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THE KENT NEWS.

Frustra,laborat, qui omnibus, placere, studet---"He labours vainly, who endeavors to please every one.

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Eastern Shore Steam boats!

The Boats of the *Eastern Shore Steam Boat Company* will run as follows:

The Steamer **Hugh Jenkins,** *Capt. James Tilghman*, will leave Light street wharf every *MONDAY MORNING* at 7 o'clock, direct for *CAMBRIDE and OXFORD*, returning same day via *ANNAPOLIS.*

The JENKINS will leaves as above every *TUESDAY MORNING*, at 7 o'clock, for ANNAPOLIS, SOUTH RIVER, COMBRIDGE, OXFORD and EASTON, and return on WEDNESDAY by the same route, leaving Easton at 7 o'block, A. M.

The JENKINS will leave every THURSDAY MORNING, at 7 o'clock, for St. Michaels and Miles' River Ferry, and return same day by Annapolis.

The Jenkins will leave every Friday morning, at 7 o'clock, for Annapolis, West River, Cambridge, Oxford and Easton, and return on Saturday by the same route, leaving Easton at 7 o'clock A. M.

Passage to Annapolis 75 cents, West and South Rivers, $1; St. Michael's $1; Cambridge and Easton $1 50.

The Steamer **OSIRIS**, *Captain Kirwan*, will leave Light street wharf for *KENT ISLAND, CORSICA, CHESTERTOWN, CRUMPTON*, and intermediate Landings, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY MORNINGS, at 9½ o'clock.

Returning the OSIRIS will leave Crumpton at 7 o'clock on MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY MORNINGS, touching at all the Landings on her trips to Baltimore. Passage $1.

Mr. Ford (opposite the wharf) will receive and receipt for FREIGHTS for both boats.

WILLIAM CALLOW, Agent,
Office Light street wharf.
April, 17, 1852.

THE STEAMBOAT

LADY WILMER,

CAPT. JOSHUA PENNINGTON,

WILL, for the balance of the season, run as follows:

Leaving Fredericktown on Mondays, at 9 o'clock, for Port Deposit.

Leaving Port Deposit on Mondays, at 3 o'clock, for Philadelphia.

Leaving Philadelphia on Wednesdays at 12 o'clock, for Port Deposit.

Leaving Port Deposit on Thursdays, at 9 o'clock for Fredericktown.

Leaving Fredericktown on Thursdays at 3 o'clock, for Philadelphia.

Leaving Philadelphia on Saturdays, at 9 o'clock for Fredericktown.

The LADY WILMER has been handsomely fitted up for the accommodation of passengers, and has capacity for a large amount of Freight. Farmers, Merchants and others having produce or merchandise to ship, will find it to their interest to patronize this line.

Passage to or from Philadelphia, $1.

WILMER & DAVIS,
Port Deposit
GILPIN & STEPHENS,
No. 47 North Wharves, Philadelphia,
AGENTS.

Sept. 25, 1852.

The Steamer

CECIL

Will leave her wharf, Light Street, near Camden, every SATURDAY MORNING, at 10 o'clock, for SASSAFRAS RIVER, stopping at KENNARD'S LANDING, TURNER'S CREEK, FREDERICKTOWN, and GEORGETOWN, returning by the same route on MONDAY, leaving Georgetown at 9 o'clock, A. M.; every TUESDAY MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for all the above places, returning the same day.

For Taylor's Island and Church Creek

The steamer CECIL will leave her wharf, Light street, near Camuen, every *Wednesday morning* at 7 o'clock, for the above places, and land and take off passengers also on the river, returning next day, leaving Church Creek at 7 o'clock.

☞On TUESDAY, Excursion Passengers will be taken the round trip for one dollar.

E. G. STURGEON,
Captain.
June 5, 1852.

J. LEEDS BARROLL,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Tenders his proressional services to the public Office on High street.
C. Town, April 24, 1852.

WILLIAM G. SETH,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
NO. 4 BOWLEY'S WHARF
BALTIMORE, MD.

THE undersigned, having retired from the late firm of Godwin, Seth & Co., begs leave to inform his friends and the public, that he has taken the Counting Room No. 4 Bowley's Wharf (up stairs) and will give his attention exclusively to the Commission Business.

He returns his thanks for the encouragement received, while a member of the late firm, and offers his services for the sale of Wheat, Corn, Rye, Oats and Country produce generally, and hopes by strict attention to business to merit the confidence and receive a share of the patronage of the public.

WM. G. SETH,
No. 4 Bowley's Wharf, Balt, Md
May 22, 1852.

Le FEVRE, BLACK & Co,
GRAIN & PRODUCE
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No 71 SOUTH WHARVES,
PHILADELPHIA.

We possess every facility to transact the grain business to advantage, and long experience has given us a thorough knowledge of the trade.

By devoting close personal attention to the interest of these who consign to us, we are able to procure the best prices and give good satisfaction.

G. H. LE FEVRE.
JAS. J. BLACK,
GEO. W. MEARS.

REFERENCES:
Daniel Jones, Esq., Kent county, Md.
Dr. T. C. Kennard, " " "
G B Westcott, Esq., " " "
Myers, Claghorn & Co., Philadelphia

☞Liberal cash advances made upon consignments when stored.

June 26, 1852.—1y.

WOLF & SLAGLE,
WHOLESALE GROCERS,
No. 110 Pratt Street, between South St and Cheapside, Baltimore,

HAVE on hand a large and well selected stock of

GROCERIES, WINES AND LIQUORS,

which we offer to our friends and customers upon the most reasonable terms—we are receiving daily additional supplies to out regular stock, which enables to furnish our customers with fresh and and good goods, at the lowest cash prices.

EDMUND WOLF,
CHAS. W. SLAGLE.
Oct 2, 1852.

Guano! Guano!! Guano!!!

J. J. & F. TURNER,
NO. 36 PRATT ST., BALTIMORE,
DEALERS IN GUANO, BONE DUST,
GRAIN, FLOUR, MILL FEED AND SEEDS,

HAVE on hand a large supply of No. 1 Peruvian Guano, nos. 2 and 3 Patagonian and Mexican Guano—fine and course ground bone dust—Grain of all descriptions—white wheat, family, extra and super flour, warranted to give satisfaction—Mill feed of every grade—Clover, Timothy, Millet, Orchard and Herd Grass seeds, which we offer for sale at the lowest prices We call the attention of farmers to our 1st quality Patagonian Guano, containing 17½ per cents of Salts of ammonia and 37 per cent of Phosphates; and 2nd quality, containing 13½ per cent of Salts of ammonia and 25½ per cent of Phosphate.

The accounts from those who have used it warrants us in recommending it as the cheapest Guano in this market.

July 21, 1852.—1y.

Miss Earle.

Has just received a stock of fancy

Goods

to which she invites the attention of the Ladies. Oct. 16, 1852.

NEW FALL MILLINERY.

MRS MARY PERKINS has just returned from the city with a beautiful assortment of SEASONABLE GOODS, to which she invites the attention of the ladies.

Chestertown, Oct, 9, 1852.

P. S—She has on hand a large assortment of dress trimmings.

Shingles!!

A VERY LARGE LOT and complete assortment of SHINGLES now unloading and for sale by

CHAS. H WICKES.

Quick sales being desirable *early customers* will be supplied on *very LOW TERMS*

July 10, 1852

EDWARD B. HARRIS,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 4 Bowley's Wharf,
BALTIMORE.
July 3, 1852.—tf.

STOVES. TIN WARE
AND
SHEET-IRON WARE.

MAHAN & CO.

TAKE this method of informing their friends and the public generally, (whose patronage they respectfully solicit,) throughout Kent and the adjoining counties that in connection with their establishment in Elkton, that they have just opened another in Chester Town, Md., where they are manufacturing for the most reasonable prices, all kinds of

TIN AND SHEET-IRON WARE,

which for quality and workmanlike finish cannot be surpassed in the whole country. Particular attention paid to

ROOFING AND SPOUTING,

in which branch they acknowledge no superiors, either in the city or elsewhere, warranting entire satisfaction or demanding no pay, therefore making it to the manifest advantage of those wishing any kind of Metalic Roofs or Spouting put on, to contract with them.

They are just receiving a large and beautiful assortment of

Parlor, Plain and Cooking STOVES;

Consisting in part, of the Etna, Girard, Liberty and Globe Air-tight; the Metropolitan, a new and very convenient pattern, much such a stove as those sold by the traders now traversing the country, which we sell much below their prices; the improved Complete and Premium, the Nine and Ten Plate, &c. Cook Stoves. The Star and Revere Air-tight, the Diamond and Star Radiators, the Improved Jenny Lind, Star Franklin, Octogon, Connon, Flora, &c, Parlor Stoves; to which we invite the attention of all persons wishing to purchase, for as we are selling at city prices we feel assured that we can give them satisfaction.

All Kinds of Repairing

in our respective branches, done at the shortest notice and in the very best manner. Old Stoves and country Produce taken in exchange for new.

MAHAN & CO.
Oct. 16, 1852—tf.

Lumber,

Shingles, Boards & Scantling.

T. W. ELIASON,

HAS a large stock of Boards, 1½ and 2 inch Plank. Joists, Studding, Hemlock fencing, Pine Pales, and

Shingles

Some of his Boards and 1½ and 2 inch Plank suitable for making Doors, Sash, Weatherboarding, Flooring, &c., are seasoned and fit for immediate use. He will sell at moderate prices for cash or on short credit to punctual customers, and will charge interest from date on all bills not settled in 90 days.

June 19, '52

Boots & Shoes.

THE subscriber has a good stock of BOOTS & SHOES of his own and Eastern manufacturer, which he will sel

At Moderate Prices

FOR CASH. He has also a stock of good

LEATHER,

and will make up work in the BEST MANNER at moderate prices,

☞FOR CASH.☜

He hopes by strict attention to business to secure a continuance of the liberal patronage he has heretofore received.

WILLIAM CONYER.
Sept. 18 1852.

BOOTS AND SHOES.—T. W. Eliason has a large stock of Men and Boys' Boots and Lace Boots, of good quality; also Women's Boots, Jenny Lind Ties; and Misses and Children's Boots, for sale very cheap.

Nov 13, '52.

KNIT SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, very warm and comfortable in cold weather, for sale by T. W. ELIASON.

Nov. 13, 1852.

BLANKETS! BLANKETS, at $1,50 to $5,50 per pair, by

T. W. ELIASON.
Nov 13, 1851.

CASSINETS AND CASSIMERS.—T. W. Eliason has a good stock of Casstnets, at 19 to 75 cts per yard—Black Cassimers at $1 to 2 50 per yard. Also Satin and woollen vestings.

Nov 13, '51.

ALWAYS on hand all kinds of Plough castings such as is used by our farmers WM. P. FRANCIS.

WRIGHT'S INDIAN VEGETABLE PILLS for sale by

WM. P. FRANCIS.

JUST received and for sale, a very choice lot of Segars

WM. P. FRANCIS.

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Devoted to Agriculture, Politics & Gen'l News,
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POETRY.

(Written for the Kent News.)

THE WANDERER.

BY MINNA.

I wandered alone in this wide world a ranger,
And often this heart feels weary and worn;
The pleasures of life are few for the stranger,
While ploughing this winderness sad and forlorn,

A stranger, a pilgrim unknowing, unknown,
Though placed among many, yet still all alone.

O! deep the emotions that rise in my bosom,
When this heart from its sadness seems cheered for awhile
By the brightness of kindness, lit up with devotion;
And a countenance beaming with a radiant smile,

But transient that smile, its pleasures are fleet,
And cold is the eye when our glances next meet.

I have gazed on the sky in a bright summer's morning,
As Sol in his fiery chariot rolled on;
The earth with his warm golden beams was adorning,
But ere noontide the glorious vision was gone.
A dark cloud had spread o'er the face of the sky,
And hung over earth like a black canopy.

And so 'tis with friendship; while fondly relying
On its warmth and its beauty, a cloud rolls between,
Obscuring its brightness—its glory is dying—
And darkened forever the heart's early dream;
While chill'd is the fountain, the stream is congealed,
And the fervor of friendship no more is revealed.

But silence, sad heart—O! why thus repining?
Still, still be thy throbbings, and soar far away
To a land of delight where glad souls are joining
In friendship immutable as God's holy sway;
Where the light of the sun can never be clouded
Nor the heart of the stranger in sorrow be shrouded.

Rock Hall, December, 1852.

MISCELLANY.

Maryland Hospital for the Insane.

☞The following legal opinion as to the title of the site selected for the Insane Hospital, to be erected in Maryland, by permission of the recent legislature, chapter 302. We copy from the 'Baltimore County Advocate,' and as the matter is of much importance to the State at large, we give it an insertion, so as to prevent our legislators from ratifying the present site chosen in Baltimore county, obtained upon a defective title. The present site selected by the Trustees will bring three Asylums within 6 miles of each other, and all in the same county.

Mr. Editor:—I hand you for publication, the opinion of Messrs. *Thos. S Alexander* and *John Nelson*, in respect of the title to the recent purchased land for the Asylum. It must be admitted, that these gentleman hold a very exalted position among the legal profession in Maryland. This may be said without disparagement to others, and the opinion of such men would cause a private citizen to ponder long, before he would jeopard a large amount of funds upon a doubtful title. Indeed, the assertion may be ventured, that no citizen of this State would, with knowledge, hazard his means against the opinion of these gentleman, formed and expressed after careful and laborious research.

A MEMBER OF THE BAR.

☞*Legal opinion of Messrs Thomas S. Alexander and John Nelson.*

The deed of Trust executed on the intermarriage of Mrs. Carpenter with her present husband, as stated in the Bill filed by Doct. Stewart and others, was made on these Trusts: First—to Mrs Carpenter for life: Second—After her death to her surviving children: Third—In case of her death without children, to her right heirs.

Mrs. Carpenter has at this time living one child. Her husband and Trustee have agreed to sell the trust estate to Doct. Stewart and others, who have filed their Bill on the Equity side of the Circuit Court for Baltimore County, to obtain a Decreee confirming the contract I am requested to say, whether in my opinion, the Court has jurisdiction to pass such Decree?

I presume it will be conceded, that upon the ordinary principles of Equity jurisprudence the Court would have no authority to carry into effect the contract in question, so far as to bind the rights, present and future, of the infant child of Mrs Carpenter. The power of the Court to bind those rights, if it exists at all, must be derived under some Act of Assembly. Now, I am not aware of any Act which professes to deal with the subject of contracts made on behalf of *Infants*, for sale of their inheritance, other than the Act of 1785, ch. 72, s 12, which, among other things provides that if any contract hath been made for any lands * * * *held as aforesaid*, for, or on behalf of any infant * * * which the chancellor hearing as aforesaid, and examination into all the circumstances, shall think for the interest and advantage both of such infant * * * and of the other person or persons interested therein to be confirmed, the chancellor may confirm such contract.

But the words underscored "*held as aforesaid*," suggest a very important limitation upon the chancellor's authority. He may confirm a contract in relation to lands * * * held *in manner as aforesaid:* But he is denied by plain and necessary implication, the power to confirm a contract in relation to lands held in any other manner than '*as aforesaid*.'

To determine then, whether the jurisdiction will attach in any particular case, we are first to settle the precise value of this expression, "*held as aforesaid*." It refers clearly to an antecedent which will be found in the preceding branch, or member of the same section. "In case any infant * * * hath a joint interest, or interest in common with any other person or persons, in equal or or unequal proportions, in any lands * * and it shall appear to the chancellor upon application of any of the parties concerned, and upon appearance of the Infant * * * and hearing and examination into all the circumstances, that it will be for the advantage both of the infant * * and of the other person or persons concerned to sell such lands * * * the Chancellor may order such lands * * to be sold." * * * It then coutinues, 'and if any contract hath been made for any lands * * held as aforesaid, for and on behalf of any infant," &c. The conclusion is, that the land "*held as aforesaid*," in the latter branch, is land in which an Infant *hath a joint interest or interests in common, with some other person or persons not infants, in equal or unequal proportions*, and that the jurisdiction to Decree a sale, or to confirm a contract for sale, will attach only to a case where the infant is "joint tenant in common" with an adult.

This brief view of the construction of the Act settles the question submitted.—In this case the Infant, if he may be said to have any estate or interest vested or contingent in the trust property, has a *sole* interest in common with others. His interest, whatevr it may be, cannot be treated as concurrent with that of any other person or persons, in equal or unequal proportions.

It may next be profitable to enquire what would be the legal effect of a Decree by the Court confirming the contract agreeably to the prayer of the Bill? Will the Decree be conclusive of the jurisdiction of the Court to pass such Decree? Or will it be competent for the Infant at a future day to impeach the Decree because of a defect in the jurisdiction of the Court over the subject?—The Decree of a Court of Equity, passed in the exercise of its acknowledged jurisdiction, is conclusive in reference to its subject matter, for and against all parties and privies to the proceedings. But it is equally well settled, that where the Court exceeds its jurisdiction, or assumes a jurisdiction which is not confided to it, its acts will possess no legal validity. In support of these positions it will be sufficient to refer to Tomlinson vs. McKaig 5 Gill Reports, 256. In this case, the distinction is clearly stated between an excess of jurisdiction and the erroneous exercise of an admitted jurisdiction, and it is shown, that to sustain the Decree it is indispensable that the Bill should state all the facts which are necessary to confer jurisdiction. In a case under the provisions of the Act of 1785 ch. 72, sec. 12, therefore it is necessary to show that the Infant Defendant, has a joint interest or interest in common with some other person or persons, in equal or unequal proportions.—The person or persons with whom the infant is supposed to hold ointly or in common, must be ascertained; the nature and extent of the interest, how joint—how common—and the proportions thereof must be clearly stated.—The bill in this case contains no such averments, none such can be made.—For the Infant is not a joint tenant or tenant in common with any other person whatever.

I conclude, therefore, that the Circuit Court has no jurisdiction to confirm the contract alleged to have been made on behalf of the Infant in this case. And that its Decree, if passed, would not bind the rights of the Infant now in being, in the lands in question. It may be observed likewise, that children who may hereafter be born of Mrs Carpenter and who would survive her, would succeed to interests in the Trust Estate—and I am unable to give to the act of 1785, ch. 72, s 12, any construction which would enable the Court to dispose of the possible interests of such possible issue.

[Signed] THOS. S. ALEXANDER.

I concur in the pregoing opinion of Mr. Alexander. Baltimore, Oct. 8, '52.

[Signed] JNO NELSON.

CURE FOR THE CROUP.—Dr. Forbes, of Boston, relates, in a late number of the Medical Journal, a case in which a severe attack of croup was cured by the application of sponges wrung out of hot water to the throat, together with water treatment, which he describes as follows:

"Soon after making the first application of sponges to the throat, I wrapped the child in a woolen blanket wrung out in warm water, as a substitute for a warm bath, and gave twenty drops of the wine of antimony in a little sweetened water, which she swallowed with difficulty. I persevered in the application of the hot, moist sponges for an hour, when the child was so much releived that I ventured to leave it.

"These applications were continued through the night, and in the morning the child was well."

It will never do to trifle with this terrible disease: The quicker the remedies are applied the better. Instead of antimony, we would recommend small quantities of alum water given every ten or fifteen minutes until the child vomits.

WASHING MADE EASY.—The "crazy folks," in the Asylum at Hartford, Ct, mix a gill of alcohol with a gallon of soft soap, just as they are going to rub it on the clothes, which they then soak two or three hours, and then merely rinse out in clear water, and the dirt is out as effectually as good sense is out of a fellow after drinking the same quantity of the 'poisonous stuff.' Just tell the women that this is the easiest way to make washing easy, and urge them to try it, and you will thereafter have no reason to run away on washing day. In washing stairs and passages, always use a sponge instead of a cloth when washing the space between the carpet and the wall, and you will not soil the edges. Sponge is cheap, and this information is cheap, but it is valuable to all housekeepers.—*The Plough.*

"SICH A GETTING UP STAIRS!"—Said an old preacher once, 'Fellow sinners, if you were told that by going to the top of those stairs you see, (pointing to the rickerty pair at one end of the church,) you would secure your eternal salvation. I really believe, hardly any of you would try it. But let any man proclaim that there was five hundred dollars up there for you, and I be bound there would be 'such a getting up stairs as you never did see.'"

OLD TOWSER—A PARODY:

Don't you remember old Towser, dear Kate,
Old Towser, so gentle and kind;
How he used to lay, day and night, by the gate,
And seize interlopers *behind!*

To be continued. Season tickets one dollar.

"Where is your father?" said an angry master to the son of his habitually tippling domestic.

"He is down stairs, sir."

"Getting drunk, I suppose?"

"No, sir, he isn't."

"What then?"

"Getting sober, sir."

Mrs. Chisholm says the best time to select a wife is in the morning. If a young lady is at all inclined to sulks and slatternees, it is just before breakfast. As a general thing, women don't get "on her temper" till after 10 o'clock A. M.

Miss Tulip, in speaking of old bachelors says—"They are frozen out gardeners in the flower beds of love. As they are as useless as weeds, they should be served in the same manner—choked!"

☞A farmer, when flagellating two of his unruly boys, was asked what he was doing.

"Thrashing wild oats," was his reply.