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SAMUEL M. LAWDER & SON,
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For the sale of Fruits, Fish, Wool, Poultry, Live Stock, &c., &c.
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jan5-y. BALTIMORE, MD.

A. P. CREW. W. H. LOANE.
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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
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ja29. BALTIMORE, MD

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D. B. STEWART & CO.,
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COMMISSION MERCHANTS
118 East Pratt St., Balto., Md.
We refer to our present shippers, among whom are many of the most successful fruit growers in this county, also The Peoples' Bank of Baltimore.

ANDREW W. WOODALL,
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Special attention given to the sale of Grain Dried, Evaporated and Green Fruits.

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—WITH—
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—FOR THE SALE OF—
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—FOR THE SALE OF—
Grain, Fruits, Live Stock, Wool and Country Produce Generally.
Special attention given to the sale of GRAIN and FRUITS.
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Reference—Merchants' National Bank.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
FOR THE SALE OF
GRAIN, FRUITS, LIVE STOCK, AND PRODUCE GENERALLY.
No. 20 East Camden Street, (Old Number, 2,)
Near Light Street, Baltimore, Md.

PERCY T. McFEELY,
—WITH—
WRIGHT & LONEY,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
FOR THE SALE OF
Grain, Fruit, Hay, Poultry, Live Stock, Hides, and all kinds Country Produce.
No. 213 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.
REFERENCE,—Drovers and Mechanics' National Bank, cor. Eutaw and Fayette sts. ja29.

PHILADELPHIA.

E. C. CROW,
No. 6 Vine Street, Philadelphia, Penn
FRUIT and PRODUCE
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
PEACHES A SPECIALTY.
By quick sales, square dealing and prompt returns we hope to merit your patronage. Refer to the wholesale trade here, also prominent growers and shippers, for whom we sell, upon application.

R. E. BRICE. J. E. HENDRICKSON.
J. E. HENDRICKSON & CO.,
Produce Commission Merchants
IN ALL KINDS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE AND LIVE STOCK.
328 North Front Street, Philadelphia, Penn.
Consignments solicited. Returns promptly sent on sale of goods. Orders promptly filled and inquiries cheerfully answered. fe12-y.

J. P. MOYER S. F. CREW.
J. P. MOYER CO.,
Wholesale Produce Commission Merchants
—IN—
BUTTER, EGGS, POULTRY, PRODUCE LIVE STOCK, &c.,
256 North Front Street, Philadelphia.
Returns sent promptly. my5-tf.

NEW YORK.

Established in 1871.
G. W. SHALLCROSS & CO.,
GENERAL FRUIT and PRODUCE
Commission Merchants,
113 Warren Street, - - New York.
Consignments solicited.
REFERENCE:—Account Sales and Check daily.
July 28, 1888—6m.

Professional Cards.

DR. JAMES W. URIE,
HOMEOPATHIST,
STILL POND, MD.

DR. THOMAS H. COOPER,
HOMEOPATHIST,
Chestertown, Maryland, opposite the Voshell House
Office hours from 10 to 12 A. M. and 7 to 9 P. M. Sundays excepted.

DR. C. P. GILPIN, Dentist,
Office in the dwelling-house on High street, adjoining the store of Mr. A. J. Cahall. He will be pleased to see his friends and patients at his new location, where, having more room, he will be able to afford many more comforts than in the past. js-tf.

HARRISON W. VICKERS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

JOHN D. URIE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Office adjoining T. W. Eliason, Jr.'s Store, will practice in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties

Horse-Shoeing! Horse-Shoeing!
NEAR COURT HOUSE.
SAMUEL HICKS,
BLACKSMITH,
HAS HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS in the new Shop at the Head of Court street, in the rear of *Kent News* office, where he will be pleased to see his friends and all in need of work in his line.
He gives SPECIAL ATTENTION to HORSE-SHOEING and flatters himself that he CAN'T BE BEAT IN THIS SORT OF WORK.
PRICES LOW and Satisfaction GUARANTEED
Oct. 20, 1888. SAMUEL HICKS.

Seasonable Goods!
We have just got in stock for the coming season the following, in assortment:
Refrigerators, Ice Chests, Water Coolers, Ice Cream Freezers, Oil Stoves, Lawn Mowers, Garden Tools, Poultry Wire, Fly Wire, Door Screen Frames, Window Screen Frames. Call in and see our goods; always welcome. Resp'y,
may 5. J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

IRON-FRAME CULTIVATORS.
Cheaper than ever.
may5. WM. A. WHEATLEY.

REMEMBER THIS!

Goods Well Bought Are Half Sold!

EVEN though we do not deal exclusively in Dry Goods and Notions, Boots and Shoes, or Carpets and Oil-cloths, they are our leading specialties, and having purchased them this fall for CASH, at the closest cash prices, we are able to meet any legitimate competition.

Dry Goods! Dry Goods!

Our stock of Dry Goods, one of the main features of which is OUR BEAUTIFUL LINE OF DRESS GOODS, embracing Henrietta Cloths, Sabastapools, Broadcloths, etc., is now being made replete. All wool Henriettas at 50 and 55 cents, the Best Black Henrietta at $1.00 per yard, on this or other market.

Notions, Underwear!

Our Notion Stock is second to none! The cheapest and best line of underwear for Gents, Ladies, Misses and Children in town. A Child's Vest as low as 15 cents.

BOOTS and SHOES!

Our Boot and Shoe Stock is better than usual. The best $2 00, $2 50 and $2 75 Man's Boot on the market. Then our Old Reliable $4 00, Double Upper, Hand Bottomed Boot, that has stood the test for years, we still guarantee. A line of Ladies' and Misses Hand-Made Shoes second to none. Gum Boots and Shoes, all sizes. We are still handling a Man's Gum Boot that we guarantee in every case, NOT TO CRACK.

Carpets, Oil-Cloths!

In Carpets and Oil-Cloths we lead. The best All Wool Ingrain at 75 cents per yard, Wool Fillings down to 66 cents per yard, Union Filling at 50 cents, Rag Carpets from 35 to 60 cents per yard.

We now have a nice line of Ladies' Misses' and Children's COATS. Just arrived.

Give us a call. Very truly yours, &c.,
Oct. 20, 1888. R. F. PARKS.

CARPETS!

CRANE BROTHERS
No. 423 E. Baltimore Street, Baltimore,
(Near Gay.)
Have enlarged their store and are now prepared to show one of the finest lines of
Carpets,
Oil Cloths,
Mattings,
Rugs, &c.,
ever exhibited in Baltimore city, in all the latest Shades and at Low Prices. Our goods are not surpassed in Baltimore. Remember, we always guarantee to more than meet competition, as our expenses are smaller than any other Carpet House in the city. We respectfully solicit an inspection of our goods before buying elsewhere.
CRANE BROTHERS,
No. 423 E. Balto. St., three doors above Gay.
Sept. 28-3m.

Funeral Director!

JAS. E. BLACKISTON,
EDESVILLE,
is prepared to attend funerals in any section of the county at the shortest notice, giving personal attention to every detail of the same.
COFFINS and CASKETS of the best and most modern styles, cloth-covered, metallic or polished, furnished at the VERY LOWEST PRICES.
Burial robes, shrouds and slippers furnished.
EMBALMING a specialty. Ice casket of the latest improved make. apr7-tf.

STRAW WANTED!

HAVING Leased the Chestertown STRAWBOARD MILL, I am ready to BUY ALL THE STRAW that Farmers may wish to dispose of. Will clean up ALL THE STRAW from the stackyards sold me, rejecting only rotten straw, on the basis of 2240 pounds per ton for dry straw; only asking those wishing to sell to take a little extra pains in Stacking and not put the chaff with their Straw.
MR. JAMES BRICE is my authorized agent to buy.
WILBUR ELIASON.

WAGON SPRINGS on sale at the Hardware Store of J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

ESTABLISHED IN 1866.
CANNING HOUSE
Steam Boilers and Kettles
A SPECIALTY.
ALWAYS have in Stock New and Second-Hand Boilers and Kettles of all kinds. Upright Boilers Kept in Stock for immediate shipment, up to 40 Horse Power. All Kinds of UPRIGHT BOILERS MADE TO ORDER.
JOHN T. COLEMAN, Steam Boiler Works.
Holliday and Pleasant Streets, Balto., Md.

MONUMENTAL LABEL COM'PY.
JOHN T. COLEMAN, Holliday and Pleasants Sts., Baltimore Md., print only LABELS FOR CANNED GOODS PACKERS. Write for Samples and Prices. Orders for delivery next season received now at REDUCED PRICES. New Samples for inspection ready now.
apr28-y. JOHN T. COLEMAN, BALTIMORE.

Coal, Coal.

To Our Friends and the Buying Community.

WE are pleased to say that we are now ready to receive orders for Fall Delivery of our celebrated SCHUYLKILL WHITE ASH COAL, and the best evidence of its good quality that we can produce is its constant increase in patronage. We have tried other Coal, but we can find no other that gives us the satisfaction of selling as the

SCHUYLKILL COAL!

We think it would be advisable for all interested to call and inspect our stock, and compare our prices before giving your order. We would advise all to buy early as possible for the outlook to us is for higher prices. We have always and shall continue to give 2,240 pounds to each ton.
TERMS, CASH; interest on all unpaid bills from day of delivery if not paid within 30 days.
Jluy 14, 1888. **J. D. BACCHUS.**

ROLLER PROCESS KIRKWOOD 196 WILLIAM LEA & SONS
THE FINEST --FAMILY-- FLOUR TRY IT.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
Your Mutual Wants Supplied at
J. LLOYD McFEELY'S
Confectionery, Tobacco & Fruit Store
opposite Court House, and adjoining J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s Hardware Store. The taste of ladies and children will be gratified by all sorts and kinds of Confectionery and Fruits. I have just opened a Fresh Stock and as Fine a line of Confectionery as the season will allow. Give me a call. Prices as low as the lowest.
GENTLEMEN,
if you are fond of a Nice Cigar for a Small Price try those 2 for 5 cents of mine. Long Havana Filled Cigar for 5 cents, a still better one for 10 cents.
For Chewing Tobacco I can't be beat in Kent county for pieces, Quantity and Quality. Good Natural Tobacco for 25 cents per pound. R. F. Gravely's Superior is my leading brand. Remember
J. L. McFEELY'S
Tobacco Emporium of Kent county, opposite Court House and adjoining J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s Hardware Store. jy14.

Special Notice to the Public!
I hereby inform the public that I have taken the sole agency of
PROF. STRAUSS' ERADICATOR
for removing Grease and Oil Spots from Silks, Satins, Woollen Goods and Carpets, without injury. You cannot be convinced of the quality of this compound until you come to my establishment and convince yourself free of charge. Price, 25 cents per box. It will be sent by mail to any one desiring it. Orders will be promptly filled.
I am still supplying the well known "VANDEGRIFT HAIR INVIGORATOR." Ask your druggist; if he can't supply you address the proprietor,
JOHN S. VANDEGRIFT,
s15-tf. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

FOR the Larges and Best Assortment of Tobacco and Cigars go to J. L. McFEELY'S.

Lumber! Lumber!
I HAVE NOW IN STOCK THE LARGEST ASSORTMENT OF
Shingles, Laths, Pickets,
WHITE PINE, GEORGIA PINE,
NORTH CAROLINA PINE,
VIRGINIA PINE,
CYPRESS and POPLAR LUMBER
in Kent county and other large lots to arrive, all purchased at the LOWEST CASH PRICES direct from the manufacturers and are for sale at VERY LOW PRICES. Also, a stock of
Doors, Door Frames, Window Frames,
SASH, BLINDS, MOULDINGS, &c.
Do not buy without giving me an opportunity to figure on your bills.
T. W. ELIASON, Jr.
June 9, 1888.

CHESTERTOWN
Brick Yards!
BARNETT & McILVAINE.
WE HAVE ON HAND A LARGE STOCK OF FIRST-CLASS BRICKS.

Prices of Bricks in Yards:

Paving Bricks per Thousand	$8.50
Dark Red " "	8.50
Red " "	8.00
Arch " "	7.50
Light Red " "	7.00
Salmon " "	6.00
Run of Kiln in yard "	7.50

Fifty cents per thousand to deliver to cars or boat landing in Chestertown. Parties wishing to purchase from a distance by letter will be promptly attended to. Bricks shipped at all points, either on railroad or river.
Respectfully, BARNETT & McILVAINE,
je30-6m. Manufacturers, Chestertown, Md.

FOR BREAKFAST,
LEA'S HOMINY GRITS.
FOR DINNER,
LEA'S FARINA.
YOU WILL NOT REGRET A TRIAL.

THE PLUMBING BUSINESS.
WM. T. SUTTON
IS now prepared to do any work in the Plumbing Line, such as putting in
Bath-Tubs and Water Fixtures Generally.
Also Hydrants and Sprinklers whenever desired.
I have had considerable experience and will not undertake to do anything that I cannot do in a first-class manner. I only ask a trial, and that my work may speak for itself. I shall not only do good work but will also aim to make my charges as low as possible for a living profit.
Hose, Traps, Spigots, Sprinklers, kept on hand, at shop on Court street. REPAIRING done in the best manner at short notice.
A share of the public patronage is respectfully solicited. WM. T. SUTTON,
July 28, 1888—tf. Chestertown.

J. W. PURUCKER & CO.,
No. 40 East Pratt St., Baltimore, Maryland,
Between Malthy House and Light Street,
Guns, Pistols, Ammunition, Fishing Tackle
—AND A—
FULL LINE of SPORTING GOODS.
We have the most Practical Gun Smiths in the city, and guarantee Alterations and Repairs on Gun, with neatness and dispatch. s29-y.

LOW ESTIMATES will be furnished on our Building Lime and Hair to large orders at J. D. BACCHUS' Coal and Woodyard.
mh5-tf

FOR A FINE 5c. or 10c. CIGAR go to J. L. McFEELY'S.

NEW Clothing House!

Low Prices
—AND—
Square Dealing.

We have just opened one of the Largest and Most Complete Stocks of

CLOTHING,

HATS, CAPS,
BOOTS, SHOES,
—AND—
Gents Furnishing Goods
—which will be—
Sold at Prices to Defy Competition!

Come everybody and examine our Stock and Prices and be convinced that we do as we say.
E. KLEIN,
Next door to Postoffice, Chestertown.
Oct. 6, 1888—tf.

COMPLETE and SEASONED
Stock of Lumber
GEORGIA SILLS, JOISTS and PORTICO FLOORING,
Virginia Bill Stuff, Posts, Ties,
Plates, Joists and Scantling,
Stock Boards, 12, 14 and 16 ft. long,
Cypress Fencing, 1x6 16, 2x4 16 and 2x3 16,
White Pine Stock Boards, 12, 14, and 16 feet long,
Also DRESSED 6-4, 5-4, 4-4 SELECT PICKS and COMMON WIDE, SELECT YELLOW POPLAR. Oak, Walnut, Ash, &c.
JOSEPH TURNER,
Oct. 13, 1888. SCOTT'S POINT, CHESTERTOWN.

CLINTON MILLS DELAWARE FFF Choice Patent No 1196 WILLIAM LEA
HIGHEST GRADE --PATENT-- FLOUR MADE.

New Store--Old Stand!
Mrs. D. GRUBER.
HAS thoroughly renewed and refitted her business property up town and is now better able than ever heretofore to supply the public with
Fresh Bread, Buns, Cakes and Pies
and indeed everything in the Bakery Line. Long experience, the best material, and personal attention to the business enables her to give the very best goods for the least money.
CONFECTIONERY.—I have also added to my stock a line of confectionery, such as Fresh Candy, Nuts, &c., to which I invite attention. Give me a call.
MRS. D. GRUBER.
sep3-y. Up Town

WILLIAM PARR'S
NEW HARNESS STORE
I have just opened a nice line of
Robes, Blankets, Whips, Saddles, Bridles, all Kinds of Harness,
which I am selling very low. I also have in stock everything that is kept in a First-Class Harness Store, from a 10-cent Hame Strap to a Set of Fine Harness.
Encourage me by buying your Harness Goods where you can have them neatly and promptly repaired. Thankful for past patronage I remain yours respectfully,
WILLIAM PARR,
no3-1y. STILL POND, MD.

WM. T. HICKS,
Undertaker and Funeral Director,
GALENA, MARYLAND.
I BEG leave to inform the public that I am now prepared for the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS. Caskets, Coffins, Shrouds, Burial Robes &c., kept constantly on hand and furnished upon short notice at prices to suit the times.
With three years' experience I can guarantee to execute all orders in a satisfactory manner.
Bodies kept without ice.
apr7-tf Respectfully, WM. T. HICKS.

25c. Will buy a Pound of Good Natural Tobacco at J. L. McFEELY'S.

Our Fashion Review MAILED FREE to Any Address.

MABLEY & CAREW'S LEGAL GUARANTEE

READ BETWEEN THE LINES.

WE GUARANTEE THAT THE GOODS BOUGHT OF US ARE AS REPRESENTED AND LOWER IN PRICE THAN THE SAME QUALITY CAN BE BOUGHT ELSEWHERE. SHOULD YOU BECOME DISSATISFIED AT ANY TIME WE SHALL EXCHANGE THE GOODS, REFUND YOUR MONEY OR GIVE YOU A REBATE IN HARD CASH. MABLEY & CAREW

THE MOST PROFITABLE AND INTERESTING REVIEW
For those who would wear fine, fashionable, serviceable clothes
EVER PUT BEFORE YOU AS TO FINE TAILOR-MADE
at very moderate prices, even very low prices, we earnestly
CLOTHING FOR MEN, FOR BOYS AND FOR CHILDREN:
recommend an inspection of our Fall and Winter Stock—
THE NEWEST, THE LARGEST, BEST-MADE AND BEST-
by far the largest, best and most correct we've ever handled.
FITTING, MOST STYLISH AND MOST NOVEL STOCK OF
MABLEY & CAREW.
Full dress suits, Clerical suits, Coachmen's suits, Prince Alberts
FOR PARTICULARS SEND FOR OUR FASHION REVIEW
Three and Four-Buttoned Cut-a-ways, Single and Double
CONTAINING ALL THE STYLES IN MEN'S SUITS AND
Breasted Sack Suits, Stout suits, Lean suits, Top Coats, Dress
OVERCOATS AND ALSO IN JUVENILE APPAREL WITH
Overcoats, English Cape Coats, Surtouts, Storm Coats, etc., etc.
FINE ILLUSTRATIONS AND SAMPLE PRICES. WE'LL
in the finest fabrics woven in this country and Europe, made
MAIL YOU OUR FASHION REVIEW TO ANY ADDRESS
in the fashion by our own tailors under our own supervision.

MABLEY & CAREW'S LEGAL GUARANTEE

FREE!

WE GUARANTEE THAT THE GOODS BOUGHT OF US ARE AS REPRESENTED AND LOWER IN PRICE THAN THE SAME QUALITY CAN BE BOUGHT ELSEWHERE. SHOULD YOU BECOME DISSATISFIED AT ANY TIME WE SHALL EXCHANGE THE GOODS, REFUND YOUR MONEY OR GIVE YOU A REBATE IN HARD CASH. MABLEY & CAREW

Address—MABLEY & CAREW, Baltimore, Md.

Written for the KENT NEWS.

THE PRAIRIE FIRE.

Origin—Growth—Fuel and Excitants—Aspect—Results—Dangers—Means of Check—Emotions Awakened—Incidentals.

The trans-Mississippi region of our country is largely prairie. The Southern Savannah has a luxuriant overgrowth of herbage two or three feet in height; but in the colder climate of the Northwest, the grass is much shorter, averaging but ten or eleven inches. The virgin soil has a thick-set-grass root that covers the plain in summer with fine, thick grass, which overgrowth, becoming dead and dry in autumn, furnishes fuel for and is capable of sustaining a fierce conflagration.

In a section of country where settlement is sparse, and where, consequently, virgin soil abounds, Nature's grass-plot is one unbroken superficies. If, peradventure, a few stray squatters have located their claims in the midst of this howling waste, they must lose no time in fortifying their premises by turning a few furrows, called a "fire-break" around their buildings. This is the only provision that avails against a prairie-fire. The superficies of the plain is cut up by a network of sloughs, wherein, on account of increased moisture, a thick-set and heavier grass grows which serve as relay-posts for the devastating currents of liquid caloric. The tempest gains fresh impetus from these vantage-points, and with a reinforced momentum, emerges therefrom with a fiercer and swifter heat which swallows up, avalanche-like, whatever comes across its path.

ORIGIN.

Some criminally careless, or perhaps, fiendish person through carelessness, malice, or "for fun, just to see it burn" leaves a spark in the dry grass. A person camping by the roadside at noon may not be sufficiently careful in extinguishing the fire with which he boiled his tea; or perchance he throw down the match ignited with which he lighted his meerschaum, or else, being a fiend, he fires the grass from pure cussedness "just for fun" as is often done. Even though it were devoid of danger, the fire impoverishes the soil by destroying the grass, which, undergoing eremacausis, furnishes an excellent nutriment for the soil. But this fire is far from being innocuous; it is fraught with the intensest danger to the settlers, in that it may consume their shack and property and crop—their little all.

Condign punishment by fine or imprisonment is meted to the offender who is detected in the act of firing the prairie. It is hard to entrap the culprit, however, for the law is loth to accept even the best circumstantial evidence, and it is almost impossible to obtain absolute proof by seeing him apply the match. A stringent penalty is for those who are caught.

GROWTH AND PROGRESS.

The spark, thus deposited, smoulders a moment as if to gather force, and then creeps in an unseen trail until it has laid an invisible fuse underneath the grass all around. From this unseen foundation a flame bursts up which slowly burns a circular patch of grass as if vacillating in which direction to run; then jumping upon the wings of the wind in an incredibly short time the spark has been multiplied a million-fold, and flies with marvellous velocity and momentum with the wind. The van of the fire converges to windward and on rushes in a divarication, while are left in wake the side-lights and lesser, slowly widening the track of the original fire, which envelops the ravaged section in a feathery deposit of carbon dust. On most days there is blowing a sufficient breeze to fan the spark into a fierce and swift torrent of fire; but even though the day were calm, the heated, ascending column of air causes a partial vacuum by the rarification of the lower atmosphere, which causes the cold air to rush in from behind to fill up the void, thus creating a reciprocating current that renders the fire self sustaining. The grass is so airy and consumes so rapidly that the ordinary fire's volume is not more than five or six feet thick, but so intensely hot that one cannot stand within several yards of it. A side-fire can be jumped but there is no time to lag; it must be done very quickly, even then perhaps at the price of a scorch. The other day I rode through a moderately bad one. Just previously, while fighting it I got the fur singed off of my cap. Once started the fire is master of the situation; its sway is undisputed. Battling against it is useless, as the smoke blinds and suffocates, and the heat is so intense as to prevent any one's approaching from the front, and as to fighting it from behind, it would be like attacking the rear of a fleeing army; the biggest job would be to keep apace with it. The main fire moves on in an unchanged course, except when the wind changes. Man cannot even temporarily arrest it; he may by hard combined effort deflect it from its course, and thus save a particular spot, but it would require an entire army to hold it at bay. It is as "terrible as an army with banners." Men do not essay to fight the main fire; they let it severely alone, and they might as well. It runs on and on, charring whole regions, till a rain extinguishes it, or a sand hill, alkali flat or lake impedes its progress. Lagging behind this head flame are the smaller side fires, which gradually widen, and which are not without danger. These may be extinguished by dint of hard effort, but it takes a score of men to fight a seemingly small fire. Here it is that effort can deliver and save. Persons armed with bags and old garments soaked in aqua pura get opposite the heat and contest the flame's tenure with their united strength. When we realize that a dozen men can hardly cope with a side fire of a few feet in length, that is backing against the wind, we may, by comparison, imagine the volume and force of the main V-shaped fire that is a hundredfold more savage. The roaring of the conflagration may sometimes be heard for a distance of two miles.

FUEL AND EXCITANTS.

The fine, thick-set, dry, and highly combustible grass, with the slough relay-posts is the only fuel required for the creation and maintenance of this incandescent phenomenon of the plains. It is consumed quickly and goes off largely as gas, leaving but a slight deposit of sooty ashes. Where the grass is very dry the fire burns even the grass roots deep into the soil, so that to a casual observer it would appear as if the globe had been partially consumed.

On a calm day the fire creeps, its only excitant being its artificially created draught; but on the wings of a high wind it fairly flies—going so fast that it would erelong distance the fleetest steed. Left to itself without a wind it will go about 2½ miles per hour, but when an average wind is carrying it, it may attain to the incredible speed of from 12 to 20 miles per hour.

From the surface of this caloric sea rolls up a dense cloud of stifling smoke that floating far in advance serves as the arant-courier of the fell destroyer that is following close in its wake—a concomitant resultant warning against the exciting concomitant. This dense cloud of suffocation and obscuration, as it rises from the flame, lowers brooding over the landscape, obscuring the features of the horizon and even cutting us off from the light of day.

ASPECT.

The aspect is grotesque and picturesque, and if it were innocuous would be considered beautiful. A hemisphere with one-half bathed in a pale, undetermined reflection of brightness, and the opposite half shrouded in the intensest blackness of darkness, to be appreciated needs to be seen. This is as it appears in the evening. The tortuous serpentine flame glares up to 10 and even 20 feet in height, while the steady column of fire averages 2 or 3 feet in the air. This red-maned monster of the prarie is peculiarly beautiful when viewed on a dark night, as in its anaconda folds and octopus arms it entwines the entire landscape. I have often coveted the sight of a genuine prairie fire and to fight one. Both my desires have been realized and I am satisfied. The thing is to me,

"A monster of such frightful mien,
That to be hated, needs but to be seen."

Standing in the wake of the fire and beholding its widespread ravages, one is forcibly reminded of the verity of the old saw, "Fire is an excellent servant, but a bad master." Here may be seen fire, the master. Fitful, lurid, fantastic, it seems to be Nature's amateur pyrotechnic pageant.

INCIDENTALS.

To have this avalanche of fire rushing straight for one's premises, with no firebrake—the only available obstruction prepared is not conducive to lightheartedness.

I have seen a man's stackyard go up in flame and unprofitable smoke; I have seen a barn full of animals destroyed with the owner standing by frantic and helpless; but the prairie fire unveiled to me the most pathetic scene I ever witnessed. I saw a house threatened with flames but a few feet from the door, the proprietor being away and the wife with her children out on the adjacent prairie surrounded by the charcoal remains of the fire, tearfully anticipating the destruction of her log domicile which would leave them alone and houseless on a sparsely settled prairie in the early days of winter. Her last hope had vanished; she was waiting in tears to see if the catastrophe might not be averted by a merciful Providence; but no! God is kind, but he who does not help himself is presumptive in expecting God's help. "God helps them who help themselves." That settler's negligence in not preparing his firebrake in due season, was culpable and the blame attached to him, rather than to Providence. Her last hope is destroyed, the fire even now is lapping the door posts; and sick at heart, she faints to the ground, her babe in her arms, when some sympathizing neighbors come running, and just in the nick of time, to loosen the grip of the monster from her home. With courageous vim and almost fainting sinews they contest, hold at bay, beat back and divert the fire fiend; and oh! see that mother's confidence grow again; her fears subside and as her tears dry and hope once more enthuses her breast, she re-enters the home which she so shortly before had helplessly and tearfully consigned to the flames with the consciousness that, for a year at least, her home is safe; and resolving to have a sufficient firebrake before next autumn's dangers. Such scenes are not uncommon, but they do not always have this happy sequel.

A prairie fire is beautiful, especially at night—but it is *awfully* DREADFULLY beautiful; and that is why I do not care to see another.

Jakie on Watermelon Pickle.

Old lady Jones borrowed Mrs. Brown's recipe for making watermelon pickle the other day, and being hard of hearing, and as she couldn't see to read well, she got her grandboy, Jakie, to peruse it for her. Jakie took the paper like a dutiful child, and, holding it upside down, commenced.

"Take a green watermelon—"

"Why, Jakie ain't you mistaken; I thought the melon must be ripe."

"O, what's the matter wid you; jewever see a watermelon that wuzn't green?"

"Cut the watermelon into four halves—"

"But there ain't only two halve to anything; I don't believe you are reading that right Jakie."

"Well, I don't halve to. But anyhow that's what the reseet says. Then soak the watermelon in a pint cup—"

"Oh, dear me! how can you put a watermelon into a pint cup?"

"Well, I ain't here to tell the whereases and howfores. I'm just readin' the facts, and you kan put in the philosophy to suit yer taste. After soaking the melon, put it in a skillet and fry it for four days."

"I wonder if Mrs. Brown sent me such a reseet as that," said the old lady, but Jakie kept on:

"Then put the watermelon in a quart bowl and pour over it a gallon of vinegar, taking care not to spill the vinegar—"

"I'd just like to know how you can pour a gallon into a quart without spilling any of it," but Jakie continued:

"Then sift a peck of red pepers through a milk strainer over the melon; and to one cup of butter add the whites and the yolks and the shells of three eggs, and throw in the old hen that laid 'em, and four sticks of cinnamon drops and a bottle of Dr. Mary Walker's Vinegar Bitters, and two tablespoonfuls of quinine, and run it through a coffee mill, and let it stand till it ferments, and then put it in a tin can, and tie the can to a dog's tail—this will stir it up to the right consistency—and then you can turn it off into crocks and have it ready for use. Serve it up cold and spread it on mince pie, and it makes a capital dessert," and Jakie slid out of the door and left the old lady looking like a wrinkle on a monument.

Original Lines on Autum.

BY ANNA S.

Autumn is here. Autumn has come,
The leaves are turning to gold.
How we miss the warm sunshine;
The world seems growing old.

The trees are changing their coats of green;
For dark, dull ones of gray.
The wind grows strongly, chill and keen.
Ah! yes! 'tis Autumn's day.

The grass is fading, fading fast,
Sweet flowers are ceasing to bloom;
We cannot expect them always to last;
For fading is everythings doom.

Branches sway in the northwest breeze;
Bird's nest blow to the ground;
Chestnuts fall from the chestnut trees,
With quick, low rustling sound.

The earth with dead leaves is all o'ercast;
They have no power to cling
To the branches and twigs in the winds cold blast;
As to and fro they swing;

Autumn has a charm as well as spring;
Winter and summer have their's;
Tho' in each we must weep as well as sing;
For each has its joys and cares.

The world, soon barren and drear will be;
In sadness and age will stand;
Bereft of its brightness, so pleasant to see;
When cold winter sweeps o'er the land.

Spring's the season to be young and gay.
Summer's the fullness of life.
Autum's the time for slow decasy.
Winter is the age of life.

Bells' View, Oct. 24, 1888.

How Egyptians Cool Water.

I need state only three facts to show the rapidity of evaporation in upper Egypt. Water too warm to drink is put into a porous jar and placed in the wind, though in the sun; in a half hour it is as cool as good spring water.

At night, exposed to a breeze, when the breeze is rather warm, before morning it becomes ice cold. The night of my arrival here I took a pouring bath on a balcony. The wind was balmy but fresh. The rapid evaporation so chilled me that I could not stay out long enough for my bath. At the foot of the cataract we took a swim in the Nile. We wore our underclothes for bathing suits. We hung them up before our staterooms to dry. In ten minutes they were dry enough to be worn.

We have all heard of the universal habit of Africans to annoint themselves with oil, and travellers speak of it as a nasty habit. It is, however, necessary in very hot and very dry climates, to prevent the cracking of the skin. An English officer told me that during the hot winds on the upper Nile his hands and face chapped worse than they ever did in a cold climate—chapped even to bleeding badly. I have found fresh white butter quite as pleasant on my hands as on my toast. The boys have felt no inconvenience from the winds. My hands are very sensitive to the effect of a dry, dusty atmosphere. At Assouan we were in the sun during two days. We did not use our umbrellas, our pith hats being quite comfortable, and yet we were just on the edge of the tropics.

The College Man on Wall Street.

[*From the New York Sun.*]

Harvard—Hello, Yale, how are you getting along?

Yale—Doing better now. Get $3 a week. Did you hear of Princeton's great luck?

Harvard—No.

Yale—Why his father got him a place in an uptown bank for $25 a month and only nine hoars a day.

The office of liberality consisteth in giving with judgment.

A LITTLE CONDO HERO.

The Story of a Boy Who Rescued His Mother's Body from a Crocodile.

On the Condo, near the equator, lived the Ba-Ngaiga, with whom the explorer, Stanly, had his hardest battle when he floated down the great river. They are the most powerful and intelligent of the Upper Congo natives, and since Captain Coquilhat, four years ago established a station in their country they have become good friends of the whites. A while ago an exciting event occured in one of their many villages, and Essalka, the chief, went to Captain Coquilhat to tell him about it.

"You known the big island near my town," he said. "Well, yesterday soon after the sun came up, one of my women and our little boy started for the island in a canoe. The boy is some dozen of moons old. [Capt. Coquilhat says about 12 years old.] He says that while his mother was paddling she saw something in the water, and leaned over to look at it. Then he saw a crocodile seize his mother and drag her out of the canoe. Then the crocodile and the woman sank out of sight.

"The paddle was lying in the canoe. The boy picked it up to paddle back to the village. Then he thought, 'Oh, if I could only scare the crocodile and get my mother back!' He could tell by the moving water where the crocodile was. He was swimming just under the surface towards the island. Then the boy followed the crocodile just as fast as he could paddle. Very soon the crocodile reached the island and went out on land. He laid the woman's body on the land. Then he went back into river and swam away. You know why he did this. He wanted his mate and started out to find her.

"Then the little boy paddled fast to where his mother was lying. He jumped out of the boat and ran to her. There was a big wound in her breast. Her eyes were shut. He felt sure she was dead. He dragged her to the canoe. He knew the crocodile might come back at any moment and kill him, too. He used all his strength. Little by little he got his mother's body into the canoe. Then he pushed away from the shore and started home.

"He had not seen the boy and his mother at all. Suddenly we heard shouting on the river and saw the boy paddling as hard as he could. Every two or three strokes he would look behind. Then we saw a crocodile swimming fast towards the canoe. If he reached it you know what he would do. He would upset it with a blow, and both the boy and his mother would be lost.

"Eight or nine of us jumped into canoes and started for the boy. The crocodile had nearly overtaken the canoe, but we reached it in time. We scared the crocodile away and brought the canoe to shore. The boy stepped out on the shore and fell down. He was so frightened and tired. We thought she was dead.

"But after a little while she opened her eyes. She could whisper only two or three words. She asked for the boy. We laid him beside her on her arm. She stroked him two or three times with her hand. But she was hurt so badly. Then she shut her eyes and did not open them again. Oh! how the little boy cried. But he saved his mother's body from the crocodile."

An Essalaka told the story and as he told it the tears coursed down his cheeks. "I have seen in this savage tribe," writes Captain Coquilhat, "men and wives who really love each other, and veritable honeymoons among young couples. The child feels for his father the fear and respect which his authority inspires, but he truly loves his mother, and has a tender interest in her even after he becomes a man."

Wedding Comments.

Here she comes!
Pretty, isn't she?
Who made her dress?
Is it surah silk or satin?
Is her veil real lace?
She's as white as the wall!
Wonder how much he's worth?
Did he give her those diamonds?
He's scared to death!
Isn't she the cool piece?
That train's a horrid shape!
Isn