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First Class Restaurant attached to the Hotel. Choice Liquors and Cigars always on hand. mh2-y.

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THAT MARKED SUCH A SUCCESSFUL CAREER FOR THIS HOUSE

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That MEN and BOYS may rely on.

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SAMPLES sent on application. mh30-3m

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Wholesale and Retail Lumber Dealers and Manufacturers,
Office and Yards: 18 West Falls Avenue,
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We have all the concentrated facilities, conveniences, capital, and experience for the conversion of our own Timber into Lumber and supplying through first hands from the stump.

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SEE OUR LUMBER and learn OUR PRICES before buying elsewhere.

May 4, 1878—6m.

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GEO. F. SLOAN & BRO.,
132 Light Street Wharf, BALTIMORE,
(*BURNS & SLOAN'S OLD STAND,*)
LUMBER, Sash, Doors, Brick,
&c., &c.
LOW PRICES!
If you need any of the above please write for Prices.

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THE FIRM OF **BURNS & SLOAN** having been dissolved February 18, 1878, by mutual consent, the undersigned will conduct the
Lumber Business,
in all its branches, and offer a full and well selected stock of BUILDING AND HARDWOOD LUMBER, SHINGLES, FENCING, &c., in lots to suit at LOWEST PRICES.
SAMUEL BURNS & CO.,
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THE undersigned offers his services as
LAND SURVEYOR
to the citizens of Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Special attention given to laying out and dividing land and drawing plots. Orders left with C. H. BAKER, Atty'y at Law, Chestertown, Md., will be promptly attended to. May be seen in Chestertown Saturday afternoons.
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The Simplest and Most Durable!
McCormick's Harvester,
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The Improved WEANER for Cows, Calves and Colts.
For sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.
April 20, 1878.

TO THE LADIES.

New Goods! New Goods!

MRS. E. N. MELVIN,
Extends a cordial invitation to all the Ladies to call at her store opposite the Bank, and examine her large assortment of
Spring and Summer GOODS,
LINEN SUITS, DUSTERS,
Ladies' and Children's UNDERWEAR,
Hamburg Edgings,
Zephyrs,
Germantown Wool,
Embroidery Silks,
Braiding Braid,
and many FANCY ARTICLES too numerous to mention. All are offered at exceedingly low prices.
MRS. E. N. MELVIN.
May 4, 1878.

TO THE LADIES
And PUBLIC GENERALLY.

MRS. C. R. FIDDIS, at the old stand, directly opposite the new M. E. Church, has replenished her stock and is now ready to receive orders and calls from any that wish
MILLINERY
Or FANCY GOODS
Also, many articles that are useful to gentlemen. My stock is complete.
I am one with many others in the same business, and I solicit a share of your patronage.
Please do not forget
MRS. C. R. FIDDIS,
Directly opposite new M. E. Church,
my4-tf. Chestertown.

Have You Seen It?
If not don't delay any longer, but go right straight to
MRS. E. N. MELVIN'S
Picture and Frame Store, and your eyes will sparkle with delight at the beautiful Pictures and Cheap Frames.
LANDSCAPES,
WATER VIEWS,
MOUNTAIN SCENERY,
SCRAP PICTURES,
and a magnificent Chromo of the
SAINTLY BEATRICE,
Splints for Frames, Wall Pockets, Brackets and Picture Card in abundance, and all so cheap you will be astonished.
Give her a call.
MRS. E. N. MELVIN,
May 4. opposite the Bank.

TO THE LADIES!
Grand Spring Opening
OF
MILLINERY,
AND
FANCY GOODS!

MISS LUCY CROSSLEY has again returned from the city with a very large assortment of all the newest and most attractive novelties and styles in
Bonnets, Hats, Ribbons,
Silks, &c. Also, a complete line of Ladies' Furnishing Goods, Notions, Trimmings, and Fancy Goods generally.
Having had experience with the wants and tastes of ladies generally, and her prices being as low as the same quality of goods can be elsewhere bought, she would ask all to call and examine, believing that she can satisfy all demands.
MISS LUCY CROSSLEY,
apr27-3t. STILL POND.

Ladies' Trimmings!
NEW STOCK!
MISS MARY R. BENJAMIN
Has just opened a new assortment of
NOTIONS, DRESS TRIMMINGS,
Children's Colored HOSE,
Hamburg Edgings, Handkerchiefs, &c.
A complete stock of BUTTONS, Neck Ties, Kid Gloves, Italian Lace, &c.
PLAITING, knife, box and space, at 6 cts. per yard.
She also has quite a variety of new styles for making and trimming Dresses, and will guarantee entire satisfaction, both in fit and price.
She has also combined MILLINERY with Dress-making, and has a varied and carefully selected stock of HATS, BONNETS, FLOWERS, RIBBONS, &c., and is confident that from her experience in that trade cannot fail to please, and will be thankful for your orders.
Store next door to T. W. Eliason, Jr.
Respectfully, M. R. BENJAMIN
March 16—tf.

We have again added largely to our Stock of
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
&c., &c.
Dress Goods,
Latest styles PRINTS & CRETONNES, WHITE GOODS, HOSIERY, &c.
We always give close attention to our stock of Ladies', Misses' and Children's SHOES, that we may at all times be prepared to furnish what is desired.
ALSO,
Clothing, Hats & Caps,
BUILDING HARDWARE,
Floor, Stair and Table OIL CLOTHS,
Woodenware, Collars, Bridles, Groceries, &c.
Call and see us, that we may show you our goods and prices.
J. F. M. WOODALL,
apr6. **Georgetown.**

Cultivators and Teeth!
PERSONS in want of CULTIVATORS or Cultivator Teeth, are invited to call and examine the varieties and prices at the FOUNDRY in Chestertown, before purchasing elsewhere.
May 4. W. A. HYLAND & CO.

GOLD AND SILVER WIRE PICTURE CORD, Porcelain Head Picture Nails, Screw Eyes, and Brass Screw Rings.
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PASSING BEYOND.

On yon far crag a beacon veers:
The wintry ocean booms and heaves,
The naked boughs are strung with tears,
And brittle hang the icy spears
Along the eaves.

And down upon the garden snow
The glimmer of a night-lamp falls,
And shadows past the curtain go,
And they within the chamber know
The Voice that calls.

They bend to watch the dying eyes,
They hear the lonely billows boom;
And out across the unclouded skies
A noiseless golden meteor flies
From gloom to gloom!

About Women.

A cultivated young man of Massachusetts was a coin collecting maniac, and had a varied and expensive cabinet of rare and curious money. He lately married a girl who wasn't cultured and set up housekeeping. One day he suddenly made the discovery that his wife had used up nearly all his cabinet of coins for small change, and that she had just bought a cent's worth of yeast with a penny he paid $3.50 for.

Miss Nellie Dagget has opened a barber shop in Boston, and the excitement is intense in consequence. She is pretty and neat, and it is a well-known fact that women can shave far better than men can, if they set themselves about it. The young men of the locality have their hair cut several times a week, and are thinking seriously of the needs of their eyeteeth and gums. The old men are having their faces and chins nearly shaved off, and are using hair restoratives with a prodigality really frightful.

One of the oldest and best known, as well as the best lighthouse-keepers on the Atlantic coast is a woman, Kathleen Andre Moore, of Black Rock Lighthouse, near Bridgeport, Ct. She is sixty-five years old, and has tended the lighthouse-lamp for fifty years. She lives alone in her little house with two dogs and a pet lamb. Miss Moore's father was lighthouse-keeper before her, and got his appointment through Com. Isaac Hull, in 1817. He died six years ago, ninety-eight years old. There are several hundred printed rules for the instruction of lighthouse and life-saving station-keepers, and this bright old woman knows them all by heart. She is a great reader, and prizes particularly Shakespeare, the British poets and books of travel and history. She had more than a thousand visitors in her little house last summer.

WORDS OF WISDOM.—Those who never retract, love themselves better than the truth.

Half the truth may be a lie in the absence of the other half.

It is doubtful if any man could by possibility do his noblest, or think his deepest, without a preparation of suffering.

Advice which, like the snow, softly falls, dwells the longer upon, and sinks the deeper into the mind.

Satan's promises are like the meat that fowlers set before birds, which is not meant to feed them, but to take them.

If you begin by apologizing for what cannot be defended, you will end by defending what cannot be apologized for.

The mere lapse of years is not life; knowledge, truth, love, beauty, goodness and faith alone can give vitality to the mechanism of existence.

Few men know the force of habit. A cobweb—a thread—a twine—a rope—a cable. Venture not upon the first; the last is nearly past human effort to sunder.

If you are a wise man you will treat the world as the moon treats it. Show it only one side of yourself, seldom show yourself too much at a time, and let what you show be calm, cool and polished. But look at every side of the world.

POOR AND PROUD.—Young men out of business are frequently sadly hampered by pride. Many young men who go West take more pride than money, and bring back all the pride and no money at all. A young man who works for his board, no matter what honest work he does, has no reason for shame. A young man who eats the bread of idleness, no matter how much money he has, is disgraced. Young men starting in life ought to aim, first of all, to find a place where they can earn their bread and butter, with hoe, ax, spade, wheelbarrow, curry comb, blacking brush—no matter now. Independence first. The bread and butter question settled, let the young man perform his duty so faithfully as to attract attention, and let him constantly keep his eyes open for a chance to be better. About half the poor, proud young men, and two thirds of the poor, disgraced young men are always out of work. The young man who pockets his pride, and carries an upper lip as stiff as a cast-iron door step scraper, need not starve, and stands a good chance to become rich.

FEMININE NOTES.—The most stylish slippers are without bows or buckles.

Beads are used even on the flounces of important dresses.

Black parasols lined with white or cardinal red are very stylish.

All the kit walking dresses have a broad sash across the front.

Children's summer suits are made of mode cloth, with silk trimming.

Later observations confirm the statement that grey will be a favorite color next summer.

Unique scarf pins are in the shape of a large hook and eye of gold, studded with pearls.

Stockings for wearing with slippers are of solid colors, richly embroidered up the front.

The brims and crowns of the first spring bonnets are covered with a network of beads.

THE New York *Times* suggests the utilization of the book agent in politics. To illustrate his wonderful "nerve" it relates that one of these persons, who was canvassing for a religious work, after exhausting persuasion knocked the non-subscriber down with the derisive remark, "Oh, no! you don't want 'Baxter's Saint's Rest!' Oh, no! of course not!' and then hammered him about the head until the victim cried, "Let me up and I'll subscribe."

DANBURY has a man who can write the declaration of Independence on a wart. He divides with the wart the honor of the performance.—*Danbury News.*

Lynch's and Vicinity.

Messrs. Editors:—For "the fool's colt is soon shot," in our last communication, please read "the fool's bolt is soon shot." It has reference to a premature discharge, and is intended to apply to those that assume to know more than fourteen good-sized men, but who always utterly fail to impress others with the important fact

Nature is now dressing herself up in most beautiful garments, the air is perfumed with the fragrance of blossoms, the sun beams brightly down, tramps are on the move, and so are peddlers and potato bugs, which, with corn planting and other sundries too numerous to mention, pester one so that but little time is left to write epistles. It is often asserted that railroads develop the powers and possibilities of a country, and we think they just as certainly develop tramps and peddlers; so that even in this we have the saying verified that in this world good and evil is inseperably mixed.

Dashaways are still dashing away. At the last meeting of the club at the Union Mr. J. W. Wright delivered a very acceptable address on temperance. He was not eloquent, but impressed his audience with the belief that he was sincere. Mr. W. has been a drinker and reached at one time, we are told, a very low depth of wretchedness, but has been saved, and he is the one to tell the story of deliverance to others. Wish he would take passage on the ship Dashaway and help get her into port, for to our mind the outlook promises no placid waters to welcome her on.

The fresh outbreak of the Beecher-Tilton scandal threatens the country with another deluge of filth. After the amount of false swearing Mrs. Tilton has done, it certainly cannot be possible that any considerable portion of the public would take her word for anything whatever.—We do not believe H. W. B. is a villain, but readily assent to the statement that Mrs. T. is a "poor weak, frail woman," too cranky and uncertain indeed to be relied on in a matter so grave, Osceola to the contrary notwithstanding. SENTINEL.

[COMMUNICATED.]

STILL POND, May 6, 1878.

Messrs. Editors:—At the present writing our county presents a pleasing appearance to the eye. The foliage of the trees is far advanced, while the farmer's hopes are quickened by the fair appearance of the growing wheat. If this crop comes to maturity without damage in the ripening season, we will surely have a large yield. Corn planting is pretty well through with. In most fields we notice the young plants coming thro' the ground. We anticipate good weather now that the new moon has put in an appearance. This seems to be the prevailing opinion that the moon governs everything. We plant, reap, build fences, and kill hogs by the moon. Some even are so superstitious that they sell only on the moon. In fact we are a *moony people.* We have in our recollection an honest old farmer who tried for several years to recuperate a worn-out farm on the moon system, combined with book farming. In the production of briers and bushes his success was unbounded, though the cash receipts were always in the background. Being a believer that we till too much land, and still sticking to the moon system, he changed his roosting ground for a smaller farm of seventy acres. Here his energies were concentrated for a twelve-month. Imagine his disgust when he finds his principal crop to be frogs and gophers. The market not furnishing remunerative prices for these productions he again come to the conclusion—too much land. Sells again on the change of the moon; now he occupies only a few acres, believing that a thorough concentration of his powers will make these few acres produce as much as his former large estates. We hope that he will be successful in this, his last spasmodic effort. If he fail, what will become of his pet theories in book farming? The outlook is bad, judging from his past demonstrations in this line. It is to be hoped that he will cultivate produce more saleable than bushes, briers and frogs. In trying to exalt the life of the farmer it may be he has mistook his calling.

Some one asked ("Sentinel," I think) a few weeks ago, Messrs. Editors, if we are really a very sensational people, (referring to our present Dashaway movement.) We speak only for our own community. At first we were nearly all Dashaways, but already there seems to be much indifference and falling away. The movement had too much force, and, like all such spasmodic efforts, seems to be approaching its natural death. If our county goes for local option in our fall election the credit of the vote will not draw in the least from the Dashaway movement, but from other causes, which are powerful within themselves, and which we may eventually have cause to mention.

The fishing season has been a total failure. Those occupied in the trade say they have not paid expenses. We know but little about fish and cannot locate the cause for this spring's failure among the fishes. We hear the land sharks have been swallowing the shoals of smaller fishes, while the eels squirm in their own filth and slime, living by suction as best they can. To observe nature closely, the superior descends to the inferior in such sure but slow gradations that we are brought to have some faith in the Darwin theory. To bring the extremes of nature in comparison seems disgusting in the extreme, and as the subject is only fit to be handled by naturalists, we make our bow and retire. J. B. F.

A NOVEL operation for consumption was lately performed upon Archibald Chatterton, at Campbellton, New Brunswick. His right lung was soft and broken down, with the exception of a small portion at top. Dr. Ballcom, of that town, thinking that he could not recover, made a deep incision in the young man's chest at the lower end of the shoulder blade, and inserted a silver tube, through which he drew out a large amount of matter. He afterwards washed out the cavity with disinfectants. The patient was immediately relieved; his strength and appetite increased and he was soon able to leave his bed and walk about. His left lung being comparatively sound, strong hopes are entertained of a prolongation of his life for many years.

To secure the greatest amount of happiness in life—Enjoy the present.

A Tramp's Dinner.

A group of gentlemen stood in front of Cahill's saloon in Park Row a short time ago discussing the merits of the Moffett bell punch. Among them was John Byrnes, State Inspector of Gas, John Buckbee, a well known plumber, Patsy Monyahan, owner of what was formerly Overton's dining saloon; and Thos., brother of Justice Timothy J. Campbell. Their conversation was interrupted by a sadly worn tramp. He asked for alms. The light of other and better days reflected from his face and clothes. All gave him repellant glances.

"Gentlemen," said he, "I've walked all the way from Liberty, and am footsore and weary. I am sorely in need, and hope you will not refuse me a few pennies. Believe me, gentlemen, I'll tell you a tale of woe that'll stir up your hearts, and tear—"

"Don't you do it," said Buckbee.—"Take my advice and don't tell it. Write it, my boy, write it."

There was an outburst of merriment. The sad-eyed tramp began to move away. "Hold on," said Byrnes. "We're just going to take a little drink, and we'll invite you in if you think it'll do you any good."

"No," replied the tramp, sorrowfully shaking his head. "I don't think it will. I'm not ashamed to say that I like a drink of whiskey, but I need food more than drink. If you'll give me a quarter I can get a good dinner."

Campbell's heart was touched by the manner of the stranger. "You look hungry," said he. "Go right into Monyahan's and order what you want, and I'll pay for it."

A dubious smile broke over the careworn face. "They'll think I'm lying and kick me out," was the reply.

"I'll make that all right," said the benevolent Campbell, turning to Monyahan. "Here, Patsy, give this poor fellow what he wants, and I'll foot the bill."

The sad-eyed tramp murmured his thanks and followed Monyahan into the dining saloon. He took his seat at a table, called for a napkin, ate for an hour and twenty minutes and departed. The following is the bill:

What he got.	*What Campbell paid.*
A Porterhouse Steak	$0.60
Lyonnais Potatoes	10
Plate of Raw Tomatoes	14
Plate of Fried Oysters	30
Two Pots of Coffee	20
Dish of Brook Trout	75
A little Lobster Salad	40
Some Extra Potatoes	20
A Charlotte Russe	10
A quart bottle of dry Verzenay	3 00
Puisse Cafe	20
A mild Reina Victoria	25
One bundle of Toothpicks	5
	$6 30

Campbell paid the footing, but declared in the future he should limit all tramps to corned beef and cabbage.

A Cloud Burst Destroys Ten Persons.

A cloud burst struck the town of Camanche, Cal., recently, causing the death of ten Chinese. Four tunnel-shaped clouds, dark as night, apparently about 500 yards apart, with their apex trailing the ground, were observed passing in a northeasterly direction, and it was apparent that there was a very heavy precipitation of rain. Soon the slopes of the hills were covered with torrents of water, which carried with it brush, fences, and even rocks, to the gluches below. In a few minutes Camanche creek, already carrying its maximum of water, was vastly increased in volume, so as to overspread the flats on either side, and fences, henecoops and the litter about the houses in Chinatown began to move. A bank of murkey water several feet in height, bearing brush, fences, debris of all kinds, cattle, horses and pigs, was all hurled forward with fearful momentum. As it struck Chinatown, built on the creek, the low, shabby tenements gave way with a crash. A Chinaman with his wife and child, who had mounted the roof, were borne past, vainly appealing for aid it was impossible to give. In a few minutes another house yielded to the mad torrent. As it fell and parted I had a momentary glimpse of its half-dozen inmates, including a woman and her new-born babe, when the roof closed down, burying all beneath the flood; only one man rose to clamber upon the roof, when he retained his position until out of sight. He was finally rescued by seizing a bush and dragging himself out.—*Stockton Indepen't.*

Getting Names for Bad Purposes.

In all the papers of the flashy sort, as well as some that claim a higher standard, may be read the advertisement: "Your name printed on fifty cards for ten cents—postage paid," etc. Every printer knows that the cost of cards furnished, which are of fine board, together with the work and postage, will cost at least ten times ten cents. How, then, can men make this traffic pay? It is claimed that the lists of names of thoughtless young ladies and innocent girls, as well as those of young men and boys, gathered by advertisements of this kind in every city and village, and at almost every post-office, command a big price when offered for sale to men who deal in literature of that kind which poisons the young mind and prepares a foundation for a blasted life. In the hands of these soulless wretches, the preserved lists are an unerring guide to the hearthstone of almost every family. The cards are somewhat nice, but circulars offering books and pamphlets, sensual and beastly, at high prices, will doubtless follow. It may be that the advertisers of cards do not want the lists for sale, and are themselves the vampires upon the society who take this method of getting addresses for a nefarious traffic. Be this as it may, the thousands of names sent for cards thus advertised are on a dangerous journey.—*Sigourney News.*

JAPANESE CARRIAGES.—The only sort of carriages used in Japan is a small affair, like an overgrown baby carriage. This seats one person and is drawn by a man. These men, who make a livelihood by drawing them, are possessed of wonderful endurance. They will run at a top speed a distance of ten or fifteen miles without showing fatigue.

A GENTLEMAN who saluted his sunburnt sister, just returned from a fishing excursion with "Oh! you imp o' darkness," received the reply, "Oh! you impo-lite."

Crop Prospects at Home and Abroad.

Investigations carefully instituted into the prospects of the growing cereals at home and abroad, although they may be at this time speculative in part, yet afford fair ground for a rough estimate of what may be expected from the coming harvest. This is the more important, so far as foreign crops are concerned, inasmuch as the promise of an abundant or a scanty yield has a sensible effect upon our own exports of grain and the prices it will bring. Another considerable factor in the matter is necessarily the political condition of the countries that are buyers of grain on the one hand and the sellers of it on the other. In respect to the promise of the European harvests it is thought, from a general survey of the field, to be far from satisfactory. In England, although the spring was cold and wet, and on heavy lands the crops have suffered more or less, a fair yield, though somewhat below the average, is anticipated. But although the crops are looking well, the yield there is always dependent upon the state of the weather at harvest time. As the wheat is not fit for the reaper until the first week in August, the heavy and continuous rains that not unfrequently fall after it is cut and in sheaf, and before it can be stacked or housed, make the days of the English wheat harvest the most anxious in the year. In France the cold and wet spring weather has retarded the growth of the cereals, but has not as yet injured them. In Germany the crops have been seriously damaged by frost and wet and cold. In Spain, owing to a protracted period of drought, the wheat is looking badly, and at this time a small yield is anticipated. From Russia there are as yet no trustworthy advices, but the surplus from last year stored at the Baltic and Black Sea ports and in the interior is supposed to be about fifty-three millions of bushels. The Australian harvest is over and the yield found to be small, leaving only for export some five millions of bushels.

The two great sources of wheat supply for the markets of Western Europe are Russia and the United States—the chief market for both being England. Our own crops almost everywhere promise well, and the acerage in wheat is said to be largely in excess of last year. How much of our surplus wheat and corn will be wanted will greatly depend on the solution of the controversy now pending between Russia and England. The latter, in any event, will have to make up her annual deficiency in breadstuffs by drawing upon the markets in which she has been accustomed to buy. On the continent of Europe there does not appear to be a prospect of larger crops than those countries ordinarily consume, and in some of them there will, in all probability, be a greater or less deficiency to be made up from imports. Already a vast number of Russians have been drawn from the pursuits of agriculture and are either now with the army in the field or are in training as reserves, and all this force of consumers tend not only to diminish cultivation, but in respect to the crops on hand, if war with England should ensue, the Russian government will be obliged to prohibit the export of any part of them. If this result should occur, England, as well as other countries in Europe deficient in food supplies, will have to depend upon the products of the United States; and even if peace be maintained, there seems, from present appearances, to be a reasonable expectation of a more than ordinary large demand for our breadstuffs and for foreign sonsumption.—*Balto. Sun.*

"SPRING is here," sighs the *Canton Repository*, and then goes on by telling its readers what a pleasant effect the advent of the season has upon the young and ardent lover. It concludes its article with the following verses:

She leaned alone upon the fence,
And then she hove a sy,
And for his footsteps down the lain
She waited patiently.

And presently he came to view,
And then she yelled a yell;
A heavenly howl of joy she howled,
And her bosom swelled a swell.

AN Irishman, who recently waited at a cardinal's table in Dublin on a Friday, when there were seventeen courses of fish, was quite unable to repress his astonishment. "Bedad," he exclaimed, "if that's what ye call fastin', it's meself could stand Lent all the year round!"

BOB INGERSOLL asked a preacher whether the fatted calf was male or female. "Female, of course," replied the preacher, "for I am now talking to the male," which was considered an excellent sell on the wicked Bob.

THAT scientific expedition around the world may perhaps be able to tell us when it returns why a man always takes off his boots first when undressing, while a woman begins at her hair pins.

BEFORE Boston gets entirely crazy over that female barbar, she ought to pause a moment between beans and ruminate what trouble Sampson got into by letting a woman cut his hair.

W. S. O'BRIEN, of the bonanza firm of Flood & O'Brien, died last week. He was a bachelor and left an estate worth $20,000,000. Now look out for quarelsome heirs.

"CAN any one in the school tell me why a ship is called she?" asked a teacher in a suburban school the other day. "Because she is rigged up," answered a smart boy in the back row.

HERE is a chunck of Western theology: God holds a mortgage on every man's life, and if the interest isn't paid voluntarily and fully—why, the whole thing goes to the devil.

EDUCATION is progression. A new nurse girl the other day was asked if she was really fond of children. She said that she "perfectly analyzed them."

THE persons most anxious to add to their wealth are generally those who don't know how to make any good use of what they have already.

A MAN in Montreal has six hands, two of the ordinary size and four very small ones. Rather a handy man to have about the house.

AS A perfectly reliable and economical remedy, we cordially recommend Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. 25 cents a bottle.

JINKS says there is nothing like a hair pin to pick teeth with—it picks two at once.

PRINTERS all believe in a devil. You can't run a printing office without one.