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THE PEOPLE'S TOWN HALL STORES!

Everything in Season!

—AT THE—

HARDWARE STORE.

Eureka Field Mowers, one of the best in the market; Mitchell Two-Horse Farm Wagons, Iron Age Cultivator, cheaper than ever; Binder Twine, at lowest prices; Remington and Oliver Chilled Plows.

Window Screens,	Shovels,	Chain Traces,	Locks,
Door Screens,	Spades,	Rope Traces,	Saws,
Whitewash Brushes,	Hoes,	Plow Lines,	Chisels,
Cucumber Pumps,	Rakes,	Halters,	Hammers,
Barbed Wire,	Grass and Brier Scythes,	Horse Yokes,	Hatchets,
Lawn Mowers,	Grass Sickles,	Nails,	Tacks,
Fence Caps,	Grindstones,	Bolts,	Axes,
Rock Salt,	Sheep Shears,	Screws,	Braces,
Forks,	Hedge Knives,	Hinges,	Bitts.

FARM BELLS, &c., COOK STOVES and RANGES,

COAL OIL STOVES, 2, 3 and 4 BURNERS.

Call and examine my Stock and you will be convinced that prices are low to compete with hard times.

JOSEPH S. CLARK,

May 15. One of the Still Pond Town Hall Stores

Patronize Home Trade!

WHY GO TO THE CITY

WHEN YOU CAN BUY

CLOTHING AT LESS THAN CITY PRICES!

—AT THE—

Still Pond CLOTHING HOUSE, New Town Hall Building.

Just Opened a Complete Line of Spring and Summer Clothing of all the Latest Styles.

Complete Line of Gent's FURNISHING GOODS, Paragon Pantaloon Overalls, Warranted not to Rip. FULL LINE OF STRAW HATS!

LOUIS LAMBORN, Clothier,

May 15. STILL POND TOWN HALL.

We Are Now Ready For You!

TO COME AND INSPECT OUR

New Stock of Spring and Summer Goods!

IN ALL OF THE LATEST STYLES.

BARGAINS IN EVERYTHING.

Dry Goods, Notions, Groceries, Shoes for Ladies, Children, Men and Boys of every description, Gent's Furnishing Goods, Straw Hats, Large Stock of Buggy Whips, Complete Line of Drugs and Patent Medicine.

PAINTS! We can sell you Masury Ready-Mixed Paints, or Masury Colored Lead, the Best Paint Made! PAINTS!

All those who anticipate painting will do well to come and see me or write before buying elsewhere. You can find me in the New Town Hall in Still Pond.

May 15. Resp'y, GEO. H. CLARK.

CHAS. H. MOORE'S

MONUMENTAL MARBLE WORKS!

CHESTERTOWN, MD.,

—DEALER IN—

FOREIGN AND AMERICAN MARBLE, GRANITE, BLUE STONE,

Iron Railings, MARBLE Posts, GALVANIZED Tubing, &c.

ORDERS BY MAIL PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO. (April 10, 1886.)

DON'T PAY

TWO PRICES FOR CARRIAGES

WHEN YOU CAN BUY

the Finest Buggies, Phaetons, Family Carriages and Spring Wagons with the Patent Safety Coupler, that prevents accidents. Receives first premiums wherever exhibited. Try us and save money.

A FINE SET OF HARNESS included with our premium grades. A rare chance for bargains guaranteed.

Address WM. K. JUDEFIND & CO., May 15-y. Edesville, Md.

Farmers Look to Your Interest!

11 and 12 cts. per Pound

—FOR—

BINDER TWINE!

We will guarantee the above Twine, and would advise you to send in your orders early, as we have nearly all we purchased engaged.

May 29. J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

JERMAN & COSGRIFF

(Successors to W. M. Bell,)

MANUFACTURERS OF

Porous Drain Tile!

Egg-Shaped, 2 to 6 inches Calibre. Round, with Collar, 2, 2½ and 3 inches Calibre.

Send for price list and circular.

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As well as all other kinds of TINWORK done CHEAP and at short notice.

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WHAT HAS LONG BEEN NEEDED

—A N—

Agricultural Implement

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AT KENNEDYVILLE!

Buffalo-Pitts Engine and Threshers.

SEVEN SIZES TRACTION ENGINES.

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SOUTH BEND CHILLED PLOWS, three sizes; Farmers' Friend Corn Planters; Check Rowers and Grain Drills; Marseilles Adams' Wind-Mills; Feed Grinders; Corn Shellers, 6 sizes, both Hand and Power; Horse Powers; Wheel Cultivators, &c.

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Wrightsville LAND and BUILDING LIME

in carload lots or barrel or bushel.

Hard and Soft Coal!

by carload or ton.

BINDER TWINE, FENCE WIRE, &c.

Telephone Call 24.

JAS. E. WEER & BRO.

April 10-y. KENNEDYVILLE, MD.

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The Season is Now Here

When the farmer should begin to turn "Mother Earth." The saving of labor of both man and beast is necessary to compete with the low price of agricultural products. To do this we would recommend first, the

Economist Chilled Plow

as the "friend of the farmer," as the points and shares can be turned three or four times, thereby saving the expense of buying new ones. Next to the above is

The 'Ohio' Chilled Plow

which excels all for lightness of draft. Persons purchasing the above not only save labor but expense of shares & points.

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We make the best ROLLER on the market and sell it at a price to suit all.

After long and careful study we have found the secret of how to make a good FARM BELL which we think superior to other makes.

We are agents for the

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the Lightest and Best, as any farmer who has used one will testify, and can be bought this season as low and on the same terms as any other machine.

We are taking orders now for

BINDER TWINE

which we guarantee to be the best and as cheap as will be offered by anyone. It will be lower in price than last season.

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OF CHESTERTOWN.

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J. LLOYD McFEELY,

has opened a

Tobacco Store!

His stock comprising

Tobacco, Cigars, Pipes, Snuff, Smoking Tobaccoes, Cigarettes, Cigar Smokers, Cigarette Smokers, &c., and other things pertaining to a Tobacco Store.

Also, B. F. GRAVELY'S Leading Brand.

Special inducements to merchants. I will furnish dealers with all grades of Tobacco or Cigars at the cost of same in the city, thus saving expense of freight, &c. Give me a trial.

Store opposite the Bank.

f27. J. LLOYD McFEELY.

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—AND—

Barbed Wire.

Fencing { WHITE PINE, HEMLOCK, CYPRESS

2x4 WHITE PINE, 2x4 VA. PINE, 2x3 GA. PINE, } Railing

Barbed Wire { Direct from Manufacturer at lowest prices, cash.

WHITE PINE, No. 1, HEMLOCK, No. 1, } Pickets

Write for our prices.

TURNER BROS.

Mar. 20, 1886.

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51 West Baltimore Street,

IS now offering special bargains in nearly every department. They have reduced the regular $3.50 Hanging Lamp to $2, and the regular $4 polished brass hanging lamp, with prisms, to $2.75; and one still better, with decorated shade, for $3.25. One very fine for $3.90, worth $5. We sell the regular $1 stand lamp, with 7-inch shade, for 75 cents, and a good $1.50 lamp for $1. Electric stand lamps $1.25, $1.50, $1.75. We have more than one hundred different varieties of stand lamps, hanging lamps, at wholesale prices.

SILVERWARE.—We have reduced our $1.50 Castors to $1, and the $3 to $2; a good $5 castor for $3.50. A set of good silver-plated knives, 95 cents; and tablespoons for 50 cents; a set of Rogers & Bros'. teaspoons $1, worth $1.50; a set of Rogers' tablespoons $2, worth $3; a set of Rogers & Bros'. triple-plated teaknives $1.50, worth $2. A good, round, nickle clock 90 cents; a good, nickle, alarm clock $1.25; a fine eight-day clock $3.25. A good music box 75 cents, worth $1.50; a very fine four-tune music box $10, worth $15. A set of good knives and forks 50 cents; a set of Knives and forks 75 cents, worth $1.25; a set of knives and forks for $1, worth $1.75. Ladies' and gent's satchels, all styles and sizes. Bird cages and picture frames, all styles. Ornaments, statues and vases. Jewelry, dolls, doll-carriages and wagons.

The greatest variety of fancy goods for wedding presents, birthday gifts, &c. Also useful and ornamental household goods of nearly every description. Baby carriages in great variety. Albums at half-price, fancy glass-ware and glass shades, brackets, stand-tables, and thousands of other articles, at lowest prices.

—FORD'S BAZAR—

51 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore.

STRAW HATS! STRAW HATS! Full line of fine and common grades at low prices. J. H. SIMPERS.

GEM

PIANO & ORGAN

COMPANY,

WASHINGTON, N. J.

MR. EDWARD PLOTTS, who is one of the firm, is in Chestertown with four carloads of organs and pianos from the above well-known manufactory and is stopping at the Voshell House. He has rented the room adjoining Washington's bakery and confectionery store on Cross street, and has his teams ready to deliver Organs or Pianos in any part of the town or county. Any one wishing to examine one of these instruments, or desiring to take it on trial for a few days, can have it delivered at their homes. If it does not prove entirely satisfactory they are under no obligation to keep it. Parties having old Pianos or Organs can get fair prices for them in exchange for new ones.

We refer to the following parties, who have purchased Gem Organs and Pianos of Mr. Edward Plotts, in Queen Anne's County:

Mrs. John Mason	Clucktown
Robert Mullikin	" "
Mr. Fifer	Hayden's Station
Mr. Seeney	" "
Thomas Sudler—Piano	Centreville
Mrs. Wolcott	Wye Mills
J. C. Morris	" "
Marion D. Wilson	Queenstown
Alfred Tucker	Brick School House
W. J. Smith	Beaver Dams
T. J. Tucker	Rolph's Wharf
Mrs. Walter Draper	Hayden's Station
Samuel Melvin	Bordley's Island
C. K. Wrightson	Wye Neck
Mr. James McWarner	Ruthsburg
Miss Ella B. Chance	Bordley's Island
Mr. E. A. Vansant	" "
A. B. Rothwell	Spaniard's Neck
John T. Rutter	near Centreville
W. H. Conoley	Wye Mills
W. H. Cecil	Clucktown
Richard Gardner	Wye Mills
Rebecca Rimmer	near Centreville
J. Frank Coppage	Hayden's Station
R. B. Wallis	Price's Station
Joshua Seeney	" "
Mr. Boyles	Halls X Roads
Murry Jarvis	Thighmans X Roads
Capt. John Catrup	Wye Mills
Mrs. Mollie E. Nickerson	Rolphs Wharf
James Brown	Willoughbys Shops
Capt. J. T. Jones	Rolphs Wharf
A E Welch	Church Hill
Wm Richardson	Queen Anne Station
James T Roe	Willoughbys Shops
Wm H Cahall	Prices Station
W T Elliott of Jas	Hayden's Station
Valentine Bryan	Bordley's Island
Haydens Church	Haydens Station
Walter and Albert Mullikin	Wrights Neck
Joseph H. Richardson	Queen Anne Station
Wm Montague	" "
A. G Harlery, sr	Centreville Academy
W H Slaughter	Bridgetown
John Meredith	Wye Mills
W S Roberts—Piano	Centreville
Lemuel Coursey	Bridgetown
Elijah Simpson	near Centreville
Mr Flounders	Queen Anne Station
Thomas Shortall	Queenstown
Andrew J Roe	near Centreville
John Chapman	" "
John Frank	Church Hill
John C Blades	Sudlersville
Miss Annie D Everett	" "
Wm Chance	" "
John Jefferson	" "
George Hazel	" "
John McFadden	" "
Benjamin Teat	" "
W C Robinson	" "
Christopher Weedman	" "
Thomas Robinson	" "
Samuel Phillipps	" "
Joseph Kendall	" "
John Rochester	Church Hill
John Coppage	" "
Benjamin Coppage	" "
Rev Wm Crouse	Crumpton
Wm Bamberger	Millington
J E Cooper	Ruthsburg
P T Potts	" "
Frank Lowe	Bryantown
William Curlett	Templeville
Dr L W Evans	" "
James Gunnesford	Sudlersville
J B Hazell	" "
James Tucker	Rolphs Wharf
William Taylor	Church Hill
John W Duling	Millington
John Wallace	Cox's Station
John T Baxter	Crumpton
James W Harrington	Prices Station
W E Tolson	Hope
W J Timms	Kent Island
Capt James E Kirwan	" "
Rev Jacob Yingling	" "
Capt W B Johnson	" "
B F Palmatary	Roseville
John G Bright	Kent Island
C A Groves	" "
E H and S R Quinn	" "
T R Carville	" "

In my absence from the store word may be left with Mr. Hudgins next door, and will be attended to.

Persons desiring these elegant instruments should address

EDWARD PLOTTS, Chestertown, Md.

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Spring & Summer, 1886

If you want any kind of

CLOTHING!

READY-MADE

—OR—

MADE TO ORDER

—GO TO—

A. FRIEDMAN'S

(UNDER THE KENT NEWS OFFICE)

CHESTERTOWN, - - Maryland,

And you will find a Splendid Line of Ready-Made Goods

Fashionable Suits for Men and Boys,

secured from first hands and made not only from latest styles but made in the best manner.

Besides keeping a full Stock of the very best READY MADE CLOTHING from First-Class Manufacturers, we also give special attention to

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A supply of FINE PIECE GOODS—*NOT SAMPLES*—but the exact article itself to choose from kept in stock, and

SUITS MADE TO ORDER

by the very best Cutters and Tailors, at very little above the cost of the ready-made suit.

Special attention is called to this feature of our business.

NOTICE.—Don't go to the city after Clothing. We can sell you all such Goods *Cheaper than you can buy them in Baltimore or Philadelphia for the same quality.* We can do this because our business is conducted with so much less expense than city dealers.

Try us and see.

A. FRIEDMAN,

April 24, 1886. CHESTERTOWN.

REID'S CREAMERY!

FOR SALE.

THEY give entire satisfaction and in many respects are superior to other makes.

W. A. WHEATLEY.

FOR SALE,

100,000 PEACH TREES

—AT—

Little Grove Nurseries,

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ESTABLISHED IN 1857.

VARIETIES and BUDS selected with care and to the planter's best interest. Those wishing to purchase from said nursery will please hand in their orders at an early date, and are invited to inspect stock.

Correspondence promptly answered.

Reference—the largest and most successful peach growers of the county.

R. G. NICHOLSON,

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—150,000—

PEACH TREES!

GROWN FROM

Natural Virginia Stones!

AND BUDDED FROM

Fruiting Trees Only.

In addition to the well-known standard canning and shipping varieties, I have all the promising new varieties, including Schumaker, Wheatland, Lord Palmerton, Wager, Ford's Late, &c.

Circulars sent on application.

J. B. MERRITT,

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FENCE POSTS!

LOCUST POSTS,

CEDAR POSTS,

MULBERRY POSTS,

JUNIPER POSTS,

CHESTNUT POSTS,

Rough, Sawed Square or Tapered to order.

Having at last succeeded in getting a cargo of Locust, now unloading at

Scott Point,

I can offer any of the above Posts to suit the wants of customers.

JOSEPH TURNER,

June 5, 1886. Chestertown.

Prices Reduced on Flour!

—AT—

LIEBERMAN'S

MELITOTA.

I have this day REDUCED the PRICE on all my brands of

FLOUR!

Flour sold at Manufacturers Prices and DELIVERED FREE OF CHARGE to any part of the county.

Call or write for prices. Telephone call No. 36.

N. LIEBERMAN,

June 5, 1886. Melitota.

REMEMBER THAT

Eureka Egg & Poultry Food

is as much needed now as at any time.

IT PREVENTS AND CURES CHOLERA.

Saves Young Chicks, Ducks and Turkeys.

Every package pays five hundred per cent. If you use it once you will use it again. Ask for it from your country stores. If they haven't it you can get it in Chestertown from

M. A. TOULSON, Druggist,
H. A. SPARKS, Groceries, etc.
R. F. PARKS, "
A. J. CAHALL, "
J. B. McINTIRE, "
S. FRANK SMITH, "

Wholesale orders filled by

M. F. CASEY,

m29-tf. Chestertown.

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Your Roofs & Outbuildings

—WITH THE—

Best Roofing Paint in the Market!

We have sole control of the Oil from which this Paint is made and are thereby enabled to offer it for less money than any Roofing Paint sold. Satisfaction guaranteed.

Work done by practical painters. Estimates on application.

M. F. CASEY & CO.,

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Office with C. W. Kennard & Co., Voshell House corner.

May 29—tf.

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For Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Lame Back, and all Kidney Affections.

An internal remedy to which these diseases must and do yield quickly, no matter how severe or how long standing. There is no remedy equaling it. Relief between first and third day.

Many Cures of Severe Cases Within a Week.

Hundreds of testimonials as evidence. Physicians recommend it. These are plain facts and we might but mystify simplicity did we say more than add, our wonderful remedy, VICI, can be had from Druggists and Stores generally, and from

THE SYLVAN MEDICAL DEPOT,

Yardville, N. J.; J. H. Simpers, Chestertown; George H. Clark, Still Pond; N. Lieberman, Melitota, Kent Co., Md. 3t.

The Goods That Sell

IN THE SUMMER!

—OUR—

SPECIALTIES:

SHOES AND SLIPPERS,

STRAW HATS,

MATTING,

WHITE GOODS,

HAMBURG EDGINGS,

NECKWEAR,

PARASOLS,

FRUIT JARS AND JELLY GLASSES.

One Price and Fair Dealing!

WROTH & ALDRIDGE.

May 22, 1886.

Notice to those Intending to Use

PAINT!

Oils, Glass or Wall Paper!

I have now a full line of PAINT and PAINTERS' MATERIAL of all kinds. A fine stock of LIQUID PAINT and headquarters for the celebrated John W. Masury & Son's Rail Road Colors and Liquid Paint, Varnishes, &c.; Murphy & Co. Carriage Varnish, &c.

PRICES VERY LOW!

I have an entirely new line of Beautiful WALL PAPERS and have employed an Artistic Paper Hanger, lately from the large house of Warren, Fuller & Lange of New York City.

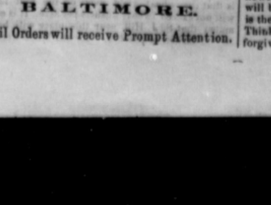
Plain Papering, Decorating, Paneling, &c., at very reasonable rates.

Estimates on work cheerfully given. You will do well to call and see me.

LOUIS K. STAM,

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

May 29—tf.



"The Waterbury."

TRAINS ON TIME!

To introduce our Clothing to New Customers we shall present for a short time a genuine Stem-winding WATERBURY

WATCH

TO EVERY CASH PURCHASER OF

$12.00

or upwards, the watch is presented free gratis, the watch is warranted by the Manufacturers. The Clothing for Men and Boys, is guaranteed cheaper than similar Goods can be purchased for elsewhere. Nobody pays an extra cent for Clothing on account of the Watch. Prices are the same with the Watch, or without. Everybody who has bought our Clothing knows its reliability and general excellence and most people are posted as to the merits of the Waterbury Watch. As we shall present this Souvenir only for a short time, an early call is an absolute necessity.

OEHM & SON,

Pratt and Hanover Streets,

BALTIMORE.

SAMPLES SENT BY MAIL ON APPLICATION.

For First-class Clothing for Men and Boys, cut and made in the finest Style and of the best material, both Foreign and Domestic, call at Acme Hall. You are sure of your money's worth every time and fuller measure for value than you get elsewhere.

ACME HALL,

"THE GLASS OF FASHION,"

No. 209 West Baltimore Street,

(NEAR CHARLES,)

BALTIMORE.

Mail Orders will receive Prompt Attention.

Faith and Works.

BY J. C. ROCKWELL.

No answer comes to those who pray,
And idly stand
And wait for stones to roll away
At God's command.
He will not break the binding cords
Upon us laid
If we depend on pleading words,
And do not aid.
When hands are idle, words are vain
To move the stone.
An abiding angel would disdain
To work alone.
But he who prayeth, and is strong
In faith and deed,
And toileth earnestly, ere long
He will succeed.

LODGE SECRETS.

Two Ladies Discuss The Question.

Mrs. Yerger—"You have no idea how much trouble I have with my old man. I didn't think it was possible for him to get any sillier than he was already, but I was mistaken."

"What is he up to now?"

"He is always up to some new foolishness. He is just running the lodge business in the ground. I would like to know all that goes on in these lodge rooms."

"I would too. Judge Peterby comes home every night about one o'clock, smelling of whiskey or beer, and when I ask him what sort of a smell it is, he has the impudence to tell me it is incense which they use in their mystic ceremonies."

"I've noticed the same smell about Colonel Yerger. He, too, said it was incense, and the effect it had upon me proved it was incense, because I was incensed as soon as I smelt it. We poor women never find out any lodge secrets, for even if a man is ever so talkative, when he comes home from the lodge he is not in a condition to talk. I don't know what Col. Yerger has been doing to deserve it, but they have made him a Grand Sachem."

"What in the world is that?"

"I don't know. That's some new order he has joined. He already belongs to the order of the Veiled Nightcaps, and the order of Idiotic Red Muffs, and three or four Ku-Klux gangs."

"How did you find out that he is a Grand Sachem? Does he talk in his sleep?"

"No. Day before yesterday was his birthday. Just as we were getting up from the supper-table there came two knocks at the door, and a deep, grave-like voice said 'Is the Grand Sachem in his wigwam?' Col. Yerger opened the door, and there was Gus deSmith, Kosciusko Murphy, Mose Schaumburg, Gillhooly Hostetter McGinnis, old Judge Pennybunker and a lot of those reprobates. They came into the room in Indian file and said: 'Is our red sister well?' Just think of it?"

"I'd have scalped them with the fire shovel," said Mrs. Peterby.

"Then Gillhooly struck an attitude and said: 'Most noble Grand Sachem, this is thy birthday and thy red brethren, the noble red braves now present in thy wigwam, in consequence of the high esteem they have for their noble brother, and his great services to the lodge, do hereby present thee, noble savage, with this gold-headed walking cane. Lean on it, most worthy son of the forest, on thy stroll in the direction of the happy hunting-grounds behind the setting sun.'"

"Do you allow such proceedings in your house Mrs. Yerger? Why, I would have scalded them. I'd have exterminated them."

"I couldn't help it. Col. Yerger was very much moved. He said it was the happiest moment of his life, but that his heart was too full for utterance, and turning to me he had the impudence to say, handing me a quarter: 'Here, noble squaw, take this string of wampum, go to the corner grocery with the tin growler, and bring some beer, that I may make merry with my red brethren of the forest. Be seated my dear braves.'"

"I would have mopped the floor with him."

"And for a week afterwards he put on lots of airs. When I wanted him to walk up and down with the baby he said it was not the business of a warrior to carry the papoose around. For a whole week, Mrs. Peterby, that wretched man talked dime novel to me, until I threatened to invite mother to come and stay with us. That took the nonsense out of the Grand Sachem."

"What silly fools these men are."

"Well, ain't they."

Sharpers who Got Left.

There is a sharper's game which has been played for the last 100 years, and as the turning point is avarice the game works forty-nine times where it fails once. Two sharpers set out a few weeks ago to play it on a Wayne county farmer. One of them came along one day and wanted to buy the farm. As the farmer wanted to sell it was quite easy to strike a bargain. The price was to be $4000 in cash, and the man handed over $250 to bind the bargain. Within two days a second stranger came along and wanted the farm. He wanted it so bad that he couldn't stand still. He found indications of coal, natural gas and coal oil, and he was willing to give $6500 for the place. The idea was, of course, that the farmer would be awful sick of his first sale and seek to buy the man off. It would pay him to offer the man $1500 to release him.

The second stranger was only out of sight when the first one turned up again. His mouth watered over the prospects, but not for long. The farmer explained that he had been offered $2500 more, and added:

"But I don't care for money. The $4000 is enough for me, and it's all the old farm is worth. When you are ready to pay the balance we'll make out the papers."

The purchaser offered to release him for $1000—$700—$500—$300, but the farmer didn't wan't to be released. He hung to the bargain money, and he's got it yet, while the pair of sharpers rave and gnash their teeth every time they think about the thickness of his skull.

Words of Wisdom.

Much danger makes great hearts resolute.

When all else is lost, the future remains.

'Tis an ill thing to be ashamed of one's poverty.

Truth is as impossible to be soiled by any outward touch as the sunbeam.

You cannot dream yourself into a character; you must hammer and forge yourself into one.

The love of singularity proceeds from a restless mind, possessing some portion of genius and a large portion of vanity.

There can be no study without time; and the mind must abide and dwell upon things, or be always a stranger to the inside of them.

He that procures his child a good mind makes a better purchase for him than if he laid out the money for an addition to his former acres.

There is no American boy, however poor, however humble, orphan though he may be, who, if he has a clear head, a true heart, a stout arm, may not rise through all the grades of society, and become the crown, the glory, the pillar of the State.

Sorrow is not an accident, occurring now and then—it is the very woof which is woven into the warp of life, and he who has not discerned the divine sacredness of sorrow, and the profound meaning which is concealed in pain, has yet to learn what life is. The cross, manifested as the necessity of the highest life, alone interprets it.

The Lord's Prayer.

I used to think that the Lord's prayer was a short prayer; but as I live the longer and see the more of life, I begin to believe that there is no such thing as getting through it. If a man in praying that prayer were to be stopped at every word, until he thoroughly prayed it, it would take him a lifetime. "Our Father," there would be a wail a hundred feet high to most men in just these words. If they might say "Our Tyrant," or "Monarch," or even "Our Creator," they could get along with it, but "Our Father,"—why the man is a saint who can pray that. You read "Thy will be done," and you say to yourself: "Oh, I can pray that," and all the time your mind goes around in immense circuits and far-of distances; but God is continually bringing the circuit nearer to you, till He says, "How is it about your temper and your pride? How is it about your business and your daily life?" This is a revolutionary petition. It would make any man's hope or store tumble to the ground to utter it. Who can stand at the avenue along which all his pleasant thoughts and wishes are blooming like flowers, and send these terrible words, "Thy will be done," crashing through it? I think it is the most fearful prayer to pray in the world. Think of it—to ask to be forgiven only "as we forgive!"

A FAMOUS OLD LINE.

Mason and Dixon's Old Boundary—Interesting Facts Concerning Its Origin.

Along the boundary line of Maryland, which separates this State from the States of Pennsylvania and Delaware, are a lot of curious looking stones, planted solidly in the ground. They are battered and weather-beaten by the unfeeling hand of Time, and that more than worthless vandal, man. Some of them are marked on one side with the letter M, while others are marked with elaborate coat-of-arms. The country folks living on the borderland, from habits of long association, gaze at the hoary old veterans with indifference, and when one of the stone soldiers are uprooted by the running of a road or the like, and falls prostrate, he is left to lie ignominiously in the mud, with no Old Mortality in homespun to restore his moss-covered glories. The stones, however, are of great interest to antiquaries, students and strolling sketchers, because they mark not only the boundary line of the State, but some important historical transactions way back to the year 1760. These stones on the east and west line, between Pennsylvania and Maryland, mark the famous Mason and Dixon's Line, which has passed into a proverb. This line is the line of demarkation between the North and the South. Back in 1685 the disputes began to get very bitter between the bordeers, and in several instances bloodshed was the result.

In 1730 a temporary agreement as to the boundary line was adopted, but the work was not fully accomplished until the 4th of July, 1760, when Lord Baltimore and Thomas and Richard Penn entered into an agreement.

On the 19th of November, 1760, they met at New Castle, Del., and began their arduous work. Eight years later they reported their work completed. Mason and Dixon's Line derives its name from two mathematicians and surveyors—Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, both of London, England, who were employed to make a boundary line between the two States by Lord Baltimore when he was abroad in 1763. They came to this country in the middle of November of the same year. When two-hundred and forty-four miles from the Delaware river, the superstitions very prevalent there stopped their work. Subsequently the work was completed by other surveyors.

The five-mile stones have engraved upon them on the side facing Pennsylvania, the arms of Thomas and Richard Penn, and on the side facing Maryland the coat-of-arms of Lord Baltimore. The intermediate stones have the initial letters for Pennsylvania and Maryland engraved in similar style. All of these stones were cut in England and shipped to this country.

Near-Sightedness.

Near-sightedness is increasing in our country to an alarming extent. It was comparatively rare a century ago, but now it afflicts a large proportion of the children of our public schools. It is one of the evils created by civilization, and is almost unknown in savage life. An official inquiry in Germany indicates that this evil is more common there than in the United States, and that it is the direct result of bad habits of study.

The physicians who made the examination report to the Government that in children of five years old the vision is generally perfect. During the school age the defect increases steadily. In the lower schools from fifteen to twenty per cent. of the scholars are affected; in the higher schools the proportion reaches forty to fifty per cent.

It is far worse in the professional school; reaching fully seventy per cent. of theological students, and over ninety per cent. of medical students.

The physicians ascribe the trouble to the poor print of the text-books, and to the general habit of holding books too near the eyes. It might be well to make a similar examination in our own country, in order that public attention be aroused to provide, if possible, a cure for this growing evil. It is a grave misfortune if public education creates a near-sighted nation.

Wanted Him Sent Up for Ten Years.

A jury composed of eleven business men and an old fellow from across the creek retired to the jury room. The foreman, when selected, remarked that he thought that the prisoner ought to be sent to the penitentiary for five years.

"That ain't long enough," said the old fellow. "Let 'em put him in for ten."

"Oh, no, that won't do."

"Wall, then," stretching himself out on a bench, "I'm with yer."

"What, you going to hang the jury?"

"That's about it."

"My dear sir, we are anxious to get back to our business."

"Then send him up for ten years."

"But that would be a great injustice."

"Then squat and make yourselves comfortable, gentlemen."

"Have you any special reason why the prisoner should go up for ten years?"

"Think I have," throwing a quid of tobacco at the spittoon.

"Will you please name it?"

"Yes, fur it wont take me long. He's my son-in-law an' I have been supportin' him ever since he was married."

He went up for ten years.—*Ark. Traveler.*

A Wonderful Natural Bridge or Tunnel.

The great Natural Bridge or tunnel in Scott county, Virginia, on the line of the South Atlantic and Ohio Railroad, fifty miles from its junction with the Norfolk & Western Railroad at Bristol, Tenn., is the most wonderful curiosity east of the Sierras. It is 933 feet long, varying from 75 to 150 feet in width, and of equal height. It comprises a natural bridge, with an arch of stone over 400 feet thick, a cave of wondrous beauty and grandeur, and a tunnel, through which flow the waters of Scott creek, a respectable river in size. The approach to this remarkable tunnel is especially grand. For several hundred yards the waters have cut out a canyon, with overhanging walls over 400 feet high. Mosses, litchens and dwarfed cedars cling to its rocky sides, while forest trees, the branches of which overhanging form an emerald fringe, through which the blue sky with its fleecy clouds are seen, framing a picture once seen is never to be forgotten. The roof of this wonderful cave or tunnel is formed of massive Gothic arches resting upon gigantic irregular pillars standing upon either side. The South Atlantic & Ohio Railroad passes through this natural way.—*Roanoke (Va.) Ledger.*

Curious Replies.

An Arizona editor recently sent postal cards to all the prominent citizens of the place requesting them to give an answer to the question: "Why are you an honest man?" Some of the replies which he publishes are curious. One answers: "It must be because of my derned cussedness; I always did like to be different from other people." Another says he is honest because he never held any public office. Another indignantly answers: "What d'ye take me for—an angel?" Another sarcastically remarks, "I suppose you're going to start a museum and are lookin' for freaks. Well, count me out; I ain't one." Another, a professional labor agitator, wrote in blood-red ink on a postal card, "What are ye givin' us?" while the editor of the opposition paper volunteered the answer that he scorned to lay bare the palpitating mainspring of a noble and honest soul at the request of a dishonest reptile and political parasite. The editor is so well pleased with the results of his inquiry that he intends soon to ask for answers to the question: "What do you take for a cold?"

It was Bitters, Not Burglars, He was After.

"Mary," said her husband, as they were about retiring, "Mary, I think I hear burglars trying to break in. I will go down stairs and investigate."

"No, John; you needn't go."

"Oh, but, Mary, I must."

"John, now I say you needn't go. The other night when you went down stairs you didn't find any, did you?"

"No."

"You didn't look for any."

"Yes, I did."

"No, you didn't, John. You didn't know I sneaked down stairs after you. I saw you go into the sitting-room, open your desk, take out a little black bottle, put it to your lips and take a hearty swig. John there was whiskey in that bottle. No doubt, John, you are very dry, but your trick won't work tonight. It's bitters you are after—not burglars."

AN exchange says newspapers are a necessity now-a-days, and a man might as well subscribe promptly as to put it off on some excuse or other, and be kicked by his own conscience, jawed by old women, pestered by the children and laughed at by the neighbors as a man who borrows but never subscribes.

Job had boils, great trials, tribulations and other annoyances too numerous to mention, then he had to "scratch around" in order to get enough of the filthy lucre wherewith to meet a note. There are martyrs in the nineteenth century.—*Yonkers Gazette.*

A LITTLE Rochester girl drew a picture of a dog and cat on her slate, and calling her mother's attention to it, said: "A cat oughtn't to have but four legs, but I drew it with six so she could run away from the dog."

A MODERN wit defines the difference between men and women: "A man gives forty cents for a twenty-five-cent thing he wants, and a woman gives twenty-five cents for a forty-cent thing which she does not want."

AMONG the Zulus the mother-in-law cannot face the son-in-law, but must hide or pretend to do so, whenever she sees him. In this country the custom is reversed; it is the son-in-law who does the dodging.