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Legal Notices.

Ratification Notice.

Charles H. Baker and others,
versus
Samuel T. B. Gardner.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, July Term, 1881.

ORDERED that the sale made and reported by CHAS. H. BAKER, Trustee, for the sale of the real estate of the late Thomas Baker, deceased, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 20th day of October next. Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the twentieth day of September next.
The report states the amount of sales to be $10,642.50.
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True copy,—Test:
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
Aug. 20, 1881—4t.

ORDER NISI.

Andrew Woodall,
versus
Mary L. Welch and others.

In the Circuit Court for Kent county, August 13, 1881.

ORDERED that the additional sales made and reported by RICH'D HYNSON, Trustee, for the sale of the real estate, decreed to be sold in this cause, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the Thirteenth day of October next.—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, Maryland, once in each of three successive weeks before the thirteenth day of September next.
The report states the amount of sales to be $31,912 31.
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
True Copy,—Test:
SAMUEL BECK, Clerk.
Aug. 13, 1881—4t.

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
NICHOLAS H. CROSSLEY,
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 28th day of February, 1882, otherwise they may be excluded by law from all benefit in said estate. Given under my hand this 9th dity of August, 1881.
FRANKLIN H. HARPER,
Aug. 13—4t. Adm'r.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court for Kent county Letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of
JOHN C. BURCHINAL,
late of Kent county, Maryland, dec'd.
All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with proper vouchers, to the undersigned, on or before the 7th of February, 1882, or they may by law be excluded from all benefit in said estate.
Given under our hands this 2d day of August, 1881.
MARY M. BURCHINAL,
WM. D. BURCHINAL,
Aug. 6, 1881—4t. Adm'rs.

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 GOLDEN STAR
COAL OIL STOVE,
with extension top, large oven, broiler, sad-iron heater, and allnecessary cooking utensils, for sale by
je4. THOS. L. HINES & CO.

LAWN MOWERS!
for sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.

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C. W. Kennard & Co.
Are now prepared to Receive Orders for
FERTILIZERS, CHEMICALS, &c.,

Having the Latest and most approved Machinery and superior facilities for the manufacture of our goods, and having bought largely of material *before the recent sharp advance in prices*, we are enabled to defy competition and to offer to the Farmers of Kent county really FIRST CLASS GOODS at VERY LOW PRICES.—*We are determined to keep the trade at home*, and therefore offer in addition to our manufactured goods, a full line of Chemicals, at prices much lower than are asked for goods of like purity in the city.
Do not buy elsewhere until you get our Prices!
Our Brands are:
MASSEYS STANDARD,
SPECIAL HIGH GRADE;
MONARCH, high grade;
AND
Climax or Super Phosphate

We furnish the following Chemicals in lots to suit:
PURE DISSOLVED RAW BONE; FINE GROUND BONE MEAL;
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AMMONIACAL MATTER; GERMAN KAINIT, highest grade;
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NOVA SCOTIA PLASTER, and any other Chemical desired.
Special attention given to private formulas, and mixing same.
C. W. KENNARD & CO.,
OFFICE—in Chestertown, adjoining office of James A. Pearce, Esq.
FACTORY—MASSEYS. Warehouse—Chestertown. July 16, 1881—12t.

"LISTER."
Wheat Crop 1881.
W. N. E. WICKES
OFFERS TO THE WHEAT GROWERS OF KENT COUNTY
Lister's Standard Phosphate
LISTER'S AMMONIATED BONE.

These Fertilizers have been extensively used in our county, for many years, with most satisfactory results. The high quality of the goods is fully maintained, and can be confidently recommended.
Orders by mail, or left with WICKES & BROTHER, will receive prompt attention.
In Good Condition for Drilling.
Aug. 13, 1881—3m.

To WHEAT GROWERS.

The undersigned, *PIONEER* in the manufacture of FERTILIZERS, in this city and *ORIGINATOR* in 1858 of the formulas and processes of manufacture of
"EXCELSIOR" and Ammoniated Phosphate
So well and favorably known by the agricultural public, relying upon his experience and personal reputation hitherto acquired in the uniform excellence of these Fertilizers, as manufactured by him, continues to offer them to the Farmers and Planters of Maryland and Virginia, with the assurance that the *High Standard Quality* of each will be maintained as heretofore.

AND

The above are the most concentrated *FERTILIZERS* ever offered to the Farmer, combining all the stimulating qualities of Peruvian Guano and the ever durable fertilizing properties of Bones in fine, dry powder, prepared expressly for drilling.
For growing Wheat, it is the universal opinion of the farmers of Maryland and Virginia, after over twenty years' experience in the use of these Fertilizers manufactured by me, that an application of 100 pounds is equal in its effects to 200 lbs. of any other Fertilizer or Guano, therefore fully 50 per cent. cheaper.
With my present advantages and superior facilities for manufacturing, I challenge competition with any Fertilizer sold in the United States, in quality, mechanical condition and price.
By strictly adhering to my original formulas, using only the most concentrated materials and superintending in person their manufacture, as for the past 23 years,
Uniform Quality is Guaranteed.
Farmers, to secure the ONLY GENUINE *EXCELSIOR* and *PHOSPHATE* prepared according to my original formulas established in 1858, should see that every bag is branded as above, with the ANALYSIS and MY NAME IN RED LETTERS.
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107 McElderry's Wharf, Baltimore, Md.
For Sale by Capt. A. WOODALL.....Galena, Md.
" " HARRISON & BRO.....Crumpton, "
" " T. W. ELIASON, JR.....Chestertown, "
Aug. 13, 1881—10t.

TEN DOLLARS PER TON SAVED!
BY USING
Baugh's Double Eagle Phosphate.
A Reliable Wheat Manure.
Send for Circular showing Guaranteed Analysis.
Address BAUGH & SONS, Sole Manufacturers,
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For Harvesting.
CASTOR OIL, LARD OIL,
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LUBRICATOR, &c., &c.,
at very low prices.
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WHITE GOODS.
NANSOOKS, PLAIDS,
Lace Stripes, Figured Lace Stripes, India Lawns, Madras Linens, Piques, Basket Goods, Marseilles, for sale by
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CALICOES 5 and 6½c.
Good Lawns 6¼, 8, 10 and 12½c.
Best 10c. Bleh'd Muslin,
good Corsets 50c.;
Hamburg Edging 3c. per yard up; Linen Shirt Fronts 20c. up. Hdk'fs 5c. Fine Toilet Soap 5c, six for 25c.
Lowest prices at J. H. SIMPERS'.
July 2, 188'.

LAWN RAKES
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just received and for sale by
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C. H. J. SPARKS,
DEALER IN
GRAIN and COAL,
LOCUST GROVE, MD.
HIGHEST price paid for WHEAT, and
COAL furnished
At the very Lowest Prices, at
BLACK'S STATION, on the Kent Co. R. R.
a23-tf.

T. J. McWHORTER,
MILLINGTON, MD.,
DEALER IN
GRAIN, COAL
LIME and PHOSPHATES.
50,000 Bush. NEW WHEAT wanted
for which the highest cash price will be paid on delivery on the Kent Co. & Queen Anne's R. R.
Also, has added to his business LUMBER of all kinds; Palings, Scantling, &c., and *Agricultural Implements.*
Agent for the Superior Wheat DRILL;
J. J. Turner & Co.'s
FERTILIZERS,
which are the best in the market.
They have stood the test when all others failed, for forty-five years. I have the control of them for the upper part of Kent and Queen Anne's.
Don't fail to call on me and leave your orders. If you are in debt it will help you out. Can get you any kind of Fertilizer you want.
T. J. McWHORTER,
May 7—tf. MILLINGTON.

E. T. COMEGYS,
DEALER IN
GRAIN,
AND
FERTILIZERS,
LOCUST GROVE, MD.
THE IMPROVEMENTS are a
FRAME DWELLING,
and the usual OUT-BUILDINGS, not in very good condition.
A Peach and Apple Orchard
thrifty and bearing. The fruit of these orchards is of the best market varieties.
TERMS OF SALE.
The terms prescribed by the decree are as follow: One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale or on its final ratification, at Trustee's option; residue or balance in three equal instalments of six, twelve and twenty-four months from the day of sale. The whole purchase money to bear interest from the day of sale, to be paid with each instalment of principal.—Payment to be secured by bond of the purchaser with surety or sureties approved by the trustee.
RICH'D HYNSON, TRUSTEE.
Aug. 20—ts.

FORD'S BAZAR!
51 W. Baltimore St.
One of the Best Stores in the Country
Immense variety of useful and ornamental Household Goods, Notions, Novelties, &c., of nearly every description.—Fine Silver Plated Ware, Fine Rolled Plate and Solid Gold Jewelry, Table Cutlery, Glass Ware, Clocks, Lamps in great variety, Bird Cages, a splendid line of Bags, Satchels and Trunks, Children's Chairs in great variety.
Don't fail to visit this popular store.
Remember the place,
51 W. Baltimore Street,
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Paper Hangings and Window Shades
HOWELL & BROTHERS,
MANUFACTURERS OF
WALL PAPERS,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
Have a Branch Store at
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BALTIMORE, MD.
And being the only Manufacturers in the latter city, are prepared, with their large stock, to offer goods at prices that defy competition. Sample books sent to country merchants free of charge.
Window Shades of every quality and variety, at Lowest Prices.
June 4, 1881—3m.

AGRICULTURAL LIME.
FARMERS and Fruit Growers are respectfully informed that the
CONSOLIDATED GAS CO.
is prepared to sell, at the low price of 2 cents per bushel (delivered to vessel)
Agricultural Lime,
in quantities to suit. A valuable enricher of land and a protector against insects.
Apply to Stations at Canton and Spring Gardens, or to office,
19 SOUTH STREET,
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Clothing Made to Order.
WE are now taking orders for one of the most reliable TAILORING HOUSES in Philadelphia.
Call and examine our large and beautiful line of SAMPLES before purchasing.
A good fit guaranteed.
WHEATLEY BROS.,
Up Town.
PLOW LINES, TRACES, &c.,
at THOMPSON'S, up town.

FOR SALE,
A STEAM MILL IN DELAWARE,
Two run of Stone; Empire 25; boiler, 40 horse-power; double chest smelter, all new. Reason for selling, owner is no miller. Terms, $3,000—one-third cash, balance to suit.
Address B. HOWARD HAMAN,
Att'y at Law,
41 Lexington st., Baltimore.
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FOR SALE,
That VALUABLE TRACT of LAND
Belonging to John A. Hersch, situated at Rock Hall X Roads, containing
36 ACRES of LAND
being bounded by the main road on three sides, which makes it valuable for Building Lots, which are now in demand. It has daily travel to and from Baltimore.
It has a
GOOD DWELLING
and all the necessary Out-buildings, with a variety of good Fruit.
Any one wishing to enjoy fish, oysters and fowl in their season, can do so.
It will be sold on terms to suit purchaser. Come and view the premises, or write to J. A. HERSCH,
Rock Hall, Kent county, Md.
aug13-4t.

Trustee's Sale.
BY VIRTUE of a Decree of the Circuit Court of Kent county, in Equity, the undersigned as Trustee will offer at PUBLIC SALE, on
SATURDAY,
The 10th day of Sept., 1881
At 11 o'clock A. M.,
At the Hotel in Galena, Kent County, Maryland, THE FOLLOWING REAL ESTATE, to wit:
THE FARM
Called MOUNT AIRY,
Containing about 132 acres
in the First Election District of Kent county, on the public road from Galena to Georgetown, and adjoining the lands of Capt. A. Woodall and others.
The situation is desirable, being convenient to churches, schools, &c. It is only four miles from Lambson's station on the Kent county Railroad, and within a mile of the public and steamboat Landing at Georgetown; it has a front of ⅞ of a mile on Sassafras river, and a good Landing. A few years since the landing was improved by a Granary, from which was shipped a fair share of the grain raised in the neighborhood; it is directly on the route contemplated of the ship canal.
THE IMPROVEMENTS are a
FRAME DWELLING,
and the usual OUT-BUILDINGS, not in very good condition.
A Peach and Apple Orchard
thrifty and bearing. The fruit of these orchards is of the best market varieties.
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RICH'D HYNSON, TRUSTEE.
Aug. 20—ts.

New Wheat
WANTED,
FOR WHICH I WILL PAY THE
Highest Market Price.
I will also advance Cash to responsible Farmers who may need it to assist them in Cutting and Threshing their Grain.
SOLE AGENT for Kent county for the CELEBRATED
McCORMICK SELF BINDER
And IRON MOWER,
The BEST, and simplest machine on the market.
E. T. COMEGYS,
aug6. *LOCUST GROVE, MD.*

RICH'D J. FOARD,
DEALER IN
Grain
CHESTERTOWN,
MARYLAND.

New Wheat
WANTED,
FOR WHICH I WILL PAY THE
Highest Market Price.
I will also advance Cash to responsible Farmers, who may need it to assist them in Cutting and Threshing their Grain.
RICHARD J. FOARD,
OFFICE in F. Platt's Hardware Store, next to T. W. Wickes' Drug Store, High street. June 18—3m.

SCHOOL TEACHERS,
PARENTS and SCHOLARS
Can Procure
SCHOOL BOOKS
and School supplies generally, at LESS than School-board prices, at
M. A. TOULSON'S
oc23. DRUG STORE.

A MUCH MARRIED MAN.

"THOS. MARVIN'S" CAREER AS A BIGAMIST AND SWINDLER.

HIS ARREST AT LYNN, MASS.—HOW HE MARRIED TWO WOMEN WITHIN A WEEK AND DESERTED BOTH —THE RICHMOND ADVENTURE—MISS TURPIN'S SAD EXPERIENCE—A LONG SERIES OF VILLAINIES.

Thomas Marvin, the man of many aliases, who was arrested at Lynn, Mass., Aug. 19, for forging a draft on a Chicago bank, and who is known to have been guilty of many other crimes, was arraigned in the court at that place and held in $5,000 until Tuesday.

Thomas Marvin, whose real name is Arthur Merritt, so far as has been discovered, has married no less than ten women, and has deserted each in turn. A history of his crimes is as interesting as romance. In May last he advertised in the Hartford *Churchman* for a governess, his alias on this occasion being Thomas A. Marvin. He had a daughter 8 years old, who was then living with him, and a woman who is said to be his lawful wife. Miss Turpin, a young lady of a good Virginia family who resided in Richmond, answered the advertisement, sending a list of Richmond references. In reply Merritt alias Marvin wrote that he liked her letter, and subsequently he referred her to Judge Cowan, of Germantown, Pa.; William A. Taylor, of Camden, N. J., and Rev. John Canforth, of Media, Pa. It has since been discovered that these persons were all myths, but their alleged places of residences were near enough to enable Merritt to get the letters addressed to them in a single day, and answer each as he saw fit. By the next mail Miss Turpin received letters from all the "references," in which Marvin was spoken of as an elderly man of wealth, intelligence and rare virtue. The letter to Mr. Taylor purported to be from Mrs. Taylor (Mr. Taylor being absent) and told Miss Turpin that Mr. Marvin was a good-natured old widower, who was looking for a wife rather than for a governess. If Mr. Marvin proposed after meeting her, the letter advised, she could not do better than to accept him, as he was kind, loving and wealthy. It is unnecessary to say that this letter was from the clever pen of Merritt himself. Having thus paved the way, Merritt journeyed to Richmond and introduced himself. While negotiations were in progress Merritt declared his love, and Miss Turpin accepted his offer of marriage. They were married on July 20, and Merritt, who was introduced by Mr. A. M. Browell, the bride's brother-in-law, negotiated a draft for $105. It was drawn on a bank in Madison, Wis., and made payable to T. S. Marvin. Not content with this haul, Merritt borrowed $200 from the clergyman who performed the marriage ceremony.

Merritt having thus arranged his finances, started on his wedding tour, reaching Washington on the evening of his wedding day. He took his wife to the Metropolitan Hotel. Early in the summer Merritt appeared in Lakewood under the name of A. T. Marvin. He laid siege to the heart of Mrs. Nellie de Hart, of that village, and on July 11 they were married by her father, Rev. G. A. Hovey. He prevailed upon Mr. Hovey before the marriage to introduce him to a bank, where he tried unsuccessfully to get a draft of $5,000 cashed. Not in the least disheartened by this failure he borrowed $100 from his intended father-in-law and the wedding went on. On this, as on the occasion with Miss Turpin, he took his bride to Washington, but at which hotel he quartered her has not been made known. From July 11 to July 20 they were happy, although the bridegroom had frequent occasion to leave his bride. He told her on July 18 or 19 that he had to go to Fredericksburg, but went instead to Richmond, where his courtship of Miss Turpin was in progress. Having married this young lady and taken her to the Metropolitan Hotel, Washington, he left her to visit his bride of July 11. He told the latter to get ready to go to Philadelphia by the next train, which she did. Cleverly managing to miss the train, he returned to Miss Turpin, and in her company started by the next train for Philadelphia. Before the train left the depot he telegraphed to bride No. 1; instructing her to go to the Windsor Hotel, Jersey City, and await his arrival. With bride No. 2 he went to Philadelphia, and thence to New York, and finally to Rochester and Albion. Leaving Miss Turpin at the latter place he went to Albany, seven days after the marriage, and there, under the name of General A. R. Morton, he succeeded in cashing another draft. In order to get rid of Miss Turpin easily, he caused the insertion in a Rochester paper, which she was sure to see, of a bogus telegram from Richmond announcing that her mother had been severely injured by a carriage accident. He telegraphed to her also, telling her to go back to Richmond by way of Harrisburg, where he would meet her. She obeyed him and has never seen him since. He went to Canada, perpetrated two or three forgeries for small amounts, prepared his plans for another marriage, and then drifted to Lynn, Mass. Meanwhile the brother-in-law of Miss Turpin and the Pinkerton detective were on his trail. They lost the scent at Rochester and were at a loss for some time, but on Wednesday Mr. Brownell, the wronged girl's brother-in-law, recognized him at the Sagamore House, in Lynn, and had him arrested. His name in Lynn was Benjamin F. Adams. On Wednesday detective Pinkerton received a dispatch from Chief of Police John Poe (a relative of Edgar Allen Poe) informing him that a requisition had been issued by the Governor of Virginia for Merritt alias Marvin alias Mrton alias Adams, and asking him to go to Boston to get the necessary warrant. Mr. Pinkerton started Thursday night of last week, and began his journey to Richmond with his prisoner on the following day.

Merritt is described as a person of fascinating manners. He is over fifty years old, five feet nine and a-half or ten inches high, and weighs 145 pounds. His complexion is somewhat florid and rugged, as if from high living. His features are clearly and distinctly drawn, and lines, indented by age but partially concealed by art, surround his nose and the ends of his mouth. His hair and plentiful, well-trimmed side-whiskers are snowy white, his teeth are perfect and uniform, and he always dresses neatly and in good taste. His record as a bigamist, not yet fully and completely traced, is a wonderful one. Two years ago he married two young girls of respectable families within a few weeks. This was in New York, where he bore the name of Lindsay. Not long afterward he married a young lady of Painesville, O., and then a Jersey City girl. Then came a damsel whose parents lived in Philadelphia. In all he has ten wives living. He has never been known to live more than one week with any of his wives (except the first, who is legitimate,) invariably deserting them and leaving them to their fate. He was once engaged to be married to the daughter of an ex-governor of Missouri, but his plans were for once foiled. His ninth wife is in Philadelphia and his tenth in Little Rock, Ark. He settled $30,000 on his Richmond wife, and in his other marriages was always liberal as to allowances. His home, if he has any, is in New Haven, where his real wife lives. He is seldom there, but always supports his family well. As a forger and swindler, Merritt was fully as successful as in the matrimonial business. He is "wanted" by the police in a hundred different places. He was captured in Carthage, Mo., on one occasion, for forgery, and put in jail. He feigned paralysis so cleverly that two sympathetic citizens went bail for him. He disappeared suddenly and was again arrested in St. Louis for the same crime. In this case he prevailed upon two wealthy men to sign his bonds. They have never seen him since. He was never known to pay his fare on a railroad, always being plentifully supplied with passes. These he procured by representing himself to be the president of the New England and State Line railroad. A trunk that he abandoned in St. Louis was found to contain forgers' and burglars' tools and a number of blank checks on the Bank of Owensburg, Ky. Additional complaints against Merritt are expected by Mr. Pinkerton, who refused to give the names of most of Merritt's victims, because some of them are now happily married.

Two fashionable young men, who are regular attendants at Dr. Pentecost's Ebenezer chapel on their way to church the other Sunday, paused in front of a beer saloon, when one of them asked: "Do you think it is wrong to take a glass of beer before church?" "Are you going to pay cash down?" asked the other. "Not much. I am going to make Fritz hang it up on the slate with the rest." "In that case we are doing a good deed. Fritz will never get his money and that will be a good lesson to the Dutchman. It will teach him that it is wrong to sell beer on the Lord's day."

THE Philadelphia Times has been theorizing about kissing. This is a department of Young American life in which practice counts for a good deal more than theory.

Editors at Ocean City.

W. Scott Way, of the Middletown Transcript, thus writes to his paper from Ocean City:

"The Peninsular editors are here this week conducting themselves in a very proper manner, except that they are flirting with the girls. We saw one of the oldest of the lot, a staid, dignified, gray-haired head of a family, promenading on the shore by moonlight with a Washington belle, and his wife at home, probably, canning tomatoes and laboring under the blissful hallucination that her loved husband was in bed, or sitting back some where talking to another gray-haired editor about the impending crisis and the turnip crop. The editors are enjoying themselves. They generally do. They come up smiling at the sound of the dinner bell, and take their nourishment with apparent relish, as Dr. Bliss would say."

It's a good thing that you are bald-headed, Bro. Way, or some of these editors' wives would go for your "noggin" the first chance.

A Story of Rufus Choate.

In order to counteract the odious reputation arising from the many modes of thwarting and defeating justice in the interest of debtors and of delay, certain judges conceive themselves to be inspired by a divine mission for dispatching business, which reminds one of the celebrated dialogue between a Chief Justice of Massachusetts and Mr. Choate.

Chief Justice: You must be brief, Mr. Choate; the calendar is long, and I have a great many cases to dispose of. State your points briefly.

Choate: If your honor has not time to hear me without condensing my argument before it is made, I prefer to wait until I can make it in full.

Chief Justice: I have time to hear you but you must be brief.

Choate: But I wish to be heard in full, and cannot afford to be brief.

Chief Justice: Mr. Choate, you are aware that I sit here this morning for the dispatch of buiness.

Choate: Indeed! Then I ask to have this argument postponed until your honor is ready to sit for the administration of justice.

Pearls of Thought.

Hope is a dream of those who are awake.

Friendship is woven fast by interwoven benefits.

If there is anything better than to be loved, it is loving.

Anger causes us often to condemn in one what we approve of in another.

Fence-posts with iron points are among the later agricultural novelties.

The kind wife who has a smile for her husband when he comes into the house will not drive him to a saloon to get one.

Men are guided less by conscience than by glory, and yet the shortest way to glory is to be guided by conscience.

The prejudices of men and their failure to understand each other are the principal causes of their bitterness and ill-temper.

Many of our cares are but a morbid way of looking at our privileges. We let our blessings get muddy, and then call them curses.

Though avarice will preserve a man from being necessitous poor, it generally makes him too timorous to be wealthy.

There are braying men in the world as well as braying asses; for what is loud and senseless talking any other than a way of braying?

A Small Boy's Explanation.

It was Sunday evening. Angelica had invited her "best young man" to the evening meal. Everything passed off harmoniously until Angelica's seven-year-old brother broke the blissful silence by exclaiming:

"Oh, ma! yer oughter seen Mr. Lighted the other night when he called to take Angie to the drill, he looked so nice sittin' 'long side of her with his arm—"

"Fred!" screamed the maiden, whose face began to assume the color of a well-done crab—quickly placing her hand over the boy's mouth.

"Yer oughter seen him," continued the persistent informant, after gaining his breath, and the embarrassed girl's hand was removed; "he had his arm—"

"Freddie!" shouted the mother, as in her frantic attempts to reach the boy's auricular appendage, she upset the contents of the tea-pot in Mr. Lighted's lap, making numerous Russian war maps over his new lavender pantaloons.

"I was just going to say," the half-frightened boy pleaded, between a cry and an injured whine, "he had his arm—"

"You boy!" thundered the father, "away to the wood-shed."

And the boy made for the nearest exit, exclaiming as he waltzed, "I was only going to say that Mr. Lighted had his army clothes on, and I'll leave it to him if he didn't!"

And the boy was permitted to return, and the reminder of the meal was spent in explanations from the family in regard to the number of times Freddie had to be "talked to" for using his fingers for a ladle.

Some Interesting Statistics.

The first count of the census gives some interesting figures in reference to the product of cereals in Maryland in 1879. The totals for each county are given, but for convenience of comparison we give below the yield per acre of corn and wheat. It will be seen by the table that Harford takes the lead in raising corn, the yield being 38¼ bushels per acre. Frederick follows with 34¼, Washington 34, Baltimore 33½, Cecil 33, the lowest being Worcester, 8¼ bushels.

In the production of wheat, however, Washington is far above any of her sister counties, the average yield per acre being 25½ bushels. Montgomery, next in order, with 17¼ bushels, is followed closely by Frederick 17. Harford is fourth in the list, with 16¼ bushels, Howard being the same. The average yield in Kent 15 and in Baltimore county 13¼. Worcester shows the lowest average yield, namely, 7 bushels.

The average yield of wheat in the State is about 14½ bushels.

The following is the yield of corn and wheat per acre in each county of the State:

Counties.	*Yield per acre.* CORN.	WHEAT.
Allegany	28	9
Anne Arundel	23¼	9
Baltimore	33¼	13¼
Calvert	[illegible]	7¼
Caroline	[illegible]	11
Carroll	31¼	14¼
Cecil	33	16
Charles	16	8
Dorchester	16¼	7¼
Frederick	34¼	17
Garrett	24¼	11
Harford	38¼	16¼
Howard	29	16¼
Kent	26¼	15
Montgomery	29	17¼
Prince George's	22¼	9
Queen Anne's	24¼	12¼
St. Mary's	15¼	8¼
Somerset	17	10¼
Talbot	26¼	14
Washington	34	25¼
Wicomico	11	7¼
Worcester	8¼	7

Wesley's Advice.

John Wesley was not happy in his married life, his wife being indifferent to her husband's great work in organizing Methodism. The following advice, perhaps, was prompted by that fact:

A good Methodist asked John Wesley what he thought as to his marrying a certain woman, well known to both. Wesley advised him not to think of it.

"Why," said he, "she is a member of our church, isn't she?"

"Yes," was the reply.

"And you think she is truly a Christian woman?"

"Yes," said Wesley, "I believe she is."

"Well, then, why not marry her?"

"Because," replied Wesley—"because, my friend, the Lord can live with a great many people that you and I can't!"

IF any of our farmers desire to raise seedless watermellons, here is the way an exchange says it is done in Florida:—"When the vine has commenced running, and the branches have attained to some considerable length, throw a quantity of dirt upon one or more of the joints of the branches, when they will shortly take root; then sever each branch from the parent stem and the melons grown on these vines will be devoid of seed."

SOME women are like shot-guns. They would attract no attention without their bangs.

Will Prices Go Up or Down?

A TALK ABOUT GRAIN AND PRODUCE SPECULATIONS —CROP PROSPECTS—ARTIFICIAL PRICES, HIGH AND LOW—"BULLS" AND "BEARS"—THE TIME TO SELL, ETC.

In the present rage of speculation in Grain, etc., the following explanation of the ways and doings of the "bulls" and bears" will be of very great interest. It is from the pen of Mr. Orange Judd, to the *American Agriculturist* for Sept. 1:

HOW GAMBLING IN GRAIN, ETC., IS DONE.

During two or three years past, and never so greatly as now, the methods of the Stock Exchange have been introduced into the produce markets, and hundreds of men, in leading cities, notably in Chicago, Toledo, St. Louis, Baltimore, Cincinnati and New York, are daily betting millions of dollars upon the probable prices of wheat, flour, corn, oats, lard, pork, bacon, etc. To illustrate: Mr. A. offers to deliver to Mr. B. a million bushels of No. 2 Red wheat at $1.22 per bushel, on the 31st day of August, though he (Mr. A.) does not own a single bushel of wheat, and does not expect to. Mr. B. takes the offer, and makes a deposit of a small portion of the price or "margin." In this case Mr. A. is said to be "short" and Mr. B. "long." Mr. A. is "short" of what he has agreed to deliver. If the closing sale of this grade of wheat on Aug. 31 is only $1.20, Mr. B. pays Mr. A. 2 cents a bushel, or $20,000. But if the price is $1.26, Mr. A. pays Mr. B. 3 cents a bushel, or $30,000. Usually no wheat is actually delivered. Sometimes, however, if there is a limited supply of wheat available, and Mr. B. has enough capital, he secretly buys up all there is; he gets up a "corner" in wheat; and when settling day comes, he may require Mr. A. to deliver the wheat, or he may get others to try to buy it, while he refuses to sell until $1.30, or $1.40, or even $1.50 is offered, and the price of the day is fixed at that rate. In the last named case Mr. A. would have to pay him the difference between $1.22 and $1.50, which on a million bushels would be 28x1,000,000, or $280,000. If, on the contrary, the price could be beat down on the settling day to $1.00 per bushel Mr. B. would have to pay Mr. A. 22 cents a bushel, or $220,000. We have named only two individuals, but there are hundreds or thousands of persons doing the same thing, some betting on a few thousand bushels, others on hundreds of thousands, and a few heavy operators on millions. In times of excitement and activity the speculative "sales" of wheat during a few days amount to more than the entire surplus crop of the country during the year. The operators are in two classes, those like Mr. A. are "shorts," and those like Mr. B. are "longs." Precisely the same operations are taking place with reference to other grades of wheat, corn, oats, lard, pork, etc. The same man often operates in several kinds of produce, and may be "short" of one and "long" of another. One speculator will often be short for August delivery; long for September, and short or long for October, or for "the year."

GENERAL CONCLUSIONS AS TO SELLING.

The leading facts and circumstances on both sides are set forth above. The great operators in grain and other products, both "bulls" and "bears," have immense sums at stake. They are each spending large amounts of money to privately ascertain the actual facts of the case, and are far better informed than ordinary farmers or dealers can be. Indeed, the common mass of speculators take their cue from the movements of these leaders. If prices were sure to go up in the future, the bulls would buy all the wheat offered at present, and even higher rates. If the bears were sure of a decline, they would not buy at any present rates, but would oversell the market very largely. For ourselves, we believe future prices are just about as likely to go up as down, or down as up. So, the only safe rule for us, is *to sell when ready*, to take as little risk as possible of damage in storage; and being ready, and having sold, to simply say: "I have done the best I could." Then if prices go down, say, "Well, I was lucky." If they go up: "I might have done better by hol