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EDWARD MANSFIELD

PROPRIETOR.

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ESTATE OF JAMES URIE.

Maryland, Kent county, Orphans' Court, March 31, 1857

On the application of George Vickers, executor of James Urie, late of Kent county, deceased,

Ordered, That he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of four successive weeks, in the Kent News, printed and published in Kent county.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of the Orphans' Court of the county aforesaid, I have hereto set my hand and the seal of office affixed this 31st day of March, 1857. (SEAL)

Test, JACOB FISHER,
Reg. of Wills for Kent county.

In compliance with the above order, this is to give notice, that the subscriber of Kent county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of James Urie, late of Kent county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased's estates are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 28th day of October, 1857, they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand this 31st day of March 1857.

GEORGE VICKERS,
Ex'tr of James Urie, dec'd.

april 4, 1857.—4t.

ESTATE OF JAMES E. HOWARD.

Maryland, Kent County Orphans' Court, March 31, 1857.

On the application of C. W. Spry, Administrator of James E. Howard, late of Kent county deceased

Ordered, That she give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of four successive weeks, in the Kent News, printed and published in Kent county.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of the proceedings of the Orphan's Court of the county aforesaid I have hereto set my hand and the seal of office affixed this 31st day of March, 1857. (SEAL)

Test, JACOB FISHER,
Reg. of Wills for Kent county.

In compliance with the above order, this is to give notice, that the subscriber of Kent county hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of James E. Howard, late of Kent county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased's estates are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 20th day of October, 1857; they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand this 31st day of March, 1857.

C. W. SPRY,
Admr. James E. Howard, dec'd.

april 4, 1857—4t

ESTATE OF JOHN D. WELCH.

Maryland; Kent county, Orphan's Court, March 31, 1857.

On the application of William Welch ad ministrator C. T. A. of John D. Welch, late of Kent county, deceased;

Ordered, That he give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of four successive weeks, in the Kent News, printed and published in Kent county.

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Reg. of Wills for Kent county.

In compliance with the above order this is to give notice, that the subscriber of Kent county, hath obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, Maryland, letters of administration on the personal estate of John D. Welch, late of Kent county, dec'd. All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber on or before the 28th day of October, 1857; they may otherwise be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand this 31st day of March, 1857. WILLIAM WELCH,

Adm'r C. T. A. of John D. Welch, dec'd

apr 4, 1857—4t.

LOST

On THURSDAY, March 12th, 1857, on the Front Street of Chester Town, a

Russian Leather Pocket Book,

with steel clasps, containing one $10 note and some small silver. The finder will please leave it at the Post office, as it belongs to a charitable Society. March 14, '57.

CARRIAGE MANUFACTORY.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

THE undersigned would inform the public that he still carries on the business at his old stand, in all its branches, and will continue to manufacture

Carriages, of All Kinds,

equal for DURABILITY and FINISH to any in the State. He employs none but the best workmen and will endeavor to give satisfaction to all. He has now on hand a large assortment of *NEW CARRIAGES* put up in the best style, to which he invites the attention of purchasers. CARRIAGES and HARNESS made and repaired to order.

JOHN GREENWOOD.

Chestertown, March 21, 1857.

Carriage Making, &c.

THE subscriber would inform the public that he continues to carry on the Carriage and Harness making business at Georgetown Cross Roads, Kent county, Md.,—and is prepared to manufacture Carriages to order. Having the best workmen, he will be able to please all who may patronise him. Carriages and Harness repaired to order.

PHILIP MEDDERS.

Geo. Town X Roads, March 21, '57.—3t.

Lost,

A QUANTITY OF *LUMBER*, consisting mostly of Hemlock Joist, Scantling, and boards, was taken away from Bells Ferry on the Susquehanna river opposite Port Deposit on the 10th of February, during the great Ice Freshet, and remained for some time near Havre de Grace after which it went out with the Ice and is supposed to have drifted ashore mostly between Sassafras and Chester rivers. The Lumber was mostly in rafts one of which contained a small mixture of Chestnut. Any person having taken up any of the said Lumber will confer a favor by notifying us, and will be liberally rewarded for their trouble.

B. F. HEATH & CO.

Port Deposit, March 28 1857.

Maryland, Kent county, to wit:

I hereby certify that George R. Stevens, farmer of said county, this day, gave information to the subscriber, a justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said county, that he had taken up as astray, tresspassing upon his enclosures, a large

WHITE SOW,

crop in the left ear, and slit in the right. Given under my hand and seal this 14thday of March, 1857. JAS. GRAVES, [SL].

NOTICE.

The owner of the above described SOW, is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take her away.

mar.21, '57 $2 GEO. R. STEVENS.

Blacksmithing.

THE subscriber informs the public that he has taken the new Blacksmith's Shop, at Harris' Corner, adjoining Mr. James Deford's, near Chester Town, where he will be pleased to see his friends and the public. He will do all the work entrusted to him in the best manner and at low rates.

☞ Particular attention will be paid to

HORSE-SHOEING.

GEORGE P. ROEDER.

Febr. 7, 1857.

New Spring Goods.

I AM now opening a new lot of Spring Goods, consisting of the following:

Calicoes,	Barege Delaines,
Briliants,	Worked Collars, Hdfs.

And other floods suitable to the season.

Mh 14, '57—3t A. M. L EARLE.

DOUBLE ACTING

FORCE AND LIFT PUMP

IS acknowledged to be the most simple in construction, efficient in operation, less liable to get out of order, and more durable than any pump yet invented.

The World's Fair, London, gave Mr. Barker the complimentary medal, and the Pennsylvania State fair, on two occasions, awarded the pump the first premium.

In cases of fire, the Barker Fire Engine Pump has proved itself invaluable On several occasions persons, by having this pump on their premises, have saved their property from the devouring flames.

The Scientific American, of August 14th, 1852, says: "In our humble judgment Barker's Double acting pump is one of the best improvements which has been made in a great many years, and, in saying this, we express the opinion of many who have used the pump and are now using it. The pump was patented last February, and the claims were broad strong and reliable."

References to the following gentlemen: Samuel Baker, Richard S. Thomas, John McDaniel.

You can see these pumps work at any of the places we have a number engaged to put in.

The undersigned have bought the patent right for Kent county; any gentleman wishing a pump put in can drop a note to

BENJAMIN ELLIOTT,
Chester Town, Kent county, Md.,
or to THOMAS RASIN,
Still Pond, Md

Lime! Lime!

THE subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the farming public generally, that he is still engaged in the

LIME TRADE

and has made arrangements for a supply of

A superior quality of Lime,

From a newly opened quarry on the Schuylkill, for the delivery of which on the waters of the Delaware or Chesapeake he is prepared to receive orders for the prompt delivery the coming season, having five large boats running.

N. B. APPLETON,
March 14, '57. *Wilmington, Delaware.*

N. B.—Please give two or three weeks notice before delivery.

Over Coats! Over Coats!!

C. H. KENTON has a large stock of Over Coats, of every description, for sale upon reasonable terms. Nov 15.

County Commissioner's *Notice.*

THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS for Kent County, will meet at their Office, in Chester Town, on *TUESDAY* the 10th, and *WEDNESDAY* the 11th inst., at 10 o'clock, A. M., and will continue to meet at the same place and hour every Tuesday and Wednesday until the 13th of May next, for the transfer of property, the reception of accounts, and to act upon all business which may be brought properly before them.

All persons who have sold or transferred any assessable property since the 14th of May last, are requested to attend at an early day, and have their tax accounts adjusted, as no accounts can be altered after that date.

All persons having accounts against the county, are requested to bring in the same, on or before the 13th of May next, otherwise they will not get into this year's Levy. All accounts presented to the Commissioners will be required to be under oath.

All new applicants for pensions must be in writing, stating the residence and circumstances of the applicant and signed by two or more persons having a knowledge of the facts herein set forth.

The Collectors and Standard Keeper will be appointed on the 1st day of April—the salary os the latter $30.

A. W MELVIN, Cl'k,
to the Commissioners for Kent county

March 7, 1857 —3w

PREMIUMS.

AT the last meeting of the Directors of the Agricultural Society of Kent County, it was resolved that a premium should be offered for the best and second best crops of corn on ten acres and the best crop of Irish Potatoes on half an acre. The best crop being not less than 800 bushels on the ten acres, to receive from each of the 15 members of the Board of Directors, and also from each other person who shall be a competitor. Five bushels of corn—the second best crop, being not less than 70 bushels to the acre, to receive two bushels from each of the above named. The premium for Potatoes was not yet determined on. All persons are invited to become candidates for these prizes; and those who intend to become competitors must give notice thereof, by the first of June, to one of the officers of the society, who will acquaint them with the rules to be observed in the proceeding. By order of the Board. E. F. CHAMBERS.

feb. 27, '57.

Rising Sun Nurseries and Garden.

GERMANTOWN ROAD, half an hour's ride from the Exchange by Omnibus. Shade Fruit and Ornamental Trees, Shrubs, plants, roses &c., cultivated and for sale in quantities to suit dealers and others, including an extensive and varied assortment of all the desirable varieties of the above, for sale wholesale and retail. Catalogues can be had on application gratis. S. MAUPAY & CO.

N. B.—When addressed by mail, direct to Rising Sun P. O., Philadelphia. Our stands are in the market, Market St. below 6th, where orders are also received. mar.21, '57.6t.

LIST OF LETTERS remaining in the Post Office, Chestertown, April 2, 1857.

Apsley, Wm R 3	Hersh, John
Allen, J H	Jump, Andrew
Ashly, Philip G	Kelly, Henry
Brown, Elizabeth	Kelly, John
Bennett, Mrs. E	Manna, J C
Barny, C T	Mitchell J T
Bacon, Ephraim 2	Masten, Mc R G
Cotten, Charlotte	Noble, Wm
Coleman, Darious	Pratt, Edwin E
Cavenole, John	Pascault, Francis
Copper, Samuel G	Raisin, Jas O
Carlin, John	Ryan, Timothy
Curlott, Mahala	Smith, Joseph
Davies, Jno A 2	Sappington, Jno
Edes, James H	Scone, Mary C
Frisby Washington	Taylor, Henry E
Fowler, Harriett A	Turner, Thomas
Freeman, Browne	Vincent, Daniel
Ginn, John	Vansant, Nicholas
Ginn, M	White, Patrick
Harrison, John	Watkins, Jno 2
Hutchinson, G J	White, Sally M
Hollend, Jane	

JOHN L. STAM, P. M.

Apr 4, 1857—1t.

Road Notice.

THE undersigned hereby give notice that they intend to apply to the County Commissioners at their first meeting held thirty days after the date of this notice to appoint Examiners to lay down and locate a public road in Kent county, as follows: Beginning on the main road leading from Head Sassafras to Millington, at D. C. Blackiston's (where the road now lies) and running through the lands of the said D.C. Blackiston, Joseph Morris, Wm. Morris; Mrs. J. Nodine and Nicholas Vandyke; running in the bed of the old road to the forrest, and through the forrest, to intersect some point on the Delaware line.

Joseph Morris,
D. C. Blackiston,
Wm. Morris,
March 28, 1857. and others.

Brick-Laying!

To all who want Bricks Layed.

THE undersigned respectfully informs the citizens of Chestertown that he is prepared to do Brick Work in all its various ways and on reasonable terms. The best of references can be given if required. All orders left at Poston's Hotel will be promptly attended to; and all work warranted to give satisfaction

J. A. WILSON.

feb. 28, 1857.

BRICKLAYING.

THE subscriber offers his services to the citizens of Kent county. Having a city experience he will warrant to give satisfaction. Persons wishing work done will please give him a call. All orders left at Dawson's mill, or at Rees' Corner will be attended to.

March 21, '57. JOHN W. QUAY.

LAST *NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.*

THE undersigned hereby notifies the tax payers of the *first Election District of Kent county*, that unless the taxes due for 1856, are paid by

25 day of March, inst.

he shall proceed to execute and sell, in every case. The levies are due, he is pressed for money to meet them, and justice to his bondsmen and himself, will compel him to pursue this course. WM. PARKER,

March 7, 1857. Col.

POETRY.

For the Kent News.

TRANSITORY THINGS.

If thou hast ever felt that all on earth
Is transient and unstable; that the hopes
Which man reposes on his brother man
Are oft but broken reeds. If thou hast seen
That life itself is "but a vapor," springing
From Time's upheaving ocean; decked perhaps
With here and there a rainbow, but full soon
To be dissolved and mingled with the vast
And fathomless expanse, that rolls its waves
On every side around thee;—If thy heart
Has deeply felt all this, and thus has learn'd
That earth has no security; then go
And place thy trust in God. The bliss of earth
Is transient as the color'd light that beams
In morning dew-drops. Yet a while,
And all that earth can show of majesty,
Of strength or loveliness, shall fade away,
Like vernal blossoms. From the conqueror's hand
The sceptre and the sword shall pass away,
The mighty ones of earth shall lay them down
In their low beds, and death shall set his seal
On beautie's marble brow, and cold and pale,
Bloomless and voiceless, shall the lovely ones,
Go to the "congregation of the dead."
Yea, more than this; the mighty rocks that lift
Their solemn forms upon the mountian heights,
Like Time's proud citadels, to bear the storms
And wreck of ages;—these too shall decay,
And desolations's icy hand shall wave
O'er all that thou canst see;—blot out the suns
That shed their glory o'er uncounted worlds,
Call in the distant comets, from their wild
And devious course, and bid them cease to move,
And clothe the heavens in darkness. But the power
Of God, his goodness and his grace, shall be
Unchanged, when all the worlds that he has made
Have ceased their revolutions. When the suns
That burn in yonder sky have poured their last
Their dying glory o'er the realms of space,
Still God shall be the same,—the same in love
In majesty, in mercy,—then rely
In faith on him, and thou shalt never find
Hope disappointed, or reliance vain.

A SKETCH.

The depopulating pestilence that walketh at noonday, the carnage of cruel and devastating war can scarcely exhibit their victims in a more terrible array, than exterminating drunkenness. I have seen a promising family spring from a parent trunk, and stretching abroad its populous limb like a flowering tree covered with a green and healthy foliage. I have seen the unnatural decay beginning upon the yet tender leaf and gnawing like a worm in an unopened bud, while they dropped off, one by one, and the scathed and ruined shaft stood alone, until the winds and rains of many a sorrow laid that too in the dust. On one of those holy days when the patriarch, rich in virtue as in years, gathered about him the great and the little ones of the flock—his sons with their sons and his daughters with their daughters—I, too, sat at the festive board. I, too, pledged them in the social wine cup, and rejoiced with them round the hospitable hearth; and expatiated with delight upon the eventful future; while the good old man warmed in the genial glow of youthful enthusiasm, wiped the tear of joy from his glistening eye. He was happy. I met with them again when the rolling year brought the festive season round. But they were not all there — The kind old man sighed as his suffused eye dwelt upon the then unoccupied seat. But joy yet come to his relief and he was happy. A parent's love knows no diminution—time, distance, poverty, shame, but gives intensity and strength to that passion before which all others dissolve and melt away. Another elapsed. The board was spread but the guests came not. The old man cried, "Where are my children?" and echo answered where?—His heart broke—for they were not Could not Heaven have spared his gray hairs this affliction? Alas! the *demon* of *drunkenness* had been there. They had fallen victims of his spell. And one short month sufficed to cast the veil of oblivion over the old man's sorrow and the young one's shame. They are all dead.

Jefferson's Decalogue of Canon for Observanion in Practical Life.—1st. Never put off for to-morrow, what you can do to-day.

2nd. Never trouble another for what you can do yourself.

3rd. Never spend your money before you have it.

4th. Never buy what you do not want because it is cheap. It will be dear to you.

5th. Pride costs us more than hunger, and cold.

6th. We never repent of having eaten too little.

7th. Nothing is troublesome that we do willingly.

8th. How much pain have cost us the evils, which have never happened.

9th. Take things always by their smooth handle.

10th. When angry, count ten before you speak; if very angry, a hundred.

THE FARMER'S DAUGHTER,

AND THE HIGHWAY ROBBER.

A few years since a farmer, living near Easton, Pennsylvania, sent his daughter on horseback to that town, to procure from the bank small notes for one hundred dollars. When she arrived there the bank was closed; and she endeavored to effect her object by offering it at several stores, but could not get her note changed. She had not gone far on her return when a stranger rode up to her and accosted her with so much politeness, that she had not the slightest suspicion of any evil intention on his part

After a ride of a mile or two, employed in a very social conversation, they came to a retired part of the road, and the stranger commanded her to give him the bank note.

It was with some difficulty that she could be made to believe him in earnest as his demeanor had been so friendly; but the presentation of a pistol placed that matter beyond a doubt, and she yielded to necessity.

Just as she held the note to him, a sudden puff of wind blew the note into the road, and carried it gently several yards from them. The discourteous knight alighted to overtake it, and the lady whipped her horse to get out of his power, and the horse which had been standing by her side, started with her. His owner fired a pistol after her, which only tended to increase the speed of all parties, and the lady arrived safe at home with the horse of the robber, on which was a pair of saddle-bags.

When these were opened besides a quantity of counterfeit bank notes, fifteen hundred dollars in good money was found. The horse proved to be a good one, and when saddled and bridled, was thought to be worth at least as much as the bank note that was stolen.

HOME OPERA.

Since the night when Ike went to the opera, he has been—as Mrs. Partington says—as crazy as a bed-bug; and the kind old dame has been fearful lest he should become "non pompus mentus," through his attempt at imitating the operatics.—The next morning after the opera, at the breakfast table, Ike reached over his cup, and in a soft tone sang:

"Will you, will you, Mrs. P.,
Help me to a cup of tea?"

The old lady looked at him with surprise, his conduct was so unusual, and for a moment she hesitated. He continued in a more impassioned strain:

"Do not, do not keep me waiting,
Do not, pray, be hesitating,
I am anxious to be drinking,
So pour out as quick as winking."

She gave him the tea with a sigh as she saw the excitement in his face. He stirred it in silence, and in his abstraction took three spoonsful of sugar. At last he sang again:

"Table cloths, and cups and saucers,
Good white bread and active jaws, sirs;
Tea—gunpowder and souchong—
Sweet enough, but not too strong;
Bad for health to eat hot biscuit,
But I'll risk it—butter'll fix it."

"What do you mean, my poor boy," said Mrs. Partington tenderly.

"All right, steady, never clearer,
Never loved a breakfast dearer,
I am not bound by witch or wizard,
So don't fret your precious gizzard."

"But, Isaac," persisted the dame; Ike struck his left hand upon the table, swung his knife aloft in his right, and looking at a plate upon the table, broke forth:

"What form is that to me appearing?
Is it mackerel, or herring?
Let me dash upon it quick,
Ne'er again that fish shall kick—
Ne'er again, though thrice as large—
Charge upon them, Isaac charge!"

☞ Some forty years ago, when a man's respectability depended much on his takeing a newspaper, a certain shrewd old fellow was one morning enjoying the luxury of perusing his paper, (although he labored under the great disadvantage of not knowing a single letter in the alphabet,) when a most knowing neighbor of his happened in—perhaps to borrow his paper—observing to him that he had his paper wrong end up. The old gentleman, drawing himself up in all the pomposity of affronted dignity, "I would have you to know, sir, that if I take a paper and pay for it, I have a right to read it any end I please."

☞ Said a 'gemman ob color,' while addressing a congregation of the same hue: "My belubbed brudren and frens, did ye not know dad de debble am goin to an fro ober de whole erf like a roorin lion seekin whom he may devour to kill somebody!"

☞ Isaac, can you describe a bat?'—'Yes, sir, he's a flying insect, about the size of a stopple, has Indian rubber wings and a shoe string tail; he sees with his eyes shut and bites like the devil!'

☞ A backwoodsman saw a lady at a piano, and sung out, "Jim, just come here. Tarnation, if here ain't a woman pulling wire in out of her chist!"

"Stick to Him, Jimmy!"—Two brothers from the Emerald Isle, a few years since, purchased a piece of land not far from the Kennebec, and went to work to clear it up. After cutting down the large growth and burning over the underbrush they proceeded to contrive a plan to get the fallen trunks together in a pile for the purpose of burning also. The land lay upon a side-hill, and they concluded that if they could roll a large log which lay near the summit and place it about half way down, they might pile the rest against it, and thus ensure the object. But how were they to prevent it, when once under way, from rolling to the bottom and defeating their plan?

To accomplish this they obtained a rope and making one end fast to the log, one of them was to hold on to the other end to prevent its going too far, while the other was to start it. Fearing that he might not be able to prevent the rope from slipping through his fingers, Jimmy, who was the steersman, tied it to his body.

"Start him aisy, Phelim," said he, after convincing himself that all was right and tight.

Phelim did start him, and as the log commenced its progress, the rope caught in a projecting knot, and began rapidly to wind up. It soon drew poor Jimmy chock up. First he went over the log and then the log went over him, and they continued their circumgyrations and somersets. Phelim watched their progress for a moment and then sung out:

"Stick to him, Jimmy—faith, you're a match for him, any way; *you're atop half the time!*"

Pork Fattened on Human Bodies.—Let any person, says a writer in a late Ceylon paper, at day break start from the gates of Government House, Calcutta; and whether his walk be on the banks of the river, or to the banks of the canal, which on three sides surround the city, he will see pigs feeding on the dead bodies of the natives that have been thrown there during the night: during the day the river police clear away and sink all that remain of the bodies. Bad as is the metropolis of India, it is nothing compared to Patna. Hundreds upon hundreds of human corpes, are there strewed along the strand; and fattening, Ghoule-like, upon these, are droves upon droves of swine. These swine are slaughtered cut up and salted into hams, bacon, and pickled pork, and then dispatched to Calcutta. The great market for this poisonous swine produce is the Mauritius and Borben, where it is foisted on the inhabitants as the produce of Europe. Moreover, as these swines are sold in Calcutta at three or four shillings each carcass, it is stated that the inferior class of homeward-bound vessels are provisioned with them, and thus this human-fed pork is introduced into Europe and America.

Potato yest.—Pair, boil and mash fine twelve potatoes; stir into these one large cup of sugar and one quart of boiling water, when cool add one quart of of cold water and half a pint or less of yest; keep it in a warm place about twelve hours, when it will be ready for use.—Shake it carefully before using. Always reserve a small quantity of old yest for raising the new. Bread or cakes made with this yest never need saleratus, and will rise very quickly. Housekeepers should adopt any new method that will dispense with the use of so unwholesome an article as saleratus.—*Moore's Rural New Yorker.*

Preparation of Seeds.—Some seeds are so slow of germination that weeds grow in advance of them, and thus render their cultivation the more difficult.—Many of these, such as the carrot, parsnip, &c., may be buried in a bag in the soil a few days before final use. This mode treatment, in many cases, will do away with the necessity for steeps, and render early germination quite certain. Care should be taken not to have them buried long enough to cause material sprouting, as the new sprout might be broken off or injured during planting.

(*Ohio Vally Farmer, March 21*

Interesting Re-union.—Gen. La Vega, the Mexican General, is stopping at Willard's Hotel, at Washington, as is also Col. May, who took La Vega's guns, and made him prisoner at the battle of Palo Alto; and to complete the curious re-union, Col. Magruder, to whom May handed La Vega over for safe-keeping, is at the same hotel. It must have been pleasant as well as suggestive to see these warriors assembled at the same dinner table, in a friendly way, and popping champagne corks instead of nine pounders.

The Newest Fashion.—A late English paper states that "many prayer books are now sold in London with a looking-glass inserted in the inner side of the cover, in order that ladies may arrange their hair or admire themselves while using the book at church."

☞ Mrs. Brown says her husband is such a blunderer that he can't even try on a new boot without putting his foot in it.

☞ Religion is the best armor a man can have. But it is the worst cloak.