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y MARION deK. SMITH.

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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.
JESSE WILSON. G. W. WILSON.

J. WILSON & SON,
Commission Merchants
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.

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

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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

WM. TOMLINSON. WM. T. TOMLINSON.
WM. TOMLINSON & CO.,
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.

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GREENWOOD, RUTTER & CO.,
Commission Merchants,
And General Produce Dealers,
72 SOUTH ST., Corn Exchange Building,
y BALTIMORE.

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.

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.

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
may19. THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

T. ROMIE STRONG. EARLE R. STRONG.
1877.
Spring and Summer!
1877.
STRONG & BRO., AT THE CORNER.
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STRONG & BRO., AT PINEY NECK.
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New Goods! Cheap Goods!
New Goods! Cheap Goods!
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 50c up.
White LINEN SHIRTS a Specialty!
☞*MADE TO ORDER and FITS Guaranteed.*☜
Linen and Paper Collars, Cuffs, &c.
HOSIERY—Brown, Bleach'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.

A MOTHER'S GIFT.

Remember, love, who gave thee this,
When other days shall come;
When she who had thy early kiss,
Sleeps in her narrow home.
Remember 'twas a mother gave
The gift to one she'd die to save,
That mother sought a pledge of love,
The holiest for her son;
And from the gifts of God above,
She chose a goodly one.
She chose for her beloved boy
The source of life, and light, and joy,
And bade him keep the gift—that when
The parting hour should come,
They might have hope to meet again
In an eternal home.
She said his faith in that would be
Sweet incense to her memory.
And should the scoffer in his pride,
Laugh that fond gift to scorn,
And bid him cast the pledge aside
That he from youth had borne;
She bade him pause and ask his breast
If *he* or *she* had *loved* him best.
A parent's blessing on her son
Goes with this holy thing;
The love that would retain the one
Must to the other cling.
Remember, 'tis no idle toy,
A mother's gift—remember, boy.

Domestic Peace at Home.

It is just as possible to keep a calm house as to keep a clean one, a cheerful and orderly house, as a furnished house, if the heads set themselves to do it.—Where is the difficulty of consulting each other's weaknesses, as well as each other's wants; each other's tempers, as each other's characters? Oh! it is by leaving the peace at home to chance instead of pursuing it by system, that so many homes are unhappy. It deserves notice, also, that almost any one can be courteous and patient in a neighbor's house. If anything goes wrong, or be out of time, it is made the best of, not the worst; even efforts are made to excuse it, and show it is not felt; it is attributed to accident, not to design; and this is not only easy, but natural, in the house of a friend. I will not, therefore, believe that what is natural in the house of another, is impossible at home, but maintain, without fear, that all the courtesies of social life may be upheld in domestic societies. A husband as willing to be pleased at home and as anxious to please as in his neighbor's house, and a wife as intent on making things comfortable every day to her family, as on set days to her guests, could not fail to make their home happy. Let us not evade the point of these remarks by recurring to the maxim, "allowances for temper." It is worse than folly to refer to our temper, unless we can prove that we ever did any good by giving way to it. Fits of ill humor punish us quite as much, if not more, than those they are vented on; and it actually requires more effort, and inflicts more pain. to give them up, than would be requisite to avoid them.

CELESTIAL VS. TERRESTIAL FIRE.—A good deal of discussion has lately taken place in this country over the old question whether sunshine checks combustion. It is an old notion that sunlight lessens the intensity of a fire, and may even put it out, and the theory was that the sun's heat by expanding the air caused a diminished supply of oxygen to the coal. This and all other explanations are now condemned, and the fact is denied. One writers says that if a few pieces of charcoal are ignited in a chaffer and placed in a sunny room provided with closely fitting shutters, the fire will appear to die away in the sun's light. But if the shutters are closed the coals will be seen to be in full combustion. There is no phenomenon at all, but only the appearance of one, which is due not to the sun's heat, but to the fact that its light, being stronger than that of the coals, overcomes and subdues it. The fact of combustion is so intimately connected with glowing ignition in our minds, that anything which lessens the glow appears also to diminish the combustion.

TIME.—In all the actions which a man performs, some part of his life passes. We die while doing that for which alone our sliding life was granted. Nay, though we do nothing, time keeps his constant pace, and flies as fast in idleness, as in employment. Whether we play, or labor, or sleep, or dance, or study the sun posts on and the sand runs. An hour of vice is as long as an hour of virtue. But the difference between good and bad actions is infinite. Good actions, though they diminish our time here as well as bad actions, yet they lay up for us a happiness in eternity; and will recompense what they take away by a plentiful return at last. When we trade with virtue, we do but buy pleasure at the expense of time. So it is not so much a consuming of time as an exchange. As a man sows his corn, he is content to wait awhile, that he may, at the harvest, receive with advantage.

HOME BEAUTY.—A tasteful woman can make a garret beautiful and homelike, and at a little cost; for the beauty of home depends more on educated and refined taste than upon mere wealth. If there is no artist in the house it matters little that there is a large balance at the bank. There is usually no better excuse for a barren home than ignorance or carelessness. A little mechanical skill can make brackets and shelves for the walls. A thoughtful walk in the woods can gather leaves and lichens and ferns for adorning the unpictured rooms. A trifle saved from the daily expenses can now and then put a new book upon the table or shelf. The expenditure of a few shillings can convert the plain window into a conservatory. In these and fifty other ways can a plain, bare room be converted into a scene of beauty.

SPARE THE BIRDS.—Farmers don't suffer your children or any one around you to shoot or trap the birds. If birds are destroyed insects will multiply. At this season farmers' boys are apt to break up the nests of the blackbirds, robins, blue-birds and thrush, in order to get the eggs merely to destroy them. This should not be allowed. The birds are the best friends of the farmer, destroying insects which prey upon the fruit and grain.—Birds will eat some fruit and grain, too, but they pay well for the toll they take by destroying insects on the wing and hurtful grubs and slugs.

THE YOUNG MERCHANTS.

Two country lads came at an early hour to a market town, and arranging their little stands, sat down to wait for customers. One was furnished with fruits and vegetables of the boys' own cultivation, and the other supplied with lobsters and fish. The market hours passed along, and each little merchant saw with pleasure his stores steadily decreasing, and an equivalent in silver shining in his little money-cup. The last melon lay on Harry's stand, when a gentleman came by, and placing his hand upon it, said, "What a fine large melon. What do you ask for it, my boy?"

"The melon is the last I have, sir; and though it looks very fair, there is an unsound spot in it," said the boy, turning it over.

"So there is," said the man; "I think I will not take it. But," he added, looking into the boy's fine open countenance, "it is very business-like to point out the defects of your fruits to customers!"

"It is better than being dishonest," said the boy, modestly.

"You are right, little fellow, always remember that principle and you will find favor with God and man also. I shall remember your little stand in the future. Are those lobsters fresh?" he continued, turning to Ben Williams' stand.

"Yes, sir; fresh this morning. I caught them myself," was the reply, and a purchase being made the gentleman went away.

"Harry, what a fool you were to show the gentleman that spot in the melon. Now you can take it home for your pains, or throw it away. How much wiser is he about those lobsters I caught yesterday? Sold them for the same price I did the fresh ones. He would never have looked at the melon until he had gone away."

"Ben, I would not tell a lie, or act one either, for twice what I have earned this morning. Besides, I shall be better off in the end, for I have gained a customer, and you have lost one."

WOMAN'S TRUTH.

Strangely enough, a woman, when detected in a deliberate falsehood, is not overwhelmed with either shame or penitence. She is sorry that she is "found out," probably; but that is all—the sin itself is lost sight of. This, it must be said, is to a great extent the fault of men, who so diligently assure them that they are by nature untruthful, that it is small wonder if they end by believing the assertion and acting upon it. It also occurs that certain women who have cultived a love for truth become disgusted at the weakness of their sex in this respect, and fly in consequence to the other extreme. They speak the hard, uncompromising truth on all occasions, and too often say disagreeable things. Perhaps they are, however, more tolerable, inasmuch as they at least can act from principle, than the women of the world who are accomplished in the art of deception, and employ all its resources to wound any one against whom they have a grudge. Their words are to those of the women who flaunts her truthfulness in one's face as the bite of a serpent to the chance blow of a bludgeon. Both, however, may be said to be results. in opposite directions, of the same system. The most dangerous women, probably, in the matter of untruth is she who, with a frank manner, a pleasant smile, and the honest appearance of Iago, will look you in the face and tell you what she knows to be a deliberate lie. And such people are commoner than may be generally supposed, inasmuch as the fallacy that a person skilled in the art of deception cannot look others in the face is still very generally entertained, although it has been often enough exposed. An untruthful woman generally contracts the habit of speaking falsely in childhood, when, to screen herself from the consequence of some offense, she deliberately fabricates a falsehood.—The line once crossed, it is easy to continue in wrong doing; and thus, owing to a sheer lack of moral courage, her character is marred for life.

FIGHTING FOR A HOME.—A woodpecker's hole is such a very convenient place for a nest, that many other birds are glad to find one unoccupied. Sometimes a pair of wrens will watch the motions of the woodpeckers while they are at work, until an unfinished hole is left unguarded, when they will take possession of it. As soon as the lawful owners return, the thieves are driven off, but they are so persistent and troublesome that, although a woodpecker is larger and stronger than twenty wrens, the owners sometimes abandon the place, and make a new nest. Still, the wrens are not always allowed to keep the house they have stolen, for the blue-birds are equally covetous of it, and sometimes fight fiercely with the wrens in their attempts to gain possession of it. Occasionally, both wrens and blue-birds are driven away by the martins, for these birds, also prize woodpeckers' holes very highly. The fierce battles between these various birds over an abandoned hole are very amusing, and often last several days; for they are all very obstinate birds, and as each one is determined not to give up, the matter is not very easily settled.

"TANK GOD, VON EES DEAD."—A friend of the writer was once traveling in a stage-coach in New England, and arrived at a village at nine o'clock in the evening. Having some acquaintances in the town, he went out immediately to call upon one of them. Returning to the tavern at midnight, he found all the beds in the house occupied but one of a dozen cots that had been put up temporarily in the parlor, for it was "court week" at that county seat. During the day my friend had been greatly amused by a fellow-passenger, a lively young Frenchman. Where he was that night my informant did not know when he retired that night to the unoccupied cot in the parlor, but he soon found out. The sleepers in the other cots were making "night hideous" with their snoring in varied cadences, some puffing, some with long-drawn nasal sounds, and all in discord. At length one of the snorers brought up with a snort and was suddenly silent, when the young Frenchman, who occupied a cot at the farther end of the room, and had been annoyed by the noise of the sleepers, cried out, "Tank God, von ees dead!"—*Editor's Drawer, in Harper's Magazine for July.*

No Kiss.

"Kiss me, Will," sang Marguerite,
To a pretty little tune,
Holding up her dainty mouth,
Sweet as roses born in June.
Will was ten years old that day,
And he pulled her golden curls
Teasingly, and answer made:
"I'm too old—I don't kiss girls!"

Ten years pass, and Marguerite
Smiles, as Will kneels at her feet,
Gazing fondly in her eyes,
Praying, "Won't you kiss me, sweet!"
She is seventeen to-day;
With her birthday ring she toys
For a moment, then replies:
"I'm too old—I don't kiss boys!"

Hire Kept Back.

It is surprising how the element of *time* is left out in men's moral estimates.

For instance, when a man has been owing a debt and has paid it, he regards himself as honest simply because he has paid that debt. But, perhaps, the delay of payment may have been to his creditor so serious an embarrassment, that when the money came it was worth less than half the value it would have had if paid on the day it was due.

A pecuniary operation, ordinarily, has in it these two elements, namely, an amount of money and a specified time of payment. The creditor has a right to make his calculations, not only for the receipt *of the amount*, but for the receipt *at the time*. If you do not pay your debt the day it is due, if you have a right to postpone it, have you not also a right to diminish the amount? If you employ a seamstress, engage her at so much by the week, and when her wages are due on Saturday, if the payment be postponed for another day, for a week, for a month, without her consent, have you not an equal right to diminish the amount without her consent? If you have no right to diminish the amount one penny, where do you find your right to postpone the payment one hour?

I have no right to lock in my desk or carry in my pocket the money which belongs to another. Every man who has money in the hands of another has a right to ask for interest, and the interest on a dime for a day is something, and though it be too small to express in figures, it is a reality to the man who owns it, and he ought to have it. That dime may stand between him and disease, if not between him and death. The cup of coffee and the roll it would buy him to-morrow morning, if he had it to-night, would start him on his day's duty with comfort; but if he must wait for the dime until to-morrow night, he may have to work a whole day foodless; and no man can tell what serious disasters in health and comfort and peace of mind may follow that forced abstinence.

Let no Christian on next Saturday night close up his affairs without paying every cent he owes as far as his means allow. To the end that that may be the case, let no Christian man contract a debt, the payment of which will not come when due as certainly as anything human can be certain. Deny yourself every possible thing until every debt is paid; then, if possible, make no more debts. Pay as you go, and you will have health, peace and comfort.—*Rev. Dr. Deems, in Frank Leslie's Sunday Magazine.*

The Newspaper.

"A newspaper is public property," the wiseacres have discovered, and therefore it must work for the public free of charge. This is quite a mistake. The newspaper business is just like any other business, prosecuted for the benefit of him who engages in it. The newspaper is a public convenience and a vehicle of communication in the community where it is published, but its use must be paid for, just as the use of any other property. The post office is a public convenience and a medium of communication, but nobody dreams of using the postal facilities offered through the postoffice without paying for them. No other business under the sun is expected or called upon to render so much service to the public for nothing, as the newspaper business. Every type set costs money, and if those who use the columns of a newspaper do not help the publisher pay that cost, he must pay for it himself. His workmen have to be paid weekly in cash. Type, ink and paper cannot be got for nothing. Yet the newspaper proprietor has constant demands made upon his labor and capital to work for nothing. He is asked and expected to give his labor free to all temperance, Sunday school and moral reform associations, and especially to all the churches, and he contributes, at the same time, out of his pocket, as much to the churches and societies as other men. In the city dailies you can publish nothing, neither deaths, marriages, obituaries, church notices nor any other thing, without paying for it. But the country press is expected to publish all these things for nothing. None but thoughtless persons can entertain such notions. But the number of such is frightfully numerous.

THERE is something refreshing in the absolute astonishment that visitors to a printing office sometimes display at the commonest things. "What is that black-looking thing standing up in that corner?" is sometimes asked by an unsophisticated observer; and the nearest typo answers, "That is the printing office towel. We always stand it up in the corner."

"GEN'L'MEN," exclaimed an old Connecticut salt, as he grasped the brawny arm of an Yale College oarsman, and called the company's attention to its muscular development, "gen'l'men, thar' intelleck for ye."

A KANSAS CITY woman pretended to faint away in a crowd in order to hear the comments of the men. One of them yelled out: "Oh! what an enormous foot!" and the lady came to and tried to kick him.

ACTIONS speak more forcibly than words; they are the test of character.—Like fruit upon a tree, they show the nature of man: while motives, like sap, are hidden from our view.

WHEN a man gets so fat that he can't scratch himself between the shoulder blades he ought to be shot to prevent the spread of profanity.

A MAINE judge is considering whether the language of flowers is competent evidence in a breach-of-promise case. Oh, love!