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The Kent News.

A FAMILY NEWSPAPER: Devoted to Literature, Agriculture, Politics, General News and Advertising.

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VALUABLE

REAL ESTATE

HELD AT PRIVATE SALE.

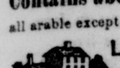
THE undersigned will sell at private sale either or all of the following Farms, situate in the lower section of Kent co., Maryland.

Tolchester Farm

is beautifully located on the Chesapeake Bay, opposite the mouth of the Patapsco river, and

Contains about Six Hundred Acres

all arable except a few acres of Meadow.



Large Mansion House,

with several small TENANT HOUSES, with good Out-Buildings; Large APPLE, PEACH AND PEAR ORCHARDS, in bearing. The farm is divided into six fields and two lots, all well watered and in a good state of cultivation.

OYSTERS.—Thousands of bushels of Oysters in beds, are located along the water front of this farm, within two hundred yards of the shore, and the best Fishing Grounds on the Bay, are located adjacent.

Rees' Corner,

Contains 340 ACRES,

Is well situated and believed to be the BEST LOCATION FOR BUSINESS IN KENT CO.

Large Brick Dwelling
AND BRICK
Store House,

Blacksmith Shop and Wheelwright Shop, with Dwellings for the use of the same. There are also SEVERAL OTHER DWELLING HOUSES under rent, the annual rent of which amounts to seven hundred dollars. Churches, Schools and Mills, all within a mile of the Store house. There are TWO PEACH ORCHARDS of 1000 Trees each. Out-Buildings in good order and ample for the use of the Farm. Land good.

This to an energetic person is one of the most desirable locations in the State of Maryland.

DALE FARM.

This Farm is well located near the waters of Swan Creek, and

Contains about 276 Acres of Land,

About forty Acres in WOOD, with Chestnut Timber sufficient for the farm. DWELLING and Out-Buildings in fair order. The farm is divided into four fields and two lots. Land in fair state of cultivation, and has all been limed within the last two years. This farm is very convenient for Schools, and one of the best Points for shipping grain or the delivery of lime is within one and a half miles of the farm.

PAGE'S POINT,

Is a shipping point, located on Swann Creek, and is a desirable location, either for a residence or a business point. The grounds contain about TEN ACRES, and there is a LARGE BRICK DWELLING HOUSE in excellent order, containing ten rooms and cellar, with ample Out-Buildings. Also a neat Frame Dwelling of four rooms, in nice order, with Granary and Wharf somewhat out of repair. There is also located TEN ACRES OF OYSTER BEDDING GROUND in the waters contiguous to the shore, and said to be the best planting ground on the Creek. Oysters in abundance and of fine quality; also fish, crabs, &c., in season.

☞ For further particulars, terms, &c., consult my Attorney, RICHARD HYNSON, Esq., Chestertown, Maryland.

je4-tf. ABEL J. REES.

HOUSE AND LAND FOR SALE.

THE subscriber offers at private sale his HOUSE AND LAND at Smithville. The House is a two-story Frame, with three rooms and Kitchen below and four rooms above. There are about

Eight Acres of Land,

divided into three Lots, under good fencing. One lot in Peach Trees in full bearing.

For particulars enquire of the undersigned, or at the Kent News office.

apr30-tf. SAMUEL L. USILTON.

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.

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.

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.

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.

1,000 LOCUST POSTS for sale by J. BELL & BRO.,

apr2-tf. Buck Neck Wharf.

CHEAP TOBACCO.

A Choice Article only 75 cts. per lb. at

je18-tf. B. H. GARDNER'S.

JUST RECEIVED at the People's Popular Store, a large lot of Mattings and Floor Oil Cloths. WM. A. VICKERS.

PURE CIDER VINEGAR for sale by

je4. W. F. BAKER.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

BY VIRTUE of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Kent county, as a Court of Equity, the undersigned, as Trustee, will expose to public sale to the highest bidder, on

TUESDAY, the 4th of October next,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,
At the "VOSHELL HOUSE," in Chestertown,

ALL THAT MILL PROPERTY

in Kent County, commonly called

"URIEVILLE,"

lying near the main road leading from Chestertown to Kennedyville, about six miles from the former and two and a half from the Railroad Depot at Kennedyville.

THIS PROPERTY consists of

A GRIST MILL,

With two run of Burrs,

And a SAW MILL,

IN RUNNING CONDITION.

Also, Smith and Wheelwright Shops

SIX DWELLING HOUSES,

AND ONE OVER A LARGE STORE, immediately on the public road.

Also, Stables, Granary, Meat & Poultry House.

The Mill and large Dwellings are in good condition. There is probably no better or finer stream of water in the county; it is abundant for the supply at all seasons.

There is also from

30 to 40 Acres of Land attached,

two of the Lots are very fine for Truck.

The neighborhood is good; Schools and Churches are near. It is near the Kent county Railroad, and a daily mail is carried to and from Chestertown and Kennedyville, connecting with the trains, and carrying a mail to Urieville, where there is a Post Office. There is probably no finer Mill property in the county.

Mr. William T. Smith, on the premises, and who has a thorough knowledge of the property, will take pleasure in showing every part of it to any one who may call to examine it.

TERMS OF SALE:—One-third cash on the day of sale, or in thirty days thereafter, at the option of the Trustee, and the balance in one, two and three years, in equal instalments, from the day of sale, with interest from the first day of January next, to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, with security approved by the Trustee.

GEORGE VICKERS, Trustee.

Chestertown, Sept. 10, 1870—ts.

TRUSTEE'S SALE.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Kent county, as a Court of Equity, the undersigned as Trustee, will expose to public sale to the highest bidder on

WEDNESDAY,

THE FIFTH DAY OF OCTOBER NEXT,

at eleven o'clock, A. M., at the Hotel porch of John Pennington, in Galena, in Kent county,

All that Tract or Parcel of Land

the property of the late Thomas E Gooding, dec'd, in said County, containing about

One Hundred Acres,

adjoining the town of Galena, on the road leading to Georgetown and Sassafras, also adjoining the lands of Joseph P. Ireland, Dr James Heighe, and others. A portion of this land is considered very productive, and the whole is desirable property.

THERE IS A

DWELLING

and some Out-Houses on the premises. The property is divided into four or five fields, and the out and division fences are in fair condition. There are about

Fourteen Hundred Peach Trees,

one-half about four years old and in bearing, and the other half about two years:—and of good varieties. There is a small portion in WOOD, suitable for fuel, and also some Chestnut. A few lots will be laid off and the property sold as a whole or in parts. A plot of the property will be exhibited at the sale.

THE TERMS OF SALE as prescribed by the Decree, are:—One-fourth of the purchase money on the day of sale, or in sixty days thereafter, at the option of the Trustee, and the balance in three equal instalments in six, twelve and eighteen months from the first day of January next, with interest from that time, to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, with security to be approved by the Trustee.

GEORGE VICKERS, Trustee.

Chestertown, Sept. 10, 1870—ts.

GRAIN DRILLS! GRAIN DRILLS!
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We call the attention of Farmers to the

"Delaware Phosphate Drill,"

(Pat. Oct. 28, 1868, and Nov. 30, 1869,)

As the Best Grain and Phosphate Sower ever introduced into this country.

It is light simple, and substantially made, and guaranteed to perform its work with the greatest accuracy and uniformity.

There has been nearly two hundred (200) of them used during the last two years in Delaware and Maryland, which have given entire satisfaction, and are fully endorsed by our best and most reliable Farmers, as will be seen by their certificates and references.

For further information, circulars, &c., &c., apply to W. W. HAMILTON, Odessa, Del., or W. T. SHAW & CO., Manufacturers, Wilmington, Delaware.

sep10-1m.

Special Notice to Tax-Collectors.

ORDERED by the County Commissioners, that the Collectors of Taxes who have not paid all monies levied in their hands

To Pay Railroad Bonds and Interest
For the Year 1869,

to pay said money into Kent National Bank within the next Thirty days.

JOHN RUSSELL, Clerk.

ALSO, ORDERED BY THE COURT, that the Tax-Collectors having money levied in their hands to pay Kent County Railroad Bonds and interest on the same

For the year 1870,

be and they are hereby required to deposit the said money in the Kent National Bank before

THE FIRST DAY OF MAY, 1871,

in the name of the County Commissioners of Kent county, Maryland, for the purpose of paying the said bonds and interest to be due at that time.

By order, JOHN RUSSELL, Clerk.

Sept. 10, 1870—3t.

TURNER'S AXES and POST AUGERS, for sale at low prices by L. S. FOWLER.

Drills! Drills! Drill and Corn Hoes!

FARMERS can get all REPAIRS and Extra Pieces of the

Bickford & Huffman Drill

at our Shops, as we have always a supply on hand, and we repair all parts of the Drills—new Steel Points, new Brushes, and all Wheels that may need repairing, and all repairs for the Guano Attachment and Seed Sower.

We have also a good CAST-STEEL HOE, made light for the express purpose of cutting down Corn, for sale cheap, at

CHAPMAN & LAMBERT'S,

sep10-tf. Cross St., Chestertown.

Look to your Drills!

TO THE FARMERS of KENT and ADJOINING COUNTIES.

WE take pleasure in stating to those who have the Bickford & Huffman Drill that they can get them thoroughly and efficiently repaired by

Messrs. CHAPMAN & LAMBERT
OF CHESTERTOWN,

who will always keep on hand a full supply of repairing parts for any Drill we ever built, which will be furnished at same price as if bought here. Knowing the delay that is sometimes experienced by Farmers for the want of repairing parts during their busy season, when time is money, we have effected this arrangement with the above firm, who being practical mechanics, and having an experience of years with our drill, can repair them as well as the manufacturers.

W. L. BUCKINGHAM,
General Agent of Bickford & Huffman.

Aug. 27, 1870—tf.

T. W. Eliason & Son

WILL OPEN ON MONDAY, SEPT. 5th,
A LARGE STOCK OF

NEW & DESIRABLE FALL GOODS,

to which they invite the attention of the buyers of Kent and Queen Anne's counties.

Our stock has been purchased with care and at the lowest market rates, and we feel confident that our Goods and our prices will meet the views of buyers.

Sept. 3. T. W. ELIASON & SON.

BOOTS and SHOES.

T. W. ELIASON & SON,

Invite the attention of buyers to a full assortment of

Men's and Boy's Brogans and Balmoral Boots.
Ladies' Plain and half polish Boots, in Leather, Goat, Morocco and Turkey Morocco.
Misses' Leather, Goat and Morocco Bal. Boots.
Children's, in Morocco, Goat and Kid.
Also, a large stock of Women's and Misses heavy Leather Bal. Boots, all of good quality.

Sept. 3, 1870.

Wall Paper & Window Shades

HOWELL & BROTHERS,

Manufacturers and Dealers in the above articles, offer inducements to

COUNTRY MERCHANTS

and others.

Their Stock consists of all grades and qualities, which they are offering at the lowest factory prices.

Gold band and painted Window Shades of great variety, always on hand.

260 *Baltimore Street, opposite Hanover,*

sep25y BALTIMORE, MD.

WM. KNABE & CO.,

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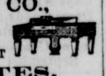

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PIANO-FORTES.

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BALTIMORE, MD.

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Their TONE combines great power, sweetness and fine singing quality, as well as great purity of intonation, and evenness throughout the entire scale.

Their TOUCH is pliant and elastic, and entirely free from the stiffness found in so many Pianos. In WORKMANSHIP they are unexcelled, using none but the very best seasoned material, the large capital employed in our business enabling us to keep continually an immense stock of lumber, etc., on hand.

All our Square Pianos have our new Improved Overstrung scale and the Agraffe Treble.

We would call special attention to our late improvements in Grand Pianos and Square Grands, patented August 16, 1866, which bring the Piano nearer perfection than has yet been attained.

Every Piano fully warranted for Five Years.

Sole wholesale Agency for Carhart & Needham's Celebrated PARLOR ORGANS AND CHURCH HARMONIUMS.

WM. KNABE & CO.,
No. 350 West Baltimore St., near Eutaw,
oc24-y. Baltimore, Md.

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Manufacturers and Dealers in

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS
AND MACHINERY,

Garden & Field SEEDS, FERTILIZERS, &c.

141 PRATT ST., Near Light,
BALTIMORE,

Continue to keep constantly on hand every description of FIRST-CLASS Implements and Machinery to meet the wants of Farmers and Gardeners.

Call special attention now to

Bickford & Huffman's Grain Drill,

With its unequalled Guano Distributor.

American Cider Mill and Press, price	$42
Buckeye Cider Mill and Press, Sr. "	45
" " " Jr. "	25
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These Cider Mills are recommended as very superior. Further description furnished upon application.

The GENUINE PENNOCK CORN SHELLER and GENUINE VAN WICKLE GRAIN FAN, together with every description of the most useful and desirable Implements and Machines always to be had on application to

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jy30. 141 Pratt Street, Baltimore.

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A BOARDING SCHOOL FOR YOUNG MEN AND BOYS.

The fifth scholastic year of forty weeks will commence Sept. 13th. Branches:—English, Classical and Mathematical, Vocal and Instrumental Music. Expenses:—$180 per annum, payable quarterly. For circulars, address

ROBERT CHALFANT, A. M.,
s3-4t. Philopolis, Baltimore Co., Md.

A LOT of STONEWARE at Factory prices Pans, Jugs, Jars and Pitchers.

je25. L. S. FOWLER.

THE DRUNKARD'S WIFE.

He comes not! I have watched the moon
Sink slowly in the dusky west,
And like the fading of her light,
Hath hope died out in my sad breast.
'Tis midnight, but he comes not yet;
All vainly yet I watch and weep—
How long, O Father! O, how long,
Must I these lonely vigils keep?

O! for one hour of happiness
Such as I felt when love's deep spell
Was woven first around my heart,
Ere from its shrine my idol fell.
But now, alas! a fearful doom
Of wretchedness, and woe, and fear,
Is mine—the fate to watch and pray,
With aching heart and bitter tears.

I listen to the ceaseless stroke
Which marks the weary hours go by,
And start and tremble at the sound
Of e'en the night winds gentle sigh.
I gaze upon my children fair,
And listen to their low, soft breath,
Till, in my broken heart's despair,
I almost wished their sleep were death.

A blight upon the drunkard's child
Rests ever, from life's opening morn;
O! must my loved ones feel the sting
Of the world's cold unfeeling scorn?
Dear Saviour! thou whose soul hath felt
Deep sorrow's fearful agony,
O! fill my weary fainting heart
With strength that only comes from thee.

A REMARKABLE PRISONER.

In 1831-2 there lived in Monroe county, Mississippi, a planter named Wooley. He was a half-breed, at least there was a good deal of Cherokee Indian in him.—He owned about two hundred slaves, and had all the worst habits of the old-time planter—drinking, gambling and horse-racing. These pursuits alternated formed his sole occupation, the plantation being managed by an overseer. He had the sole virtue of possessing a sort of Indian veneration for the sacredness of his word. He would not execute a note for any purpose whatever, and held all men in sovereign contempt who violated their pledged word. He had no compunction in killing a man in what he deemed a just quarrel; but his word was his bond. This was his well-known character, and he could have got credit for thousands on his word easier than other men could have got hundreds. At the time we speak of he had killed several persons in gambling quarrels, and he was looked upon as a man not to be crossed except at the risk of life.

One night while playing cards in Columbus, a quarrel arose about the game. His opponent was a known desperado, and he gave the lie to Wooley's statement about the game. Bowies flashed out simultaneously—both were slightly wounded when a luck blow laid Wooley's opponent dead upon the floor. Next morning Wooley was arrested—arrested because he did not care that it should be otherwise. Wooley had carried his killing so so far that the Judge felt bound to commit him, in order to avoid the imputation of being affected either by fear of his desperadoism or wealth. Accordingly to jail went Wooley. The jailor was a weak man—weak in courage and weak to resist the influence of a douceur. After bearing his confinement for a day or two Wooley sent for the jailor.

"See here Jim," said he, "you know me; you know I never break my word. Now, I want to go out and have a social game with the boys. You can just leave me the key and when it gets bed time I will come, lock myself in, and it will be all right."

This argument was enforced by material considerations; and night after night Wooley used to come out and enjoy his nocturnal liberty. The court sitting soon he got the case put off, and giving bail in the sum of $10,000, was released.

At the next term of court Wooley was put upon trial; the jury returned a verdict of guilty, and the judge sentenced him one year in the penitentiary at Jackson. The papers were duly made out, and the sheriff proposed to start with him for Jackson, but Wooley demurred.

"You know, sheriff," said he "that the country is poor—can't afford the trip—and so I'll just let my boy Cæsar drive me down to Jackson and save all expense. Got the papers?"

The sheriff produced them, and, ere he was aware, Wooley seized them and put them in his pocket.

"All right," said he "I shall be off tomorrow morning."

The sheriff knew he had a desperate customer to deal with, but when he reflected that Wooley never broke his word, and had, besides, over $100,000 worth of property he could move, he made a virtue of necessity, and left things to take their turn.

True to his word Wooley left for Jackson and in time arrived. Putting up at the Mahsion House he sallied out, visiting all the gambling hells with which that town even then abounded, and the next morning drove up to the penitentiary. Entering the ward room, he inquired:

"Where shall I find the warden?"

"I am the man," said Col. Dickson.

"Well, I've brought you a prisoner."

"Where is he?" inquired the warden.

"Here, I am the man," and Wooley handed over the sheriff's mittimus.

The warden was amazed. Had he a lunatic to deal with, or had the man killed the sheriff and then come to the prison to defy him. He could not tell; but he determined quickly to keep the man since he offered himself.

"Now," said Wooley, "let's go through this place to see how it looks," and through they went. As they returned to the guard room, Wooley had talked so pleasantly that the warden felt reassured and said jocosely:

"Now, Mr. Wooley, what branch of the business do you think you would like best?"

"To tell the truth, Colonel," said Wooley, "I never did a day's work in my life, and I don't think I'd like any of your cussed trades. I'll tell you how we can fix it, I'll clerk for you just for the name of the thing, and we'll live jollily together till the year's up."

The warden saw he had a character to deal with, and concluded that a man who would go into a prison on his own accord, would not run away, and acquiesced.—Wooley stayed his year accordingly; nominal clerk or companion by day, and a gambler in Jackson by night. He kept the ward room supplied with Havanas, and a sly nook in the office always contained the best of liquors.

His year up, he left unregretting but regretted, for at heart he was really a good fellow, and made the warden a good companion.

Such was justice in Mississippi forty years ago, but such an incident as this could have hardly occurred elsewhere.

Curiosities of American History.

American political history is full of curious and singular incidents. For instance: Three of our Presidents, all of whom participated in the revolution, died on its great anniversary, the Fourth of July—namely: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe.

Of the first six Presidents, four of them were taken from the office of Secretary of State, and the other two, being first elected, could not perform its duties. From this fact arose the precedent that makes the Secretary of State the first officer of the Cabinet instead of the Secretary of the Treasury, which is the case in Great Britain.

No less than five of the greatest American statesmen were born in the same year—1712: Daniel Webster, John C. Calhoun, Thomas H. Benton, Martin Van Buren and Lewis Cass. From 1800 to 1865 only two persons filled the office of Chief Justice of the United States—John Marshall and Roger B. Taney.

The capital of the United States was located at Washington, in pursuance of a corrupt bargain, by which two or three members of Congress, who lived adjacent to it, and whose districts would be greatly benefitted by it, voted for the funding of the national debt for that purpose.

But two men in the United States have, as they say in Odd Fellowship, passed through the "chairs," been Governors of States, held a first-class foreign mission, been the head of the Cabinet, the Vice President and President; their names are Thomas Jefferson and Martin Van Buren.

Three Presidents died in office—Harrison, Taylor, and Lincoln.

Three persons were elected Vice-President before they came to be President—John Adams, Thomas Jefferson and Martin Van Buren.

Three Vice-Presidents died in office—George Clinton, Elbridge Gerry and Wm. R. King.

Three Vice-Presidents became Presidents by the death of their chiefs—John Tylor, Millard Fillmore, and Andrew Johnson—and every one of them pursued a policy adverse to that of the party by which they were elected.

HOW TO WORK OFF A DEBT.—Debt is a very bad thing for a laboring man, but it is not the worst evil that could befall him. If it is made a stimulus to extra exertions, and if it incites to a close, rigid economy in saving money, it may help a man to form excellent business habits. It is a perversity of human nature that we seldom do more than we are obliged to. An honest young man will feel that he has not any right to luxuries that can just as well be dispensed with, when his creditors, are waiting for their money. If his wife is a suitable helpmeet, she will eschew finery and expensive house furnishings until she can buy them with honest money. If both will set out with a fixed determination to make all they can and save all they can towards paying off the debt, they need not fear, under ordinary circumstances, to go into business on a moderate amount of borrowed capital. But let every one in such a position, remember to save even the pennies towards the debt.

By slow and study small savings, even very heavy debts are thus worked off, and more than this, habits are formed, which lay the foundation of future princely fortunes. Many a person never began to think pecuniarily, until he was in debt. But to incur a debt above your probable means of defraying within the given time, it is not only unwise but dishonest. Remember, it will not depend so much upon what you earn, as upon what you save, whether you will be able to pay it or not.

RICHES.—The man with good firm health is rich.

So is the man with a clear conscience.

So is the parent of vigorous, happy children.

So is the editor of a paper with a big list of paying subscribers.

So is the clergyman whose coat the little children of the parish pluck as he passes them in their play.

So is the wife who has the whole heart of a good husband.

So is the young man, who laying his hand on his heart, can say "I have treated every woman I ever saw as I should wish my sister treated by other men.

So is the little child who goes to sleep with a kiss on its lips, and for whose waking a blessing waits.

A YOUNG gentleman recently found himself in company with three young ladies, and generously divided an orange between them. "You will rob yourself," exclaimed one of the damsels. "Not at all," replied the innocent; "I have three or four more in my pocket!"

The Farmer and the Pickpocket.

A short time since, while our reporter was visiting a town in the interior, he made the acquaintance of a well-to-do farmer, who, after making some inquiries in regard to the growth and prosperity of Detroit, inquired if there were any pickpockets in that city. The reply was, of course, in the affirmative. The farmer laughed quietly a moment, and then said: "I don't often tell my first experience in seeing the lions of your city. Some years before father died he went to New York on business, and while there he bought a gold watch. He wore it as long as he lived, and when he died he gave it to me. Of course I was strongly attached to the watch, and not a little proud of it, especially when I put it in my pocket upon the occasion of my first visit to Detroit. I haven't any doubt that I looked at it a hundred times a day, and you will not be at all surprised when I tell you that I had not been in the city two hours before it was missing, chain and all.

"I informed the clerk of the hotel where I was stopping of my loss, and as I did not remember being jostled by any one, and could give no clue to thief, he said there was no use in calling in an officer. He advised me to offer a large reward for the return of the watch, and add that no questions would be asked. I put an advertisement in the morning papers, and during the afternoon received a note informing me that if I would be at corner of B— and L— streets that evening at seven o'clock, with the reward ($100,) my watch would be returned to me. The note also stated that I must be alone, and if, during the day, I made any attempt to inform an officer, the writer would not meet me; that I would be watched all the time, and the only way to recover my watch was by doing precisely as I advertised.

At seven o'clock I was at the spot indicated; and after waiting a few moments a well-dressed man in passing me asked me the time of day. I replied that it was seven o'clock. At that he asked me to walk along with him a short distance, and as we walked along he inquired if I had brought the $100. I replied in the affirmative, when he handed me my watch, received the money, and was about to leave, when I startled him and told him I would give him $10 more to tell me how he managed to pick my pocket. "Sh!" said he, placing his finger on his lips, "you promised to ask no questions, but I would show you if it wasn't for that man standing over there on the corner. He is a detective officer and knows me." The man pointed across the street; I looked in the direction he had indicated, but could see no one that looked like an officer, although there were plenty of people standing in that locality. "That tall fellow with the stove-pipe hat is the man I mean; but I must be off—good bye." The man hurried off and I saw him disappear round a corner; then I again tried to see the "tall fellow with the stove-pipe hat," but if he had been there he had disappeared, and I started for the hotel happy in again possessing my father's last present to me. At this thought I put my hand in my vest pocket, where I had placed the watch but a moment before, and the next minute you could have knocked me down with a straw, for the pocket was empty! The thief had indeed complied with my request and shown me 'how it was done.'

"I didn't advertise for it again, but I came home without telling the hotel clerk of my experience."—*Detroit Post.*

THEM GOOD OLD DAZE.—How I long—once in a while—for them good old daze.

Them daze when there was more fun for 30 cents then thare is now in 7 dollars and ½

Them daze when a man married 145lbs. of woman, and less than nine pound—awl told—of ennything else.

How I dew long for them good old daze when edekashun consisted in what men did well.

Them daze when deacons were as austere as hess redish, and ministers preached to men's souls intead of their pockets.

Them daze when polyticks was the exsepshun and honesty the roole.

Them daze when lap dorgs wunt known and when brown bread and baked goose made a good dinner.

Them daze when a man who wasn't bizzy was watched, and when women spun yarn to nit stockings.

How i do long for them good old daze when now and then a gal baby was called Jerusha and a boy wasn't spil't if he was named Jeremyier.

And ye who have the fethers and fuss of life, who have codfish of wealth without sense under yure nose, cum beneath this tree and long for an hour with me for the good old daze when men were ashamed to be fools and wimmin were afraid to be flirts.

N. B.—They used to make milk punch in those daze that was handy to take.—*Josh Billings.*

TO DRIVE AWAY BED BUGS.—An exchange gives the following as a sure way to drive bed bugs from old bedsteads: "Take green tomato vines, put them into a basin or tray, pound them to pieces, as fine as possible, then stain the bedstead where they inhabit, with the juice, fill the crevices with the pieces of vines, lay leaves under the ends of the slats. If this is practiced twice a year, not a bug will remain in the bedstead.

"A MILITARY company paraded at Boston a few days ago, with twenty-two men bearing muskets, and twenty-three playing on musical instruments." This has always been the way with Massachusetts. We have never yet had a war in which she did not do a great deal more blowing than fighting.

WHICH WAS RIGHT?—A party of grammarians, in a Cincinnati restaurant, were arguing for half an hour over the question: "Is it right to say six and seven *is* eleven, or six and seven *are* eleven?" Some were certain is was the proper term to employ (on the principle, perhaps, that whatever is is right,) while others were equally strenuous that are was the right word.

"Do you mean to say, sir," said one distinguished grammarian, very much excited, to another distinguished grammarian, "that six and seven are eleven?"

"It are," replied the other, equally excited.

Much confusion ensued, and it was feared that a collision would ensue between the distinguished grammarians. In fact, after *conjugating* each other pretty sharply and working themselves up to the superlative degree of wrathful mood, they did make a few purses at each others's heads. In the *present tense* of affairs it was agreed to leave the question to the decision of the Teutonic gentlemen who brought larger. Said one of them—

"Hans, which is right, to say six and seven is eleven, or six and seven are eleven?"

"Vic ihs recht?"

"Yes."

"Sex unt seben ish eleven, or sex unt seben are eleven?"

"Yes, yes, that's it."

"Vy, you tam fools, sex unt seben pese dirteen!"

STREET ETIQUETTE.—A gentleman, meeting a lady should always take the right of the walk.

A gentleman meeting another should always past to the right.

A lady as a general rule, should not take a gentleman's arm in the daytime. However, it is not improper when the walk is crowded with people.

A gentleman meeting or passing a gentleman and lady should pass on the gentleman's side.

A gentleman should never fail to salute a lady of his acquaintance when within proper distance, unless she wears a veil in which case it would be highly uncivil to recognize her.

A MIDSHIPMAN asked a priest to tell him the difference between a priest and a jackass. The priest gave it up.

"One wears a cross on his back, and the other on his breast," said the midshipman.

"Now," said the priest, "tell me the difference between a midshipman and a jackass."

The midshipman gave it up, and asked the priest what it was. The priest said he did not know of any.

SLIGHTLY MIXED.—A New Bedford paper says that one Saturday evening recently, a lady, who lives near a church in that city, was sitting by the window listening to the crickets, which were loudly chirping, the music from the choir rehearsal being faintly audible, when a gentleman dropped in familiarly who had just passed the church and had the music full in his mind. "What a noise they are making to night!" said he. "Yes," replied the lady, "and it is said they do it with their hind legs!"

I KAN tell exactly how mi nabors young ones ought tew be fetched up, but I ain't so clear about mi own.

Thare iz some folks in this world who spend their whole time hunting after righteousness, and haint got enny spare time tew praktiss it.

Adversity haz the same effekt on a man that severe training duz on the pugilist—it reduses him tew his fighting weight.—*Josh Billings.*

"WHY, Bill, what's the matter with you? You look down in the mouth."—"Well, Peter, I dare say if you'd been through what I have you'd look bad too." "What's the matter?" "Well, you know Sarah Snivels, don't you, Peter?" "Yes." "I discarded her last night." "You did! What for?" "Well, I'll tell you. She said she wouldn't marry me, and I'd discard any girl that would treat me in that manner."

"Boss, I want twenty-five cents," said a jour printer recently to his employer. "Twenty-five cents! how soon do you want it, William?"

"Next Tuesday week."

"As soon as that? You can't have it; I've told you so often that when you were in want of any large sum of money you must give me at least four weeks' notice, for you ought to know that nobody pays the printer."

A BOSTON teacher asked a new boy who made the glorious universe, but the boy couldn't tell, so the teacher got a rawhide and told the boy if he didn't tell he would wallup him. The boy looked at the whip and snivelled out: "Please, sir, *I did, but I won't do it again!*"—The teacher fainted.

A New York paper opposes the nomination of Horace Greeley for Governor because that gentleman "would not look well on horseback at the head of a military staff at a brigade review."

IN the Arctic regions, when the thermometer is below zero, persons can converse at more than a mile distant. Dr. Jamieson asserts that he heard every word of a sermon at a distance of two miles.

ARE these pure canaries?" asked a young gentleman who was negotiating for a gift for his fair. "Yes, sir," said the dealer, confidentially; "I raised them 'ere birds from canary seed."

"WAS it your oldest daughter, madam, that was bitten by a monkey?" "No, sir, it was my youngest. My eldest daughter had a worse misfortune; she married a monkey."

A DESERTED damsel struck her recreant lover with a poker, exclaiming, with sobs: "You have broken my heart, and I will break your head."

IN the voyage of life, we should imitate the ancient mariners, who, without losing sight of the earth, trusted to the heavenly signs for their guidance.

A LADY in reply to some guests who praised the mutton on her table said:—"Oh, yes, my husband always buys the best, he is a great *epicac.*"

SOMEBODY has said that when a woman takes the degree of A. B.—that is, a bride—she may confidently look forward to deserving that of A. M.