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PLUMMER & USILTON,
EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

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

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.

Queen St. Millinery Store.

NEW GOODS!

THE LATEST FASHIONS! FINEST GOODS! LOWEST PRICES!

MRS. KATE GILL has just received a new stock of MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS including the latest Spring and Summer styles.
HATS, BONNETS and RIBBONS,
Feathers, Flowers, &c.
BEAUTIFUL FANCY GOODS
Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Hosiery, Gloves, and a full line of Toilet Articles.
☞ I am determined to sell at lowest prices and respectfully invite an examination of my goods.
MRS. KATE GILL,
May 25—tf. Queen st., Chestertown.

TO THE LADIES!

NEW MILLINERY
And FANCY GOODS,
FOR
1878. *SPRING And SUMMER.* 1878.

MRS. H. USILTON,
Just below Wickes' Drug Store, has received a well selected stock of new and beautiful MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS for Spring and Summer wear, of the latest and most fashionable styles.

Hats, Bonnets, Ribbons,
LACES, TRIMMINGS,
Neck Ties, Belts, Ruffles, Feathers, Flowers and Ornaments. She is satisfied of her ability to please both in quality and price. She has secured the assistance of a first-class Millinery from the city.
☞ 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.
May 18. MRS. H. USILTON.

TO THE LADIES.

NEW MILLINERY
And FANCY GOODS.

LAMBERT SISTERS have just returned from the city and opened a new Stock of
Spring and Summer MILLINERY
AND FANCY GOODS,
embracing all the LATEST and MOST FASHIONABLE STYLES.
Our Goods have been selected with care and bought at the lowest cash figures, which enables us to guarantee satisfaction both as regards style and prices. Our stock includes a full line of all such goods as are usually found in a first-class Millinery Store, such as *BONNETS, HATS, Laces, Flowers, Ribbons, Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Toilet Articles, &c., &c.*
The Ladies are respectfully invited to call and examine our goods and prices. They will find goods much cheaper than heretofore, and we are selling at very small profits for cash.
DRESS MAKING of all kinds done in the best manner and at low prices.
☞ Store opposite KENT NEWS Office.
may11-tf. LAMBERT SISTERS.

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.

WANTED
Every One to Know
That you can buy Goods, such as
DRY GOODS,
Men's and Boys', Misses' and Children's SHOES,
NOTIONS, GROCERIES,
Crockeryware, PROVISIONS,
Glassware, Queensware,
Tinware, Willowware,
TOBACCO, CIGARS and SNUFF,
CONFECTIONERY,
and in fact a little of everything at
ELLIOTT'S,
Up Town.
☞ Produce of all kinds wanted. Cash paid for Old Iron, Brass, Bones, Copper, Rags, &c., at ELLIOTT'S,
april3. Up Town.

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.

A LARGE LINE OF FLOOR AND TABLE *OIL CLOTHS* At Reduced Rates, at
fe23. T. W. ELIASON, Jr's.

CYPRESS FENCING, a superior lot for sale by T. W. ELIASON, Jr.

The Sterling Reputation!

THAT MARKED SUCH A SUCCESSFUL CAREER FOR THIS HOUSE
FROM THE DAY IT OPENED BUSINESS
FOR
Fine and Perfect Fitting Clothing
THE SAME KIND CAN NOW BE HAD
IN EVERY DEPARTMENT
That MEN and BOYS may rely on.

☞ A cordial invitation to all. ☜

NEW YORK LEADING ONE PRICE CASH CLOTHING HOUSE.
No. 184 West Baltimore Street,
(Opposite Light,) **BALTIMORE.**
BRANCH OF 503 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.
SAMPLES sent on application. mh30-3m

By the Insurance Department:

STATEMENT showing the condition of the MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY of KENT COUNTY, Maryland, Dec. 31st, 1877.

ASSETS.

Loans on bond and mortgage, (duly recorded and being first liens on the fee simple)	$27,460.00
Account of stocks and bonds of the United States, and of this and other States, also all other stocks and bonds, absolutely owned by the Company	14,485.00
Stocks, bonds and all other securities (except mortgages) hypothecated to the Company as collateral security for cash actually loaned by the Company	18,688.21
Interest due and accrued on stock and other securities	2,372.50
Cash in Company's principal office and belonging to the Company, deposited in Bank	9,017.40
TOTAL ASSETS	$72,023.11
LIABILITIES.	
Losses unpaid, (including those resisted)	20.07
Reserve as required by law	2,441.01
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,461 08
Surplus as regards *policy holders*	$69,562 03
Total income	$8,505.64
Total Expenditures	2,148.63
Risks written	51,433

STATE OF MARYLAND,
INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE,
ANNAPOLIS, MD., MAY 21st, 1878.

In compliance with Act of 1878, Chapter 106, I hereby certify that the above is a true extract from the statement of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Kent county, to December 31st, 1877, now on file in this Department.
JESSE K. HINES,
May 25, 1878—3t. Insurance Commissioner.

NEW STORE.
Corner Queen & High Sts.

I WOULD most respectfully inform the public that I have just opened a NEW and well selected Stock of Goods in the store corner Queen and High Sts., Chestertown, opposite A. J. Cahall's, where I will be pleased to wait upon them with anything in my line of business.
I keep a GENERAL STOCK, embracing
DRY GOODS,
NOTIONS, GROCERIES,
TOBACCO, CIGARS,
BOOTS, SHOES,
Wood and Willow-ware, &c.
Our GROCERIES include
White and Brown SUGARS,
COFFEES, TEAS, FLOUR,
MOLASSES, SYRUP,
HAMS, BACON, LARD,
SALT, PEPPER,
COAL OIL, &c.
We sell the celebrated PEARL SHIRT, the best and most perfect fitting Shirt made.
☞ The public are invited to call and examine our goods. Our motto is
'Quick Sales & Small Profits'
☞ Call and see me one and all. You are welcome at all times. This is the place to buy good and cheap goods.
Produce taken and highest market price paid in goods.
Public's obd't serv't,
J. STAFFORD, JR.
April 13.

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.

INCORPORATED 1847.
KENT COUNTY MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.,
DOVER, DEL.,
Insures Property Generally Against Loss by Fire.
INSURERS in THIS COMPANY only pay the ACTUAL COST of the insurance—the balance being placed to their credit and interest allowed them. Since its organization this Company has returned to its members, in Dividends, $68,981.22, and has standing to the credit of its members $84,241.90, protecting their respective deposit notes during membership and payable to them on withdrawal from the Company. ☞ Before insuring elsewhere, call on or address the following
AGENTS:
J. M. VANDYKE, Chestestown, Kent co.
J. P. MANLOVE, Greensboro', Caroline "
J. B. FLETCHER, Preston, " "
JAS. CANNON, Salisbury, Wicomico "
CHAS. COLLINS, Berlin, Worcester "
W. S. DICKINSON, Pocomoke city " "
Or address the Company,
GEO. W. CUMMINS, PRESIDENT.
WM. DENNEY, JR., SECR'Y.
May 4, 1878—8m.

Fruit Growers!
LOOK TO YOUR INTEREST.

WE are prepared to furnish the
J. H. MARVIL
Berry Crate & Basket,
PEACH BASKETS, BOXES, PEACH CRATES
and all kinds of Fancy Packages for Peaches or Grapes; also
PEACH BOX PATTERNS
of Two Sizes—¾ and 1 Bushel.
We will deliver the above Stock at any Station on the Kent County Railroad in as good order and as cheap as can be gotten, wholesale or retail.
☞ For prices and terms apply to
C. W. WARREN, Ag't,
Kennedyville,
W. F. WROTH,
Still Pond,
S. FRANKLIN SMITH,
my11-3m. Chestertown.

WOOL WANTED, For which the highest cash price will be paid. In my absence Mr. R. S. USILTON, at the Market House, Chestertown, will receive same. Also, SCHROPSHIRE BUCK LAMBS for sale.
May 4—tf. JACOB BARKMAN.

GOLD AND SILVER WIRE PICTURE CORD, Porcelain Head Picture Nails, Screw Eyes, and Brass Screw Rings.
feb16. J. K. ALDRIDGE.

THREE FINE FARMS
In Kent County, Maryland,
FOR SALE.

No. 1, on the SASSAFRAS RIVER, convenient to Railroad and Steamboat, containing
About 225 ACRES,
highly improved; fair buildings; plenty of Fruit.

No. 2,
Adjoining the above, containing
About 225 ACRES,
highly improved; BUILDINGS LARGE and comparatively new.
Plenty of Fruit.

No. 3,
A FARM situated at the mouth of Sassafras River,
Containing 212 ACRES,
WELL IMPROVED; BUILDINGS all good and nearly new.
Plenty of Fruit.
This Farm will divide nearly equally by a natural division into two farms.

☞ These FARMS are
HANDSOMELY LOCATED,
and well worthy the attention of those looking for land for homes or investment, and WILL BE SOLD GREAT BARGAINS.
There are good LANDINGS on all the above farms.
☞ For further information apply to or address either of the undersigned at Chestertown, Md.
C. W. C. JOHNSON, Agt.
R. HYNSON, Attorney.
May 18—2m.

PEACH BOX
MANUFACTORY
At CHESTERTOWN.

BELIEVING that an establishment of this kind is needed here, and, if properly conducted, would be liberally patronised by the Peach Growers, has induced me to fit up the LARGE CANNING HOUSE formerly occupied by Ruth & Co., on the Wharf at Chestertown, and I have filled it with a very superior stock of BOXES, consisting of
Michigan White Pine,
Maine White Hemlock,
Salisbury Yellow Pine,
Of THREE SIZES,
½ Bushel, ¾ Bushel and Bushel,
which I guarantee to sell at as low a figure, *if not lower*, than they can be purchaser anywhere. They can be had in shooks or made up. Also, extra slats and tops by the hundred or thousand.
The ONE-THIRD CRATES are intended for shipping the Beatrice, or other early Peaches, and early Pears or Grapes.
The THREE-QUARTERS, expressly for Pears, and made of bright white pine, making a very light and attractive crate.
☞ An examination of the stock and price will convince any one that it is to his interest to use them, and if patronized I will keep a full and complete stock on hand at all times, and they can be had in any quantity.
Capt. RUTH will show and deliver to any who may want them, at the Factory, also, Mr. J. W. HINES at his store in Chestertown; or address the subscriber.
R. S. EMORY,
m25-10t. CHESTERTOWN.

The Best SOAP!

Heads of Families and all others having Clothes washed, will find it to their interest to use
"Crampton's Imperial" SOAP.
This Soap is manufactured from pure materials, and as it contains a large percentage of Vegetable Oil, is warranted fully equal to the best imported Castile Soap, and at the same time possesses all the washing and cleansing properties of the celebrated German and French Laundry Soaps. It is therefore recommended
FOR USE IN THE
Laundry, Kitchen and Bath Room,
and for general household purposes; also for Printers, Painters, Engineers and Machinists, as it will remove stains of ink, grease, tar, oil and paint from the hands. Manufactured only by
CRAMPTON BROTHERS,
2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 Rutgers Place, and 33 and 35 Jefferson st., New York.
☞ For sale by PARRISH BROS., 96 W. Lombard st., Baltimore; THOS. W. ELIASON, JR., Chestertown, and Grocers generally. May 25-tf.

Ice Cream! Ice Cream!
NEW SALOON.

MRS. D. A. BENJAMIN has moved to her new residence on Queen St., near Kirby's Green House, and has opened a FIRST CLASS ICE CREAM SALOON in connection with her Restaurant. She will keep
PAINTER'S ICE CREAM,
which is the best made, and will be received from Balto. every day by Steamer.
OYSTERS served in any style, and whatever can be had in a First Class Restaurant in the way of Delicacies, &c.
She is also prepared to accommodate PERMANENT or TABLE BOARDERS at very moderate charges.
☞ Give me a call.
MRS. D. A. BENJAMIN.
May 11, 1878—6t.

Meats! Meats! Meats!

BEST BRANDS OF SUGAR-CURED HAMS, Sugar-Cured Shoulders, Sugar-Cured Broiling Beef, Side and Shoulder Bacon, by the Hundred Pounds, at City Prices. Mackerel and Herring by the Barrel.
☞ Buy your FLOUR at
June16. J. B. SAPPINGTON'S.

VEGETINE
IS RECOMMENDED BY ALL PHYSICIANS.

Valley Stream, Queens co., Long Island, N. Y.
MR. H. R. STEVENS—Dear Sir: I take the pleasure of writing you a small certificate concerning Vegetine, prepared by you. I have been a sufferer with the *Dyspepsia* for over forty years, and have had the *Chronic Diarrhœa* for over six months, and have tried most everything; was given up to die, and did not expect to live from day to day, and no physician could touch my case. I saw your Vegetine recommended to cure *Dyspepsia*. I commenced using it and I continued to do so, and am now a well woman and restored to perfect health. All who are afflicted with this terrible disease I would kindly recommend to try it for the benefit of their health, and it is excellent as a blood purifier.
By Dr. T. B. Forbes, M. D., for
MRS. WM. H. FORBES.

VEGETINE.—When the blood becomes lifeless and stagnant, either from change of weather or of climate, want of exercise, irregular diet, or from any other cause, the VEGETINE will renew the blood, carry off the putrid humors, cleanse the stomach, regulate the bowels, and impart a tone of vigor to the whole body.

VEGETINE
FOR CANCERS AND CANCEROUS HUMORS.
The Doctor's Certificate—Read It.

Ashley, Washington co., Ill., Jan. 14, 1878.
MR. H. R. STEVENS—Dear Sir: This is to certify that I had been suffering from a *Rose Cancer* on my right breast, which grew very rapidly, and all my friends had given me up to die, when I heard of your medicine, Vegetine, recommended for *Cancer* and *Cancerous Humors*. I commenced to take it and soon found myself beginning to feel better; my health and spirits both felt the benign influence which it exerted, and in a few months from the time I commenced the use of the Vegetine, the *Cancer* came out almost bodily.
CARRIE DEFORREST.
I certify that I am personally acquainted with Mrs. DeForrest, and consider her one of our very best women. DR. S. H. FLOWERS.

ALL DISEASES OF THE BLOOD.—If VEGETINE will relieve pain, cleanse, purify and cure such diseases restoring the patient to perfect health after trying different physicians, many remedies, suffering for years, is it not conclusive proof, if you are a sufferer, you can be cured? Why is this medicine performing such great cures? It works in the blood, in the circulating fluid. It can truly be called the *Great Blood Purifier*. The great source of disease originates in the blood; and no medicine that does not act directly upon it, to purify and renovate, has any just claim upon public attention.

VEGETINE
I REGARD IT AS A VALUABLE FAMILY MEDICINE.

January 1, 1878.
MR. H. R. STEVENS—Dear Sir: I take pleasure in saying that I have used the Vegetine in my family with good results, and I have known of several cases of remarkable cure effected by it. I regard it as a valuable family medicine.
Truly yours, REV. WM. MCDONALD.
Rev. Wm. McDonald is well known thro' the United States as a minister in the M. E. Church.

THOUSANDS SPEAK.—VEGETINE is acknowledged and recommended by physicians and apothecaries to be the best purifier and cleanser of the blood yet discovered, and thousands speak in its praise who have been restored to health.

VEGETINE.
THE M. D.'S HAVE IT.

MR. H. R. STEVENS—Dear Sir: I have sold Vegetine for a long time, and find it gives most excellent satisfaction.
S. B. DE PRIEST, M. D., *Druggist*,
Hazleton, Ind.

VEGETINE
PREPARED BY
H. R. STEVENS, Boston, Mass.
VEGETINE is sold by All Druggists.

PHOTOGRAPHS!

NICOLSSON & EDWARDS, the Great National Photographers, are now in Chestertown, where they will remain for a short time and take pictures at the following remarkably low prices:

36 LITTLE BEAUTIES for	50	cts.
18 GEMS "	50	"
8 LARGE BONTONS "	50	"

They claim to have the Largest and most Complete Traveling Establishment in the country, and are enabled to make as fine Pictures as any of the large City Galleries. They have the best facilities for *Copying and Enlarging Old Pictures*, and take all kinds of Views, such as HOUSES, GROUPS, etc.
☞ Give them a call and examine their work. jel-3t.

GET THE BEST!
THE WILLIAMS EVAPORATOR!

THE undersigned having had large experience in Fruit Drying with the Alden and other dryers, would call the attention of Peach Growers to the WILLIAMS EVAPORATOR, as the one that has proved itself the past season to be the most reliable and economical machine in the market, and is surpassed by none in quality and quantity of product.
Circulars giving full description of machine and its advantages, sent free to all applicants. JAS. C. JACKSON,
825 Adams st., Wilmington, Del.,
Ag't for Kent, Queen Anne's & Talbot.
May 18, 1878—4t.

W. REGISTER'S
MARBLE WORKS,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

SPECIMENS OF WORK to be seen in every Cemetery and Burial Ground in this county. I have now finished some of the latest designs ever offered to this community.
Persons in want will do well to call and examine my work and different designs.
Money can be saved by calling on me and ordering work at my establishment.
I work only the finest and best marble, such as the Italian, Statuary and Rutland. These will stand the weather if correctly finished. I guarantee all my work, and set it up, thus relieving the purchaser of all trouble and risk of breaking or defacing. m25-4m.

Kalsomine! Kalsomine!
Attention Housekeepers!

USE JOHNSON'S Dry Sized KALSOMINE
In Place of Whitewash!
It imparts a delicate tint to the walls, looks prettier, and will last longer than any other wash. It is very easily applied and can be made ready for use in 5 minutes. Sample cards, showing colors, free to all. Apply to
C. F. STAM, DRUGGIST.
May 18, 1878.

Lubricating Oils,

EXPRESSLY FOR FARMERS.
Engine, Castor, Lard, Whale and West Virginia, all of the best quality, and at reduced prices, for sale by
C. F. STAM, DRUGGIST.
May 18, 1878.

ATTENTION FARMERS and STOCK RAISERS!
The Improved WEANER for Cows, Calves and Colts.
For sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.

THE CITY OF THE DEAD.

There is a beautiful city,
Laid out in walk and square,
Where flowers in rich profusion
Perfume the summer air.
'Tis there the willow waveth,
And the violet lifts its head;
And they call this lovely city
The City of the Dead.

The breeze in gentle dalliance
From flower to flower roves;
And the air seems purer,
In those quiet shady groves.
N sound disturbs the stillness,
No laughter rude and loud;
For there's something in that city
Awes e'en the gayest crowd.

And side by side there slumber
The rich man and the poor;
There foes lie down together,
Nor wrong each other more.
There sleep the great, the lowly;
The same trees o'er them wave;
For earth's proud and vain distinctions
Are levelled by the grave.

Here some weary, aged warrior
Quietly takes his rest;
And near him some pale young mother,
With her baby on her breast.
There the wealthy merchant slumbers,
And dreams no more of gain;
There the widowed one forgetteth
Life's weariness and pain.

The bride in her fair beauty,
With orange buds in her hair,
And the wedding robe around her,
Sleeps calm and peaceful there.
There the orator proud reposes,
A stone at head and feet;
A nameless one lies near him,
Whose rest is just as sweet.

Artist, statesman and poet,
Wooers alike of fame!
Your haunting dreams have vanished,
And a white slab bears your name.
Ah! who has not bowed with weeping
Over some coffined head?
For we all have loved and lost ones,
In the City of the Dead!

SCIENTIFIC FRAUDS.

THE CARDIFF GIANT AND COLORADO STONE MAN.

Barnum's "Woolly Horse" and "Mermaid," though ingenious humbugs, deceived no scientist, and it remained for an ignorant Binghampton (N. Y.) tobacconist, by the name of George Hull, to outwit and entrap them. Hull had a discussion one evening, during the year 1866, with an Iowa minister concerning the existence of giants in the olden time, the latter maintaining the affirmative of the question and the former the negative. The clergyman, having a readier tongue, got the better of Hull, who, stung by his defeat, determined upon a neat revenge. He conceived the idea of carving a rough statue out of soft stone that should pass for a petrified giant, and in 1868 he proceeded to put his plans into practice.

After trying in vain to secure a block of gypsum near Fort Dodge, Iowa, he prospected along the line of the Dubuque and Sioux City railroad, then building, and having found a suitable quarry hired a gang of railroad hands for a barrel of beer to get a slab out for him. It took one whole Sunday to quarry the gypsum, and when ready for shipment the block weighed 3½ tons, and measured 12 feet in length, 4 feet in breadth, and 22 inches in thickness. It was consigned to E. Burghard, Chicago, and in his barn it was chiseled into shape, Edward Salle, a German, and one Markham, an American, doing the cutting. No particular idea was followed out in fashioning the image, for although Hull wanted it to represent a fossil man, "who had laid down and died," he was suspicious that the deception would not be a success, and concluded to modify it so that it would pass for an ancient statue.

To give it the appearance of age it was rubbed with sand and water, and the entire surface was punctured with needles to produce an imitation of the pores of the skin. Finally it was bathed in ink and washed with sulphuric acid. Thus prepared, it was shipped to Union, New York, weighing at that time 3,720 lbs. It arrived at its destination October 12, 1868, and the 4th of the following month was shipped by a four-horse team, in charge of one of Hull's nephews, to Cardiff, a small village in Onandaga county, 132 miles west of Albany. It took five days to transport it, and as a rain storm was prevailing when it reached the Newell—a relative of Hull's—farm, it attracted little attention. The place had been selected for the twofold reason that fossils had been discovered in the neighborhood and that Newell had agreed for a one-fourth interest to manage the burial and resurrection.

The image was duly interred a few nights later, and in October of the following year (1869) Newell received orders to "find the giant." Laborers were engaged to sink a well on the spot, and, of course, the "fossil" was promptly exhumed, one of the diggers ejaculating as he laid it bare, "Jerusalem, it's a big Injun." A crowd quickly gathered, the news spread, the papers published exciting accounts of the discovery, and the Cardiff giant was speedily launched into fame. Four doctors of scientific pretensions in the vicinity pronounced it a 'petrified man.' Dr. Boynton, a Syracuse antiquarian, said it was a statue "made some three hundred years ago by the Jesuit fathers," and offered $10,000 for it. A month later a delegation of scientists from all parts of the State made a 'thorough' inspection of it and proclaimed it a statue—in the opinion of Prof. Hull, State geologist, a very ancient one. Prof. Ward, of the Rochester University, declared it worthy the attention of archæologists, though not dating back to the stone age.

While the excitement was at its height Hull sold a three-quarters interest to some Rochester people, and it was then exhibited to visitors at so much a head, the returns for awhile being equal to seven per cent. interest on $3,000,000. At one time $25,000 was offered for a one-eighth share. In all, Hull made $60,000 by the humbug. Its exposure was due to Prof. O. C. Marsh, of Yale College, who was less credulous than the clergyman who pronounced it "not a thing contrived of man, but the face of one who lived like all the earth, the very image and child of God." The Professor showed that gypsum was soluble in 400 parts of water, yet the giant betrayed small trace of its action, and pointed out certain tool marks that Hull had neglected to efface. The theory that it was an ancient statue was also effectually exploded by the simple fact that the giant's head was minus any representation of hair. Finally, his confederates confessed their share in the fraud, and though it afterward created a furore in Boston, where even Ralph Waldo Emerson pronounced it beyond his depth, the full publication of some tell-tale letters soon made it worthless for show purposes.

The Colorado stone man, which attracted considerable attention a year or more ago, and was for some time on exhibition in the New York Aquarium, was the work of the same genius. Having lost all his money in mercantile ventures Hull conceived the idea of moulding a man out of ground stone, pulverized bones, clay, plaster, blood and dried eggs, and baking this odd composition in a kiln until thoroughly hardened. The experiment was made at Elkland, a mountain town in Pennsylvania. Two trials were made. The second was a success. Bone had been inserted in various parts, fragments of skull having been placed in the head; it had a tail four inches long, and an attempt was made in the arms to ape the ape. Burnum furnished the money—$2,000—necessary to plant and exhume it, and it was in due time discovered in a range of the Rocky Mountains. For $100 an expert was engaged to bore into the fossil, and by a clever substitution of crystal dust he was tricked into making a favorable report. But when Professor Marsh was again called on for an opinion he quickly exploded the sham, calling attention to the fact that the image was rotund, while in the case of a real fossilized corpse the abdomen would be sunken and collapsed. Eventually, as in the other case, the confessions of Hull's confederates exposed the whole scheme and ruined its financial prospects.

Both of these impositions were reported at the time in the newspapers, but Dr G. A. Stockwell, in the Popular Science Monthly for June, mentions still another "petrified man" who was made out of water, lime, sand and gravel, by a Michigan man named Wm. Ruddeck, in 1876, and declared to have been found in the Pine river gravel pits. It was scarcely four feet high, the arms were folded across the breast, and, according to Dr. Stockwell, had been modeled from an "effigy in lava," a cut of which had appeared in Harper's Monthly. A clergyman was found ready to pronounce it a "creation of God," but it nevertheless proved a dead financial failure. As Mr. Edison has invented an instrument that will talk as glibly as any human, it is probable that no more petrified men will be discovered for some time to come.

A CUBAN BULL-FIGHT.

HOW THE PAINFUL SIGHT AFFECTED A CITIZEN OF GEORGIA—SYMPATHY FOR THE BRUTES, BUT NONE FOR THE MEN.

The Augusta (Ga.) *Chronicle* prints the subjoined extract from a private letter, written by a former resident of that city, who is now in Cuba, to relatives in Augusta: "Mr. Springer called for me last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, in the Consul's carriage, and insisted that I should drive with them to the large amphitheatre known as 'Polar Qua Mendos,' for bull-fighting. I went, but I assure you it is my last time.

At 4 o'clock a horseman, well mounted, rode into the arena, saluted the Governor, who tossed him the keys to open the gates, after which eight or ten "teazers" with red flags marched into the ring, followed by two men on horseback, with long spears. It was not long before the bull himself, already greatly infuriated, cavorted before us, dashing about from side to side after the fiery ensigns, and plunging at the nearest horsemen. The story is one long and sickening, so in summing up the affair I have only to say that one man was killed. I don't care a fig for the man nor his relations and friends, for such gladiators deserve no pity; my sympathy was with the horses and bulls

Two steeds were killed by the first and third bull, and one so lacerated by the fifth animal that it had to be driven from the ring, almost tore open. Then I was wrought up. I was mad with the Governor, Spain, the Spaniards, and even Christopher Columbus did not escape my ill wishes. Weak though I was, I wanted to fight about three Spaniards—though I was still weak from malarial fever. Seven bulls were tortured to desperation and then butchered. After the horsemen were through with worrying them, two angling Spaniards, on foot, with barbed reeds, gaily decorated and brightly polished, would dance around the enraged bull, stick him in the tender parts of the shoulders, inflicting terrible agony into the poor beast's exhausted body. But the diabolical sport did not end until another relay of fiends would dance around and thrust into the quiveirng, dying animal sharp darts loaded with a torpedo at the end, which would explode directly under the skin, causing the most excruciating agony. The poor bulls, now unable to defend themselves against every form of attack which ingenuity could devise or human wickedness employ, would dash themselves wildly against the wall, endeavoring to wreck their miserable existence, or, failing in this, would run around the ring, looking piteously into the faces of the multitudes above them, appealing in their mute misery to the stony-hearted spectators. It was simply terrible. By the time the bloody sport was over, I was nearly dead myself, and, although the day was very warm, drops of cold perspiration beaded upon my brow and chilled my forehead. Men, women, and ministers of religion would first cheer the men and then the bull, and each unfortunate rider, as he was dethroned by the bull, would be frightfully hissed by the spectators. I haven't eaten a beefsteak since my visit to the bull-fight."

A WONDERFUL YOUNG MAN.—There is a most remarkable youth in Lexington, Oglethorpe county, Ga. The *Echo* says of him: "Isham Coile on last Saturday caught a hot ball with his left hand that was thrown seventy-five yards high, and at the same time tipped his beaver to a bevy of girls passing. This same boy can whistle Yankee Doodle with the left corner of his mouth and Dixie with the right (using only a peach seed in the centre as a sort of Mason and Dixon's line to separate the two), and at the same time cut the pigeon wing with his feet."

WE live at the bottom of an ocean of air, and of necessity breathe more or less of the heavy poisonous germs constantly floating through it. To prevent such from asserting their prejudicial effect upon the system, Dr. Bull's Cough Mixture should be used as its efficacy is simply wonderful.

Letter from Quaker Neck.

Messrs. Editors:—The crops are at present looking quite as well as could be expected, considering the cool weather, which has been remarkable for this time of the year. It was generally predicted a short time since by the knowing ones that we would have an early harvest, but present appearances do not indicate that it will be much ahead of the usual time. Corn is small, but looking very well.—Some of the farmers say they have a fair crop of peaches, while others say they have none. From my own observation, I do not think there is more than a third of a crop.

A pleasant entertainment took place on the 31st of May at Bond Chapel—a school picnic, conducted by J. A. Greenwood, Esq., which was certainly a success. It reflected great credit on himself and the school, and we tender to him our thanks for a day of unlimited pleasure. The cast of character in all the pieces was excellent, and splendidly performed. The piece, "Cinderella, or the Glass Slipper," was called for the second time. The Prince and Cinderella were, in my opinion, just grand. There was a splendid collation spread by the ladies connected with the affair, which was partaken of and enjoyed by over two hundred persons, young and old. All the delicacies of the season were served. About five o'clock in the afternoon ice-cream, frozen custard and cake were served to all. Music, both vocal and instrumental, was rendered at appropriate intervals, which greatly added to the enjoyment of the occasion. About half-past six o'clock the parties separated for their respective destinations. That parents and children may live to enjoy many such happy reunions is my sincere wish. D.

Mr. Greeley's Wood Farm.

THE SCRUBBY LOCUST GROVE SOLD FROM WHICH HE EXPECTED SO MUCH.

Among the recent entries of real estate sales at the Land Office in White Plains is one for 83¾ acres at Chappaqua, sold to A. J. Quinby for $10,000. The property is memorable as being a portion of the Greeley farm, though not immediately connected with the old homestead. This still remains in possession of Mr. Greeley's daughters, Ida and Gabrielle, who are living at Tarrytown—Ida with her husband, Col. Smith, and Gabrielle as a member of the household.

Many who were privileged to visit Mr. Greeley at his Chappaqua home will remember the hill farm; or the woodland known far and wide from the mention of it in the "Recollections" of Mr. Greeley. When a bit of leisure offered itself from grubbing among his eleven dollar cabbages, or carrying out his very radical ideas on pruning, Mr. Greeley would harness up a nondescript vehicle known in the whole country around as "Greeley's ark," and drive out about two miles to the eighty-three acres just now sold. It was an unsightly and forsaken-looking bit of landscape as the eye of man ever fell upon. Some few spots of it might have been turned to a possible use as a sheep pasture, but the rest was strewn with boulders and filled with ruts.

Mr. Greeley had planted over the whole plot a crop of locust trees ("agricola arborem seret," &c.) and these had come up in a rather promiscuous fashion. Mr. Greeley drove his stout piece of horseflesh among them, in his short-sightedness paying not the slightest attention to such trifling obstacles as holes a yard deep, boulders as high, young saplings or overhanging boughs, though his guests were apt to be of a different mind, and all the time would take on about the great advantages of forest planting from a politico-social scientific view. When no visitor offered him a victim, he found his way out to the wood farm and chopped about with an axe. To-day the plot is covered with a scrubby growth of locusts as big as a man's arm.—*N. Y. World.*

A CLIMAX IN ORTHOGRAPHY.—An old man who owns a stall took a notion a few days since to use his spare time to better his education. Procuring a spelling book, his face was seen behind it whenever business was dull. He tired, however, of spelling the words to himself, and engaged the services of a boy about thirteen years old, having the next stall, to hear his lesson.

Everything passed off all right for two or three days, and then a storm arose and a climax came. Holding the book in both hands the boy observed:

"We now come to the word 'welcome.' How do you spell it?

"Well, sir, I spell it 'w-e-l-k-u-m.'"

"Not correct."

"Kom," then.

"Nary."

"Then it is 'kiom.'"

"No, sir."

"Boy, don't you lie to me," warned the old man.

"I'll resign my office," replied the lad as he laid the book down. "I've let you go on and spell 'cat' with a 'k,' and 'horse' without an 'e,' 'boy' with a double 'o' to it, because you are old and I don't want to hurt your feelings; but when you call me a liar, and don't even know how to spell the word, it's time for me to resign."

"HABIT" is hard to overcome. If you take off the first letter it does not change "a bit." If you take off another you still have a "bit" left. If you take off still another, the whole of "it" remains. If you take off another, it is not "t" totally used up. All of which goes to show that if you whish to be rid of a "habit," you must throw it off altogether.

A DEVOUT woman took her baby to church. The voice of the preacher waked the child into screams. "Do not go," said the minister, "the baby does not disturb me." "That may be," said the mother, still retreating, "but you disturb the baby."

COL. INGERSOLL wept when he heard Lotta sing the "Sweet bye and bye." May be. But he would swear if he could hear the young man over the way play it on an accordeon.—*Hawkeye.*

THE small boy putteth on style, yea, he cocketh his hat over his left eye and spitteth over his chin. He is pitcher in the first nine.

DR. FRANCIS DARWIN says plants not only sleep but dream. He came to this conclusion after watching sensitive plants at night.