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CIRCULARS, BLANKS, &c.,
executed with neatness and dispatch, and at reasonable prices.

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WILLIAM M. SLAY,
Attorney & Counselor at Law,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

COLLECTION OF CLAIMS or other Legal business promptly attended to. tf.

C. T. WESTCOTT,
Attorney & Counselor at Law,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

SPECIAL ATTENTION given to the collection of claims in the counties of Kent, Cecil, Queen Anne's and Caroline. y.

HINES & SMITH,
Attorneys & Counselors at Law
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
New Office Court St., 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,
y MARION deK. SMITH.

SURVEYING.

THE undersigned offers his services as LAND SURVEYOR to the citizens of Kent. Orders left with C. H. Baker, Esq., Chestertown will be promptly attended to. Or address
COMEGYS BROWN,
mar24-6m. Chestertown.

JOHN W. PALMER,
CONVEYANCER
And SOLICITOR of CLAIMS
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
Office with Register of Wills.
Special attention given to all business entrusted to him. Sep. 9-y.

Baltimore Cards.

R. H. CLEMENTS & CO.,
Produce Commission Merchants,
Office No. 96 Light St. Wharf,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Having had several years' experience in the sale of Peaches and other Fruits, we would respectfully solicit a share of the fruit shipped from Kent & Queen Anne's counties, believing by strict attention to business and prompt returns that we can give general satisfaction to all who may favor us with consignments.
je30-3m. R. H. C & CO.

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.
y

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.,
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

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.

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

ROAD NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that thirty days from the date hereof they intend to apply to the County Commissioners for Kent county for a PUBLIC ROAD to Low Water Mark on "Scoone's Point" via Green Lane, in the Fifth Election District, with a suitable and convenient Landing at said Point. Signed by
S. A. J. WICKES,
D. JONES,
G. E. LEARY,
S. G. COPPER,
S. CONSTABLE,
and 37 others.
By order, T. W. RUSSELL, Cl'k
je23-5t. to Kent Co. Comm'rs.

WHARF NOTICE.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that thirty days from the date hereof they intend to apply to the County Commissioners for Kent county to build a WHARF at or near Rock Hall, in the Fifth Election District. Signed by
T. B. WILSON,
THOS. URIE,
JOS. DOWNEY,
GEO. LEARY,
JAS. H. EIDES,
and 103 others.
By order, T. W. RUSSELL, Cl'k
je23-5t. to Kent Co. Comm'rs.

TO WHEAT AND Peach Growers!

HAVING completed arrangements for disposing of WHEAT DIRECT TO EUROPEAN DEALERS, enables me to give you the profit which the the middleman has heretofore been making.

☞ *Don't fail to come and see us when you are ready to sell.*

Complete Arrangements

HAVE BEEN MADE FOR SHIPPING PEACHES, &c., to Philadelphia, New York and Boston without breaking bulk. As the crop will be light, we believe the Fruit will net more in the above Markets. Will have competent men to take charge of the Fruit at Chestertown, Worton, Lynch's, Flatland & Nicholson's.

FOR SALE:
PEACH BASKETS AND CRATES
At Panic Prices—*Defying Competition.*

LIME AND COAL.

Wholesale Dealer in *Schuylkill, Chester Valley, Wrightsville and Baltimore SHELL LIME*; also, *Lehigh, Schuylkill and Bituminous COAL*, delivered at any Station on the Kent Co. Railroad, Queen Anne's and Kent County Railroad, Maryland and Delaware Railroad and Delaware Railroad.

OFFICE with Hubbard Bros., manufacturers of Hubbard's Standard Bone Super-Phosphate, Chestertown.
B. F. FLEMING.
June 16, 1877—tf.

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.
apr14-tf.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Emma J. Donnell, the mother and next friend of Frederick S. Donnell,
versus
FREDERICK S. DONNELL.

On the Equity Side of the Circuit Court for Kent county, July 3, 1877.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by GEORGE VICKERS, Trustee for the sale of the real estate of Fred'k S. Donnell, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 10th day of September 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 10th day of August next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $2,927.81.
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True copy.—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
July 7, 1877—4t.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Richard Hynson, exec'r Edward Comegys
vs.
Philip T. Simmonds.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, In Chancery. APRIL TERM, 1877.

ORDERED, that the sale of the real estate of Philip T. Simmonds made and reported by CHAS. T. WESTCOTT, Trustee, appointed by the decree in this cause be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the First day of September next,—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the first day of August next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $17,308.37.
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True Copy.—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
June 29, 1877—4t.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

Richard Hynson, Executor of Edward Comegys, *versus* John J. Pearce.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, April Term, 1877.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by RICHARD HYNSON, Trustee for the sale of the Real Estate decreed to be sold in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the first day of September next,—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the First day of August next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $800.25.
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True Copy.—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
June 30, 1877—4t.

RATIFICATION NOTICE.

N. G. WESTCOTT,
versus
THOMAS PARSONS.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, that the sales of the mortgaged real and personal estate of the late Thomas Parsons, made and reported by CHARLES T. WESTCOTT, Trustee and Attorney by virtue of a power contained in a mortgage from said Thos. Parsons to N. G. Westcott, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 31st 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 31st day of July next. The report states the amount of Sales to be $922.00.
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True copy,—Test:
D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
June 30, 1877—4t.

Free Scholarship
—IN—
ST. MARY'S FEMALE SEMINARY

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS and Superintendent of Public Schools for Kent county having received notice that the county is entitled to a *Free Scholarship* in St. Mary's Female College, located in St. Mary's county, Md., will on

TUESDAY,

THE SEVENTH DAY OF AUGUST NEXT, proceed to make the appointment under the Act of Assembly approved March 29, 1868, until which time applications may be filed with the Clerk of the County Commissioners.

The Scholarship entitles the appointee to Board, Tuition and Books.
By order,
T. W. RUSSELL, Clerk
to Kent Co. Commissioners.
June 23, 1877.

The Buffalo Lithia Springs, Va.

THESE SPRINGS ARE NOW OPEN TO VISITORS.

It is an indisputable fact that these waters are the *most powerful of known diuretics.* In the various diseases of the Kidneys, Bladder and Uretha the cures made by the water of Spring No. 2 have been so remarkable and astonishing in their character that they would not be credited were they not attested by evidence which no amount of incredulity can resist. In *Rheumatic Gout*, Rheumatism, *Paralysis*, and in diseases of the *Digestive Organs* these waters challenge a comparison of record with the most celebrated Mineral Waters of the world. They are a powerful and permanent *Nerve Tonic* and in nervous exhaustion or prostration, and in all cases where mental depression is a symptom they are an invaluable remedy.

In *Ague and Fever* and all diseases of malarial origin, they possess extraordinary power. In the peculiar maladies of women they are pronounced by eminent medical men "well nigh specific."

THE WATER in cases of one dozen half gallon bottles is for sale at $5 per case in advance at the Springs.

Springs Pamphlets sent to any address. Both Water and Pamphlets can be had in Baltimore of Messrs. Coleman & Rogers, 178 W. Balt. st., or C. F. STAM, Chestertown.
THOS. F. GOODE, Prop'r,
Buffalo Lithia Springs, Virginia.
June 30, 1877—3m*

F. M. GOODING,
Druggist and Apothecary,
MILLINGTON, MD.
(SUCCESSOR TO E. B. BRITTON.)

HAVING completely refitted the store, I will continue at the Old Stand, in Millington, the DRUG BUSINESS, and would respectfully solicit a liberal share of patronage. A large and well selected Stock of Fresh and Genuine

DRUGS AND MEDICINES,
And a Good assortment of
PAINTS, OILS,
VARNISHES, DYE STUFFS,
WINDOW GLASS AND PUTTY,
have just been laid in.

A very Complete Stock of Fine and Common STATIONERY, Triple Extract, and other Perfumery, Toilet Soaps, Brushes, Combs, Fancy Goods and Notions, at very close figures,
FOR THE CASH.

PRIME LARD OIL at the lowest price.
WINDOW GLASS cut to order at short notice.

A Large and Varied Assortment of
Patent Medicines
Having been selected from the best and most popular in the Market, will be offered at Bottom Figures.

I expect to do a *CASH BUSINESS*, and will undertake to sell at such prices that will defy competition. *Give me a Trial and satisfy yourself.*

☞ COUNTRY PRODUCE taken in exchange for Goods.

☞ ***Special Notice.***

PHYSICIANS PRESCRIPTIONS carefully compounded at all hours.
F. M. GOODING.

GOODING'S SPECIALTIES.

BRITTON'S AGUE PILLS—a *sure cure* for Fever and Ague. Price 40 cts. per Box, or Three Boxes for $1.00. Will be sent by Mail on receipt of price.

LESLIE'S READY RELIEF—An Internal and External Remedy for all Pains and Aches. Try it once, and you will never be without it again.—Price 25 cts. per Bottle, or 5 Bottles for $1.00. I extend a ☞ of welcome to all.
F. M. GOODING.
June 23, 1877—tf.

1877! 1877!
J. H. Simpers & Bro.,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.,

RESPECTFULLY announce that they have just received a Large Stock of SPRING GOODS, bought since the late decline in prices, enabling us to offer greater inducements to cash buyers than ever before.

CALICOES, in beautiful styles, cheap.
BLACK ALPACAS,
Poplins, Ginghams,
Cassimeres, Cottonades,
Bleached and unbl'ch'd MUSLINS, &c., &c.
WHITE GOODS, Linens,
Victoria Lawns, Piques,
Nainsook, white and bordered Bed Spreads.

Shoes! Shoes!

We have the best selected and cheapest stock of Shoes for Gents, Ladies, Misses, and Children, that we have ever offered.

Gents' Box Toe Gaiters, Gents', Youth's and Boy's Congress Gaiters; Men's and Boys' Buckle and Lace Plow Shoes, Ladies' and Misses' Fox But. Gaiters, Ladies' and Misses' Lace Fox Gaiters, different grades; Child's Tan, Ankle and Tip Bal., Child's Goay Welt Button, Goat Heel Button and Pebble Button Shoes, Ladies' Kid Slippers, Ladies' and Gents' Goat Slippers, all at lower prices than ever before offered.

NOTIONS.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's white & striped Hosiery, Gloves, Popular makes of Corsets, Gents' White Shirts of good Muslin and Linen at $1.00. Gents' Linen and Paper Collars, Cravats, Brushes, Soap, Combs, Perfumery, Buttons, &c.

HATS.
SPRING STYLES.

WOOL AND FUR for MEN and BOYS.
CARPETS, Matting, Floor and Table Oil Cloths.

GROCERIES—Sugar, Teas, Coffee, Flour, Syrup, Coal Oil, Cheese, Sugar-cured Hams, Soaps, Soda, Spices, Tobacco, &c.

☞ We now offer the largest and cheapest stock of goods we have ever had, and will make to the interest of *Cash Buyers* to call and examine our goods and prices before making their purchases.
J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.,
Main St., opposite Stam's Drug Store,
April 21, 1877. *Chestertown.*

60 CTS. CASH will buy a Bushel of LIME OR HAIR, and $1.75 cts., cash, will buy a Barrel of Lime, at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

$3.00 will buy a full Nickle-Plated Seven Shot REVOLVER and a Box of Cartridges, at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.
may19.

MATTING, white and check, for sale cheap at J. H. SIMPERS & BROS.'

TOWN PROPERTY FOR SALE.

1. THREE STORY HOUSE on High st., 41 ft. front, 200 feet deep, with Stabling on Kent st., now occupied by C. W. C. Johnson.

2. SMALL HOUSE on Kent st., occupied by Louisa Lloyd.

3 TWO STORY and A-HALF HOUSE corner High and Mill street, occupied by Mrs. Rodenhiser.

4. TWO-STORY HOUSE on High St., occupied by Mr. Purnell, between residence of Lewin Fowler and John Cannon.

☞ These Houses have all been newly painted and put in good order. Terms reasonable, and payments to suit purchasers. Address J. W. CARROLL,
Lotos Club, 147 Fifth Avenue,
New York,
Or my agent, JNO. N. USILTON,
jy7-3teow. Chestertown, Md.

ROMIE STRONG. EARLE R. STRONG.
1877.
Spring and Summer!
1877.

STRONG & BRO., AT THE CORNER.
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STRONG & BRO., AT EDESVILLE.
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STRONG & BRO., AT EDESVILLE.

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'ch'd 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.

NOTICE.

ON AND AFTER AUGUST FIRST the undersigned intends to do a

Strictly Cash Business.

Come one, come all, and I will guarantee you will get the worth of your Cash. I shall use my utmost endeavors to accommodate every one that favors me with a call

I will allow the Highest Market Price for all kinds of PRODUCE in exchange for Goods.

I have on hand a New and Extensive Assortment of

Dry Goods and Groceries.

Also, a good stock of ALL KINDS OF GOODS generally kept in a country store.
C. H. J. SPARKS,
je16-2m. Locust Grove.

THE
VOSHELL HOUSE
IN CHESTERTOWN,

HAS again come into the possession and management of the undersigned, who will take pleasure in contributing to the comfort and convenience of those who may patronize the House. Especial attention will be given to all, whether permanent Boarders or transient Customers.

The subscriber has had varied and extensive experience in country and city, in conducting a Hotel, which will enable him to secure the approval of every one who may give him a call. The Bedding and Chambers will be specially attended to, and the Table will be equally so. Good order will at all times be preserved, and the Parlors will be kept open for the accommodation of guests.

There is probably no better conveniences for Horses and Carriages on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. The public are invited to make him a call.
m5-tf. JOHN C. VOSHELL.

BARGAINS
IN
PEACH BASKETS!
T. W. ELIASON, JR.
June 30, 1877—tf.

PEACH BOXES
For Sale at Buck Neck Wharf,
By SHUSTER & SONS.
June 30, 1877—2m*

WHITEWASH BRUSHES, all sizes at low prices.
mar10. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

EARLY ROSE POTATOES
And FRESH GARDEN SEED,
at THOMPSON'S, Up Town.

WHITE-WASH BRUSHES,
Lime and Hair,
ap7 at THOMPSON'S, Up Town

IMPROVED CHURNS,
Butter Prints and Paddles.
For sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.

CLINGING.

We cling to life, even in our despair,
Still, still we cling.
The landscape round is beautiful and fair,
Though serpents sting.

We cling to friendship, and we fondly trust
It will be true.
When fame and fortune are but empty dust
And we drink rue.

We cling to love, the holiest, sweetest flower
That grows on earth;
E'en when its smiles distil a poisoned shower,
Drowning its mirth.

We cling at last to God, in our despair,
Feeling the truth,
That life, and love, and friendship centred there,
Find changeless youth,

And thus we cling, more closely, fondly cling
To Heavenly love,
Longing to float away on radiant wing
To friends above.

MATILDA CANBY.
Wilmington, Del., July 1, 1877.

THE CRESCENT.—The crescent was the ancient symbol of Byzantium, now Constantinople. Philip, the father of Alexander the Great, having planted his hosts against that city, and pushed the siege for a time without effect, at length conceived the plan of undermining the walls at night, that his troops might enter and take the place by surprise. The first dark night he set about the work, his engineers having examined and decided where the mining could be most easily and successfully done, which was under a section of the wall on the west side of the city. The work was fairly commenced, when suddenly a rift in the thick clouds revealed the bright face of the new moon; and this new moon, thus, as by a miracle, uncurtained, revealed to the watchmen in the towers the works of the enemy, and the design of Philip was frustrated and the city saved. Believing that Heavenly power had given them the gleams of the crescent moon for their deliverance, the Byzantines, in token of grateful remembrance, adopted the crescent as their national symbol. The Moslems found it at Byzantium and retained it.

AMONG the ladies of distingnished lineage in the Treasury Department at Washington are Mary E. Wilcox, adopted daughter of Gen. Jackson, (and who is also a daughter of Donelson, who ran with Fillmore for Vice-President, and a god-daughter of Van Buren;) Charlotte L. Livingston, whose husband was a grandson of the distinguished chancellor; C. E. Morris, a granddaughter of Robert Morris; Sophie Walker, a daughter of Robert J. Walker, Polk's Secretary of the Treasury; Miss Dade, a descendant of John Randolph and niece of Winfield Scott; Helen McLean Kimball, widow of Gen. Kimball, killed in the Mexican war; Sallie Upton, daughter of Francis Upton, of Brooklyn, and Mrs. Granger, the widow of Gen. Gordon Granger.

FILE YOUR LOCAL PAPER.—The following clipped from an exchange expresses an idea well worthy of attention: It is well worth while to save your home paper and have it bound. A few years will make it the most instructive and entertaining volume that you can possess. All the laws of association make it more or less a history of yourself and friends. Names, dates, facts, are preserved for you in the most accessible manner. Over it you may cry at your mistakes, laugh at your follies, and rejoice in a review of those steps that have led you to prosperity. It gives the history of your town, which is but an epitome of universal history.

HIS PRESENTIMENT VERIFIED.—Elijah Killam, a farmer of Wayne county, Pa., near Cochectun, N. Y., on Thursday kissed his family, saying it was for the last time. He called his oldest son aside and told him what to do with the farm, "for I'm to be a dead man before night, I know." A thunder storm was coming up. Killam went out in a field to turn hay. It began to rain. He went to the pig pen near by and took shelter. His pitchfork was on his shoulder. A thunderbolt descended and struck the tines of the fork, melting them and passing thro' the farmers body, killed him instantly, and also killed a dog that was near him.

"I AM willing to risk my reputation as a public man," wrote Edward Hine to the Liverpool Mercury, "if the worst case of small-pox cannot be cured in three days, simply by the use of cream of tartar. One ounce of cream of tartar dissolved in a pint of water, drank at intervals when cold, is a certain, never failing remedy. It has cured thousands, never leaves a mark, and never causes blindness, and avoids tedious lingering."

MUTUAL HELP.—The race of mankind would perish, did they cease to aid each other. From the time that the mother binds the child's head, till the moment that some kind assistant wipes the death-damp from the eye of the dying, we cannot exist without mutual help. All, therefore, that need aid, have a right to ask it of their fellow-mortals; no one who holds the power of granting can refuse it without guilt.—*Sir Walter Scott.*

Old and young, rich and poor, all unite in testifying to the true merit of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. For over a quarter of a century it has proved itself a true, tried and trusted friend.

THE explosion of the Creswell battery, with that terrible 1868-pounder, has been *ring*-ing in Fulten's ears ever since.

"G. S. M." is the cabalistic scrawl by which the tramp now designates the house where can be had a "Good Square Meal."

MEN of genius are often dull in society; as the blazing meteor when it descends to earth is only a stone.

THERE is a time for everything, and the time to take a baby to church is just after the congregation has been dismissed.

MOST men love little women, and, by a strange reciprocity, little women love most men.

THE greatest truths are the simplest; and so are the greatest men.

THERE are 30,000 species of plants and trees.

Letter from Locust Grove.

Messrs. Editors:—Our harvest has past, and some crops have already been threshed and sold at good prices. We are useing new flour, which is excellent. The crops in our county per acre must be larger than ever before; those already threshed in this locality are yielding from 20 to 45 bushels per acre. Our worthy judge, T. J. Shallcross, has threshed his crop, which yielded over 20 bushels per acre; he sowed 2 bushels Fultz wheat on one acre and a quarter, which yielded 60 bushels good wheat—over 45 bushels to the acre. The oat crop is much better this year than it has been for some time; the vegetable crop is good also, but the fruit crop generally will not be as large as was anticipated sixty days ago, especially the peach crop. Many have fallen off since the first of June, and it is now generally believed that the crop will not be much larger than that of last year, if any. J. W. Hurtt, Esq., has a good crop, and by far more than all of his neighbors put together. We hope he may receive another $30,000 return for his crop, as he did in 1866.

Mr. John C. Sutton has been offered $80 per acre for his farm, and has sold conditionally. We hope he will reconsider and remain among us. He may be under the impression that there is more money in some other business. His object is unknown to us, but judging from his association lately, we may conclude that he is preparing to instruct our youth, or it might be that he had some other object in view which might prove conducive to his general welfare.

Business in our village has revived to some extent. Our very worthy blacksmith, W. H. Kelley, is preparing to build new shops for wheelwrighting and blacksmithing; we hope he may succeed in establishing a good business. Carriage painting and repairing have also been added to our industries: we hope in a short time that we may be able to supply all the necessary wants of the people generally.

Messrs. Editors, what has become of your correspondent from Water View? He is as silent as the grave. Is he disabled or so much engaged in other things pertaining to this world as to destroy all desire to communicate with his fellow citizens through the same medium as heretofore—the *News?* It may be that he has been united in the holy bonds of matrimony; if so we congratulate him, and extend our best wishes for his future happiness and prosperity, and hope that he will soon again take an interest in the outside world, and not conclude that after a man has taken to himself a better-half that the outside world is altogether dead to him, and that pears, grapes and other fruits, which he was so much interested in, have lost all their sweetness and delicious flavor. We hope soon to hear from our honored friend again. We do not believe that he is dead, "but only sleepeth." ADVOCATE.

The College and the Town.

Messrs. Editors Kent News:—Being present in your beautiful town on the occasion of the commencement of Washington College, I will remark that the exercises were worthy of the name it bears. The gentlemanly demeanor of its students alone was sufficient to satisfy me that it is presided over by an able corps of Professors.

After the exercises were over the young gentlemen of the town and the students gave an entertainment at the Voshell House, which is now conducted by Col. John C. Voshell, who is one of the most courteous landlords extant, and at all times looking after the comfort of his guests. The Voshell House is a fine three-story building situated in the centre of the town, in view of the river, and being remote from other buildings its guests have the benefit of the refreshing and exhilirating breeze from every direction. Persons in Baltimore who desire to leave the city for a short time, would find it pleasant to take the beautiful steamer B. S. Ford, by which they would arrive at Chestertown in a few hours, enjoying a delightful run across the Chesapeake and up the noble Chester.

I might say more about Chestertown and its beautiful surroundings and its fair belles and gallant beaux, but enough for the present.

AN ADMIRER OF CHESTERTOWN.

AGRICULTURE IN THE UNITED STATES.—Agriculture, which lies at the foundation of all other industries, is not apt to be exposed to sudden fluctuations, save from unusual causes, and whatever may be the case with other forms of business, the tiller of the soil is likely to have something always to do, and to get a fair reward for doing it. At the time the date for the census of 1871 were compiled, there were 2,266,000 farms in the United States and Territories, and it has been estimated that not far from one-half the entire population of the country obtain their subsistence from Providence at first hands, owing it alone to that source and their own industry. The total acreage of farms at that period was 407,735,041, of which 188,921,000 was improved, and 218,814,000 unimproved, being about 53 per cent. of the latter. In some States the percentage was much greater. The average size of farms in eighteen States and Territories fell short of 153 acres, the average for the whole. The total value of farms was $9,262,803,861, and the wages paid, including board, was $310,286,000.

APPLES.—There is a great scarcity of apples in this section this year, and the cider mills—like the mills of the gods—must grind exceedingly small to get much juice. Last year the apple crop was a large one: almost every tree groaned under the load of fruit. This may possibly account for the scarcity this year. It would be well for those having large orchards that bear to repletion one year, and bear none the next year, to change the bearing year of half their trees, that they may have a crop each year. This may be done by beating off the blossoms as soon as they are out in the bearing year. The crops will of course miss that year, but the trees from which the blossoms have been removed will blossom and bear a full crop the next year.—*St. Michaels Comet.*

TEN United States Senators are printers by trade.

Ravages of Mice in Different Countries.

The mischief of the little field-mice is done so very quietly and adroitly that few are ever caught at it, and much of the blame is put on the moles, squirrels and woodchucks, that have enough sins of their own to answer for. The meadow mouse of Europe, which is very like our own, forty or fifty years ago came near causing a famine in parts of England, ruining the crops before they could get fairly started, and killing almost all the young trees in the orchards and woods. More than 30,000 of the little rascals were trapped in one month in a single piece of forest, beside all those killed by animals. About a year ago, too, a similar disaster was threatened in Scotland, where millions of mice appeared, and gnawed off the young grass at the roots just when it should have been in prime condition for the sheep; and when that was all gone they attacked the garden vegetables. The people lost vast numbers of sheep and lambs from starvation, and thousands of dollars' worth of growing food; but finally, by all together waging war upon them, the pests were partially killed off. The mice did not in either case come suddenly, but had been increasing steadily for years previous, because the gamekeepers had killed so many of the "vermin" (as owls, hawks, weasels, snakes, etc., are wrongly called) which are the natural enemies of the mice, and keep their numbers down. Farmers are slow to learn that it doesn't pay to kill the birds or rob their nests; but the boys and girls ought to understand this truth and remember it. In this country the greatest mischief done by the field mice is the gnawing of bark from fruit trees, so that in some of the Western States this is the most serious difficulty the orchardist has to contend with. Whole rows of young trees in nurseries are stripped of their bark, and, of course, die; and where apple seeds are planted, the mice are sure to dig half of them up to eat the kernels. This mischief is mainly done in the winter, when the trees are packed away from the frost; or, if they are growing, because then the mice can move about concealed under the snow, and nibble all the bark away up to the surface. Rabbits get much of the credit of this naughty work, for they do a good deal of it on their own account. The garderner has the same trouble, often finding, when he uncovers a rare and costly plant in the spring, that the mice have enjoyed good winter quarters in his straw covering, and have been gnawing to death his choice roses. Millions of dollars, perhaps, would not pay for all the damage these creatures thus accomplish in the United States, and I fear they will become more and more of a plague if we continue to kill off the harmless hawks, owls, butcher-birds and snakes, which are the policemen appointed by Nature to look after the mice, and protect us against them.—*St. Nicholas, July.*

JOE BROOKS' CORN.—What man is there but has had the misfortune to be in the possession of a corn? He that has can truly sympathize with a fellow-sufferer. Yet there is no man who does suffer from one of the excruciating torments who need suffer long if he will try Joe Brooks' remedy. Joe tried it and his corn was effectually cured, although it was as bad as anybody ever had.

He suffered a great deal from it, and he tried all the remedies he had ever heard of. He had put on wafers; he had applied snake's oil (which, as an old woman had told him, was a sure cure); he had cut, and pared, and scraped, and bored it, but all of no avail—the confounded thing would "get no better very fast."

One day Joe and another man, named Kimball, went into the woods to get out some lumber. All that day his corn troubled him dreadfully, and toward night he took off his shoe to look at the "darned thing." He placed his foot on a stick of timber, and after rubbing, and grunting, and swearing awhile, he took up a mortising-chisel and placed the edge upon his toe; then, turning to Kimball, he said:

"Strike on my chisel, will you, Kimball?"

Now he had not the least idea that Kimball would strike; but he was a matter-of-fact sort of a man, and always supposed that every body meant just what they said. Accordingly he struck the chisel with a mallet, and struck with a good will.

Away flew Joe's little toe about two rods in one direction, and away hopped Joe in another, cursing and swearing, while the blood was flowing copiously from the wound.

"Thunder and lightning!" said Joe; "what did you do that for?"

"Why," drawled Kimball, "I thought you asked me to."

Joe fretted for awhile, but at last became reconciled to it, and laughingly said:

"Well, the cussed corn is cured, anyway!"

WHY HE COULDN'T ENLIST.—During the Revolutionary war, when drafts were made from the militia to recruit the continental army, a certain captain gave liberty to his men who were drafted from his company to make their objections, if they had any, against going into the service. Accordingly one of them, who had an impediment in his speech, came forward and made his bow.

"What is your objection?" said the captain.

"I ca-ca-cant go," answers the man, "because I st-st-stutter."

"Stutter!" says the captain. "You don't go there to talk but to fight."

"Aye; but they will put me on gu-guguard, and a man can go half a mile before I can say, 'Wh-wh-who goes there?'"

"Oh, that is no objection, for they will place some sentry with you; he can challenge and you can fire."

"Well, but I may be taken and run th-th-through before I can cry qu-qu-quarter."

This last plea prevailed, and the captain, laughing heartily, dismissed him.

LONDON is, on the whole, the healthiest capital in the world, its average annual mortality not exceeding 24 per 1,000, but in some districts the mortality varies from forty to sixty per 1,000, the increase being the result of filth, foul air, and crowding. The population increases at the rate of 40,000 a year.

A WEDDING RACE.

Among the Huzarchs—a people of Asia—the following is the way weddings are managed:

The suitors of the maiden, nine in number, appear in the field, all unarmed, but mounted on the best horses they can procure; while the bride herself, on a beautiful Turkoman horse, surrounded by her relations, anxiously surveys the group of lovers.

The conditions of the bridal race are these: The maiden has a certain start given, which she avails herself of to gain a sufficient distance from the crowd to enable her to manage her steed with freedom, so as to assist in his pursuit the suitor whom she prefers.

On a signal from the father, all the horsemen gallop after the fair one, and whichever first succeeds in encirling her waist with his arms, no matter whether disagreeable or to her choice, is entitled to claim her as his wife.

After the usual delays incident upon such interesting occasions, the maiden quits the circle of her relations, and, putting her steed in a hard gallop, darts into the open plain. When satisfied with her position, she turns round to the impatient youths, and stretching out her arms towards them, as if to woo their approach. This is the moment for giving the signal to commence the chase, and each of the impatient youths, dashing his pointed heels into his courser's sides, darts like the unhooded hawk in pursuit of the fugitive dove.

The race-course is generally extensive—say twelve miles long and three in width—and as the horsemen speed across the plain, the favored lover becomes soon apparent by the efforts of the maiden to avoid all others who might approach her.

On a certain occasion, after two hours' racing, the number of pursuers was reduced to four, who were all together, and gradually gaining on the pursued; with them is the favorite, but, alas! his horse suddenly falls in his speed, and as she anxiously turns her head, she perceives with dismay the hapless position of her lover; each of the more fortunate leaders, eager with anticipated triumph, bending his head on his horse's mane, shouts at the top of his voice, "I come, my Peri! I am your lover!"

But she, making a sudden turn, and lashing her horse almost to fury, darts across their path, and makes for that part of the plain where her lover is vainly endeavoring to goad on his weary steed.

The three others instantly check their career; but, in the hurry to turn back, two of the horses are dashed furiously against each other, so that both steeds and riders roll over on the plain.

The maiden laughs; for she well knows she can easily elude the single horseman, and that she will reach the point where her lover is.

"HANGING ON."—One was a parcel-boy and the other a cash-boy, and as they halted under an awning for a minute the parcel-boy asked:

"Do you get the same old wages yet?"

"Yes, just the same."

"Havn't you been presented with a watch or a cane, as a token of esteem?"

"No—not a thing."

"Don't the boss ever ask you up to a Sunday dinner?"

"Not one."

"Never comes around and asks your advice about the markets?"

"Never."

"And he h