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

EDUCATIONAL.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, ANNAPOLIS, MD. JAMES M. GARNETT, LL. D., Principal. Opening of Session and examination of candidates for admission Monday & Tuesday, Sept. 20th and 21st. Terms for board and tuition, $275 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance. Several State scholarships vacant.

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jy24-2m.

MAPLEWOOD INSTITUTE,

for both sexes, is 21 miles west of Philadelphia. Superior buildings, home care, earnest teachers, first-class Lectures. Small pupils admitted the entire year. Incorporated. Trustees are friends. Hon. Washington Townsend says: "As to the progress of my late ward who was under your care and tuition for over two years, I was well satisfied with the school, its arrangement and discipline, and the progress he made in knowledge." Term commences 9 mo. 13th. Address J. SHORTLIDGE, A. M., Concordville, Pa.
jy10-4m.

Removed to Media.

Swithin C. Shortlidge Boarding School for young men and boys, is now open at Media, Pa., 13 miles from Philadelphia, is one of the finest school buildings in the State, heated in all stories, and lighted with gas, building 100 by 50 feet, porch all around, 55 lodging rooms, large school room with five class rooms, ample bath and water closet accommodations, 10 trains daily from Philadelphia. Thorough instruction, home care, good table guaranteed. Special attention to backward pupils. S. C. SHORTLIDGE, (Harvard A. M.) Media, Pa.

Washington College, Chestertown, Md.

FOUNDED 1782.

THE next Session will begin WEDNESDAY, September 22d.

Instruction in the usual branches of a College course, with special studies for those who do not desire a full course. There is also a Preparatory class.

Board per week $4; room rent $5 and fuel $4 for the scholastic year. Tuition: English $40; English and Classics or Modern Languages, $50; for all branches, $60.

For circulars address,
jy31-tf. WM. J. RIVERS, Principal.

JOHN N. DODD,

Successor to JOHN T. DODD & SON,

UNDERTAKER,
CONTRACTOR, BUILDER, AND
DEALER IN
Lumber, Sash, Doors, Shutters, &c.

All business and work entrusted to me will receive my special and *personal* attention.—Having had entire supervision and control of the Undertaking department of the late firm for the last six years, I flatter myself am fully competent to give satisfaction.

I hope by attention to business and an endeavor to please, that I shall be able to retain all the customers of the late firm. Satisfaction guaranteed in every particular.

I am fully prepared to furnish Coffins, Caskets and Burial Cases of the latest designs and finish, upon short notice. dec5.

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.

Great Reduction
IN PRICE OF
Millinery and Fancy Goods,
DRY GOODS, &c.

MRS. C. R. FIDDIS calls the attention of her lady friends and the public generally, to a GREAT REDUCTION in the price of her goods. Being desirous of CLOSING OUT all her stock suited to the season *during the season*, she is selling some goods even LESS THAN COST.

WHITE GOODS and Figg'd Pique, worth 25 cts., now selling for 20.

Also, great reduction in

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

In the Dry Goods line, and

The Latest Styles in Millinery Goods

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.

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.
June 26, 1875. C. R. FIDDIS.

A CARD.

Pump Making and Well Digging,

Done at PRICES to suit the TIMES,
By LOFTON & LYNCH,

Pumps put in at 40c. per foot, Wells dug and walled at 50c. per foot. All guaranteed to give entire satisfaction. Buckets and Spout at $3 per set. Iron work done at what the Blacksmith charges. Pumps repaired and Wells cleaned at short notice, on reasonable terms

We may be found at the Waibel house, on Queen St., in Chestertown. When in country orders left at the house or Post Office will be promptly attended to. We hope the citizens of Kent and Queen Anne's will give us a call.
E. F. LOFTON,
aug21. JOHN LYNCH.

PEOPLE'S
DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE.

I announce myself as a Candidate for the office of SHERIFF, and solicit the vote of the People. H. M. ROLLINSON.
Aug. 21, 1875—tf.

CIDER VINEGAR
Warranted genuine,
In store and for sale by
T. S. WICKES.
Chestertown, August 28, 1875.

COTTONADES, LINENS and Cassimere, for Men and Boys. Bleached and unbl'd Muslins, at the very lowest prices.
June 19. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

The Bickford & Huffman
IMPROVED
FARMERS' FAVORITE,
An Entire New Style for DRILLING PHOSPHATE for 1875.

The attention of Farmers generally is respectfully called to the

Great and Important Improvements

made in the Bickford & Huffman "Farmer's Favorite" Grain and Compost Drill for 1875. Do not invest in any until you have seen and examined the IMPROVED.

We have reduced the weight one hundred pounds. We have *transferred* the Fertilizer Attachment to the *rear*, and so perfected the Drill by our Improvement as to make the distribution perfectly even and uniform.

We now use both running wheels in the driving process. The machine is so nicely balanced that *all the weight* is removed from the horse's neck. All the attachments are thrown out of gear *before* the teeth leave the ground by the same motion that raises the teeth. The friction has been so lessened that we are not only enabled to offer you the lightest in weight—but also the lightest in draft—Grain and Compost Drill in the market.

A Visit to the Ware-rooms of
HINES & BURCHINAL,
CHESTERTOWN,
(Next door to the Kent National Bank,)

will fully repay any one who may be in want of a Drill.

☞ Examine the Drill. Buy it. Try it; and you cannot but be convinced that the Bickford & Huffman "Farmers' Favorite" is not only a perfect Drill, but the ONLY PERFECT Grain and Compost Drill in the world.

FERTILIZERS.

HINES & BURCHINAL
Have for sale
Lister's Phosphate and Ground Bone, Whitelock & Co.'s Maryland Phosphate, Turner's "Excelsior" and Ammoniated Phosphate,
At Reduced Rates,
and on accommodating terms. Call before purchasing elsewhere.
HINES & BURCHINAL,
Next to Kent National Bank.
Aug. 21, 1875—3m.

T. W. ELIASON, JR.

New Goods! New Goods!

REDUCED PRICES.

STANDARD CALICOES 9 CENTS.
Best Bleached Muslins in the County for the Prices.
JACONET STRIPES of new and Beautiful Styles.
GRASS LINENS.
VICTORIA LAWNS.
Striped and Plain NANSOOKS,
WHITE SWISS,
HAMBURG EDGINGS and INSERTINGS, carefully selected and very cheap.
☞ Call and examine our large and varied assortment of New Goods.
T. W. ELIASON, JR.
June 19, 1875.

Head Quarters
FOR THE PUTTING ON OF THE
NEW BICKFORD & HUFFMAN
PATENT
GUANO ATTACHMENT
TO OLD DRILLS,

And they will be guaranteed to work as the new Drill.

The Manufacturers of this Drill have made us agents for all of their extras and parts in this county. You can get Points, Wheels, Funnels, Straps, Brushes, Spouts, Axles, Hubs, or in fact anything belonging to this Drill, or any Drill ever made by the manufacturers above named. Send in your Drills early, and have them repaired at once. This work will be done at reduced rates.

Drills of any other make also REPAIRED at short notice.

CHAPMAN & LAMBERT.
Sept. 4, 1875.

FARMERS, LOOK!

DRILLS REPAIRED.

T. SHAFER, Kennedyville,

is prepared to REPAIR DRILLS OF ALL KINDS at short notice, on the most reasonable terms.

FARMERS should overhaul their Drills and if need of repairs send them to the shop at once. We will do the work in the best manner and at low prices. Give me a call.
TILGHMAN SHAFER,
Sept. 4. Kennedyville.

COAL! COAL!

DURING the month of August we will deliver COAL at the wharf from the boat or the following prices, per ton of 2240 lbs.

Reliance—Egg $7.10, Stove $7.60, Nut $6.85
Lee— " 7.10 " 7.35 " 6.85

The Reliance Coal comes from Port Richmond, and is the same as that delivered here by rail.

☞ Terms cash on delivery.
jy31-tf. J. T. TWILLEY & SON.

The Latest Out!

Batson's Patent Air Clothes Washer!

SAVES TIME! SAVES LABOR! SAVES CLOTHES!

Its simplicity and cheapness renders its use practicable to all. Can be seen or had at J. K. ALDRIDGE'S, in Chestertown, or at my residence near Bacchus' Mill. Price only $3.
C. H. HURLOCK,
Owner of Patent Right for Kent co.
June 12, 1875—tf.

FOR SALE,

A SMALL FARM of 130 Acres,

SITUATED about half a mile from Worton Station. School adjoining. Churches, Stores, Post Office, Mills, &c., convenient. A comfortable HOUSE, good water, and some Wood. Terms reasonable.
ANN M. PORTER,
June 26, 1875—tf. Worton Station.

TIN FRUIT CANS.
Only $1.00 per dozen.
Can wax, Bell-metal and Enameled Preserving Kettles, for sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.

CHOICE IMPERIAL TEA at 75 cents, per pound. Prime roasted Rio Coffee at 30c. per pound. Try them.
Dec. 19 J. B. SAPPINGTON.

HINES & SMITH, Attorneys and Solicitors, Chestertown, Md.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
OF A
Desirable Farm,
In Kent County.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, in Equity, the undersigned as Trustee, will offer at PUBLIC SALE to the highest bidder on

TUESDAY, October 12th, 1875,

At the porch of the Voshell House, in Chestertown, at 11½ o'clock, A. M.,

All That TRACT or PLANTATION
CALLED THE
Wallacé Farm,

situated on the north side of the public road leading from Chestertown to Millington, and about six miles from the former place, adjoining the lands of John S. Hurlock and George B. Westcott, Esqs., and containing

160 ACRES, More or Less.

THE IMPROVEMENTS
consist of a
FRAME DWELLING,

and BARN, in ordinary repair. The soil is naturally good and by a proper use of lime and fertilizers would soon attain a high state of productiveness.

There is a considerable portion of it in

TIMBER,

including Oak and Pine, some of which might be profitably used for building purposes.

It is in close proximity to Schools, Churches, manufacturing shops, and two public landings on Chester River.

THE TERMS OF SALE

as prescribed by the Decree, are as follows:—One-third cash, and the balance in two equal instalments, in one and two years from day of sale, with interest from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with a surety or sureties to be approved by the Trustee.

MARION deK. SMITH,
TRUSTEE.
Chestertown, Sept. 18, 1875—ts.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned will expose to PUBLIC SALE, on

TUESDAY, October 12, 1875,

at the front steps of the Court House Green in Chestertown, at 11 o'clock, A. M.,

TEN ACRES OF LAND,

adjoining the lands of Messrs. John Duyer and Daniel Jewell, about four miles from Chestertown, and on the public road leading to Worton Station on the Kent County Railroad, and about one-third of a mile from the said Station. The land is partly enclosed.

The IMPROVEMENTS are a
TWO-STORY FRAME
DWELLING

and Kitchen, nearly new. A Smoke House and Chicken House. About 20 Apple Trees and a few Peach Trees.

Mr. James Patton is the present tenant, and will shew the premises.

The garden is paled in.
H. W. VICKERS,
Agent and Attorney for Eben. Jones.
Chestertown, Sept. 18, 1875—ts.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued by J. E. Thomas, Justice of the Peace, at the suit of Wm. W. Parks against William Dunn, colored, to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of said Dunn, of, in and to

A Lot of Land,

in Morgan's Creek Neck, adjoining property of Jacob Barkman, E. Slaughter and others,

Containing 3 ACRES,
More or Less.

And I hereby give notice, that on *SATURDAY, the 2nd of October*, 1875, at 3 o'clock, P. M., at the Market House, in Chestertown, I will sell said property for cash, to pay said writ, interest and cost due and to become due thereon.
sep11-ts. S. L. RAWLEIGH, Const.

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:

THE CELEBRATED
PENNOCK SHELLER
With Attachment.

Our One and Two-horse Powers.

We are prepared to repair all kinds of Shellers at short notice.

Also, 20 Tons of PLOUGH CASTINGS now on hand, made perfectly smooth, and of the best iron. Persons living near 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, Feb. 18, 1875—tf.

FOR RENT,

STORE HOUSE and DWELLING, on Main street, Chestertown. Also, HOUSE on Cannon st., and SIX SMALL HOUSES for 1876. Inquire of J. H. SIMPERS or WM. J. VANNORT. Sept. 4-tf.

FOR RENT,
For the year 1876,
The STORE ROOM now occupied by A. Ming, on Court street; also, he DWELLING HOUSE where Mr. A. Howard resides. Terms moderate. Apply to
aug28-tf. JAMES A. SHAW.

A CHEAP INGRAIN CARPET at
jy31. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO'S.

SECOND
ANNUAL EXHIBITION
OF THE
PENINSULA
Agricultural and Pomological Asso'n,
WILL BE HELD ON
THE NEW FAIR GROUNDS
NEAR MIDDLETOWN, DEL.,
WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, Oct. 6, 7 and 8, 1875.

The Grounds are now being improved by additional buildings for exhibitors of stock, and a large and elegant building has been erected for the

LADIES' DEPARTMENT AND FLORAL HALL.

A first-class Dining Saloon and Refreshment Saloons under efficient management.

Every arrangement for the care and comfort of Stock, Track Horses, Sheep, Swine and Poultry.

The Grounds will be open on Tuesday, Oct. 5th, for the reception of articles and stock for the exhibition.

The Track has been widened and improved and is now considered the very best half-mile course on the Peninsula. The Trotting will be conducted under the rules of the National Trotting Association.

The managers refer to the excellent order and decorum of the grounds heretofore as an evidence of their determination to maintain the reputation of these exhibitions.

Excursion tickets will be issued by the P. W. & B. R. R., admitting to the grounds, good for the return trip only when having the gate keeper's punch. (These tickets are sold to afford the public an opportunity to visit the Exhibition, and will not be received for return passage unless punched by the gate-keeper.)

Special arrangements have been extended by the P., W. & B. R. R., to parties desiring to become exhibitors as follows: Articles and stock for exhibition will be charged regular freight to Middletown and returned free. Exhibitors will please apply to agents of Del. R. R. for rates. It is expected that Excursion Tickets will be issued by all railroads connected with the Del. R. R.

A Full Brass Band
will be present during the Fair.

RATES OF ADMISSION:

Single Admission,		50 cts.
Season Ticket,	$1.00	
Children under 12,		25 cts.
Children, Season Tickets for		50 cts.
Carriages, &c., Saddle Horse,		25 cts.
One or Two-Horse Carriage,		25 cts.
Admission to Grand Stand,		25 cts.
Season Tickets admitting to Quarter Stretch,	$1.50	

Books are now open and every information cheerfully given by addressing the Secretary.
WM. R. COCHRAN, President.
J. THOMAS BUDD, Secretary,
Middletown, Del.
Sep. 25, 1875—2t.

S. FRANK. SMITH,

Is now prepared to furnish his old customers and all others in need, with

Glass Fruit Cans,

THE PROTECTOR at	$1.70	per doz.
MASON'S IMPROVED	1.80	"
The RESERVOIR (the Best out)	2.00	"
JELLY TUMBLERS from 60c. to $2		per doz.

These prices for Cash only.

Please Remember

I have a much larger assortment of

FURNITURE

than ever, such as CHAIRS, Tables, Lounges, Mattresses, Stands, &c. All goods sold

Very Cheap for Cash.

S. FRANK. SMITH,
sep11-4t. Nearly opp. the Voshell House.

T. W. ELIASON, JR.,
Dealer in FERTILIZERS.

J. J. Turner & Co.'s Excelsior.
" " Ammo. Super Phosphate.
Ober's A. A. Phospho. P. Guano.
Ober's Ammo. Super Phosphate.
Mape's Nitrogenized Super Phosphate.
E. G. Edwards & Co's Ammo. Super Phosphate
Dugdale's Excellenza.
Whann's Raw Bone Super Phosphate
Sun Guano,
Maryland Co.'s Super Phosphate,
W. Whitelock & Co.'s Vegetator,
Griffith & Hoblitzel's Ammo. Super Phosphate.
Strictly Pure Dissolved Bones,
Kainit,
Potash Residue,

For sale at the lowest market rates on liberal terms, delivered at any landing in the county.
sep4-tf. T. W. ELIASON, JR.

NOTICE
To Tax-Payers of the 5th District.

THE tax books for the Fifth Election District are now in my hands and I am ready to receipt for all taxes due for the present year. For the convenience of tax-payers I will be at the following places on the days named on and after Aug. 1st:

On the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of each month, in the morning, at the TRAPPE.

Second and fourth Tuesday morning Belair.

Every Saturday morning at Grey's Inn Wharf, and every Saturday afternoon at Edesville.
SAMUEL BURGESS.
July 24, 1875—tf.

Dividend Notice.

ESTATE OF WILLIAM T. SPRY.

On application ordered, that George Vickers, executor of William T. Spry, late of Kent county, deceased, give notice by advertisement, that a dividend on the personal estate of said deceased will be made in this Court on TUESDAY, Oct. 12th, 1875. Test: WM. STEVENS,
Register of Wills.

NOTICE.—All creditors of William T. Spry are hereby notified and requested to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the Register of Wills, on or before Tuesday, the 5th of October, 1875, or they will be excluded from the dividend in the personal estate.
GEORGE VICKERS,
Sept. 18, 1875—3t. Executor.

FOR SALE.

Having rented my farm for next year, I will sell at private sale THREE HORSES and THREE COLTS. I will also sell or trade my Stallion KENTUCK.
J. M. VANDYKE.
Chestertown, Sept. 18, 1875—tf.

PERFUMERY.

A nice stock of French and English Perfumery at ANDERSON'S DRUG STORE, Middletown, Del. Heliotrope, Jasmine, White Rose, Jockey Club, Musk, Patchouly, etc.—Also Sachet Powder of the following perfumes: White Rose, Heliotrope, Jockey Club and Violet. Sept. 18, 1875—tf.

NOT LESS—BUT MORE.

Through the hushed house, no sound of weeping:
Only a solemn gloom enfolds it all:—
The sound of muffled steps on stair and hall—
Through the closed windows only half light creeping.

Crape on the door—and on the shutters:
Crape on the hats—of every shape and size;
Grief-bordered kerchiefs hide indifferent eyes;
Crape on the garments of each mourner flutters.

We look in vain for eyes red with much weeping.
Only one less in this strange world of ours!
Ended the record of his earthly hours!
O'er a still form the pale gray dawn is creeping.

Only a soul, the last stern barrier leaping!
Whether he mounts or falls, not ours to know;
Girt by the trappings of an outward woe,
Yet all unmourned, his last sleep he is sleeping.

O fellow mortals! when in turn *we* slumber,
Stranded at last upon the silent shore;
This be our record—not one *less* but *more*—
One more among the shining throng to number.
C. L.

YOURSELF.

You cannot find a more companionable person than yourself, if proper attention be paid to the individual. Yourself will go with you wherever you like, and come away when you please,—approve your jokes, assent to your propositions, and, in short, be in every way agreeable, if you only learn and practice the true art of being on good terms with yourself. This, however, is not as easy as some imagine, who do not often try the experiment. Yourself, when it catches you in company with no other person, is apt to be a severe critic on your faults and foibles, and when you are censured by yourself, it is generally the severest and most intolerable species of reproof. It is on this account that you are afraid of yourself, and seek any associates, no matter how inferior, whose bold chat may keep yourself from playing the censor. Yourself is likewise a jealous friend. If neglected and slighted it becomes a *bore*, and to be left, even a short time, "by yourself," is then regarded as actually a cruel penance, as many find when youth, health or wealth hath departed. How important it is then to "know thyself," to cultivate thyself, to respect thyself, to love thyself warmly but rationally. A sensible self is the best of guides, for few commit errors but in broad disregard of its admonitions. It tugs continually at the skirt of men to draw them from their cherished vices. It holds up its shadowy finger in warning when you go astray, and it sermonizes sharply on your sins after they have been committed. Our nature is twofold, and its noblest part is the self to which we refer. It stands on the alert to check the excess of the animal impulses, and though it becomes weaker in the fulfilment of its task by repeated disappointments, it is rarely so enfeebled as to be unable to rise up occasionally sheeted and pale, like Richard's victims, to overwhelm the offender with bitter reproaches. Study, therefore, to be on good terms with yourself—it is happinest to be truly pleased with yourself.—*Anonymous.*

A LETTER from Norwich, Conn., to the Harford *Times* contains the following story as told by George W. Fuller, a submarine diver, who is now in the former city: "While performing some work for 'Uncle Sam' in one of the Southern ports, where it was customary for those who supplied the market with early garden-truck to load their boats and row them around to the wharf, it happened that one day a burly negro loaded his boat with watermelons, and had just reached the dock where the usual number of loungers stood watching the operations of the diver. The negro, all unconscious of his situation, was zealously endeavoring to dispose of his cargo, when Fuller suddenly emerged, helmet first, from the water, thrusting his goggle eyes and ugly head before the astonished occupant of the boat, and seizing one of the largest of the melons, sunk immediately. The darkey, with a yell and a bound, reached the dock, and neither stopped nor turned until he reached home with the tidings that 'de debble had 'fiscated de melons and was taken 'um down.'"

A YOUNG WOMAN'S SWIMMING FEAT.—Yesterday afternoon Miss Agnes Beckwith, a daughter of Prof. Beckwith, of Lambeth Baths, swam from London bridge to the pier at Greenwich, adjacent to the hospital. Due notice having been given of the contemplated exhibition, a steamer was engaged to accompany the natatrice. Precisely at five minutes past five o'clock Miss Beckwith took the water from a wherry in front of the steamer just below the bridge, and from start to finish she literally took her ease on the tide, and was as fresh when she got out as when she entered the water. She completed the distance, a trifle over five miles, in exactly one hour and nine minutes. Miss Beckwith won a purse of one hundred pounds and a gold medal by her feat. She is only just fourteen.—*London News.*

A GENTLEMAN went into a bath house at Sharon Springs, N. Y., one day last week, and prepared for a bath. He had $6,000 in a cloth, which he threw down upon the floor of the bath room. When he came to dress he forgot the rag which contained the filthy lucre and left it in the room. Several persons used the room after his departure, but having no occasion to use the rag, allowed the one he left to remain undisturbed. When he undressed for the night he missed the money. He went to the bathing house next morning and found it just where he had left it.

PURE GIRLS AND IMPURE BOYS.—Girls, in treating dissipated young men as their equals, do a wrong they can scarcely realize. Such men should be made to feel that until they walk with correctness and honor in the paths of right, good people stand aloof from them. Girls who respect themselves will not be seen with such men, and will decline to receive them on the familiar footing of friendship. It is a mistaken kindness to poultice when caustic is needed, and I am inclined to think that a little sharp decision on the part of the girls of to-day would go far to correct the general looseness of morality among young men.

AN Englishman was lately arrested for stealing gas by attaching a rubber tube to a pipe in the cellar of an unoccupied house next door to his own. He had drawn off 600,000 feet in five years.

"Cold streaks playing tag down my back," is the way a little girl up-town describes the approach of an ague chill.

SECURING A VOTE.

THE STORY TOLD BY A UNITED STATES SENATOR—HIS LOVE OF MUSIC AND HIS FAIR ENCHANTRESS.

A former United States Senator, being in a good humor, told the following story of his experience: He said: "I will tell you how it was. Old Stubblefield—one of your New York 'men of enterprise'—owned a line of steamers that was doing an excellent business, and would have paid him lots of money, only he got into the hands of Congressmen and lobbyists, and they bled him. He was making ten per cent., he wanted to make twenty-five, and he lost every red! His line was really a good one, I believe; his steamers well built, well sailed and made good time, and, so far as I was concerned, I was perfectly willing that he should continue to receive, under the name of extra pay for mail service, the subsidy of $100,000 a year which Congress gave him. But Stubblefield wanted half a million a year, and he and his agents came on to Washington to secure it.

"I did not know much of what was going on—such people have sense enough to steer clear of me; but I did notice that there was a great deal more champagne floating around loose than was usual, and as for supper and dinner parties, there seemed to be an epidemic of them. I paid very little attention to Stubblefield's petition, having at first glance made up my mind that his demand was inadmissible, and that my duty to my constituents required me to vote against it; but I do not believe there were ten men in Washington who knew how I would vote in the premises, and I suppose Stubblefield's 'workers' purposely kept things as quiet as possible.

"Well, I suppose you would not suspect me of it, but I have a passion for music. I do not know much about the art, but I love it supremely, and when I can associate with good performances of Beethoven, Mendelssohn and others the charm of feminine beauty,—oh, well, it makes me happy! I don't want any better heaven than just to stand alongside of a lovely woman at the piano or organ, and have her to play for me my favorite pieces with expression.

"My wife and I used to visit a Mr. Somerville's family, and in her absence I got to going there a good deal—two or three evenings in the week. Somerville was a pretty good sort of a man, but his daughter was superb. One of the most accomplished creatures under the sun, and a paragon of loveliness. Just twenty-two, and bright and sharp as a needle. She was a graduate of some hifalutin college, had all the accomplishments, and could talk like a book. As for her playing and her singing—such exquisite inflections, such tender turns, such voluptuous flow and cadence—so much truth and feeling moulded in such artistic form—it was perfection. It was the slave of sound, and Roberta Somerville was a magician. To have her play the 'Adelaide' for me, after first singing some plaintive ballad, was a sensation that thrilled along every fibre of my being, and made me happy as a donkey in a stolen paddock.

"One evening I went there, and Roberta came to sit by my side on the sofa, and talked in her most brilliant way, making me laugh till I was sick by the way she imitated one of her teachers at college. Then suddenly she became silent, pensive, distrait. I asked her what was the matter. She made me no answer at first, then, turning to me with a most bewitching smile, she said: 'I have a very great favor to ask of you, Mr. Hidalgo! But not now—not to-night!' I swore that there was nothing she would ask of me that I would not do for her, but she tripped off to the piano, and played all my favorite airs till midnight. I thought there could not be a more delightful creature. Then, when I arose to go, she said she had a great treat in store for me, and asked me to go to —— church with her on the morn, and hear her play on the organ. So it went on for several days. At last, one evening after she had sung 'Waters of Elle' to me, and played 'Adelaide,' she came and sat by me and said: 'I had a letter to-day from my very dearest friend, and it has made me very sad.'

"I am sorry for that, Miss Roberta; is there anything the matter?" 'Her father is on the point of being ruined, she writes, and his only hope is in Congress granting him the relief he is entitled to.' 'Congress is a poor dependence, Miss Roberta—may I ask who your friend's father is?' 'She is my darling, darling Alverda Stubblefield! O, Mr. Hidalgo, I do wish you knew her! So lovely! and plays like an angel! O, Mr. Hidalgo, I said I had a favor to ask of you—I am afraid to do it—you are so different from most men—I know it isn't right—but won't you—won't you just promise me to vote for Mr. Stubblefield's claim when it comes up?' She seized my hand, and dropped on her knees before me in the prettiest suppliant attitude. 'I will take no denial. Promise me! Promise me! It will break my heart if you don't!' I hesitated, but I saw the witch was going to cry in earnest if I didn't, and I gave her my word, like the donkey that I was. She sprang to her feet, put her arms around my neck, kissed me, burst out crying, and left the room.

"Well, I voted for Stubblefield's bill, and it went through. Then somebody whom he did not bribe kicked up a row, and there was an investigation. Stubblefield, books and agents were overhauled, and, among the items of money disbursed, were: 'Col. Somerville, $2,500, Miss Roberta Somerville, $2,500 for a Senator's vote!' Mine, sir! and do you think, sir, when I came to inquire about it, there was no Miss Alverda Stubblefield at all, and all the fair Roberta's hysterics were got up for my especial benefit! I wrote to my wife all about it, and she said it served me exactly right.

But next week she came on to Washington to play for me herself, and our intimacy with the Somerville's ceased very suddenly."

WHEN a Nevada photographer wants to make a good picture, he puts the sitter in his place, pulls out a navy revolver, cocks it, levels it at the man's head and says: "Now, just you sit perfectly still, and don't move a hair; put on a calm, pleasant expression of countenance, and look right into the muzzle of this revolver, or I'll blow the top of your head off. My reputation as an artist at stake, and I don't want no nonsense about this!"

THE EXTRAVAGANCE OF WOMEN.

The London *Times*, in a careful article on the condition of English society, touches upon one topic with a criticism which applies very forcibly to American society, or, at least, to that part of American society which is to be found in the larger towns and cities of the United States.

The *Times* says it must always be with pain and delicacy and hesitation that it makes any allusion to those who are supposed to be less able to defend themselves, and the more under just authority, as well, it must be added, as also the most sinned against. But one remark must be made.

Even on the most superficial survey of society, whether in the great furnace of the metropolis or in the lesser fires of provincial and rural life, who can shut his eyes to the lamentable fact that the gentler and kindlier sex have a very great deal to do with that boundless and ruinous extravagance which induces all the virtues even to decay and extinction? It may be the necessity or the duty of some to spend princely fortunes in princely pomp and luxury; if so, they are only to be pitied for the difficulty of doing it gracefully, and redeeming material waste with personal refinement. But in this great town and in each season more than the last, there are thousands and thousands who are manifestly spending far more than their circumstances will allow.

For very much of this deep, widespread, and still spreading evil women are answerable. It is they who dress at a rate far beyond their income; they who insist on the best houses in the neighborhood; they who must have equipages for all uses, times and places; they who cannot abate their manifold requirements even when the family increases and nobler care should take the place of childish things.

Of course, the men have their besetting sins and their pet extravagances, sometimes very costly; and they have often the still greater fault of not explaining their pecuniary affairs to their wives with manly candor or common business-like accuracy. They do not make the wife a confident and fellow counsellor. But there cannot be a doubt that in the great majority of houses the lady knows quite enough to see, with a very little reflection, that she is driving her husband and family into straitness and embarrassment, with the risk of ruin.

People must have many and very good acres, or very good investments indeed, to be able to spend often the rental of a good estate in a single entertainment, a dress-maker's or an upholsterer's bill, a house at a fashionable watering, a prolonged continental tour, a necklace, or some other toy. Yet women are such creatures of rivalry and display that they cannot help a sort of triumph over those who are less fortunate or less spirited, and so are continually the foremost to inflame a pernicious rivalry. What can their husbands do? They submit, perhaps.—They sulk, perhaps. They more commonly cast about for ways and means, and, as they hear and learn more, they are more apt to take counsel from despair, and give themselves up to the stream in which they are already floating helplessly.

They cannot be worse than they are; they may be better. So they speculate—that is they gamble. They soon find they are victims, and set it down to their simplicity or their scruples. By and by they make the discovery that in such an affair it is better to be at the head than at the tail; better to be on the right side of the wall; better to be in the ring than the outside. So they press inward, give and take confidence, and in time are millionaires, or bankrupt and exiles.

Ish Der Smit In.

Two dutchmen, not long since, had occasion to go to a blacksmith's shop on business, and finding the smith absent concluded to go to his house. Having reached the door, said one to the other:

"Come Hans, you ax all about dar smit."

"Nein, nein," said the other, "you can shust do dot peesnis putty much as petter as I can."

"Vell, den I make me some knocks on the door mit my knuckles."

The mistress of the house came to the door and then Hans inquired:

"Ish der smit mit der house in?"

"I can't understand you," said the woman. Hans then bawled out:

Is der smit been mit der house in if he don't vas home?"

The other Dutchman perceiving that the woman could not understand Hans, stepped to the front, pushed his friend and mended matters in a satisfactory manner as follows:

"Stan' pack, Hans, an' let a man vat is a man come up, vat can say somedinks. Good vomens, of you blease, ish de placksmit shop in de house?"

CENTENNIAL PATRIOTISM.—"Is you be gwine down to dat meetin' at de church to-night?" asked Si when he met Pete at the Kimball House corner.

"What meetin' is dat?"

"De cents-tenyal meetin'."

"Is dat some new fangled kind o' pertrackted meetin' day's a gittin up 'round hyar?" asked Pete.

"No, you ignant nigger! Dis hyar is a meetin' about de celeberation of de Fo'th o' July Indemancipashun Declyrashun next year at Fillmundelphy, and dey calls it de cents-tenyal kase all de niggers isn't suspected to gib more'n ten cents to'rds de expenses."

"No, dis nigger ain't gwine, kase dat's some more ob dat tomfoolishness what swindles a nigger on sibil rights and gits 'um into dese hyar inskurreptions. I'd rudder spend my dime for a prize box wid a tin brespin in it. I would."

Si thought a minute and then said: "I b'leeves you's got me on de hip, Pete."

And they both went their ways.—*Atlanta Constitution.*

A BOY at Oswego foudn a pocket book and returned it to the owner, who gave him a 5 cent piece. The boy looked at the coin an instant, and then, handing it reluctantly back, audibly sighed as he said, "I can't change it."

AIKEN, S. C., has a debating society which recently wrestled with the question, "Which is de most beneficialist, de horse or de cow." The cow carried it.

SOME ladies, this season, wear wings on their hats—but it doesn't make 'em angels.

THE COLOR OF HORSES.

A correspondent of the London *Field* writes: A remark of Lord Calthorp, written in a letter which appeared in the *Times* a short while ago, deserves, I think some ventilation. He mentioned horses of a "good color," and the question that arises is, What is a good color? The most prevailing color in England is certainly bay; why this arises I am unable to say. We must, therefore, believe the best horses are bays, without proof.—Some time after the Peninsular war it was customary to have the troops of one cavalry regiment in colors; but the bay troops so far exceeded all the other troops, and such difficulty existed in supplying the other troops that the distinctive colors of troops were abolished throughout the army, and only two regiments, the Scots Grays and the Queen's Bays, were allowed to retain a distinct color. It was attempted to retain the Seventh Dragoon Guards as the "Black Horse," but that utterly failed. Since then, in the days of the Crimean Car, we have had the gray and chestnut troops of horse artillery. I do not allude to the black troopers of the household regiments, as they are so well known to the world at large, and are bred, chiefly in Lincoln