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☞The highest charge made is five per cent. Goods of every description, (except Liquors,) purchased and forwarded with despatch, when either cash or trade accompanies the order.
By consent I refer to the following certificates:
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ROCK HALL, Kent Co, Md., Dec. 21, 1863.
This is to certify, that during the last six years, I have been both directly and indirectly connected with Mr. F. E. Marine, in business; and take pleasure in stating that during that time I have always found him a practical, industrious, business man, of most unquestionable integrity, possessing the confidence of all the business men who know him.
Yours, most respectfully, C. A. LEARY.
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CAN HAVE THEIR CLAIMS
For BOUNTY, PAY and PENSION
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PRIZE MONEY for Seamen, and arrears of pay due heirs of Officers of the Army and Navy by
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Full information given without charge. Letters must contain stamp. [d2-y.]

$100 a Month!
AGENTS WANTED in every County and Town on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and the State of Delaware, to introduce
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wanted in every family. But little capital required. For particulars address
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THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, designed for the education of those who wish to be employed as teachers in the Public Schools of Maryland, will be opened on the FIFTEENTH OF JANUARY, in the saloon of the Red Men's Hall, Paca Street, Baltimore, under the charge of Prof. NEWELL.

Young men must be at least seventeen years of age; young women, at least sixteen; and must bring the certificate of appointment required by law; from the Board of School Commissioners of Baltimore city, or of the county to which they belong.

TUITION AND TEXT BOOKS FREE to those who are regularly appointed, and file a written declaration that it is their intention to teach in the Public Schools of Maryland. Others will be charged Twenty-five Dollars per session.

For further information apply at the office of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, 21 N. Calvert street, or to the President of the Board of School Commissioners of Kent county.
jan13-3t. HOWARD MEEKS.

NEW STORE.

IT gives us pleasure to inform the public that we have just opened at the old stand of the late John Lawrence, at the pump just above the Meat establishment of Mr. S. S. Usilton, and are prepared to sell at the LOWEST MARKET PRICES
Sugars, Coffee, Tea,
FLOUR, CRACKERS, RICE,
COAL OIL, and every thing commonly kept in a GROCERY STORE, besides a large assortment of QUEENSWARE, TOBACCO and SEGARS, &c., &c.
We will also buy at the highest market price in trade or cash, all kinds of *Country Produce*, such as Butter, Eggs, Lard, Meat, Poultry, and Dried Fruit. Also, Rags and all kinds of Fur. Please give us a call.
GEO W. SIMPSON.
Chestertown, Jan. 13, 1866.

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JOHN H. MORGAN,
RESPECTFULLY invites the attention of the public to a varied assortment of GROCERIES, LIQUORS, &c., now in store at his stand up town, one door below the residence of H W. Earnest, Esq., consisting in part of
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GROCERIES, of all kinds,
BROOMS, Buckets, Soap, Candles,
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SEGARS, Tobacco and Snuff,
Candies and Nuts, Coal Oil
SUGAR, COFFEE, Molasses, Lard and Bacon,
Mackeral, Herring, &c.
Those in want of anything in the above line are invited to GIVE ME A CALL, as I am determined to sell goods at the VERY LOWEST PRICES for cash.
jan17y. JOHN H. MORGAN.

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THE subscribers offer for sale at the Old Established Nursery, at Crumpton, Md., the following
Choice Fruit Trees.
Upwards of 100 Varieties of Apple Trees,
About 50 Varieties of Standard Pear Trees, and a few Dwarf;
About 30 Varieties of Cherry Trees;
A few varieties of Apricots and Plums.
Nurserymen who may be short of Trees will be supplied at the usual deduction on retail prices. Orders by mail promptly filled, and trees carefully packed and shipped to any destination.
☞Persons indebted to SLAUGHTER & BROTHER, are requested to make immediate payment. The recent decease of one of the firm (H. B. Slaughter) renders it necessary that all accounts should be settled without delay.
SLAUGHTER & BRO.,
dec2-4m. Crumpton, Md.

NOTICE.
A New and Useful Enterprise.
THE undersigned has started an EXPRESS LINE in connection with ADAMS' EXPRESS COMPANY, for transportation of Goods from the Eastern Shore of Maryland to all parts of the United States.
Goods left at POST OFFICE, Chestertown, BAYNARD'S BAKERY, Crumpton; MORRIS' HOTEL, Chesterville; TIGE'S STORE, Millington, will be forwarded, if light articles, by stage, or if heavy will be received by Wagon on Friday of each week. From Northern or Southern routes will be forwarded to the above named places on their arrival per Adams' Express Co. to Smyrna.
E. SPRUANCE, Propietor,
oc28 3m. Clayton, Del.

Notice to Sportsman.
POWDER, SHOT, CAPS, Gun Tubes, Tube Wrenches, Wads, Rammer Heads and Screws for Washers, and an assortment of SPORTSMAN'S GOODS generally, by
aug26. JOHN H. REDUE.

SHAWLS! SHAWLS!! SHAWLS!!!—Particular attention is called to our large Stock of fine all-wool Heavy Blanket, black and colored Shawls, which we will sell at reduced prices. A. W. SPARKS & SON

MEN'S, Boys' and Ladies' Calf and Kip Balmorals, also, Misses and Children's Boots, Gaiters and Shoes, for sale cheap by
Dec. 30. VANNORT.

BLANKETS.—One of the largest Stocks of coarse and fine, white and colored Blankets in the county, which will be sold very cheap by A. W. SPARKS & SON.

CLOTHS AND CASSIMERES.—A fine assortment, suitable for Ladies' Coats, and Men and Boys' wear, can be found at
Nov. 25. A. W. SPARKS & SON'S.

PORTER AND ALE in bottles—an excellent article, for sale by
Oct. 28. B. H. GARDNER.

ONE PAIR OF STOCKINGS.

An old woman sat by her bright fireside
Swaying thoughtfully to and fro,
In an ancient chair whose creaky craw,
Told a tale of long ago;
While down by her side, on the kitchen floor,
Stood a basket of worsted balls—a score.

Then she spoke of the time when the basket there
Was filled to the very brim,
And now there remained of the goodly pile
But a single pair—for him.
Then wonder not at the dimmed eyesight,
There's but one pair of stockings to mend to-night.

For each empty nook in the basket old,
By the hearth there's an empty seat;
And I miss the shadows from off the wall,
And the patter of many feet;
'Tis for this that a tear gathered over my sight,
At the one pair of stockings to mend to-night.

'Tis said that far through the forest wild,
And over the mountains bold,
Was a land whose rivers and darkening caves
Were gemmed with the rarest gold;
Then my first-born turned from the oaken door,
And I knew the numbers were only four.

Another went forth on the foaming waves
And diminished the basket store—
But his feet grew cold—so weary and cold—
They'll never be warm any more—
And this nook in its emptiness seemeth to me
To give forth no voice but the foam of the sea.

Two others have gone toward the setting sun,
And made them a home in its light,
And fairy fingers have taken their share
To mend by the fireside bright;
Some other basket their garments fill,
But mine! Oh, mine is emptier still.

Another—the dearest—the fairest—the best—
Was taken by angels away,
And clad in a garment that waxeth not old,
In a land of continual day;
Oh, wonder no more at the dimmed eyesight,
While I mend the one pair of stockings to-night.

GO TO CHURCH.

There is no one thing which helps to establish a man's character and standing in society, more than a steady attendance at church, and a proper regard for the first day of the week. Every head of a family should go to church as an example.—Lounging in streets and bar rooms on the Sabbath is abominable and deserves censure, because it lays the foundation of habits which ruin both body and soul.—Many a young man can date the commencement of his dissipation which made him a burden to himself and friends, and an object of pity in the sight of his enemies, to his Sunday debauchery. Idleness is the mother of drunkenness—the Sabbath is generally an idle day, therefore if it were not properly kept, it were better struck out of existence!

Go to Church! If you are a young man just entered upon business, it will establish your credit! What capitalist would not sooner entrust a new beginner who, instead of dissipating his time, his character and his money in dissolute company, attended to his business days and on Sabbath appeared in the house of God. Go to church with a contrite heart, and bending a knee at the throne of your Maker, pour out a sincere thank offering for the mercies of the past week.

DEW DROPS OF WISDOM.

A wise man does at first what a fool must do at last.

Make no personal enemy. One unguarded moment might yield you to the most despisable of mankind.

We love ourselves notwithstanding our faults, and we ought to love our friends in like manner.

Gain may be temporary and uncertain; but expense is constant and certain; it is easier to build two chimneys than to keep one in fuel.

It is hard to tell whether the statesman at the top of the world, or the ploughman at the battom of it, labors hardest and suffers most.

To say a thing which perplexes the heart of him you speak to, or to bring blushes into his face, is a degree of murder.

It has been beautifully said, that "the veil which covers the face of futurity is woven by the hand of mercy."

One of the saddest descriptions one can give of a household is, that the master of it "generally goes out of an evening."

We correct ourselves many times better by the sight of evil than by example; and it is well to accustom ourselves to profit by evil which is so common, in the place of good which is so rare.

If I am treated rudely, let me examine into the cause and if I cannot discover any sort of impropriety in my own conduct, I may disregard the rudeness and consider him who displays it as no better than a brute, and why should the conduct of a brute disturb me?

MORAL FORCE.—The iron of iron, the fire of fire, the ether and source of all elements, is moral force. We delight to trace these powers. Method, patience, self-trust, perseverance, love, desire of knowledge, power of persistence, of enduring defeat, of gaining victory by defeat—these are forces that never lose their charm.—Even in war—which is organized brute force—moral power is eminent. Good ammunition and good muskets we must have; but these do not gain the battle. You may have a mountain of iron, every pebble a slug—it is all in vain without the brave hands to use, the cool head to command, the good cause which fires every brain in the service.—*Emerson.*

COMFORT IN DEATH.—A good man, who was dying, once said: "Formerly death appeared to me like a river, but now it has dwindled to a little rill; and my comforts, which were as a rill, have become as the broad and deep river."

PRACTICAL PREACHING.

THE MARKET VALUE OF A SOUL.

The following extract from the sermon of a Catholic Priest in New York, contains sound logic, deep thought, and original ideas. We think them appropriate for the earnest consideration of all:

"The real value of the soul, therefore, is much greater than its market value.—'Market value!' I hear some one say; 'why father, what do you mean?' I mean by market value the price that souls commonly sell for. 'Sell for! why, human souls are not in the market to be bought and sold.' Indeed, my brethren, I fear they are. The devil is bidding for souls all the while, and the market value of each soul may be said to be that which its owner is willing to let it go for. Every time that a man, under the influence of some temptation, deliberately commits a grievous sin, does he not know that the consequence is the forfeiture of the soul's eternal liberty and happiness? What is that but trading with the devil, who takes nothing but souls in payment?

"The devil is a peddler, and goes about to sell his ill-gotten wares for souls. Ah! how many a clerk has sold himself to the devil for a few pieces of stolen silver from the drawer! How many a driver or car conductor for the privilege to embezzle a few half dimes in the day! How many a miserable girl, for a stolen dress, a pair of shoes or stockings, a bracelet, a ring, a breast-pin!

"The devil is a smuggler. How many a merchant has traded away his soul for a fraudulent return to the custom-house or the tax-commissioner—sealing the horrible contract with an oath!

"The devil is a pawnbroker. That girl pawns away to him her religion and her soul, for the sake of a marriage; ah! and pledges away beforehand the souls of the children that may be born to her.

"The devil is an attorney. When people buy and sell real estate, there is always a third party, the lawyer. The same rule holds in every sinful transaction. See that ragged, wretched man leaning on the counter at the grocery!—Is it only a dime he gives for a drink? No! but he lays down on the counter his wife's heart and his children's bread. And that other man that sells it to him behind the bar! Is it only so much fiery drink he sells to help his neighbor on to ruin? No! but, as he empties that decanter, he pours away his own hopes of Heaven, his part in God, the water that baptized him, the share he has in the blood of Christ that died for him. There is a third party here, a hideous thing, curled up like a black ape on the counter. He acts as attorney between the parties. He claims his fees, and for payment takes a mortgage on the souls of both.

"Oh! if I had the power, I would compel that wicked fiend to come up here in his own shape, and make him point out the unfortunate creatures that he has bought, and confess what he paid for each. I can imagine his confession to be something like this: 'I bought that miserly-looking man for a few promissory notes and some tenement houses. That other one near him cost me a corporation contract. Some of my bargains were cheaper. I bought two or three of them, soul and all, for the right to vote upon a false oath. That young girl with paint on her face, for a night's dance and a beau.—That other one for a new cape; and that old woman sold out for some blankets and a few bars of stolen soap. That little politician gave me his soul for an office;—and do you see that man that looks as if the wages of all the laborers of the parish had gone into his one body—he and I trade in souls; I bought his for a corner grocery, and he brings me in a whole army of drunkards.' And then when the wicked spirit had ended his confession, I would ask for an angel's trumpet that I might shout over the heads of the whole congregation with a voice like that which will startle the dead in their coffins, those words of Jesus Christ: "What profit shall a man have if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul? or what exchange shall a man make for his soul?"

THE FIRESIDE.—The fire-side has always been regarded as the altar of home—the seat of all domestic virtues. Round that hallowed spot are supposed to be nourished all those tender feelings and sentiments which soften the harder features of humanity. There it is that the true father, the true mother, the true sister, and the true brother are grown, and there it is that society looks for its brightest ornaments. No patriot or philanthropist, worthy of the name, ever sprung from any other soil, or was really moulded by any other influence.

CHILDREN'S SAYINGS.—An officer of the army, who was home lately on leave of absence, had occasion to reprove his little son at table, saying: "If I were going to remain at home, my boy, I should have to try a new tack with you." The little fellow looked up in his father's face with the greatest unconcern, and said: "I suppose it would be *hard tack*, wouldn't it, pa?"

ONE WORD.—"Sir, one word," said a soldier one day to Frederick the Great, when presenting to him a petition for brevet of lieutenant. "If you say two," answered the king. "I will have you hanged." "Sign," replied the soldier. The kind stared, whistled, and signed.

The Mania for Procrastination—A Singular Autobiography.

An old man in his seventy-seventh year lately hanged himself in a Paris garret.—The authorities found among his effects a document entitled "Mysteries of my Life," which had the following strange preface:

"I belong to a very good family. I was well brought up. Fatally for myself, I adopted as my device the Italian maxim, '*Chi va piona va sano.*' I know now that, on the contrary, no man should leave for to-morrow what he can do to-day. For my part, I believe that before doing anything it was necessary to deliberate long and maturely; and the consequence was that all I took part in turned out unsuccessful. By this mania of postponement and this dilatoriness of execution I injured my fortune, I forfeited an important situation, and missed ten marriages. I have broken with all my friends, because I never could return a visit in proper time, pay back an act of politeness, nor keep an appointment, and I was always an hour too late. I had excellent servants, but I never was well served, because I never was ready to be served. I thought myself extremely prudent, and I always found myself in a false or a difficult position After long and profound reflection, I am now convinced that my constant habit of putting off everything was but a pretext; that my real character was one of selfishness and sloth, and that I sought to hide or to cover that double vice with a fictitious virtue. I was deterred by the fear of fatigue, by my disgust to bodily and mental exertion, by the indulgence of continuous and lethargic repose. Such is the true cause of the vexations which I have constantly experienced. I believe the judgment I now pass upon myself to be correct. At my age I am on the brink of the grave. The thought of self-murder has come upon me, and as for once in my life I mean to take an energetic resolution, and not to postpone it, I hang myself."

Remdey for Sleeplessness.

How to sleep is to many persons a matter of great importance. Nervous persons, who are troubled with wakefulness and excitability, usually have a strong tendency to blood on the brain, with cold extremities. The pressure of blood on the brain keeps it in a stimulated or wakeful state, and the pulsations of the heart are often painful. Let such rise and chafe the body and extremities with a brush or towel, or rub smartly with the hands, to promote circulation, and withdraw the excessive amount of blood from the brain, and they will fall asleep in a few moments. A cold bath, or a sponge bath and rubbing, or a good run, or a rapid walk in the open air, or going up or down stairs a few times just before retiring, will aid in promoting circulation and promoting sleep. These rules are simple, and easy of application in castle or cabin, mansion or cottage, and may minister to the comfort of thousands, who would freely expend money for an anodyne to promote "Nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep."

BE just, since equity supports the human race. Be good, as bounty atta hes every heart. Be indulgent, since thou livest among beings weak like thyself. Be modest, as pride hurts the self-love of every human being. Pardon injuries, as vengeance eternises hatred. Do good to him who injures thee, that thou mayest show thyself greater than he, and also gain friendship. Be moderate, temperate and chaste since voluptuousness, intemperance and excess, destroy thy being, and render thee contemptible.

"BEAUTY," says Lord Kames, "is a dangerous property, tending to corrupt the mind of a wife, though it soon loses its influence over the husband. A figure, agreeable and engaging, which inspires affection without the ebriety of love, is a much safer choice. The graces do not lose their influence like beauty. At the end of thirty, forty, nay fifty years, a virtuous woman who makes an agreeable wife charms her husband more than at first.—The comparison of love to fire holds good in one respect—that the fiercer it burns the sooner it is extinguished."

AN attorney-at-law who wished to show his smartness by quizzing an old farmer from the interior of New Jersey, began by asking him if there were many girls in his neighborhood.

"Yes," replied the old man, "there's a dreadful sight of 'em—so many that there aint half enough *respectable* husbands for 'em all, and so some of 'em are beginning to take up with *lawyers!*" The attorney didn't "follow up the subject."

A LADY, very fond of her husband, notwithstanding his ugliness of person, said to Rodgers, the poet, "What do you think? My husband has laid out fifty guineas for a baboon on purpose to please me." "The dear little man," replied Rodgers, "it's just like him."

"I say, landlord, that's a dirty towel for a man to wipe on!" Landlord, with a look of amazement, replied: "Well, you're mighty particular. Sixty or seventy of my boarders have wiped on that towel this morning, and you are the first to find fault."

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SENATOR LANE ON SUFFRAGE.—General Jim Lane has been making a speech on negro suffrage, in Kansas, to which the Western press attach importance. The following are some of the points he made, and as Lane is a radical republican, they will be read with interest:

"I laugh to scorn any man, especially any Kansas man, who would advocate the extension of suffrage to the colored man in the Southern States, and deny it to him in his own State. [Applause.] I was talking the other day with some gentlemen, I believe in this city, on the subject of colored suffrage. One was advocating the extension of the suffrage in the Southern States. I asked him what about extending the right of suffrage to the colored men of Kansas. Oh, he was not in favor of that. Another man responded and said he supposed the reason he was in favor of extending suffrage to the black man in the South and not in Kansas was because the plantation blacks were so much better qualified than our own. [Laughter.] That closed the conversation.

"If you meet the question at all, meet it boldly, squarely and honorably. If the Constitution gives to Congress the right to fix the status of suffrage in Louisiana and South Corolina, it gives it the same rights in Kansas and Connecticut, and Wisconsin and Illinois, and Pennsylvania. I would like to see a republican Congress extending the right of suffrage to the black man of Pennsylvania or any of the other Northern States! It would be wise political action, would it not? Absurd!—Leave the question where the Constitution left it—with the different State governments.

NEW MATERIAL FOR PAPER.—A new and cheap material for printing paper, it is stated, has been discovered in the southern province of Spain. This material is a grass called "Esparto," which grows in abundance on waste lands, wherever the climate is dry and hot. It flourishes equally on the plains and the mountain sides, either in argillaceous or calcareous soils. It is perennial and propagates itself from its roots. It has heretofore been used in the manufacture of ropes, matting and baskets. Large quantities of it are being shipped to England, at prices ranging from two shillings to four shillings a ton. 100,000 tons of it have been imported into England. Every one will receive with pleasure any discovery that is calculated to reduce the present excessive price of paper, which is a severe tax to the newspaper publishers of the United States.—The burden is so great that many publishers are turning their attention to other countries for a less costly article, and movements are on foot for large importations.

IMPORTANT DECISION.—In reply to a letter received at the Internal Revenue Bureau, inquiring whether a note secured by mortgage is negotiable, and the two instruments are to be transferred by a mere endorsement of the note, the commissioner has decided that no stamp is required.—In support of this decision, the bureau is of the opinion that if the extension of the time for the payment of a note is not in writing, no additional stamp on either instrument is necessary. If, however, a note is renewed by giving a new note, the renewal must be stamped with a stamp appropriate to the amount of the renewal, though the mortgage is not subject to a further stamp duty. If the time of payment is extended by virtue of a written agreement, a stamp must be fixed appropriate to the agreement.

CURIOUS LAW.—Law and justice do not always travel hand in hand. We have before us an account of a case where a man who was guilty of a great crime, near Albany, N. Y., has been all the time at liberty on bail, and finally escaped altogether, while his victim was kept in prison from May until January—eight months—as a witness. It is a curious instance of the way they manage matters in the State of New York, but it may add to a proper understanding of the matter when it is explained that the person wronged was a poor Irish girl, with no friends, while the scoundrel who was allowed to escape was rich and influential.

STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS' ESTATE.—At the time of Stephen A. Douglas' decease his estate was so encumbered that it was believed there would be nothing left for his family. During the war, however, the price of real estate in Chicago, where his property was located, appreciated so in value that its sale has paid all the debts, and left his family a handsome competence.—*Pittsburgh Dispatch.*

THE estimates for the new Court-house in New York city were $800,000, and $1,250,000 have already been expended. It is expected that the whole expenditure will be $3,000,000. The architect receives $25,000 per year for his services, and the superintendent was paid $20,265 for services during the past six months.

JOHN was thought to be very stupid. He was sent to mill one day, and the miller said:

"John, some people say you are a fool! Now, tell me what you do know, and what you don't know."

"Well," replied John "I know millers' hogs are fat!"

"Yes, that's well, John! Now, what don't you know?"

"I don't know whose corn fats 'em!"