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CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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

HINES & SMITH,
Attorneys & Counselors at Law
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
New Office Court St., opposite Court House

Having associated ourselves for the practice of our profession, we will give prompt and careful attention to all Law and Chancery business placed in our hands.

Mr. HINES, though connected with other duties, will give special attention to the business of the firm.
JESSE K. HINES,
y MARION deK. SMITH.

GEORGE A. HANSON,
Attorney at Law,

HAS RESUMED his Profession, and offers his services to the public.
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THE undersigned offers his services as LAND SURVEYOR to the citizens of Kent and Queen Anne's counties. Special attention given to laying out and dividing land and drawing plots. Orders left with C. H. BAKER, Atty'y at Law, Chestertown, Md., will be promptly attended to. May be seen in Chestertown Saturday afternoons.
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FULL Corps of Experienced Teachers. Modern facilities. Fine building, furnished with heat, gas, bath, etc.
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AT the opening of the Fall term, Sept. 9, 1878, there will be a NEW President, NEW furniture, NEW repairs throughout the buildings, NEW pianos, the modern conveniences newly introduced to add to the comfort of the young ladies, both in the public and private rooms, and all this at the old prices. For catalogues address the President, Rev. J. W. WILLIAMS, A. M. jly6-6m.

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JAS. A. MERRITT
WITH
I. M. PARR & SON,
Commission Merchants,
And Proprietors of the Canton Elevators
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Possessing unsurpassed facilities for the proper handling of Grain, consignments are respectfully solicited and liberal advances made. o19.

WM. TOMLINSON, Sr.,
WITH
JOHN A. STEPHENS & SON,
Grain, Fruit and General Produce
Commission Merchants,
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ALONZO P. CREW. JAS. W. JEROME.
CREW & JEROME,
Commission Merchants
For the sale of GRAIN, FRUIT AND PRODUCE GENERALLY,
118 Light Street Wharf, BALTIMORE.

Consignments respectfully solicited.
Correspondence cheerfully and promptly answered. x

W. H. RUTTER,
Late of the firm of Greenwood, Rutter & Co.,
Commission Merchant,
For the sale of GRAIN and PRODUCE,
No. 96 Light st. Wharf,
BALTIMORE.
Consignments solicited. a6.

GEO. Z. GREENWOOD. A. W. WOODALL.
GREENWOOD & WOODALL,
Commission Merchants
And General Produce Dealers,
72 SOUTH ST., Corn Exchange Building,
y BALTIMORE.

JESSE WILSON. G. W. WILSON.
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For the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, Grain, Peaches, Apples, Canned Goods, Vegetables, Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Fish, &c.,
Corner of Light and Camden Streets,
y BALTIMORE.

B. F. PARLETT & CO.,
Manufacturers of all styles
CHEWING TOBACCO,
AND DEALERS IN
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ESTABLISHED 1851.

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Ranges, Furnaces, Mantels, Fire-place Heaters.

We have a splendid assortment of the above articles, that we offer at *Wholesale Prices*, as we are determined to sell. Do not purchase until you have looked over our stock.
B. C. BIBB & SON,
Successors to Bibb & Co.,
Inventors, Patentees & Manufact'rs,
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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.

ADDRESS
—OF—
HON. T. F. BAYARD
ON
"HARD TIMES"
And their Remedy.

THE REMEDY IS THIS: Instead of buying your
CLOTHING,
HATS,
UNDERWEAR,
NECKWEAR, &c.,
from unreliable parties in cities and elsewhere, and paying exhorbitant prices for them, call on

S. MERRITT,
CHESTERTOWN,

Who has just received from first hands the largest and most carefully selected Stock of Goods ever before offered in this market and at prices surprisingly low.
MY STOCK OF
SUIT GOODS
And OVER-COATS,
is much larger than I have ever kept at any time previous, and I am determined to sell them at such prices that no one can justly complain.

I have the largest and best selected stock of
HATS and CAPS
AND
Gents' Furnishing Goods
IN THIS MARKET,
and my competitors are compelled to admit this as an unquestionable fact.

My Hats range in price from 25c. to $5. A full line of *New Style* Stiff Hats.

☞My line of Furnishing Goods is not equalled in Kent county, embracing a full stock of Merino Under-shirts & Drawers, Canton Flannel Drawers, Hose, Suspenders, Gloves, Handk'fs, Neck Ties, Scarfs, &c. Any gentleman wishing a pair of Gloves, common or fine, will find it to his interest to examine my stock, as he cannot be so well suited anywhere else in Chestertown.

My stock of *Cardigan Jackets* is full, ranging in price from $1 to $3 a piece.

☞Special attention paid to orders, and any person wanting a SUIT MADE TO ORDER will find a beautiful line of Samples here, and a fit guaranteed.

I have endeavored to the best of my ability, since I have been in the Clothing business, to keep a good stock of Goods—to sell at reasonable prices—and to please my customers both in quality and price. I have now determined to carry a much larger stock than ever, and *do not intend that any one shall undersell me, or give better satisfaction.*

Thanking the public for past favors, I earnestly solicit a continuance of patronage and hope to give perfect satisfaction in every case.
S. MERRITT,
Opposite the Court House,
CHESTERTOWN.
Oct. 26, 1878.

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FALL TRADE.
Dry Goods.
READY-MADE CLOTHING.

WICKES & BROTHER
beg leave to inform their acquaintance that they have just bought and opened an extensive line of Goods in the departments named above, selected with care and at close cash figures, enabling them to sell at prices in keeping with the temper of the times, and encounter successfully the fiercest competition in the Trade.

These purchases form with Goods already on hand, a large and varied stock of merchandise, which they believe worthy the attention of close cash buyers or prompt paying people.

Their stock of Ready Made CLOTHING and RUBBER GOODS will be found unusually attractive.
Chestertown, October 9, 1878.

Fall Trade, 1878.
NEW GOODS!
J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.
CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
Have received and have on sale their regular Fall purchases of
NEW AND DESIRABLE GOODS.

DRY GOODS—Dress Goods, Cassimeres, Kerseys, Repellants, Flannels, Calicoes, Muslins, &c.

NOTIONS—Shawls, Skirts, Underwear, Gloves, Hosiery, &c.

OUR STOCK OF
Boots and Shoes
is more complete than ever, and prices to suit the times.
HATS and CAPS
of the latest styles, for Men and Boys.
GROCERIES, WOODENWARE, GLASSWARE, CROCKERY, &c.

We have a large, clean stock of goods, and are determined to sell at the lowest prices. Will make it to the advantage of cash buyers to give us a call.
Oct. 12. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

CHEAPEST stock of Long Boots for Men and Boys, best $2 Men's Boot, all others in proportion.
oc12. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

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

VENDUE!

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will offer at his residence near Buck Neck, on
WEDNESDAY, Nov. 13th,
if fair, if not on the first fair day thereafter, his entire STOCK and FARMING IMPLEMENTS, which comprise in part the following:

7 HEAD of HORSES,
1 Pair Good Quick Mules,
6 MILCH COWS, 3 YOUNG CATTLE,
16 Hogs,
TEN SHOATS, ONE SOW,
8 PIGS, good Stock;
2 FARM WAGONS and Harness, in good order; 1 Dearborn and Harness; 1 Carriage and Harness; 1 Ox-Cart;
1 Reaper and Mower combined; 1 Drill; 1 Wheat Rake; 1 Corn Sheller; 1 Cutting Box, 1 Grind Stone, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Hoes, Shovels, Spades, Forks, lot Cord Wood; 20 or 30 ton Timothy Hay; lot of HOUSEHOLD GOODS, several good Stoves; several Tryos fancy Chickens, and many other articles not named.
Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A.M.
TERMS:—All sums of $10 and under cash; all over that amount a credit of 10 months, on note with approved security. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.
oc26-ts. WM. W. PARKS.

VENDUE.

BY order of the Orphans' Court of Kent county, the undersigned, as administrator of OWEN CONNELLY, dec'd, will sell at public sale at the deceased's late residence, "Connelly's Mill," on
THURSDAY, Nov. 14th, 1878,
The following property, to wit:
4 Head of HORSES
Young and good;
1 Alderny Bull, 4 Milch Cows, 1 Calf,
10 HOGS, 8 SHOATS.
1 Woods Reaper, 1 Fan, 1 Corn Sheller, 1 Farm Wagon nearly new; 1 Dearborn;
1 Pair Platform Scales, 21 Hives of Bees,
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Hoes, &c.
120 bush. Wheat in Barn and 48½ bushels seeded and fertilized.
Lot of Corn Blades, 1 Rick of Hay;
Household and Kitchen FURNITURE,
Beds, Bedsteads, Bedding, Bureau, Carpets, Chairs, Extension Table, Cook Stove and Fixtures, Parlor Stove, &c.
Also, 1 good Silver Watch.
☞Sale to commence at 10 o'clock a.m.
TERMS OF SALE:—All sums under $10 cash; over that amount 9 months credit on note with approved security.
THOS. F. GAREY, Adm'r.
J. W. CARROLL, Auct'r. n2-ts.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE subscriber will sell at the Andover Mills, (formerly known as Turner's Mill,) near Millington, on
SATURDAY, Nov. 9th, 1878,
commencing about 1 o'clock P. M., the following property, to wit:
1 BROOD MARE,
1 Platform two-horse Spring WAGON and Harness;
4 Good Fattening HOGS,
one of which will weigh about 400 lbs.,
18 FINE SHOATS,
1 Cross-cut Saw; 1 Alley's Saw Gummer; 1 Block and Falls; 1 lot Cant Hooks; lot of Poultry, and lot of
Household and Kitchen FURNITURE.
TERMS:—Sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount 12 months credit, with note and security, payable at Kent Nat'l Bank. GEO. B. KRALL.
Nov. 2—2t.*

PUBLIC SALE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will offer at public sale at his residence on the property of G. W. Howard, Esq., near Turner's Creek,
On THURSDAY, Nov. 14th,
his Personal Property, consisting of
TEN HEAD OF
HORSES and COLTS,
16 HEAD OF CATTLE,
1 YOKE OF SUPERIOR OXEN,
16 FATTENING HOGS,
16 SHOATS,
1 Light PEACH WAGON, OX-CART, FARM WAGONS, FAN,
CORN SHELLER, Ploughs, Harrows, Cultivators, Family Carriage, Sleigh,
Household and Kitchen Furniture, &c.
☞The sale will commence promptly at 10 o'clock A. M.
TERMS OF SALE:—On all sums over $15 a credit of 10 mos. will be given, the purchaser giving negotiable note, with approved security.
W. AYARS.
J. W. CARROLL, Auct. o19-4t*

NOTICE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue the Mercantile business, will dispose of their STOCK OF STORE GOODS AND FIXTURES on reasonable terms. This is a good opportunity for any one desiring to enter in the mercantile business, as the stand is considered one of the best in the county.
STRONG & BRO.,
Rees' Corner, Md.
Edesville, P. O., Kent co., Md.
Oct. 18, 1878—4t.

AN assortment of LADIES' COATS, for sale at a small advance by
n2. R. F. PARKS.

FINE SALT at $1.60 per sack, can be had at R. F. PARKS'.

CHOICE new hulled N. York & Penn. Buckwheat, at THOMPSON'S,
Nov. 2. Up town.

CAUTIONS to GUNNERS.

GUNNERS are cautioned against trespassing on "The Grove Farm" with dog, gun or otherwise.
Nov. 2—3t* W. ELIASON.

CAUTION.—Gunners and all others are forbidden to trespass upon my premises after this date. All who disregard this notice will be prosecuted.
n2-3t.* H. W. CARVILL.

CAUTION.—All persons are cautioned against trespassing on the Alms House Farm with dog, gun or otherwise, after this date. The law will be rigidly enforced. By order of Trustees.
JOSHUA COPPER,
Nov. 2, 1878—3t. Steward.

ALL PERSONS are hereby warned not to trespass upon the farms and premises occupied by the undersigned with either dog or gun.
J. C. H. Maslin. Geo. B. Westcott's
Robt. Hadaway, Comegys and Curry Farms,
James Cully,
Jas. H. Baker, George H. Walbert,
Francis Baker, Thomas H. Hague,
J. T. Maslin, Wm. S. Leaverton,
Joshua Walbert, Shirley & Miers.
Nov. 2, 1878—3t.

CAUTION to Gunners.

All persons are cautioned against trespassing, by gunning or otherwise, on the farm where I reside, or upon "Airy Hill" occupied by Thos. Lambert, or the farm occupied by Jas. Stewart. All Trespassers will be prosecuted.
oc26-3t. WILLIAM FORD.

Caution to Gunners.—All persons are hereby cautioned against trespassing upon the Forest farm of G. B. Westcott, Esq., near Belair, and occupied by the undersigned. Gunners, hunters and all others disregarding this notice will be prosecuted.
oc26-3t*. JOSHUA WALBERT.

NOTICE.—All persons are hereby forewarned from trespassing upon our premises in Still Pond with dog or gun. MAX PRICE,
oc26-3t*. C. HARRY PRICE.

CAUTION to Gunners.

All persons are hereby forewarned from trespassing on the premises of the undersigned with dog or gun, or otherwise, after this date, under penalty of the law. DR. C. H. B. MASSEY,
Oct. 19, 1878—3t* Masseys, Kent co., Md.

NOTICE to Trespassers.

All persons are hereby notified not to trespass with dog or gun, or otherwise, upon the Hynson Farms owned by Wm. H. Pennell, and occupied respectively by N. C. Carr and Edward Biddle. The law will be strictly enforced against all offenders. DELL PENNELL,
oc19-3t. Agt. for Wm. H. Pennell.

CAUTION NOTICE.

All persons are hereby forbidden to trespass with dog, gun, or otherwise, upon the farm of J. A. Pearce, Esq., I now occupy, or the Riley place, near Goose Hill. All trespassers will be legally dealt with.
oc19-3t. JESSE MORRIS.

FOR RENT.

FOR RENT,
For the next year,
THE HOUSE on Hight St., occupied by Dr. Wm. Houston. Also, the HOUSE occupied by Capt. Clayton on Queen st. G. VICKERS, Agt.
Chestertown, Oct. 26—3t.

FOR RENT,
For the ensuing year,
The DWELLING on Queen st., in Chestertown, now occupied by the undersigned. J. L. GILL.
Oct. 26, 1878—3t*

TO RENT for 1879,
The DWELLING and DRUG STORE in Millington, now occupied by Frank M. Gooding. For terms apply to subscriber N. E. cor. Broadway & Pratt sts., Baltimore, or to THOS. J. BRITTON, Millington.
oc26-tf. EUGENE B. BRITTON.

TWO HOUSES FOR RENT
On Cross st., opposite Sappington's store, for many years occupied as a hotel and store, suitable for any kind of business. Apply to Mr. S. WELCH, Chestertown, or to Mrs. CHANEY, No. 75 N. Liberty st., Baltimore. oc12-6t.

TO RENT,
Several comfortable DWELLING HOUSES, in Chestertown, for 1879.
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
ag31-tf. *Att'y at Law.*

FOR RENT,
For 1879,
DWELLING HOUSE,
10 rooms, large halls, every convenience a Pump of good water at kitchen door; pleasantest in town. Carriage House and Stable on back lot.
Apply to J. B. SAPPINGTON,
sep28-tt. Chestertown.

CHESTER RIVER
PURCHASING AGENCY
And PACKAGE DELIVERY.

The undersigned having been authorised to travel on the Steamer B. S. FORD for the purpose of purchasing goods in the city by order or sample, persons wishing to take advantage of this manner of obtaining goods direct from the city at lowest prices can see me at the different landings on the route, where I will receive orders and execute them with promptness. I will also deliver letters and packages to any part of the city. Charges nominal, from 10c, to 25c. according to service.—The cash must always accompany the order. Very resp'y,
oc19-3m* O. A. GODWIN.

SPECIAL NOTICE to the LADIES!
DRESS MAKING.
Plain and fancy, done in the latest styles and neatest manner.

MISS LUCY PARSONS, having had considerable experience as a Dress maker, is prepared to do work at shortest notice.—Will be found at her home opposite Catholic Church. Prompt attention given to all. oc26-tf.

SEWING.
MISS ANNIE CRADDOCK and MISS MARY M. ZIESEL beg leave to inform the ladies of Chestertown and the public generally, that they have engaged rooms at Miss J. E. Redue's on Water st. where they are prepared to do all kinds of plain and fancy Sewing, promptly and at the lowest prices. A liberal share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited.
Oct. 19, 1878.

MRS. S. C. JOINER continues the MANTUAMAKING business in all its branches. Store on High street, opposite residence of Senator Vickers.
Oct. 19, 1878—tf.

JOS. H. THOMPSON
has just opened a large stock of new BOOTS & SHOES, which he will sell at very low prices. Attention is called to his Improved "Patent Kip Boot" for Men and Boys; from $1 75 to $2 25 for boys, and $4.25 for Men. Other make of Boots from $2 to $3 25.
Ladies' Button Gaiters $1 25 to $2 75.
Women's Lace Boots from $1 to $1 25.
☞Don't forget the place:
THOMPSON'S,
sep28. *Under "Kent News" Office.*

MY FATHER'S GROWING OLD.

His steps are slow and weary,
His hands unsteady grow;
And paler still, and deeper,
The lines upon his brow.
His meek blue eyes have faded;
His hair has lost its gold;
His voice, once firm, now falters;
My father's growing old.

His days of strength are over,
His earthly joys depart;
But peace and holy beauty
Are shining in his heart.
The links that bind his spirit
Relax their trembling hold:
He soon will be an angel:
Dear father's growing old.

My thoughts flow back to childhood,
When fondled on his knee,
I poured out all my sorrows,
Or lisped my songs of glee.
But now upon me leaning
So wearily and cold
With trembling lips he murmurs
"Dear child, I'm growing old."

I think of all his counsels,
So precious to my youth;
How faithfully he taught me
God's sacred word of truth;
How tenderly he led me
To Jesus' blessed fold,
Where he will soon be welcomed,
No longer bowed and old.

The path of daily duty
Was ever his delight;
He walked with faith and patience,
And trusted God for sight.
His hands with useful labor
Each day their mission told;
His deeds, like heavenly roses,
Still bloom though he is old.

Alas! those hands so skilful,
Which toiled with loving grace
To make me blessed with comforts,
And home a happy place;
Those dear hands pale and wrinkled,
Are now by time controlled;
They rest in prayerful quiet—
Dear father's growing old.

Yet though his earthly temple
Fast faileth day by day;
His soul with faith increasing,
Pursues its Heavenward way;
And when the mist of Jordan
Shall from his sight be rolled,
He'll shine in youth and beauty
Where spirits ne'er grow old.

O father, fond and faithful,
Thou truest earthly friend,
May I be near to soothe thee
Till all thy struggles end.
And while, with sad heart yearning,
Thy form my arms enfold,
I pray in peace to meet thee
Where saints no more grow old.

Still Pond Neck, Oct. 28, 1878. S. W. C.

PROPOSALS OF MARRIAGE.

SOME USEFUL HINTS AND GOOD ADVICE ON A VERY DELICATE SUBJECT.

It does not require a formal asking of the momentous question to constitute an offer of marriage. Probably the majority of swains do not say in so many words "will you be my wife?" The sweet pact between the lovers is oftener made in the language of the eyes and actions than in that of articulate speech.

The moment is fitting, the surroundings auspicious, and the hearts of the pair beat in unison as their glances meet, when all at once they stand revealed to one another as lover and beloved. They have no need to ask questions at that time of supreme elevation, for they know all they wish to know without such inquiries, and spoken words, or words which had been premeditated, would seem out of time, harsh, coarse, grating, and utterly inadequate to express the delicious tumult of their souls. The man may have spent days and nights before hand in constructing and polishing up a handsome declaration, yet when the hour comes it strikes him unexpectedly, and he either stammers out words which would be unintelligible to any other hearer than his fair companion, or he only looks what he has to say, and gets his answer in an averted and blushing face, a timid glance, or a soft pressure of the hand. After it is all done he care not a whit about the ways through which the happy end was reached; he has won, and that is enough.

Of course there is such a thing as a formal proposal of marriage, and there are men who make it with all the deliberation they would use if they were transacting any other important piece of business. But such men, though they may be very estimable individuals, and deserve the best wives to be had, do not make the sort of lovers most women prefer. A little precipitation, even a degree of audacity, and a manifest determination to succeed by mere force of will, are usually more apt to conquer than studied arguments. It cannot be denied, however, that a cool head is oftentimes a great help to the lover at the moment of offering himself; but he must take care not to exhibit himself poise too copiously, approach the great subject with a manner of humanity, rather than that of a man who is concluding a bargain he can easily make or has been openly offered him.

But, however people may become engaged, they are pretty sure after the troth has been pledged to get frequent assurances from one another of undeviating devotion, and so have no doubt left in their minds about the fact. The engagement ring, too, settles that business finally, and both the pair should be ready to let the betrothal be at once made known to all who have a right to hear it. It is better for them that they should so act, for secret engagements are unusually silly or dangerous; and it is a very grave matter for a man to ask a woman to be his wife, not a thing for anyone to do for mere pastime, without thought of the consequences. Moreover, the proper thing for an honorable lover who is fairly treated by the girl's family, is to ask the old gentleman's permission to be received as his future son-in-law, and then to make himself generally agreeable in the household. It is a great mistake to ignore the rights and feelings of the parents in such a matter, for their ill-will may defeat the purposes of the engagement and cause the girl much agony. Neither must the lover grow impatient when the father pushes his inquiries as to his material condition and business prospects. He must make a clean breast of his affairs, and not excite suspicion by anything that approaches duplicity. The old gentleman has a right to know all about him, and he isn't fit to marry the girl unless he is willing to tell the whole story. Mysterious beings may make very romantic swains, but they almost invariably turn out shabby husbands. Therefore the prosaic questions of her father are at the greatest value to the girl, who may have been duped by a fraud.

THAT family is the best who obtain not unjustly, keep not unfaithfully, and spend in a way that produces no repentance.

Letter from Quaker Neck.

Messrs. Editors:—As you so seldom have a letter from Quaker Neck we feel assured you will grant us a few lines in your valuable paper that the people in other parts of the county may know something pertaining to this.

Wheat seeding is over and much of the wheat is up and looking very well. It is said that more guano was used this year than ever. Is it a wonder the farmers are getting poorer and poorer every year? The corn crop is larger than it has been for many seasons, as the season was most favorable. Some of the farmers are nearly done husking their corn, and all are busy at the work.

There will be many changes with the farmers the first of next year. Mr. J. W. Greenwood, at present on the farm of Mr. Wm. Brown, will move to Mr. D. C. Blackiston's farm, while Mr. Brown will take his own farm, and, if rumor be correct, take a Chestertown lady home with him. Mr. F. D. Lamb has bought C. H. Baker's farm, and will go there on New-year. Mr. J. Watts will go where Mr. Lamb now lives. Mr. Joseph Trew goes to the Wilmer farm. Mr. Walter Stokes takes the farm that Mrs. Wm. Maslin owns and now occupies. Mr. E. Jones will leave Deep Point and move to one of Col. Wilkins' farms (the one known as White House faam) and adjoining Capt. R. S. Emory. A gentleman from Queen Anne's county will move to the farm Mr. Jones leaves. Mr. James Bramble will take the Curry farm. Mr. Francis Baker will discontinue store-keeping the last of the year because of impaired health, and Mr. Paul Jones take this store.

By the way, Messrs. Editors, we had a lively wedding in our Neck last Wednesday evening. The groomsman, Mr. J. Dadds, of Pine Neck, Queen Anne's county, and the bride, Miss Alice Cully, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Cully, of this Neck. It would be a difficult matter to find a handsomer couple than the bride and groom. There were at least fifty people present (many being former schoolmates of the bride) and all present pronounced the whole affair a grand success. Mr. and Mrs. Cully made all present feel free and easy, and the preparation of good things was ample had there been as many more. Rev. Mr. Brewington performed the ceremony, it being his first. He did well. About Christmas a Mrs. Brewington is to come to Kent circuit; but this is a secret.

The health of the people is good. More in the future. SIGMA.

Letter to the Kent News.

A COTTON WEDDING AND A GENUINE MARRIAGE—THE OLD WORTON MILL.

Quite a pleasant affair was the celebration of the thirtieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Corey, on the evening of October 24. Their spacious rooms were well filled with guests, who enjoyed themselves in conversation and music until nearly midnight. Mrs. S. A. Skirven presided at the organ and Messrs. Hurlock and Stratton sang. A bountiful supper had been provided, to which ample justice was done; and this was followed at a later hour by tables loaded most tastefully with ice-cream, fruit and a great variety of cake. As it was styled a cotton wedding a poem, prepared by one of the visitors, entitled "Cotton is King," was read by Mrs. S. C. Corey, while the friends generally made various presents of the useful commodity.

On Wednesday, 30th, a much more serious affair took place at St. James' Church. This was the *bona fide* marriage of Mr. Wash. Skirven, the youngest son of Capt. J. T. Skirven, to the amiable Miss Bessie Diehl, only daughter of George S. and Mary Diehl. A large congregation gathered at the church to testify their esteem for the parties and to wish the young couple a long and happy career, in which your correspondent heartily joins.

The old Worton Mill, now very thoroughly renovated, has commenced work; and those who frequent it will be glad to find that they will not be compelled to drive and turn round and back up in the horrible slough west of the mill, but that a door has been opened at the north end so that all grist can be delivered from the first floor of the building. Sufficient water has not yet accumulated to run both wheat and corn burrs, and the mill is now grinding only corn. SIMON SHARP.

Up a Tree.

A treasure up a tree was seen in the watches of the night by a pedlar who was sleeping in a farm house in the Shenandoah Valley. He told his dream to the farmer next morning, and on three successive nights he had the same vision. Then he prevailed upon the farmer to accompany him to the forest, where he pointed out a large oak tree as the one he had seen in his dream. It was apparently sound at the butt, but about twenty feet up a limb had been broken off. The farmer did not feel like humoring what he supposed to be a superstitious whim, but the old fellow seemed to have confidence in his vision, and offered him one-half the spoils if he would help him cut down the tree. When the tree fell there was a rattle of coin near where the limb had been broken off, and a small hollow was found there. By a little chopping a larger cavity was found, and within was a mass of silver. Both seemed wild with delight, and on counting up found that the pile amounted to $5,000. The pedlar expressed his unwillingness to carry around so much silver in his pocket, and inquired where he would be likely to get greenbacks for his share. The farmer having considerable money in his house immediately transferred to the pedlar $2,500 in paper money and took charge of the entire bulk of silver. The pedlar disappeared, and when his partner attempted to pass some of the silver, lo! it was counterfeit. He was the victim of a gang of coiners.

A DRIVER had been over-ardent in his worship of Bacchus, and ultimately fell asleep. On awakening and finding himself alone in his horseless wagon, he looked around rather surprised, and then exclaimed: 'Well, I've either lost a horse or stole a wagon.'

A MAN must be mightier than the difficulties confronting him.

SLIPSHOD WAYS.

A HINT TO YOUNG MARRIED PEOPLE.

Mark and Jane are to be married in a week. Dropping into the Taylor sitting-room one evening, Mark found Aunt Mary assisting Jane about some of her elaborate and mysterious bridal preparations. Aunt Mary was always considerate and sympathetic in her words and ways, and Mark liked her. He sat down behind her in unwonted silence and with a clouded brow.

Jane looked at him furtively from behind the clouds of white lace and muslin in her lap, as he mechanically poked over the multitudinous trifles in her dainty work-basket, making as vague and unsatisfactory answers to her numerous questions as if he were guessing conundrums. After ten minutes had been spent in this rather stupid way Aunt Mary asked, suddenly—

"Well, Mark, what is it?"

The young man started and looked up at her with a smile, as bright as if a heavy fog had been lifted off his mental horizon, as he said—

"I declare, Aunt, Mary, I didn't mean to speak of it, but I am as nervous as a girl over—over—next Thursday; not the ceremony itself, mind you; I shall really enjoy the display in the church—but I refer to all the life that is to follow."

"The fact is, Aunt," replied Mark, hesitatingly, "I have just come from Cousin Henry's. As I was passing the gate on my way here, I heard the woodshed door open, and Susan's voice call out: 'Supper's ready.' The pleasing vision of a neat dining-room, a cosy teatable, and two happy, contented young souls enjoying the nicely cooked, tastefully served evening meal rose up before me, and I could not resist the impulse to turn back and look at them. I ran in unceremoniously, as is my wont, announcing myself, I opened the sitting-room door, by a hearty 'Good evening.' There was no fire in the room but plenty of dust and disorder.

"'Come right in here shouted out Henry; and I followed his voice through the dining-room, unwarmed except by the far-away warmth of the kitchen fire. A large basket of rough, unfolded and unironed clothes was turned bottom upward on the extension table, an immense clothes-horse filled half the room, and every chair was loaded with coats, hats, cloaks and shawls.

"'We just use the dinning-room as a sort of 'gang-way' in the winter,' said Henry, 'and den up here, except when we have company. If anybody runs in upon us they must take us as they find us.' This was not an over-cordial welcome, but I went along into the kitchen where Henry was seating himself at the tea table, which, if you will believe, Aunt Mary, was their little hanging cooking-table covered with a strip of oil cloth. A few old pieces of crockery were scattered upon it without regard to order.

"The little bit of a kitchen was untidy, the stove dirty and rusty. There were memories of Saturday's baking in the shape and appearance of flour, dough and grease, on the floor, table and door-latches, and a salt codfish, with a cotton string tied around its tail, was hanging to the knob of the closet door. Susan's hair was rough and frowsy, and her gown was torn and soiled. Dear me, who could have imagined that such a state of things was to follow their great and expensive wedding? What a picture of lovliness the bride was! They might as well hire two or three rooms in a flat to 'den up' in as to own that large and elegantly-furnished house and not use it or so misuse it.

"This scene rather discouraged me. Were Jane and I to deteriorate in that way I think I would rather have everything stop just where it is. I believe it would save a world of trouble, and we would go on looking at married life as we would have made it, through rose-colored glasses;" and Mark moved uneasily, got up nervously, and going around the table, seated himself by Jane's side and tenderly kissed the pretty, reproachful face she raised toward him while Aunt Mary was considerately looking another way.

"Perhaps Henry is not altogether blameless in the premises," said Aunt Mary, coming back to the table with a red face after an energetic hunt for the shears; "did he fix himself up for tea?"

"Oh, dear, no," replied Mark, "he sat down and ate his bread and milk in his shirt-sleeves, collarless and cravatless and with unbrushed hair and whiskers. He would not have shown himself to Susan in such a plight before his marriage, I assure you."

Aunt Mary looked at the pretty Swiss clock on the mantel, took out her gold pencil, wrote a little note, and then said to the young man: "I wish, Mark, dear, you would carry this billet over to my nephew, Horace Alden's for me. They live in the cast tenement in the Rutherford Block, you know, and on the strength of your cousinship that is to be, I want you to run in without ceremony." Mark came back in an hour with a radiant face. Removing his hat he made a low bow saying: "I am very much obliged to you; I wouldn't surrender the opportunity that may be graciously given me of helping make a home with Jane here for any earthly consideration."

"Indeed," cried Aunt Mary in seeming surprise, "perhaps you will be good enough to tell us what has changed your mind so suddenly."

"Well, you see," said Mark, "I ran up the stairs and opened the door at the top, as you told me, and such a charming picture that I saw. A living room—neither parlor, dining-room nor kitchen, but a happy combination of the three—made attractive and home-like by perfect neatness, order and good taste. Such a cordial welcome that I had, to be sure. I was heartily ashamed of myself when it came over me how well I used to know both Horace and his charming wife, and that I had not called on them before.

"I gave Julia your note, and she read it with a little laugh and insisted that I should take off my overcoat and take tea with them. The cosy round table, with its snow-white cloth and pretty tea-service, looked so inviting I could not resist the temptation. 'Horace does not get out the store till seven; he sees to the closing up; so we have our tea at half past seven,' Mrs. Allen said. Julia's dress was plain, but tasty and neat, set off by a dainty white apron; and her simple toilet was completed by a simple geranium leaf and a verbena blossom in her shining hair. Horace, in a handsome dressing gown and embroidered slippers looked every inch a gentleman, as he is.

"The situation made us confidential, and I asked Mrs. Alden how she had settled down to being such a wonderful little housekeeper, and she said, 'I use to be somewhat inclined to be careless in my habits, and I suppose my friends had some misgivings as to my ability to keep house. Among my wedding presents was one from a great-aunt of mine who was wonderfully skillful with her needle. It was this teapot mat—and she held it up to my inspection. 'It was a scalloped circle of scarlet broadcloth, with a slipper run down at the heel embroidered in it in black worsted, with the words, 'Never get slipshod.'

"'This has been a constant reminder to me,' Julia went on. 'Were I tempted to neglect any trifling duty for the first time, my eyes would fall upon or recall the words of Aunt Mattie's motto, and I would not only do what I had thought of neglecting, but would do it a little better, if possible. Horace, too, has kept me from falling into slipshod ways by his own habits of neatness. He always touches up his toilet for my sake before every meal, as punctiliously as if he had company. Of course, when he is so thoughtful of me I cannot be less regardful of him. All these little things take a few of the precious moments of our fleeting lives, but we consider their observance our bounden and interchangeable duty. Since housekeeping is the principal business I have in hand, I want to do my best in that vocation; to be as conscientious and painstaking in that as I would in teaching music or any other accomplishment. I enjoy my work, and it comes easy to me. I take both pleasure and pride in it, and I think the secret of my success in this humble sphere of mine has been my keeping everything up from the very first, and never allowing myself in the smallest particular to fall into slipshod ways.'"

Mark and Jane, now sitting in their beautiful, well-ordered home on the banks of the Connecticut, only the other evening spoke of two lessons that December evening brought them, and the lasting impressions they wrought.

THERE was a prize for the prettiest girl at a bell in Gold City, Montana, and the delicate question was to be decided by a committee. The choice was generally conceded to lie between Miss McGowen and Miss Burt, and, one being a blonde and the other a brunette, the committee was unable to judge of their charms by comparison. The suspense was trying to the tempers of the rival beauties, and they fell to criticising each other's looks. Then they quarrelled. Next they fought. When they parted Miss McGowan's face was scratched as though she had been thrown into a bramble bush, and one of Miss Burt's eyes was swollen and nearly shut. That episode relieved the committee of embarrassment, for neithor of the two young women was any longer pretty, and the prize was awarded to