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JOB-PRINTING,
SUCH AS
HANDBILLS, CARDS,
CIRCULARS, BLANKS, &c.,
executed with neatness and dispatch, and at reasonable prices.

SPRING, 1875.

Grand Opening!

—OF—

DRESS GOODS,

In all the latest novelties of plain, plaid and twilled suitings, and a full line of the celebrated COLLINGWOOD BRAND of

BLACK ALPACAS

which for lustre and finish are unequaled by any in the market. Prices 25, 31, 37½, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 75, 80 and 90 cts. per yard.

In addition to which we offer, *below the market rates of the day*, a large line of all the leading brands of

Staple and Domestic Goods,

purchased at the LOW PRICES at the close o last season, among which we will name

Wamsutta Muslin,

in 5, 10, 15 and 20-yard pieces, at the low price of 14 cents per yard, CASH.

PRINTS OF BEST MAKES,

9 and 10 cents per yard.

CLARK'S O. N. T. SPOOL COTTON,

6 cents per spool, 70 cents per dozen.

Having made arrangements with the leading manufacturers of the Peninsula, we are receiving from them

All-Wool Spring Cassimeres

(Slightly imperfect,)

Which we will sell at the low price of 80 cents per yard, the regular price of which is $1.25 per yard.

A FULL LINE OF

Ladies', Misses' and Children's

Button & Lace Shoes

in Kid, Morocco and Lasting, of all the latest styles, manufactured exclusively for our trade, and every pair warranted. Also, Sansser's celebrated make of

Calf Boots, Button and Congress Gaiters

For MEN AND BOYS' WEAR.

S. M. REYNOLDS
Middletown, Del.

Mar. 13, 1875.

☞ READ THIS! ☜

Old Time Prices
For BLACKSMITHING, &c.
AT
CHAPMAN & LAMBERT'S.

HORSE SHOEING $1.25, and all kinds of good BLACKSMITHING in the Repairing line done as cheap as before the war. We are determined to work as low as can be done in this or the adjoining counties.

You can get the best CAST STEEL HOE for 75 cts., and all kinds of new work at corresponding low prices. All kinds of Machine forging and Repairs done quickly and neatly.

Carriage Smithing done in the best manner. We will hoop light and heavy Wheels at the old time prices. We want all to call and see that we do what we say.

We have a large quantity of our Celebrated Cast Steel Cultivator Teeth, made of all sizes and patterns, which have no equal.

PLOWS and PLOW CASTINGS,

of all kinds, for sale at Reduced Prices.

Wheelwrighting.—We keep on hand and build to order, WAGONS, DEARBORNS, CARTS, DRAYS and Express Wagons, light and heavy, out of the BEST SEASONED LUMBER, that has been on hand under cover over three years; we have not had a single complaint of our lumber not being seasoned. We have over fifteen thousand feet of lumber on hand all the time; parties not knowing us are invited to call and see for themselves. We are determined to keep up our hard earned reputation.

mh27-8m. CHAPMAN & LAMBERT.

NOTICE.

U. S. INTERNAL REVENUE

SPECIAL TAXES

May 1, 1875, to April 30, 1876.

THE Revised Statutes of the United States, Sections 3232, 3237, 3238, and 3239, require every person engaged in any business, avocation, or employment which renders him liable to a SPECIAL TAX, **to procure and place conspicuously in his establishment or place of business** a STAMP denoting the payment of said SPECIAL TAX for the Special Tax Year beginning May 1st, 1875, before commencing or continuing business after April 30, 1875.

The Taxes embraced within the provisions of the law above quoted, are the following, viz:

Rectifiers	$200 00
Dealers, retail liquor	25 00
Dealers, wholesale liquor	100 00
Dealers in malt liquors, wholesale	50 00
Dealers in malt liquors, retail	20 00
Dealers in leaf tobacco	25 00
Retail dealers in leaf tobacco	500 00
And on sales of over $1,000, fifty cents for every dollar in excess of $1,000.	
Dealers in manufactured tobacco	5 00
Manufacturers of Stills	50 00
And for each still manufactured	20 00
And for each worm manufactured	20 00
Manufacturers of tobacco	10 00
Manufacturers of cigars	10 00
Peddlers of tobacco, first class, (more than two horses or other animals)	50 00
Peddlers of tobacco, second class (two horses or other animals)	25 00
Peddlers of tobacco, third class (one horse or other animal)	15 00
Peddlers of tobacco, fourth class (on foot or public conveyance)	10 00
Brewers of less than 500 barrels	50 00
Brewers of 500 barrels or more	100 00

☞ Any person, so liable, who shall fail to comply with the foregoing requirements will be subject to severe penalties.

Persons or firms in Harford, Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's counties, liable to pay any of the Special Taxes named above, must make application to

L. A. C. GERRY,
Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue,
at PORT DEPOSIT, Cecil county, Md., and pay for and procure the Special-Tax Stamp or Stamps they need, prior to May 1st, 1875, and WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE.

Dep'y Coll. GERRY will issue Special Tax Stamps at the Clerks' Office, in Chestertown, May 17th (P. M.) and 18th.

J. W. DOUGLASS,
Commissioner of Internal Revenue.

Office of Internal Revenue,
WASHINGTON, D. C., February 1, 1875.
Apr. 10, 1875—4t.

Farm for Sale.

THE subscriber, having concluded to return to the North West, offers his FARM at Public sale on the premises, on

SATURDAY, the 15th of May, 1875,

at noon. This Farm contains

110 ACRES, More or Less,

100 acres of arable land, several hundred Fruit Trees in full bearing.

This Farm is bounded on the North by Langford's Bay, East by King's Creek, West by Asparagus Creek, South by public road leading to Chestertown. It has a vast quantity of oyster and vegetable loam. This farm and the adjacent waters contain all that the heart of man ought to wish or desire.

TERMS OF SALE:—My paper, or thirteen hundred dollars 1st of June, 1875. The balance in three equal instalments, in 12, 24 and 36 months, the deferred payments to bear six per cent. interest from day of sale.

Personal Property.

On the same day, and on the farm, I will sell

A Good BROOD MARE, fast walker,
Three Excellent MILCH COWS,
Flush of Milk;
TWO FANCY HEIFERS,

A Peach Dearborn, Horse Cart, Farming Implements, lot of select White Corn, and

Household & Kitchen FURNITURE.

A credit of nine months on the personal property. Further particulars on the day of sale. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

JOSHUA SIMMONDS.
April 24—ts. Quaker Neck.

To the Farmers
—OF—
Cecil, Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

Your Attention is Called to

The Galena Machine Shops
And FOUNDRY.

THE active season for farming operations is just opening and the undersigned hereby tender their thanks to their numerous friends for past patronage, and expect to merit a continuance of the same by being ready at all times to supply them upon generous terms with the following first class Agricultural Implements, viz:

12 Different Kinds of PLOWS,
Harrows, Cultivators,
Celebrated Taylor Wheat Rake.
Also, our New Competitor REAPER,

for two horses, made entirely of iron, lighter than any other, simple in construction and of great strength, and guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction.

CULTIVATOR TEETH,

of the best steel, $2.50 cash, per set.

Also, 20 Tons of PLOUGH CASTINGS now on hand, made perfectly smooth, and of the best iron. Persons living nearer the following dealers can procure them from

CHAPMAN & LAMBERT, Chestertown,
F. H. HARPER & BRO., Still Pond,
HARRISON & BRO., Crumpton,
JOHN B. PARROTT, Still Pond,
N. T. HYNSON "
TURNER & BRO., Betterton.
W. E. KEYSER, Belair.

☞ Old Iron received in exchange or the highest cash price paid.

WM. A. HYLAND & CO.
GALENA, March 27, 1875—tf.

Oyster Shell Lime!

Notice to Farmers.

THE subscribers hereby respectfully inform the Farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's counties that they have the Kiln, on Chester River, near the Railroad Wharf, and are now burning a very

Superior Quality of SHELL LIME,

which they are prepared to furnish at a reasonable price and on accommodating terms.

J. W. CARROLL & SON.
March 20, 1875—tf.

A NEW ESTABLISHMENT.

Agricultural Implements
AND
FARM MACHINERY.

THE subscriber has just opened at the Voshell House Building, a new Agricultural Department to be known as the

Kent County Agricultural Store,

where he will keep constantly on hand the celebrated CHAMPION REAPER and MOWER, with all Extras and Repairs for the same.

Always on hand, the Smyrna Concave and Wiley, or any other Plow manufactured by Taylor & Co., of Smyrna, Del. A full assortment of CASTINGS for the above named Plows always on hand.

Also, on exhibition and for sale, the Light-running NEW AMERICAN SEWING MACHINE, which is in advance of all competitors in valuable improvements and points of excellence, which have never been attained by other machines.

It has stood the test of the severest criticism, as well as the most malignant abuse from rival agents, who have done their utmost to prevent the introduction of a machine so superior in all its parts, and which possesses such valuable and important improvements. Oil and Needles always on hand. Machines cleaned and repaired at short notice and reasonabl charge.

ALL KINDS OF
FARMING IMPLEMENTS

will be added to my stock, when the different seasons wherein they are to be used draw near.

☞ Please give me a call before purchasing elsewhere.

JOHN BELL, Agent.
Chestertown, Mar. 27, 1875.

DRIFT LOGS.

THE undersigned, on the 7th of April inst., took up adrift and secured on the shore of Tolchester farm, at Rees' Wharf, Kent Co., Maryland, about SEVENTY LOGS, pine and hemlock, with different marks.

There are also a number of other Logs on the shore. The owner or owners are hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away.

April 17—4t. J. VENABLE.

QUEENSWARE,
of all kinds,
Can be had at low prices at
May 1. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.'S.

PICTURES FRAMED neatly and at moderate prices, in Walnut and Gilt, by
Mar. 13. H. A. SPARKS.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF—
VALUABLE MILL SEAT
AND
OTHER REAL ESTATE
In Kent County, Md.

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

ON THURSDAY,
The 20th of May, 1875,
AT ONE O'CLOCK, P. M.,

At the Hotel of John Pennington, at Galena, Kent county, Maryland, the following described property, namely:

1st.

One Undivided Half of all that
STORE HOUSE
IN GALENA,

which A. L. Gooding and Wm. Gooding, both of Kent County, deceased, held as tenants in common. This is a FRAME BUILDING, one story high, with shed room attached, situated on the South West corner of the cross roads leading through Galena and immediately opposite Pennington's Hotel. It is now occupied by James Walls as a Store House, and is an excellent and established stand for business. The Store room is commodious, and the building in good repair.

2nd,

The Dwelling House
AND PREMISES,

of the late A. L. Gooding, in Chesterville, Kent county, Maryland, situated on the N. W. corner of the Cross roads leading through said Chesterville. This is a

TWO STORY
BRICK DWELLING
WITH A FRAME ADDITION,

all in good repair, and with ample room for a large family, besides a store room on the first floor. The stand is an old one and the surrounding country ensures a good trade to the occupant.

The LOT OF LAND contains about one-third of an acre. There is a good STABLE, Carriage House and Meat House on the premises, with Pump of good Water, and a FINE GARDEN, well enclosed, and good Cellars under the whole house.

3rd,—That

VALUABLE MILL

MILL SEAT and WATER PRIVILEGES, known as

SCOTT'S MILL,

or GOODING'S MILL, of which the late A. L. Gooding died seized, situated on the road leading from Chestertown to Galena, adjoining the lands of Col. George W. Spencer, Dennis McCauley, Esq., and others.

The Mill Building is commodious, and in good repair, and is provided with two sets of Burrs. The machinery and appurtenances are all in good condition, and no mill in the county has a better run of custom. The stream which supplies the Mill is never failing, and affords abundance of water at all seasons.

The Miller's Dwelling is almost new, and is a neat and convenient TWO STORY

FRAME DWELLING,

with good STABLING & CARRIAGE HOUSE on the premises. There is also about

21 Acres of LAND

attached, and suitable for grazing or cultivation.

This is a valuable Mill seat and deserves the attention of buyers.

THE TERMS OF SALE

as prescribed by the Decree are as follows:—One-third of the purchase money on each separate parcel to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the balance on each parcel in two equal instalments in one and two years from the day of sale, to be secured by the Bond of the purchaser or purchasers with security to be approved by the Trustee, and with interest from day of sale. Possession given July 1st, 1875, from which time purchasers will be entitled to the rents.

Deeds at cost of purchasers.

JAMES A. PEARCE, TRUSTEE.
E. E. MILLER, Auct'r.
April 24, 1875—ts.
[Delaware Tribune publish tds.]

50 Barrels
Gambril's Flour,

Of different grades, just received.

We quote:

PATAPSCO FAMILY	$9.00
Do. EXTRA	8.50
ORANGE GROVE do	7.75
SEVERN do	6.75
Camden Super	5.50

All for sale at above quotations by
J. B. SAPPINGTON,
May 1, 1875. Chestertown.

The Undertaking and Cabinet Making
BUSINESS,

will still be continued at the old stand, where COFFINS and PATENT BURIAL CASES of the finest styles and finish will be furnished at the shortest notice.

All kinds of FURNITURE neatly repaired.

Orders for burying should be sent in as early as possible after death, as much time is required for preparation in many cases.

The undersigned may as heretofore always be found at the shop, and will use his every exertion to accommodate and please.

T. B. SUTTON.
Kennedyville, Feb. 20.

LIME, LIME!

THE undersigned, as agent for William B. Rambo, will furnish the Farmers of Kent county with a SUPERIOR QUALITY of

SCHUYLKILL LIME,

delivered at any Station on the Kent Co. Rail Road, or by boat on the Sassafras or Chester rivers.

Address
Jan. 30—3m. G. W. JONES, Kennedyville.

WHITE BEANS
THIRTY BUSHELS

For sale by THEO. DIEHL,
ap24-3t. Rock Point, Worton.

MILLINERY and DRESS MAKING
AT KENNEDYVILLE.

THE undersigned respectfully informs her Lady friends and the public generally that she has received her

NEW STOCK OF MILLINERY
And Fancy Goods,

which will be sold at lowest prices, and having employed a first class DRESS MAKER, is prepared to do all kinds of work in that line with neatness and at short notice.

LUCY CROSSLEY,
May 8—3t. KENNEDYVILLE.

NEW
MILLINERY STORE!

Mrs. H. Usilton & Miss Mollie Willis

Have taken the Store room next door above the Bank, in Chestertown, and have opened a general assortment of

MILLINERY
And FANCY GOODS,

of the latest and most fashionable styles, for Spring and Summer wear. HATS, BONNETS, Laces, Ribbons, Trimmings, Neck Ties, Belts, Ruffles, Feathers, Flowers and Ornaments.

They have also on hand a lot of second-hand goods, which will be sold at greatly reduced prices.

Mrs. Usilton is a practical Milliner, having served a regular apprenticeship at the business and conducted it herself in former years.

☞ STAMPING done in the neatest and most durable manner.

The Ladies are invited to call and examine their goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere. May 8—tf.

☞ *REMOVAL.* ☜

New Spring Millinery
AND FANCY GOODS.

MISS M. J. WYATT has removed to the store room opposite the Post Office corner, and has just returned from the city with a handsome assortment of

NEW MILLINERY,

for Spring and Summer, and of the newest and most fashionable styles. All goods in this line will be sold at the very lowest prices, and the Ladies will find it to their interest to call before making their Spring purchases.

May 8—3t. M. J. WYATT.

☞ ***To the Ladies*** ☜

New Spring and Summer Millinery!

MRS. L. J. DAVIS,

HAVING just returned from the city, invites the Ladies to call and examine her very large and well selected stock of

New Millinery Goods

FOR SPRING AND SUMMER,

embracing all the newest styles in season, and which cannot fail to please.

Also, a Large and Beautiful Stock of

FANCY GOODS,

such as Dress Trimmings, Embroideries, Handkerchiefs, Laces, Collars, Buttons, Crape, Hosiery, and all kinds of Veils, Gloves, &c., all of which will be sold at low prices.

Call and see my new goods.

May 8—3t. LAURA J. DAVIS.

TO THE LADIES!

NEW and BEAUTIFUL STOCK
OF
MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS!
JUST RECEIVED BY
MRS. H. C. CARROLL.

THE undersigned has just received from the city a varied stock of the most desirable SPRING GOODS, including in part the latest novelties in Hats, Bonnets, Ribbons, &c., &c., which she will sell as low as can be had elsewhere. She is prepared to meet the wants of her customers in every particular, and asks but a trial to insure satisfaction.

May 1—3t.(T) H. C. CARROLL.

NEW MILLINERY
—AND—
FANCY STORE!

MAGGIE M. PARKS & SISTER,

HAVE JUST OPENED at the old stand of the late Mrs. S. A. Usilton, an entirely NEW AND BEAUTIFUL STOCK of

MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS,

and having employed an experienced Milliner from the city, recommended by Messrs. Armstrong & Cator, we flatter ourselves prepared to please. A share of the public patronage will be highly appreciated.

MAGGIE M. PARKS & SISTER.
May 1—2m.

Millinery and Fancy Goods,
DRY GOODS, &c.

MRS. C. R. FIDDIS,

RESPECTFULLY calls the attention of her lady friends and the public generally, to her present large and well selected Stock of Goods, suitable for the present and approaching season. Her stock embraces

Fine Dress Goods,
Muslins, Prints, Flannels, &c.,&c.,

In the Dry Goods line, and

The Latest Styles in Millinery Goods
FOR
SPRING and SUMMER.

HATS, BONNETS, RIBBONS, LACES, RUFFLING, &c.

Silks, Thread, Cotton, Needles, Pins, Hosiery, Sewing Machine Silk, Cotton and Needles, and many other articles of use and ornament, too numerous to name, all of which will be sold cheap for cash.

Those in want of anything in my line are invited to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere. My goods will be found as good and cheap as any in the county.

☞ Strict attention paid to STAMPING for embroidery and braiding.

ap17-y. C. R. FIDDIS.

MATTING
Just received and for sale cheap by
my1. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

Serenade Song—Come Love.

Come Love—the moon hath veiled her face
Neath yonder fleecy cloud:
Abashed at thy sweet airy grace,
She seeks her silver shroud.
The stars are peeping one by one,
All earth is hushed to rest—
No more my ardent wooing shun,
Come dear one from thy nest.

The soft night winds are sighing low,
The clouds are rising fast—
But when did woman where she loved
Fear either cloud or blast!
Our love shall be the light to guide,
Our steps upon the way;
And love shall bless us through the night
Unto the perfect day. C. L.

LETTER FROM MINNESOTA.

FARIBAULT, MINN., *May* 1, 1875.

Messrs. Editors of Kent News:—Would you like to hear how things look out in this part of the North-west? It is fine weather here for a "May Party" to-day. It commenced snowing about five o'clock yesterday afternoon and kept it up until late in the night, and this morning the ground is covered with snow. The thermometer has held its own at 20 to 25° all day. How would you like to have a little of Minnesota weather imported to Maryland?

This is a rolling country, and in some places hilly. The towns are small; wooden and lime-stone buildings predominate. Very few brick buildings are to be seen. Flouring and saw milling are the heaviest businesses, and employ a great deal of capital.

The farmers depend on wheat almost entirely. A little barley and corn are raised. The latter is planted here about the first of June. It is never thinned, and is worked only twice. Fruit cannot be raised here at all—the winters are so severe the trees all die. Wild plums and crab apples are the only fruit that grows out here except strawberries and raspberries, and they grow wild over the prairies.

Game is abundant and of all kinds, from the deer down to the partridge.—Prairie chickens so abound that they fly up and light on the fences of the farm yard. They have not had the experience with men that our Maryland game has had. This is the duck and goose shooters' paradise. Every creek, lake and pond is full of them. You have to throw at them to make them get up. They are so indifferent that they do not seem to care for a gun, for after you shoot among them they circle around and come back to the same place. I would like to see friend Dewees and one or two of your townsmen among them. The swan is shyer and troublesome to get at.

Beef, pork, poultry, butter, eggs and flour are very cheap out here. The best beef is sold at 10 cts. per lb., eggs 10 cts. per dozen, butter 15 and 20 cts. per lb., and the best family flour at $4 50 to $5 per bbl. Dry goods, groceries, &c., are much higher than in the East.

This part of Minnesota is settled principally by New Englanders, Norwegians and Germans. There are a few Marylanders out here, about eight in this town. The Bishop of Minnesota lives here, and there is a seminary for young ladies, a school for boys, and a theological seminary, all under his charge. There are also large Roman Catholic and Congregational schools here. The State institutions for the blind and dumb are located here also.

The winters here are very severe. The thermometer has been down to 41° below zero this winter. They have five months of winter here, and during that time the traveling is all done on sleds. If you meet a man here in winter, at first glance you might take him for some kind of wild animal; they all wear fur overcoats with a cape covering the head entirely up.—They cut nice little chunks of ice here too—only 42 inches thick.

Several days during the past winter it was so cold and the snow was drifting so fiercely that it was not safe for a man to leave the house. You think you know in Kent what cold weather is, but if you were to come out and spend a winter in Minnesota you would come to the conclusion that hitherto you did not know what cold weather was. The past winter the average cold here was 5½° below zero.

Grasshoppers are hatching here now, and the farmers are very gloomy over the prospect.

Indians are as thick as 15th amendments in Kent. They do not make very good servants, as they don't believe in work. I have seen but four darkies since I have been here. They come, but do not stay. They say "too much cold for dis chile here."

Black Hills fever is raging here; two expeditions are fitting out for them.—Gold has been found there, for a man in this town brought some samples, and is now fitting out an expedition to start next week for the Hills. About 800 persons crossed the river at Sioux City two weeks ago and many more are getty ready. J.

THE SHAWLS WORN IN BOSTON.—The Boston *Transcript* says: "The striped Indian shawls and their very popular imitations are as thick in the streets of this city as they are scarce in all the rest of the world. Indeed, it is said that Boston has a sort of monopoly of the striped shawl fashion. A lady informant says that one sees scarcely a half a dozen striped shawls in an afternoon's walk on Broadway, while here on Washington street the difficulty would be to find half a dozen ladies who had not striped shawls. In Washington, during the past winter, it was considered almost a 'sure thing' that a lady arriving at one of the hotels in a striped shawl was a Boston lady, and the rule was tested with success by our informant in numberless instances. The same lady in attempting to purchase a striped camel's hair shawl in London was told by the shopkeeper that her order would have to wait, as the whole stock and the whole production were at present demanded by the Boston trade. There might be a great deal more untasteful fashion than the rage for striped shawls. The effect is rich, elegant and striking, and in accordance with the principles of decorative art. But the most "correct thing" palls on the taste after a hundred thousand or so repetitions, and it certainly is a credit to be independent and original in dress to a certain extent."

THIS conundrum is respectfully submitted to the "best speller." If S-i-o-u-x spells su, and e-y-e spells i, and s-i-g-h-e-d spells side, why does not s-i-o-u-x-e-y-e-s-i-g-h-e-d spell suicide?

THE SQUIRE'S PROPOSAL.

"No, Salmantha Jane Peabody, you won't stir one step to the singin' school! I ain't goin' to have you gaddin' about the hull blessed time. You'll stay hum one evenin', jest to see how it seems.

"You hain't been out a single evenin' this week? Wal, what of it? If you should stay in another week, 'twouldn't hurt you none I guess.

"No, I hain't forgot when I was young, nuther. 'Taint so long ago that I should forget it. When I was at your age, I staid to hum, and made myself useful; I didn't spend the heft of my time spinnin' streetyarn, as the girls do now-a-days. I used to spin flax and wool and make butter and cheese, and wash and iron and bake. And all I did was done as it orter be. But as fur you, you jest flurry round, half doin' what you purtend to dew, so's to be a-kitin' off some'eres, and I'm goin' tew put a stop to't. I knew how 'twould be when your gardeen, sent you tew the 'cademy.

"What's that? You told Sam Skinner that you'd go to the singing school, and he's comin' fur ye? Let him come here on sich an arrant as that, and I'll tell him suthin' he won't wan't to hear agin! I've had as much as I want of the Skinners since your father, who never had no more judgment than a baby, 'pinted the deacon to be your gardeen. He's forever meddlin' with things that don't concarn him, and 'Lijah, Sam's father, is off the same piece. It was enough tew put me out of conceit of him tew see him sidlin' up tew the Widder Peters last Sabbath day evenin', and his wife not in her grave six months yit.

"Mrs. Peters is his wife's brother's widow? What's that to dew with it? I like to see folks show some respect to their deceased pardners. Your father has been dead eight years come March, and there ain't none of the male sect dared to hint at sich a thing as my takin' anybody in his place.

"You should think 'twould take considerable courage? You'd had a new father long afore this if I'd given some folks any encouragement.

"There's Sam Skinner comin' cross the lots? Yes, and makin' a straight bee line fur the door. That's what you've slicked yourself up so scrumptuous for, with that red ribbon in your hair, and Sunday go-tew-meetin' dress on. I've as good a mind as I ever had tew eat to make you go and take it off."

In walked Sam, a tall, strapping fellow, with curly black hair, and eyes of the same color, with a sly, roguish gleam in them, which reminded one of his uncle, the deacon.

"Good arternoon, Mrs. Peabody. How d'ye do?"

"I ain't any tew well, ner any tew glad to see you, Mister Sam, to speak politely. I see you over tew the elder's 'tother night, and you seemed tew be very merry. Your uncle thought he'd got a good joke on me, bnt he ain't quite so smart as he thinks himself."

"Oh, pshaw! Mrs. Peabody; there don't nobody mind what Uncle Ike says. He will have his joke, you know; its jest as natural to him as to breathe; but he don't bear no malice. Good arternoon, Miss Salmantha, I calculate we'll have a nice, clear evening for the singin' school. I called to say that I'd come fur you a leetle arter seven."

"You needn't trouble yourself, Mister Sam; Salmantha ain't goin' tew that singing school. So if that's all the arrant you have, you'd-better be going."

"'Twon't be no trouble, not the least mite, as I'm goin' the same way myself. That ain't all my arrant, nuther. Dad sent a message to ye, though I don't suppose you care to hear it."

"If your father sent me a message, Samuel Skinner, I'll thank you to deliver it."

"Wal, he told me to tell you that he was comin' over to see ye this evenin'. But I don't suppose you'll care to see him, so I'll tell him not to come."

"Why, how you dew run on, Sam! I never see the beat on't—never! Strange you can't take a joke. Of course I'll be glad to see your father. Him and me used to be great cronies when he was at your age, and there ain't no knowin' what might have happened if Jonathan Peabody had not come along."

"I spose the old man thought the coast would be clear this evenin', eh, Salmantha? On his account I'm really sorry you are tew busy to go. Perhaps you'd better consider on't a spell."

"Wal, I don't know as there's anything to hinder her going," said the widow, as her daughter made no reply.—"There'll be nothin' but the supper dishes to wash, and I can dew them. Tell yer father that I'll be glad to see him, Sam. I remember when he was as straight as an arrer, and his hair as black and curly as your'n. Not but what he's a nice personable man now. What air you gigglin' fur, Salmantha? Is it anything strange fur the squire, in his lonely sitivation, to call on a neighbor and old schoolmate? 'Pears to me I'd try to show some manners. A body would think you was brung up in the woods. You hain't told Sam whether you was goin' to singin' school. Yes, Sam, she'll go. You'd better come airly, as its quite a piece to the school house."

With another wink to Salmantha, whose cheeks were as red as the apples she was paring, Sam took himself off, whistling merrily as he retraced his way across the fields.

"I wonder what the squire wants tew see me so particular 'bout, Salmantha? Hain't got the least idee? Wal, all I know is that he never was in no sich takin' afore his wife died. I rather guess that old maid sister of his don't make things any tew comfortable for him. She's a dreadful poor housekeeper, so I've heerd say. Fetch me a clean cap out of the bureau-drawer. Not that; the one with a crimped border and laylock ribbin.—What air you gigglin' at? 'Pears to you I'm fixin' up considerable? How ridiculous you dew talk! as tho' I didn't want tew be clean. There's Sam comin' thro' the gate; don't keep him waiting."

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"How dew, Squire Skinner? Walk in and take a cheer by the stove, dew."

"Wal, I don't care if I dew, widder; its a bitter cold night, a good deal colder than I calculated on when I started."

"True enough, Squire; there are nights that middle-aged folks, like we be, find a warm corner by a rousing fire like this better'n the jolliest sleigh-riding that can be got up. Salmantha she's gone to the singin' school, so I'm all alone this evenin.' I'm proper glad you happened in; them that's in our lonely sitivation orter be neighborly."

"I spose Sam told you my arrant?" said the squire.

"Wal, yes, he sorter hinted—te, he, he! Boys will be boys, you know, and Sam is as full of mischief as an egg is full of meat. Try a piece of my mince pie, squire? I didn't eat much supper, so I put ene in the oven to warm. My poor dead-an'-gone husband used to say that nobody could beat me makin' mince pies. Take a piece, dew."

"Thank'ee, widder, I don't care if I do. I'm mightily glad you're so favorable to my proposition. I told Sam that you was allers so partic'lar 'bout keepin' everything just as 'twas in Mr. Peabody's time, that I was most afeared you might not like it."

"Dear me, squire! how curious that you should have thought that, when you know how much I allers sot by you sence we used to go to school together. The Lord knows I hain't been in no hurry fur any change, and if it had been any one but you that hinted at sich a thing I'd have showed 'em to the door in quick metre, and they wouldn't have been long in taking it either. Them that's had the pardner that I had ain't in no hurry tew get another. Jonathan used to speak of you often; he thought there wasn't nobody like Squire Skinner. And when I see you in the cheer that he so often sot in, it really seems as if 'twas him a settin' there."

"I'm obleeged to you, widder, for your good opinion. But to return to business. Mine is a leetle the lightest, but 'twould hardly be noticed, and if so we can strike a bargain, there wouldn't be a better match in the hull township, I'll bet."

"Lawful sakes, squire! how you fluster a body! It is so sudding. But, then, 'tain't as though we had'nt knowed each other ever sence we was knee-high to a grasshopper. Wal, no, I can't say as there would be a better match, takin' it all in all, than our'n would be. And we ain't obleeged to wait or ask nobody, but can suit ourselves in marryin'. So if you are agreeable, I am."

Squire Skinner stared at the speaker in blank amazement.

"Good gracious, Mrs. Peabody! what be you talkin' on? I ain't said nuthin' 'bout marryin'. I was speakin' 'bout swappin' my bay horse fur your black one. You see—"

The widow Peabody arose to her feet the very brows upon her cap assuming a belligerent aspect.

"Dew you mean to insult me, Squire Skinner?"

"By no manner of means. Your gray horse and mine is sich a nice match as to size and color, so I thought—"

"Dew you see that air door, sir? The sooner you march out on't the better it will be for you!"

"But, widder—"

"Start yourself, I tell ye! and don't darken my door agin!"

Exit the squire, in a great hurry.

An hour later Salmantha came in, her cheeks all aglow and her eyes as bright as the stars that looked down upon the whispering and lingering parting at the front gate.

She found her mother in no very amiable humor.

"So you've come at last, miss. A pretty time o' night fur you to be comin' home! Thought that I had sich good company that you wouldn't hurry, eh? Who told you that I considered old 'Lijah Skinner good company? He's the most tiresome fellow I ever did see! There he sot and sot, and wouldn't take no kind of a hint, til I fairly had tew tell him to go. I wonder what good he thinks its going to dew him to come here to see me? Now, Salmantha Jane Peabody, I want you to jest remember one thing, that this is the last time that you can ever go out with Sam Skinner."

AFTER MARRIAGE.—A philosopher thus writes: "The girl is generally educated on novels, and her first disappointment comes in on the quiet indifference of the husband after the honeymoon. 'You love me no longer,' said a bride of a few months to her better half in his gown and slippers. 'Why do you say that, Puss?' he asked, quietly removing a cigar from his lips. 'You do not caress me nor call me pet names; you no longer seek so anxiously for my company,' was the tearful answer. 'My dear,' continued the aggravating wretch, 'did you ever notice a man running after a car? How he does run—over stones, through mud, regardless of everything till he reaches the car, and he seizes hold and swings on. Then he quietly seats himself and reads his paper.' 'And what does that mean?' 'An illustration, my dear. The car is as important to the man after he gets in as when he is chasing it, but the manifestation is no longer called for. I would have shot any one who put himself in my way when in pursuit of you, as I would now shoot any one who would come between us; but as a proof of my love you insist upon me running after the car. Learn to smoke, my dear, and be a philosopher. The two combined clear the brain, quiet the nerves, open the pores, and improve the digestion.'"

HENRY WARD BEECHER.—Rev. Henry Ward Beecher was born in Litchfield, Connecticut, June 24, 1813. Mr. Beecher is plain in his dress, discards everything priestly, and is a man of the people. He is the oracle of liberality in church government, and of everything pertaining to the liberty of the people and the progress of mankind.

Plymouth Church, Brooklyn, where he has preached since 1848, is a plain brick edifice without a steeple, but capable of accommodating an audience of some 3,000 persons. He receives the largest salary of any clergyman in America, it being $25,000 per annum. He is understood to receive $5,000 per annum for his contributions to the New York Ledger; he is one-third owner of the Christian Union newspaper; he delivers over one hundred lectures each year, for which he receives from $100 to $1,000 per night, and he is constantly writing books. His yearly income is estimated at from $40,000 to $60,000.

ONLY seven of the sixty-one cardinals who witnessed the Pope's elevation to the Pontifical throne are still living.

TREASURES.

We all have them, treasures that intrinsically are worth nothing, but from which we would not part for the worth of the Indies. I have them, and so have you my friend. They may be valueless to others, but they are of priceless worth to us. We keep them from strangers' eyes, we allow no profane hand to touch them; no one but ourselves would appreciate them, for we alone know the memories that make them so dear, and with what voices they speak of a dead past.

Here is a withered rose; how the odor clings to it still!—faint and sweet, though time has winnowed the years in heaps since it was given you on an evening in the beautiful long ago, by one who is now but a handful of dust beneath a coffin lid.—What a subtile power lurks in that rose; you gaze at it till you can almost hear the loved voice, and feel the clasp of the dear hand, as erst you heard and felt them in that vanished time. And is not that faded rose a treasure.

But here is something else, a package of old letters, penned by a cherished hand. They are yellow and old, but even yet they contain "thoughts" that breathe and words that burn." Put them away with the faded rose; they are priceless. And you might write upon them "Sacred to the memory of one we loved."

Let us open this drawer—it is filled with little garments and a child's playthings. How the founts of feeling are stirred as you look at them! Here is a little well-worn shoe, but the dear feet that wore them, whose patter was the sweetest music to your ear, are now pressing the everlasting hills of heaven. Ah, what would you give to hear the patter of those little feet again! But above all do you value this fair curl, shorn from the bright head of your baby boy, whose golden curls were the light of your life. That little curl was a part of your darling, and as you twine it around your finger and press it to your cheek, you almost fancy it a thing of life. And are they not treasures, the little garments, the worn shoes, and the golden curl? They are all that is left you of your baby boy, save the fadeless light of memory and a tiny mound in the cemetery. And would you part from them? No, not for untold gold. They are your treasures.

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