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Wednesday, the 15th of October, 1879
At Twelve o'clock M.,
THAT FINELY LOCATED FARM CALLED
BLOOMFIELD,
lying on Sassafras River, near the mouth of Lloyd's Creek, in the Second Election District of Kent county, containing
Two Hundred and Twelve Acres of Land,
more or less. About twenty-five or thirty acres are in Wood, the balance arable except four or five acres of grazing marsh or meadow.
The soil is red clay and capable of a high state of improvement.

THE IMPROVEMENTS
Are a Two and a-half Story *DWELLING HOUSE,* nearly new, well arranged and comfortable, and the usual OUT-BUILDINGS.
The fencing is nearly all post and rail, nearly new and in good repair; excellent water near the house.
The SHORE is a valuable one for Fishing purposes, and always rents well.

LLOYD'S CREEK BAR
opposite the farm, and only a few hundred yards distant, is celebrated as a gunning point for wild game.
There is an ORCHARD of 2,000 Peach Trees
of good varieties and in bearing.
THE TERMS OF SALE are cash on the day of sale.
RICHARD HYNSON,
Sept. 20—ts. MORTGAGEE.

FINELY LOCATED FARM
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THE undersigned will offer at Public Sale at the Voshell House in Chestertown, on
WEDNESDAY,
The 15th day of October, '79,
At half-past Twelve o'clock P. M., the BACK FARM of George W. Howard, Esq., known as
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This farm is finely located on Lloyd's Creek and Sassafras River. It contains about
202 ACRES,
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THE IMPROVEMENTS
ARE A
Frame Dwelling House,
with two rooms and a Kitchen on the first floor, and three rooms on the second floor. BARN and STABLE combined, about 30 feet square; Stalls for 6 or 8 horses. These Buildings are in good order. There are also other necessary farm buildings in fair condition.
There is a well of fine Water near the dwelling, and Vessels load and unload near the shore.
There is a PEACH ORCHARD of
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four years old, and of excellent varieties.

THE TERMS OF SALE ARE:
One-third of the purchase money to be paid in cash on the day of sale, or within 30 days thereafter, and the balance in two instalments in one and two years from the day of sale, with interest.
CHARLES T. WESTCOTT,
Att'y for Geo. W. Howard.
Sept. 20, 1879—ts.

NEW TIN STORE!

WM. A. BISCOE
Has commenced business at the old Barber stand on Princes st., opposite the Post Office, Chestertown, and is prepared to do TIN ROOFING AND SPOUTING, Repair Tin-ware, put up Stoves, and do all work in his line.
A share of patronage is respectfully solicited. Orders left at J. W. Hines' will receive prompt attention.
ag23-6m. WM. A. BISCOE.

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
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Aug. 30—tf.

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THE undersigned is now selling the best burned
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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.

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A Choice Selection of APPLE, PEAR, and CHERRY TREES.
Also, a variety of Raspberry, Blackberry and other plants.
We have selected with great care the choicest varieties of Canning Peaches and Southern Winter Apples. Also, the most profitable market kinds of St. and Dwarf Pears. Pay us a visit before purchasing elsewhere. Catalogues now ready.
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CHESTERTOWN,
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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
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jy5-tf. M. A. TOULSON.

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Every Wednesday & Saturday.
Water Ices made to order.
☞ The Ladies' parlor is now ready for reception. WM. PERKINS,
je14-tf. Rising Sun Saloon.

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BY AUGUSTUS HESS.

There is love in some hearts
That will never find tongue;
There are songs on some lips
That will never be sung:
For the love is ground down
In the dust of Despair,
And the songs are entombed
In the dungeons of Care.

There are problems of life
That are better unknown;
There are seeds of good deeds
That have never been sown:
For the problems of life
Might chill us, could we know,
And the sowers were dead
Before they could sow.

Making a Father's Grave.

The Sandusky (O.) *Register* relates the following story: "A little girl with tangled locks peeping from under a calico hood, clad in a dress of chintz, loitered behind as the great dusty crowd moved out of the gates of Mount Adna the other day, after they had scattered their flowers and done honor to the dead. Dreamily she gazed after them, her eyes filled with a faraway look of tenderness, until the last ones had disappeared and the rattle of drums had died away. Then she turned and vaguely scanned the mounds that rose about her, clutching still tighter the fading bunch of dandelions and grass that her chubby hand held.

"An old man came by and gently patted her curly head as he spoke her name, but she only shrank back still further, and when he told a passing stranger that the little one's father had died on shipboard and been buried at sea, there was only a teardrop in the child's eye to tell that she heard or knew the story. When they were gone she moved on further to a neglected, empty lot, and kneeling down she piled up a mound of earth, whispering as she patted it, and smoothed it with her chubby hand, 'This won't be so awfully big as the others, I guess, but maybe it will be big enough so that God will see it and think that papa is buried there."

"Carefully she trimmed the sides with the grass she plucked, murmuring on: 'And maybe it will grow so that it will be like the rest in two or three years, and then maybe papa will some time come back and'—But she paused as though it suddenly dawned upon her young mind that he rested beneath the waves, and the tear-drops that sprung to her eyes moistened the little bunch of dandelions that she planted among the grasses on the mound she had reared. When the sexton passed that way at night as he went to close the gates he found the little one fast asleep, with her head pillowed on the mound."

Will He Succeed.

In nine cases out of ten a man's life will not be a success if he does not bear burdens in his childhood. If the fondness or the vanity of father or mother has kept him from hard work; if another always helped him out at the end of his row; if instead of taking his turn at pitching off he stowed away all the time—in short, if what was light fell to him, and what was heavy about the work to some one else; if he has been permitted to shirk until shirking has become a habit; unless a miracle has been wrought his life will be a failure, and the blame will not be half so much his as that of his weak and foolish parents.

On the other hand, if a boy has been brought up to do his part, never allowed to shirk his responsibility, or to dodge work whether or not it makes his head ache, or soiled his hands, until bearing burdens has become a matter of pride, the heavy end of the wood his choice, parents as they bid him good-by may dismiss their fear. The elements of success are his, and at some time and in some way the world will recognize his capacity.

Trifles.

Some one has said that "It is hard telling what a trifle means." Everything in nature is closely connected with everything else. An undue preponderance of one force sets in motion all other forces. The eddying of a few particles of air may give rise to a tornado.

A few drops of oil slowly leaking from a cask may seem of little account; but in due time the vessel will be empty. A small pin, bolt or screw out of place may stop a powerful engine. A particle of dust may render a chronometer useless as a time-keeper. The prick of a pin in a balloon may destroy it. Another writer has put the thought in a still stronger light: "There is no such thing as a trifle." Any person who has lived many years and been engaged in the transactions of daily life, will certainly appreciate this quotation. A useless expense of a few cents daily to a laboring man will amount to no small sum in a series of years, while a judicious expenditure in the same way will be exhibited in a few years in the general appearance of thrift around such a man. To know how to do things in the best possible manner involves a knowledge of a thousand little things to insure success.

FEBRUARY, 1880, will present a singular phenomenon—no less than five Sundays, an arrangement that can only occur when the month comes in on Sunday in leap year. We are so accustomed to consider that the year of the election of our President must be leap year, that most of us will be surprised to learn that in twenty years that arrangement will be interrupted, not from any change in our own Constitution, but by an act of the English Parliament, which, when it reformed the calendar that we accept, in 1752 decided that for astronomical reasons February should lose its 29th day every time leap year occurred in the first year of a century. By this arrangement every centennial year the first two numbers of whose Anno Domini are not divisible by four loses its character of leap year. Thus in 1800 February was deprived of its 29th day, and in 1900 the Executive who is tenant of the White House will find himself deprived of one whole day's administration, as his term will include no 29th of February. His successor will not be elected in leap year, and the scanty birthdays of persons born February 29 will be diminished by one.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL BOND proposes to have the law parade of the State militia in Baltimore the week of the fall races.

Jottings Away from Home.

ROCKVILLE, MD., Sept. 29, '79.

Messrs. Editors:—I am on a little jaunt toward sunset, and send a few jottings from this side of our noble Chesapeake, and from this side also of our Maryland civilization. Rockville, where I write, is the capital of Montgomery co., situated at the mouth of Rock creek, and on a branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, sixteen miles from Washington; contains one thousand people, and, like every other place, all sorts of human nature. It is the home of Spencer C. Jones, democratic candidate for Clerk to Court of Appeals. Your correspondent has had the pleasure of an introduction and chat with him. Even republicans speak of Mr. J. as a man of honor and integrity, of sound sense and very sociable. We have also met Rev. Mr. Prettyman, Clerk of the Circuit Court, who is a candidate for re-election on the democratic ticket. Opposed to him is the Rev. Mr. White, Baptist pastor and fusionist. There is in the place eight different creeds, P. E., M. E. South, Baptist, Presbyterian, Catholic, Disciples or Cambelites, colored South and North. Many of the houses in Rockville are substantial, being built of stone, which abounds in this region; but there is a heap of dilapidation and filth laying around, and not one sound fence outside the fair grounds. Liquor is sold at six places, and the question of prohibition is now being agitated. While force is simple foolishness as a measure of reform, it is evident enough that our friends over here use too much tobacco and whiskey for their own good, there being very few that do not use one or the other. We smelt the fumes of tobacco Sunday morning close to the sacred desk where the Gospel was preached.

There was some fighting here during the late war, and buildings bear evidence of the bullet's force. The two papers published in the town, *Advocate* and *Sentinel*, are both democratic, but there is talk of starting a republican paper. Somebody sent our relative here, Mr. Beck, a copy of the *Kent Independent*, but he will not be an easy convert to fanaticism.

Every two weeks religious service is held in the almshouse out of town a piece, and we accepted an invitation to worship with the poor, lame, halt and blind, and as the aged shuffled to their seats with crutches and sticks, the Scripture had a very forcible illustration: "The poor ye have always with you." Sunday night we heard a Disciple preach, who showed plainly to his own satisfaction that it took a good bit of water to ratify and make good a baptism of the spirit. This people think that all are trying to steal into the Kingdom by the wrong door who are not willing to be put under water and nearly drowned.

We have just returned from a trip down in the Old Dominion, the mother of Presidents. On reaching the Cumberland House, on the Maryland side, we were told to take the tow-path a mile or so down, to halloo and a boat would be sent to take us across to the Virginia shore. We did so, and Mollie E. Trammel, a buxom lass of one hundred and sixty-three pounds, soon appeared on the bluff bank, pushed off her frail skiff and paddled skillfully to us; and after ferrying us safely over conducted us up a rocky path to the ruins of Matildaville, where an old colored aunty, pointing to a long, tumble-down old house, assured us that was, and no mistake, once the headquarters of General Washington.—The Potomac where we crossed was about sixty yards wide, and was said to be seventy-five feet deep. The young lady said the bottom had never been found. Nearly opposite the Cumberland House, on the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, are the great Potomac falls, which we viewed from the Virginia side. These falls are a marvil of nature most wonderful to behold. As we stood upon the huge rocks amid the roar of waters as they thundered onward to the sea, we could but exclaim, "How mighty are Thy works, O God, in wisdom has Thou made them all." Many resort to this place of wonders, camp out under the splendid shade, and amuse themselves climbing rocks, fishing, gunning, &c.

Our letter is now long enough, and we will stop. Meantime you may hear from us again as to things seen in our rambles through Fairfax county in old Virginia.
J. R. B.

Regularity of Habit.

Very few persons understand how greatly health and happiness in this world depends upon regularity of their daily habits—the constant recurrence of those events which we are apt to refer to as tiresome and monotonous. During the earlier and later periods of our life this 'even tenor' is essential to our well-being; and though we may feel like kicking the traces when at a zenith of power and activity, and sometimes fly off at tangents or get rid of our superfluous energies in old and eccentric ways, but we usually come back or at least try to come back, to our moorings, and gladly accept the tread-mill path of our daily duty, which if it brings no ecstatics of pleasure, leaves no remorse.

Every one can understand how disagreeable it would be not to be able to make sure of one's dinner; to be deprived of bed and sleep; to lose the enjoyment of abundance of good water, a daily bath and a daily paper, but upon the recurrence of many more and much smaller minutiæ do we depend for our daily comfort. We like certain kinds of bread at every meal; we want meat always cooked certain favorite ways, and expect to find it so as naturally as we expect the sun to shine. We get to seeing certain things in certain places, and we could not miss them upon any account; a tree, a bush, a picture, a chair which occupies the same place for years acquires a value to our consciousness which only the habit of seeing it can give it. The world seems very large in growth, and full of many and varied interests, but it contracts as we grow older, and the objects of value to us narrow themselves down to those which we know to be real, and which form our lives. Naturally, as these grow fewer in number they grow dearer, and the more we dislike to miss them from our sight and sense. No lives are so happy as those which are so well ordered that there is little to resign, and to which, therefore, every year brings added interest and added enjoyment in the regular discharge of individual and social duty.

Letter from Baltimore.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 7, 1879.

Editors News:—As autumn advances business in our city grows more active, and this year will close one of the most active and prosperous seasons Baltimore has experienced since the panic. The wholesale trade this season will be greater than it has been for years, and all the heavy dealers are highly elated over the fall's work. The retail trade has been rather slow in commencing, but promises to be extraordinarily successful. The manufacturers are all taxed to their utmost capacity, and it is quite probable that the sad experiences of the past winters will not be repeated.

The political field is also beginning to put on new life and activity, and a spirited campaign may be looked for. The Democratic nominees are to make a thorough canvass of the whole State. The opposition ticket is so weak and unpalatable that their defeat will be greater this year than ever. Let "Old Kent" do her duty and roll up a grand Democratic majority for the State and county ticket, which will also be the burial of 'Dear William's' and 'Hanson's' tickets.

The Johns Hopkins University enters its fourth academic year under auspicious circumstances, and will have as usual a large array of foreign talent to lecture during the course. The buildings of this seat of learning are steadily progressing toward completion, and will be a valuable improvement to that part of the city.

The fruit season over, packers now turn their attention to oysters, which is an industry peculiar to Baltimore. It is hoped the shuckers will not allow the season to pass while they contend in a useless strike, as they did last winter.

Amusements are promising to be numerous this winter, and fashionable life will soon be surprised by many important announcements among the social circles. Theatricals are in a fair state, and Pinafore, whose vitality seems to be unlimited, attracted last week as large audiences as ever. Barnum, the indefatigable showman, exhibited last week his "Greatest Show on Earth."
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A Remarkable Rifleman.

SHOOTING WITH BOTH EYES OPEN.

San Francisco Record.

At Agricultural Park, Mr. John Ruth, of Oakland, gave an exhibition of his skill as a rifle shot, and achieved a decided success, astonishing even his friends. During the entertainment he shot cigars from the mouth of his assistant, who was standing about twenty feet distant, and not only did so while having the gun—a twenty-two caliber Ballard—against his shoulder in the usual manner, but with it turned sideways, or upside down, with the stock resting upon his head. He also shot apples from a stick, two or three inches long, held in his assistant's mouth, the gun being fired from various difficult positions, including sighting over his shoulder with a small mirror, and also shot glass balls from his assistant head, making many shots that were difficult and seemed perilous. The audience were at a loss which to admire most, the nerve of the shooter or the youth who "held the target."

As a portion of the exhibition the doctor attempted to beat the score, made recently at Oakland, of breaking 922 glass balls out of 1,000. During the forenoon he shot at 500 and missed 20. In the afternoon he shot at 500 more and missed only 19—making a total of 39 misses out of 1,000 balls shot at. The score in the afternoon was tallied by several persons, including the Secretary of State-elect, D. M. Burns. The best "run" made by the shooter was 80 success bits. While pleased with having made the best score ever made in public on the coast, he stated that he was not in good trim for shooting, having been nearly laid up lately by a big boil on the back of his neck, which was lanced only last Tuesday. He has shot at 1,000 successive balls but once before, but in shooting at 500 he has been so successful as to miss only nine out of that number. He is a large man of middle age, of agreeable manner, and handles very smoothly the weapon he uses. His average time in shooting 100 balls was between nine and ten minutes, using but one gun and loading it himself. Like Carver, he shoots with his eyes open.

One of Florida's Marvels.

Some seventy-five miles, almost directly east, from Cedar Keys, in Marion county, Florida, is the celecrated silver spring, a basin of water eighty feet deep and issuing from the ground in such force and violence as to present the appearance of boiling on the surface. The water is so pure and clear that the white sand can be seen in motion at the bottom as it is rolled up by the action of the streams pouring from the veins that form the spring. This is supposed to be the Fountain of Perpetual Youth, of which Ponce de Leon had heard, and for which he made search in one of the most romantic expeditions on record. His 'trail' is still pointed out from Lake George, on the St. John's, where he had been led astray and sent to the northwest, when the fountain in which he wished to bathe, and by so doing give old age the slip, lay to the northwest. I am told that out in the gulf, some distance from shore, a spring forces itself with so much power through the brine as to dispel the seawater for a considerable distance around, and rises above the surface so as to be plainly discernable—presenting a diameter of twelve to thirteen yards. These two fresh water springs—the one on the land and the other in the sea—are about on a due east and west line, and certainly objects of curiosity and subjects of study. Assuming that Florida is almost entirely of marine formation, which it evidently is, the source of its numerous springs and lakes of pure fresh water is a mater of unbounded interest to the inquirer into nature's mysteries. But why should there not be springs and boiling fountains in the valleys and mountains of the ocean's depths as we find them on land?

A YOUNG LADY in Brooklyn thought she was marrying a German Count, but before ten days she heard that he was not only no count, but of no account. She has instituted suit for divorce. Her name was Whitelock. He says his name is Leiss.

AN EXAMPLE TO BE FOLLOWED.

A WESTERN FATHER WHO COMPREHENDS THE TRUE BASIS OF MARITAL BLISS.

In one of the towns of central Iowa there resides a wealthy banker whose eldest daughter has but recently become engaged to be married. As would be expected from the position of her family this young lady has had the benefit of the best social and intellectual advantages at home, besides having been a student at Vassar for some time, and traveled considerably, from all of which she had attained quite a unusual degree of culture for a young lady of only twenty years.

To an ordinary observer it would seem that her training had been all that could be desired; but her father thought otherwise. When he found that she had decided to take upon herself the duties of wifehood, he, knowing how greatly the happiness of families are affected by the housewifery qualities of the woman at the head, declared that the marriage should be delayed until she had made herself acquainted with the duties of a housekeeper.

To be thorough he knew required more than mere theoretical knowledge, so with wise thoughtfulness he was careful to provide the means whereby the practical worth of all instruction received could be fully tested; and to this end the mother was requested to retire into the background for a season while the daughter should assume the responsibilities of housekeeper. The mother consented and the young lady undertook the duties of her novel position with a will to do her very best. Several months have now elapsed, yet her interest is never known to flag, although her position is no sinecure. The family is very large, and being exceedingly hospitable, the house is seldom without the presence of guests from abroad; but inspired by the ambition to acquit herself creditably in the present, as well as by the sweet hope in the future, when she shall preside over a home of her very own, her zeal and enthusiasm increases from day to day as experience adds to her proficiency.

In order that her work may be systematic, she is allowed a certain sum of money each month with which to supply the table, as a special inducement to the exercise of economy, all that can be saved therefrom is placed to her private account for individual use. The monthly allowance being by no means large, she is allowed to exercise care in its expenditure; therefore the minutest details are studied, and not a dish makes its appearance upon the table without the cost having been fully estimated previous to its ordering. In this manner she is learning many things that may be of great value to her in the future.

Not long since she was heard to remark that it was really astonishing to discover the many ways of econimizing possible to woman: and as an instance of her own experience, said she frequently found, for some expensive dish desired, that something else, equally wholesome and fully as palatable, could be furnished at one-half the cost.

The father often accompanies her to market and instructs her in the selection of vegetables, the cutting of meats, etc., showing such as are suitable for different purposes, and how to avoid wasteful and unwholesome purchases.

Does not this little sketch contain a suggestion for the benefit of other parents? This young lady will gain in one year, at an expenditure of probably one-third the vital energy required in the schoolroom, knowledge that will contribute a thousand fold more to the happiness of those depending upon her in the future, than any amount of school training could possibly do; yet how few think to give daughters similar preparation for the home cares and duties so sure to form a part of every woman's life. Were parents more thoughtful in this respect, the burdens of young wives would be greatly lessened, while the amount of money which would be saved to young husbands would often times be sufficient to lay the foundation of great wealth. The thought is worthy of consideration on the part of all those who may hold in their hands the shaping of a young girl's future.

Significant Fact.

In a New York paper, recently, there appeared an advertisement for twenty-five skilled workmen, which was answered by *one* applicant. About the same time another card was published to the effect that *one* amanuensis at a salary of $5 per week, was wanted, and for the latter position there was over *one hundred* applicants. This is a very significant fact and one which should be born in mind by parents all over the country. The growing dislike for manual labor on the part of our young men and a corresponding love for positions where their work does not antagonize with an unruffled shirt-front and a stiff collar are everywhere becoming visible and in no instance are their evil influences upon the business interests of a community more fully illustrated than in the one mentioned above. Parents should teach their children that hard hands and sunburnt faces, do not detract from the respectability or the social standing of an individual; that a good mechanic is more worthy of emulation than a third-rate lawyer; that the merit lies not in the occupation that a man follows, but in the man himself, provided he is competent and willing to discharge his duties, and that under any and all circumstances "honesty is the best policy."

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