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JOB-PRINTING:

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

Kent Co. Agricultural Fair!

The Kent County Agricultural Society
Will hold its
NINTH ANNUAL
EXHIBITION
On its Grounds WORTON STATION,
NEAR CHESTERTOWN,
On Sept. 16, 17 and 18th.

Liberal Premiums
ARE OFFERED, AND
Lists Open to All!

Special Attention
IS CALLED TO PREMIUMS OFFERED IN THE DEPARTMENT
OF
Domestic and Household Manufacture.

In this department the attention of the ladies is called to the premium offered by Mr. I. Albertson, proprietor of the Mansion House, Baltimore, for "Best Light Bread made by amateur."

Trials of Speed:

FIRST DAY, TUESDAY.

FIRST TRIAL..... Premium $100.00
For horses that never beat 3.30; three in five; $60.00 to first, $30.00 to second $10.00 to third.
SECOND TRIAL.....Premium $300.00
For horses that never beat 2.40; best three in five; $180.00 to first, $90.00 to second, $30.00 to third.

SECOND DAY, WEDNESDAY.

FIRST TRIAL.....Premium $50.00
For four year olds; two in three; $30.00 to first, $15.00 to second, $5.00 to third.
SECOND TRIAL.....Premium $150.00
For horses that never beat three minutes; three in five; $90.00 to first, $45.00 to second, $15.00 to third.
THIRD TRIAL.....Premium $400.00
For horses that never beat 2.34; three in five; $240.00 to first, $120.00 to second, $40.00 to third.

THIRD DAY, THURSDAY.

FIRST TRIAL.....Premium $200.00
For horses that never beat 2.50; three in five; $120.00 to first, $60.00 to second, $20.00 to third.
SECOND TRIAL.....Premium $50.00
For all horses owned on the Peninsula without record; go to road wagons; owners or amateurs to drive; $30.00 to first, $15.00 to second, $5.00 to third.

Five or more horses to enter; three to start. A horse distancing the field will only be entitled to first Premium. Should two or more horses be left in the same race, they are to contend for Second Premium.

Entrance money of horses proven ineligible will be forfeited to the Association.

Heats may be trotted alternately.

The above Trials of Speed to be governed by the Rules of the National association.

Entrance to close September 12th.

Entrance fee ten per cent, of Premium; one-half payable at the time of entree, the other before starting.

All entries must be sealed, marked Entry, and addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Committee:

WM. H. STEWART,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Persons who are requested to serve on committees will greatly oblige by notifying the secretary of their acceptance.

☞Special trains on the Kent Co. R. R. will be run during the continuance of the Fair.

☞For Premium Lists or further information, address

WM. H. STEWART,
Secretary Executive Committee,
aug16-5t. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Talbot County Agricultural Society,

HAMBLETON PARK,
NEAR EASTON,
September 10, 11, 12, 1879.

Trials of Speed!

FIRST DAY, WEDNESDAY.

No. 1 $50 for 3 min. class.....$30 $15 $5
No. 2 $60 for 2,40 class.....$35 $15 $10

SECOND DAY, THURSDAY.

No. 3 $40 for 3.30 class.....$25 $10 $5
No. 4 $60 for 2.50 class.....$35 $15 $10

THIRD DAY, FRIDAY.

No. 5. $30 for 4 yr olds & under $15 $10 $5
No. 6. $100 free for all.....$60 $25 $15

CONDITIONS:—Mile heats, best three in five. National rules. Entrance fee, 10 per cent. of purse, must be remitted with entry. Four to enter and three to start. Entries closed Tuesday, Sept. 2, at two o'clock p. m., and should be addressed to ROBERT HOUGH, Easton, Md.

ROB'T HOUGH, Chm'n,
JOHN K. CAULK,
CHAS. H. BOWDLE,
ag16-3t. Comm. on Track.

E. T. COMEGYS,

Millington, Kent Co., Md.,
GRAIN COMMISSION MERCHANT
AND DEALER IN
Coal, Lime,
FERTILIZERS,
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, &c.
THE HIGHEST CASH PRICE PAID FOR
GRAIN
at the different stations on the Kent and Queen Anne's Railroad. jy12-tf.

No. 1 AMMONIATED

SUPER-PHOSPHATE OF LIME

AND POTASH,

Manufactured for T. W. ELIASON, JR.,

Containing DRIED BLOOD OR ANIMAL MATTER, 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 GUARNTEED *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* of 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.

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

3rd. 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.

5th. That it is a much more valuable goods for the price asked for it than any heretofore sold in this county.

☞ *The above goods was largely used last Fall* in this County by many of our best Farmers, giving excellent results,—in many instances giving a larger yield of wheat than the most expensive goods—in one case as high as FORTY-TWO BUSHELS TO THE ACRE.

$33 Per Ton, and int., on crop term.

Give it a fair trial and I believe you will be satisfied.

Aug. 16-t. **T. W. ELIASON, JR.**

THE POPPLEIN

SILICATED PHOSPHATE COMPANY
MANUFACTURERS OF THE
Only Complete Mineral Fertilizer!

☞ **No Refuse Organic Matter.** ☜

Contains every mineral ingredient removed from the soil by cropping. Does not burn the plant. Feeds and does not exhaust the land. Contains one-third more bulk than any other fertilizer. Is fine, light, dry, and drills beautifully, no clogging and no time lost in cleaning the drill. It is entirely free from odor and can be handled without offence.

For WHEAT.

This Fertilizer will grow more Wheat to the acre, under same circumstances than any other. The grain will be larger, plumper, heavier, and will bring more money in the market or at the mill. The roots will be longer, stronger and more numerous, thus affording protection against winter killing. The straw will be stiffer and stronger and will not lodge under ordinary storms or on bottom lands as with other fertilizers.

For GRASS it has No Equal!

The good effects of the application will be evident for years. Plants grown with this fertilizer will resist any ordinary drought, remaining green and vigorous when others are parched. Grass lands, on which this article alone has been used, will be free from weeds. A liberal application of this Fertilizer will increase the productive capacity of the land, as it contains no stimulants, but is entirely solid plant food. The ingredients are available Phosphoric Acid, Silicic Acid, Potash, Soda and Magnesia, which are in the form best adapted to the needs of the plant, and far superior in condition to any other fertilizer.

After the fertilizer is removed, the bags can be used to hold anything without damage.

Packed in good strong bags of 200 lbs. each.

It has been used the past season by some of our most intelligent Farmers,

and in a number of cases tests were made with other leading Fertilizers, where the Wheat was cut and threshed separately and the result was decidedly in favor of the Popplein in each case.

S. H. BLACKISTON, Agent,
CLERK'S OFFICE
Aug. 23, 1879—s.

LISTER.

I AM now ready to receive orders for the
LISTER PHOSPHATE.
I am authorised by Lister Bros., manufacturers, to say that this article will be in fine drilling condition this fall.
jy26-tf. J. W. HINES.

EMORY'S Bone and Potash

HAVING given the above Fertilizer a fair test with several high grade articles for two seasons, and believing it to be best in results I have concluded to offer it to my fellow farmers for their wheat seeding this fall.

Price, delivered at landings, $32 per ton cash; $35, with interest, on approved notes at 11 months dating from Oct. 1.
jy26-3m. W. S. WALKER.

WHITELOCK

VEGETATOR.

WE have made ample preparation for a large demand this season, and the quality and condition is equal to anything our factories have turned out.

The last winter demonstrated the Vegetator to be the cheapest manure to apply as it will stand any weather.

While offering the article at low prices much less is required to manure land than any other manure.

Address, W. WHITELOCK & CO.,
jy5-3m. 44 South st., Baltimore

KENNARD'S
IMPERIAL!

THIS PHOSPHATE manufactured by us last Spring for corn, at the low price of Eighteen dollars per ton, having shown such good results, encourages us to make a higher grade

FOR WHEAT,
at the VERY LOW PRICE of
$23 CASH, $25 ON TIME.

It will be to your interest, Farmers, to try this; we are satisfied that you will be convinced that it is *economy* to use a low priced but GOOD article.

Resp'y, KENNARD & CO.,
ag9-tf. Chestertown.

TO FARMERS
and FRUIT GROWERS.
Come and examine the Bolster Springs for Farm Wagons, also Peach Ladders.
For sale by JOHN BELL, Ag't,
aug2. opp. the Bank.

TO FARMERS!

HAVING made arrangements with The Farmers' Bone and Fertilizing Company for the sale of their

"HIGH GRADE"
PHOSPHATES,

we offer the following brands to the Farmers of Kent and adjoining counties, at HARD TIME PRICES:

High Grade Nitro Phosphate
High Grade Super Phosphate
Imp. Acidulated Phosphate,
Albor Guano.

Believing that we have FIRST CLASS PHOSPHATES we do not hesitate to ask a fair and impartial trial beside any Phosphate in the market.

Attention is called to the following testimonial of a first class and reliable farmer, after several years' using:

MILLINGTON, MD., July 2, '79.
Farmers' Bone and Fertilizing Co., Philadelphia:—Sirs: I have used your High Grade Phosphates for four years past on wheat and corn, and have always found it to give satisfaction, and *it is the best Phosphate I know of in the market*, and can recommend it as such to farmers wishing to use a reliable fertilizer.
Resp'y, &c., N. VANSANT.

We most respectfully ask that you give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

For sale by

BEAN & FOARD
DEALERS IN
GRAIN, LIME, COAL, FERTILIZERS
AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, &c., &c.
MASSEYS, MD.
Aug. 2, 1879—3m.

Eureka Fan Mill!

THE undersigned is agent for the celebrated EUREKA MILL, manufactured by B. Cortrite, Norwalk, Ohio, to which was awarded the highest premium at the Centennial Exhibition. It is guaranteed to clean wheat better than any other Fan in the market, and to give general satisfaction. Sample can be seen at his Hotel porch in Chestertown.

☞Terms easy.
JOHN ARMSTRONG, Agt.
July 26, 1879—3m.

TRY OUR 65c. Chewing Tobacco.
jy12. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

Ross' Phosphate.

FARMERS, Look to your Interest!

I AM THE AGENT in Kent County for
W. M. Ross & Co's
PHOSPHATE,
manufactured at Seaford, Del. The proprietors say they believe they are manufacturing the
CHEAPEST & BEST FERTILIZER
in this country, and selling at the smallest profit. They challenge a trial side by side, dollar for dollar with any other Super Phosphate made in the United States and guarantee quality.

☞Price $30, on 12 months' time.

G. W. JONES,
KENNEDYVILLE, KENT CO., MD.
aug30-6t.

Its low Price will permit a liberal application

BAUGH'S
Twenty Dollar Phosphate.

This is no compound of cheap or inert materials, but really excellent Super-phosphate, as will be seen by the analysis below, which is
GUARANTEED
to every purchaser, under a forfeiture of the whole bill sold.

Read the Analysis:

Ammonia.....from 2½ to 3 per cent.
Bone Phosphate, soluble 10 to 12 per ct.
" " insoluble 7 to 8 "

☞Baugh's Twenty Dollar Phosphate contains no dirt or sand.

PRICE $20.00 per ton of 2,000 lbs. in new bags of 200 lbs. each; free on board cars or boat in Philadelphia, Pa.

Pure dissolved animal bones, ground raw bones, acid phosphate, bone meal, high grade chemicals, and other supplies for the manufacture of

HOME-MADE FERTILIZERS,

at lowest cash prices for goods of guaranteed standard.

BAUGH & SONS,
20 S. Delaware Av., Philad'a,
and 103 South St., Baltimore.
Send for prices, &c. ag9-2m.

FERTILIZERS.

FALL - - - 1879.

T. W. Eliason, Jr.

Holloway's Excelsior;
" *Ammo. Super Phosphate;*
J. J. Turner & Co's Excelsior;
" " *Ammo. Super Phosphate;*
J. Horner, Jr. & Co's Concentrated Super Phosphate;
Horner's Ammoniated Super Phosphate;
J. Ober & Son's Acid Phosphate;
Wm. Whitelock & Co's Vegetator;
J. Horner, Jr. & Co's Dissolved Bones, The highest grade on the market.
T. W. Eliason, Jr's No. 1 Ammo. Super Phosphate;
T. W. Eliason, Jr's No. 3 Ammo. Super Phosphate;
Peruvian Guano;
Sulphate of Ammonia;
Nitrate of Soda;
Sulphate of Potash;
Plaster at low rates.

☞Special advertisement in subsequent issue of paper.

In calling the attention of our customers and farmers generally to the above Fertilizers, I take pleasure in being able to say that all of these goods are of first-class reputation, and fully equal if not superior to other goods on the market of their respective kinds.

My own No. 3 Ammo. Super Phosphate is not an experiment, but was put last fall into the hands of a few first-class observing farmers, and gave the most flattering results.

Call and see me before buying your fertilizers. I may save you money.

T. W. ELIASON, JR.
Aug. 9, 1879.

ORDER YOUR
Phosphate!

MY PATRONS are requested to call and give their orders for Phosphate, as I want to have the goods in time for early as well as late seeding.

I have in store at this time about 250 Tons of Lister Standard, and as much more awaiting shipment. Send in your orders early.

☞Any arrangement made with MR. MELVIN, in my absence, will be satisfactory to me. Respectfully,
aug23-tf. J. W. HINES.

PHOSPHATES!

Walton, Whann & Co's Acid Phosphate
M. L. Shoemaker's Ammoniated "
Holloway's " "
Moro Phillips' " "
and the
Champion Grain Drill.
For sale by
TURNER BROTHERS,
Aug. 30, 1879.

WOOD! WOOD!

HICKORY, OAK and PINE.

THE subscriber has purchased 200 cords of the very best seasoned Oak that has been in this market for some time, and is selling it, delivered, at $4.50 per cord; sawed and split at low rates.

This Wood has all been culled over; is full length, clear of knots and small sticks. WILLIAM PERKINS
Rising Sun Saloon, Chestertown.
Aug. 30—tf.

LIME! LIME!

THE undersigned is now selling the best burned
SHELL LIME,
and landing it anywhere on the Chester and Sassafras Rivers, or their tributaries, at low rates for cash or good note on short time. WM. PERKINS.
Chestertown, Aug. 30.

PENINSULA
AGRICULT'L and POMOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION,
Middletown, Delaware.

Sixth Annual Fair

TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY,
Sept. 30th, Oct. 1st and 2d, 1879.

Premiums, $6,500!

EXHIBITS SOLICITED. No entry fee except in Trials of Speed. Very low rates of freight can be had on application to the agents of the Delaware R. R.

☞Excursion tickets admitting to the Fair will be sold by the P. W. & B. R. R. and connections.

A platform will be constructed within a few steps of the entrance gates at which all passenger trains will stop.

Excellent Music will be provided.

TRIALS OF SPEED EACH DAY!

Good Dining Rooms, Restaurants and Oyster Stands.

Ample accommodations for stock.

Hay and Straw free for Stock on exhibition.

Grounds open Monday, September 29th, for the reception of exhibits.

For further particulars address

J. B. NAUDAIN, Sec'y,
sep6-4t. MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

DRILLS!

REPAIRS and EXTRAS.

CHAPMAN & LAMBERT

CHESTERTOWN,

Will repair your Drills and furnish all extra pieces, such as Wheels, Points, Gum Tubes and Funnels, New Zinc Bottoms, Axles, in fact everything in the Drill business. Old Funnels re-leathered, all at

ASTONISHING LOW PRICES.

☞Call and get a new Guano Attachment put on your old Bickford & Huffman Drill.

CORN HOES!

VERY CHEAP.

Made of the best Cast Steel. We keep them on hand with and without handles.
CHAPMAN & LAMBERT.

Twin Harrows! Twin Harrows!
AND
DOUBLE PLOWS.

We have now on hand a large lot of Twin Harrows and Double Plows, very cheap. Call and see the prices.
CHAPMAN & LAMBERT.
Sept. 6, 1879.

New Drug Store

IN CHESTERTOWN.

M. A. TOULSON,

(Graduate of Phila. College of Pharmacy,)

Has fitted up the store room formerly occupied by Mr. John Bordley, and opened a FIRST CLASS DRUG STORE.

His medicines are all fresh, and purchased of the most reliable dealers in the cities, and having knowledge of and considerable experience in the manufacture and use of Drugs and chemicals, claims the ability to compete with any first class drug store on the shore.

☞**Prescriptions a Specialty.**

The leading and most reliable Patent Medicines will be kept in stock or furnished at short notice.

Also, a line of NOTIONS, such as Stationery, Perfumery, Soaps, and Toilet Goods generally. The attention of the ladies is particularly invited to his stock of French and American hdk'f Extracts.

Also, for gentlemen a very fine line of

CIGARS and TOBACCO

We specially invite those who indulge in "the weed" to call and try our "fragrant Havana," unexcelled in town.

☞We shall give constant personal attention to the business, and exercise particular care in compounding prescriptions, and hope to merit public favor.
jy5-tf. M. A. TOULSON.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

FIRST DISTRICT.

THE tax-payers of the First Election District are hereby notified that I have their accounts made out for the present year, and for their convenience will be at the following places on the days named during the months of September and October:

Sassafras, every Monday morning.
Masseys, every Monday afternoon.
Galena, every Wednesday morning.
Chesterville, Wednesday afternoons.
Millington, Saturday afternoons.

☞Prompt payment solicited.
R. F. MOFFETT,
sep6-2m. Coll. 1st Dist.

JUST RECEIVED!
AND FOR SALE
A NEW SUPPLY OF
Boots and Shoes,
STRAW HATS,
And Cincinnati Banner Sugar-Cured
HAMS.

To this brand of Hams was awarded the First Premium at the Centennial Exhibition. JAMES A. SHAW,
May 10. Court Street.

PRESERVING KETTLES,
Mason's Qt. & ½ gal. Glass JARS,
Tin Cans and Sealing Wax,
Stone Jars and Rubbers for Glass Jars,
for sale at THOMPSON'S, Up town.
Aug. 9, 1879.

JELLY TUMBLERS
at low prices.
jy12. J. H. SIMPERS & BRO.

A SKELETON IN EVERY HOUSE.

Query.—Can you tell me the origin of the expression, "There is a skeleton in every house?"

Answer.—It may be found in Waldie's Circulating Library for August 26th, 1834, where it is credited to *Chambers' Journal*. The story is doubtless apocryphal, but the lesson it conveys all may read. It is as follows:

A widow of Naples, the Countess Corsini, had but one remaining son to give her an interest in life. He was remarkable for the elegance of his person, as well as for every amiable and graceful quality. When grown, this young gentleman was sent to pursue his studies at the University of Bologna, where he became one of the most distinguished scholars and gained the affection of all who knew him by his singular noble character. Just as he was completing his studies and was about to return to Naples, he was seized with a dangerous illness, which, notwithstanding the efforts of the best physicians in Bologna, brought him in three days to the brink of the grave. Seeing he could not survive, his only care, so far as the world was concerned, was for his mother, and it was his most anxious wish that some means should be taken to prevent her being entirely overcome. He finally resorted to this expedient:—He wrote to his mother informing her of his illness, but not of its threatening character, and requesting that she would send him a shirt made by the happiest lady in all Naples, or she who appeared most free from the cares and sorrows of this world, for he had taken a fancy that by wearing such an article he should be speedily cured. The Countess thought her son's request rather singular, but being loath to refuse, immediately set about her inquiry for the happiest lady in Naples. Her efforts were tedious and difficult; everybody she could think of, or who was pointed out to her, was found on searching nearer, to have her own share of troubles. She was at length intoduced to one who not only appeared to have all the materials of worldly bliss, but bore every external mark of being cheerful and contented in her situation. To this fortunate lady the Countess preferred her request, making the circumstances of the case an excuse for so strange an application. "My dear Countess," said the lady, "spare the apology, for if I were really qualified for the task, I would gladly undertake it. But if you will follow me to another room I will prove to you that I am the most miserable woman in Naples." So saying, she led the Countess to a remote chamber, where there was nothing apparently but a curtain hung from the ceiling to the floor. This being drawn aside, she disclosed to the horror of her visitor, a skeleton suspended from a beam. "O, dreadful," exclaimed the Countess, "what means this?" The lady regarded her mournfully, and said, after a moment's silence, "This was a youth who loved me before my marriage, and with whom I was obliged to part when my relations compelled me to marry my present husband. Afterward we renewed our acquaintance, and my husband, in his impatience at finding him in my presence one day, drew his sword, and run him through the heart. He afterward caused his skeleton to be suspended here, and every night and morning, since then, has compelled me to come and view these remains. To the world I may bear a cheerful aspect, and seem possessed of all the comforts of life, but you may judge if I can really be entiled to the reputation you have given me, or am qualified to execute your son's commission." The Countess Corsini readily acknowledged that her situation was most miserable, and retired to her own house. "Alas!" she said to herself, "no one is exempt from the distresses and sorrows of life; there is a skeleton in every house." When she reached home, she found a letter informing her of the death of her son. This terrible news would have overturned her reason, or broken her heart, had not the foresight of her son prepared her to feel that others had sorrows as great as her own, and in alleviating them her own were lightened.—*N. Y. Observer.*

A CIRCUS PRIZE.—During the recent horse show in England Mr. Robert Leaman's hunter, Surrey, made such a splendid jump over the mimic brook as to set the great audience applauding frantically. The horse, wild with excitement, went right on down the ring, and rising at the barrier of the amphitheatre with one tremendous bound, literally sailed over the bars and five rows of spectators, alighted in safety and injurying nobody. The distance was measured and proved to be thirty-seven feet, a jump even more surprising than that made on the steeple-chase course, all things being taken into consideration. If some enterprising American circus manager does not secure Surrey all their appreciation of renown and grace must be dead.

IT speaks well for the managers of the Maryland penitentiary that, with 700 convicts in the institution, every one behaved so well that all are recommended for the benefits of the commutation act, thus taking off five days from the length of each inmate's imprisonment. Such a record is exceptional, and may be principally attributed to the practice of finding employment for all the convicts possible. Hard work keeps them out of mischief, prevents insubordination and inspires them with a desire to get where the proceeds of their labor will be turned into their own pockets.—*Balto. American.*

RICHMOND, VA., MARCH 6th, 1878.
W. E. Thornton, Baltimore, Md.
Dear Sir:—The use of J. M. Laroque's Anti-Bilious Bitters has proved decidedly beneficial to me. Having used them for Dyspepsia, I am glad to recommend them to all who suffer from that terrible disease. A. T. VIANI,
1914 Main Street.

The above is a sample of thousands of testimonials from people all over the country. The Bitters speak for themselves. Give them a trial. Price 25c. a package, and $1 per bottle.

A FRENCHMAN claims to have discovered in two natural substances, inexhaustible in nature, the means of lighting and maintaining a fire without wood or coal; a fire instantaneously lighted and extinguished, causing no dust, smoke, or trouble, costing one-tenth of ordinary fuel, and everlasting.

A WOMAN FARMER.

From Demorest's Monthly Magazine.

One of the most successful of the Pennsylvania farmers is a woman, the wife of Rev. Abel C. Thomas, one of the former lights of the Universalist Church. For many years her husband has been an invalid, a victim to nervous prostration from over-brain work. He was ordered to the country, and compelled to relinquish all active participation in private as well as in public affairs.

Mrs. Thomas had always lived in the city—had no acquaintance with country life, but she found a small farm of twenty acres, in the vernal grass region of Pennsylvania, near Philadelphia, which she purchased at a low figure, and out of which she has created the Paradise which one must see in order to understand. The house is approached by a beautiful avenue of elms, which was in existence when the purchase was made; but the place was otherwise unimproved. Her first thought was how to use her limited resources to the best advantage. She decided that a farm of twenty acres could not compete with the larger ones, in the matter of quantity, and that she must therefore trust to the quality of her products to secure pecuniary reward. She also wisely concluded that it would be of little use to devote herself to one branch of agriculture, such as wheat, stock, or poultry raising, because one department helps another, and, singly, could not be made to pay by any methods that she was acquainted with. Her first effort was to secure good stock, Alderney cows, light Brahma fowls, and to bring whatever she undertook up to the highest point of perfection that the utmost care, cleanliness, and personal supervision could secure. Her success she does not look upon as anything extraordinary, but it is certainly worth recording. Her usual average of butter is 800 pounds per annum from four Alderney cows, and this sells from fifty cents to one dollar per pound in the Philadelphia market. The average number of chickens is from 700 to 800 per annum, and these sell at a dollar each, alive. Eggs are sold by the sitting, from thirteen to fifteen, a dollar and a half each lot, for breeding purposes, and she can sell all she can raise. She sold three calves during the past season for fifty dollars each, and her wheat as much beyond the market price, for seeding. This latter result was wholly unlooked for by herself. The crop was very large, measuring one hundred bushels to the acre almost from the first, due entirely to the excellence of the seed and the extraordinary care bestowed upon it. No weeds were permitted—and plenty of manure, and abundance of salt stimulated its growth. The miller to whom it was submitted when ripened offered a higher price than he would give to any of her neighbors, and this fact becoming known, gave her wheat such a reputation that it has ever since been in demand for seed by the farmers in the vicinity, and has actually raised the standard of flour coming from that district.

Her henhouse cost five hundred dollars, and is perfectly arranged and fitted up for the comfort of her feathered family. The upper room is lined with boxes for hatching, and there are also dustbaths, and a plentiful supply of oyster-shells, bone-dust, and whatever else is necessary to the production of chickens on scientific principles. Carbolic acid is put into the whitewash, with which the walls are cleansed, and covered, and sulphur into the nests. It is a curious sight to see a dozen or more hens, all sitting at once upon their nests, and watch the general uprising, the craining of the necks, and the universal expression of satisfaction when the faint little "*tweet-tweet*" announces that one little chick has broken its shell. Mrs. Thomas does not go very extensively into bee culture, but she has twenty-five hives which add from one hundred to one hundred and fifty dollars to her annual receipts, and is "all profit" after the first outlay.

Mrs. Thomas is well descended. She is a great-great-grandmother of John Robinson of Leyden, the pastor of the "Mayflower," and her great-grandmother was Elizabeth Newcombe, grand-daughter of Gov. Bradford. In addition to her own family of four children, she has brought up thirteen orphans of German, Scotch, Irish, and Indian blood, and been actively engaged in church and society work, as secretary of a national association, chairman of the tract committee, and other responsible positions. She still preserves a fine matronly appearance, which expresses to the merest stranger the goodness of her heart, the strength and soundness of her head. Her great gift of sympathy is the undoubted secret of her success. Everything animate and inanimate gravitates toward her, and is held by the mere force of natural cohesion. Her household is maintained on a scale of the utmost liberality. Instead of stinting herself, her family and her dependants, they have the best and in the greatest abundance. Ducks and turkeys are reared exclusively for family consumption. The garden is cultivated with the same object. No fruit is sold—all is used or given away. Rich milk and cream find their place on the table at every meal, and a package of the sweet butter, of a quality not to be found in the ordinary market, not unfrequently finds its way to the homes of her friends.

Her hobby, the work to which she willingly devotes herself aside from her farm and the daily and nightly care of her helpless husband, is the translation of the waifs of the city to the homes of the country, and their regeneration and healthful growth through the beneficent influence of rural life. A woman like this is greater than all the Cæsars.

THE LONGEST BEARD.—Edwin Smith, of Adrian, Mich., rejoices in a beard which, by late measurement, was seven feet six inches and a-half in length. He has not shaved since 1861. Ordinarily Mr. Smith and his beard would not attract special attention. He does not let it sway at its own free will at all times, but keeps it tied in a compact bunch under his chin, holding it fast with thread and hair-pins. When thus done up it does not appear to be of unusual length unless the observation is close.

AT five dollars a ton the hay crop of the United States is three times that of cotton, ten times that of wool, and twice that of wheat.

A BIT OF NEW YORK SOCIETY LIFE.

One night in September, 1871, the youngest daughter of Hon. W. M. Tweed was to be married to a wealthy gentleman, Arthur Ambrose McGinnis, of New Orleans, and the Princess, as she was called, was young and beautiful and was one of the reigning belles of New York society. The American club in all the glory of their diamond badges mustered strong for the interesting occasion, and there was a friendly rivalry between its members to see who would make Tweed's favorite daughter the richest and most costly present. That eminence was reserved for the Hon. Thomas Fields, a Harlem politician, whose roberies in the city amounted in three years to nearly three millions of dollars. Mr. Fields presented a magnificent diamond set, said to be worth ten thousand dollars, and his young and lovely wife supplemented his present with a gift nearly as costly. It was in the flush days of the Ring, and Mr. Fieids was erecting a palace in Harlem, which was calculated to eclipse everything of the kind in the United States. This ponderous political robber, whose weight was over three hundred, had cast a lascivious eye on the daughter of his own sister, a young and beautiful girl, scarcely eighteen years of age; he got a divorce from his first wife, and as the laws of New York forbade incestous marriage, he went over to New Jersey, joined the Catholic church, and was married in state by the bishop. At this time his wife was one of the most beautiful women in America. She was noted for her lavish and extravagant display of diamonds, which just before the crash of the Ring were said to amount to one hundred thousand dollars. Liveried servants, magnificent carriages, everything that could minister to the most extravagant desire and pride were hers. A few months after the great wedding, the Hon. Thomas Fields was a felon fugitive from justice, and his beautiful wife was abandoned for another. For a time she sustained herself by the sale of her jewels and wardrobe, but after a while even this resource failed, and at last, under the great weight of her calamity her reason tottered, and she finally became an inmate of a lunatic asylum. Her sister, the wife of a New York policeman, was asked to take charge of her affairs, and last week she asked the court to be released from the charge, as all of her sister's property is gone, and on Tuesday the woman who eight years ago was the wife of a millionaire, and the inhabitant of a palace, was taken charge of by the almshouse commissioners, and the poor, demented, ruined creature passed from a palace to a poorhouse. The robber who betrayed her is a fugitive thief in Canada, his ill-gotten wealth squandered and gone, his health shattered, his every hope blighted, waiting impatiently for death, yet fearing to die, longing for the sight of his native land once more, and knowing that it can only be purchased at the price of a felon's doom.

SENATOR BAYARD, writing to a friend from the famous mineral springs of Carlsbad, in Bohemia, admits that the waters there are very efficacious in a variety of diseases and disorders, but expresses the opinion that the relief experienced by sufferers is due much more to the care and intelligence with which the waters are administered than to the intrinsic mineral properties of the springs. He thinks that if our hotels at the springs were as well built and managed as those in Europe, and the waters utilized with the same medical supervision, the Virginia and other springs in this country would prove as beneficial as any in the world. In the European springs no one is allowed to take the waters except under medical direction, at the times and temperatures and in quantities suited to the especial case. One great secret of the success of the Hot Springs of Arkansas is that this system has been copied there. But at the greater part of our watering places the idea of medical attendance is seldom thought of—or if resorted to, it is but in very few instances the medical advice available is of that experienced character in connection with the use of the waters which is most desirable, and which only scientific knowledge and practice in their ministrations could render judicious and safe.

A BRUTAL EXHIBITION.—A much-talked-of fight between the English bulldog Gas, whose record, unmarked with a defeat, has made him famous in the old country and in all the principal cities of this country, and the American bulldog Coachman, without any record, came off in New York, last week, for a purse of $600. The fight lasted two hours and forty minutes, and was a most determined and exhausting one. At this point the English dog was so much worsted that he refused to leave his corner, so the battle was given to Coachman.

THE Philadelphia *Record* inquires: "Why cannot the democrats of Pennsylvania rise to the height of their opportunity and cast the vote of the State for Thomas F. Bayard? If they cannot assist in electing a President, they may assist in naming one who can be elected, and whose election will be an honor to the party, and a credit to the country."

MRS. GRANT, in response to an address on behalf of the Empress of Japan, said: "I have visited many countries and have seen many beautiful places, but I have seen none so beautiful or so charming as Japan."

TAKE IT BACK.—"Why, you called her an angel." Did we? Oh yes, but that was before "banged hair" came in fashion. Why the very idea of an angel with "banged hair," is enough to make a tombstone laugh.

BOSTON papers are worrying themselves over the conundrum: "Suppose Ben Butler should die to-morrow what would become of his party?" We give it up.

GARDEN parties are much in vogue. They are held at night in the melon patch, and consist of a gardener, a shot gun and a cross dog.

THE greatest evils in life have had their rise from something which was thought of too little importance to be attended to.

MRS. LANGTRY, the great English beauty who is coming over to see and be seen, makes, or rather trims her own bonnets.