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NEW STOCK
—OF—
BOOTS, SHOES AND GAITERS,
For Ladies, Gentlemen and Children,
*JUST OPENED BY*
JOHN W. COLLINS.
☞ CALL AND SEE MY STOCK. They are of the best quality and cannot fail to give satisfaction. April 16.

THE CELEBRATED
HOWE SEWING MACHINE!
THE undersigned having been appointed agent for Kent county for the Celebrated Howe Sewing Machine, is prepared to furnish all those in want of a good Machine. Will deliver them in any part of the county, and give instruction in its management. Will also furnish any other first class Sewing Machine desired. All orders or inquiries addressed to the subscriber at Hanesville, or W. A. VICKERS, Chestertown, will receive prompt attention.
apr23-tf. JAS. W. SKIRVEN, JR.

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 hereby authorize JOSEPH A. CATLIN, Esq., assisted by C. W. WHALAND, (my son,) to close my book accounts, notes, &c. They must be closed at once to the 21st day of January, 1869, when I associated with Dr. Perkins. My duty demands it. Any arrangement made with either or both of these persons will be satisfactory—errors excepted.
apr23-tf. T. H. WHALAND.

☞ REMOVAL! ☜
NEW MILLINERY
MISSES MIDDLETON & WYATT, have removed to the Store room, adjoining the residence of Wm. S. Lassell, Esq., opposite the M. E. Church, and have just returned from the city with a full assortment of
New Spring Millinery,
embracing all the latest styles of BONNETS, HATS, &c. Also, a large assortment of FANCY GOODS of all kinds usually kept in this line. The Ladies are invited to call.
Persons indebted to us will please settle, as we are in need of money to carry on our business. apr23.

CABINET MAKING
AND
UNDERTAKING.
H. T. ROBERTS
DESIRES to inform the citizens of Crumpton and the surrounding country that he has in Store a general assortment of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, which he will dispose of for cash or on a short credit to punctual customers.
UNDERTAKING.
I will make Walnut Coffins at $3 per foot, and extra for Trimmings according to quality. All other kinds of Coffins in like proportion.
I have a good Hearse, and am always prepared to attend funerals, or send Corpses to any destination.
m21y. H. T. ROBERTS.

LIVERY! LIVERY! LIVERY!
Horses & Carriages
FOR HIRE.
I am prepared to furnish all who want to hire HORSES and CARRIAGES, with good, safe and quick animals, and with substantial easy Carriages, on liberal terms.
Parties sent to any part of the county.
A good, safe turnout, can always be obtained by applying to
SAMUEL L. RAWLEIGH,
my7-3m. Queen Street.

Livery and Exchange Stables.
HORSES
Mules and Carriages
*FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE.*
☞ I am prepared to supply Farmers and others with good FARM AND DRIVING HORSES on liberal terms. Five head of Horses and one Pair of Mules now on hand for sale or exchange. Also, a number of CARRIAGES.
Those in want of anything in my line will find it to their interest to call and see me
JOHN K WILLIS,
feb12-6m. Chestertown.

THE GREAT ISSUE!
Liquors Turning to Oils & Paints!
THE undersigned having had long experience in the business of turning Fermented Liquor to something of more importance, offers for sale a large assortment of
OILS AND PAINTS,
*GROCERIES, Sugar-Cured HAMS,*
&c., as Cheap as can be obtained in the city.
PRODUCE of all kinds taken in exchange for goods. JOHN BORDLEY.
March 14, 1870—3t.

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.

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.

TAX-PAYERS
Will please bear in mind that I need money to meet the demands against me, which are due and payable on the first day of January. I will continue to be at the usual places, and at the Trappe on Monday afternoons and Belair on Thursday afternoons.
A. B. WHEATLEY,
Dec. 18—tf. Coll. 5th Dist.

THE celebrated HOSTETTER'S BITTERS, advertised in this paper, are for sale by
J. W. IVENS, Chestertown.

NEW GOODS!
Up Town Cheap Dry Goods Store
*MY DRESS GOODS are ALL NEW,*
BOUGHT IN NEW YORK.
Best Makes of PRINTS,
WHITE GOODS,
Stripe and Plaid Muslins,
Marseilles, Irish Linens,
Brown Linens,
White Quilts,
Shirt Fronts,
Bleached and unbl'd Muslins,
CASSIMERES for Men and Boys' wear,
Spring Shawls and Black Shawls,
Silk Sun-shades and Parasols,
Men's and Ladies' Hose,
Ladies' Gaiters,
*LADIES BALMORAL SHOES,*
6-4 MATTING, RAG CARPET,
OIL CLOTH,
☞ GOBLETS VERY CHEAP. ☜
*CALL AND SEE.*
MRS. S. E. BARRETT.
April 16, 1870—4m.

New Spring Goods!
NEW PRICES IN GALENA.
THOMAS H. HORSEY,
HAVING just returned from the Cities with a new and well selected
Stock of Goods,
we are now enabled to offer EXTRA INDUCEMENTS to the buying public.
Ladies' and Misses Regular made HOSIERY.
Custom made BUTTON SHOES & GAITERS.
Dress Goods, White Goods,
*Corsets, Notions & Trimmings*
WE MAKE A SPECIALTY.
Having a first-class FASHIONABLE TAILOR from New York in our Town, we can have Gentlemen's Suits made to order, in the Latest Style, from Goods of our own selection. A good fit and satisfaction guaranteed, or no sale.
*A Full Stock of all kinds of Goods*
kept in a First Class Store, which will be sold at prices based on recent decline in gold, for
CASH OR COUNTRY PRODUCE,
and to short time buyers.
☞ PLEASE CALL AND EXAMINE
No trouble to show goods.
THOMAS H. HORSEY.
Galena, May 14, 1870.

TO FARMERS!
THE HIGHEST PRICES
PAID FOR GRAIN,
DELIVERED AT ANY STATION
ON THE
Kent County Railroad
ON THE ORDER OF
ELIHU JEFFERSON, New Castle, Del.
GRAIN BOUGHT EXCLUSIVELY ON COMMISSION, and satisfaction guaranteed.
Orders solicited for RAMBO'S and WHITE'S LIME. Also, for WHANN'S and BAUGH'S PHOSPAATE, PLASTER, &c.
Orders by mail promptly attended to.
THE MELLISH PEACH BASKET
Will be furnished for 15 cents.
All other PEACH BASKETS that Farmers require, at the usual rates.
A. T. STOOPS,
apr30y. MASSEY'S, KENT CO., MD.

NOTICE TO FARMERS.
*Reduction in Freight.*
THE SCHOONER "LOTTIE ANN," Capt. Jos. B. Downey, Master, will carry Grain as follows: Freight on Wheat, Corn and Potatoes 5c. per bush.; Oats 4c.; other Freighting in proportion. All orders for the shipment of Grain or other Freight left with the undersigned will receive prompt attention.
S. A. J. WICKES,
B. F. SAPPINGTON,
J. B. DOWNEY,
May 14, 1870—3t. Owners.

GENTLEMEN'S
CITY-MADE
*SEWED CALF-SKIN BOOTS,*
A Superior Article.
Gents' Sewed and Pegged BALMORALS and Superior PLOW SHOES.
Ladies' BUTTONED GAITERS, and Misses and Children's Shoes, in variety of sizes, all fresh Goods and offered at fair prices.
May 7. THOMAS S. WICKES.

WHITE GOODS.
The attention of Ladies is called to our present Full Stock of WHITE GOODS, bought under the new gold rates, some of the Styles very rich, and also to
BLACK and MODE COLORED ALPACAS, now offered at reasonable figures.
BLEACHED MUSLINS of the best makes, and a large line of HANDKERCHIEFS, and Ladies and Misses HOSIERY.
May 7. THOMAS S. WICKES.

OUR STOCK OF
Plow Castings
is being kept constantly full, and our stock of FARM HARDWARE generally, will be found adequate to the calls of the season.
Also, GARDEN SEEDS, fresh from Landreth's. Seed Peas, Beans, &c., &c.
THOMAS S. WICKES.
Chestertown, May 7, 1870.

AT JAMES W. IVENS'
CHEAP UP TOWN STORE,
You can get Powder, Shot and Caps; Figs and French Candy; Hams, Shoulders & Middlings; a few cases of choice Champagne Wine; also cases of Port and Sherry; choice Bourbon Whiskey, French Brandy, Gin, &c.; Tobacco and Cigars of choice quality, and many other goods, which will be offered very cheap. n13

OXEN.
ONE GOOD YOKE OF OXEN
*FOR SALE.*
N. BARNARD,
ap16tf. Still Pond, Kent co., Md.


## SCHOOL NOTICE.

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS of this county will be visited and examined in the order given below.

Commissioners, parents and guardians, and the friends of education, are cordially invited to attend. It is highly desirable that all who are sceptical of the good results of a system of Public Free Schools should be present and judge for themselves of the progress of the pupils and the condition of the schools. Most of all do Teachers need the hearty co-operation of parents; and while not shrinking from honest criticism, will feel grateful for a word of friendly encouragement.

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| School No. | 6, 4th Election District, | | | May | 27th. |
| " | 6, 2d | " | " | " | 30th. |
| " | 2, 2d | " | " | " | 31st. |
| " | 1, 2d | " | " | June | 1st. |
| " | 8, 1st | " | " | " | 2d. |
| " | 1, 1st | " | " | " | 3d. |
| " | 2, 1st | " | " | " | 6th. |
| " | 7, 1st | " | 9 A.M. | " | 7th. |
| " | 8, 1st | " | 2 P.M. | " | 8th. |
| " | 4, 1st | " | " | " | 9th. |
| " | 7, 1st | " | " | " | 10th. |
| " | 6, 1st | " | " | " | 13th. |
| " | 3, 2d | " | " | " | 14th. |
| " | 4, 2d | " | " | " | 15th. |
| " | 5, 2d | " | 9 A.M. | " | 16th. |
| " | 7, 2d | " | 2 P.M. | " | 16th. |
| " | 1, 3d | " | " | " | 17th. |
| " | 8, 2d | " | 9 A.M. | " | 20th. |
| " | 3, 3d | " | 2 P.M. | " | 20th. |
| " | 2, 3d | " | " | " | 21st. |
| " | 5, 3d | " | " | " | 23d. |
| " | 4, 3d | " | " | " | 23d. |
| " | 7, 4th | " | " | " | 24th. |
| " | 2, 4th | " | 9 A.M. | " | 27th. |
| " | 1, 4th | " | 2 P.M. | " | 27th. |
| " | 3, 4 and 5, 4th | | " | " | 28th. |

The Teachers of the respective schools are requested to give notice of the time of Examination of their schools, and invite parents and others to attend.

By order of the Board,
HOWARD MEEKS,
m21-3t Secretary and Examiner.


Reapers and Mowers.
PRICES REDUCED!
THE undersigned is selling
WOODS'
Celebrated Reapers and Mowers
for the approaching harvest at the following
*REDUCED PRICES:*

| | |
|---|---|
| 5 ft. 6 in. Reaper | $155 |
| 5 ft. 6 in. Reaper and Mower Combined | 195 |
| 6 ft. Reaper | 165 |
| 6 ft. Reaper and Mower Combined | 205 |
| 4 ft. Mowers | 115 |
| 4 ft. 3 in. Mowers | 130 |
| 4 ft. 6 in. Mowers | 140 |

Also, agent for the EXCELSIOR DROPPER. This Machine is said to be the best in market.
CHARLES ESTES,
my14-7t. Chestertown Foundry.

FARMERS
GET THE BEST!
HAVING accepted an Agency for the sale of Improved Farming Implements, Portable Steam Engines, &c., I offer to the Farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's at the lowest terms:
The Reliable SWEEPSTAKES THRESHER, new to this County.
The BUCKEYE COMBINED REAPER and MOWER, or either separately.
FRICK'S PORTABLE STEAM ENGINE. This Engine has never been used in this County, but I have seen it working in Baltimore county, and believe it to be the best engine for the purpose now in use.
STEEL TOOTH WHEEL RAKES, and other modern improved Farming Implements and appliances, all WARRANTED of the Latest and Best makes. Address
HENRY BRAMBLE,
my14-3m. Chestertown.

THE CHAMPION.
JOHN BELL & BROTHER,
*BUCK NECK WHARF,*
SOLE AGENTS FOR KENT COUNTY FOR THE
Champion Reaper and Mower.
WE invite the attention of Farmers to the Improved "Self-Raking Attachment" upon the Champion No. 2 Reaper and Mower, which took the FIRST PREMIUM at the Maryland State Fair in 1869.
This Machine stands pre-eminently at the head of all Harvesting Machines, and many valuable improvements have been added for the coming season. They are first class in every respect, unequalled and unexcelled.
A Two-Wheeled Jointed-Bar SELF RAKE, two perfect machines combined in one.
ALSO, THE
Improved Champion No. 3 Mower,
*The Great National Mowing Machine.*
The Lightest Draft and Most Perfect Mower in the World.
THE DROPPING ATTACHMENT
Is furnished as a single attachment to the No. 2 Mower, or in connection with a Hand Rake or Self-Raker. This Dropper is the strongest, simplest and most desirable arrangement for gaveling the grain ever made, and in construction and operation is different in very many respects to any other dropping attachment in use. We also call attention to
The Etna Mower and Reaper,
which is a Light Draft, and easy cutting Machine, either in Grass or Grain.
Also, on hand the
Geiser Thresher and Separator
*Md. Farmer Steel Tooth Horse Rake,*
The Celebrated Double and Triple Screen
DIXIE GRAIN FAN,
Ploughs, Harrows, Cultivators, &c.
☞ For Catalogues, containing description of Machinery, prices and terms, apply at BUCK NECK WHARF, or address
JOHN BELL & BROTHER,
my14-2m. Hanesville, Kent Co., Md.

NOTICE.
The subscriber, on account of ill health, has been compelled to relinquish the manufacture of Boots and Shoes, but will continue to buy all kinds of COUNTRY PRODUCE at market price for cash. HIDES wanted, for which the best prices will be paid.
I have on hand a lot of Boots and Shoes of my own manufacture, which I will sell very low for cash. C. H. KENTON,
my7tf. Chestertown.

BARNARD WHARF COMPANY.
There will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Barnard Wharf Company, held at said Company's Wharf, on MONDAY, June 6th, 1870, to elect by ballot THREE DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year.
By order, H. T. JUMP, President.
May 7, 1870—5t.


## Father's Growing Old, John.

Our father's growing old, John!
His eyes are growing dim,
And years are on his shoulders laid,
A heavy weight for him,
And you and I are young and hale,
And each a stalwart man,
And we must make his load as light
And easy as we can.

He used to take the brunt, John,
At cradle and the plough,
And earned our porridge by the sweat
That trickled down his brow;
Yet never heard we him complain,
Whate'er his toil might be,
Nor wanted e'er a welcome seat
Upon his solid knee.

And when our boy strength came, John,
And steady grew each limb
He brought us to the yellow field,
To share the toil with him;
But he went foremost in the swath,
Tossing aside the grain,
Just like the plough that heaves the soil
Or ships that sheer the main.

Now we must lead the van, John,
Through weather foul and fair,
And let the old man read and doze
And tilt his easy chair;
And he'll not mind it, John, you know,
At eve to tell us o'er
Those brave old days of British times,
Our grandsires and the war.

I heard you speak of ma'am, John,
'Tis gospel what you say,
That caring for the like of us,
Has turned her head to gray!
Yet, John, I do remember well
When neighbors called her vain,
And when her hair was long, and like
A gleaming sheaf of grain.

Her lips were cherry red, John,
Her cheeks were round and fair,
And like a ripened peach they swelled
Against her wavy hair.
Her step fell lightly as the leaf
From off the summer tree,
And all day busy at her wheel,
She sang to you and me.

She had a buxom arm, John,
That wielded well the rod,
Whene'er with willful steps our feet
The path forbidden trod;
But to the Heaven of her eye
We never look in vain,
And ever more our yielding cry
Brought down her tears like rain.

But this is long ago, John,
And we are what we are,
And little heed we day by day,
Her fading cheek and hair;
And when beneath her faithful breast
The tide no longer stir,
'Tis then, John, we most shall feel
We had no friend like her.

Sure there can be no harm, John,
Thus speaking o'er
The blessed name of those e'er long
Shall welcome us no more.
Nay, hide it not, for why should'st thou
An honest tear disown?
Thy heart one day will lighter be,
Remembering it has flown.

Yes, father's growing old, John,
His eyes are getting dim,
And mother's treading softly down
The deep descent with him;
But you and I are young and hale,
And each a stalwart man,
And we must make their paths as smooth
And level as we can.

"MARY MYRTLE" comes down in the following style upon those bashful swains who dawdle and dangle, wear out the girls' patience and good clothes, make a protracted meeting of their halcyon days, and never summon courage sufficient to pop the question and then question Pop: "If there is anything more disheartening to a woman than a long courtship, I have yet to discover it. From the woman who marries for a home—and there are far too many who do that—to the fair creature who marries for love, there are thousands who are kept in suspense for years, not knowing whether the man whom they expect to marry is really going to propose or not. It is very certain that long courtships seldom result in matrimony. It generally happens that the faults of both parties are made evident, and the desire for separation is mutual. But no young (or old) man has any right to monopolize the attentions of a lady for years and then coldly dismiss her. By so doing he possibly prevents her from marrying some one who would be glad to have her, and acts a part which no gentleman will. So, gentlemen, when you have decided that the lady is worthy of your choice (and don't be too long about it) "pop the question" and set her heart at rest.

DON'T BE ASHAMED.—Don't be ashamed, my lad, if you have a patch on your elbow. It is no mark of disgrace. It speaks well of your industrious mother. For our part, we would rather see a dozen patches on your jacket, than hear one profane or vulgar word escape from your lips. No good boy will shun you because you can't dress as well as your companions and if a bad boy laughs at your appearance, say nothing, my lad, but walk on. We know many a rich and good man who was once as poor as you. There is our neighbor, in particular, now one of our wealthy men, who told us a short time since, that, when a child, he was glad to receive cold food from his neighbor's table. Be good, my boy; and, if you are poor, you will be respected a great deal more than if you were the son of a rich man and addicted to bad habits.

NEWSPAPERS.—Postmasters are required to give advice by letter when a subscriber does not take his paper from the office, and give the reason for its not being taken. Neglecting to do so, makes the postmaster responsible to the publisher for payment. Any person who takes the paper regularly from the post-office, whether he has subscribed or not, is responsible for the payment of the subscription. Any one ordering his paper discontinued must pay all arrearages, or the publisher may continue to send it until payment is made, and collect the whole amount, whether it is taken from the office or not. The Courts have decided that refusing to take a newspaper or a periodical from the post-office, or removing and leaving them unealled for, is *prima facie* evidence of intended fraud.

## The Josh Billings Papers.

MARRIAGE.

Marriage iz a fair transaction on the face ov it.

It iz an old instistushun, older than the pyramids, and az full of hyroglephicks that nobody can parse.

History holds its tongue who the pair waz who fust put on the silken harness, and promised tew work kind in it, thru thick and thin, up hill and down, and on the level, rain or shine, survive or perish, sink or swim, drown or flote.

But whoever they was, they must have made a good thing out of it, or so menny ov their posterity would not hav harnessed up since and drov out.

Thare iz a grate moral grip in marriage; it iz the mortar that holds the soshull bricks together.

But there ain't but darned few pholks who put their money in matrimony, who could set down and give a good written opinyun whi ou arth they cum to did it.

This is a grate proof that it iz one ov them natral kind ov acksidents that must happen, jist az birds fly out ov the nest, when they hav feathers enuff, without being abel tew tell why.

Sum marry for buty, and never diskover their mistake; this iz lucky.

Sum marry for money, and—don't see it.

Sum marry for pedigree, and feel big for six months, and then very sensibly cum tew the conclusion that pedigree ain't no better than skimmilk.

Sum marry tew pleze their relashuns, and are surprized tew learn that their relashuns don't care a cuss for them afterwards.

Sum marry bekause they hav bin hightsted sum ware else; iz a cross match, a bay and a sorrel; pride may make it endurable.

Sum marry for love without a cent in their pockets, nor a friend in the world, nor a drop ov pedigree. This looks desperate, *but it iz the strength ov the game.*

If marrying for love ain't a success, then matrimony is a ded beet.

Sum marry bekause they think wimmin will be scarce next year, and lives tew wonder how the crop holds out.

Sum marry tew get rid of themselves, and diskover that the game was neither win.

Sum marry the second time to git even, and find it a gambling game, and the more they put down the less they take up.

Sum marry tew be happy, and not finding it, wonder where all the happiness goes to when it dies.

Sum marry, they can't tell why, and live, they cant tell how.

Almost everybody gets married, and it is a good joke.

Sum marry in haste, and then sit down and think it carefully over.

Sum think it over careful fust, and then set down and marry.

Both ways are right if they hit the mark.

Sum marry rakes tew convert them.—This iz a little risky, and takes a smart missionary to do it.

Sum marry coquetts. This iz like buying a poor farm, heavily mortgaged, and working all the rest ov your days to clear oph the mortgages.

Married life haz its chances, and this iz just what gives it it's flavor. Everyboddy luvs tew phool with the chances, bekause every boddy expects tew win.—But I am authorized tew state that every boddy don't win.

But, after all, married life iz full az certain as the dry goods bizziness.

Kno man kan swear exactly whare he will fetch up when he touches calico.

Kno man kan tell jist what calico haz made up its mind to do next.

Calico don't kno even herself.

Dry goods of all kinds iz the child of circumstances.

Sum never marry, but this iz jist az risky; the disease iz the same with no other name to it.

The man who stands on the bank shivering and dassent, iz more apt tew ketch cold than him who pitches hiz hed fust into the river.

Thare iz but few who never marry bekaus they *won't*—they all hanker, and most ov them starve with slices of bread before them (spread on both sides,) jist for the lack ov grit.

*Marry young!* is my motto.

If enny boddy asks yu whi yu got married, (if it needs be,) tell him *you don't reccollekt.*

Marriage iz a safe way to gamble—if yu win, yu get a pile, and if yu loze, yu don't loze ennything, only the privilege ov living and soaking your own feet.

I repeat it, in italicks, *marry young!*

There iz but one good excuse for a marriage late in life, and that iz—*a second marriage.*

A QUAKER had two horses, a very good and a very poor one. When seen riding the latter, it turned out that his better half had taken the good one. "What!" said a sneering bachelor, "how comes it that you let your wife ride the better horse?" The only reply was: "Friend, when thee gets married, thee'll know."

A WEALTHY gentleman, who owns a country seat, nearly lost his wife, who fell into a river which flows through his estates. He announced the narrow escape to his friends, expecting their congratulations. One of them—an old bachelor—wrote as follows: "I always told you that river was too shallow."

A DYING Irishman was asked by his confessor if he was ready to renounce the the devil and all his works. "O," your honor," said Pat, "don't ask me that; I am going to a strange country, and I don't intend to make myself enemies."

OVER one hundred young ladies are estimated to be at present studying law in this country.

A POLITICAL PRAYER.—We have been furnished by a friend who heard it, the following extract from a political prayer offered by a deacon in a colored Baptist church, in this city on Sunday last:

"Oh, Almighty God, bless us poor people and sinners! O God, we ask thee to defeat our inimies. [Um-a-um!] The yether day when our side turn out in de percession to celebrate de day of freedom dat man Walker took'n keep'm out'n de Captol Squar. [Ah, ooh-ah! Trufe, Lord, trufe!] And O, Lord, brake up dat burgus Legislater, which is now tryin' to brake up dat glorious Constitushun which was made by de Convenshun; and now dey is all on the road to hell for their misdeeds. [Ah, ooh-ah. Turn, sinner, turn!] Have mercy on dis Confrence which is now sitten in dis town, and which is now on our side; and furthermore, put thy curse on our inimies that they may open thar eyes in hell."

Prayers of this character are frequently offered; and the colored people are taught to combine their politics with their religion.—*Richmond Dispatch.*

THE FOLLIES OF GREAT MEN.—Tycho Brahe, the astronomer, changed color and his legs shook under him on meeting a hare or a fox. Dr. Johnson would never enter a room with his left foot foremost; if, by mistake it did get foremost, he would step back and place his right foot foremost. Julius Cæsar was almost convulsed by the sound of thunder, and always wanted to get into a cellar or under ground to escape the noise. To Queen Elizabeth, the simple word "death" was full of horrors. Even Talleyrand trembled and changed color on hearing the word pronounced. Marshall Saxe, who met and overthrew opposing armies, fled and screamed in terror at the sight of a cat. Peter the Great could never be pursuaded to cross a bridge! though he tried to master the terror, he failed to do so; whenever he sat foot on one he would shriek out in distress and agony. Byron would never help any one to salt at the table, nor would he be helped himself; if any of the article happened to be spilt on the table, he would jump up and leave his meal unfinished.

A GOOD WORD FOR GOOD HUMOR.—Every man should be sober sometimes.—I once knew one so unfortunate as to be sober all the time, and yet an honest man. We have known men that never smiled, or seldom, and yet they were kind, simple, and really reliable.

But such are exceptional cases. Uniform sobriety is presumptively very much against a man. He who gives no play to the gentler feelings has something the matter with him that should be looked into before one trusts him far.

Mirth itself is not always honest. But it tends to openness, to sincerity, to sweetness. Mirth has better stuff in it to make a man of than sobriety has. It, too, is used sometimes as a mask for hypocrisy; but not half so often as sobriety is.—Only consider how many men, quite empty and worthless, inwardly neither rich nor forceful, are kept agoing by the mere trick of gravity.

When some men come to you it is like sunrise. Everything seems to take new life, and shines. Other men bring night with them. The chill shadow of their sobriety falls upon every innocent gayety, and your feelings, like birds at evening, stop singing and go to their roost.

Away with these fellows who go owling through life—all the while passing for birds of paradise.

PUBLISHING BIRTHS.—The publication of notices of births is rapidly gaining ground in various sections of this country, as has long since been the case in England, France and Germany, and in fact in nearly all parts of Europe. The feeling of false delicacy which has so long existed in connection with this important and eventful feature of human economy is fast giving way to more enlightened views on the subject, and in a little while the habit of announcing births will be as common and fixed in all parts of the country as that of publishing marriages and deaths.

And why not? The fact of being born is just as patent and as necessary, and just as proper, moreover, as that of getting married or dying. There should therefore be no more hesitation in making it known in one case than in the other.—Besides, such publications are of great importance as public records in furnishing vital statistics in which all are interested, and of hardly less value as a means of preventing impositions and in the establishment of identity, heirships, etc., where other evidences do not exist. It is only necessary for heads of families to get over the old maidish feeling that it is adventurous or vulgar to make public those interesting domestic events to inaugurate a custom in favor of which many sound reasons exist, and against which no valid objection can be urged by any well meaning person.—*An Exchange.*

AN ignorant fellow, who was about to be married, resolved to make himself perfect in the responses of the marriage services, but by mistake he committed the rite of baptism for those of riper years, so when the clergyman asked him in the church, "Wilt thou have this woman to be thy wedded wife?" the bridegroom answered in a solemn tone. "I renounce them all!" The astonished minister said, "I think you are a fool;" to which he replied, "All this I steadfastly believe."

SOME rash fellow says that the giving of the ballot to women would not amount to much; for none of them will admit that they are old enough to vote until they were too old to take any interest in politics.

MINORITY REPRESENTATION.—The subject of minority representation, which some time ago was brought forward and urged in the United States Senate by Mr. Buckalew, of Pennsylvania, when a member of that body, has been brought before the Illinois Constitutional Convention by Mr. Joseph Medill, whose plan, in a modified form, has been adopted by the convention by the strong vote of four to one, and will be submitted to the people for approval. The experiment, in this case, is restricted to the election of the House of Representatives, the Senate being chosen as before. From each senatorial district three representatives will be elected, and each qualified voter may distribute his three votes as he pleases among the candidates; one vote for each of three men, or three votes for one man, or one and a half votes for each of two. This system will secure approximate fairness of representation for all parties. In Northern Illinois the republicans, under the present system, secure almost the entire representation, while the democracy have the same preponderance in Southern Illinois. The minorities will have, under, the new system, a fair representation, as in each district where they are in a minority of not less than one to three they can, by concentration, elect one candidate. Thus representation will be equalized throughout the State. The majority will still rule, but the minorities in different sections will not, as now, be without a voice in legislation. In addition to the better adjustment of representation, it is claimed that this plan will result in a fairer division of representation among parties, taking the State as a whole, and such anomalies are not likely to occur as recently happened in Connecticut, where the total vote of the State has gone democratic, while the Legislature remains republican. The theory of minority representation, which commends itself to fair-minded men from considerations of justice, will have a good deal of light shed upon its practical workings by the Illinois experiment, if the plan of the Convention shall be sanctioned by the people. Minorities in other States will naturally favor the idea from self-interest, and majorities might do the same, if not because of equity, at least from the consideration that the majority of to-day may become the minority of to-morrow.

ADVANCED RADICAL DOCTRINE.—A dispatch from Nashville says that Mr. Roach a prominent radical member of the Tennessee Legislature, in a letter to his home organ, at Knoxville, says that Brownlow says he would improve the rivers and harbor, and proposes to build railroads by the federal government, without regard to any section, East, West, North or South. "Had I my way, I would instruct the government of the United Stotes to form a strong central government in the district of Columbia, and organize the States as so many colonies or corporations as absolutely dependent upon and subject to the will of the central power. Many States would wipe out and extirpate the whole thing of State rights and State Sovereignty.—While I only speak for myself, I believe Congress and the whole country are looking in the same direction." This is the advanced radical doctrine, as yet acknowledged only by a few of the ultra leaders, but, if the present progress be not arrested, soon to be avowed and acted upon. First, to make the States dependent colonies or corporations; thon to establish a consolidated empire, and then to place it in the hands of some ambitious despot.—*Alexandria Gazette.*

GEN. GRANT A VERY LAZY PRESIDENT.—The Doylestown *Democrat* says: "It is probable that there never was a more indolent man given office under this Government than Ulysses S. Grant. Certainly, no more lazy one ever occupied the Presidential chair. The wonder among those who have become familiar with his disposition, is that he displayed sufficient energy to become an army officer. But that matter is easily explicable, for it is a rule that those who are not possessed of sufficient mental stamina to make themselves a record in the world of thought, are always edified in matters which call into play the baser animal passions. War is always pleasure to a brute, but one refined by study and constant contact with nature's works in their purity, sees nothing but horror in that game in which men's lives are the stake.

Grant cannot abide the "dull" routine of his official duties for two consecutive weeks, but instead of devoting his time and attention to the solution of the political problems of the hour, is forever planning pleasure excursions and other recreations. He proposes to dispose of himself during the continuance of the coming summer, about as he did the last one, at Long Branch and other sea side and warm weather resorts. For all the benefit he has thus far been to the country, we might as well have an automaton of the White House.

HEDGING.—The great desideratum of radical legislators, at the present time, seems to be the discovery of some means by which Democrats may be prevented from controlling the brute force brought into activity by the recent amendments. Several bills have been introduced in Congress looking to this end, all of which prohibit, under severe penalties, all attempts, either directly or indirectly, to coerce, intimidate, treat with violence, refuse to employ, discharge from employment or otherwise injure or oppress any citizens of the United States, with intent to hinder or deter him from the exercise of any rights secured to him by such amendments, or because of his having exercised the same. The search for the philosopher's stone or for the principle of perpetual motion seems to be, for the time at least, quite thrown in the shade by this new question. We shall expect to see wealthy and moribund radicals devoting their wealth in testamentary devises to encourage the search, and we would respectively suggest that Congress might appropriately set aside the amount saved from Mrs. Lincoln's pension to reward the successful discoverer.—*Harford Dem.*

A WRITER from Chihuahua says he attended a dance where he saw a sign over the door which read: "No gentleman admitted without pants on."

THE New York Masons are to erect an asylum for aged Masons and orphans, to cost $500,000.