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No gratuitous advertising. Calls for meetings, concerts, excursions, &c., for charitable, religious or other purposes, must be paid for, the publishers standing on an equal footing with others, ready to contribute toward such objects as they may feel an interest in.

JOB-PRINTING:

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

EXECUTOR'S SALE
—OF—
VALUABLE REAL ESTATE.

THE TIME having arrived when the undersigned is, under the terms and provisions of the Will of the late Hon. E. F. Chambers, fully authorized to sell the Farm he lately owned in Queen Anne's county, State of Maryland; as executor he will offer the same at Public Auction at the Dwelling on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY, December 22d, 1880,

AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M.

This Estate is most eligibly located on Chester River, not far from Chestertown and Washington College, and convenient to Churches, Schools, &c.

IT CONTAINS

618 Acres & 34 Perches
OF LAND,

more or less, of which about

117 Acres are in WOOD and VALUABLE TIMBER.

The residue is mostly arable. The natural soil is of the best quality, has been highly improved, and is well adapted to vegetables, fruits and cereals. Its location embraces all the advantages of our most desirable water situations, having cheap, frequent and convenient access to the best DUCKING POINTS, FISHING GROUNDS and OYSTER BEDS on and in Chester River.

To any one on the alert for a remunerative investment, in connection with a healthy, convenient and agreable residence, this estate offers rare inducements to become its proprietor.

The undersigned has had the Estate carefully surveyed and plotted by Mr. B. S. Elliott, whose work shows him to be a pains-taking and accurate surveyor. By this survey the Farm has been laid off into three divisions, which are respectively designated on the Plot by the Nos. 1, 2 and 3.

No. 1

Takes all the land lying on the right or South side of the present road leading from the river out to the public road from Chester River Bridge to Church Hill; and the Woodland on said road lying at the North end of the Farm. Its contents are

Nearly 192 ACRES,

Twenty-nine being in Wood.

No. 2

Lies along the aforesaid public road, includes the Woodland on the East side thereof, and contains

222 Acres, 2 Roods and 17 Perches,

of which 63 Acres, 1 Rood and 23 Perches are in WOOD.

No. 3

Lies on Chester River and West of No. 2. It contains

204 Acres, 2 Roods and 11 Perches,

about 25 acres being in Wood.

The improvements on the whole estate are a Frame Dwelling, a large and conveniently arranged BARN, and other necessary Out-buildings, all in fair order; and a

Young and Thrifty Peach Orchard

of about

5,000 Trees in Bearing.

And a Larger Orchard of Older Trees.

The Fruit is of the BEST MARKET VARIETIES, having been selected by the late Col. E. Wilkins, after a matured and varied experience in peach culture, who also had a

VALUABLE WHARF

constructed at the Landing, to facilitate the shipment of fruit and produce.

As divided, the Dwelling is on No. 1, and the outbuildings on No. 2. No. 2 is without improvements, except a Peach Orchard.

Mr Elliott's plot will be exhibited at the sale, showing the several divisions and rights-of-way appurtenent to each.

Each division will be first offered, and then the estate as a whole; the undersigned reserving the right to finally accept the bid or bids he may consider most beneficial.

TERMS OF SALE

Are as follow: $6,000 cash on the day of sale, or on the final ratification thereof, at the seller's option: the residue or balance in 6, 18, and 36 months from the day of sale. Payment to be secured by bond or notes of the purchasers, bearing interest from the day of sale; with sureties or indorsers approved by the undersigned; all interest upon instalments not due to be paid semi-annually. These terms may be modified, if found desirable to effect an advantageous sale.

GEO. W. T. PERKINS,
Exec'r of E. F. Chambers, dec'd.
R. HYNSON, Att'y.

N. B.—Mr. G. H. LEAVERTON, tenant in possession, will with pleasure show the premises to any one desiring to examine them.
G. W. T. PERKINS, Exec'r.
Dec. 4, 1880—ts.

Holiday Goods!

C. M. LUCAS,

Watchmaker and Jeweler,
HIGH STREET, CHESTERTOWN,
Two doors below T. W. Eliason, Jr.

Has a nice stock of New and Fashionable

JEWELRY,

consisting of WATCHES and CHAINS, NECKLACES, LOCKETS, RINGS, &c.

Also, an assortment of Rogers' Silver Plated Ware, from the Meridan Factory, Conn. Call and examine my stock, as these Goods have been carefully selected, and among them will be found many BEAUTIFUL AND APPROPRIATE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.
Nov. 27, 1880.

DR. C. P. GILPIN,
DENTIST,

Offers his professional services to the public. (OFFICE—High st., Chestertown, opposite Masonic Hall. de-tf

HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS a Specialty.
oc23. THOS. L. HINES & CO.

LOOKING GLASSES, Cheap at L. K. STAM'S.

G to THOS. L. HINES & CO., *For Meat Cutters & Sausage Stuffers*

PUBLIC SALE.

BY virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court for Kent county, the undersigned, as administrator of THOMAS FOWLER, will sell at Public Sale, at the late residence of said deceased, on the "Flatlands;"

On WEDNESDAY, DEC. 22d, 1880,

The following property:

8 Head Good Work Horses

Among them one good Driver;

1 Superior YOKE OF OXEN,

five years old, well broken;

2 GOOD MILCH COWS,

TEN HEAD OF SHEEP;

25 HEAD OF SHOATS,

1 FARM WAGON,
1 SPRING WAGON, 1 OX-CART;
1 DEARBORN;
1 FAMILY CARRIAGE;
1 No-top BUGGY;
1 WOODS REAPER; 1 Horse Rake;
1 Buckeye Reaper and Mower combined;
1 Ten-horse Pelton Power; 1 Roller;
Ploughs, Harrows and Cultivators.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS:—Sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount 11 months credit, on note with approved security. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.

SAM'L BECK, Adm'r.
U. A. C. GARRETT, Auct'r.
Dec. 11, 1880—ts.

L. M. BEAN,

DEALER IN

GRAIN, LIME, COAL, Fertilizers,

AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, &c.,

MASSEYS, MD.

I take pleasure in informing the farmers on the line of the Del. R. R. and its branches, that I have perfected arrangements for purchasing GRAIN for one of the most reliable firms in Philadelphia, and will always be found in the market prepared to pay the highest cash prices for all kinds of Grain delivered on said Railroads.

☞ I want 100,000 bushels of CORN.
LET IT COME. L. M. BEAN.
Nov. 6, 1880—2m.

WANTED: 100,000 Bushels of CORN
—AND—
50,000 Bushels of WHEAT,

For which the HIGHEST MARKET PRICE will be paid, delivered at any Station on the Kent Co. Rail Road.

☞ I shall be glad to have the Farmers to come and see me in person or by postal, as it will be to their interest to do so before selling their grain.

E. T. COMEGYS,
LOCUST GROVE, KENT CO., MD.,
AGENT FOR CHRISTIAN & CO., PHILADELPHIA.

n13-tf.

C. H. J. SPARKS,

DEALER IN

GRAIN and COAL,

LOCUST GROVE, MD.

HIGHEST price paid for **CORN,** and *COAL furnished*

At the very Lowest Prices, at BLACK'S STATION, on the Kent Co. R. R
n23-tf.

E. T. COMEGYS,

Locust Grove, Md.,

DEALER IN

GRAIN, COAL, LIME, Fertilizers,

Agricultural Implements, &c., &c.

SOLE AGENT for Kent county for the CELEBRATED

McCORMICK SELF BINDER And IRON MOWER,

The BEST, and simplest machine on the market.

☞ NEW CORN WANTED, for which I will pay the highest market price, delivered at any station on the Kent and the Queen Anne's R. R.

E. T. COMEGYS,
LOCUST GROVE, KENT CO., MD.
nov13-tf.

Christmas Goods!

FINE ASSORTMENT!

LATEST NOVELTIES!

☞ SAVE MONEY BY BUYING OF

T. W. WICKES.

LARD CANS! LARD CANS!

WM. A. BISCOE is selling Lard Cans of his own manufacture, and everything in his line at bottom prices for cash. If you want Bargains call and see him.
Nov. 27, 1880.

EVERY HOUSEHOLD should have a CAN OPENER.
Sold by THOS. L. HINES & CO.

PUBLIC SALE

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue Farming, will sell at PUBLIC SALE at his residence near Still Pond, on

MONDAY, Dec. 20, 1880

The following Property:

4 HEAD of HORSES

2 Pair of EXTRA MULES, and 1 Odd Mule:

24 FATTENING HOGS

Weighing from 100 to 250 pounds.

2 FARM WAGONS, set Wagon Harness,

Champion Reaper, nearly new

1 GRAIN FAN, nearly new; PLOWS, Harrows, Cultivators, Harrows, Forks and Shovels.
1 Grindstone, nearly new; Plow Gears; a large lot of good Blade Fodder;
Kitchen Furniture, &c.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS:—All purchases of $10 and under, cash; over that amount a credit of nine months, with interest from day of sale, for note with approved endorser, and payable at the Kent National Bank. The terms must be complied with before the property is removed.
dec4-ts. S. J. COSDEN.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE subscriber, having sold her farm, will sell at Public Sale at her residence near Rock Hall, on

MONDAY, Dec. 20,

The following Property:

4 Head of GOOD HORSES

Two of them Fine Drivers;

4 Head of MILCH COWS,

2 CARRIAGES, one of them nearly new, and Harness;
1 FARM WAGON and Harness;
1 GRAIN FAN, 1 Corn Sheller; Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Forks, Spades, Shovels, Plow Gears, Collars, &c.
Also, my

HOUSEHOLD and KITCHEN

Furniture,

consisting of Feather Beds and Clothing, Bedsteads, Sofas, Chairs, Stands, Tables, 1 Coal Stove, 1 Cook Stove in first class order, &c., &c.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS:—Nine months and interest on all sums over $10, with note and approved security; all sums of and under $10 cash. No property to be removed until terms are complied with.

FRANCES E. SCOONE.
J. FRANK WHEATLEY, Auct'r.
Dec. 4—ts.

PUBLIC SALE
OF PERSONAL PROPERTY.

THE subscriber will sell at PUBLIC SALE on the Biddle Farm, opposite Mr. Jos. H. Hossinger, five miles from Chestertown, on

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22, 1880

At Ten o'clock A. M.:

3 Colts, 3 Brood Mares,

ONE COW,

1 WAGON, 1 Two-Horse CARRIAGE, 1 FAN, 1 CORN SHELLER, PLOWS, HARROWS, CULTIVATORS FORKS, STOVES, and other articles too numerous to mention.

TERMS—Cash.

M. BANNON,
32 St. Paul St., Baltimore.
J. W. CARROLL, Auct'r. n27-ts.

Good News to All

FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

W. HUDGINS

Would respectfully announce to the citizens of Chestertown and vicinity that he has now on hand an assortment of

Fruits, Candies, Nuts & Toys

For the HOLIDAYS!

the largest and finest ever displayed in Chestertown, which will be sold at PRICES TO SURPRISE ALL.

We do not intend to sacrifice any of these goods but *we intend and shall SELL AT A SMALL ADVANCE*, in fact we have not room for such a large display, and they must be sold.

1,000 lbs. Common CANDY,
1,000 lbs. FRENCH CANDY,
500 lbs. NUTS of all kinds,
500 lbs. MINCE MEAT,
500 lbs. CURRANTS,
1,000 lbs. RAISNS,
1,000 lbs. CITRON,
Lemons, Oranges, Figs, Dates, Cocoa-Nuts, Toys, Fire-Works, Fancy Notions, &c.

☞ We are daily manufacturing all kinds Taffy, such as Walnut, Butter, Pine Apple, Lemon, &c.

We are also making fresh every day *CAROMELS of all flavors*, which we are selling at only 30c. per lb. Try them.

☞ Stores in want of the above goods will save money by calling on us; in fact we want every one to call and be convinced that *the above is no Ghost Story.*

W. HUDGINS,
d4-4t. CROSS ST. BAKERY.

SURVEYING.

THE undersigned having obtained a new set of implements now offers his services as LAND SURVEYOR to the citizens of Kent & Queen Anne's counties.

☞ Orders left with C. H. BAKER, Att'y at Law, will be promptly attended to.—Can be seen in Chestertown Saturday afternoons. Or address

COMEGYS BROWN,
aug7-tf. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

VENDUE.

THE undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at PUBLIC SALE at his residence on the late Dr. Worrell farm, near Chestertown, on

THURSDAY, Dec. 23, 1880

The following Property:

11 Head of Horses & Colts

SIX MILCH COWS

Four of which will be fresh in a short time;

2 Heifers, 1 Brood Sow and 8 Shoats,

5 HEAD OF YOE SHEEP,

1 CARRIAGE and HARNESS;
1 DEARBORN and HARNESS;
2 WAGONS and HARNESS;
1 HORSE CART and HARNESS;
1 CHAMPION DROP REAPER AND MOWER combined;
1 good WHEAT DRILL;
1 FAN, Ploughs, Harrows, Cultivators,
1 Roller, and other Farming Utensils.
8,000 to 12,000 lbs. excellent Corn Blades.

☞ Sale to commence at 10 A. M., and will positively take place unless the day is very stormy.

TERMS:—All purchases of $20 and under, cash; on sums over $20 a credit of nine months will be allowed on note with approved security, interest added. No property to be removed until the terms are complied with.

WM. H. HAMILTON.
JOHN W. CARROLL, Auct'r.
Dec. 11, 1880—ts*

PUBLIC SALE

THE subscriber, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at PUBLIC SALE at his residence near Still Pond,

On TUESDAY, Dec. 28, 1880,

The following property:

7 Head of Horses and Colts

1 Yellow Mare, Pollie, 10 years old;
1 Bay Mare;
1 Gray Horse, "Mountain," 6 years old, a fine driver;
1 Bay Horse, "Tom," 5 years old, good at anything;
1 Colt, 2 years, Mountain & Prior stock;
2 Spring Colts, of good stock.

5 Head of COWS

all of them Short Horn and young; two of them fresh, one with Calf by her side.

Lot of SHOATS.

Slop Barrel, on wheels.

The Farming Implements are all in good order.

2 FARM WAGONS, nearly new;
2 sets Wagon HARNESS, in good order;
1 DEARBORN and HARNESS;

1 Champion REAPER in good order,

1 Roller, new; Plows and Plow Gears;
1 Twin and 1 AA Harrow, Cultivators; half interest in 46 bush. Wheat seeded;
1,000 bundles Blades,
1 No. 9 Cook Stove, and 1 Parlor Cook.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS OF SALE.—All purchases of $10 and under, cash; all over that amount a credit of nine months, on note, with interest added, with approved security. No property to be removed till the terms are complied with.

dec11-ts.* J. SEVERSON.

PUBLIC SALE.

THE subscriber, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at PUBLIC SALE, at his residence near St. Paul's Church, on

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 22nd,

the following property:

1 BROWN MARE,

1 Bay Horse, 1 Black Horse,

1 FARM WAGON, 1 DOG WAGON and set Single Harness, Plows, Harrows, Plaw Gears, Collars and Bridles, Grubbing Hoes, Forks, Shovels, &c.

Also, a lot of

Household and Kitchen FURNITURE.

Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M.

TERMS:—Sums of $10 and under cash; over that amount note at six months, with approved security.

WM. HOUSTON.
J. H. GREENWOOD, Auct'r. d11-ts.

New Goods! New Goods!

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!

And you can buy Goods as Low as the Lowest, at

J. A. PERKINS'.

New Currants, Raisins, Citron, Mince-Meat, Cranberries, Prunes, Nuts of all kinds, Canned Goods, Oranges, Lemons, Figs, Dates, Candies.

Also, a Fresh supply of PROVISIONS. Canned Tomatoes, String Beans, Peas, Corn, Peaches, Crabs, &c.

The best New York Buckwheat by bag, barrel or pound, at low figures.

Home-made Sausage, Hams, Shoulders, Side Bacon, Pure Cream Cheese, Sweet and Irish Potatoes, Onions, Salt by sack or smaller quantity. Also, Clifton Mills, Pontaxat and Kirkwood Flour, by bag, barrel or pound. Mackerel by barrel or kit, or smaller quantity; Smoked or Salt Herring; Corned Shad, which we sell at close figures.

J. A. PERKINS,
Opposite the new M. E. Church.
Country Produce wanted for cash or trade.
Dec. 4, 1880.

LIVERY
And EXCHANGE STABLES,

CANNON ST., CHESTERTOWN.

THE undersigned has just opened a large Livery and Exchange Stable, and having a number of excellent vehicles and fine drivers, is prepared to accommodate the public with first-class teams at moderate prices. Orders left at my residence will be promptly attended to.
ag7-tf. CHAS. H. DAVIS.

THE WORLD for 1881.

THE WORLD for 1881 will be the best and cheapest newspaper published in the English tongue on either side of the Atlantic.

With new presses surpassing any ever before manufactured even by Hoe & Co.; with new and unequalled typographical and business facilities of all sorts, and with a better organized telegraphic correspondence throughout the world than that of any other American journal, THE WORLD for 1881 will afford its readers daily a complete, condensed & trustworthy record of all current events.

In its Five Minutes with the News of the Day THE WORLD meets and keeps pace with the increasing demands made by rapid transit, the telegraph and the telephone, on the time and attention of business men.

Its daily cable letters from London bring the Old World to the breakfast-tables of the New.

In its Wall Street Gossip and its items for Investors, taken together with its accurate, candid and absolutely impartial Financial Article, THE WORLD daily presents an unrivalled picture not only of the true condition of the multitudinous enterprises in which the adventurous and active people of this country invest their savings, but also of all the fluctuating influences exerted upon those enterprises by the speculations and the speculators of the Stock Exchange.

No man who owns or expect to own an interest in any corporate property can afford to miss for a single day the information daily and exclusively given in the THE WORLD, not only as to the natural and legitimate course of affairs affecting stock values, but also as to the plans, schemes and combinations which are incessantly making and unmaking in and out of Wall street to affect those values. THE WORLD contains also every day the freshest, fullest and most instructive notices of everything new and interesting in the realms of art, of literature and of social life.

It is the accredited organ of the colleges of the Union, and the accuracy and vivacity of its sporting columns, covering all the various forms of athletic amusement which have multiplied among us of late years, commend it to the "rising generation" throughout the country.

As the only metropolitan morning journal published in the English language which maintains an unswerving fidelity to the great enduring principles of the Democratic faith in politics, THE WORLD for 1881 will be found, where for the last five years THE WORLD has been found absolutely loyal to Democratic principles; absolutely independent of all persons, cliques and factions within the Democratic party.

THE WORLD will maintain the cause of the Union against sectionalism in all its forms, the cause of good government against corruption in all its forms, and the cause of the people against monopoly in all its forms.

TERMS—POSTAGE PAID:

Daily, and Sundays, one year, $12; six months $6; three months $3.

Daily, without Sundays, one year $10; six months $5; three months $2.50; less than three months, $1 per month.

THE SUNDAY WORLD, one year, $2.

THE MONDAY WORLD, containing the Book Reviews and "College Chronicle," one year, $1.

The Semi-Weekly WORLD (Tuesdays and Fridays) $2 a year. To Club Agents—An extra copy for club of ten; the Daily for club of 25.

The Weekly WORLD (Wednesday,) $1 a year. To Club Agents—An extra copy for club of ten, the Semi-weekly for club of twenty, the Daily for club of fifty.

We have no travelling agents.
Specimen number sent free on application.
Terms—Cash invariably in advance.
Send post-office money order, bank draft or registered letter. Bills at risk of sender.
All communications should be addressed to

THE WORLD,
d18-6t. 35 Park Row, New York.

Legal Notices.

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

FRANCIS T. MASLIN,

late of Kent county, Maryland, 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 seventh day of June, 1881, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 7th day of December, 1880.

THOMAS J. VICKERS,
Dec. 11, 1880—4t. Adm'r.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration d.b.n. c.t.a. on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

THOMAS FOWLER,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the undersigned, on or before the 7th day of June, 1881; otherwise they may be excluded from all benefit of said estate.

Given under my hand this 7th day of December, 1880.

SAMUEL BECK,
Dec. 11, 1880—4t. *Adm'r dbn. cta.*

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county Letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

WILLIAM V. LUCAS,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, on or before the 7th day of June, 1881, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under our hands this 7th day of December, 1880.

HANNAH R. LUCAS,
GEO. T. WILLIAMS,
Dec. 11, 1880—4t. Adm'rs.

Ratification Notice.

M. Bannon, Trustee,
versus
Emeline Biddle and Martha M. Biddle.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity, November 24, 1880.

ORDERED that the sale made and reported by MICHAEL BANNON, Trustee for the sale of the real estate of Emeline and Martha M. Biddle, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the twenty-ninth day of January, 1881, Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Chestertown, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the 29th day of December next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $14,500.00.

SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy,—Test:
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
Nov. 27, 1880—4t.

GRAIN WANTED
—BY—
W. W. CANNON, Masseys, Md.

Wheat and Corn wanted, for which the highest market price will be paid, delivered at any Station on the Q. A. & K. and Kent Co. Railroads.
W. W. CANNON, Masseys, Md.,
oc30-2m. Agents for WARR & CANBY, Phila

CHRISTMAS GOODS!
Fine Assortment!
Latest Novelties!
Save money by buying of
d4-4t. T. W. WICKES.

TOYS, DOLLS, WAGONS, CARRIAGES, and FIRE-WORKS.
At HUDGINS' BAKERY.

FAMILY *MINCE MEAT* 10 cts. per pound,
At HUDGINS' BAKERY.

Written for the Kent News.

THE DYING YEAR.

Sadly and regretfully we bid adieu to the dear old year so rapidly passing from us to find its tomb in the vast cemetery of the past. It has shared the joys and sorrows of the multitude, seen noble, efficient souls drift into eternity, and bears with it the record of events which will die in memory only when our eyes close in their last long sleep and life's sun shall have set forever. Frail infant barks, whose lives were ushered in with the birth of the year *now dying*, have become overwhelmed by the waves of the tumultuous sea of life, and with sails safely furled have glided into that haven whose guiding light is the brilliance of God. Orphaned little ones miss the fond care of parents who have been called to their eternal home ere the treasures of their earthly habitation have attained the years to realize the magnitude of the loss they are called upon to sustain. Forms we knew as our own in the beginning of the year are missed from their accustomed places, and many a heartstone is desolate and drear that a short twelve months back were light and life. 'Tis said that the *past* is a *dream* and the future a *wish*. So we will consign the year that is now dying to the sepulchre which contains so many of our unrealized, yet none the less consecrated, dreams; and offer a fervent wish that the one we soon shall greet with mingled smiles and tears may bring to all hearts much that will serve to brighten life. Ah, dear old year! though you have given us pain, we bid you adieu with a fond regret; we would fain bid you stay with those who have grown to love you and count you as *their own*, and over your grave we will strew the immortelles of memory, and think of your death as one more link in the chain that binds us to the past. Often will solitude "roll the stone your grave away," and cause us to turn from the stern face of duty and live once again in fancy the days that are no more.

"Dear as remembered kisses after death,
And sweet as those by hopeless fancy feigned
On lips that are for others; deep as love,
Deep as first love, and wild with all regret,
O, death in life! the days that are no more."

ALICE.

Written for the Kent News.

A MOTHER'S LOVE.

Ah! *who* can frame in words the depth and boundless tenderness of this fountain of love, by which youthful minds are moulded and little forms cared for, and which is looked up to by even the most stalwart *man* as the *holiest* influence of his life? How many human barks, sin-laden and shattered by rude contact with this contaminating world, would have gone down in darkness had they been deprived of this forbearing and yielding love? When *all* others have forsaken—when we are looked upon as something too degraded for human notice, who or what is it on this earthly strand we may still look to for sympathy, for encouragement to turn back and seek a holier life? Oh! what? 'Tis a mother's love—only a mother's love—that will cling to us amid *all*.

"Sorrow's empire is its own,
It erects amid ruin its altar and throne."

This love is so unselfish that it may be compared to the grand guide of the night, the moon. The wayward may turn upon and abuse this love, which may seem to change, but which is ready to lavish its caress upon the guilty as well as the innocent, and to let the love-light shine for *all* her children. Again, it is like some grand old tree, whose many branches—even the newest and most frail—will be supplied and cared for by the yielding strength of this *one* support. No other earthly friend can offer a love which will form so strong, so lasting a bulwark of defense, of mercy, of help, as this holy tie of nature, into which has been crowded all our best attributes. As the western clouds are tinged with gold, even after the sun is lost to view, so will the memory of this love live, always young, always new, always beautiful, living on and on, even beyond the grave.

How Young Men Fail.

"There is Alfred Sutton home with his family to live on the old folks," said one neighbor to another. "It seems hard, after all his father has done to fit him for business, and the capital he invested to start him so fairly. It is surprising he turned out so poorly. He is a steady young man, no bad habits, as far as I know; he had a good education, and was always considered smart; but he doesn't succeed in anything. I am told he has tried a number of different sorts of business, and sunk money every time. What can be the trouble with Alfred, I should like to know, for I don't want my boy to take his turn."

"Alfred is smart enough," said the other, "and has education enough, but he lacks the one element of success. He never wants to give a dollar's worth of work for a dollar of money, and there is no other way for a young man to make a fortune. He must dig if he would get gold. All the men that have succeeded, honestly or dishonestly, in making money, had to work for it, the sharpers sometimes the hardest of all. Alfred wished to set his brain in motion and let it take care of itself. No wonder it soon ran off the track and a smash up was the result. Teach your boy, friend Archer, to work with a will when he does work. Give him play enough to make him happy and healthy, but let him learn early that work is the business of life. Patient, self-denying work is the price of success. Ease and indolence not only eat away the price of capital, but worse still, all a man's nerve power. Present gratification tends to put off duty until to-morrow or next week, and so the golden moments slip by. It is a rare thing for the sons of rich men to die rich. Too often they squander in a half score of years what their fathers were a life-time in accumulating. I wish I could ring it in the ear of aspiring young men that work, hard work, of head and hands, is the price of success."—*Country Gentleman.*

A Genuine Romance.

Many years ago there was a young fellow named Bigelow sent by his father to Yale College. The father was very rich, and the youngster lived in grand style at the University. Suddenly the old gentleman broke, and he had to withdraw his son from college. The boy felt the necessity of an education, and determined to have one anyhow. He therefore went to work and learned a trade as a machinist. While he was at his work his old associates cut him and refused to have anything to do with him. The young ladies, with whom he had been a great favorite, failed to recognize him when they met him. One day when going from his work, he met a wealthy young lady who had been his friend. He had his dinner-bucket over his arm, and supposed she would cut him as the rest had done. But she smiled pleasantly, and addressed him as "Tom," and insisted that he should call and see her, as he had always done. She said: "There is no change in you as far as I am concerned." The years rolled on. The young work-boy became immensely wealthy, and is now the mayor of New Haven, Conn., with an income of $100,000 a year, and owner of a factory in which 1,500 men and women are employed. The young girl grew to womanhood and married. Her husband borrowed a large sum of money from Mr. Bigelow, and died before he had paid it, leaving his family with but little property. Mr. Bigelow, sent her, with his condolence, a receipted note for his indebtedness, and now the son of Bigelow the millionaire, is going to marry the daughter of the one woman who was faithful and true to the young work boy of Yale College.

EXTENSIVE FARMING.—The famous Grandin farm, in Dekota, produced this year 137,287 bushels of wheat on 5,921 acres of land, an average of 23 1-16 bushels to the acre, nine-tenths of which was "number one, hard." The Grandins, proprietors, claim that 37,000 bushels of this crop will pay all costs of cultivation, harvesting and marketing, leaving 100,000 bushels to represent the net profit. This, at 75 to 80 cents per bushel, which has been the range at the receiving stations of the North Pacific road, is at least $75,000, a very fair profit for a farmer who has no heavy rental to pay. The proprietors are, therefore, encouraged to put in 8,000 acres next year, and, as each of the last three years have netted a like profit on this Fargo farm, one year of partial failure could be endured, if by accident it should come. Nor is this proprietor neglectful of general farming; he had this year 304 acres of oats, producing 18,725 bushels; 141 acres of barley, producing 3,520 bushels, and a large stock farm in progress.

A "YOUNG naturalist" writes us to learn "how he can catch a live wasp for scientific purposes without injuring it?" Right by the tail, son; right by the end of the tail. Squeeze hard, the wasp won't mind it a particle, and if it seems to be injured any that you can see, send us the bill and we'll pay for a new wasp.—*Hawkeye.*

A WONDERFUL MOTHER.

The winter of the year 1700 was one of extreme cold. Never was a colder winter known in Europe. In France many people froze to death in their beds, not only among the mountains, but even in the villages and cities. The hottest fire was not sufficient to keep a room warm. While the stoves were red hot, the water would freeze but a few feet from them. The trees in the forest by the roadside became so frozen that some of them burst, and made a noise as if a small mine had exploded.

Sparrows and crows and jackdaws sometimes fell down dead while flying in the air. Large flocks of sheep and cattle froze in the barn-yards. The bats which usually sleep during the winter, were awakened out of their torpid slumbers, fluttered around a little while, and fell dead on the ground. The deer in the forest could no more run swiftly, but crept slowly out of the woods and came near the dwellings of men. Finally spring came, and a multitude of them were found dead in the woods. The little lakes and brooks and rivers, after they had been thawed by the sun, emitted a very unpleasant odor, because nearly all the fish in them had been frozen to death. The people suffered from extreme poverty, for the cold had destroyed many of their means of support. The wheat that had been sown in the autumn, their sheep, fowls, fish and their vegetables that had been buried in the ground, were completely destroyed by frost.

During this winter a poor little Savoyard boy was wandering the streets of Luneville, in Lorraine. He was a pitiable orphan. His older brother, who had taken care of him, had now gone on a message to the city of Nancy, to earn a few francs. But he suffered the fate of many travellers, and was frozen to death. Many of the passengers on the stages and on horseback were frozen to death, though covered with furs and cloaks. The drivers lost their lives, and still held the reins in their stiff hands.

The little Lavoyard boy wandered from house to house, to get a little employment or a piece of bread. He was glad to blacken boots or shoes, dust clothes, clean dishes in the kitchen, or do anything that would give him a sou. But when night came on his suffering became intense. He had slept with his brother in a carpenter's shop, where the two had covered themselves with an old foot cloth, on which they piled shavings very high. They lay very close together, and by this means managed to protect themselves from the severity of the cold. But now he was alone, and he would freeze if he attempted to sleep in the carpenter's shop. The wife of a hostler took compassion on him. She showed him a little sleeping place in one of the stalls in the stable where the horses of a certain prince were kept. In this stall there stood an iron cage, in which a large brown bear was confined, for the beast was very wild and angry. The little Savoyard boy, who had come in darkness of the night into the stable, neither knew nor cared for any wild beast that might be near by. He lay down some straw and stretched out his hand to pull more. As he stretched out his hand, he put it in between the wires of the cage in which the beast was, and found that a large pile was there. Thinking it was better to get in where the straw was, he crawled up to the cage, and squeezed through the iron bars. The bear grumbled a little but did no violence. The little boy offered to God a prayer which his departed mother had taught him, and committed himself to the keeping of his heavenly Father. He asked protection from the cold and from the wild beast.

The bear took the little stranger between her paws and pressed him near her warm breast, and against her thick skin, so soft and comfortable, that he who had not slept for many nights with any comfort now forgot all fear, and soon fell into a sweet deep sleep.

In the morning the boy waked up with renewed strength, and crept out of the cage, and went forth to the city to attend to his business and seek his daily bread. At night he returned to his strange mother. Beside the bear there lay a great many pieces of bread which had been brought from the table of the prince, but the bear had eaten all she wanted, and these were left. So the little Savoyard helped himself to all he needed. He then lay quietly down between the paws of his thick clad mother, who pressed him to her, as she had done before, and he slept there as if in the warmest feather bed.

In this way he spent five nights without anybody knowing it. On the morning of the sixth night he overslept himself, so that, when the hostlers went round with lanterns in the early morning to attend to the many horses in the stable, they saw the boy lying between the paws of the great bear. The old bear grunted a little, as if she were very much offended at any one seeing her taking care of her little favorite. The boy sprang up and squeezed through the cage, to the great astonishment of the bystanders.

This strange affair became widely known, and created much wonder throughout the city. Although the modest little Lavoyard was very much ashamed that anybody should know that he had slept in the arms of a bear, he was ordered to appear in the presence of the prince, to whom he told his recent experience. He appointed a day for him to come again. The boy came, and in the presence of the prince and princess, and many people of rank, he was requested to enter the cage where the great bear was. She received him as kindly as ever, and pressed him to her breast.

The good prince now understood that the bear, or rather God, working providentially through the bear, had been the means of saving the little orphan boy from death. No person had taken care of him, none had shown any sympathy for him, and yet, in the very coldest night of that remarkable winter, this rough bear was the means of saving his life, the providence of God preserving him.

The circumstance led the prince to contemplate divine providence in a higher light than he had ever done before; and so should it lead us to remember that God sometimes uses the most unexpected means as the instruments for the consummation of His purposes. The little Savoyard afterward led an honorable and useful life, nor did he ever forget how God had spared him in his great need.

"The Lord that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear." 1 Sam. xxii 37. "I laid me down and slept; I awaked, for the Lord sustained me." Psalm iii. 5.

The Story of the Apple.

The origin of this very widely growing fruit is unknown, though it has been cultivated time out of mind. As the apple is mentioned in the Bible, it is presumed to be a native of Palestine, although at present in Canaan and the surrounding region it is of no value. It is now imported into Egypt and Palestine from the neighborhood of Damascus. It was extensively raised by the Romans, albeit the Roman apple is thought by some to have been very different from the apple described in the Scriptures. Pliney says that his countrymen were acquainted with about twenty-two varieties. America produces more than two hundred varieties. The apple is very hardy. It grows on all soils free from excessive moisture, except those of a peaty or very sandy character. The tree is noted for longevity, often bearing fruit for 200 or 250 years—the finest kind of apples coming from trees from fifty to eighty years old. The orchards of the republic occupy about 1,500,000 acres, and their product is worth some $1,000,000, most of the product being apples. American apples are the best in the world, and have a great reputation abroad, commanding large prices in Europe.

How Fowls Grind Their Food.

On this subject S. Edward Todd discourses as follows: "Fowls have no teeth to grind or masticate their food with, and the best they can do with it is to pick it and swallow it whole. Kernels of grain are swallowed by them, and they are surrounded by a tough pellicle or skin, which the juice of the animals will not readily dissolve or digest, they could obtain no nourishment at all from the grain if this tough pellicle was not broken. Now, if we dissect the gizzard of a fowl of any kind, we find a lot of small gravel stones, which are usually the hardest kind