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LEGAL NOTICES.

Auditor's Notice.

Thos. T. Brown *vs.* Thos. B. Trew.

NOTICE is hereby given to the creditors of Thomas B. Trew to file their claims before me, properly authenticated, within two months from Nov. 2, 1878.
GEORGE VICKERS,
Nov. 2, 1878—3t. Auditor.

Auditor's Notice.

F. Baker *vs.* Mary E. Jones.

NOTICE is hereby given to the creditors of Mary E. Jones to file their claims before me, properly authenticated, within two months from Nov. 2, 1878.
GEORGE VICKERS,
Nov. 2, 1878—3t. Auditor.

Ratification Notice.

Charles T. Westcott,
versus
William Dunn and Caroline Dunn.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county in Equity, November 11, 1878.

ORDERED, that the sale of the Real Estate of William Dunn & Caroline Dunn, made and reported by CHARLES T. WESTCOTT, mortgagee under the power in the mortgage from said Wm. Dunn and wife to said C. T. Westcott, dated Nov. 29, 1875, and recorded in Liber D. C. B., No. 1, fol. 589, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 18th day of January next, Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Kent county once in each of three successive weeks before the eighteenth day of December next.

The Report states the amount of sales to be $400.00.

D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.
True copy,—Test:
n16-4t. D. C. BLACKISTON, Clerk.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

SAMUEL MANDER, colored,

late of Kent county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 16th day of June, 1879; otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 12th day of November, 1878.
THOMAS R. QUIMBY,
Nov. 16, 1878—4t. Adm'r.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

ESTATE of JOHN T. BRAMBLE.

On application ordered, that C. H. BAKER, administrator of Jno. T. Bramble, late of Kent county, deceased, give notice by advertisement, that a final dividend of the personal estate of said deceased will be made in this Court on TUESDAY, Dec. 3d, 1878.
Test: WM. STEVENS,
Register of Wills.

NOTICE.—The Creditors of John T. Bramble are notified and requested to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the Register of Wills, on or before Tuesday, the 26th of Nov'ber, 1878, or they will be excluded from the dividend in the personal estate.
C. H. BAKER, Adm'r.
Nov. 16, 1878—4t.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

STATE OF MARYLAND,
KENT COUNTY, TO WIT:

I hereby certify that J. P. Sutton, of Kent county, brought before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said county, this 12th day of November, 1878, as estrays trespassing upon his enclosures, the description of FOUR HEAD OF CATTLE, as follows: One red and white Heifer, crop off right ear; one red Steer, with white back, crop off right ear; the other two dark brindle, without mark, all about two year old.

Given under my hand.
C. W. C. JOHNSON, J. P.

NOTICE.—The owner of said Cattle are notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges and take them away.
J. P. SUTTON,
n16-3t. Swan Creek.

LAW CARDS.

C. T. WESTCOTT,
Attorney & Counselor at Law
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.
Office in 'Transcript Building,' facing the Court House, Chestertown, Md. y.

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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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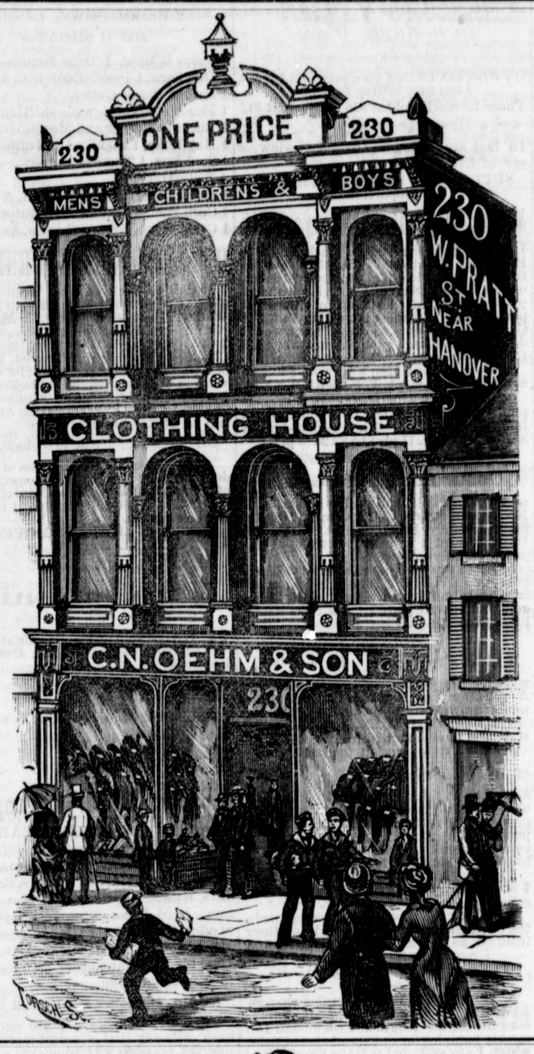

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W. H. RUTTER,
Late of the firm of Greenwood, Rutter & Co.,
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For the sale of GRAIN and PRODUCE,
No. 96 Light st. Wharf,
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Consignments solicited.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

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Manufacturers of all styles
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LEAF TOBACCO, SEGARS, PIPES and SNUFF.
No. 92 Lombard, and 5 Water Streets,
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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.

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The finest grades of Tobacco and the choicest Cigars may be found at the Corner Drug Store.
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On the American and European Plans,
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BOARD per day - - - - - **$2**
Breakfast, Dinner and Supper 50c. each. Rooms 75c. to $1. Permanent Boarders according to room. First class Restaurant attached.
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First Class Restaurant attached to the Hotel. Choice Liquors and Cigars always on hand. mh2-y.

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Such as DRY GOODS,
Notions, Groceries, Provisions,
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and in fact a little of everything, which we are selling at City prices.

Best Calico 5c. per yard; Muslins 5 to 18c.
Fine Cassimeres at 12½c.
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" Heavy Plow Shoes 1.25; Boots 2 to $5.
" Oyster Boots, 23 in. long, $3.50.
Ladies' Button Gaiters $1.50; Lace $1.25.
Children's Shoes at all prices.
A good lasting Gaiter 90c.
Flour by bbl. or bag.; best Family Flour per bag 80c.; Green Coffee 19 to 23c.; roasted Coffee, best, 25c.; Teas 35 to 80c. per lb.
Sugars 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12½c.
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We try to make our prices to suit the times and all we ask is a call and we will make it to your interest. No trouble to show goods. Remember you can save 5 per cent by stopping at
oc26. ELLIOTT'S, Up Town.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF
Town Property.

BY virtue of a Decree of the Circuit Court for Kent County as a Court of Equity, the undersigned as Trustee will expose to public sale to the highest bidder, on

TUESDAY,
The 3d day of December, 1878

at the Voshell House, in Chestertown, commencing at 11 o'clock A. M., the following property of the late John K. Willis, situate in the said town, to wit:

No. 1—A Dwelling House

and premises on Queen Street, at present occupied by Mrs. Sarah E. Skirven.

2—A Double Frame Dwelling

and premises on Queen Street, divided and made suitable for the residences of two families, and at present occupied, the one-half by H. Rickey, Esq., and the other half by Capt. Wallace Clayton.

3—A Large One-story Frame

Dwelling House, at the corner of Queen and Fish Streets, occupied by the families of several colored persons.

4—A Small Frame House

on Queen Street, adjoining the above described property, No. 3, and occupied by Lewis White.

5—A Frame House

on Fish Street, adjoining the property of Mr. Wroth and W. Perkins, and occupied by McWilliams and Adam Anderson.

6—A Frame House

on Fish street, occupied by John Benton and others, and a Carriage Shop and Stable adjoining, occupied by Mr. U. A. C. Garrett.

7—A Small Frame House

on Cannon St., occupied by Sarah Jones.

8—A Vacant Lot

at the upper end of Chestertown, on High street, adjoining the lands of Mr. John N. Usilton, containing 3 ACRES, 1 Rood, and 17 perches, more or less. It is proposed first to offer this property in Lots suitable for building purppses, and afterwards as a whole, and sold as may be considered expedient.

THE TERMS OF SALE.

As prescribed by the Decree are:—one-fourth of the purchase money in sixty days from the day of sale; one-fourth in nine months from the day of sale; one-fourth in eighteen months from the day of sale; one-fourth in twenty-four months from the day of sale. The interest to commence on the first day of January next; and the whole to be secured by the bond of the purchaser with security to be approved by the Trustee. Sale to be clear of Dower, and the rents of the property for the present year to be reserved from the sale.

GEORGE VICKERS, TRUSTEE.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct'r.
Chestertown, Nov. 9, 1878—ts.

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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.,

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NEW AND DESIRABLE GOODS.

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

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OUR STOCK OF
Boots and Shoes
is more complete than ever, and prices to suit the times.

HATS and CAPS
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for Men and Boys.

GROCERIES, WOODENWARE,
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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.

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oc26. CAPT. JAS. H. THOMPSON.

THANKSGIVING DAY.

Gathered in are the gems of Autumn,
Barns o'erflow with the golden grain,
Cut and housed is the purple clover,
Bees the honey in hives have lain.

The bin is filled with the fagrant apples,
Cider and wine in the press are sweet;
Come to the feast, oh! do not tarry,
Come the Lord of the harvest greet.

He has long been this feast preparing,
Watched the earth through the winter cold,
Toughened the bark lest the trees should perish,
Covered the roots with a coat of mould.

Nourished the seed in their urns of darkness,
Placed His hand on each germ unseen,
Opened the earth with a song of gladness,
Twining Spring with a wreath of green.

He, our Father, good and tender,
Beamed on all with his eyes of love,
Clothed the earth with sheens of beauty,
Almost as bright as the stars above.

Bless, oh! bless Him for all these mercies,
Sing His praise over land and sea,
Thousands with banners of love are marching,
To join this wonderful jubilee.

Poor if we be, we can bring some token,
Timidly up to the gathering place;
Rich we are when our gifts dividing,
Makes hope beam on some grief-worn face.

Open the doors of each home and temple,
Let each altar with incense blaze;
This is a day of pure Thanksgiving,
For God's great bounty we sing His praise.
MATILDA CANBY.

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CHAS. T. WESCOTT,
Nov. 16—3t. Attorney.

FOR SALE, or RENT,
A small HOUSE on Cannon street above Cross.
CHAS. T. WESTCOTT,
Nov. 16—3t. Attorney.

FOR RENT,
For 1879.
The DWELLING HOUSE and Garden at Still Pond X Roads, now occupied by J. W. Robinson.
Apply to LOUIS S. HEPBRON.
Nov. 23—3t.

FOR RENT,
For 1879.
The "ROCKWELL HOUSE," now occupied by Mr. John Armstrong.
Apply to WM. VANNORT,
n23-2t. Chestertown, Md.

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-tf. Chestertown.

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. EDGAR B. BRITTON.

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.

REMOVAL.—MRS. KATE GILL has removed her Millinery Store to the room opposite Voshell House, where she will be pleased to see all her old customers and the public generally. n16-3t.

THE BEST 5c. CIGAR IN TOWN. Chewing Tobacco all grades, at low prices, at KENNARD'S.

Religious Seaside Resorts.

INTERESTING DISCUSSION BY MEMBERS OF THE WILMINGTON CONFERENCE.

The Dover District Preachers' Association recently discussed the question, "Do religious seaside resorts tend to advance the cause of Christ?" A full report of the discussion is given in *The Worker* by Rev. R. W. Todd, who participated. The discussion is an interesting one, as showing the present tenor of opinion among the clergy of the church on this subject, now that holding camp-meetings at places of summer resort has become an established feature in the revival polity of this church in the United States, and now that the question whether or not this plan is profitable in a spiritual point of view, is mooted.

The discussion was opened by Rev. John Hough, presiding elder of the district, who said that he had visited two seaside resorts of this character—Ocean Grove and Rehoboth Beach. From what he had observed he regarded such resorts as a protection to Christian people against the paralyzing influence of fashion and frivolity more generally prevalent at other and wholly worldly seaside resorts. If we can have such places, properly managed and controlled, unquestionably the cause of Christ would be benefitted. His experience had led him to the conclusion that religious meetings held at these places are not destined to be great successes as to conversions, but that they tend to modify and keep within proper bounds our recreations and social enjoyments while sojourning by the sea.

Rev. J. T. Van Burkalow was favorably impressed from the first with religious seaside resorts, and the impression had not been changed by anything that occurred at Rehoboth Beach. He regarded these resorts as ministering to physical recuperation and spiritual renewing. He thought the Methodist preachers and people of the peninsula could and would rescue Rehoboth from the danger which threatened it.

Rev. Mr. Davis said: We live in a seaside age. The overtaxed business people of the cities and overworked ministers must have a "breathing spell" occasionally, and since they will go the sea shore, the question is, shall they go to those places wholly given up to fashion and worldly vanity, or to those under moral and religious influences? True, there were some things alarming and much to be deplored at Rehoboth Beach. But ought we to give it up on that account? Suppose we do fail to entirely suppress these evils; we live in the midst of evil influences at our homes without being contaminated by them. Now, if we do away with Rehoboth, or turn our backs upon it on this account, what shall we have left? Bro. Davis alluded to his own experience in the city in the heated season, and said it was to him a great luxury to get out into a colder and purer atmosphere. To many it was a question of life or death, they must go out, and where shall they go? Time was when they could go among their farmer friends in the country; but now, that the summer *hegira* is so much increased, he thought the "country friends" ought to be thankful for seaside resorts, &c. But for these places they would be overrun.

Rev. Henry Colclazer was favorably impressed with reports from most places of this kind. Jesus loved to worship by the sea. There is something beautifully suggestive in the intermingling swell of the voice of praise and of the restless waters of the ocean. He thought the tendency of the church towards the patronage of moral and religious seaside resorts was good, and he regarded the general outlook as hopeful.

Rev. R. W. Todd said that Rehoboth Beach as a religious summer resort grew out of his experience at Ocean Grove in 1872, and that he had fondly hoped and prayed that Rehoboth might make a history Ocean Grove had made, and be the means of great blessing to the christianity of the peninsula. But this hope had been so long deferred, and he had been so repeatedly disappointed that his heart was sick.

In disposing of the stock of the Association he had never held out the inducement that there was money in it. A few shares had been sold by a volunteer agent to parties who afterwards combined to form the ring that has attempted to run the enterprise and that has, unfortunately, well nigh ran it to destruction, so far as the original design was concerned. He hoped the management would enforce the law they already had and, if need be, secure further enactment to aid them in preserving this beautiful place from desecration by parties at variance with Christian morality. In the beginning of the enterprise the people of the Peninsula and of the contiguous territory and cities had been fully notified through the press of the purposes for which it had been projected. The religious multitude held undisputed possession of nearly the entire Atlantic coast, as well as all interior watering places; and it seemed to him a hard case that after the Christian people of this region had paid their money to buy and fit up Rehoboth Beach for their own use, the worldly people who resort hither should insist on perverting the place to secular and ungodly uses.

HALF-MARRIED.—A strange scene was witnessed near Vincennes, Ind., one day last week. Two young men, P. H. Donovan and William Ayres, were in love with a Miss Underwood, who in turn scarcely knew which to marry. However, Ayers prevailed on her to marry him, and he speedily procured a license and a magistrate and proceeded to the home of the young lady. The bridal party were on the floor, and the magistrate had nearly finished the job, when Donovan, to the surprise of every one rushed in and declared that the ceremony should proceed no further. Donovan grabbed the girl by the waist and exclaimed, in piteous accents, "Oh, Meliss, don't you consent, for you promised me first." Ayres had her around the neck, and yelled in stentorian tones, "Go on, Squire, we are half-married now; finish up the job." The magistrate under the circumstances, refused to proceed, and Ayres, although half-married, is no better off than he was before, and Donovan is disconsolate.

SAMBO's instructions for putting on a coat are: "Fust de right arm, den de left, and den one general conwulsion."

The Smallest People in the World.

The Baltimore *Sun* says: The Midgets, who are now exhibiting in this city are probably the smallest and in that respect the most interesting mortals of their age in the world. Gen. Mite is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Flynn, of Chenango county, N. Y., stands twenty-three inches in his stocking feet, weighs nine pounds, and is 14 years old. His Christian name is Frank. Miss Lucia Zarate is the daughter of Senor Fermin Zarate and wife, was born at San Carlos, near Vera Cruz, Mexico, is twenty inches in height, weighs four and three-quarter pounds, and is 15 years old. One might suppose that these dainty little beings would find life a very serious business, but such does not seem to be the fact. Their health is excellent, they are blessed with good appetites and admirable digestion, and take great delight in society. It is true that Lucia, who weighed but three-quarters of a pound when born, was quite delicate in her youth, but she "grew rapidly" until she was 8 years old, when she ceased to grow at all and has never known a day's sickness since. Lucia's shoes is the envy of fashionable young ladies. It measures something less than 2½ inches in length. The General being all of three inches taller, is of course a much more imposing person. He is a great favorite with the medical faculty, and converses with great fluency on subjects which interest him. He resents anything like familiarity, however, and when a well-known physician the other day began stroking his hair he stopped him with the simple remark, "Now, Doctor, don't you know that's very unpleasant?" Miss Lucia speaks Spanish very fluently, but English only slightly, which places her at a disadvantage with the General. She is a very active little body, however; very polite to the big two-year-old babies that are sometimes handed up on the stage, and quite ready to give up her chair to those infant giants. The Midgets have "grown up" fathers and mothers, besides brothers and sisters, as large as people usually are, and don't seem to be in the least envious. The General has a big sister (what boy has not?) two years old, and a brother four years old. Of course the latter is his natural protector. A good deal might be written about the Midgets, although there is not much of them to write about, but after all probably nothing could be said that has not already been recorded in Gulliver's travels among the Lilliputians.

Clergymen Discussing Amusements.

The Protestant Episcopal Convention of Baltimore held its concluding session Nov. 21. Rev. Dr. Hoff, of Trinity Church, Towsontown, read a paper on "Amusements," treating the subject in a masterly style. He said that an intelligent and earnest christian has not much difficulty on the question of amusement for himself. True, he cannot always be occupied with business and with religious duties, but he finds, for the most part, that after these are attended to there is little time left, except for converse with friends and refreshment in sleep.

It was a matter of regret that men have so little time to pursue courses of reading and study. One of the ideas frequently put forward is that religious men and women should be leaders in all schemes of recreation. But it seemed to him that it was no part of the church to furnish the world with amusement. The world is quite capable of doing that. There is a considerable number of persons whose health or age do not allow of much reading or other employment, and it would be cruel to say that in their case it is wrong to resort to any of the means of amusement because others abuse them in one way or another. In reference to these matters the rule of the Apostle is good, "Let every man be fully persuaded in his own mind."

The subject of games for domestic circles cannot be overlooked. There are games of chance, against which many protest. Wagers, even for small amounts, add seriously to the force of objections against them. It would be a great mistake not to take an interest in that which constitutes so large a part of the happiness and even discipline of childhood. Children need to be amused, but it is generally better to let them amuse themselves than to be laboriously providing it for them. The question of amusement is not what the State should allow or what the church should forbid, but what enlightened christian sentiment should sanction. The theatre has been strongly recommended as a means of amusement, the source of enjoyment to many, and is attended by even undoubted christians. It needs only their continuance and aid to render it altogether pure and safe.

Clergymen have of late been prominent in urging this view. Among those who have lived by the theatre as a profession it is pleasing to know of some exemplary in the relations of life, and it is claimed that some of them have been very decided christians. It cannot be wrong to read books which represent real or impossible things to the imagination. Such writings having a legitimate place, but how sad it is that in so many cases they interfere with the reading of better things. He condemned the race-course, saying that trials of speed of one of the noblest animals become the occasion of gambling. This is one of the evils, he said, which, in a measure, corrects itself, as christians become ashamed of the company which gathers at such places, and when the more respectable retire, the amusement loses much of its attraction to the rest of the community.

Remarks of approval upon the address were made by Rev. Dr. Leeds, Rev. G. K. Warner, Rev. P. Wroth. Revs. J. G. Gholson, R. F. Gibson, R. H. Paine, W. F. Matthews and M. Woodward. Dr. Hoff was asked to publish the address in pamphlet form, and to write another essay, separating the objectionable from the unobjectionable amusements, but he declined the latter.

THE Easton (Md.) *Star* says: "Mr. Robert Hough, of "Knightly," Miles River Neck, raised this season 359 barrels of corn on a forty-acre field, which is 9 barrels or 45 bushels to the acre. The field was limed last spring, but no fertilizer was used. There was only 10½ barrels of short corn in the crop. This is an excellent yield, and shows what Talbot land can do."

THE CROWN OF MEXICO.

MR. JOHN BIGELOW'S INTERVIEW WITH THE MOTHER OF ITS CAPTIVE HEIR.

An interesting paper was read before the Historical Society of Long Island, New York, Thursday evening by Mr. Bigelow upon "The Heir to the Imperial Crown of Mexico." Mr. Bigelow sketched succinctly the early history of Mexico, and brought his narrative down rapidly to the time when the the elevation of Joseph Bonaparte to the throne of Spain furnished an immediate occasion for conspiracies and overt attempts on the part of Mexicans to throw off the yoke of the mother country. These intestine troubles continued after the restoration of the Spanish Bourbon line to the throne of Spain, and among the leading conspirators was Don Augustine de Iturbide. Iturbine held a commission in the royal army, but in May, 1822, he caused himself to be declared Emperor by a powerful faction, and for more than a year was the ruler most generally acknowledged. Santa Anna, uniting with other Mexican generals, succeeded in overthrowing the government which Iturbide had set up in 1828, however, and forced the Emperor to retire upon a pension. In July, 1824, Iturbine engaged in a revolt against the republican government, and was taken prisioner and executed.

In September, 1865, when Mr. Bigelow was the representative of our government at the French court, a lady called at his residence, introduced by a letter from Secretary Seward. This lady was Donna Alicia de Iturbide, who told him a singular and interesting story. She said that the Archduke Maximilian had scarcely landed in Mexico and procured his recognition from a handful of partisans when he found himself involved in the greatest embarrassments. The support accorded him by the French government was anything but sincere; the United States would give him no countenance, and the number of his open enemies was growing daily in Mexico. He had only one means of conciliating the patriotic antipathy of the Mexicans, and this was to select immediately as his heir and successor to the throne some person of native Mexican descent and a member of one of the noble Mexican families. Maximilian selected the young Augustine de Iturbide, the son of Donna Alicia, and the direct descendent of the Don Augustine executed in 1824. It was pointed out to the Iturbide family that if they refused to give up their son a brilliant opportunity for the child would be lost, and it was strongly urged that their wealth and social independence would not save them from the consequences of the Emperor's displeasure. Finally Donna Alicia yielded to the pressing arguments which were employed, and consented to the education of her son under the guardianship of Maximilian at the royal palaces. This concession was scarcely obtained when Donna Alicia and her husband were notified that they must leave Mexico without delay. The young Augustine and his brother and sister were held practically as captives at the royal palace, and the parents reluctantly set out for the seacost. Before they reached the coast Donna Alicia was not able to endure longer the separation from her children, and returned alone to the Mexican capital. There with piteous entreaties she besought Maximilian and the Empress to release her children, and won over even the unsympathetic Marshal Bazaine to intercede for her.

All her representations and entreaties proved useless. She was entrapped at last in one of the imperial carriages, under pretense of offering her an escort to the palace, and driven rapidly outside the city limits. There a diligence and guard were in waiting, and Donna Alicia was forced to leave the carriage and dragged into the diligence in spite of her resistance. She was lightly clothed and unprepared for any journey, but the diligence was driven rapidly, with relays of horses, day and night, until the sea coast was reached. There her husband was suffered to rejoin her, and then both were sent across the ocean to France. In Paris she came to implore the intercession of the American minister with Napoleon III, and indirectly with Maximilian. Mr. Bigelow represented her case to the French minister of foreign affairs, but the French government was not inclined to interfere. When the Archduchess or Empress Carlotta came over to Europe Donna Alicia went to see her, and, in an interview full of dramatic interest, demanded the release of her children. It was not, however, until the death of Maximilian that mother and children were reunited. Don Augustine lives still, a prince without a kingdom.

How to Handle a Gun.

As the gunning season is now at hand, we give the following directions in regard to the proper handling of a gun, clipped from a leading sporting paper, for the benefit of amateur gunners and sportsmen:

"Guns should always be carried at half-cock, as then neither a blow on the striker nor a pull on the trigger will bring the former into action. There is no necessity for a gun to be otherwise than at half-cock, unless game is immediately in front; and further, it may not be out of place to add, that it is dangerous when shooting in company for the gun to be swung around in taking aim with the finger on the trigger. The eye should follow the line of the flight and the gun be raised at the proper moment. Accidents from guns bursting are rare; but caution is very necessary in getting over fences to see that no earth gets lodged in the muzzle, or in the winter time that the latter does not get blocked up with snow dropping from the bushes or otherwise. These obstacles, although they may be easily removed, are quite sufficient, if they remain, to burst the strongest barrels when the piece is fired. This is caused by the wonderful velocity of expanded gases. This expansion which is said to be at about the rate of 7,000 feet per second, is the same in all directions, and the least check at the muzzle of the gun causes such a sudden increased pressure on its sides that the latter are unable to resist its effects, and are burst open. No one is more cautious or scrupulously careful in the use of his gun than an old sportsman and no one more readily than he detects and condemns carelessness in the manipulation of their guns in others.