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ALL WHO HAVE FOR SALE
Flour, Grain, Clover and Flax Seed, Tobacco, Hay, Lumber, Staves, Bark, Sheep, Calves, Poultry, Eggs, Bacon, Lard, Butter, Cheese, Game, Vegetables, Wool, Rags, Furs, Skins, Fruit, green and dry, &c.,
Can have them well sold at the Highest Price in Baltimore, with full returns always within ten days of their reaching the city, by fowarding to the Commision House for Country Produce of
F. E. MARINE,
N. E. Corner of Frederick and Pratt Streets,
BALTIMORE, MD.
☞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:
BALTIMORE, Feb. 25th, 1864.
Having known Mr. FLETCHER E. MARINE for many years past, we take pleasure in stating that we know him to be a gentleman in whom the utmost confidence may be placed, in the transaction of business. He is prompt, attentive, obliging and reliable. John W. Randolph, Cashier Fell's Point Bank; Isaac P. Cook, Register of Wills; Armstrong & Berry, Booksellers; Robert Turner, dealer in Fertilizers; John W. Bruff & Co., Dry Goods; E. & S. Frey, Druggists; Rev. C. B. Tippett, East Baltimore Conf.; Rev. Andrew Manship, Phila. Conf.

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.
apr15—y.

Peninsular Machine Works.
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Threshing and Reaping Machines, Horse-Powers, Corn Shellers, Portable and Stationary Steam Engines, Mill Work, Clark Co's Sorgo Mills and Pans, Iron and Brass Castings, and Forgings of every description. Repairing done promptly and in the best manner. Iron Railing of a variety of patterns. Dwelling and Cemetery Lots enclosed. d16y.

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PRINCIPALS:—Misses C. & I. Grimshaw.
LECTURER:—A. H. Grimshaw, A. M., M.D.
THE second annual term of this long established Institution will commence February 1st, 1866.
The course of instruction in all the branches of an English education is thorough. French, Music, Drawing and Dancing are taught by competent professors. Particular attention is paid to the health and physical development of the Young Ladies. jan20 1m.

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.

GROCERY AND LIQUOR STORE.
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
WHISKEY, BRANDY, RUM, GIN, WINE, CORDIAL, &c.
GROCERIES, of all kinds,
BROOMS, Buckets, Soap, Candles,
Crockery-Ware, Meal and Flour,
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.

Removal & Enlargement of Business.
JOHN MERRICK,
EXTENSIVE MANUFACTURER OF
CARRIAGES,
CORNER of NINTH and KING STREETS, WILMINGTON, DEL.
Having erected one of the largest CARRIAGE FACTORIES in this country, with the advantages of Steam Power, the most improved Machinery, with a capacity to manufacture fifty to sixty CARRIAGES weekly; and an experience of over twenty years in the business, I am now prepared to furnish all who are in want with the best class work. Work all Warranted. [s30y.]

Crumpton Nursery.
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; TICE'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.

LIME! LIME! LIME!
THE undersigned as agent for the sale of RAMBO'S SCHUYLKILL LIME, takes this method of informing his friends and the public that he is now prepared to furnish them with a SUPERIOR QUALITY of
Quick and Slacked Lime,
delivered at any of the accessible landings on Chester, Sassafras, Bohemia and Elk Rivers, and respectfully solicits their patronage.
All orders promptly attended to.
WM. N. BRICE,
ag5-tf. Kennedyville P. O., Kent Co., Md.

LIME! LIME! LIME!
THE subscribers, successors to COOK & HILLIS, take this method of informing the public that they are prepared to furnish them with a SUPERIOR QUALITY of
UNSLACKED LIME,
delivered at any of the accessible landings on the tributaries of the Chesapeak Bay, during the navigable season, and respectfully solicit their patronage. Orders should invariably be given *thirty days in advance,* and addressed to the firm at HAVRE DE GRACE, or to Mr. H. M. ROLLISON, Agent for Kent county, at Melbourne, P. O. JAMES COOK & CO.
Havre De Grace, Md., d3-y.

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.

For the Kent News.

A WIFE WANTED.

BY G. R. V.

Ye fair ones attend, I've an offer to make you,
In hymen's soft band I am anxious to live;
For better, for worse, a companion I'll take me,
Provided she fills the description I give.

I neither expect nor can hope for perfection,
For that yet never was a widower's lot,
But in chosing a wife I would make a selection
Which many in my situation would not.

I'd have, let me see—I'd not have a beauty,
For beautiful women are apt to be vain,
But with a small share I'd think it a duty
To take her, be thankful, and never complain.

Her home she must love, a domestic employment,
Have practical knowledge of household affairs,
And make it a part of her highest enjoyment
To soften my troubles and lighten my cares.

Her form must be good, with wit to constrain it,
Rather above than below middle size,
And something—it puzzles my brain to explain it,
Like eloquent language must flow from her eyes.

She must be well bred, or I could not respect her,
Good natured and modest, but not very coy,
Her mind well improved, 'tis the principal nectar,
That sweetens the cup of hymenial joy.

Her age, I would have it at least to be twenty,
And not to exceed twenty-five at the most;
And girls of that, being everywhere plenty
I hope to get one of the numerous host.

Should any possess the above requisition,
And wish to be bound by the conjugal band,
Will please to step forward, they know the condition,
Inquire of the printer, I'm always at hand.

Near Locust Grove.

THE FIRST BABY.

"By the Rev. Mr. ——, J. W. B. to C. E. G., only daughter, &c. No cards." We didn't say, no baby! I have one of those interesting animals at my house.—It came when it rained like fury, dark as pitch, and my umbrella at the store. The doctor lived five miles due West, and the nurse six miles due East. It's a funny little chap, that baby; solferino color, and the length of a Bologno sausage. Cross? I guess not. Um, um, it commenced chasing me down the pathway of life just when muslin, linen, and white flannel were the highest they had been since Adam built a hen house for Mrs. Eve's chickens. The doctors charge two dollars a squint, four dollars a grunt, and on account of the scarcity of rain in the country, take what is left in a man's pocket, no discount for cash, and send bill for balance, January 1st. A queer little thing is that baby; a speck of a nose like a wart; head as bald as a squash, and no place to hitch a waterfall; a mouth just suited to come the gum game and chew milk.—Oh crackee! you should hear her sing. I have bumped it, stuffed my fur cap down its throat, given it the smoothing irons to play with, but that little red lump that looks as if it couldn't hold blood enough to keep a mosquito from fainting, persists in yelling like thunder. It shows a great desire to swallow its fists, and the other day they would have dropped down its throat clean gone but for the crook in its elbows. It stopped its music and I was happy for one and a half minutes. It's a pleasant thing to have a baby in the house—one of your cholic-y kind. Think of the pleasures of a father, in dishabille, trembling in the midnight hour, with his warm feet upon a square yard of oil cloth, dropping paregoric in a teaspoon by moonlight, the nurse thumping at the door, wife of your bosom shouting hurry, and the baby yelling till the frescoe drops from the ceiling. I have to get up in the cold and shiver while the milk warms; it uses the bottle. I tried to stop its breath the other night, it was no go; I rocked it so hard I missed stays, and sent it slap clear across the room. It didn't make any noise, then! Whew! Oh no, its mother says only wait till it gets bleached, (its been vaccinated,) and old enough to crawl aboul and feed on pins. Yes, I'm going to wait. Won't it be delightful. John, run for the doctor, sis has fell in the slop pail and is choking with a potato skin; sis has fell down stairs; sis has swallowed the tack hammer; shows signs of mumps, croup, whooping cough, small pox, colic, dysentery, cholera infantum, or something else to let the doctor take the money laid by for my winter's corn beef, and all this comes of my shampoeing and curling my hair, wearing nice clothes, and looking handsome, going a courting, and making my wife fall in love and marry me.

SHERIDAN was one day much annoyed by a fellow member of the House of Commons, who kept crying out every few minutes, "Hear! Hear!" During the debate he took occasion to describe a political contemporary that wished to play rouge, but who only had sense enough to act fool. "Where," exclaimed he, with great emphasis—"where shall we find a more foolish knave or a more *knavish fool* than he?" "Hear! hear!" was shouted from the troublesome member. Sheridan turned round, and thonking him for the prompt information, sat down amid a general roar of laughter.

CONVERSATION.—Surely one of the best rules in conversation is, never to say a thing which any of the company can reasonably wish we had rather left unsaid; nor can there anything be well more contrary to the ends for which people meet together than to part unsatisfied with each other or themselves.

THE SCIENCE OF KISSING.

People will kiss, yet not one in a hundred knows how to extract bliss from lovely lips, no more than they know how to make diamonds from charcoal! And yet it is easy, at least for us! This little item is not alone for new beginners, but for the many who go to it like hunting coons or shelling corn. First know whom you are to kiss. Don't make a mistake, although a mistake may be good. Don't jump up like a trout for a fly, and smack a woman on the neck, on the ear, or on the corner of her forehead, on the end of her nose, or knock off her waterfall, or jerk her bonnet ribbon, in haste to get through. The gentleman should be a little the tallest. He should have a clean face, a kind eye, a mouth full of expression instead of tobacco. Don't kiss everybody, including nasty little dogs, male or female. Don't sit down to it; stand up. Need not be anxious about getting in a crowd. Two persons are plenty to corner and catch a kiss; more persons spoil the sport. Stand firm; it won't hurt any after you are used to it. Take the left hand of the young lady in your right; let your hat go to—any place out of the way; throw the left hand gently over the shoulder of the lady, and let the hand fall down upon the right side toward the belt. Don't be in a hurry; draw her gently, lovingly to your heart; her head will fall lightly upon your shoulder—and a handsome shoulder-strap it makes! Don't be in a hurry, send a little life down your left arm and let it know its business. Her left hand is in your right, let there be an expression to that, not like the grip of a vice, but a gentle clasp, full of electricity, thought and respect. Don't be in a hurry!—Her head lies carelessly on your shoulder! You are nearly heart to heart! Look down into her half-closed eyes!—Gently, yet manfully, press her to your bosom! Stand firm, and Providence will give you strength for the ordeal! Be brave, but don't be in a hurry. Her lips are almost open! Lean lightly forward with your head, not the body. Take good aim, the lips meet—the eyes close—the heart opens—the soul rides the storms, troubles and sorrows of life, (don't be in a hurry)—heaven opens before you—the world shoots from under your feet as a meteor flashes across the evening sky, (don't be afraid)—the nerves dance before the just erected altar of love as zephyrs dance with dewtrimmed flowers—the heart forgets its bitterness, and the art of kissing is learned. No noise, no fuss, no fluttering and squirming like hook impaled worms. Kissing don't hurt; it don't require a brass band to make it legal.—Don't jab down on a beautiful mouth as if spearing for frogs! Don't grab and yank the lady as if she was a struggling colt!—Don't muss her hair, scratch down her collar, bite her check, squizzle her rich ribbons, and leave her mussed, rumpled and muxed! Don't flavor your kisses with onions, tobacco, gin cock-tails, lager-beer, brandy, etc.; for a maudlin kiss is worse than the itch to a delicate, loving, sensible woman.

AUCTION OF LADIES.—It is well known that an auction of unmarried ladies used to take place annually in Babylon. "In every district they assemble on a certain day of every year all the virgins of marriageable age." The most beautiful was first put up, and the man who bid the largest sum of money gained possession of her. The second in personal appearance followed, and the bidders gratified themselves with hondsome wives according to the depth of their purses. But alas! it seems that there were in Babylon some ladies for which no money was likely to be offered; yet these also were disposed of, so provident were the Babylonians. When all the beautiful virgins were sold, the crier ordered the most deformed to stand up, and after he had openly demanded who would marry her for a small sum, she was at length adjudged to the man who would be satisfied with the least; and in this manner the money arising from the sale of the handsome served as a portion to those who were either of disagreeable looks, or that had any imperfection. This custom prevailed about five hundred years before Christ.

ANNUAL PRODUCT FROM ONE COW.—M. Cooley, of Verona Depot—says the Utica Herald—made in 1865 from the milk of one cow, 300 pounds of butter and 70 pounds of cheese, besides selling $8.25 worth of milk. Estimating the butter at 40 cents per pound, and the cheese at 16c., the amount realized from this cow would be $138.45.

THE CONFEDERATE LOAN.—At a recent meeting in London of the English holders of Confederate States bonds, a statement was made by one of the sufferers, that the Messrs. Erlanger, Paris bankers, who engineered the loan in question, have netted the sum of two and a half millions of dollars out of the affair, but *how* it was done is not stated.

TILE DRAIN.—Swampy and other soft soils can be underdrained with tiles by laying narrow boards in the bottom of the trench for the tiles to rest on, in which case horse-shoe tiles can be used, whereas when they rest on the earth it is better to use pipe tile, to prevent their being undermined and clogged by earth borers which infest such places.—*Ohio Farmer.*

SENTIMENTS OF A NORTHERN CONSERVATIVE.

The Hon. John G. Sinclair, the democratic and conservative candidate for Governor of New Hampshire, in a letter accepting the nomination, opposes the many amendments to the constitution suggested in Congress, and cordially endorses President Johnson's restoration policy in the following emphatic language:

The opinion is steadily and rapidly gaining ground that his plan of restoration is, under the circumstances, the only one which can restore civil authority safely, dispense with an immense standing army, and assure peace and prosperity to all sections. The tax-payers and voters, the honest yeomanry, begin to feel that partizanship must give place to higher and better motives than anything which pertains to mere party ascendency; that upon the manner in which they shall go through the crisis now obviously near at hand, upon the power with which they shall uphold and sustain the President, their own rights and their liberties are together suspended. In the grasping for more central power—in this casting about for weapons of vengeance—in the spirit which would plant the victor's foot of strength upon prostrate, vanquished weakness, there is to my apprehension nothing to commend. I do not think the people like it or will support it in the end. It is unworthy of civilization and most repugnant to every dictate of ordinary manhood.—I am very sorry that the just sentiments and purposes of the President are thus resisted—that hope is to be deferred—prosperity postponed, and taxation indefinitely increased without the possible attainment of any desirable object. Such resistance cannot fail sometime to be the source of bitter regret to all right-minded men.—But if the prevalence of better counsels cannot be anticipated during the term of the present Congress, and mad fananicism must continue to rave, then let the issue between those who would destroy the constitution and put under their feet the undeniable rights of the States, and those who mean calmly but firmly to maintain both, be made. It it must be met, it cannot come too quickly.

THE REMAINS OF PRESIDENT LINCOLN.—*A Last Look at the Dead.*—A letter dated Springfield, Ill., Feb. 10, says:

The vault recently constructed at Oak Ridge Cemetery, near this city, under the direction of the National Monument Association, and to which the mortal remains of the late President were removed a short time since, was visited a few days ago by a committee of the association, when the casket containing the sacred ashes was opened, and for the last time, till "the great trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible," were the features of the lamented Lincoln viewed by mortal eye.

The visit of the committee was an official one, and made in pursuance of a resotion of the board of directors of the association, the object being to enable them to certify to the actual presence of the body in the casket. The face was examined through the glass covering which underlies the outer strata of the case, and identified as that of the martyred President. The sad ceremony ended, the lid was again nailed down and sealed with the signet of the association.

The remains will now rest undisturbed till the "national monument" shall be completed, when they will be deposited in their final resting place, nor ever be removed hence "till the heavens are no more." The features of the deceased were scarcely discernible, the embalment seeming to have offered but little, if any, resistance to the encroachments of corruption; and the piece of clay that once lived and moved and talked, and was known as Abraham Lincoln, is being fast dissolved, "rafter from rafter, and beam from beam," and the particles of which it was curiously compounded are rapidly returning to their original elements.

THE CHOLERA.—Hall's Journal of Health gives the following suggestions, which deserve the immediate attention of all who wish to avoid the scourge of cholera, that threatens to attack us next summer:

1st. Every householder owes it to himself, to his family, to his neighbors, to the community in which he resides, to have his house, from cellar to garret, from the street curb to the rear of his lot, most scrupulously cleased, by sweeping, washing and whitewashing.

2d. Every man who has any authority in city or town government should consider himself bound by the oath of office, and by every consideration of humanity, to give himself no rest until every street, alley, close gutter and sewer, is placed in a state of as perfect cleanliness as possible, and kept so until the frosts of the next season come.

3d. These cleanings should be done now, in February and March, because, if put off until warm weather, the very effort necessary for the removal of the filth, will only tend, in the essential nature of things, to hasten the appearance of the disease, to increase its malignity, and to extend the time of its devastations; because, the suns of spring and summer the sooner warm into life and intensify the viperic and malignant influence, which in its remorseless tread, wrecks so much of human happiness and desolates so many hearthstones.

CONGRESSMAN HOOPER OPENS THE WRONG LETTER.—A Washington correspondent of the Rochester *Democrat* tells the following:

I want to tell you a joke upon one of the best men in the House. The Hon. Samuel Hooper, of Massachusetts, is well known for his ample fortune, cultivation and large benevolence. He is one of the most punctilious and careful gentlemen of the old school, who honor this generation by their fastidious politeness. There is another Hooper in the House. This is the delegate from Utah, a very quiet, well-bred gentleman. It often happens that papers, letters and telegrams intended for the latter go to the former. This is especially true when the initials are omitted. Mr. Hooper is greatly annoyed by these mistakes. It is very annoying to his nice sense of courtesy to open another man's missive, even unintentionally. A day or two since a despatch was handed to him, addressed Mr. Hooper, House of Representatives. Opening it, he was observed to refold it hastily and look about the House with a most perplexing air. Jolly Mr. Jenckes, of Rhode Island, occupied the next seat. Turning to him, Mr. Hooper asked, in a vexed tone, as he unconsciously again unfolded the despatch, "What shall I do, Jenckes? Here I have been opening another man's despatch."—The Rhode Islander read, as he leaned over, the following, bearing date: "Salt Lake City—Mr. Hooper: One of your wives has just been delivered of a son." Imagine the amusement the story creates as it goes circulating over the House.—The Mormon must be doubly vexed at the mistake, and the unmistakable fastening upon him of that which is a crime at statute law. In the meanwhile, our courteous friend from Massachusetts receives many a sly joke about "one of his wives."

TO TEST THE QUALITY OF WOOL.—A Texas paper says: Take a lock of wool from the sheep's back and place it upon an inch rule. If you can count from thirty to thirty-three of the spirals or folds in the space of an inch, it equals in quality the finest electorial or Saxony wool grown. Of course when the number of spirals to the inch diminishes, the quality of the wool is relatively inferior. Many tests have been tried, but this is considered the simplest and best. Cotswold wool and some other inferior wools do not measure nine spirals to the inch. With this test, every farmer has in possession a knowledge which will enable him to form a correct judgment of all this kind of wool.—There are some coarse wools which experienced wool growers do not rank as wool, but as hair, on account of the hardness and straightness of the fibre.

CHESAPEAKE BAY AND POTOMAC TIDEWATER CANAL COMPANY.—The U. S. Railroad Journal, after noticing the fact that the Maryland Legislature had passed an act incorporating this company, remarks:

This is a most important project to the Cumberland coal trade, and also to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, which last year carried 243,202 tons of coal, being 45,360 tons more than was carried in any previous year since 1842, when the canal was opened.

With the "Chesapeake Bay and Potomac Tidewater Canal" opened to navigation, a boat passed through it will be almost to Bordentown on its way to New York, whilst a boat passed down the Potomac to its mouth, and thence up the Chesapeake, reaches Annapolis on its way to New York. And as the route of the new canal crosses the Patuxent river about midway between Bladensburg and Annapolis, an abundant supply of water can be thrown into the summit level. It will shorten the water route from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore to Washington city about two-fifths of the present distance via the mouth of the Potomac.

HABIT IN GRAIN.—Get up a habit in grain or fruit, and you will change its character. It is in this way the different varieties are produced. The different climates influence this habit; good cultivation does the same, especially in the fruits. Even wheat is affected by it. Thus a wheat grown in a Northern climate is retarded in its growth and ripening. A warm climate hastens these, and makes in consequence an earlier grain. Hence the advantage of getting seed from abroad; hence the securing the earliest ripe and largest berry. It is for this reason also that the largest and earliest ripened ears of corn are preferred. Here is a field for the farmer to operate in.—*Colman's Rural World.*

SEWER RATS KILLED BY ELECTRICITY.—A new and curious use of electricity is now made in the Paris sewers. There, as is well known, the rats swarm by millions. Wires one hundred metres long, insulated by glass feet from the ground, and connected with a strong galvanic battery, are spread through these subterranean walks. Little pieces of roast meat are attached to these wires at short distances, and the rats, by nibbling at the bait, bring down the galvanic shock with terrific power upon their bodies. Death is instantaneous, and the morsel moreover remains almost intact, ready to destroy other victims.

THE best way to kiss the ones you love best without being noticed, is to kiss all the ladies in the company.