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THE KENT NEWS.

Frustra laborat, qui omnibus placere studet:--"He labours vainly, who endeavours to please very one."

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SPRING FASHIONS!



THE subscriber embraces this opportunity to inform his friends and the public generally that he has removed his Shop to the corner of Queen and High streets, directly opposite of Mr. J. Russel's store, where he intends carrying on the TAILORING business, in all its various branches. He has on hand an assortment of

Ready-made Clothing,

and is prepared at all times, to make up WORK, at the shortest notice, to please the most fastidious, as well as the man of *plain-habits*. He will execute with the *greatest* promptitude all orders that may be confided in him, and in *all cases a good fit will be warranted*.

Those calling on the subscriber will have their GARMENTS made in the most substantial and fashionable style, (he having recently received the latest fashions,) and from a practical experience in the business, he feels confident that all those who favor him with their patronage will be served in a manner NOT TO BE EXCELLED by any establishment in the county.

His terms will be found so exceedingly moderate that they cannot fail to be satisfactory to his patrons.

April 29—1y. EBEN. NEAL.

BOOT & SHOE BUSINESS.



The subscribers respectfully inform their friends and the public, that they have on hand a large stock of Leather, &c., which they are prepared to manufacture into



BOOTS AND SHOES,

at the shortest notice and on the most *reasonable terms*. They have employed the best workmen and are confident that they can render entire satisfaction, to all who will give them a trial. Ladies Shoes and gaiters, made in the best and most fashionable styles.

They have also on hand a variety of Groceries, Bacon, Flour, meal, &c., which they will sell cheap

J. E. JOURNEY & BRO.

Chester Town, }
May 13, 1848. }

QUICK LIME FOR SALE.

THE subscriber informs the public that he is now ready to furnish to any person who may wish to purchase the Quick Lime, at any of the Landings on the Sassafras River, for 15 cts. per bushel. Any one wishing to purchase the above article will please address the subscriber (post paid) Havre de Grace, Md., or Mr. Joseph W. Webb, Turner's Creek, Kent co.

JOHN HALDERMAN.

May 13, '48. 3w

NOTICE.

THE undersigned will attend with the Standard of

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES,

at the following places, and on the following days:

Tuesday, May 23d at Shaw's Mill, Hale's Corner and Rock Hall.

Wednesday, the 24th, at Belle Air, Worton Heights and Still Pond.

Thursday, the 25th, at the Market-house, in Chestertown.

Friday, the 26th, Urieville, Stulltown, New Market and Millington.

Saturday, the 27th, Massey's X Roads, Head of Sassafras and George Town X Roads.

And the balance of the year at the subscriber's.

JAMES G. CRISFIELD,
near Massey's X Roads

May 13, 1848.

JOB PRINTING,

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,

—SUCH AS—

Handbills, Circulars, Blanks, Cards, Labels, &c.,

neatly and expeditiously executed on the most reasonable and accommodating terms, at the Office of the "KENT NEWS," Chester Town.

BALTIMORE ADVERTISEMENTS.

BALTIMORE

Piano Forte Manufactory.

VERY IMPORTANT INVENTION.

IT has long been a question among teachers and amateurs of music, as to the most suitable touch for a Piano Forte. Some at this time contend for a light touch, while others, with equal ability advocate the heavy. This question is now permanently settled. WISE & BROTHER have invented a contrivance by which the same Instrument may be instantly set to any required touch, by the turning of a single screw, varying, if necessary, three hundred and sixty-five differences. The advantages of this are evident, both to teachers and amateurs, as lessons may be practiced on the heavy, and exhibited on the lighter touch, to suit exactly any physical capacity which is agreeable to fact and progressive lessons. The contrivance is simple, and may be applied to any common Piano. A patent is about to be taken for the improvement.

J. J. WISE & BROTHER,
March 25. No. 31 Hanover st.

SPLENDID STOCK OF

SPRING GOODS!!!

Hamilton, Easter & Co.,

203 Market street, Baltimore, Maryland.

WOULD invite the attention of Wholesale and Retail purchasers to their splendid stock of spring goods, which will be found much the largest of any establishment in Baltimore. Embracing rich Silks and Ladies' Dress Goods, of every style that is fashionable or desirable.—Bombazines and Family Mourning Goods, Shawls, Mantillas, Visites, &c., in great variety. Table Damasks; Linens; Linen Sheetings and Housekeeping Goods of all kinds. Domestic Cottons and Heavy Goods for servant's use. Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, Drillings, &c.

☞Persons visiting Baltimore will find peculiar advantages in dealing with us as from the great extent and variety of our stock they can generally purchase all that is wanted in one place, and having a regular and uniform price (without abatement) no advantage can be taken of those not fully acquainted with the value of Goods.—☜An examination of Goods and PRICES solicited. [March 25—3m.

KEEP COOL! KEEP COOL!!!

BROWNING'S Improved Patent and Ventilated Refrigerators, at greatly *Reduced Prices*, warranted superior to any now in use for preserving, perfectly cool, fresh and clean, Butter, Meat, Eggs, Fruit, Liquor, &c., during the summer season, and also from Freezing during the winter, any article deposited in it. They also contain a Water Jar and Lead Pipe in the ice chamber, by the arrangement of which perfectly cold water can always be had without additional ice, (of which less is required than *any* other.) Also, Upright Refrigerators.

BUTTER BOXES, in which Butter may be transported with perfect safety by land or water, and my celebrated Non-conductors of heat for cold water, requiring but 4 lbs of ice for 24 hours; as thousands will testify. Thankful for past favors, we hope to merit a continuance. Sold by

R. BROWNING, 13 Commerce st,
April 29—3m. near Pratt st., Balt.

SHEW'S

DAGUERREAN ROOMS.

No 117 Balt. st. corner of South.

MR. SHEW would respectfully call the attention of the public to his *not to be excelled* Daguerreotype Miniatures. He has recently enlarged his Rooms and refurnished them in a style which cannot fail to make them at least comfortable and pleasant to all who may be pleased to call and examine his large collection of unequalled specimens. [March 18—3m.

JOHN M. OREM & CO.

MERCHANT TAILORS,

And Wholesale Dealers in Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, and Tailor's Trimmings.

No. 230 Market street, N. W. Corner of Charles, Baltimore.

A large assortment of Ready Made Clothing, of superior quality.

☞*ONE PRICE ONLY.*☜

April 1—1y.

500 Negroes Wanted!

IN exchange for the ready cash, either single negroes in large or small families, slaves for life or for a term of years with good titles and none others. I will also purchase servants of good characters to remain in the State of Maryland and do not care a fig how strong I am bound that they shall do so, in either event, for which I will pay quite as much or, little more than any one else will do. Persons having slaves to dispose of will do well to communicate with me, and I will go to the country and take them up free of charge to their owners. Liberal commissions paid, all communications promptly attended to by.

JOHN N. DENNING,
104 North Exeter street, Balt.
Nov. 27, 1847.

DENTISTRY.

Dr. Leach No 54 N. Charles Street, opposite St. Paul's Church, Baltimore.

INSERTS the best Porcelain Teeth in every variety of style and in the most natural, agreeable, and substantial manner for from $1,50 to $3, in each using *only* the very best materials.

Teeth extracted without pain whilst the patient is under the influence of the Letheon, price 50 cents

Every operation warranted to suit the Patient or no pay required.

October 30, 1847. 1y

WANTED.

FROM $1,000 to $2,000 for two years on mortgage at 6 per cent., on *perfectly unencumbered* landed property, situated near the city of Baltimore, and worth fully $10,000.

A *very liberal premium* will be given for the use of the money. Apply to

FLETCHER & CO.
No. 3, North st. Baltimore.
March 4, '48—tf

PHILADELPHIA ADVERTISEMENTS.

STRAW GOODS!

THE undersigned respectfully invite the attention of dealers to his assortment of *Braid, Fancy and Straw Bonnets*, which from the facilities he posses of manufacturing, cannot be surpassed.

Bonnets of every kind, of the newest and most fashionable styles, at the lowest prices. Also, MEN'S, BOYS' & INFANTS STRAW HATS AND CAPS.

THOS. WHITE,
Bonnet Manufacturer,
41 S. Second St, above Chesnut, E. Side,
PHILADELPHIA.

March 4, '48.—3m.

WHOLESALE

Clothing Warehouse,

No. 152½ Market Street,

(Between 4th and 5th,)

PHILADELPHIA.

THE subscriber respectfully solicits the attention of country merchants and dealers generally to an examination of a complete stock of

READY MADE CLOTHING,

Which for extent, variety and workmanship, he flatters himself will give universal satisfaction, while his reduced scale of prices presents to purchasers, inducement which cannot be surpassed by any other establishment in the United States.

JACOB REED.

Philadelphia, March 4, '48—3m

Agents Wanted.

TO canvass for some new and popular works, in every county throughout the United States. To Agents, the most liberal encouragement is offered—with a small capital of from $25 to $400. A chance is offered whereby an Agent can make from $10 to $25 per week.

☞For further particulars, address [post paid. WM. A. LEARY,

No 258 North second st., Philadelphia.

April 1, 1848—3m.

Philadelphia Golden Saddle!

No. 38 Market street.

SADDLES, Bridles, Martingales, Horse Collars, Blind Bridles, Back Bands, Harness, Trunks, Whips, &c.

Manufactured in large quantities, and sold at the lowest prices.

E. P. MOYER,

Sign of the Golden Saddle, No 38 Market st. Philad. [April 1—6m.

Brick-Laying, Plastering,

STONE MASONRY, &C.

THE subscriber returns his thanks to a generous public for the encouragement he has received and elicits a continuance of the same. He is now prepared to do work at the shortest notice, in a manner which cannot fail to give satisfaction.

In addition to the above business he is prepared to build

Lime Kilns,

in the best manner, and at prices, which cannot fail to please.

He would most earnestly invite all who may wish work done, in Kent or the adjacent counties, to give him a call. All orders directed to him Chestertown, or left at the Printing Office, will meet with prompt attention.

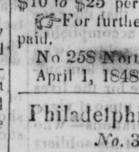
MICHAEL MILLER.

April 8, '48. tf

A CARD.

MRS. J. A. F. BAKER,

HAS just returned from the city and is now opening a fine assortment of



BONNET, RIBBONS, LAWNS, BARAGES, of different kinds and figures and various kinds of DOMESTIC GOODS,

Which she will sell very cheap.

☞Bleaching, Pressing and Trimming done at the shortest notice.

April 29, 1848.

GLASS and Putty for sale by

WILMER & NICOLS.

POETRY.

THE MAGNETIC TELEGRAPH.

BY REV. J. G. LYONS.

Along the smooth and slender wires,
The sleepless heralds run,
Fast as the clear and living rays
Go streaming from the sun:
No peals or flashes heard or seen
Their wondrous flight betray,
And yet their words are quickly felt
In cities far away.

Nor summer's heat, nor winter's hail,
Can check their rapid course;
They meet unmov'd the fierce wind's rage,
The rough waves sweeping force:
In the long night of rain and wrath,
As in the blaze of day,
They rush, with news of weal or wo,
To thousands far away.

But, faster still than tidings borne
On that electric cord,
Rise the pure thoughts of him who loves
The Christian's life and Lord,—
Of him who, taught in smiles and tears
With fervent lips to pray,
Maintains high converse here on Earth
With bright worlds far away.

Ay! though no outward wish is breath'd,
Nor outward answer given,
The sighing of that humble heart
Is known and felt in Heaven:
Those long frail wires may bend and break,
Those viewless heralds stray,
But Faith's least word shall reach the throne
Of God, though far away.

MISCELLANEOUS

THE ADVANTAGE OF HOULDERS.

Every one who has ever had a vicious horse run away with him will appreciate any method which will enable him to hold on to the animal, or hold him in, and will view with admiration the plain untutored Irishman who discovered the use of "the houlders." It breaks like a new light upon all who hear it for the first time, and throws the wonderful discoverer into the arms of an admiring public, who will doubtless receive him with a shout of admiration and welcome him as a child of genius. Not long since, a raw Irishman, whose name might be Mulloney, or Rafferty, or McMurtoch, or McCarty, or any other name of Irish origin, except Riley—and it couldn't be that, for this honest fellow would never turn traitor to the country of his adoption, or to the very devil himself if he had enlisted under his banners—was recruited for the United States Army in Mexico, with the usual promise set for in recruiting rendezvous, of "good treatment, genteel clothing, medical attendance and seven dollars a month," besides a quarter section of land, and various other little emoluments altogether too numerous to mention. He was drawn for service in the Light Artillery Battery, of the gallant Major Bragg, and when, being a fine stout "broth of a boy," we was told that he must learn to ride on horse back, he expressed his ardent preference in favor of riding on "one of them nate little narrow boxes," (a *caisson*) as he was a hard case on a horse, never having bestrode any thing nearer a horse than a pig, in Ould Ireland. The preference of a recruit is scarcely ever consulted, and as the grave-digger in Hamlet remarks to his fellow when explaining the meaning of suicide, "it is *will he nil he*, he goes"—as his commanding officer desires.

When Pat had been put through the manual at the guns, he was mounted on one of the *caisson* horses, and the battery was taken out to drill. He was horribly frightened, but managed to keep his seat pretty well through all the drill, but just as they were returning home the command "trot" was given. Now, pat's horse having his head turned homeward, began to grow a little rampant and commenced a series, of caricoles very alarming to his raw rider.

"Hold on to that horse there!" shouted Major Bragg.

"Shure captain, I am houlding on to the beste!" replied the recruit.

Still the horse grew more and more rampant and restive, and began plunging rearing and dashing ahead furiously, when the Major rode up and discovered that Paddy had driven his spurs into the animal's side, rowel deep, and was clinging on by them.

"Take those spurs out of your horse, you scoundrel!" roared the Major; which order was immediately obeyed, but the horse, finding himself relieved and his rein growing slacker as his rider bounded up and down in his saddle like an Indian rubber ball, started off at a swimming pace, the other horses eagerly keeping up with him. At last, poor Pat, unable to curb the fiery animal, or keep his seat, was pitched off and fell between the horses upon the pole of the *caisson* to which he clung with desperate energy till the animals stopped at their own quarters, when he was released, more dead than alive.

"Oh! captain, captain!" said he reproachfully, "you'v nigh been the death of me!"

"I!" said the Major. "I! why didn't you hold on you block-head?"

"Why didn't I hold on? Oh, captain, sure knows yourself I couldn't hold on without the houlders!" replied Pat sorrowfully.

"Houlders! What the devil do you mean by the holders? inquired the Major.

"What do I mean by 'em!" inquired Pat, "why what else would I mane but *these little jimmy things on my heels here!* What else would they be for but to hould on with, I'd like to know?"

Poor Pat's misapplication of the spur nearly cost him his life, but learned him a severe lesson, and now he solemnly declares "devil a houlder can you get on my heels in this blessed world."

N. O. Picayune.

A CRUMB FOR OLD BACHELORS.

A great deal of ridicule is heaped on old bachelors—hence it is no more than right that they should have, now and then, a crumb of comfort. Their condition is bad enough, Heaven knows, without being satirized. So we'll give them a chance for a laugh, this week.

Mr. Slang always used to say "my horses, my boys." Mr Slang *now* invariably says "*our* horses, *our* boys," or "*our* farm," &c. The substitution of "our" for "my," by Mr. Slang, was brought about, says a cotemporary, thus:

Mr. Slang had just married a second wife. On the day after the wedding, Mr Slang casually remarked, "I now intend, Mrs. Slang, to enlarge my dairy."

"You mean *our* dairy, dear," replied Mrs. Slang.

"No," quoth Mr. Slang. "I say I shall enlarge *my* dairy."

"Say *our* dairy, Mr Slang."

"No; *my* dairy."

"Say *our* dairy, say *our*," screamed Mrs. Slang, seizing the poker.

"*My* dairy! *my* dairy! *my* dairy!" vociferated the husband.

"*Our* dairy! *our* dairy! *our* dairy!" reechoed the wife, emphazing each "our" with a blow of the poker upon the back of her cringing spouse.

Mr. Slang retreated under the bed. In passing under the bed clothes, Mr. Slang's hat was brushed off; Mr. Slang remained under cover several minutes, waiting for a calm. At length his wife saw him thrusting his head out at the foot of the bed, much like a turtle from his shell.

"What are you looking for, Mr. Slang?" says she. "I am looking, my dear," snivelled he, "to see if I can see anything of *our* hat.

The struggle was over. And, ever since the above mentionable occuirence, Mr. Slang has studiously avoided the use of the odious singular possessive pronoun.

BEAUTIFUL EXTRACT.

"God has written upon the flowers that sweeten the air—on the breeze that rock, the flowers on the stem—upon the rain drop that refreshes the spring of moss that lifts its head in the desert—upon the ocean that rocks every swimmer in its deep chamber—upon every pencilled shell that sleeps in the caverns of the deep, no less than upon the mighty sun that warms and cheers millions of creatures that live in its light—upon his works he has written, "None of us liveth to himself." And probably were we wise enough to understand these works, we should find that there is nothing, from the cold stone in the earth, or the minutest creature that breathes—which may not, in some way or other, minister to the happiness of some living creature. We admire and praise the flower that best answers the end for which it was created, and the tree that bears fruit the most rich and abundant; the star that is most useful in the heavens we admire the most.

"And it is not reasonable that man, to whom the whole creation, from the flower up to the spangled heavens, all minister—man, who has power of confering deeper misery and higher happiness than any being on earth—man, who can act like God if he will; it is not reasonable that he should live for the noble end of living—not for himself but for others?"

NAVAL ANECDOTE.

Shortly before the declaration of the war of 1812, against Great Britain, Capt. —— commanded a ship which sailed from the United States to Portsmouth, England, by way of the West Indies. A number of British naval officers, stationed at one of the West India Islands, had been ordered home and took passage in his ship. Conversation during the voyage turned frequently upon the prospect of war between the two countries. "If," said the English officer, "war should take place, we shall capture every ship in the American navy. It is impossible that we should fail." To this accustomed braggadocio of John Bull, the Captain simply replied, "Gentlemen, you may live to find yourselves disappointed." The English spirit of boasting was kept up during the entire voyage, without, however, disturbing friendly feelings.—They reached Portsmouth in safety, but had only been there a few weeks when the startling news arrived that Hull had taken the English frigate Guerriere, commanded by Captain Dacres. The day after the reception of the news, the old Captain purchased a white hat, small cloches, etc., and went to the Navy Yard, to which his passengers had been ordered.

He found them grouped together, talking over the serious news.

"Good morning, gentlemen," said he, "have you heard the news?"

"Oh! yes, Captain we suppose you refer to the victory of Hull."

"Not at all, gentlemen—my news is, that Hull has been broken by a court martial!"

"Why Captain, you are not in earnest—what do you mean—we are astonished indeed!"

"Yes," continued the Captain, "the American Congress passed a resolution, that if an American frigate did not take a British frigate in *fifteen minutes*, the Commodore should be cashiered; and you know it took Hull just 17½ minutes to take the Guerriere."

His audience dispersed as if the riot act had been read, but not without showing evident tokens of deep mortification. As for the Captain, he made it a rule to mount his white hat and shorts, and call at the Navy Yard, as the news of each successive victory of our gallant navy reached him; to congratulate his former boasting English naval friends.

THE SIAMESE TWINS.

The Siamese Twins are living in North Carolina, as farmers, and both are married. A correspondent of the Richmond papers, who has recently visited their home, writes some interesting details in relation to their domestic life.

The twins can chop wood remarkably fast, four hands being on the axe at the same time. They also shoot at a mark or game with their four hands on the gun. They drive their horses 40 miles to Wilkes, themselves; and do any kind of work about the farm. Mrs. Eng says her husband is very kind to the negroes, and that Chang is very severe with them. Mrs. Eng is also much better disposed than Mrs. Chang although Mrs. C. is the prettiest. Mrs. Eng is very close and saving; and Mrs. Chang is disposed to indulge in dress and various other expenses. The Twins rarely differ in their dress; but often differ in their ideas of purchasing negroes or land. The opinion of Eng is always the law, and Chang readily acquiesces. Eng does all the writing including the signing of notes and other important papers. Eng is one inch taller than Chang, and Chang's wife is taller than Eng's.

Some old lady in the neighborhood a few days ago, asked Eng which was the oldest? he replied that he was just six months older than his brother. Well, says the old lady. I thought there was about as much difference for you are a pretty considerable bigger than your brother—They are both good on a joke, and the old lady was in earnest. They have a blacksmith shop on their farm and a shoemaker shop also. I saw a good sized frame house that they made, without any assistance from foundation to roof, at table they both use a bench, and each one has his own knife and fork.

I asked them if they both expected to die at the same time? and they replied that it could not be otherwise; for if the same disease did not take them both off at one time, the living one would have to be separated from the dead body and the act of separation would be his death; but their general impression is that they will both die with the same disease at the same time. Their affection for each other is very strong. Any of the neighbors offering an insult to the one! the other immediately resents it; and it would take a champion to cope with them in a rough and tumble fight.—To use an expression of their neighbors, they fight like cats."

THE POTATOE.—A correspondent of the American Agriculturist, writing from Orange county, sums up his experience in planting potatoes and his conclusions derived from that experience, in the following manner:

I have planted on a variety of soils, including a heavy clayey loam, gravel, black vegetable earth loam rich in animal and vegetable matter, and on a light sandy loam. In the latter, I have always succeeded in raising sound potatoes, and I consider such a soil the most certain of producing a sound healthy crop.

In 1845, I planted my potatoes in April, May, June and July. Those planted in May I found succeeded best; and the vines of those planted late decayed early in September, soon after the young tubers began to form.

On the 15th of May, 1846, I planted an acre of potatoes, on a moist loam, suitable for growing Indian corn. One part of the field I manured with newly slacked lime; one with wood ashes; one with charcoal; one with bone dust; one with poudrette; and another part with plaster, lime, ashes and salt, mixed. The result was, that the largest yield and the least rot occurred where lime only was applied, at the time of planting, in the hill.

Observing that the two rows of potatoes next to the corn, which occupied a part of the last named field, were entirely free from disease, and produced well, last season (1847) I planted a lot alternately, with two rows of corn, and two rows of potatoes; also, a small patch exclusively with potatoes, in the same field, manuring the whole with lime in the hill. Those produced between the corn were all sound, and continue so to the present time, and were abundant in their yield; whereas, the others planted by themselves, were more or less affected with disease. A portion of the ground was sub-soiled to the depth