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HINES & SMITH,
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N. A. GASSAWAY.
WARDEN, MERRITT & CO.,
Commission Merchants
For the sale of GRAIN, FLOUR AND COUNTRY PRODUCE,
No. 8 SPEAR'S WHF,
y. *BALTIMORE, MD.*

ALONZO P. CREW. JAS. W. JEROME.
CREW & JEROME,
Commission Merchants
For the sale of GRAIN, FRUIT AND PRODUCE GENERALLY,
92 Light Street Wharf, BALTIMORE.
Consignments respectfully solicited.
Correspondence cheerfully and promptly answered. y

JESSE WILSON. G. W. WILSON.
J. WILSON & SON,
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For the sale of all kinds of
Country Produce, Grain, Peaches, Apples, Canned Goods, Vegetables, Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Fish, &c.,
Corner of Light and Camden Streets,
y BALTIMORE.

WM. TOMLINSON. WM. T. TOMLINSON.
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Commission Merchants,
For the sale of GRAIN, LIVE STOCK, and Country Produce generally,
No. 92 LIGHT ST. WHARF, BALTIMORE.
Orders for Groceries, Seeds, Fertilizers, Farm Implements, and other merchandise, will be promptly filled.
Consignments respectfully solicited.

GEO. Z. GREENWOOD. WM. H. RUTTER AND. W. WOODALL.
GREENWOOD, RUTTER & CO.,
Commission Merchants,
And General Produce Dealers,
72 SOUTH ST., Corn Exchange Building,
y BALTIMORE.

B. F. PARLETT & CO.,
92 Lombard st., near South, BALTIMORE,
Wholesale Dealers in
MANUFACTURED AND LEAF
TOBACCO.
Imported HAVANA and GERMAN CIGARS.
And Manufacturers of fine Havana, Principe and other Cigars.
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To the Ladies!

Spring & Summer Millinery

JUST OPENED.
BEAUTIFUL, GOOD and CHEAP!

MRS. H. USILTON, at her new stand below Wickes' drug store, has just received and opened a well selected stock of new and beautiful

Millinery and Fancy Goods

For Spring and Summer wear,

of the latest and most fashionable styles. In HATS, BONNETS, LACES, Ribbons, Trimmings, Neck Ties, Belts, Ruffles, Feathers, Flowers and Ornaments, she is satisfied of her ability to please, both in quality and price.

ALSO IN STORE A FINE STOCK OF NOTIONS, to which she invites special attention.

STAMPING done in the neatest and most durable manner.

The Ladies are invited to call and examine her goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere. No effort will be spared to give full satisfaction to all who favor her with their patronage.
MRS. H. USILTON.
April 21, 1877—tf.

SPRING and SUMMER
—1877—
Millinery and Fancy Goods!

MRS. L. J. DAVIS,

Has just received and opened a fresh and beautiful assortment of

Spring and Summer MILLINERY,

embracing HATS and BONNETS of the latest fashions and styles; Ribbons, Feathers, Flowers, Handkerchiefs, Hosiery, Gloves, &c.

A Large and Varied Assortment

of every description of goods usually found in a first class Millinery store, to which she invites an examination by her lady customers and all others in want of anything in her line.

I have in my employ a first-class Milliner and can guarantee satisfaction.

Agency for Mme. Demorest's Reliable Patterns. "What to Wear and How to Make it"—portfolio fashions, price 15 cts. Give her a call at her old stand.
apr21-tf. MRS. L. J. DAVIS.

Seasonable Millinery!

FOR THE

Spring & Summer of 1877

BEAUTIFUL! STYLISH! CHEAP!

MRS. ROSA FRAZIER.

Dressmaking and Stamping done in the Neatest Manner and at Reasonable Prices.

STORE on High Street, opposite the residence of Senator Vickers.
May 12, 1877.

SOMETHING NEW!

FANCY, GOOD and CHEAP!

M. ALICE LAMBERT & SISTER
Have just opened a
New MILLINERY and Fancy Store
in Chestertown, on High street, one door above the store of J. H. Simpers & Bro., and will sell *Cheap for Cash* all goods in their line, such as Hats, Laces, Ribbons, Hosiery, Kid Gloves, Toilet articles, Spool Cotton, Silk, Needles, &c.
HATS trimmed in the latest style.
Altering and Repairing neatly and promptly executed. Plain and Fancy Sewing at reasonable prices. Give us a call.
M. ALICE LAMBERT
apr21-3m. & SISTER.

WATERS & SONS'
CELEBRATED
Organs and Pianos!
AT GREAT BARGAINS!

EVERY Organ and Piano sold warranted to give entire satisfaction.—My prices are the lowest. My terms are the best. Numerous styles, at prices to suit all. Thousands of testimonials can be given endorsing their merits. A few testimonials will suffice, as follows:

"HONESTY IS THE BEST POLICY.—How impressively is this old maxim demonstrated in the extraordinary success of the great Musical instrument house of Horace Waters & Sons, adopting from the first the rigid rule that every instrument should prove all and more than their warrantee called for, the firm has built up a business far in advance of their cotemporaries and from Maine to the Gulf the name of WATERS is as familiar as household Words." *Woods' Household Magazine.*

"HORACE WATERS & SONS.—These well known manufacturers have secured an immense patronage, their sales extending and increasing in every direction."
—Christian Advocate, N. Y.

"THE Piano you sent me is allowed to be the best in this town, and there are several of Chickering's and Stoddart's here."
—Chas. Rice, Perth, Canada West.

Also refer to Dr. E. J. Drinkhouse, editor Methodist Protestant, Baltimore.
Illustrated Catalogues free.
Address W. K. JUDEFIND, Agt.,
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LIFE INSURANCE!

THE undersigned has again taken the agency for the *Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York*, and will cheerfully give any information asked for by letter or otherwise.

Medical examiners for Kent county are: Dr. Samuel Beck, Hanesville; Dr. W. M. A. S. Maxwell, Still Pond; Dr. Thomas Willson, Edesville.
PROF. T. ASCHERFELD.
April 14, 1877—tf.

YOU can find Fine SUGAR-CURED HAMS and BROILING BEEF, at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.
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T. ROMIE STRONG. EARLE R. STRONG.
1877.
Spring and Summer!
1877.

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New Goods! Cheap Goods!
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New Goods! Cheap Goods!

STRONG & BRO.,

Take pleasure in announcing to the public that they have a VERY LARGE STOCK OF GOODS at their

THREE STORES,
THREE STORES,
THREE STORES,

Which are being sold Very Cheap.

Calicoes, Dress Goods,
Fancy and Colored Lawns,
Brown and Bl'chd Muslins,
White Linen Table Damask,
Table Oil Cloths,
Black and colored Alpacas.
NOTIONS—a very large stock.

Farmers and Builders' Hardware.

Nails, Copper, Rivets, Plow Bolts, Wagon Bolts, Carriage Bolts.

BACON, FLOUR, LARD and MEAL, SALT FISH, PICKLES by the hundred.

White Wash LIME and BRUSHES,
White Wash LIME and BRUSHES,
White Wash LIME and BRUSHES,

DRUGS AND MEDICINES A SPECIALTY.
DRUGS AND MEDICINES A SPECIALTY.
DRUGS AND MEDICINES A SPECIALTY.

Prescriptions carefully compounded and at the lowest prices.

COME ONE and ALL
No Trouble to Show Goods.
Respectfully,
STRONG & BRO.
May 5, 1877.

1877! 1877!

Spring and Summer!

LATEST STYLES!
LATEST STYLES!
LATEST STYLES!

AND LOWEST PRICES!
AND LOWEST PRICES!
AND LOWEST PRICES!
IN

CLOTHING

AND

FURNISHING GOODS!
AT THE
NEW STORE
OF
S. MERRITT & CO.
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S. MERRITT & CO.
Next door to J. K. Aldridge's.

We have just opened the LARGEST and CHEAPEST line of Clothing, Gents' Furnishing Goods, Hats & Caps,
EVER BEFORE EXHIBITED IN CHESTERTOWN!
Our stock comprises every variety of style and quality.

BLACK CLOTH SUITS, $15 up.
WORSTED SUITS, $10 00 up.
CASSIMER SUITS, Plain, Plaid and Striped.
BLACK WORSTED COATS AND VESTS, from $10 00 up.
CHIVOT SUITS, from $6 00 up.
All Well Made and NOBBY STYLES!
Alpacca and Worsted Coats, $1 50 up.
White Vests, $1 00 up.

Summer Linens!
In Coats, Pants and Vests.

Furnishing Goods!

Summer Merino Undershirts, 25c up.
Gauze Undershirts, " "
Drawers of all kinds.
CASSIMER OVERSHIRTS,
Chivot, Percal, from 59c up.

White LINEN SHIRTS a Specialty!
MADE TO ORDER and FITS Guaranteed.
Linen and Paper Collars, Cuffs, &c.
HOSIERY—Brown, Bleh'd and Fancy Socks or Half-Hose, and *solid* colors.
GLOVES of every variety.

Hats and Caps
in great variety,
Embracing the latest fashionable styles and colors.
Large stock STRAW HATS in great variety and at low prices.

Large line of SAMPLES
for Custom Work, and Fits Guaranteed.

All we ask is an examination of our goods and prices, and we can convince you the low price and good quality of our stock. *We do not misrepresent.*
Our stock is very large, purchased in Phila. and Balt. at close figures, and we are sure of our ability to please.
Remember the place:
S. MERRITT & CO.,
New Store, next to J. K. Aldridge's.
May 12, 1877.

S. B. FOARD,

Grain Commission Merchant
CHESTERTOWN.
Store, Main st., nearly opp. Voshell House.

Choice Brands of Flour, Pratt's Astral Oil, Hardware, &c.
Early Rose Seed Potatoes.
The highest cash price paid for Grain.
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THE
FINEST FARM
IN QUAKER NECK,
KENT COUNTY, MD.,
—AT—
TRUSTEE'S SALE.

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

TUESDAY,
The Twenty-sixth day of June, 1877
AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK, A. M.,
At the VOSHELL HOUSE, in CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND,

ALL THAT FARM
Or Tract of Land,

In QUAKER NECK, Kent county, Maryland, called the

"STEWARD FARM"

OWNED BY PHILIP T. SIMMONDS.

This Farm lies directly on the North East branch of Langford's Bay, adjoining the lands of Col. Edward Wilkins, and others, and contains

334 ACRES,
2 ROODS and 37 PERCHES
OF LAND,

more or less. About 300 Acres are arable, the balance in WOOD AND TIMBER. It is about five miles from Chestertown and two from Quaker Neck Wharf, convenient to Schools, Churches, Mills, &c.

The soil is highly improved and productive.

It is divided into seven fields and under Chestnut fencing.

Crops are shipped from the LANDING ON THE FARM.

THE IMPROVEMENTS
ARE A SUBSTANTIAL TWO-STORY
Brick Mansion House,
WITH KITCHEN ATTACHED. The Out-Buildings which were recently destroyed by fire have been in part replaced. There is a

PEACH ORCHARD
Of 3,000 TREES,
IN A FLOURISHING CONDITION and of excellent varities. Also, a fine

Young Apple Orchard
OF STANDARD VARIETIES.

The owner says there has been $10,000 expended upon the Farm in improvements during the past seven years.

The Terms of Sale are:

One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, and the balance in two equal instalments, bearing interest from the day of sale, in one and two years from the day of sale; the deferred payments to be secured by the bond or notes of the purchaser with security to be approved by the Trustee.

CHARLES T. WESTCOTT,
TRUSTEE.
Chestertown, June 2, 1877—ts.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF—
TOWN PROPERTY

By virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, sitting in Equity, the undersigned, as Trustee, will offer at Public Sale, on

TUESDAY,
THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY OF JUNE, 1877,
At 11 o'clock, A. M.,
At the "Voshell House," in Chestertown,

All That Valuable Lot,

With the IMPROVEMENTS THEREON, particularly described as follows:

Situate on the corner of Club Lane and Market Space, in Chestertown, and running from said corner north 44 degrees; east, 54 90-100 feet; then south 46 degrees; east 20 feet; then south 48 degrees; east 60 7-10 feet; then south 44 degrees; west, 4 80-100 feet; then north 48 degrees; west, 42 7-10 feet; then south 44 degrees; west, 50 feet; then north 46 degrees; west, 39 30-100 feet to the beginning.

THE IMPROVEMENTS
ARE A
Frame Dwelling,
Four Rooms below and four rooms above.

THE TERMS OF SALE

as prescribed by the Decree are as follows: One-third of the purchase money cash on the day of sale; residue or balance in three equal instalments of six, twelve and eighteen months from the day of sale, the credit payments to be secured by the bond of the purchaser, bearing interest from the day of sale, with a surety or sureties approved by the trustee, all interest to be paid with each instalment of the principal sum.

RICHARD HYNSON,
June 2, 1877—ts. TRUSTEE.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Peter Brinsfield and S. M. Brinsfield, his wife, and George Vickers,
versus
Samuel C. Boyd and Martha Boyd, his wife.
On the Equity side of the Circuit Court for Kent County, April Term, 1877.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by RICHARD HYNSON and MARION deK. SMITH, Trustees in the above entitled cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the Second day of August next,—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the second day of July next. The Report states the amount of sales to be $2,050.00.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True Copy—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
June 2, 1877—4t.

TRUSTEE'S SALE
—OF—
A MOST DESIRABLE
FARM,
And Other REAL ESTATE

UNDER and by virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent county, sitting as a Court of Equity, the undersigned as Trustee, will offer at Public Sale,

ON TUESDAY,
The 26th day of JUNE, 1877,
At Twelve o'clock, M.,
At the Voshell House, in Chestertown, Maryland,

the following parts or portions of the Real Estate of the late WILLIAM WELCH, viz:

A part of "THE MEDDERS FARM,"
"THE HOWARD FARM" as enlarged, and
"THE OLD WELCH HOME FARM."

ALL THAT PORTION OF THE

MEDDERS FARM

lying on the North side of the public road from Chesterville to Harmony, adjoining the lands of A. C. Noland and others. This portion of the aforesaid Farm contains

About 157 ACRES,

nearly all of which is arable. The situation is desirable. The Kent County Rail road runs through it, and Black's Station on said road is only 1½ miles distant. It is within 2½ miles of Kennedyville, and about 4 miles from Chesterville. It is convenient to churches, schools, mills, &c.

THE IMPROVEMENTS
Are OUT-BUILDINGS in ordinary repair, and a
Peach Orchard of 1500 Trees
It is well watered.

The Howard Farm,

Lies on the aforesaid road from Chesterville to Harmony, and adjoins the lands of J. F. Wilson, W. R. Cochran, and others. This farm originally contained about 187 Acres, but has been enlarged to about

270 ACRES

by the addition of all that portion of the Medders farm lying on the left of the aforesaid road from Chesterville to Harmony. Nearly the whole is arable.

It is only one mile from Kennedyville, a village which enjoys all the advantages of Churches, Schools, Railroad and Telegraph facilities.

The Improvements
ARE A
FRAME DWELLING,
Barn, Stable, and other Out-Buildings, all nearly new and in good repair, and an Apple Orchard of 25 Trees.

The Farm is divided into convenient tillages, and each field is well watered.

The FARM generally known as

The Old Welch Home Farm

is universally conceded, in view of the natural fertility of its soil, and the eligibility of its location, to be *one of the very best and most desirable estates in this County.*

It lies directly on the public road from Kennedyville to Chesterville, adjoining the lands of Gov. John P. Cochran, the Hon. J. B. Groome and others, and contains about

530 ACRES.

It is convenient to Churches, Schools, &c., within a mile or two of a station on the Kent county Railroad, and not far from Landings on Chester and Sassafras Rivers.

THE IMPROVEMENTS
ARE A TWO-STORY
BRICK DWELLING,
With a TWO-STORY FRAME ADDITION, making large and comfortable rooms.

The BARN, STABLE and other outbuildings are in good repair. Excellent water in the yard, and a

Fine Peach Orchard

of the most select varieties, in bearing. To any one desiring remunerative returns for his investment, and a home of social comfort and enjoyment, this estate offers every inducement to purchase.

TERMS OF SALE,

As prescribed by the Decree, are one-fourth of the purchase money to be paid in Cash on the day of Sale, or on the final ratification thereof, at the Trustee's option, the balance in four equal instalments in six, twelve, eighteen and twenty-four months from the day of sale—deferred payments to bear interest from that day, and to be secured by the bond or notes of the purchaser with security to be approved by the Trustee.

RICHARD HYNSON, TRUSTEE.

NOTICE.—In accordance with the provisions of the said Decree, the creditors of the late Wm. Welch are hereby notified to file their claims with the vouchers thereof, with the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent county, within four months from the day of sale.

RICHARD HYNSON Trustee.
Chestertown, June 2, 1877—ts.

LADIES' SLIPPERS, fine quality, at 80c. to $1.25, at Jos. H. Thompson's under the "Kent News" office. je2.

A FULL LINE OF Green, Black and Mixed Teas, at T. W. ELIASON, JR.'S.

LOVE OF NATURE.

Oh! I do wish that I were out
Breathing pure air once more;
Could see in brooks the golden trout,
And minnows near the shore.

Or be where on the hill sides grow
Wild flowers in budding wreathes;
While melting are the tears of snow,
And sunshine bursts the leaves.

To view new beauties bursting forth
In groves and orchards round;
Nor fear that cold winds from the North
Will freeze again the ground.

In mossy dell or woodland glade,
Hearing the blue birds sing;
Or where beneath the beech's shade,
Clear bubbles up a spring.

And I would go where flowery May
A throne of beauty rears;
And grouping round are children gay
In clusters or in pairs.

Choosing their May queen from the girls
Who grace these sylvan bowers;
With eyes of blue and golden curls
That play among the flowers.

Then would I wander down some vale
And paths of summer find;
The sweet brier and the wild rose pale
On nature's brow to bind.

Nature is everything to me,
The theme has made me bold;
On every leaf and flower I see
A gem or cup of gold.

The smile of God beams down in one,
Another holds His breath;
Another hath its perfume won
From an angelic wreath.

Thus flowers and rills and grassy knolls
And all great nature's haunts,
Do sing within our inmost souls
Their sweet, undying chaunts.

MATILDA CANBY.
Wilmington, Del., May, 1877.

Letter from Chesterville.

Friend News:—We assume the title of "correspondent" only on rare occasions and, although our little village has been in an apparently lethargic state, sufficient changes have been wrought in the last few weeks to render the news of some interest. The peace and quietude that has been enjoyed within our bounds will soon be scattered. Local option is no longer in force. It has been the cry of *anti-temperance* men that business would be revived if alcoholic beverages were sold in the place; but, as far as we have been able to judge, no such changes have yet been experienced. The change is in this manner: Youths of seventeen and upward are seen under the influence of alcohol. 'Tis true the dispenser of this noxious poison does not sell to minors, but the young men induce older persons to purchase it for them, which actions are only performed by the most debased of our unfortunate race, and beneath the dignity of a gentleman. Thus the minds as well as the bodies of our youths are poisoned be the evil influences that surround them. Truly there is no sadder sight than youths and boys crazed by the use of alcohol. Would it not have been better if every mechanic and merchant in the town became a bankrupt and fail, than to be placed in such a deplorable state? But we would not have your readers to premise that such are the unanimous actions of all our citizens. Only, we might say, the outer borders of society are thus employed.

The public school, Miss Day principal, held a picnic in the grove near by, on last Saturday. From all appearances it proved to be a grand success, and reflects great credit on the principal and manager. Over two hundred persons were in attendance. Refreshments were in abundance and all enjoyed themselves in a huge manner. The day was a very pleasant one, and open air amusements of various kinds were participated in by nearly all. The children returned to their homes at night well pleased with the afternoon's entertainment. The principal of the school deserves great praise for the perseverance she has exhibited in guiding the scions of our country along the embryo paths of science; and we sincerely hope that her efforts have not been in vain, but that her students will in some future time be an honor to her and to our glorious republic.

Our churches are well attended, and should, from appearances, be in a prosperous condition. One, which has the largest congregation, seems unable to employ a sexton; but, we suppose, from the pervading influence to *reform*, they intend to curtail expenses, and if the management is not placed in better hands they will surely curtail their audiences. The congregation of this church have been compelled to assemble in the yard and patiently await the movements of one who lives out of town, and assumes control of the keys. We hope this evil will be remedied, as it is not pleasant for ladies and gentlemen to be compelled to stand around a church waiting for admission. It is generally considered difficult to get the young men in church, and nothing should be added that will act as a stumbling block.

The crops are of a promising nature. The wheat harvest will be unusually large, and from present appearances will be more remunerative to the farmers than in the past few years. The complaint is against the successful issue of the peach crop, but from fair conclusions a good crop is expected by most fruit growers.

Not wishing to be a fault-finder, we hope that the unnecessary evils to which attention has been directed will be speedily remedied. The "power of the press" being great, we hope its strength will be exerted in this direction with speedy effect. MACK.

June 5th, 1877.

HUMOR pays in this country. It sometimes enables a man to marry a rich girl. Mark Twain pays taxes in Hartford on $66,650, and this is but a tithe of his wealth. Twelve years ago he was editing the *Daily Dramatic Review* in San Francisco—a mere theatre programme—at a salary of $20 per week.

A BOY five years of age having stolen a can of milk his mother took him to task with moral suasion, and wound up her discourse by exclaiming: "What in the world were you going to do with the milk?" "I was going to steal a hog to drink it," was the crushing reply.

LETTER FROM ROCK HALL.

Messrs. Editors:—At the risk of being thought troubled with "wharf on the brain," I must beg your indulgence for another talk. "Oysterman," in your issue of May 26th, gives a foreshadowing of the sentiment which is rapidly taking form in the community here and will develop itself in next fall's election, if our commissioners do not prove themselves wise in time. The course of our commissioners, especially the one from this district, is ignoring the respectful but earnest prayer of one hundred and fifty tax-paying constituents, whose aggregate annual tax amounts to at least five times as much as the cost of the improvement asked for. It is as sincerely regretted as heartily deprecated, and will most assuredly be resented The fact is, the people have found out that they have rights, and are determined that they shall be respected. They feel the injustice of having been subjected all these years to the capricious good nature of a few individuals for the privilege of going to and from their work, and are now alarmed at the threat of at least a part of those individuals to withhold that privilege until the county comes to their relief. As matters now stand a road is offered free if the county will build a wharf. If they refuse to do so the road will be stopped; when, as it is indispensable to the business of the place, the county will be compelled to open it at the public expense, the proceeds of which will be applied to, and we think will be amply sufficient, to build a wharf, which will then be individual instead of public property.

Gentlemen Commissioners, take your choice, and be prepared to answer the questions which will be asked by your constituents. There would not be a moment's hesitation but for the trouble and annoyance it would cause in the neighborhood before relief could be obtained. If party ascendency is of any value, the wishes of so large a number of voters should not be trifled with, especially where party lines are so sharply drawn and nicely poised as they are in Kent county, knowing too, as every observing man does, that in local politics self-interest invariably outweighs party prejudice. The steamer at Grey's Inn has been highly beneficial and thankfully received, and would be still if we could not do better. But the people have begun to wake up to the fact that 'time' is not only 'money,' but the stuff life is made of, and whoever is delayed an hour in his time has his life cut short. How many lives have been wasted and lost to the world in going to Baltimore from Grey's Inn instead of Rock Hall—the natural starting point? Who can tell? The steamboat company found it as convenient to stop there as here on their Chester river route, and much cheaper to build a wharf there, and so long as the people would submit it answered their purpose better; as being a longer route they felt justified in charging more fare, thus not only destroying lives but making them pay for it. So that we feel like the Irishman who thought it hard for a man to be compelled to pay his own hearse bill. But that thing is "played out." The steamer S. K. Taggart is now making regular trips from Tolchester, arriving at Baltimore at 11 A. M., and leaving at 3 P. M., same day, thus giving four hours in the city in the business part of the day. Our friend, Jos. Downey, is connecting with a stage via Edesville, making the round trip for $1.75, instead of $2.50, and actually saving three days of time, as it is impossible to go the other route and do any business without laying over one trip, which keeps us from home nearly four days; and we are all saying, "Success to little Joe—may his shadow never be less."

As a neighborhood we begin to feel like the boy who lay down to wait for the river to run by, and, after a long sleep, woke up with a yawn, exclaiming: "The faster it runs the more it don't get past." We have made up our minds to wait no longer, but, like him, get on a shingle and ferry ourselves across. The old fogie cry of "Let well enough alone," don't scare us worth a cent. The world does move and Rock Hall has got to move with it, and they can no more stop it than Mrs. Partington could keep the tide out of her house by sopping it up with her mop and wringing it out of the window. If they wish to save themselves from being like the tip end of a pine stick whittled down to nothing, their only chance is to jump on their shingles, and follow us to the happy land of progress. SCRUTATOR.

THE MAN'S AND WOMAN'S WAY OF SAYING THINGS.—Look at the way in which a man takes for granted that a woman will be interested in his sayings and doings. If his wife has a long story to tell him she is filled with misgiving lest it may tire him, she leaves out many picturesque touches that she may not take up his time, and, even on the hand-gallop, she has not arrived within call of her conclusion, when he asks with confusing directness, "Well, how did it turn out?" But the man has never a misgiving that he will be hurried or that life has anything better to offer than listening to him. He begins his story at its earliest morning stages and lopes leisurely to its close, or if it is rapid he gives it rapid transit; but he never omits anything on his wife's account. He tells what he said and what the other man said, and what he would have said had the other man said what he might have said. And the worst of it is—the fatal point is—that his confidence is justified. The woman *is* interested. The man's talk takes her out of her own into a larger life, and she not only tolerates, but enjoys it; and what are you going to do about it?—*Gail Hamilton.*

A WOMAN may give intellect, genius and virtue to a profession and fail to find patronage, but if the same woman were to put on tights and sing a comic song, the citizens of our great Republic would fill the house, and applaud until they were hoarse.—*Danbury News.*

"Do you drink?" said one of the Women's Christian Temperance Union to the bookbinder, when he went to the ladies to deliver some of his works. "Vell, I don't care oph I dakes a leetle," said the good natured German.

IT is said that a blind woman can knit faster than one with good eyes. She doesn't run to the window every five minutes.

POLITICAL FAME.

The retired politicians can truly say, in the language of Rip Van Winkle, "How soon are we forgotten." Yes, and in less than the third of a century after the grave encloses them there are but few persons on earth who are appraised of the fact that they ever lived. These reflections were fastened on our mind by reading in the Congressional Dictionary a brief sketch of the life and public services of General Sam. Smith, of Maryland. He was a wealthy merchant of Baltimore, once or twice its Mayor, and contributed much to its growth and prosperity—more, perhaps, than any other citizen. The good people of Maryland exhibited their appreciation of his talents and personal worth by sending him to Congress for a longer period of time than the average life of man. He served them as a Representative or Senator in Congress for thirty-nine years. He was made Chairman of the Finance Committee of the Senate, and discharged the position with marked ability. He was a warm supporter of Jackson's Administration, and on more than one occasion was elected Vice President pro tem. He had a right to think, and doubtless did think, he had achieved a fame that would live after him. He died about thirty-seven years ago, and now let us ask, How many of the present generation ever heard of him? We venture to assert that could he now arise from the grave he would find three-fourths of the citizens of Baltimore entirely ignorant of his long and useful career as Baltimore's public servant. Such is life, and such is the ephemeral character of political fame.

We cannot close this article without telling one of Daniel Webster's anecdotes. It is decidedly to the point. After President Tyler's second veto of a bill to charter a bank of the United States every member of his cabinet save Mr. Webster indignantly resigned. The Whigs tried their level best to loosen his grip on the State Department, but all their efforts were unavailing. Then they came down upon him like a thousand of brick. They denounced him with the variations. About this time an enthusiastic admirer called to see him. Finding him in a gloomy mood, he exclaimed: "Mr. Webster, you ought not to be gloomy about anything; your fame is made." "Fame," replied Webster, "and much for fame." Whereupon he told the following story: He said he was traveling in a railroad car on a certain occasion, and it so happened that he was seated by the side of a very old gentleman. He soon found out that this old gentleman was a citizen of New Hampshire, and lived in Mr. Webster's native town. He asked the old man if he knew the Webster family up there.—"Oh, yes," responded the octogenarian. "Old Mr. Webster and I were bosom friends in his lifetime." "What has become of his children?" inquired Mr. Webster. The old man answered, "Why, there's Zekiel, he is the greatest lawyer in New Hampshire, and one of the greatest in the country." He then took up the daughters and told whom they had married, and how well they had married, and finished his account of the family without mentioning the name of Daniel. "Were those all the children?" asked Mr. Webster. The old man answered in the affirmative. "Are you sure that there was not a boy named Daniel?" inquired Mr. Webster. "Daniel, Daniel, Daniel," soliloquized the old man for a few minutes, and then broke out with this reply: "O, now I do remember. There was one by the name of Daniel, but he went down to Boston and I have not heard of him since."—*Louisville Courier-Journal.*

A Peasant Throwing His Children to Devouring Wolves.

A curious and distressing case has recently been under the consideration of the police at Moscow. A few months ago a Russian peasant, with his wife and four children, were traveling in a sleigh along the banks of the Pruth, when they were pursued by a pack of wolves. The peasant urged on his horses as much as he could, but soon perceived the horrible fact that the wolves were fast gaining upon them. At the moment when the sleigh was surrounded by the ravenous beasts, the man seized one of the children, threw it in the midst of them, and while the wolves were struggling over their prey he hastened on his horses and gained ground. Four times the wolves came up with the fugitives, and four times the horrible sacrifice was completed. At last the peasant and his wife arrived at the nearest village, leaving behind them the bones of their four children. In the bitterness of her despair the mother informed against her husband, but the judges, considering that if the peasant had not resigned himself to the horrible sacrifice he would not only have lost his children but also his wife, acquitted the prisoner.

Singular Death.

A man named Robert Williams died in Liverpool the other day from having had his blood transfused into another man who was ill. He went on all well for a day or two afterward. He then became ill, got gradually weaker, and died from erysipelas. The deceased was a man of full habit, and was occasionally given to drinking. The surgeon who performed the operation, before doing so, made particular inquiries from the deceased as to his habits and state of health, and his answers were satisfactory. At the inquest medical evidence was to the effect that the operation had been skillfully performed. Dr. Higginson said he had performed the operation successfully in sixteen cases. The jury returned a verdict of "death by misadventure," but they were also of opinion that sufficient inquiry was not made by the medical men who made the operation as to the deceased's habits and physical condition, and that he was not sufficiently cautioned as to the risk he was running.

MRS. PARTINGTON is not dead, as many suppose. The good old lady recently told a neighbor that Ike had bought a horse so spirituous that he always went off in a decanter.

A LUNAR protuberance some forty thousand miles long has been discovered by astronomers. It is supposed that the man in the moon is growing a wart on his nose.

TOM (to Tim, who had just eaten an oyster): "Well, Tim, how was it?" Tim (in ecstasy): "The oyster was fine, but the winegar and ketchup were hevingly."