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PUBLIC SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an order of the Orphans' Court for Kent county, the undersigned as adm'r of Benjamin Frisby White, colored, will offer at public sale at the late residence of said deceased, near the road gate of Mr. Jas. Harper Gale, on

SATURDAY, Sept. 21, 1878,

At 2, P. M., the following Property:

3 GOOD HORSES,

1 SOW and 6 SHOATS,

2 BUGGIES,

1 WAGON, one-half interest in 1 Horse Cart, 2 Plows, 1 Harrow, Plow Gears, one Scythe and Cradle, 1 double-barrel Gun, 1 Carbine, 1 Cupboard, 6 bush. Corn.

Also, a lot of HOUSEHOLD GOODS.

TERMS:—All purchases under $10 cash; all over that amount a credit of 9 months on note with approved security.
GEO. W. WALBERT,
Sept. 14—ts. Adm'r.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned, executrix of the Will of the late THOS. W. HYNSON, at his late residence near Worton Station on the Kent County Railroad, will sell at public sale, on

WEDNESDAY, September 25th, 1878

the STOCK AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS, the Household and Kitchen Furniture of her said testator.

The STOCK includes

6 HEAD OF HORSES

4 HEAD OF CATTLE.

2 Fresh COWS, one has a Calf by her side;

1 Superior Brood Sow, 5 Pigs, AND SEVEN EXTRA HOGS.

CARRIAGE AND HARNESS, HORSE CART, 1 Superior WAGON with iron axletrees, and a good collection of PLOWS, HARROWS, &c., and large quantity of

Household and Kitchen FURNITURE,

an enumeration of which is not deemed necessary.

The sale will be opened at 10 o'clock, A. M., when the terms will be published.
MARY S. HYNSON,
sep14-ts. Exec'x.

SALE OF MORTGAGED PERSONAL PROPERTY.

THE undersigned, through her Attorney, R. HYNSON, will on

THURSDAY, the 26th day of Sept., inst.

at the Market House in Chestertown, offer at public sale the following Personal Property, to wit:

4 Head of HORSES

4 MILCH COWS

And TWO HEIFERS.

EIGHT HEAD OF SHEEP and their increase.

13 HOGS, and their increase.

1 Carriage and Harness, and a lot of Farming Implements,

It being the same property which Thos. B. Trew conveyed to the undersigned by deed of January 15, 1876, and duly recorded among the chattel records of Kent in Liber D. C. B., No. 1, folio 6.

The sale will commence at 11 o'cl'k, a. m., when the terms will be made known.
ELIZABETH T. BROWN,
per R. HYNSON, her Attorney.
Sept. 14—ts.

READ THIS!—You can have *Fresh Fruits and Vegetables the whole year round* by using the GRANGER FRUIT AND VEG. EVAPORATOR. It can be used on Kitchen stove; no extra expense for fuel. Dries fruit in two hours. Pays for itself in two days. Retail price $3.50 to $10. Agents wanted in every town. Trade supplied at liberal disc't. Circulars free. "The Eastern Manufacturing Co."
s7-3t* 706 Pine St., Philadelphia.

LAST NOTICE.
All persons who are in arrears for their Corporation Taxes must settle for the same *on or before the 30th day of SEPTEMBER*, otherwise the taxes will be collected according to law.
A word to the wise is sufficient.
T. W. DUGAN.
Aug. 31—4t. *Collector.*

FOR SALE,
A CHOICE OF TWO Thoroughbred Alderney BULLS; one 3 years old, the other 1 year old last spring. Both are very handsome and quiet disposition. As I do not want but one, the purchaser can have his choice of the two.
JOHN N. DODD,
aug17-tf. *Chestertown, Md.*

NOTICE!
We have purchased our stock of *FALL & WINTER BOOTS*, at lowest cash prices, and are prepared to offer inducements to buyers. We guarantee every pair of our best Boots. Call and see them at
aug24. J. B. SAPPINGTON'S.

HORSE-SHOEING $1.00!
We are now Shoeing Horses for $1, and do all other work in first-class manner at prices as low, and in some cases lower than before the war.
aug10. CHAPMAN & LAMBERT.

A LARGE LOT OF BOOTS, *For Fall and Winter wear*, just received and for sale at low prices, and every pair warranted. Also, GAS TAR in tin cases, for sale by
Aug. 17. JAMES A. SHAW.

FOR SALE
or exchange for Horses, 3 GOOD WAGONS and 1 DEARBORN, made in the best manner of well seasoned lumber. Apply to
sep7-3t. HENRY DEFORD.

SHIRTS! SHIRTS!—Men's Undershirts from 25c. to $1. Unlaundered Muslin Shirts at 60c. Good laundered Shirts, linen bosom $1. Good Cheviot Shirts 75c. and $1.00 Ladies and children's Vests at low prices. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

PRIME Rio Green Coffee at 20 cts. per pound. Good Coffee at 18 cts per lb. Nice G. P. Tea, 65 cents a pound. Good Black Teas at 50 cts. a pound
at SAPPINGTON'S.

MILK! MILK!
PURE—FRESH—RICH—
On draught, ice cold, at 3c. per glass. Families supplied at 4c. pint, 7c. quart.
s7. J. A. SHAW, Court St.

FERTILIZERS
For the Fall of 1878.

EXCELSIOR AMMO. SUPER PHOSPHATE.

HORNER'S CONCENTRA'D AMMO. SUPER PHOSPHATE.

WM. WHITELOCK & CO.'S VEGETATOR.

Geo. Ober & Son's ACID PHOSPHATE.

PURE Dissolved ANIMAL BONES.

60-0 PERUVIAN GUANO.

DRIED BLOOD.

For sale by
aug10. *T. W. ELIASON, JR.*

FERTILIZERS.
We are selling
Turner's Ammo. Bone Super Phosphate
Josiah Cope & Co. " " " "
Walton, Whann & Co. Acid Phosphate, and other Fertilizers, which we believe to be unadulterated.
We offer our goods at fair prices and on crop time. Were it necessary we could furnish an abundance of testimonials in their favor. TURNER BROS.
aug31—tf.

BEAN & FOARD,
MASSEYS,
AND
S. B. FOARD,
CHESTERTOWN,

SOLE AGENTS FOR
Woodside & Grffith's
STANDARD
PHOSPHATES

THEIR CELEBRATED
BALTIMORE BONE AND SOUTH CAROLINA PHOSPHATE

on hand and for sale at greatly reduced prices.

We publish no testimonials.

Every Farmer knows the merit of these Phosphates, and should not fail to give us a call before purchasing.

We are also SOLE AGENTS for the *CELEBRATED*
"FARMERS' FRIEND"
Grain and Phosphate
DRILL,
with EIGHT, NINE and TEN HOES.

Send for circulars.

Highest market price paid for
GRAIN
at all times, delivered on R. R. or water.
BEAN & FOARD,
MASSEYS,
and S. B. FOARD,
aug17-2m. CHESTERTOWN.

Zell's Phosphates

I BEG leave to call the attention of the Farmers of Kent county to

Messrs. P. ZELL & SONS'
PHOSPHATES.

They are well and favorably known, and in every instance have stood the test with other Fertilizers.

In the last few years I have sold in Q. Anne's county upwards of 3,000 Tons of Zell's Fertilizer. Realizing the fact a few years ago that the Farmer must have a Phosphate for less money, they concluded to introduce the ECONOMIZER, which has had a large run since its introduction. The price delivered is as follows:

Zell's Ammoniated	$45 time,	$43 cash.
" Economizer	$36 "	$34 "
" Dissolved Bone	$30 "	$28 "

I should like for the Farmers of Kent to try even a small quantity of these fertilizers and compare them with others.

One party who used the Economizer last year in our county, got 32 bushels per acre. Orders by mail promptly attended to. P. H. FEDDEMAN, Jr.,
CENTREVILLE, MD.,
Agent for Kent County, excepting 2nd and 3rd Districts.
JOHN CAREY, Esq., traveling Salesman.
aug31-m.

J. E. TYGERT & CO.
Manufacturers of
Star Bone Phosphate
AND
Pure Ground Bone.
Also dealers in Fertilizing material of all kind.
TRADE MARK
OFFICES: 42 South Delaware Av., Philadelphia. Smyrna, Del.
mar9-7m.

CALL! CALL!
You can purchase at
T. W. Wickes' Pharmacy
PAINTS!
OILS AND VARNISHES
VERY LOW.
June 1—tf. T. W. WICKES.

Dissolution of Copartnership

BALTIMORE, March 19, 1878.
The Copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name of J. J. TURNER & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. Either will sign in liquidation.
J. J. TURNER,
J. Q. A. HOLLOWAY.

The undersigned, engaged since 1858, in the manufacture of Fertilizers, as a member of the firm of J. J. & F. Turner, by whom the formulas and processes of manufacture of

"Excelsior,"
AND
"Ammoniated Phosphate"

Were *originated*, and since 1864 a member of the late firm of J. J. Turner & Co., relying upon his experience and personal reputation, hitherto acquired in the uniform excellence of these fertilizers, offers them IN HIS OWN NAME to the agricultural public.

Having secured the *works of the old firm* 111 McElderry's Wharf, with the complete machinery, *specially constructed for their uniform manipulation*, he will continue the manufacture of

Excelsior and Ammoniated Phosphate

on his own account, with his office adjoining the works, where he will be pleased to see his friends and patrons, assuring them that the FERTILIZERS manufactured BY HIM shall be of the *same uniform and high standard quality* as sold by the *old firms* since their introduction.

JOHN Q. A. HOLLOWAY,
107 McElderry's Wharf.

TO WHEAT GROWERS.
Reduction in Price of

The most concentrated, universal and durable FERTILIZER ever offered to the Farmer—combining all the stimulating qualities of Peruvian Guano and the ever durable fertilizing properties of Bones, in fine dry powder prepared expressly for drilling, and can be applied in any quantity, however small, per acre.

An application of 100 pounds of "EXCELSIOR" is equal to 200 pounds of any other fertilizer or guano, and therefore fully 100 per cent. cheaper.

Uniformity of Quality Guaranteed.

Every bag of Genuine Excelsior is branded as above, *the Analysis* and *my name* in Red Letters.

Price $46 per Ton.

J. Q. A. HOLLOWAY,
Originator and Manufacturer,
s7-2m. 107 McElderry's Wharf.

To Farmers.
WHEAT SEEDING

OFFICE OF R. C. DAVIDGE,
Manufacturer of Fertilizers,
36 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore.

Dear Sir:—Our agent is about to call upon you. He will offer our different grades of Fertilizers, at prices fixed with a view to ruling rates for produce.

Whilst we offer for Wheat Seeding, two articles at a material difference in cost, we would state that the more costly differs from the other almost entirely in its stimulating constituent—Ammonia. In other and more lasting properties, such as Available Phosphoric Acid, it is substantially the same.

Yours, truly, R. C. DAVIDGE.

Raw and Dissolved Bones. Dissolved South Carolina Bone Phosphate. Peruvian Guano, and all Fertilizing ingred'ts for home manufacture. aug31-tf.

FALL SEEDING
For 1878!

I AM now offering to the Farmers of Kent and Queen Anne's counties the following STANDARD FERTILIZERS:

ANDREW COE'S
Ammonia'd Bone Phosphate

BRADLEY'S
Super Phosphate of Lime,

Turner's New Method Phosphate;

all of which have been tested and proven to be of SUPERIOR QUALITY.

Also, agent for the
"SUPERIOR"
GRAIN DRILL,
one of which can be seen at my office, next door to J. A. Pearce, Esq.
CHAS. ROLPH,
aug24tf. AGENT.

FARMERS!
Send us your Grain and Phosphate Drills early,
AND HAVE THEM REPAIRED.

We repair all kinds of Drills, and we are also agents for the celebrated
HOOSIER Grain and Phosphate Drill
and also for the
ANDREW COE & CO.'S
Original Ammoniated Bone Phosphate.
SHAFER & MEDDERS,
aug24-tf. *Kennedyville, Md.*

Soluble Sea Island Guano,
RICH IN
AMMONIA, SOLUBLE PHOSPHORIC ACID, POTASH, MAGNESIA, SODA, &c.

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

It is the Greatest Wheat Producer Known!

PRICE AS LOW and TERMS AS EASY as any other High Grade Fertilizer

MANUFACTURED BY
R. W. L. RASIN & CO., Baltimore, Md.

FOR SALE BY THOMAS DeC. RUTH, JR.,
jy13-12t. (*Office near the Wharf,*) *CHESTERTOWN, MD.*

No. 1 AMMONIATED
Super-Phosphate of Lime
AND POTASH,
Manufactured for T. W. ELIASON, JR.,

Containing Dissolved ANIMAL BONE, ACID PHOSPHATE and SALTS OF POTASH AND SODA.

Prepared under the supervision of one of the best Fertilizer manufacturers in the State, and guaranteed not to contain a single pound of adulterating material to the ton, containing no sand or earth to cheapen it, but on the contrary every article used in its manufacture is a fertilizer in itself.

I CLAIM FOR THE ABOVE GOODS:

1st. That it is Well made, being manufactured by the latest improved machinery and methods; it is thoroughly mixed and all the ingredients are well incorporated with each other.

2d. That it contains a much larger per centage of Bone Phosphate than any other compound on the market at the same price.

3d. That a much larger proportion of this Bone Phosphate is available for the use of the growing crop.

4th. That it contains a larger percentage of Ammonia.

In offering the above goods under my own brand to the Farmers of Kent county, I do it with the belief that I am putting upon the market a much more valuable goods for the price asked for it than any heretofore sold in this county.

$33 per Ton, and interest on crop term.

Give it a fair trial and you will be satisfied.
aug3-9t. T. W. ELIASON, JR.

FACTS not OPINIONS!

THE SNOWDEN
Ammoniated Soluble Bone Phosphate
Is a COMPLETE MANURE for
Wheat, Grass and other crops.

None but the highest grade materials used in its Manufacture.

It contains all the essential elements necessary to produce a crop, such as Soluble Bone Phosphate, Ammonia, Potash, Soda, Chlorine and Iron, and all of those are to be found in my manure in their proper proportions.

I therefore offer this thoroughly tried fertilizer to the agricultural community with the fullest confidence in its capability of giving the farmer entire satisfaction. A single trial will demonstrate the truth of what I claim, and it is to the interest of the farmer to buy the manure that will give him the best profit.

For reference I refer to a few of the farmers that used it last season:

Wm. Overend,	Wm. Shinn,
Thos. P. Dixon,	Edward Plummer,
Thos. N. Frazier,	John W. Startt,
Wm. C. Crow,	Sam'l G. Fisher,
J. E. Newcomb,	Sam'l Shuster.

JOHN BELL.
aug17—6t* *Sole Agent for Kent co.*

The Willoughby
RUBBER-SPRING GUANO ATTACHMENT
GRAIN DRILL.

This superior Drill, with all the latest improvements, is offered to the Farmers of Kent and Cecil counties at
Prices to suit the times

This Drill was awarded the FIRST PREMIUM over four other kinds, at the Kent Co. Agricultural Fair last season.

With permission I refer to a few of the Farmers that have used them:

Henry Bramble,	Jackson Wickes,
John A. Miller,	Wm. S. Walker,
John Vandyke,	E. S. Clothier,
Wm. Morris,	W. D. Pennington,
Thos. A. Hudson,	Frank D. Lamb,

Send for price list and circulars and order early.
JOHN BELL, Agent,
ag17-6t* Chestertown.

NOTICE.
The Empire Grain & Phosphate Drill,
Will be on exhibition at the Agricultural Fair under the management of Joel Pusey, Esq., Gen. Agent. Farmers should not buy until you see the Empire, as it is the most complete Drill ever offered for sale. Sample Drill can be seen at the office of WM. HEPBRON, Agent,
sep7-3t. LYNCH'S.

Best Machine Oil,
CIDER VINEGAR, Oat Meal, LIME, W. W. BRUSHES.
For sale at MING'S.
May 18, 1878—tf.

FARMERS
And Gardeners
GO FOR THE BUGS!
Potomac Paris Green 25c. lb.
T. W. WICKES'
jel. Pharmacy.

SALT FISH by the bbl. and half bbl., at city prices at PARKS BROS'.

PRICE REDUCED!
And Greater Reduction to Cash Buyers of
LISTER'S
STANDARD PHOSPHATE,
Is offered by the undersigned to those who may favor him with their orders for Phosphate for this Fall's
WHEAT SEEDING

For the character of LISTER'S PHOSPHATE would refer to the following named gentlemen who use it extensively:

R. Hynson,	*P. Hendrickson,*
G. W. T. Perkins,	*J. S. Newnam,*
John Brice,	*J. R. Jones,*
Jos. E. Gilpin,	*J. P. Hendrickson,*
W. H. Coleman,	*Sam'l Cooper,*
Tilden Brice,	*H. E. Cooper,*
V. Hendrickson,	*W. W. Cosden,*
Sam'l Burgess,	*Sam'l Taylor.*

Send in your orders early for the
"Farmers' Favorite,"
The BICKFORD & HUFFMAN DRILL
Recollect we could not supply the demand last fall because we did not get your orders in time to do so.
Don't fail to get a
RANDALL HARROW,
to put your fallow ground in order with. For what they will do ask

V. Hendrickson,	Jas. Shuster,
J. A. Groves,	J. W. Fowler,
E. M. Wilkins,	Samuel Todd,

and many others.
FOR SALE BY
JOHN W. HINES,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
Aug. 8—8t.

FERTILIZERS
FOR THE
Fall Season of 1878.
THE
Maryland Fertilizing Co.
IN
Five Different Grades,
At Prices to suit the times.

We can confidently recommend this well known Standard article to the attention of Farmers from numerous testimonials from some of the best Farmers of Maryland, as well as from personal knowledge of its beneficial results. All wea sk is a trial and you will not regret it.

T. W. WICKES and S. H. BLACKISTON, agents, Chestertown; offices at Wickes' Drug Store and Clerk's office.
Aug. 10, 1878—tf.

HOLMAN'S
AGUE, and LIVER PAD,
a never failing cure for Fever and Ague, Dumb Ague, Remittent and Intermittent Fever, Indigestion, Sick Headache and liver cough; often used for Consumption.
For sale at THOS. W. WICKES'
June 1—tf. Pharmacy.

LOCAL OPTION.

Messrs. Editors:—Soon the voters of Kent will be called upon to vote upon local option. It is a great moral and financial question, upon which people may honestly differ in opinion. It is a question which should be entirely severed from politics. A man may be a Democrat, or a Republican, or "greenbacker," and vote one way or the other without surrendering or modifying his political opinions. A question like this is too moral and sublime to be mixed with politics. It is believed by some that liquor selling is injurious, demoralizing and expensive, bringing so much trouble and misery into the world as to call for a prohibitory law. Others think differently. As retailing has been indulged so long, would it not be generous and fair to try prohibition? If it should not prove beneficial and subservient to the cause of good morals, domestic comfort and happiness, and beneficial in many respects, legislation, after two years' trial, can restore the present order and practice. As there are two sides to this great question, it would seem to be right or reasonable to try both sides. Let both be tested by a fair experiment, and let the people judge and decide the question. I send you as part of this communication a publication showing the origin of temperance societies and a prohibitory law.

A CITIZEN.

THE FIRST TEMPERANCE SOCIETY.

It was founded by Jonadab, son of *Rechab, the rider*. Brave, far-seeing chieftain that he was, he noted carefully the growing intemperance, and consequent immorality and idolatry of the Israelites, and fearing the demoralizing effect on his small tribe, pledged them solemnly to certain rules and usages of life, to which they had, in the time of the prophet Jeremiah, adhered for centuries. The study of the Old Testament Scriptures brings out in bold relief the fact that intemperance and gross drunkenness is not peculiar to modern times. During the reigns of the profligate kings of Israel and Judah, there existed no enemy to good morals and true religion so dire and deadly as the drinking usages of society. The voices of the old prophets were often lifted up against it in warning and imprecation. "Woe to the drunkards of Ephraim, * * that are overcome with wine. The priest and the prophet have erred through strong drink; they err in vision, they stumble in judgment."

Says Dean Stanley, speaking of the time just preceding the fall of Samaria, "One of the most widely-spread vices was drunkenness in its most revolting forms. The gross intoxication of the Israelite priests and nobles almost resembles that which unhappily prevailed amongst the English aristocracy and clergy in the last century."

Jonadab, chief of his tribe, was quick to see the ruin which menaced his people, and adopted prompt and stringent preventive measures. He instituted the first temperance society of which we have definite record, albeit there were Nazarite abstainers, few and far between in the olden time. The society included old and young—men, women and children. It had a grand beginning, endured for ages, and it is thought to be still vigorous and thriving. It has fairly proved its right to live. It has received a distinct and emphatic divine approval by the mouth of His prophet. In fact, we may fairly infer from the sacred narrative that temperance organizations were needed as early as the days of Noah and Lot.

THE PLEDGE.

The prohibitions were at once a command and a pledge, for in those times the command of the patriarchal chief was law to his descendants. The pledge was summarized in these words: "Ye shall drink no wine, neither you nor your sons forever. Neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any." Jonadab was a radical. He sought at once for the bottom facts. He not only prohibited the use and manufacture of wine, but he would not permit the raising of the raw material. They were neither to plant vineyards nor own them, in whole or in part. Jonadab would doubtless have forbidden to own stock in Sunday newspapers or liquor selling establishments, however genteel or respectable. Moreover, he bound his people to the most simple, abstemious and nomadic habits, and they had religiously adhered to these rigid rules for three hundred years when driven into Jerusalem by the Syrian hosts. All this involved no small amount of sturdy self-denial.—*Presbyterian.*

Judging by the Collar.

An ecclesiastical tramp, seeking free entertainment, called upon Rev. F. T. Little, at Cumberland, and represented himself as a local preacher in the Methodist Protestant Church, and a member of North Carolina Avenue Mission, Washington, D. C. Bro. Little said: "Will you let me see your license to preach?" He replied: "O yes, cheerfully, but I have left it in my valise at the hotel." Bro. Little replied: "Well, let us walk down to the hotel where you can get your baggage, and I'll look at it there." So they started, but on their way the man said he had told the clerk that he would not return for his baggage until the next day, and it was locked up in the baggage room—he did not think he could get it at all. This statement was not sufficiently bulky and condensed in its warp or woof, so Bro. Little turned and said to him in his pleasant but expressive way: "Look here, my friend, you can't fool me; you are not a Methodist Protestant preacher, for no Methodist Protestant preacher in America ever wore as dirty a collar as you have on now." The tramp silently vanished.

Moral: Put on a clean collar.

THE TEXT.—A poor man and his wife lived in the North of Ireland on a bit of a farm, so small that it did not afford them a living, and they went behind on the rent. They felt very uneasy and despondent about the debt. One Sabbath morning the wife declared her intention of going to meeting. Perhaps the minister would have a word of comfort for her. But she came home more cast down than ever.

"What's the matter? Had the minister no good word for ye the day?" asked her husband.

"Ah, no," replied she. "He held me up to shame before the whole congregation. What do ye think he took for his text, man? Why, this: 'If ye don't pay the rent, ye shall all leave the parish.'"

"There's no such text in the Bible," said the husband.

"'Deed then, there is! I saw him read it out of the book with my own two eyes."

The husband was incredulous, and took the first opportunity to ask one of his neighbors, who had been at the service, about the matter.

"Will ye tell me what the minister took for his text Sabbath morn?" said he.

"The text? I mind it well!" said the neighbor. 'Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.'"

THIS is the way in which a cotemporary goes for "My Grandfather's Clock":

"My Grandfather's Clock," it was all very well,
When the song was first coming about,
But 'twas whistled and sung, till its numbers now swell
Upon ears that are all tired out.
It is whistled and hummed out of time, out of tune,
With an infinite feeling of pride,
Till we all of us wish that the song had stopped short
When the old man died."

A LITTLE boy from New York went into the country visiting. He had a bowl of bread and milk. He tasted it and then hesitated a moment, when his mother asked him if he did not like it, to which he replied, smacking his lips, "Yes, ma. I was wishing our milkman would keep a cow."—*New Haven Reg.*

The "Temperance" Question from a Religious Standpoint.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE KENT NEWS:

Gentlemen:—As there is to be a vote upon a very important matter by the people of Kent county during the coming month of November, as conductors of a public journal claiming to be identified with the moral as well as the material well-being of this community, you will of course agree with me that it becomes every right-minded citizen to give this whole subject a candid and thoughtful consideration, and not be led away, as many most excellent people may be, by the visionary anticipations of half crazy enthusiasts, or seduced from their allegiance to their glorious religion and grand old party by the plausible palaver of tricky politicians; men who are making this "intemperate howl about temperance" a means of feeding the mean ambition of making *themselves* political masters of our County and State. With this latter class neither you or I need waste many words. It would be like talking to a North West wind. But with that other and most meritorious class alluded to above, it seems to me not only just, but most becoming, that there should be a frank and full interchange of sentiment and opinion upon this as well as upon all other questions bearing upon the moral advancement of society. I should not weary your patience and intrude upon your space by entering upon any lengthy discussion of this matter, even were I fitted for the task, and will content myself with asking for an insertion in your columns of the accompanying article, taken from a late issue of the New York "Churchman," the leading organ as you must be aware, of the "Protestant Episcopal Church" in the United States. I think its calm and careful perusal must convince all men meaning to vote conscientiously, that at least this whole subject may be viewed from many standpoints other than the single one from which they have accustomed themselves to contemplate it, and men may have ideas about it other than those which they may choose to adopt, without the risk of being classed either among reprobates or as people careless of the welfare of their fellow-creatures. CHESTER.

[ARTICLE.]

The "Murphy movement," as it is called, is a sort of temperance revival that has been carried on in some of our cities within a year, to the great delight of many who find life tame without a legitimate stimulant. Pittsburgh is one of the places that was visited among the first, and it seemed as if drunkenness was never to be heard of again there, if the statements of some were to be believed. The citadel was taken by storm. Clergymen were appealed to and urged to join in the "great work," and some responded readily, while others doubted the expediency of much that was done. Among the conservatives were some who gave up their scruples, and, not without misgivings, lent their influence to the measures of the leaders. Saloons were closed, and "To let" was placarded on many that found their customers among the total abstinence recruits. Thousands signed the pledge, and it seemed as if a new day had dawned.

A year has passed, and the signs "To let" are down. The saloons are doing a better business than ever, and many good people find themselves rather ashamed of somethings that they have been led to do. A clergyman, whom we presume to be a Presbyterian, writes to those whom he thinks in danger of being struck by the "wave": "You will find yourselves in the midst of a rustling, surging, excited mass, who will carry you on or trample you underfoot. You will find the Church put out of sight and temperance everywhere preached. Consecration vows are lightly estimated, and the 'Murphy pledge' clothed with saving power. You will find yourselves driven out of your own pulpits and others placed there 'to make speeches,' men whose sober existence can be measured in hours, whose garments smell of the gutter and the bar-room. You will see men take a most solemn obligation under the excitement of shouting, singing, and clapping of hands. You will hear the name of the God you love and reverence used with the common carelessness of street slang. You will see many things that will make your heart bleed and your bodies tremble with apprehension for those over whom the Holy Spirit has made you overseer. Excitement, flippancy, desecration, irreverence, daring—look for these things. What will you do? Pray the Master to keep away the wave. But if it come? Pray the Master that the days be shortened, keep out innovation as much as you can, and be patient. Remember that the Church is a temperance society good enough for anybody, vows of membership better than the pledge, its Head better than Francis Murphy."

We should not express ourselves in exactly these words, but we think that they speak the truth about the movement to which they refer. Any measures of reform outside of the Church are dangerous, and much more are those which exalt themselves above the Church. There is too much of this spirit abroad.

But reforms are needed; and just because they are dangerous if carried on without the Church's help, she should be careful and diligent to push them on in her own way and under her own authority.

THE NEW HORSE-SHOE.—The English agricultural and other press are in raptures over the Yates horse-shoe constructed of cow hide. It is composed of three thicknesses of cow hide, compressed into a steel mold, and then subjected to a chemical preparation. It is claimed for it that it lasts longer and weighs only one-fourth as much as the common iron shoe; that it will never cause the foot to split, nor have the least injurious influence in the foot. It requires no calks; even on asphalt the horse never slips. The shoe is so elastic that the horse's step is light and surer. It adheres so closely to the foot that neither dust or water can penetrate between the shoe and hoof. If all that is claimed for it be true, the new hide shoe will be a great improvement upon the old. The idea, however, is by no means a new one. At the time of the Roman and Carthagenean wars it was a frequent practice among cavalry officers to bind the feet of their horses with raw cow hide to protect them from injury during an engagement. The inventor of the new shoe, Mr. Yates, of Manchester, England, is nevertheless entitled to every consideration for utilizing, in practical form, raw hide as a substitute for heavy iron shoes.—*Turf, Field and Farm.*

KEARNEY is said to have brought only two speeches with him from California. He has already delivered one of them since his arrival East—delivered it more than a dozen times. He has probably returned the other to its author, with instructions to insert a few more swear words in each line.—*Nor. Herald.*

LITTLE MARY, a neighbor's child, ran against the open door the other day, and was slightly hurt. To her mother's anxious inquiries concerning her injuries, she answered, "It's nothing, mamma, 'Mary had a little lamb,' that's all.

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IF men of brains were always men of honor, this world would be comparatively safe.

The Tobacco Question.

Rev. D. L. Greenfield in the Methodist Protestant introduces the following article thusly:

This extract is printed on the individual responsibility of the signer. It is opposed to the principles and practice of the editor of this journal. A chew of Cavendish or half a fragrant Havana would lay him out stiff. Whereas, the writer confesses to a use of the weed that is simply ridiculous. Our actions shape our creeds! We print this because it is sharp and funny, gives the other side a chance, and will make many a pious old smoker feel good all over.

[*From the Lutheran Visitor.*]

"Dr. Arnot on Smoking" got into the *Visitor* week before last without our knowledge or consent and by accident. We disapprove of the spirit and matter of the article. It is not true; and much of it and much else that is written on the subject is mere twaddle.

The tobacco question is one that the Bible places among the "things indifferent." Men may or may not use it. It is not "unclean of itself;" it is among the "good creatures of God" that should be received with "thanksgiving," just as all other things. We may use it and give God thanks, and another may not use it and give God thanks. It is no sin *per se*, but can be used sinfully as everything else can. It is a *poison;* and so are arsenic, and quinine, and opium, and calomel, and pork, and coffee. It is a *needless expense;* and so are cravats, and batter cakes, and ice-cream, and jellies, and watches and finger rings, and $100,000 churches, and a thousand other things that good Christians enjoy. An intemperate use of it is *injurious to health.* So are late hours, and fine dinners, and unsuitable clothing, ill-ventilated churches, and undue exposure, and many other things indulged in by the pure and holy.

We do not attempt to defend the use of tobacco, nor will we defend the eating of beefsteak. They are both common habits, not commanded or forbidden in the new Testament; the excessive use of either is sin, and is condemned in God's word.

The moderate use of tobacco no more "hinders witnessing for Christ, and drains the life-sap out of the smoker's soul," than over-much enthusiasm against it and excessive exaggeration of facts in regard to it do. Our moderation must be known in all things.

Many are as tidy and neat who use tobacco as any who do not, and the history of mankind will show that as bright intellects, and as pure and holy lives, are found among those who use it as those who condemn it. Many who do use it are filthy, but the tobacco did not make them so; they are so naturally, and would be so if drinking nectar or smoking incense, or chewing tooth-picks, or snuffing red pepper.

It is a good rule for us not to make sins; we have too many already. The Bible has catalogued enough; let us not swell the list.

One of Life's Shadows.

At eight o'clock the other morning a Second street wife followed her husband down to the gate as he was starting for down town, and kindly said to him:

"William, you know how sadly I need a blue bunting dress."

"Yes, dear," he remarked, "you know how hard up I am. As soon as I can see my way clear you shall have the dress, and a new hat to boot. Be patient, be good, and your reward shall be great."

Forty minutes after that he emerged from a restaurant with a big basket and a fish-pole, bound up the river. In the basket was a chicken, pickles, cake, fruit, pie, and a bottle of liquid of a rich color, and he was just lighting a twenty cent cigar when his wife came along.

"What! you here?" he exclaimed.

"Yes, I was going to the market. Where are you going?—what's in that basket?"

"I was going to carry this fish-pole around to a friend on Jefferson avenue," he modestly answered.

And that basket?"

"This basket—well, I was going to take it to the Orphan Asylum as a present to the children. It is a donation from six leading citizens."

"William, I don't believe it!"

"Sh! Don't talk so loud!"

"William, I shall talk louder yet!" she exclaimed. "I'll bet you are going fishing!"

"Mary, have I ever deceived you?" he plaintively asked. "I never have; as proof of my sincerity you can take this basket to the asylum yourself."

"And I'll do it!" she promptly replied as she relieved him of it.

"Mary, hadn't you—?"

"No, sir, I hadn't. You'd better hurry up with that fish-pole, as the man may want it, and be careful how you stand in the hot sun."

She left him there. He watched her take the car for home, and then he returned the fish-pole and crossed the street and said to an acquaintance:

"Tom, I'm suffering with neuralgia and the excursion is off till next week. Too bad, but we can never tell what a day may bring forth."

There were chicken and pickles and other good things on the table at dinner, but he never smiled. Even when his wife wished she was an orphan, if that was the way they were fed, he never betrayed the gloom in his heart. It was only when she handed him the bottle he had so carefully tucked into the basket and he saw it labeled, "Good for Little Children," that he said:

"Mary, it is an awful thing for a wife to get the impression that her husband is a cold-blooded liar?"

"It must be," she replied as she took the other chicken leg.—*Detroit Free Press.*

KEARNEY thinks the cabinet are a set of numb-skulls; what one says they all swear to; calls Sherman "an infernal old scoundrel, and, and everybody knows;" Schurz is a "turnstile and doesn't amount to much."

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