fire reddens into coals. The heat is fiercer, and the more it is stirred the more it reddens. With a sweep of flame it clears its way till all the hearth glows with intensity—emblem of full manhood. Then comes the whiteness in the coals. The flickering shadows have died along the walls. The faggots drop apart. The household hover over the expiring embers. The last breath of smoke has been lost up the chimney. Fire is out. Shovel up the white remains. Ashes!

NEVER USE ANY BAD WORDS.—A piece of coal blackens and soils the hand, you see. So do bad words soil and make worse the heart, the character, and at the same time show what bad things are in the heart. Then always speak good true, and kind words. Naughty actions, angry words, talebearing, and all kinds of wicked ways make the friends who love us sorrowful, so also will they grieve God's Holy spirit away from us, and we shall no longer feel it in our hearts, helping us to be better.

PUFFED UP.—Soap bubbles are airy things, but they soon burst. Just so it is with men puffed up with vanity. They make a show for a season—sail on the current, but soon burst and nothing is left of them. Pride is an ingredient never found in exalted human nature. It is mixed in the composition of fools; a man who has a mind to cultivate and a heart to improve, never finds time to be proud.

THERE is nothing like a fixed, steady aim. It dignifies nature.

FALSE NOTIONS.

Among the many absurdities and false opinions which characterize the present age as compared with the earlier days of the Republic, none is more prominent, and none more to be regretted, than the growing tendency on the part of a great portion of our people to deem as unworthy of respect and honor the humble toilers in the ruder occupations of life. The good old days of our forefathers, when the honest laborer in field or workship was considered and treated as the peer of the most learned and wealthy in the land, are in striking contrast with the pride and absurdities of the present; and it is evident that from the democracy of former days we are fast merging into an age of aristocracy—an aristocracy, which, if not as complete and powerful as those of the old world, is destined, unless checked by the republican sentiment of the masses, to exert many of the influences attending this most dangerous enemy to the liberty and happiness of the people.

The only effectual way of avoiding this building up of an aristocrasy in our midst is through cherishing with proper respect and honor the producers of the nation's wealth, for no nation can lay claim to the essential principles of greatness which neglects the interests of the humblest and weakest of its citizens.

While nothing could be more erroneous than the opinion, entertained by the generality of mankind, that exemption from labor, whether mental or bodily, conduces to happiness, the idea that occupation makes respectability is almost as common, and certainly quite as far removed from the truth. An occupation, whether high or low, can only be rendered respectable in proportion to the dignity and ability with which it is filled, and where these crowning virtues are wanting there can be no true respectability to challenge our admiration.

While there are some occupations requiring no great degree of mental ability or culture for their proper fulfilment, such as many of the trades for instance, they are not the less respectable on this account, provided they are filled with uprightness; and should claim the same high respect that is awarded to the proudest and highest profession. They are necessary to the harmony of society, in supplying its wants, and while they may not gain the admiration that the professions do, when brilliantly filled, they should be none the less the objects of our regard.

Therefore we say, honor labor wherever you meet it—when you see a man honestly toiling his way through life, earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, give him the hand of encouragement that is ever due to honest, manly toil.

SINGULAR MODE OF TELLING THE HOUR. An exchange gives the following singular method of telling the time of day or night, which we copy for the benefit of those who wish to try the experiment:

Seat yourself at a table. Attach a piece of metal (say a shilling) to a thread.—Having placed your elbow on the table, hold the thread between the thumb and forefinger, and allow the shilling to hang down in the centre of a glass tumbler.—The pulse will immediately cause the shilling to vibrate like a pendulum, and the vibrations will increase until the shilling strikes the side of the glass; and supposing the time of experiment to be at seven, the pendulum will strike the glass seven times, and then lose its momentum and return to the centre; if you hold the thread a sufficient length of time the effect will be repeated; but not until a sufficient length of time has elapsed to convince you that the experiment is complete. We need not add that the thread must be held with a steady hand otherwise the vibrating motion would be counteracted. At whatever hour of the day or night the experiment is made, the coincidence will be the same.

BEECHER ON WORTHLESS MEN.—I think the most piteous thing in this world is never written. I have read a poem and novel that made me cry, whether they were true or not, it was all the same; but of all the affecting poems and novels and tales, I think life itself is equally affecting—common life, just as it turns out in the world. And when I go to measure men, I say to myself as one after another, pass before, "Suppose that man should drop out of life, what would become of him?" It pains me to see how men stand in life, and what they were. I am sometimes called to perform the burial services over men of whom had I expressed what should be said: "I bless God at his having gone, the world is better off for his having been out of it." Look at human life, break through all the sentimental ways of society, weigh men as you weigh gold, unmixed with dirt or quartz or other substances, take men up and see how many there are of them that really answer the end of life to come, and how many that, dying, would not be missed. How few there are, dying, would make the community feel poorer? How few there are that being dead would yet speak?

THE late hours of society are attracting considerable attention in various quarters, and efforts will likely be made upon a large scale to reform them. But it may well be predicted they will be of no avail. It may be proved to the satisfaction of everybody that dancing can be as well and as happily indulged in during the early part of the evening as in the "wee sma' hours;" that the natural excitements of late suppers produce demoralizations which get into our courts.—Yet there will probably, nevertheless, be no general reform. It is only for individuals and families more sensible than the rest to take care of themselves in the matter.

The Genius of Little Things.

Few men do great deeds. Many strive to emulate the few. No one finds all there is in life—few appreciate what they find. The pride and ambition of man mock at and despise the little common courtesies of life, which make beautiful and lovely the path we journey.

Great deeds are often clothed in modest attire, and men overlook them in their vain search for something by which they may give their names to the world, illuminated by a blaze of glory. A trifling deed is often, in reality, the most truly great and noble.

The cup of cold water given to the poor wayfarer; the kind word of sympathy to the bereaved and desolate; the friendly remonstrance breathed in the ear of the erring; the little self-denials for the happiness of others, are more great and noble than the costly banquet, the polished address, the eloquent moral lecture, or the fleeting pleasures of self gratification. The high places of this world are its low ones; its great things are its little things. Life is made up of them; and only those whose names are coupled with little things are truly great. The favored few who march in the ranks of genius forget this, as we all do slight the smaller demonstrations of love and goodness which beautify the human soul, and, which, like the flowers and green grass by the wayside, make life less wearisome. To give a cup of cold water to the thirsty one is a blessed deed, and may be done with a grace which makes it great and beautiful.

He who, with eye fixed upon the mountain top, as he shouts "Excelsior," has no right to trample with his feet the life from the modest flowers, and as he presses forward, he may find a higher work to do, in carefully putting aside the thorns which lay in wait for some heedless child's unprotected feet.

The idea is false that, because one has mistaken himself to be on a more glorious mission, he cannot stoop to the thousand little amenities of every-day life needed to soften its roughness.

Let men try to make life beautiful, homes happy, and to emulate that principle which made Christ God—then the world shall know them great, and be holier from their example.

A FASHIONABLE WOMAN'S PRAYER.—Dear Lord, have mercy on my soul, and please let me have the French satin that I saw at Stewart's this morning; for with black lace flounces and overskirt that dress would be very becoming to me, I know. If you grant my request please let me have a new black lace shawl also, dear Lord.

I kneel before Thee to night, feeling perfectly happy, for Madame Emile has sent me home such a lovely bonnet! A most heavenly little *bijou* composed of white satin, with cora ostrich tufts. For this favor I am feeling very grateful.

Give me, I pray Thee, an humble heart and a new green silk, with point lace trimmings. Let me not grow too fond of this vain and deceitful world, like other women, but make me exceedingly gentle and aristocratic. When the winter fashions come, let them suit my style of beauty, and let there be plenty of puffings, planitings, ruffles and flounces, for I dearly love them all.

Oh, Lord, let business detain my husband at H—, for he is not wanted at home at present. I wish to become acquainted with the tall dark eyed foreigner who is staying at Colonel Longswallow's, opposite. Bring about an introduction I beseech Thee, for Mrs. Longswallow will not. Bless my children and please send them a good nurse, for I have neither the time nor inclination to look after them myself. And now, Oh, Lord, take care of me while I sleep, and pray, keep watch over my diamonds. Amen.

THE VALUE OF BEAUTY.—Just about the last inheritance which a parent should wish his child, whether male or female, is personal beauty. It is about the poorest kind of a capital to stand in the world with. Who ever saw a beauty worth the first red cent? We mean what the world calls beauty, for there is a kind of beauty more than skin deep, which the world does not recognize. It is not that of which we speak. But the girl whom all the fops and fools go in ecstacies over and about—we should as soon a child of ours should not be quite so beautiful. And then your handsome young man, over and about whom all the foolish school-girls are in ecstacies, what chance has he of ever being anybody? A sad destroyer of ambition is beauty. From being fitted for the shallow pates of the other sex, who can appreciate nothing else, they become content with a low standard of attainment, and are happy only when dancing attendance upon those who are pleased with their insipidity.

Printer.

"The stick of type hath more of might
Than warrior host or fortress walls;
And it shall batter towers to dust
That laugh at siege or canon ball."

Printers have an honorable employment, and one that the first men have filled; an occupation which is, to all who will be true to themselves in its pursuits, the path of honor and eminence. Lord Erkshine was a Printer! Franklin was a Printer! Beranger, the celebrated French poet, was a Printer! Theirs, the distinguished French historian, was a Printer. Printers have become our State Governors, they take seats with our Senators, and as leading editors, have controlled the destinies of nations.

ONE reason why the world is not reformed is, because every man would have others make a beginning, and never thinks of himself.

MINING UNDER THE SEA.—There is a vast copper mine in England; where shafts extend many hundred yards under the sea. The moaning of the waves as they dash against the rock is forever sounding in those gloomy aisles. When the storms come the sound of the waters becomes so terrific that the miners cannot stay below, but leave their work and come upon the earth. Overhead are masses of bright copper streaming through the galleries in all directions, traversed by a network of thin red veins of iron, and over all the salt water drips down from the tiny crevices in the rock. Immense wealth of metal is contained in these roofs, but no miner dare give it another stroke with his pickaxe. Already there has been one day's work too much upon it, as a huge wedge of wood driven into the rock bears witness. The wedge is all that keeps the sea from bursting in upon them. Yet there are three tiers of galleries where men work day by day, not knowing but at some fatal moment the flood may be upon them, rendering all escape as hopeless as it was in the days of Noah. The awe-stricken visitor hurries away from the scene with a heart appalled in view of the hourly dangers.

PARTING WITH DEAD HEADS.—The Albany *Express,* like most newspapers, had a supply of non-paying "patrons." It bids them good-bye in the following tender terms:

"This week we strike from our list about fifty names who will not pay their dues to the printer. In doing so we take them by the hand, and, with tears in our eyes, bid them an affectionate farewell! Good-bye, old subs! Take care of yourselves. Sometimes think of the *Express,* which you have had so long for nothing. Sponge upon other printers for a while. A change of diet will doubtless be good for you. Poor old fellows! We are a little sorry to turn you out upon the dark night, without a lamp, but it must be so. Strike for the nearest neighbor's light.—He may let you in and feed you for a year or two, upon the strength of your honorable promises to pay at the end of that time. For ourselves, we have enough of those curious pledges to supply our cabinet for the present. We have labeled them carefully, and they are open to general inspection. With many thanks for your self-sacrificing indulgence to us, and your honest appreciation of the obligations existing towards our office, we again and finally say "farewell, forever."

RELATIONS OF ALCOHOL TO MEDICINE.—The report of the committee of the American Medical Association on the relations of alchohol to medicine, submitted by Dr. John Bell, chairman, has been published. The report presents an exhaustive examination of the subject, and in summing up conclusions, oppose the popular theories as to the value of alcoholic stimulants, and regards the habitual use of alcohol, in its various combinations of distilled and fermented liquors, as antagonistic to individual comfort and health as well as to social order, and progress, and as the fruitful source of a long list of diseases and crimes.—A striking idea presented in the report is that the shock of a large dose of alcohol on the nervous system acts like a blow on the head, or a kick in the stomach. Prussic acid is not more deadly.

THE NEXT COTTON CROP.—A correspondent of the New York Times, writing from Macon, Ga., thinks that it is nearly certain that the area of the cotton crop of 1870 will not be larger than that of 1869, if so large; first from the inability of the planters to secure the requisite labor; and second, because the provision crop will occupy more land this than it did last year. Owing to the introduction of improved machinery and fertilizers, however, this correspondent believes that the production, even on less area, will be fully equal to that of the past year. The planters, it is represented, are not anxious to raise very heavy crops, even if they had the labor, for the obvious reason that the price would fall proportionally.

HOW TO BROIL MEAT.—Noticing a few days since that some beef steak, which we had ordered for a patient, was unusually juicy and nice, and inquiring how it was done, the excellent housekeeper said that she had found that strewing a little salt over the surface of the meat before applying the heat closed the pores so as to keep the juice in, and that dipping the meat in hot salt water was still better, as having a more uniform effect. This may not be new to the world, but may be to many persons, and is worth trying.

A PAPER out in Illinois talks in this reasonable way: "If you owe one but a single dollar go and pay him; when there is so little money we ought to keep it moving around lively. Jim owed us, and we owed Bill, and Bill owed Jim. Jim got mad because we made him pay one morning last week; but we paid Bill, and Bill paid Jim, and Jim went to bed that night happy as a clam, with just as much money as he had in the morning, and three men out of debt.

AN Irishwoman, who had kept a little grocery shop, was on her deathbed, when she called her husband to her bedside. "Jamie," she faintly said, "there's Misses Malony, she owes me six shilling." "Och!" exclaimed her husband; "Biddy, darlint, ye're sinsible to the last." "Yes, dear; and there's Misses M'Craw, I owe half a sovereign." "Och! bejabers, Biddy, and ye're as foolish as ever!"

AN Indian passing up the streets of Natchez, was asked the relative position of the white man, negro and Indian. Giving a usual "Ugh!" he said: "'Fore the war, fust cum white man, den injun, den dog, den nigger; now cum nigger, den dog, den injun, and white man last!"

DURING a revival meeting, a good Methodist lady made a fervent exhortation, prefacing it with the remark that she once enjoyed herself by going to theatres. An inattentive but enthusiastic brother shouted: So did I—bless the Lord.

A NOTED Western express company prints on its shipping receipts that it will not be liable for "any loss or damage by fire, the acts of God, or of Indians, or other enemies of the government."

A ST. LOUIS paper, speaking of a family in New York, that made a fortune out of whiskey, says that they live on Twenty-third street, in a perfect *delirium tremens* of splendor.