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SUCH AS
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Executed with neatness and dispatch, and at reasonable prices.

LAW CARDS.

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CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Will give prompt attention to any business entrusted to his care. Collections promptly made and real estate bought and sold. ally.

MARION deK. SMITH,
Attorney at Law
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Special attention given to the collection of claims in Kent and adjoining counties. all-6.

C. T. WESTCOTT,
Attorney and Counselor at Law
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

☞ Special attention given to the collection of claims in the counties of Kent, Cecil, Queen Anne's and Caroline. ag12-y.

THOS. S. BORDLEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

OFFICE in the Masonic Building.
Particular attention given to the collection of Claims. f2-6.

MEDICAL CARDS.

DR. W. E. TARBUTTON,
OFFICE at CRUMPTON

Offers his Professional Services to the citizens of Queen Anne's and Kent counties.
May 9, 1874—3m.

Medical Notice.

DR. GEO. T. PERKINS,
A Graduate of the University of Maryland,
Has opened an office on Water Street, Chestertown, near the Bridge. Office hours from 9½ A. M. to 12, M., and from 2 to 6, P. M., where he may be found except when professionally engaged After 6, P. M., will be found at his father's residence. ap11-tf.

Medical Notice.

THE undersigned most respectfully inform their friends and the public that from the firath day of April, 1874, they will associate themselves in a co-partnership for the better prosecution of their profession, and for the better accommodation of the public, under the name of "T. H. WHALAND & SON," pledging themselves to the discharge of their duties to the best of their abilities.

They may be found at all times (if not professionally engaged,) at their residence near Chestertown.

THOMAS H. WHALAND, M. D.,
CHAS. W. WHALAND, M. D.
March 28, 1874—tf.

CHAS. CAMBLOS & Co.

Bankers and Brokers,

No. 38 SOUTH THIRD ST.,
PHILADELPHIA.

Dealers in Government Securities, Gold, Silver, &c.

Stocks and Bonds bought and sold on commission. Particular attention given to investments. d27y.

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Lumber Dealers,

OFFICE:
132 LIGHT STREET WHARF
BALTIMORE.

YARDS { 104 and 132 Light St. Wharf. 132 S. Charles Street. Cor. York and Johnson Sts.,

OFFER ALL VARIETIES OF

BUILDING LUMBER,

SHINGLES, FENCING, DOORS, SASH, BRICKS, OAK, ASH, WALNUT,

At the Lowest Rates, in lots to Suit.

June 28, 1873.

Harvest Goods!

BEFORE BUYING YOUR HARVEST GOODS call and get *our* Prices.

Harvest Whiskeys
LOWEST IN KENT COUNTY.

☞ Don't fail to go to SAPPINGTON'S. It will pay you. J. B. SAPPINGTON.
Chestertown, June 13 1874.

GREAT INDUCEMENTS
TO
CASH BUYERS
In DRY GOODS, Shoes, Notions, &c.
June 13. By J. H. SIMPERS.

A LOT OF 8x10 WINDOW SASH on hand and for sale.
Jan31. JOHN T. DODD & SON.

Ice-Cream! Ice-Cream! Ice-Cream!

WM. F. MURR & BRO.,
Manufacturers and Wholesale and Retail Dealers in
STEAM ICE-CREAM,
AND
WATER ICES,
139—Cor. Hanover and Barre Sts.,
Branch Establishment—375 W. Lombard-st.,
BALTIMORE.

☞ Orders for Ice Cream, all Flavors, Water Ices, &c., promptly attended to. Families, Parties, Weddings, Pic-nics, Balls, Excursions, Dealers, etc., furnished at the shortest notice.
July 4, 1874—3m.

THE DELAWARE PREMIUM FRUIT CRATE and BASKET

Is the Lightest, Strongest, Best Ventilated, Most Durable, Most Economical, the Safest Carrier, and altogether

The Best Crate and Basket IN THE MARKET.

THIS Crate and Basket, both of which are Patented and manufactured by the undersigned, combines all the advantages desirable to growers and shippers of small fruits.—*Thorough ventilation, close packing,* and *safe carriage,* are secured in the peculiar construction of each crate and basket.

They are made of all the usual sizes, of the *best materials and workmanship,* and with *special* reference to *durability* and *strength,* the Crates being firmly secured at the corners with clasps of galvanized iron. They have been awarded FIRST PREMIUMS at all Agricultural Fairs at which they have yet been exhibited, and are being rapidly adopted by our oldest and most successful growers.

I also manufacture, *to order,* a *shallow* pint basket, specially adapted to shipping Raspberries, and designed to pack in quart Crates, requiring only the use of additional trays.

They will be sold at the following rates:

For 60 quart Crates	- -	$1 40
" 48 "	- -	1 25
" 32 "	- -	1 00
" 90 pint	- -	1 40
" 60 "	- -	1 25
" 32 "	- -	85

Quart and Pint Baskets at reduced rates. Extra trays will be furnished at 4, 5 and 6 cts. each according to size.
Address the Patentee and Manufacturer,

J. H. MARVIL, Laurel, Del.,
—OR—
R. E. WALLIS, Kennedyville, Md.,
Agent for Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties.

☞ A supply now on hand.
They may also be had of the following Local Agents:

W. A. Gassaway - - -	*Masseys.*
W. S. Merritt - - -	*Millington.*
Moore & Beacham - - -	*Buck Neck.*
Hines & Burchinal - -	*Chestertown.*
Wm. F. Wroth - - -	*Still Pond.*
Hall & Feddeman - - -	*Centreville.*

June 20—2m

Ratification Notice.

WM. B. EVERETT,
H. M. LL. EVERETT, et. al.,
versus H. E. DAVIS.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.
JULY 17th, 1874.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by RICHARD HYNSON, Trustee, for the sale of the Real Estate of Harriett Tilghman, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22d day of September next, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 22d day of August next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $1,066.00.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True Copy,—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
July 18, 1874—4w.

Ratification Notice.

ABRAHAM COATES,
versus
WILLIAM T. SMITH and REBECCA SMITH, his wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity.
JULY 16, 1874.

ORDERED by me, D. C. Blackiston, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, that the sale made and reported by GEORGE VICKERS, Trustee in the above cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 22d day of September next; Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Kent County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 22nd day of August next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $7,500.00.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True Copy,—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
July 18, 1874—4t.

Ratification Notice.

H. L. CREW, et. al.
versus
JOHN T. GALE, A. E. GALE, et. al.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Chancery.
JULY 16th, 1874.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by CHAS. T. WESTCOTT, Trustee to sell the Real Estate of James Gale, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the nineteenth day of September next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the nineteenth day of August next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $9,778.00.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True copy,—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
July 18, 1874—4t.

Ratification Notice.

GEORGE VICKERS AND OTHERS,
versus
WILLIAM T. BAKER and Others.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, sitting in Equity.
APRIL TERM, 1874.

ORDERED that the sale of the real estate, in the above entitled cause made and reported by CHARLES H. BAKER, Trustee, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the ninth day of September next, provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the ninth day of August next.

The Report states the amount of the sales to be $15,000.00

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True Copy,—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
July 11, 1874—4t.

DOWN-TOWN
Clothing and Variety Store

JOHN K. WILLIS,

IS prepared to accommodate the public at Bacchus' old stand, corner High and Queen Streets, with

CLOTHING AT CITY PRICES!

Coats from $1 up; Under shirts and Drawers from 50 cts. up; Neck Ties 3c, 5c, 10 and 15c. Straw Hats 18 to 20 cts., and other goods in proportion.

Flour, Meal and Feed of all kinds.

BACON, DRIED BEEF, SAUSAGE, FISH, all at the very lowest prices.

Groceries, such as Sugar, Coffee, Tea, Syrups, &c., &c., a full supply, which require only to be seen to secure sales.

Notions.—A large variety of goods in this line, to which special attention is paid.

☞ Give me a call.
JOHN K. WILLIS.

For Rent, 5 GOOD DWELLING HOUSES on Queen Street, Chestertown, and several smaller ones in other sections of the town.
jy18-tf. JOHN K. WILLIS.

THE COMET!

WHILE the Comet is attracting the attention of the public, do not forget the fact that there is a

NEW CONFECTIONERY, CIGAR and TOBACCO STORE IN CHESTERTOWN,

between the stores of T. W. Eliason, Jr., and E. T. Willis, where can always be found a fresh and full stock of

LEMONS, NUTS, FIGS, RASINS, CAKES, CRACKERS,

Common and French Candies

as fine goods as are to be found in the county, all of which I am selling at

LOWER PRICES

than they have been sold heretofore.

☞ **In CIGARS and TOBACCO**
I CANNOT BE OUTDONE.

Call and try the 65 and 75 cent Tobacco.
B. F. Gravely's Best Chewing Tobacco.
Durham's Smoking do., Cigars from 2½ to 10c. Cigars by the box and Tobacco by the pound, sold at a small advance. PIPES and Stems of different kinds. Flavoring Extracts, &c.
☞ ALL GOODS SOLD VERY LOW AT
H. A. SPARKS'.
N. B.—Pic-Nics and Parties supplied on reasonable terms. jy18 y.

Light Cassimere Clothing

FOR SUMMER WEAR,

IN BRIGHT and DARK COLORS.

We have just laid in, and invite the attention of our customers, to a fine line of

Seasonable CASSIMERE CLOTHING

In Suits and in Single Garments, gotten up in desirable styles, and, as usual, of first class material.

These goods were selected with considerable care, and are offered upon reasonable terms.

☞ We have, also, on hand, a well assorted stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Canton-braid and Soft Hats, and low-priced Hats for the field.

T. S. WICKES.
June 13, 1874.

MANHING MATTINGS, for sale by
June 13. T. S. WICKES.

ENGLISH GRAIN BLADES—ENGLISH GRASS BLADES—with Patent Snathes and HARVEST HARDWARE generally, on hand and for sale by
June 13, 1874. T. S. WICKES.

PURE FRENCH BRANDY,
REAL HENNESSEY,
ENGLISH and IRISH MALT GOODS, of genuine importation, constantly on hand with T. S. WICKES.
Chestertown, June 13, 1874.

FOR SALE.

THE DWELLING HOUSE and premises on High Street, in Chestertown, which I now occupy.

FOR SALE or RENT FOR THE YEAR 1875, the DWELLING HOUSE and Premises on High Street, now occupied by Wm. B. Wilmer, Esq. Also, the Dwelling on Church Alley, now occupied by Mr. Garrett. If sold a long credit will be given to purchasers if desired.

J. A. WICKES,
July 11, 1874—3t. Chestertown, Md.

BUY YOUR
Neat's Foot Oil, Sperm Oil, Lard Oil, Winter Bleached Whale Oil, Engine Oil and West Virginia Lubricating Oil from C. F. STAM & BRO. They have the largest stock in the County, and the Purest the *Country* can produce. ☞ Remember the place:
C. F. STAM & BRO.,
Cor. High and Court streets,
July 11, 1874. Chestertown, Md.

At the Solicitation of Many Friends

We have determined to
SELL FRUIT
THE COMING SEASON
Having secured the services of Mr. B. TREW, whose entire attention will be given to this branch. We hope by strict attention to receive a share of public patronage.
jel-3m. WARDEN & MERRITT.

LUMBER for CAMP-MEETING.
For Sale or Hire, by
T. W. ELIASON, JR.
☞ A large stock to be received in July.
June 27, 1874.

CAMP-MEETING!

A FULL SUPPLY of LUMBER for Tents, &c., for Camp-Meeting, now being received, and for sale or hire on reasonable terms,
By JOHN T. DODD & SON.
Chestertown, July 4, 1874.

WITHIN C. SHORTLIDGE'S BOARDING SCHOOL for Young Men and Boys, Kennet Square, Pa. J. M. Habel, Ph. D., Prof. of History, Modern Languages, Physiology, &c. Dr. C. S. Gaunt, Prof. of Chemistry, Natural Philosophy, &c. Chas. P. Coates, Penmanship and English branches. S. C. Shortlidge, (Harvard University A.M.) Principal Teacher. Two lectures a week, with instructive experiments. Fine apparatus and 1000 Stereopticas Views bought in Paris for the School by Prof. Habel, to illustrate Science, History, Geography, and Travel. jy18-3m.

IF YOU WISH FIRST CLASS SHIRTS to fit and made of the best material call on S. MERRITT & CO.

LIVE IN LOVE.

Be not harsh and unforgiving,
Live in love, 'tis pleasant living.
If an angry man should m et thee,
And assail thee indiscreetly,
Turn not thou again and rend him,
Lest thou needlessly offend him;
Show him love hath been thy teacher—
Kindness is a potent preacher;
Gentleness is e'er forgiving,
Live in love, 'tis pleasant living.

Why be angry with each other?
Man was made to love his brother;
Kindness is a human duty,
Meekness a celestial beauty;
Words of kindness, spoke in season,
Have a weight with men of reason;
Don't be others' follies blaming,
And their little vices naming;
Charity's a cure for railing.
Suffers much, is all prevailing.
Courage, then, and be forgiving;
Live in love, 'tis pleasant living.

Let thy loving be a passion,
Not a complimenting fashion;
Love is wisdom, ever proving
True philosophy is loving;
Hast thou known that bitter feeling,
'Gendered by our hate's concealing
Fetter love, though e'er so blindly,
E'en thy foes will call it kindly.
Words are wind; O, let them never
Friendship's golden love cord sever!
Nor be angry, though another
Scorn to call thee friend or brother.
"Brother," say, "let's be forgiving;
Live in love, 'tis pleasant living."

A MATHEMATICAL MARVEL.

AN UNLETTERED YOUTH DOING THE WORK OF TEN ENTRY CLERKS.

We have quite a marvel of man in our community—a natural mathematician.—His name is Reuben Fields. Having heard of him frequently through farmers and others, who got him to do their counting, I determined a short time ago to make him a visit and ascertain for myself if the remarkable stories told of him were true.

Proceeding to Fayettville, the small villiage in which he lives, I inquired of "Reub," and was told that he was in town and was shown his residence, towards which I made my way. When nearly there I met a young man, apparently 25 years of age, walking a little lame and who seemed to be leisurely and vacantly gaizing about, and accosted him with, "Does Reuben Fields live in that house yonder?"

"Yes."

"Well, I've heard that Reub was a great calculator, and I must go and see him, and I started forward, when he stopped me with, "I'm him."

"Well, Reuben," said I, "I have a few questions I would like to have you answer, and will make worth your while to do so."

Gazing around he answered: "That's all right," and remarked that he could "count" anything he could understand.

I may here remark that he cannot write a letter or a figure; he says if he could he should lose his gift. He cannot explain anything, but says he has a numerative table "way beyond the books." He remarked: "You commence at the bottom and work up—I commence at the top and work down; it is easier falling out of a tree than climbing one." He frequently observes: "If I could read and write, I should not know any more than you do." It is said he never makes mistakes. Of all the questions I gave him he made but one, and he corrected it on recounting.—The following are some of the questions asked him:

If to the time past noon there be added its ⅓, ¼, and 2·5 the sum will be equal to 1·6 of the time of midnight, what is the hour?

Divide $11.50 between two persons so that one shall have 75 cents more than the other.

A tree 136 feet long fell and was broken into two pieces; ⅔ of the longer piece equals ¾ of the shorter. What is the length of each piece?

What is the interest of one cent for one day at six per cent per annum?

What is the length of one side of a square acre?

These questions were all correctly answered, his answer to the last being "It cannot be told."

I then said, "Reuben, I hear you can tell what day of the week any given date was, or will be; is that so?" "Yes, sir." "What was July 1, 1863?" "Wednesday." Correct. "What was the 22d of January, 1848?" "Sunday." "What day will the Fourth of July come on this year?" "Saturday." "New Year?"—"Friday." All right. I have also heard, Reub, that you can tell the hour at any time of the day or night; "is that so?" "Yes, sir." "What time is it now?"—"It is 17 minutes past two o'clock, railroad time; sun time is 13 minutes slower." We walked around town, and he gave me the hour several times correctly each time, within two or three minutes. Several times he called citizens of the place to attest the truth of his statements which they did. One of the leading citizens of the place told me he had tried "Reub," on the time question on both clear and cloudy days, and also on nights and he always gave the correct time.—Reuben asked the gentleman we were talking with to write down a column of figures, which he did; they were then read to him, thirteen numbers, two figures in each number, and he at once gave their sum, and then could repeat the numbers in the order in which they were written, either forward or backward. The tax collector got Reuben to look over his work last fall, and Reuben said that he could remember the numbers in the column and the sum yet. County clerks have sent from Kansas for him to help straighten their books. A wholesale firm in Kansas City heard of him, and sent for him to do some invoicing. He told them he could do the work of ten clerks in making computations.

They told him if he could he should have the pay of ten men. He mounted a high stool with the clerks around him, and he kept them busy giving the number of articles, price of each, and taking down his answers. They gave him $45 for his day's work. A firm in Fayettville selling out took an invoice of their goods, Reub was sick at the time, but they made it out and submitted it to him; he found a mistake of $300.

Sometimes a witty person will try and make a little fun at Reub's expense. One asked him what he would do if the doctors should catch him and take his brains to see in what respect they varied from others. "Go around without any brains like you go," was the ready reply.—*St. Louis Rep.*

"MY hand is not a lemon," as the young lady in Annapolis said the other night when they parted at the door.

REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
Kent County Agricultural Club,
For the Year 1890.

AGRICULTURAL HALL, WORTON,
January, 1891.

Gentlemen of the Kent County Agricultural Club:—The constitution requires the presiding officer of your institution to make an annual written report, a duty it gives me pleasure to perform at this time.

Our organization now numbers four hundred and fifty-seven members, and contains much of the intelligence and wealth of the county, and is finding more and more favor with all classes of citizens. Conducted as it has been, so wisely, and so apparent in the absence of selfish motives, the confidence placed in it is almost unlimited. Let us endeavor, gentlemen, to perpetuate these same characteristics.

In a report so brief as this must be necessarily, I can only speak of a few of the most important measures connected with your institution; other information you may desire will be afforded you by the various reports accompanying this paper.

Your co-operative store has now been in operation over ten years, and proves to be more than its most ardent advocates anticipated. The opposition it met in the Club has almost entirely passed away. It did a cash business the past year of a trifle over $167,000, or to be more exact, one hundred and sixty-seven thousand, four hundred and thirty-nine dollars and forty four cents. Buying at the fountain head, at the lowest net cash price, enables it to sell correspondingly low. The advance of five per cent. on cost has proven sufficient not only to cover all expenses, but to make a yearly addition to the stock, and I would recommend that for the current year the advance be four per cent. I would also recommend that a short credit of say sixty or ninety days be extended to such farmers as require it—the amount and time to be decided by the directors on a written application; and failure to meet the obligation, to prevent a continuance of the credit until it is met.

The agricultural implement warehouse connected with the store is used as a place of exhibit by the best manufacturers, and as the arrangements to duplicate any implement immediately, at the lowest net cash price at the manufactory, are very complete, our farmers purchase all their implements in this way; and as pains are taken to have a reliable guarantee accompany every article, the utmost satisfaction has resulted.

Appended to this you will find the annual report of the board of directors appointed by you for the Club Bank and the co-operative store. All the stock of the bank being held by the club enables the bank to discount at a very low per centage; and as the bank is not managed in the interest of a few capitalists, nor used in any way as a shaving shop, and the loans entirely to farmers, but few and trifling losses have resulted—proving the truth of the saying that but little money is lost through farmers. I would recommend the continuance of the present policy, to wit: making loans only to farmers, and only demanding sufficient interest to meet working expenses, a small contingent for unavoidable losses, and a slight increase to the capital. As a bank of deposit it is used by nearly all our farmers, and it is a great convenience.

Our fair the past fall surpassed all preceding fairs, whilst the desire to obtain prizes on account of their money value seemed to actuate the exhibitors only a very slight degree. Owing to the discrimination used, the honor of obtaining a prize was eagerly sought after. The success of the effort to show to advantage and to display the capacity of our beautiful country was most decided as to cereals, fruits, stock, poultry, &c., &c. Could those of the noble founders of the club who have passed away witness the wonderful advance in every direction since they first assembled in the little store room on the corner at Worton Heights (long since consumed by fire, and now the site of a large and splendid fruit and vegetable cannery and drying establishment), what gratification would be afforded them. To us of to-day these advances seem only the natural outgrowth of intelligence and co-operation.

The discontinuance of racing for some years past has stamped the act indelibly with wisdom. The rowdy element, which was becoming almost uncontrollable, has almost disappeared, and the large premiums hitherto paid to the winning horses often in made-up races is now devoted to more useful and more legitimate objects, connected with farming, while the fears of some that the numbers attending our fairs and the receipts would be greatly lessened have not been realized. The reverse has resulted; and the wisdom of the utterances of our most excellent first president on the subject of racing has been amply sustained. The numbers and high character of the visitors show the appreciation of the entire community of the efforts of the club to advance not only the agriculture but the morality of the county, and if a sacrifice must be made to either, to hold the latter preeminent. And as every objectionable feature is now banished from our fairs, no temptation existing to betting, gambling, and their attendant evils, our best Christian ladies and gentlemen have come forward and taken an active part in every division of our exhibition, and the precedent has been indelibly fixed that the club has not the right, neither is it good policy, to lend its strength and character to the promotion of any object antagonistic to the Christian convictions of many of its members, and antagonistic to the advancement of good morals and religion. We of to-day wonder greatly that those who managed the earlier exhibitions tolerated a performance in which they themselves felt that Christian men could not consistently conscientiously participate. But much allowance must be made for them for many reasons; and whilst we claim only the kindest criticisms for their acts, we cannot boast, for the club instead of making public opinion has only yielded to its dictates. I find on examining the records of the club sixteen or eighteen years back the names of prominent church members as sustaining this feature of the exhibition, but on following up the minutes of the club this connection soon ceases, and they are found opposing horse racing in all its branches.

The railroad chartered by you in 1878 for ninety-nine years is doing wonders for the county. Under the old regime it discriminated directly against not only the true interest of the county, but against its own interest by making the tariff of charges almost prohibitory not only as to passage, but as to freight, and running the trains at such inconvenient hours turning day into night. But managed as it was in the interest of a clique, whose only interest in the county was to bleed it, nothing else could have been expected. The gratuitous use of the railroad by the Sunday schools of the county in connection with their annual jubilee I hold to be one of the best investments ever made, and, as a stroke of policy, is masterly. Strange men cannot realize the pecuniary benefit of liberality in such a direction as this. The completion of the railroad from this station to the bay, and the rapid communication with Baltimore by means of the fast and elegant steamer Plow Boy, has not only promoted a large travel from the and upper part of the county, and from Cecil and Kent, and New Castle in Delaware, but it has been the means of retaining in our own State, and for the building up of our metropolis a vast trade which would have otherwise been diverted to other cities. The county bonds have at last become a source of income to the county, and although the fare and freight charges are lower by one-half than those of any other road on this peninsula, yet under the honest and efficient management of your board of directors individual stock has appreciated almost to par, promising soon to be at a premium. Accompanying this paper, gentlemen, you will find a report in full, showing what the road is accomplishing for the prosperity of the county.

The experimental farm at this place of 400 acres, purchased by you from the heirs of Henry Porter, presents a beautiful appearance, and has become a model farm. But many experiments attempted there have been of no practical value, chiefly from a want of intelligence in selection. Science, after years of investigation, and many miserable blunders, having settled definitely a formula by which, after certain easily discoverable properties are known, every farmer can ascertain the wants of his own soil, I would suggest that all experiments in that direction be discontinued, and all future efforts be to have a reliable guarantee of the entire purity of the articles—salts, phosphates, acids, &c.—the farmer needs. That part of the farm devoted to stock has done much good, our members now having the use of valuable animals at almost a nominal expense.

The beautiful and durable agricultural hall built by you some years since is often taxed to its utmost capacity. Aside from its regular uses as pertaining to the club, Sunday school conventions and jubilees and county meetings of all kinds are now held in it, and since farmers who own the wealth and pay the taxes of the county have determined that the county shall no longer be run to their detriment and in the interest of cliques and rings, all prominent political county meetings are held here. The beautiful grove of trees planted by the early members of the club, to whom all honor is due, has grown wonderfully and affords a delightful shade for the strawberry festival and other gatherings. I would advise that the area of the grove be increased and more trees planted, the absence of the race track affording plenty of room for that and other wise and good purposes. Since the farmers, chiefly through the instrumentality of this club and the co-operation of the granges, have assumed entire control of the county expenditures, the taxes have been greatly lessened, and vastly better results have been obtained. We have better roads, better schools, and our county courts, such a burden upon our finances in the past, and of so little real good, have been entirely remodeled, and now exact and impartial justice is done, and the rights of our citizens better protected at one fourth of the expense.

Gentlemen, the future of this association is full of promises as the past has been of successes. Fixed as it now is upon a firm basis, not only financially, but in the judgment and hearts of our citizens, let us prove ourselves worthy of the position we occupy. Uniting for the public good, we best promote individual good; discarding selfishness, we best promote the interests of self. Integrity and honesty in ourselves incite and strengthen those virtues in other, and no great public good can be accomplished without corresponding private benefits. The influence of our association has been most decided, not only on the general prosperity of the county but on individuals, as evinced by the superior appliances for the production of all farm products, and in the greatly increased values of the industries of the county. Whilst the cereals have to some extent been discontinued, more attention is given to those branches of agriculture that do not come into competition with the broad and fertile plains of the West. Yet sufficient grain is grown for home consumption and some for successful export.

And now, gentlemen of the Kent Co. Agricultural Club, at the termination of my official term allow me to extend to you my warmest thanks for the uniform courtesy and forbearance I have received from you, and to beg for my successor the same consideration. Wishing you not only as a club, but as individuals, the highest prosperity, I hand you this my annual report. Yours, A. M. B.

THE other day a young lady in Philadelphia became so much embarrassed by a proposal from her lover, that in her agitation she swallowed a needle. Young men cannot be too cautious about such things. They should never make such propositions to girls until they have thoroughly examined their mouths to see whether they have any needles in them or not.

A DETROIT female breathing hard and carrying a large hickory cane, ran down the street the other morning inquiring if anybody had seen a "small cross-eyed man anywhere along here?" Several persons asked, "What's the matter?" But she hurried on saying, "Haven't time now; I want to get my paws on the fawning sycophant for just a York minute!"

THE Peoria woman who wanted to throw herself into her husband's grave a few months ago has just been married to a lightning-rod man.

A JEALOUS wife on Eden street has muzzled her husband, that she may know his kissing is all done at home.

THE POTATO BUG.

Editors News:—Thinking that a few items of information in regard to the "Potato Bug" might be of interest just at present, well knowing that the Ground Apple is found and acceptable on the tables of all, from beggar to millionaire, and grown probably by almost every farmer in the United States to a greater or less extent, I concluded to put my experience and results of observation in a permanent form, for the benefit of "whom it may concern."

The true Colorado Potato Beetle has been known to Entomologists for the last fifty years, but has only been brought to the notice of the public within the past ten years, owing to its changing its location, and thus bring it where its natural tastes and habits cause an infinite amount of damage. There are two very distinct yet closely allied species—the true beetle (or *Doryphora* 10 lineata: say,) and bogus or *Doryphora juncta:* Germar.) Neither of them belonging to the bug (*Heteroptera*) but beetle (*Coleoptera*) species. The true beetle is a native of the Northern Rocky Mountains, feeding there on a kind of wild potato, while the bogus one is a native of Southern Illinois and the Southwestern States, where it feeds on the wild horse nettle (*Solanum Carolineuse*) The head of the true beetle in the larvæ state is black, the first joint behind the head is pale edged with black behind only. There are two rows of black spots on the side of the body, and the legs are black. In the bogus one the head is of a pale color, first joint tinged with dusky brown edged with black, a single row of black spots and legs of a pale or light color. I have found only the true beetle here, and this season for the first time.

They are enterprising little fellows, feeding in day time and traveling at night by cars or by their own private conveyance, as best suits them, stopping occasionally to rest and refresh themselves on some poor clodhopper's fine patch of Early Rose, where they deposit their eggs and again move on. I have seen them fifty miles from shore on the sails of vessels in Lake Erie, where they had come in the night. The Canada Soldier often blows over the lake from shore to shore from sixty to eighty miles, and lands as lively as if at home; and the beetle seems to have the same power of flight and endurance, for I have floated them for twenty-four hours in cold water, and as soon as put in a position where the sun shines on him he shakes himself and is off as soon as he can reach *terra firma.* The females first appear, coming as if they had wintered over under ground. They soon deposit on the under side of a leaf on which the sun shines from thirty to fifty eggs, of an orange color and long shape. They are said to be quite poisonous if taken into the stomach. These eggs hatch in from six to ten days, according to the weather. Then they eat through the leaves and feed voraciously growing rapidly until fully developed in from fourteen to eighteen days, then they drop to the ground, bury themselves, and in ten days more the metamorphosis is completed and the round of its life perfect. Their eggs and the beetles are sometimes found on gympson weed, tomatoes, ground cherries and egg plants. They usually are most numerous the third year after their first appearance, and then they clean up every patch and look for more. I have seen them in western cities on the sidewalks so that so many would be crushed that they had to be swept and sanded to keep them clean.

As everything living has its natural enemies to keep it within "due guard" and limits, so we find that in this instance nature has perfected her work. The well known lady bug or ladybird of four different species are great destroyers of the beetle eggs, to wit:

The spotted or common lady bug, or (*hippodamia musculata.*)
The 9-marked or (*hippodamia g notata.*
" 13-dotted or " *punctata.*
" Convergent or " *convergens.*

Also the spined soldier bug or (*arma spinosa,*) belonging to the extensive family of *scuttelera.*

It attacks Mr. Beetle himself wherever found by thrusting his long spear-like bill into his body and holding him there as an attorney does an obstreperous witness, until he pumps him dry, when it lets him go and seeks others which it may devour.

I find only two out of many remedies that are of any practical use. One is to pick them off and throw boiling water over them, or put one large spoonful of Paris Green and two of flour into a pail of water, then stir well and sprinkle on the vines on a warm, bright day. In about three days they feel the effects of the *pizen.* Now, as to Paris Green, beware of careless handling, for it is a powerful and deadly poison. There is great danger in the handling and mixing of it, owing to the fine dust which arises and is rapidly absorbed by the pores of the skin, especially if the person be in a state of perspiration. The hands and the nose should be well protected and carefully washed after using it. Malignant sores are often created by its getting into scratches and wounds. As a remedy for the poison the free use of milk as a drink is recommended, but I have found hydrated per-oxide of iron the best remedy. Sores caused by Paris Green should be well covered with it, and a teaspoonfull in a wine glass of water taken twice a day.

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PLEASE STOP MY—WHAT?—"Times are hard, money is scarce, business is dull, retrenchment is a duty. Please stop my"—*whiskey?* "Oh, no; times are not hard enough for that yet. But there is something else that costs me a large sum of money every year, which I wish to save. Please stop my"—*tobacco, cigars and snuff?* "No no, not these; but I must retrench somewhere; please stop my"—*ribbons, jewels, ornaments and trinkets?* "Not at all; pride must be fostered, if times are ever so hard; but I believe I can see a way to effect quite a saving in another direction;"—*tea, coffee, and needles and unhealthy luxuries?*—No, no, not those; I cannot think of such sacrifice; I must think of something else. Ah! I have it now. My paper costs two dollars a year; I must save that. Please stop my paper! That will carry me through the panic easily. I believe in retrenchment and economy, *especially in brains.*"—*Church Union.*

A School Girl's Composition.

The following lines were composed by a school girl of this county, thirteen years of age;

The sun was fast sinking to its rest behind the old mountains, and the clouds, heaped one above another, were dyed a deep amber from its last golden rays, and all nature seemed hushed to repose by the loveliness of this sunset hour. The clouds, now a glorious golden that almost dazzled the eye to behold, now dying away to a faint yellow, more soothing to the mind than the brilliancy of the former—ever changing hue and form, until at length the sun had fairly set. No longer could his royal head, crowned with glory, be seen peeping above the distant mountains, and the last faint golden ray had melted softly silently away into the grey twilight. My thoughts involuntarily turned to that home above, where there is no light nor darkness, for the Lamb he is their light—a light by far more glorious than that which I had just witnessed.

There is something so soothing in the peaceful quiet of the twilight hour, that all the little trials of the day seem to melt away into utter insignificance as our thoughts are lifted upward, and we draw nigh to the pearly gates of that Celestial City "not made with hands, eternal in the heavens," and we feel strengthened and encouraged to press forward and do well the work God has assigned us that we may be worthy the crown which we shall surely receive if we faint not by the way. And as the grey evening twilight grows dimmer and the little stars peep out one by one, each a jewel of hope, seemingly beckoning us on to that world above, we feel grateful to God for the twilight hour. IDA.

PLAYING DETECTIVE.

On Thursday evening a rustic individual, from Washington county, was quietly seated in one of the pews on the way passenger train on the P. R. R., enjoying himself looking for gold dollars in ten cent prize packages, and picking "paste candy" out of his grinders.

At Brinton station two well-dressed spruce young men entered the car where the Washington county genius was seated, and approaching him in the blandest and most fascinating manner, confidentially informed him they were two detectives from Pittsburgh; that there were several pickpockets on the train, and he was just the man to assist them in the little ruse to entrap the light-fingered gents. Then they proceeded to unfold their plan to young Hayseeds, who was delighted at the idea of being made a hero of in this manner.

Wouldn't he have a nice story to tell Maria Jane at meetin' next Sunday, and wouldn't she think him the sharpest chap in all creation when he told how nicely he had come it over one of those goldarned city sharpers, who are always gassing about the way they fool the country greenies. Hayseeds dropped his prize package instantly, and with his eyes and mouth open for sealed proposals for "doing a real, live pickpocket," listened attentively to the details of the part he was to act in the play of "Pocket-picking Made Easy." It was very simple and easily performed.

He was merely to go and seat himself in another car where the light-fingered gentry were supposed to be looking out for a stake, and fold his arms and go to sleep—only pretend, you know. Then a pickpocket would come along, and seeing a good opportunity to make a haul, would seat himself beside him and relieve him of his buckskin wallet.

Just then the two detectives, seated convenient to the spot to watch the operation, would pounce upon the light-fingered rascal and convey him to the Mayor's office, where Hayseeds would have his pocket-book returned to him and the detectives would pay him half of the reward offered for the capture of a pickpocket caught in the act.

"That is goldarned sharp, anyhow," exclaimed greeny, as he arranged his pocket-book so that the light-fingered gent would be put to little inconvenience to get hold of it. He followed the instructions to the letter; the pickpocket came along, actually he did, and goldarned if he didn't take that wallet as slick as grease.

As soon as Hayseeds had performed his part in the neat little transaction he went to look for the detective, chuckling all over; but alas! they had taken the prisoner with them and left the train. Any information concerning their wh