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And General Produce Dealers,

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For the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, Grain, Peaches, Apples, Canned Goods, Vegetables, Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Fish, &c.,

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$2.50 PER DAY.

Being determined that nothing shall be left undone in the future to make the "MALTBY" what it has been in the past—second to none in the city—a liberal share of public patronage is solicited. j22-y.

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WITH GOOD SUBSTANTIAL BOARD

At $1.50 PER DAY.

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Breakfast 50c., Dinner 75c., Supper 50c., Lodging 50c.

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

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

All the latest and prettiest styles of Spring and Summer HATS and BONNETS can be found at

Miss MARY R. BENJAMIN'S,

Who has recently returned from the city with a full supply. Call early and make selections before her stock is reduced.

She also continues DRESS MAKING, and guarantees first class work as well as a good fit.

She has a beautiful stock of Ribbons, Lace, Flowers, Kid Gloves in all the new shades; a carefully selected lot of Children's Hose, Trimming Silks, Spool Silk Cotton, Fans, &c., &c., which she is selling at prices so low that no one can complain. By perseverance in efforts to please I hope to secure the patronage of those who desire satisfaction in style and price.

PLAITING done by the yard for 6c.

Store adjoining T. W. Eliason, Jr.
June 8. MARY R. BENJAMIN.

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.

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.

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.

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.

BLACKWELL'S Pure Durham TOBACCO, For sale by JAS. A. SHAW.

Soluble Sea Island Guano,

RICH IN

AMMONIA, SOLUBLE PHOSPHORIC ACID, POTASH, MAGNESIA, SODA, &c.

Used in Kent Couny several years, and Surpassed all other Fertilizers!

It is the Greatest Wheat Producer Known!

PRICE AS LOW and TERMS AS EASY as any other.

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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,

¼ Bushel, ½ 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.

A TALK WITH

FRUIT GROWERS.

I HAVE now growing on my farm a fine Seedling PEACH NURSERY, (from the seed of the Smock,) of

Over 200,000 TREES.

Being from Smock Seed, and growing on land that never grew trees before, they must prove especially hardy and prolific. I shall bud 50,000 (commencing June 15,) for this fall's planting; such trees will run from 3 to 4 feet in height. I shall bud the balance for planting the following Fall.

As most all planters have preference for special varieties, I propose to take orders before budding is done; customers furnishing their own buds if they prefer, so that all may be accommodated.

Do not fail to give this matter proper consideration, and send in your orders early; by so doing you can secure just the varieties you want. But if delayed till you are ready to plant, Nurserymen may not have the kinds you prefer.

I will give instructions how to forward buds upon inquiry.

I have a general assortment of

ALL KINDS OF

NURSERY STOCK.

Twenty years' experience as an extensive Fruit grower and Nurseryman, certainly entitles me to a reasonable share of patronage on this Peninsula.

N. BARNARD,
Still Pond, Kent county, Md.
June 8.—6m.

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—¼ 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,
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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—tf.

CYPRESS FENCING, a superior lot. for sale by T. W. ELIASON JR, 6t

THIRD GRAND

Odd-Fellows Excursion

—TO—

CAPE MAY!

On WEDNESDAY, July 17,

By Amicable Lodge, No. 117, I. O. O. F., of Chestertown, over the Kent county, Smyrna and Delaware Bay Railroad to Bombay Hook, thence by the Bay Steamer "Artisan" to Cape May.

EXCURSION TICKETS:

From Chestertown, including Kennedyville and Black's..... $2.00
From Lambson's, Masseys, Clayton and Smyrna, Smyrna Landing and Douglas..... 1.50
From Bombay Hook..... 1.00

Leave Chestertown 5.30, Worton 5.45, Lynchs 5.55, Still Pond 6.00, Kennedyville 6.05, Blacks 6.15, Lambsons 6,20, Masseys 6.35, Delaneys 6.45, Binghams 7.00, Clayton 7.15, Smyrna 7.30, Bombay Hook 7.50. The steamer will arrive at Cape May (opposite Hotels, thereby saving hack hire,) at about 11 A. M., and leave at 4 P. M., giving the excursionists ABOUT FIVE HOURS AT CAPE MAY.

The Q. A. & Kent R. R. will connect at Masseys. The Del. and Md. & Del. Railroads at Clayton.

Breakfast, Dinner and Supper will be served on the steamer at low rates.

Music and Refreshments on the steamer and fine String Band for the accommodation of those who wish to dance.

Should the morning prove to be a rainy one it need not affect those who desire to go, as they will be under cover all the way and in all probability reach Cape May in sunshine. The committee pledge themselves to use every possible effort to make this the grandest excursion of the season.

FREDUS ALDRIDGE, Pres't,
J. H. THOMPSON, Vice "
J. B. BURCHINAL, Treas'r,
THOS. S. BORDLEY, Cor. Scc.,
JAMES ALFRED PEARCE,
J. FRANK CONNELLY,
THOS. L. BOWERS,
June 29—3t. *Committee.*

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.

CALL AND EXAMINE OUR

Lubricating Oils.

GOOD CASTOR OIL

$1.00 per gallon,

and other Oils at very low prices.

June 15. at T. W. WICKES'.

GENTS' GAUZE SHIRTS.

Ladies' Gauze Vests,
Gents' super fine English Half-Hose,
" " stout " " "
" Dress Shirts, made of best materials, in best manner, furnished $1.00.
Gents' Suspenders, by
je22. T. W. ELIASON, JR.

LUMBER. You can buy SCANTLING, JOISTS, and BILL STUFF, of good VA. PINE, from **13 to $14** per thousand feet, of

June 1. T. W. ELIASON, JR.

The Shy Roadside Roses.

On long, serene midsummer days
Of ripening fruit and yellowed grain,
How sweetly, by dim woodland ways,
In tangled hedge or leafy lane,
Fair wild rose thickets, you unfold
Those pale pink stars with hearts of gold!

Your sleek patrician sisters dwell
On lawns where gleams the shrub's trim bosk,
In terraced gardens, tended well,
Near pebbled walk and quaint kiosk,
In costlier urns their colors rest;
They beam on beauty's fragrant breast!

But you in lowly calm abide,
Scarce heeded save by breeze or bee;
You know what splendor, pomp and pride
Full oft your brilliant sisters see;
What service, too, and bitter fears—
What mad farewells and hopeless tears!

SUNDAY.

Messrs. Editors:—I send you for publication the following law of Maryland:

"No person whatsoever shall work or do any bodily labor on the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday; and no person having children, servants or slaves, shall command, or wittingly or willingly suffer any of them to do any manner of work or labor on the Lord's day (works of necessity and charity always excepted), nor shall suffer or permit any children, servants or slaves to profane the Lord's day by gaming, fishing, fowling, hunting, or unlawful pastime or recreation; and every person transgressing this section and being thereof convicted before a single Justice, shall forfeit five dollars, to be applied to the use of the county."

"No person within this State shall sell and dispose of, or barter any spirituous or fermented liquors or cordials of any kind, in any quantity whatever, on the Sabbath day, commonly called Sunday" (Penalty for each violation not less than $20, nor more than $100.

The above laws are offered to the consideration of the public, and especially to the officers of the law—Sheriffs, Justices of the Peace and Constables. It has been reported that excursion boats and parties are in the habit of visiting a portion of Kent county on the Sabbath day. The working of or on a steamboat on Sunday, on excursion or pleasure parties, is clearly a violation of the law. They are not works of necessity or charity, and the object of all such running of steamboats is for money or profit. There might be a possible case, where a number of religious or moral persons are desirous of visiting a regular camp-meeting, which such use of a steamer might not be an infraction of the law; but such is a rare instance, and where such visits are gotten up ostensibly to accommodate religious people, but really to make money, it would be a violation of the law, which does not suffer itself to be circumvented. It is the duties of the officers named as conservators of the peace and of good morals and the preservation of the Sabbath, to see that the law is not violated on the Sabbath day. Every captain, mate, engineer, hand, employee of a steamboat, who works the boat or aids in it, or performs duties on the Sabbath day on excursion parties or pleasure parties, is a violator of the law and should pay the penalty. The mechanic cannot open his shop, nor the merchant his store, nor the officer his office, for ordinary work on the Sabbath day; neither can steamers be employed to do the work of the week in carrying passengers. The hands act voluntarily; they doubtless get extra pay, but whatever be the terms of employment the act is illegal. This is a State law, gotten up to preserve and promote good morals, as well as the health of the people. It is based upon the reserved rights of the State and overrides all other laws. The power to prevent or remove nuisances which might destroy the health of the neighborhood, has no stronger foundation than the law now under consideration. We all owe a duty to the law, as well as to the State and to each other; and a law which so materially and vitally affects the community as the Sabbath law the utmost vigilance should be used to have it faithfully executed. A pleasure boat cannot land passengers upon our shores without coming into the jurisdiction of our county, and is therefore subject to the operation of the law. In a matter which affects the whole State or a community, officers and others should make it their especial duty to see that the laws are executed.

A FRIEND TO LAW AND MORALITY.

ABOUT SCOLDS.—Be the mass of printed assertions what it will, the experience of the world proves that men can scold as bitterly and unjustly as women. There is always some tender woman to excuse the short-comings of a man; some mother, or wife, or sister, or daughter, who puts in her gentle "ohs" and "ahs" and "my dears," like sticks to stay the progress of the torrent, when a man gives way to temper. And around him she folds the mantle of her soft excuses, thinks of his headache, or his corns, or his tight shoes, or the dinner he ate that did not agree with him; and as for her own thorn pricks, she hides them under lace and velvet, and defies her dearest and nearest friend to see or suspect them. That is what she does when she is loving and confiding; and, as with the other accusation, never resented, that women have the monopoly of gossip, so it is with the imputation of scolding. Now men scold and women scold. To scold is the impulse of an undisciplined human nature, in which both men and women share. It shows a weakness of character, as well as infirmity of will, and is almost always a complete demonstration of a feeble mind. A strong, well balanced, cheerful, sunny make up, mental and physical, has not to descend to vituperation and offensive talking.—*Woman's Journal.*

A BLESSING ALWAYS REMAINING.—Dr. Bell relates that a blind girl residing in France had for many years perused an embossed Bible with her fingers, but, becoming paralyzed, the sense of touch in her fingers was lost. Her agony of mind at the deprivation was great, and in a moment of despair she took up her Bible, bent down her head and kissed the open leaf, by way, as she supposed, of a last farewell. In the act of doing so, to her great surprise and sudden joy, she felt the letters distinctly with her lips, "and from that day," he adds, "this poor child has thus been reading the book which is her one great comfort."—*Christian Press.*

CANVASS suspenders now seem to be worn by most all ladies. There's no "give" to them, and that's the reason you occasionally hear a button fly off when a lady grabs for her skirt. Now they will be called canvass-back ducks worse'n ever.

HE that knoweth not when to be silent, knows not when to speak.

THE tears of affection are dewdrops from the blue sky of the soul.

TWO KINDS OF COURAGE.

Not many years since the good ship Ponto sailed from Boston, bound to Sumatra, commanded by Capt. Isaac Jacobs.

Among the crew of the Ponto, on her present voyage, was a young man named Caleb Baker. He had shipped only three days before the ship sailed. He was a slender-framed man, with a fair, prepossessing countenance, light blue eyes and light brown hair. Though light in his build, he was yet well stocked with muscle, and his motions were quick and energetic.

One day, shortly after the ship had left port, as Baker was busy about some matter of his own in one of the gangways, one of the men, a rough, uncouth fellow, by the name of Bunkton, came along and gave the clothes-bag of Baker a kick out of his way, thereby scattering a number of things about the deck.

"I wish you'd be careful," said Baker, as he moved to gather up his things.

"Then keep your things out o' my way," gruffly returned Bunkton.

"They were not in your way."

"Do you mean to tell me I lie."

"I said my things were not in your way."

"And I say they were. Now don't you dispute me again."

"Very well, have it your own way," calmly returned Baker, as he drew his bag closer in toward the bulwarks.

"And don't you be impudent, either," provokingly added Bunkton.

"Look ye, Bunkton, if you've any business of your own you'd better mind it."

"Eh, lubber? I'll show ye my business. Take that."

As Bunkton spoke he struck the young man upon the face. The crew had most of them gathered about the place, and arrangements were quickly made for a fight.

"Just come forward and I'll show ye my business," cried Bunkton, bristling about with his fists doubled up.

"A fight! a fight!" cried half a dozen of the men. "Don't stand that, Baker."

The young man's eyes had flashed as he received the blow, and there was a quick quivering of the muscles in his hands, but he made no motion to strike.

"Ain't you going to take it up?" asked Bunkton.

"No. I want nothing to do with you," returned Caleb.

"Then you are a coward," remarked Bunkton, with a contemptuous tone and look.

"What's all this?" asked Capt. Jacobs, who was attracted to the spot.

The matter was explained to him.

"Didn't resent it?" uttered the captain, looking with mingled surprise and contempt upon Caleb. "Why don't you knock him down, Baker?"

"Because I don't want to fight with any man, sir."

"And will you allow yourself to be struck and not resent it?"

"I will defend myself in case of danger, but I will not so abase myself as to engage in a brutal fight when it can be possibly avoided."

"Then you will have yourself looked upon as one who may be struck with impunity."

A quick flush passed over the young man's face as the captain thus spoke, but he was soon calm. From that time Caleb Baker was looked upon by the crew as a coward. But he performed his duties faithfully, and Captain Jacobs was forced to admit that, though Baker was a coward, he was yet a good sailor.

Thus matters passed until the ship had doubled the Cape of Good Hope and entered the Indian Ocean.

About 10 o'clock P. M. those who were on deck were startled by the sudden darkening of the stars, and they saw a great black cloud rolling up from the southward. It soon hung over the ship like a black pall, and the men began to be frightened. The captain was called, but before he came on deck there came a crash as though the very heavens had been rent in sunder. The old ship trembled in every joint, and a huge ball of fire rolled down the mainmast. Another and another crashing of the lightning came, and at length the electric light began to play about the ship in wild, fantastic streams.

"The foremast is struck," shouted one of the men. "See where its head is shivered."

All eyes were turned to the spot, and by the next wild flash the men could see that a dangerous havoc had been made with the mainmast.

But while all hands were gazing at this another danger arose. It was the creaking of the shattered trestletrees as the fid of the topmast bore down upon them.

"O God!" ejaculated Captain Jacobs, "if the trestletrees give way we are certainly lost!"

"If we could bring the ship broadside to," said the mate, "the weather rigging might be cut and the mast would go overboard."

"True—true," returned the captain; "but who shall go aloft and do the job? There will be no foothold in the top, for that will go with a crash. The trestletrees are already shattered."

"If you will port the helm I will make the trial," cried a clear, strong voice, which was at once recognized as that of Caleb Baker.

Caleb took the ax from the mizzenmast and soon his form was lost in the darkness, as he moved toward the starboard rigging. The helm was put a-port, and the ship gradually gave her starboard side to the gale. Soon the blow of an ax was heard. There was a fearful straining and cracking—and then came the crash. The heavy topmast had gone clear over the side!

The ship was once more got before the wind, and ere long Baker came safely to the deck. He staggered aft to the binnacle, and there he sank, fainting and bruised, upon deck; but he was quickly conveyed to the cabin and his wants were all met.

Caleb's bruises were none of them bad, and in a few days he was again at his duty. The men eyed him anxiously, and they seemed uneasy as they met his smiles. The captain, too, changed color when he met the kind, noble look of the young man, but he soon overcame the false pride which actuated him, and stepping to the noble fellow's side he took him by the hand.

"Caleb," said he, "if I have done wrong I freely ask you to forgive me. I have called you coward, but I did not know you."

"Think no more of it," said Caleb, with a beaming eye. "I once promised to one whom I loved better than life—my mother—that I would never do a deed of which I might afterwards be ashamed."

Bunkton pressed forward. "Caleb," he said, seizing the hand of the young man in his hard fist, "you must forgive me for what's past. "We'll be friends after this."

"Bless you, Bunkton, and friends we will be," returned Caleb.

"Yes," added Bunkton, "and if you won't fight for yourself I'll fight for you, if you ever stand in need of it."

"I tell you, my men," said the captain, "there's certainly two kinds of courage; and, after all, I don't know but that Caleb Baker's kind is the best. It takes a stronger and bigger heart to hold it, at all events."

MICROPHONE.

We appear to be only at the beginning of discoveries in the line of the telephone and the phonograph. An entirely new field of science has been opened; the limits cannot even be guessed. An instrument has been devised that bears a relation to our capacity for hearing, similar to that which the microscope or the telescope does for vision. The new device magnifies sound. It is appropriately called the microphone. By its means sounds so faint that they have never before been heard by human ears, may be made of any degree of loudness. A feather's edge brushed over the sounding board of this instrument, has been made to crash upon the ears of the listener. The touch of the tip of a camel's hair brush was the occasion of "a crackling noise, of which the intensity was almost painful to the ear." The faintest whisper of the human voice can be reproduced in the loudest tones. "The maiden's sigh may roar like the cataract of Niagara."

Professor D. H. Hughes has given a full account of the microphone to the Royal Society of London, and described the steps by which he was led to the invention. He is most widely known in England as the inventor of a type printing telegraph instrument which is in general use in that country. Although he is an electrician, the apparatus which he has employed for his new experiments is of the simplest character, and the most trifling cost. With it he has made the footsteps of a house fly distinctly audible; and all these sounds after being intensified, are transmitted to any needful distance by the ordinary telephone. At a recent exhibition of these experiments to few scientific friends in London, all the astonishing effects that have been referred to were easily produced, except the fly performance. With great difficulty the philosopher found a fly in the house. With yet greater difficulty they caught the insect. But the final trouble was insurmountable; the captured fly would stay on the glass tumbler that imprisoned him; nothing could induce him to walk on the sounding board which the tumbler covered. But a witness to the scene, describing it in *Nature*, found consolation in watching Professor Huxley talking with great solemnity to a glass tube two inches long, his grave tones being loudly enunciated to a listener with a telephone in a distant apartment.

This disposes at once of the fear that the telephone was nearing the end of its usefulness as an instrument for conveying speech. It is only at the begining. With such means there will be no obstacle to report a public speaker or singer; no difficulty, in fact, in hearing whispers inaudible to unassisted ears. All that has ever been imagined as among the possibilities of the phonograph or telephone seems now certainly to be outdene. Since the falling of a pin can now be heard at a distance of a hundred miles, little will be needed to realize Hood's metaphor, that Silence herself may be making a row.

HIS SWIM ACROSS THE STRAITS.—Capt. Boynton has written to a French paper a most amusing account of his swim across the Straits of Gibralter. He says that the feat was far more difficult than swimming across the Straits of Dover, for the currents carried him so far that he traversed fifty miles in doing the journey. He adds: "I saw several sharks, but none of them made a meal of me, and I owe them my best acknowledgments. I suffered much from the sun and the salt water which came into my eyes, and I was almost blind when I landed. As I was not expected at Tangiers, I blew my horn as I approached the town. Some Moorish guards came down to know what the noise was about, and saeing me emerge from the sea, they ran back to arouse the town, declaring that the devil had just come ashore. I left them the same day by steamer."

PHOTOGRAPHING A HORSE WHILE TROTTING.—Apparatus costing $2,000 has been successfully used in San Francisco to photograph a horse while trotting. A row of cameras was uncovered and covered by electricity, thus photographing the famous horse at successive points of his stride while going at a 2.25 gait. These pictures show that his feet were all off the ground together twice during the stride, notwithstanding the general belief of turfmen that a trotting horse always has one foot down while in action. They also upset accepted theories as to the shape of the fore leg when the foot touches the ground, for Occident is shown with the leg projecting at a considerable angle before him, as straight as an iron bar, with the heel in contact with the surface, and the toe not yet brought down.

A SCHOOL BOY was asked by his teacher to give an example of earnestness. He looked bothered for a moment, but his face brightened like the dew-drops glistening on the leaves of the rose in early morning as he delivered himself of the following happy thought: "When you see a boy engaged on a mince-pie till his nose touches the middle plum and his ears drop on the outer crusts, you may know he has got it."

I WOULDN'T give ten cents a yard for all the pedigree in the world; if a man has got a level head on his shoulders and an honest heart in his body, he has got all the pedigree I am in search of.

The Wonderful Marksman.

WHAT THE FAMOUS DR. CARVER DID AT DEERFOOT PARK.

After the hip shooting the doctor seemed attacked by a rifle fever. He blazed away at anything. Two pocket match boxes were spun into the air and knocked into smithereens. A gentleman threw up a blue lead pencil, and it fell to the ground in two pieces. A black pencil met the same fate. A lusty bumble-bee hummed over the sward, and the doctor greeted it with a bullet that outhummed the insect, for the bee flew off at a tangent and took the ground in a bee line. The doctor had shot away its wing. One of the most surprising shots was at a rifle cartridge. It was struck the first time at twenty-five feet, and the shell knocked off. Carver drove the bullet through the air with a second shot. A silver three-cent piece was wiped out on the next trial. An enthusiastic genius wobbled his pocketbook skyward, and it came down with a hole in it. There was a general laugh when it was discovered that the man had forgotten to take the money out of it.

Colonel Fletcher then threw up a fence picket end-wise. A bullet pierced its centre. Again it was launched into the atmosphere. A second bullet went thro' the hole made by the first. The picket was kept in the air, and in seven shots the doctor cut it in two pieces. A negro with a buck saw could not have done it better.

Then Texas Jack held up a shingle, and seven bullets were sent through it so close together that they made a hole large enough for a rat to jump through. Hill then held up an exploded cartridge and the doctor shot it from between his thumb and fore finger. Hill had never seen the doctor until yesterday, but after witnessihg his shooting said that he would not hesitate to "hold up a fly by the hind legs and let him rip away at it."—*New York Sun.*

CAYENNE PEPPER.—Fowls seem to need some stimulating food, or rather an occasional seasoning to their different feeds of grain in its varied forms. Some breeders resort to prepared foods, or some the condimental poultry foods which are now so prominently before the public. Some of these are undoubtedly most excellent, and a breeder may be benefitted by using them knowingly. There are some of the preparations, however, which are to be tried with caution, for they are prepared by those who do not know anything about compounding preparations of any kind. Other things being equal, the simplest thing that can be used is often found to be the best. In this connection Cayenne pepper is largely used, especially for young chicks, and for young turkeys too, but it must not be fed in two large quantities. Better feed it sparingly and often, than at long intervals and in large quantities It should always be fed with soft or mixed food, and especially with corn meal. Mix the pepper well with the meal before moistening it, so as to insure it being well mixed through. Poultry breeders—those who raise turkeys especially—know the value of Cayenne pepper, and use it accordingly. Full-grown fowls, too, are very fond of it, and it serves to keep them healthy, sharpens their appetites, and helps to induce them to lay well and early.—*American Country Journal and Record.*

LICE EXTERMINATOR.—Years ago I discovered that aloes, in fine powder, is a specific for the destruction of lice on small animals, and as it has no poisonous properties, its intense bitterness being what kills, it can be freely applied, and as it is to be used in a dry state, its application is as as safe in cold as in warm weather, consequently is free from all objections urged against other remedies. My regard for the comfort of animals and the interests of their owners induce me to publish this for the benefit of all concerned, and as this is the season when these parasites are usually most numerous and anneying, an opportunity is afforded for testing its unparalleled merits. Directions: Fill a large common pepper box with the powder and sprinkle freely into the hair, on the neck, back, sides, and rump of animal's infested, and rub it thoroughly through the hair and on the skin with the ends of the fingers; leave it undisturbed for a week. Then card or curry thoroughly and apply as before, and so continue at intervals of a week, until there is not a living parasite.

ONE OF THE GREAT MYSTERIES.—Purchaser (looking over a collection of hats and bonnets with great deliberation and indecision) "You see I hardly know what to select. I don't want a hat for myself; I want it for a woman with a beard."

"A woman with a beard!" echoed the stylish saleswoman in surprise. Then after a moment's reflection, she put the usual query: "Is she married?"

"Yes, indeed," said the purchaser.

"Well! well?" said the astonished saleswoman; "this is an incomprehensible world. A woman with a beard is married, and I (casting as admiring look on her figure reflecting in the glass) am left here to sell hats."—*Indianapolis Herald.*

NOT A BAD PLACE TO STOP AT.—"I shall get one of my numerous pictures and hang it outside my house, in order to let you know when I am at home," said Mrs. Beauty the other day to a young and fervid admirer; "and then you funny people will call at the Beauty Arms, I suppose." "I hope they will always be open for me," he replied.—*London World.*

A MAN may face death with composure and adversity with smiles, but the chances are that he will hop and swear when he discovers that a twenty-cent silver piece has been palmed off on him for a quarter.

A NEWARK chap dreamed for twenty consecutive nights that he was out carriage riding, and couldn't imagine any reason for the fact until he discover that his bed was a little buggy.

IF *Harper's* "Drawer" may be believed, a little girl wrote to her absent papa that Ponto (the puppy) was "growing bigger and bigger every day and sometimes twice a day!"

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