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

EDUCATIONAL.

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.

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jy31-tf. WM. J. RIVERS, Principal.

LAW CARDS.

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.

HINES & SMITH,
Attorneys and Counselors at Law,
CHESTERTOWN.
New Office on Court Street, opposite Court House.

Having associated ourselves for the practice of our profession, we will give prompt and careful attention to all law and Chancery business placed in our hands.

Mr. HINES, though connected with other duties, will give special attention to the business of the firm. JESSE K. HINES,
oc3-tf. MARION deK. SMITH.

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.

BURNS & SLOAN

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.

BEN STRAUSS

has on hand A FULL STOCK OF
GROCERIES,
BACON, HAMS, LARD, MOLASSES, VINEGAR, &c.
TOBACCO, CIGARS AND PIPES.
Mineral Water, Sarsaparilla, Ginger Ale, Tonic Beer, &c.

Call and see B. STRAUSS,
Agent, at his Old Stand.
☞ COUNTRY PRODUCE for Cash or Trade. Also, Rags, Iron, Brass, Copper, &c.
July 10, 1875.

WANTED: GRAIN, LARD, BACON EGGS, &c., for which the highest price will be given in exchange for goods.
JOS. E. WEER,
April 3, 1875. Kennedyville.

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

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

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

FALL & WINTER
OPENING!
1875.

S. MERRITT. WM. J. MCFEELY.

S. MERRITT & CO.,

ARE NOW PREPARED TO EXHIBIT AT THE OLD STAND
BORDLEY'S CORNER
CHESTERTOWN,
A Large and Beautiful Stock of
FALL & WINTER CLOTHING,
For MEN, YOUTH and BOYS,
Together with their usual complete variety of
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS
JUST RECEIVED.

Also, THE LARGEST STOCK OF
HATS and CAPS
EVER BEFORE OFFERED BY THEM.

☞ Our ordered work department is very complete, having a large and fine assortment of CLOTHS and CASSIMERES to select from. Our work is done in the best style and Fits in all cases guaranteed.

A FEW REASONS
Why you should buy your Clothing of
S. MERRITT & CO.:

1.—Our stock is the *Largest* and *Best* on the Shore.
2.—Our experience in the business gives us great advantage in buying.
3.—Our goods are cut in the best style and made up in the best manner.
4.—We do not *misrepresent* goods.
5.—We hold ourselves responsible to give entire satisfaction in every sale.
6.—We are not tied down to buy our stock from one house, but buy where we can do the best and pay as we go.
7.—We sell for the cash and are satisfied with small profits.

☞ *You should spend your money at home, and with those who will deal justly with you.* ☜

S. MERRITT & CO.
BORDLEY'S CORNER,
CHESTERTOWN.
Oct. 2, 1875.

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.

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 esidence near Bacchus' Mill. Price only $3.
C. H. HURLOCK,
Owner of Patent Right for Kent co.
June 12, 1875—tf.

A FRESH SUPPLY of GAMBRILL'S FAMILY and EXTRA FLOUR, received this week, and for sale 25 cts. a barrel less than city prices. Good Flour $6.50 a bbl. at J. B. SAPPINGTON'S.

CASH paid for BACON, by
aug28. J. M. VANDYKE.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF—
A FINE FARM,
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

TUESDAY, October 26th, 1875,

At half-past Three o'clock, P. M., At the Voshell House, in Chestertown, ALL THAT FARM, known as the

White House Farm,

SITUATED IN THE FIRST ELECTION DISTRICT OF KENT COUNTY, and
Containing 300½ ACRES OF LAND,
MORE OR LESS.

This Farm is immediately adjacent to the village of Massey's, and lies in the finest portion of Kent county.

About 190 Acres are cleared, and is divided into five fields. There are about thirty acres of low land well adapted for sheep raising, and 75 acres in Oak Timber. The Kent Co. R. R. occupies the right of way over four and a half acres of the farm on the outer edge thereof.

The whole of the land is of good quality, and that part now in cultivation is of the very best quality, and produces large crops of wheat, corn and oats.

There is a Small Apple Orchard,
And also PEACH ORCHARD,

on the place, and TWENTY ACRES well set in Timothy and Clover.

The village of Masseys is the junction of the Kent Co. Railroad, and of the Queen Anne's R. R. connecting with the Delaware R. R., and affording daily communication with Philadelphia in three and a half hours, and with Baltimore in five hours.

There is telegraphic communication also from Masseys, with all points, and Churches, Schools, Mechanics and P. O., all within easy walk. The most of the farm is under good hedge and the rest under good fence.

THE DWELLING

is a comfortable house, containing six rooms and Kitchen.

There is a good BARN and Granary and good Stabling for twelve horses.

The location of this farm, its soil, the facilities to market, and the conveniences which surround it, make it worth the examination of land buyers, and the tenant, Mr. B. F. J. SPARKS, will take pleasure in showing the premises.

TERMS OF SALE.

The terms of sale, as prescribed by the Decree, are as follows:—$3,000 cash on the day of sale, or in thirty days thereafter, and the balance in three equal instalments, in one, two and three years from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser and to bear interest from January 1st, 1876.

The crops of this year reserved.
Deed at cost of purchaser.

JAMES A. PEARCE, Trustee.
E. E. MILLER, Auct'r.
Chestertown, Oct. 2, 1875—ts.

SALE OF
HOUSE AND LOT
In Chesterville, Kent Co., Md.

BY virtue of competent authority from Mrs. Eliza E. Stradley, the owner, I will offer at Public Sale in Chesterville, Kent county, Maryland, on

SATURDAY, October 30th, 1875,

AT THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.,
At the Hotel in said Village, the
HOUSE AND LOT

situated therein, and adjoining the property of John Schwatka and others.

The Lot contains about
Half an Acre of Land,
well fenced, and is improved by a
COMFORTABLE
Frame Dwelling,
With Store Room and Kitchen Attached.

The Dwelling is one and a half stories in height, 52 feet by 16 feet, containing 8 rooms. The Store Room is one and a half stories in height —18x15. There is a good Smoke House, Stable and Carriage House—also a Pump of Good Water at the Kitchen door.

TERMS—One-half cash; balance in twelve months—to be secured by mortgage on the premises. Possession given on compliance with the terms of sale.

J. A. PEARCE, ATTORNEY
Oct. 9—ts. for Mrs. Eliza E. Stradley.

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 one. 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.

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.

OUR Prices are as low, for cash, as can be found. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

A FINE FARM
In Kent County, Md.,
—AT—
TRUSTEE'S SALE.

BY virtue of a Decree and order of the Circuit Court for Kent county, sitting in Equity, the undersigned as Trustee will offer at PUBLIC SALE, on

TUESDAY,

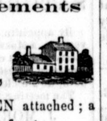
The Second day of November, 1875,
At the Voshell House in Chestertown,
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,
ALL THAT FARM OR TRACT OF LAND, called
"SPRINGFIELD"

lying on the north side of the road from Rees' Corner to Swan Creek, adjoining the lands of Wm. S. Walker, Morgan Brown, and others, containing

319 ACRES,
3 Roods and 23 Perches
OF LAND, MORE OR LESS.

This Farm is about two miles from Rees' Corner, three miles from Rock Hall P. O., two miles from landing on Swan Creek, and four miles from Steamboat Landing on Grey's Inn Creek. About 20 or 30 acres are in Wood, the balance arable. Soil of medium quality.

The Improvements
Are a Story and a half
BRICK DWELLING,



With FRAME KITCHEN attached; a handsome Lawn in front.

A large frame BARN with drive-way, roomy loft, STABLING for 14 horses, GRANARY, CORN HOUSE, Small Stable, Shed, Poultry Houses, Meat Houses,

2 TENANT HOUSES,

Well of Water with Pump at the house; also one at the Barn; Spring of good Water near the house.

There are about 800 Peach Trees,
A SMALL APPLE ORCHARD,
and about Half an Acre in BLACKBERRIES.

TERMS OF SALE.

The terms of sale as prescribed by the Decree are: the whole of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, but these terms may be modified.

Deed at cost of purchaser.

C. T. WESTCOTT, TRUSTEE.
Chestertown, Oct. 9, 1875—ts.

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 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, Feb. 18, 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.

Last Notice

I HAVE called the attention of those indebted to the late firm of John T. Dodd & Son, several times through this medium, and it proved of no avail. We need our money to pay off our indebtedness and must have it.—Our creditors are making demands on me which I am unable to meet. THIS IS THE LAST NOTICE I shall give, the next you receive will be from an officer.
JOHN N. DODD,
Surviving partner of J. T. Dodd & Son.
July 31, 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.

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.

UNDERWEAR.—Under-Shirts of all grades and Drawers of the best all wool Cass. to the lowest grade in cotton, can be had at
S. MERRITT & CO'S,
Oct. 7. Bordley's Corner, Chestertown.

VENDUE.

THE subscriber, being about to remove from Kent county, will offer at Public Sale, at Radcliffe Hall, his present place of residence, on

THURSDAY, October 28th, 1875,

AT 12 O'CLOCK, M.,
A great variety of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS, consisting in part of
Mahogany Chairs, Marble-Top Tables, Bureaus, Wardrobes, Chinese Hall Furniture, an India Chair, very rare; a pair of very large and handsome Pier Glasses, besides Mirrors, Bedsteads, and many articles of value to be found in a fully furnished house.
Also, a CART, a DEARBORN, Plows, Corn Shellers, and other Farming Utensils too tedious to mention.

A VERY VALUABLE
FAMILY HORSE,
A BUGGY, 1 MARE, 2 COWS, and a DONKEY, which is a great pet and favorite with children.
A Lot of Books, &c.

TERMS.—All sums above $20 a credit of three months, properly secured, will be given. Less than $20 cash.
GEO. A. HANSON.
Oct. 9, 1875—ts.

Public Sale.

THE subscriber will sell at Public Sale at his farm in Queen Anne's County, three miles below Crumpton, six miles above Chestertown, and one mile from Duhammel's corner, on

Thursday, Nov. 4, '75,

The following property:

3 WORK HORSES,
ONE STALLION, "Kentuck,"
And FIVE COLTS,
Three and two years old next Spring.
TWO COWS,
And ONE ALDERNY BULL CALF.
1 WAGON, 1 Horse Cart and 1 Market Wagon with top;
Farming Implements.
Such as Ploughs, Harrows, Cultivators, Hoes, Forks, Shovels, &c. Also, a lot of Hay and Vegetables.

☞ Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M., when terms will be made known.
JAMES M. VANDYKE.
Oct. 16—ts.

Constable's Sale.

BY virtue of two writs of Fieri Facias, issued by J. Evan Thomas, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Kent county, and to me directed, one at the suit of Wm. Ellis, use of D. C. Blackiston, and one at the suit of C. H. J. Sparks, use D. C. Blackiston, against the goods and chattels, lands and tenements of William Hurtt, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of the said William Hurtt, of, in and to the following property:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PART OF A TRACT of WOOD-LAND, called
"Ringgold's Adventure,"

in Kent county, State of Maryland, adjoining lands of Charles W. Murphey, E zekleßrown, Sarah Maguire, John C. Groome's Heirs, and lands of D. C. Blackiston,

Containing 50 Acres, more or less,

which was conveyed to said William Hurtt by Joseph Morris, as Trustee, by deed bearing date May 4, 1867, and recorded in Liber, J. K. H., No. 6, Folio 334, one of the Land Record books for Kent county.

And I hereby give notice, that on

WEDNESDAY, November 3rd, 1875,

at 3 o'clock, P. M., at the Court House Door, in Chestertown, I will sell the said property, so seized and taken in execution, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said writs, with interest and cost due and to become due.
S. L. RAWLEIGH, Const.
Chestertown, Oct. 9, 1875—ts.

CONSTABLE'S SALE.

BY virtue of two writs of Vendi, issued by T. W. Russell, a Justice of the Peace, both at the suit of Wm. B. Usilton; two writs of fieri facias, issued by J. E. Thomas, at the suit of the same; two writs of Vendi, issued by same, at the suit of Jesse K. Hines, use of A. B. Wheatley, against Wm. Dunn, and one writ of fieri facias, issued by same, at the suit of J. H. Cook, against John Fletcher and Wm. Dunn, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of the said Wm. Dunn, of, in and to the following property, to wit:

A House and Lot,

On Cannon Street, in Chestertown, adjoining the property of John K. Willis and others.

And I hereby give notice, that on

WEDNESDAY, November 3rd, 1875,

at 4 o'clock, P. M., at the Court House Door, in Chestertown, I will sell the said property, so seized and taken in execution, to the highest bidder for cash, to satisfy said writs, with interest and cost due and to become due.
oct9-ts. S. L. RAWLEIGH, Const.

Constable's Sale.

BY virtue of one writ of fieri facias, issued by T. W. Russell, Justice of the Peace, at the suit of John N. Usilton, against James L. Bowers, to me directed, I have seized and taken in execution all the right, title, claim and interest of said Bowers, of, in and to

3 Head of HORSES,
2 CATTLE.
1 Yoke of Oxen, 1 Cart, 1 Carriage, 1 Dearborn, 1 Fan and Corn Sheller, 1 Tread Power, and Crop of Corn.

The FARM called Little Meadows

adjoining the lands of Benj. H. Startt, and Samuel H. Timms.

And I hereby give notice, that on

SATURDAY, the 6th November, 1875,

at the residence of said Bowers, near the U. U. Church, at 10 o'clock, A. M., I will sell said property for cash, to pay and satisfy said writ, interest and cost due and to become due.
H. E. COOPER, Const.
Oct. 16—tds. (5.50)

GLOVES of all kinds; British and American SOCKS for Gents; also Suspenders; Shirt Studs, Collar Buttons, Sleeve Buttons, &c., at S. MERRITT & CO.'S,
oc2. Bordley's Corner, Chestertown.

A NOTABLE NEGRO.

HE CAN KEEP TRACK OF THREE HUNDRED HATS—WHAT HE KNOWS ABOUT HORACE GREELEY'S SCRAPS.

The most notable memory possessed by any man in the United States, perhaps, is that of Alfred Dueling, an humble colored man employed as hat-rack waiter at a New York Hotel. Alfred is apparently about thirty-five years of age, and he is bright and intelligent in appearance. He has the faculty of remembering faces, names, facts, &c., that is very wonderful indeed. If fifty men are in a room, and all are strangers to him, he can walk around and inquire the name of each, and then go around again and call every man by his proper name. Read a page of a book to this remarkable person, and he will repeat the whole afterward from memory. He can keep the accounts of the steward of the hotel in his head a week or a month, at a time, with items, expenditures, &c., correctly, thus constituting himself a mental day book and ledger.

The most curious illustrations of Alfred's powers is in his remembering hats. It is his particular business at the hotel to stand in the ante-room leading to the dining hall to receive the hats of the guests as they pass in. Alfred takes the hats and places them on a rack, and when each guest comes out of the dining room that particular guest is handed his hat. It has been said that this colored man can remember four hundred hats, and the faces of the persons to whom they belonged, as he did on one occasion when there was a large fashionable ball at the Academy of Music. He told the *Mercury* reporter, however, that four hundred was too high a figure, and an exaggeration circulated by some of his sanguine and enthusiastic friends; 'but,' said he 'I can remember three hundred without any difficulty at all. I have handled during the past fourteen years that I have been in the business, the hats of the most distinguished men in the land.

'There's poor old Uncle Horace Greeley,—bless his heart! I've put his famous white hat, and black hats, too, on the rack scores of times.' His head was twenty-four inches. In this respect Uncle Horace was different from most persons. Nineteen men out of twenty have hats the inside of which fitting their heads resembles a pear, the forehead being narrow and the back wide. The founder of the *Tribune* seldom took his hat from Alfred without bestowing a quarter or a half dollar for the taking care of his tile. He was very liberal in this respect. Alfred always watched Horace to see that the latter did not, in a fit of absent-mindedness, put his hat on hind side before.

One time the great editor had his hat full of scraps cut from newspapers, and when he took it off his head, the scraps flew all over the floor, and some of them blew out of an open window. Somewhat angry at the occurrence, Mr. Greeley exclaimed: 'There now! See, there they go—all the material for to-morrow's editorials!' Several waiters who were standing near hastily gathered up all the fluttering pieces of paper that could be found and returned them to the editor. The famous journalist looked them over and said: 'Well, all that I care about are here, except one about Chinese Coolie Labor. I will give any one five dollars who will find that for me.' The prospect of gaining this reward induced the waiters and bell-boys to make vigorous search, which was prosecuted for some time in vain, and Horace departed. Three or four hours afterward, when it was 11 or 12 o'clock at night, a bell-boy, who had been more persevering than the others in his search, found the missing article on Chinese Coolie Labor half buried in the mud in the area of the hotel. The little fellow rushed breathlessly to the *Tribune* office, and up to the room on the second story, where Mr. Greeley was busy writing. 'There's your newspaper scrap,' exclaimed the little fellow, handing the muddedaubed slip to the editor. Mr. Greeley took the slip, smiled benignly on the boy, and gave him a five dollar note. The next morning the article appeared in the *Tribune*.

The most dilapidated hat ever placed on the rack leading to the hotel dining room was the tile of Long John Wentworth, of Chicago. This identical hat was worn by the noted Illinois politician ten years, and then was taken to the hatter's and furnished with a new band and lining, and is probably still doing good service. On one occasion Long John, who stands six feet eight in his stocking feet, came to the dining room door and asked the waiter to remove his hat for him. 'But I can't reach your hat,' said the waiter. Mr. Wentworth replied: 'Get a chair and stand on it, and then you can.' The waiter did as requested, and, removing the tile from the head of the tallest man in Chicago, deposited it on the rack. Long John ate his dinner, and when he had finished, one of the bell-boys got upon a chair, and replaced the tile. The smallest man who ever gave his hat into Alfred's keeping was "Little Mac," the minstrel.

A FEMALE servant in the family of a gentleman in the Department of the Interior, Washington, is allowed to make a yearly visit to her old home in Richmond, Va. Last summer, when she left, a substitute was employed, a mulatto girl, who had been quite well educated. She performed the duties in a rather indifferent manner. When the regular servant returned, she began her tour of investigation to ascertain how her work had been done, and was disgusted at the evident want of neatness manifested everywhere. Her indignation finally found vent in the following, to her mistress:—"I tell you what it is, Miss——, you can't git grammar and clean corners out of de same nigger!" Which, if true, offers a knotty problem in reference to the education of the race.—*Harper's Magazine.*

THEY tell a wicked story about a jovial soul that came up to the gates of Heaven and asked for admission. "No," said St. Peter, severely; "you can't get in; you're not fit." The traveller stepped back, looked the old saint steadily in the eye and crowed three times. St. Peter colored, shuddered and fumbled for his key. "You can go in," said he, in a rather shaky voice, "but don't do that to me again."

We have tried Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup in our family, and can assert that it is the best remedy for a cough or cold ever introduced. Price, 25 cents.

The Wonders of the Yosemite.

Yosemite Valley is in many respects the weirdest, wildest, grandest and most awfully impressive scenery in the world. Once seen, neither time nor circumstance can efface it from memory. The valley is 250 miles from San Francisco. It is easily reached. It is like a vast excavation hewed out of the very heart of the great Nevada mountains. To get into it you make a steep descent of 2,000 feet. At every turn the scene changes. The valley proper is eight miles long. At its centre it is three miles wide, from which it tapers to a half a mile at each end. Through the centre flows the Merced river, fed by streams that dash in fury over precipitous rocks into the dale below. The Falls of Yosemite, being a stream twenty feet wide and two feet deep when full, makes its first leap of 1,500 feet perpendicular over a cliff. Thence, in the distance of a third of a mile, it makes a terrific cascade of 626 feet fall, whence by a final bound of 400 feet it leaps into the valley. The whole lenth of the fall is 2,526 feet. The Bridal Veil Fall is the first conspicuous object as you enter the valley, hemmed in by steep yellow rocks 2,000 to 4,000 feet high. The Cathedral rock is a huge mass, adorned by slender spires. Next come the Three Brothers, 4,000 feet high. From the summit of these is a splendid view of the wonders of nature in this valley, with the frowning summits of the snow-capped Nevadas in the background. "The Sentinel Rock," 3,000 feet high, has the appearance of a regular obelisk. "The dome" is over 4,000 feet high, nearly circular to the eye, with a regular pitch all around. The grandest and most impressive object is "the half dome." One side is rounded, the other is vertical. It is over 4,700 feet high, and geologists declare that one-half of the original dome must have been split off and toppled into the abyss with such force as to break it up and leave not a trace behind. Isolated, and without a peer among its comrades, it stands an everlasting memorial of the mighty forces which in former ages have wrought upheaval, excavation, dislocation and destruction on the face of the earth. Evidently the Yosemite Valley, with its stupendous surroundings, its awful chasms, its splintered spires, its bastion-like masses, its wall-sided precipices and its confused piles of hewn rock, tossed about without order and void of symmetry, could not have been the slow and measured work of ages. It must have been a quick earthquake convulsion, short and decisive.

We have given only the most prominent points of wonderment. Little less to be admired are the Washington column and the royal arches, with the series of vaulted chambers underneath. Scattered around are scores of smaller cataracts of surpassing beauty, and multitudes of lofty peaks and cliffs, which in any other place would be wonderful. Lakes innumerable and little grassy glades are met at every turn in the deep canons and the leafy forest bordering the mural steeps described. There the deer find a favorite home and huge speckled trout abound. Everywhere wild flowers are sprinkled over the green. Groves of mammoth trees are to be seen a few miles away. In one group are 86, in another 427, &c. They are a kind of cedar tree. Many are one hundred feet in circumference. Most of them have outlived their usefulness. Their tops are gone, their branches scattered, and their tenure of life is evidently precarious. From measurement of prostrate trunks it is sure many were 400 feet high, and by counting the rings 2,500 years is a medium age to allow, while some count over 3,000 years. Through the hollow of one prostrate tree at Calaveras a horseman can ride mounted. In other parts of the State are like trees, and young ones are growing here and there. Though peculiar to California, the seed germinates freely all over Europe. In England they are in favor, under the name of Wellingtonia gigantea, but in France they are called vascito. In winter Yosemite valley is buried in deep snow, and the climate rigorous. Before May the valley and its accesses are not ready for travelers, and late in summer the waterfall is much reduced in volume and in interest. There are good accommodations. The valley and its wonders are well illustrated by a score of photograph engravings so perfectly taken as to give an excellent conception of its varied scenery.

A REMINISCENCE.—In the year 1826, after all save one of the band of patriots whose signatures are borne on the Declaration of Independence had descended to the tomb and the venerable Carroll alone remained among the living, the Government of the city of New York deputed a committee to wait on the illustrious survivor and obtain from him, for deposit in the public hall of the city, a copy of the Declaration of 1776, graced and authenticated anew with his sign manual. The aged patriot yielded to the request and affixed, with his own hand, to the copy of that instrument, the grateful, solemn and pious supplemental declaration which follows:

"Grateful to Almighty God for the blessings which, through Jesus Christ our Lord, He has conferred on my beloved country in her emancipation, and on myself in permitting me, under circumstances of mercy, to live to the age of eighty-nine years, and to survive the fiftieth year of American independence and certify, by my present signature, my approbation of the Declaration of Independence, adopted by Congress on the 4th of July, 1776, which I originally subscribed on the 2d day of August of the same year, and of which I am now the last surviving signer, I do hereby recommend to the present and future generations the principles of that important document as the best earthly inheritance their ancestors could bequeath to them, and pray that the civil and religious liberties they have secured to my country may be perpetuated to remotest posterity and extended to the whole family of man.

CHARLES CARROLL, of Carrollton.
August 2, 1826."

A YOUNGSTER being required to write a composition upon some portion of the human body selected that which unites the head to the body, and expounded as follows: "A throat is convenient to have especially to roosters and ministers. The former eats corn and crows with it; the latter preaches through his'n, and then ties it up. This pretty much all I can think of about necks."

POTATOES are the circulating medium at Escanaba, Wis.

POWERS OF LITTLE WOMEN.

There is a charm about a handsome little women, too of those *petite* gossips, that always carries a man by storm, no matter whether he is old or young. The tall, stately lady, looking a queen in her attire and mien, impresses you with awe, as well as admiration. She is calm, and speaks methodically, and saunters slowly and so quietly along, that you scarcely note her progress. If she has a lover she never allows him to go beyond the bounds of a mere speaking acquaintance, and, if married, and a mother, she fondles her child in public, at least, as if she was its aunt, coming from a long way off to look at, but not caress it, for fear its little wee fingers would disturb a collar or pluck one of those flowers from her bonnet.

All is different with little women. If they want a charitable subscription, you can give it out the moment they enter, for they never leave without it. They go at you with a rush, know you in a minute, and, so long as you are a gentleman, they will rattle along, gossiping, chatting of fashions, music and business, in a way that makes old hearts pinch and ache to be young again. They have no false dignity.

If they want to run, they run; they toss a baby as if he was a cat, sure, if he fell, to alight on his feet without harm, and if clothes are ruffled or ribbons, pulled away, they don't care, for a little woman never looks any other way but handsome, dress herself as she will. And how they coax! They are veritable lawyers to argue and dispute you with the coldest audacity, laugh at your arguments, and as a last resort, put on a pout that is a clincher on anything belonging to the human family.

A little woman never lives to old maidenhood. They can't help but marry, for they have to do it to keep the peace, and settle the vexed question among their aderers. Where a handsome tall woman waits for one lover, the little *petite* runs away with twenty. They never go out without exciting admiration, though they are not coquetts. They are born to attract attention, and they know it, and how they sympathize! Let a child fall on the walk and the little woman rubs off the dirt, adjusts the clothing, chases away the tears, and rattles on with, "poor child," "nice boy," "there, don't cry," in a way that makes the urchin dream every night for a month of fairy forms and angel beings. If sick, the form of a little woman is like sunbeams, her little boy is all over the house, her sympathizing voice ever in your ear, and one must get well out of a feeling that the act will oblige her.

Little men are ridiculed by the female sex, and they do look odd, but little women are a whirlwind which blow the worst old bachelor into the sea of matrimony, in spite of any grip he may take on solemn vows to live a single and wretched life. If there are angles in heaven, and the Good Book tells us so, they surely are the blithesome spirits of the merciful, dutiful and winsome little womam.

VAGARIES OF THE BRAIN.

Unsoundness of brain is often known only to its possessor. There is a stage of consciousness in which a person may be incessantly at war with himself, and with the promptings of a double, urging him to do and say things abhorred by his better self. "I am not conscious of the decay," wrote a patient to his adviser, "or suspension of any of the powers of the mind, I am as well able as ever I was to attend to my business. My family suppose me in health, yet the horrors of a mad-house are stiring me in the face. I am a martyr to a species of persecution from within which is becoming intolerable. I am urged to say the most shocking blasphemies, and obscene words are ever on my tongue. Thank God, I have been able to resist; but I often think that I must yield at last, and then I shall be disgraced and ruined." The famous Bishop Butler is said to have been engaged in such a conflict for the greater part of his life.—Akin to this phase