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FOR
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MANUFACTURERS OF
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Special Low Prices!!

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Sugar-Cured Shoulders, Breakfast Bacon, Shoulder Bacon, Sugar-Cured Smoked Beef, Chipped Beef, Cooked Canned Beef, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Corn, Canned Peaches, Dried Fruits, Tobacco from 30 to 80 cents a pound, Tinware, Plates, Cups and Saucers, Bowls, and in fact everything usually kept in a first-class store.

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We have Clifton F. F. F., Kirkwood, Occidental, Patapsco Superlative, Patapsco Family, Patapsco Extra, Orange Grove Extra, $4 to $6 a barrel. All the above brands also in bags, 12½ and 24½ pounds. Try our 3-cent Flour.

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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

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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 are agents for the

Deering Binder & Mower!

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
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—FOR—
Chicken Cholera.

A Safe and Effective Remedy for Cholera in Chickens and Turkeys. Used also for Fever and Drooping. This Remedy has not been placed upon the market until thoroughly tested, and as in almost every instance a Cure has been obtained, we feel safe in saying from the experiments of many ladies who have used it, that it is the

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The use of a small portion in the daily food of Chickens will keep them Free from Disease during the entire season.

Poultribina is warranted pure, and made of the best material. Price per package, 25 cents. May be obtained at wholesale from Messrs. Gilpin, Langdon & Co., Baltimore.

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MRS. KATE GILL
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A New and Beautiful Stock of
MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS,
Newest Styles in
HATS, BONNETS, &c.
At Lowest Prices!
An early call is respectfully solicited. I will do my best to please.
BUTTERICK'S PATTERNS for sale.
KATE GILL,
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MRS. A. M. REYNOLDS, of ROCK HALL, wishes to inform the public that she has on hand a Fine Stock of LACES, COLLARS, CUFFS, RIBBONS and MILLINERY. An early call is respectfully solicited. sp24-3m.

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—AT—
Little Grove Nurseries,
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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.

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OF CHESTERTOWN.

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His stock comprising
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Barbed Wire.

Fencing { WHITE PINE, HEMLOCK, CYPRESS

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

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

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 $6. 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.

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—FORD'S BAZAR—
51 West Baltimore Street, Baltimore.

SUMMER SILKS! SUMMER SILKS! After this date will offer our 50c. quality at 40c. per yard, net cash.
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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

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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.

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Eureka Egg & Poultry Food

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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

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H. A. SPARKS, Groceries, etc.
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A. J. CAHALL, "
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Wholesale orders filled by
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LOCUST POSTS,
CEDAR POSTS,
MULBERRY POSTS,
JUNIPER POSTS,
CHESTNUT POSTS,
Rough, Sawed Square or Tapered to order.

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Scott Point,

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

JOSEPH TURNER,
June 5, 1886. Chestertown.

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—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.

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

W. A. WHEATLEY.

FLY FANS, FLY TRAPS and Wire Screens for windows and doors; also Door and Window Frames for wire cloth at WM. A. WHEATLEY'S.

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Oils, Glass or Wall Paper!

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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,
May 29—tf. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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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.

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May 29—tf.

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TRAINS ON TIME!

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IN THE SUMMER!

—OUR— SPECIALTIES:

SHOES AND SLIPPERS,
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WHITE GOODS,
HAMBURG EDGINGS,
NECKWEAR,
PARASOLS,
FRUIT JARS AND JELLY GLASSES,

One Price and Fair Dealing!

WROTH & ALDRIDGE.
May 22, 1886.

THE DAVIS SWING CHURN. Call and see it at
a3. W. A. WHEATLEY'S.

MR. GIBSON'S FIRST SPEECH.

An Attack on the Civil-Service Law—He Criticises it as Undemocratic.

Washington Corr. of the Balt. Sun.

Representative Gibson, of Maryland, made his maiden speech on the 12th instant, and acquitted himself in a very creditable manner. Mr. Gibson is probably one of the most popular members of the House, and when he rose to claim recognition from the Speaker, his associates, both democrats and republicans, granted him an interested and respectful hearing. He labored under the disadvantage of having but five minutes time in which to deliver an hour's speech, so that he had scarcely got fairly under way when the chairman announced that his time had expired. Several of his associates promptly arose and offered to yield their time to him, and the offer of Mr. Henley of California, was accepted. In the course of his remarks Mr. Gibson said he would not inflict upon the House any dissertation upon the local politics of Maryland, save to suggest that his colleagues had effectually settled the question of the Baltimore postoffice in connection with the carrying out of the civil-service law in Maryland, and settled it to their mutual satisfaction; "or, if not to the satisfaction of my colleague upon my left, (Mr. Findlay,) settled at least to the satisfaction of those colleagues of mine who, shoulder to shoulder with me in November last, fought the battles of the democracy; settled to the satisfaction, Mr. Chairman, of that element of the democratic party in Maryland which in November last put the stamp and seal of its condemnation by 30,000 majority upon the 'spurious democracy' of which my friend upon the left (Mr. Findlay) was then the ally and is now the champion." Mr. Gibson then went on to say:

"If this government of ours is a representative government, a government such as its fathers designed it to be, a government in which its powers are distributed among the people; if, in short, it be a government of the people, for the people and by the people, then this interpolation and irrelevancy of civil-service reform can find no part nor lot in this administration.

"And if the democratic party typifies and illustrates the very genius and essence of a republican government—nay, more, if the very pabulum and instinct of a representative government originated in the democratic party, then that party today needs no light upon its pathway from such a squinting device as civil-service reform. The democratic party needs no reform. It is today the embodiment of reform. [Derisive laughter on the republican side.] Laugh, my friends on the other side, laugh! Let him laugh who loses; he who wins is bound to laugh. I repeat, and I here throw down the gage, and I challenge the successful contradiction of the proposition that the democratic party is today the embodiment of reform in all that conduces to the best interest of this great American nation. And that gage and challenge I will maintain with my voice and my vote, and defend with all the best energies of my soul and body."

At this point he was interrupted by a question from Mr. Gallinger, who wanted to know if the speaker meant "Higgins and reform?" Mr. Gibson responded promptly that the republicans would do well to look into their own ranks before seeking to condemn Higgins. An extension of time being granted him, Mr. Gibson said to defend Eugene Higgins would be a labor of love, for he knew the man, and added that his friend from New Hampshire, as a representative of the virtue of the republican party, might as well seek to carp at Eugene Higgins as a "mousing owl to snap at an eagle in his eyrie." A democratic member suggested that Higgins had not been "tattooed," whereupon Mr. Milliken, of Maine, who makes a practice of interrupting speakers, and invariably gets sat down upon, essayed to break the force of Mr. Gibson's argument by remarking that the republican party was not mean enough to "tattoo" him.

Mr. Gibson in an instant replied: "Mr. Chairman, we are not Sandwich Islanders, and I do not propose to consider the question of 'tattooing.' The only instance I have heard of in our political history of a man being 'tattooed' was the republican candidate for the Presidency in the last election." This clever reply to the Maine member was greeted with laughter and applause on the democratic side.

Continuing, Mr. Gibson said: "Mr. Chairman, the party whose inherent vitality and integrity have enabled it to outlive every phase of federalism, of whigism, of knownothingism, and of republicanism will be equal to the task, should the occasion arise, of applying its own conceptions of genuine reform, or it can be taught, as the republican party has lately been taught, the salutary discipline of 'stepping down and out.'

"Mr. Chairman, if after a period of more than a quarter of a century of republican rule, if after more than a quarter of a century of abuse of power, that abuse of power has become so flagrant and the incrustations upon the civil service have become such as to contaminate the government, it is not now that the democratic party should seek to rectify and restore the public service by the adoption of alien and spurious usages. For fifty years the democratic party bore sway in the councils of this nation. For fifty years under democratic rule was our honor maintained and our public credit preserved at home and abroad. During all these years no bitter strifes between labor and capital characterized its reign; on the contrary, the blessings of government, like the dews of heaven, fell alike upon the rich man and the poor man. During all these years this government of ours was normal and healthy, and its vigorous, robust and lusty organism was plied with no such nauseous nostrum as 'civil service reform.' No ills of the democratic party required such a panacea.

"While I am radically opposed to the especial features under consideration of the civil-service act, I regard them as but features of an act which is unconstitutional and vicious throughout; an act which seeks to supplant the provisions of our very organic law; an act whose tendency is to mar and to mutilate American manhood.

"It lays restrictions where no restrictions were intended.

"It applies tests which abridge the prerogative of every American citizen.

"I wish to be definitely and distinctly understood, Mr. Chairman, as making no arraignment of the administration. I stand by this administration. My section and my State stand by the President. We stand by to cheer him with our voice and to uphold him with our hands.

"The republican party in mellifluous utterances are today praising the President for his civil-service views. 'The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau.' I believe the President in good faith is acting up to the measure of his sense of duty and responsibility upon the platform of his nomination.

"But the President of the United States is handicapped by this measure. I want to see these shackles stricken off this administration. I want to see the democratic party unhand itself of these alien influences by which it is shorn of its normal and legitimate strength. I want to see it relieve itself of a dubious and mistaken alliance with an exotic importation, indigenous and germane to a monarchy beyond the sea. The civil-service plank has no fitness in the democratic platform. I want to see that plank disjoined from the structure as marring and sapping its integrity.

"I want the party of the people, for the people, and by the people to recur afresh to those perennial streams of principle and policy which nourish and sustain and invigorate its life. I want to see the party no further delude itself by any device of argument that the resource of 'civil-service reform' is sound democracy. It is a subtle device of the enemy. It will forestall and paralyze our party's legitimate success.

"The republican party is seeking to use this measure to anticipate and to claim any credit which would otherwise inure to us. It reaps where it has not sown; it gathers where it has not strewn."

When Mr. Gibson concluded he was greeted with applause on both sides of the House, for his associates recognized in him a man who is opposed to the civil-service law, and who had the manliness to speak and vote against it. In the early stage of his remarks he betrayed a little nervousness, as is usual with new members when delivering their maiden speeches, but otherwise he created a most favorable impression.

Taking Disease from Books.

Visitors at the Congressional Library had their attention attracted the other day by the demeanor of an old man who entered with the assistance of a crutch, writes a Washington correspondent of the New York *Mail and Express*. He had a bandage over one eye and a roll of red flannel enveloped in one of his hands. He stored his crutch away by the side of his chair, adjusted the bandage over his eye, and rubbed his side while waiting. Presently the attendant brought him an armful of books that seemed to be medical works. The cripple was soon pouring over these with the deepest interest.

"That's one of them," said the reporter's companion.

"I see," replied the reporter. "So devoted to books that he climbs up the Capitol steps and comes here to read, notwithstanding his terribly afflicted frame."

"Well, it is not exactly that," replied the habitue. "It's his affliction that brings him here, and it's his affliction that he comes. You see he is, as I said, one of them. There are enough more. They come to read up their own cases. Those books before him speak of blindness, lameness and rheumatism. He is one of the best informed men on those subjects in the city. The more he knows about the ailments the worse becomes his affliction, and he will probably add some new ones before he gets through with that pile of books. When he started in here he had something the matter with one of his eyes, and he came to read up on blindness. By careful study he has spread ailments all over himself, until there is no point in his body that ain't in torture. He has been reading up his own case, and has improved upon it. That's about the way with all of them. Some of them are actually suffering from some trouble for which they are seeking a remedy. Others are unconsciously looking for troubles to have. Men who have some chronic ailment, for which doctors have been unable to give them any relief, go to the library and read all the works they can find that may, in any way, apply to their case. Some of them become experts in particular branches of medicine. They devote their whole lives to it, and never seem to think or speak of anything else. Some, like this man, discover that they are in possession of a great variety of ailments, and their researches into medicine becomes very extensive, though somewhat desultory. Some get cured of one complaint when they fall into possession of another, but others retain all the old ones and continue to nurse and train them very carefully while adding new ones constantly. But generally they are devoted to one particular thing, and they pursue that assiduously. They are one of the peculiar classes of reader."

Everything Lovely.

"Why, you *dear* thing! How *do* you do? And how *do* you do? And where *have* you been all this time? And I'm *so* glad to see you! *So* glad? And you're looking just lovely!—perfectly lovely! And what a sweet bonnet! Paris? I thought so! And you're looking *so* well! And what lovely weather we are having! And O, how's the baby?—dear sweet little thing! He's the living image of you and Charlie!"

"O thanks, dear, baby's doing splendidly! got another lower front tooth through and is *so* good! *never* cries! only we're afraid he's going to have a big pimple right on the end of his dear little nose!"

"Oh! how perfectly dreadful! And how's Charlie? I heard he was run away with and awfully hurt, and I've been meaning to call and ask after him, for I knew you must be so awfully worried but I've been *so* busy, you know!"

"O, thank you, dear, that's ever so kind of you, but it wasn't anything serious; he was only trying his new tandem pair, and he found out afterward that the shaft-horse had belonged to a politician and learned to stop at every rum-shop they came to, and the leader was a circus horse that had been taught to read, and so bolted for every sign of 'Hay for sale,' or 'Meals at all hours' that he saw, and so Charlie was a bit shaken up, and decided to sell the beasts for ladies' saddle horses and so he—and oh! *have* you seen those new black stockings they have got at Macy's? You must get some! they're just perfectly lovely!—long ones, you know!"

"Yes, I just bought some; they are too sweet for anything, aren't they? Are you going to Robinson's tonight? I hear it is going to be charming!"

"No, I don't think we shall be able to. Are you going?"

"Well, er—no, I don't think we shall be able to get off. It's *so* wearing, this going out every night, isn't it?"

"*So* hard, isn't it? Well, I must be going, dear; I'm already an hour late for my appointment at the dentist's! But I'm so glad to have met you, dear! And you will come and see me very—O, there's Fanny Jones! I must run over and congratulate her on her engagement being broken! Good-by, dear!"

Exit (*sotto voce*) Gracious, how her dress does hang behind!"—*Roland King in Chicago Rambler.*

Don't Work for Anybody.

Singular as it seems, the above phrase may mean the same as "works for somebody." A reference to the following story published in the *Woman's Journal*, and illustrating the all-day cares of a mother, will explain the paradox. A little boy, on his way to build fires and sweep offices in Boston, while the stars were yet in the sky, told the writer:

"My mother gets me up, builds the fire and gets my breakfast and sends me off. Then she gets my brother up and gets his breakfast and sends him off. Then she gives the other children their breakfast and sends them to school; and then she and the baby have their breakfast."

"How old is the baby?" I asked.

"Oh, she's 'most two, but she can walk and talk as well as the rest of us."

"Are you well paid?"

"I get two dollars a week, and my father gets two dollars a day."

"How much does your mother get?"

With a bewildered look he said, "Mother! Why, she don't work for anybody."

"I thought you said she worked for all of you."

"Oh, yes, for us she does; but there ain't any money in it."

This wife of a day laborer represents a large class of hard-working women. There is more than one "labor of love" that draws no pay in cash. But mankind would be a much meaner race if all such labor were turned into a hireling's task. The true wife and true mother could not respect herself if all her services at home were counted at a price and settled for in a day's or week's wages.—*Chicago Eye.*

A Happy Distinction.

"You ve no wife, I believe, sir?" remarked Mr. Smith to his neighbor.

"No, sir," was the reply. "I never was married."

"Ah," observed Mr. Smith, "you are a happy dog!"

A short time after, Mr. Smith, in addressing a married man, said:

"You have a wife, sir?"

"Yes, sir; a wife and three children."

"Indeed," said Mr. Smith; "you are a happy man."

"Why Mr. Smith," said one of the company, "your remarks to the unmarried and married seem to conflict somewhat."

"Not at all, sir; not at all. There is a difference in my statement. Please be more observing, sir. I said the man who had no wife was a 'happy dog,' and the man who had a wife was a 'happy man.' Nothing conflicting, sir—nothing at all. I know what I say."

A Phenomenal Boy.

A Georgia paper says there is a boy in Putnam county, a son of Jefferson Lee, ten years of age, who, owing to the peculiar nature of his skin, has never been known to sweat a drop of perspiration in his life. Another phenomenal feature connected with the boy is that he has only four teeth, and he had these when born, having neither cut nor shed any since his birth. He is very much affected by the seasons. In the summer he gets exceedingly warm, and is compelled in order to live at all, to keep his head and body wet with cold water, and falls off to almost a skeleton, but when winter come and cold weather sets in, he is enabled to dispense with his bath and grows fat. He is said to be a sprightly boy, with plenty of sense.

Broom-Corn.

If some of our farmers would turn their attention to raising broom-corn they could make it pay. Listen: "The advance in broom corn is something unprecedented. A year ago it was worth $80 per ton, and now brings from $160 to $340 per ton. The seed ordinarily worth $2.50 per bushel now sells at $10, and cannot be had in sufficient quantities even at that price. The reason for this state of affairs is that a few years ago everybody went into raising broom corn, the market was overstocked, and prices went so low as to create a disgust for the industry. Last year only about one-third of a crop was raised, and no attention was paid to saving the seed."

"MAMMA, are we all made of dust?" "Yes, my son." "I was born in January, was I?" "Yes, little boy." "But there ain't any dust in January. The ground is all frozen in January, ain't it?" "For Heaven's sake, Johnny, don't ask so many foolish questions." "But I am made of dust, ain't I?" "Yes, of course." "Why don't I get muddy inside when I drink water?" "O Lord, child, do give me a rest."

COUNTRY bride (looking over the bill of fare)—"John, what's 'Patty de foe gras?'" Groom—"Sh! Don't talk so loud, or people will think we're ignorant. It must be French for celery."