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NEW GOODS.

I HAVE this week finished opening and arranging one of the best Stocks of Goods ever offered to this community, and am now ready to show all that may favor me with a call I flatter myself that I can save purchasers money by giving me a call.

MY STOCK CONSISTS OF

DRY GOODS & GROCERIES,
Boots, Shoes, Hats and Caps,
HARDWARE,
QUEENSWARE,
And a FINE LINE OF
READY-MADE CLOTHING,

ALL AT THE LOWEST PRICES for Cash.

C. W. WARREN,
Kennedyville, Kent county, Md.
Oct. 13, 1866.

Tobacco and Segars,
CONFECTIONERY, &c.

JOHN H. REDUE,

INVITES the attention of the public to a fine assortment of

CHEWING TOBACCO AND CIGARS,
OF EXCELLENT QUALITY.

Persons fond of the luxury of a chew of good Tobacco, or a fine Cigar, are invited to give him a call. Also, PIPES of various patterns and fine SMOKING TOBACCO

CONFECTIONERY.

CANDIES, RASINS,
ALMONDS, FIGS, DATES,
PRUNES, COCOANUTS,
FLAVORING EXTRACTS, ESSENCES, &c

Also, **Fine French Confectionery,** such as Mint Julip Charms, Brandy Smash do.; Grape Drops, Jelly Cake, Fig Jelly Cream, Quince, Peach, Pear and Apple Paste; Cordial Drops, Cream Chocolate, &c.

Also, Letter and Note PAPER, PENS, INK, and ENVELOPES. JOHN H. REDUE,
dec3y. Next Door to the Bank.

GROCERY STORE, UP TOWN.

JOHN H. MORGAN,

RESPECTFULLY invites the attention of the public to a varied assortment of GROCERIES, SEGARS, &c., now in store at his stand up town, one door below the residence of H. W. Earnest, Esq., consisting in part of

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.

Fresh Meats.

I am also prepared to furnish families with FRESH BEEF, and other meats.
mh3. JOHN H. MORGAN.

Levi Fiddis, Jr.,

RESPECTFULLY calls the attention of his friends and the public to a FINE ASSORTMENT of

CONFECTIONERY,
French and Common Candies,
Rasins, Oranges, Lemons, Nuts, &c.,
Taffa, of all kinds,
now in store, and for sale at city prices.

Tobacco and Segars.

Lovers of GOOD SEGARS and CHEWING TOBACCO can always be supplied at my store with the best brands of these articles.

A share of public patronage is solicited.

☞ Store on Main St., nearly opposite the Market House. aug18y.

Crumpton Nursery.

THE Proprietors of this long-established Nursery have now on hand, and offer to the public, a large assortment of the best varieties of STANDARD and DWARF

Fruit Trees,

consisting of APPLE, PEAR, PEACH, CHERRY, PLUM, APRICOT, &c.

Also, Grape, Raspberry, Gooseberry, Strawberry, Currant, and other Plants.

All of the above are offered to the public at greatly reduced rates.

Orders received by P. McN. THOMAS, at Chestertown, or the proprietors at the Nursery.
J. SLAUGHTER & CO.,
ag25-7m. Proprietors.

Crumpton Bakery.

WM. H. BAYNARD, Prop'r.

TAKE NOTICE!—Those who buy and sell *BREAD AND CAKES,* will do well to send their orders to

Baynard's Bakery.

I will furnish as good Cakes, and more of them for one dollar, than you can get in Baltimore, or any other place. I will also deliver them at any landing on Chester River free of charge.—No one else will do that.

I also furnish all kinds of CAKE for Wedding Parties, Pic Nics, Festivals, Balls, &c.

Camp-Meetings supplied with Bread, Rusk, Dutch Cake, Pies, Rolls, &c. Cakes beautifully Iced and Lettered.

Do not forget the place where you can find all such things that you have been reading about. All orders will be promptly attended to.
BAYNARD'S BAKERY,
Crumpton, Queen Anne's Co., Md.

☞ The highest cash price paid for Country Produce. je16-y.

Teeth Extracted Without Pain!
NITROUS OXIDE.

I DESIRE to call the attention of those suffering from bad teeth, (as there is nothing more calculated to undermine the constitution than decayed teeth,) that the time has come, and now is, when they can have their teeth taken out without pain, and that in Chestertown. When I first introduced this powerful esthetic, I was called upon to vouch for its innocency, and the happy effect it was said to produce.—That I could not then do except upon the authority of other responsible parties. But, as I now have practical knowledge in its operation, it gives me great pleasure to say, I feel no hesitancy in vouching for it, surpassing as it does my expectation in its happy effect.

J. T. TWILLEY,
Dental Surgeon, Chestertown
June 30, 1866—tf.

TAX-PAYERS,

SHOULD UNDERSTAND that Taxes are due on the FIRST OF JULY, and not, as many seem to think, on the 1st of January. I desire to collect all the taxes in my District *before the first of January next,* so that I may be prepared to pay promptly all levies when demanded. It cannot be expected that I should wait with tax-payers until the first of January, as at that time all levies upon me are due.

This notice is deemed sufficient to show the necessity of prompt payment, and parties need not flatter themselves with long indulgence, as I am determined to collect the taxes within a reasonable time, and will resort to the law in every case where it may be necessary.

For the convenience of tax-payers, I will be (until further notice,) at CHESTERVILLE every Saturday, from 9 o'clock, A. M., to 12 M., and in MILLINGTON on the same days, from 1 to 6, P. M.; at home and GALENA the balance of the week.

EDWIN CROUCH,
sep8-tf. Collector 3rd Dist., Kent Co.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.

CHARLES STANLEY respectfully informs his friends, and the public generally, that he has this day associated with him, his son C. A. A. STANLEY, in the FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING BUSINESS, which will hereafter be conducted under the name and style of

CHARLES STANLEY & SON,

at the Old Stand, opposite the Kent National Bank Chestertown, where they will keep on hand (or furnish to order) a general assortment of Furniture suited to this market; such as Bedsteads, Mattrasses, Bureaus, Wash-stands, Tables, Chairs, Cradles, Cribs, &c.; at about City retail prices.

Particular attention will be given to the UNDERTAKING branch of the business.

They will keep constantly on hand, or make to order, at the shortest notice Coffins of all sizes, styles and finish. Personal attention will be given to Funerals (when requested) and Corpses will be sent to any part of the county.

Furniture neatly repaired and varnished, and Chairs newly Caned at reasonable rates.

We respectfully solicit a liberal share of the public patronage.

CHARLES STANLEY,
jy14-y. C. A. A. STANLEY.

WHEELER & WILSON
HIGHEST PREMIUM
LOCK STITCH
Sewing Machine!

The Lock Stitch made by this Machine cannot be raveled, and presents the same appearance upon each side of the seam, a single line of thread extending from stitch to stitch. It is formed with two threads, one upon each side of the fabric, and interlocked in the centre of it. The beauty and regularity of the stitch will be observed, also the firmness of the seam, in which respects it excels hand sewing.

The Howe Machine Co.
SEWING MACHINES,
For FAMILY and MANUFACTURING
W. MERRELL, Agent,
Office 214 Baltimore Street,
jan7y. BALTIMORE.

PRODUCE and VARIETY STORE.

THE undersigned respectfully informs the public that he may still be found at the Store Room next door below B. H. Gardner's Tobacco and Cigar store, opposite the Voshell House, and is prepared to purchase

COUNTRY PRODUCE,

OF EVERY DESCRIPTION, such as POULTRY, of all kinds, BUTTER, EGGS, &c., &c., for which the

HIGHEST MARKET PRICE

will at all times be paid. Also, all kinds of

FUR and RAGS WANTED,

at the highest CASH PRICES. Farmers and others having any of the above articles to dispose of will find it to their interest to give me a call. FOR SALE—Notions, Confectionery, and all kinds of Country Produce.

WILLIAM SIMPSON.
Chestertown, Feb. 4, 1866.

WHAT THE PEOPLE WANT.

BELIEVING that the people of this Town and County are often driven to the necessity of going to the city to obtain many articles which ought to be furnished in Chestertown, I therefore have made it my business to examine and buy upon the best terms in Philadelphia and New York, the largest stock ever offered in Chestertown in my line. All kinds of the most fashionable

Jewelry, Watches,
AND CLOCKS,

and can and will sell them lower in many instances than they can be bought in the city at retail, having purchased from the factories, and living and rents being much less. All goods warranted as represented when sold, and will be redeemed whenever differing from representation. NOTIONS.—Fine French and American Toys, the prettiest and most in quantity ever before seen in this market, fresh from the maker's hands. Pocket Books, pen-knives, best scissors, razors, combs and brushes, ink stands, and almost any such thing you can think of. Nothing but an examination can give you any idea of the extent of the stock.—Call and look at THE LARGE JEWELRY STORE in Chestertown.

FAMILY, SABBATH SCHOOL and CHURCH ORGANS, for sale.

REPAIRING.—Long experience in this department, and a first-rate stock of the best materials, enables me to assure the public that they shall have their work well done, and on the most moderate terms. All work warranted. Jewelry repaired while the customer waits if desired. J. V. SMITH.
Chestertown, Nov. 3, 1866.

SCOURING AND DYEING.

SOFT FELT HATS Dyed, Cleaned, Trimmed and made as good as new.

Also, Scouring and Dyeing of Gentlemen and Ladies' CLOTHING, Coats, Pants, Vests, &c., at short notice, on reasonable terms.

Give me a call. WM. SIMPSON,

COAL AND FERTILIZERS.

I HAVE on hand for sale ninety (90) tons of BEST BALTIMORE CO.'S COAL, at Eight ($8.00) Dollars per ton. Also, CROASDALE SUPER PHOSPHATE OF LIME, one of the best Fertilizers in use. It has been tested along side of most of the others, and has far excelled any of them. THOS. J. SHALLCROSS.
Shallcross' Wharf, Sept. 29, 1866.—tf.

Who would have Believed It!
THE RIGHT THING AT LAST!
W. HUDGINS,

WOULD respectfully announce to the public that he has in connection with his Bakery in Chestertown, a

Candy Manufactory,

and is making and selling CANDY and TAFFY of all description and of the best quality at CITY PRICES. Some of my friends have given it as their opinion that we could not make and sell at city prices.

If you don't believe
Just come and see,
We sell at city prices.
Don't let yourselves be prejudiced
Nor ruled by bad advice.

☞ Orders from town and country respectfully solicited and filled at the shortest notice. Send in your orders for the HOLIDAYS.

☞ *Next door to the Post Office.* ☜
Nov. 17, 1866—tf.

KENT COUNTY MACHINE SHOP.

THE undersigned beg leave to inform the Farmers of Kent and adjoining Counties that they are prepared to do all kinds of

Agricultural Machine Repairing,

at short notice. They also put up in good order the Celebrated

Pennington Improved Reaper,

which is of central draught, runs easy for four horses, and will cut from 25 to 30 acres per day; it cuts 6 ft. 6 in. swath, and can have a Mower attached in a few minutes; it gives general satisfaction, as has been certified to by many able Farmers of Kent and Cecil counties.

They also build HORSE POWERS AND THRESHERS of modern style, which in good wheat will thresh and clean from four to six hundred bushels per day.

They make and have for sale the following kinds of PLOWS and PLOW CASTINGS:—Nos. 9, 10 and 11 Concave; 1, 2 and 0 Pratt & Davis; No. 4 Wiley, and two-furrowed Plows of excellent model, and not surpassed in smoothness or temper by any made or used in this State. MILL SPINDLES, Shafts and Picks, made and repaired to order and in style.

CULTIVATORS, Cultivator Teeth, Farm Hinges, Harrows, &c., for sale WHOLESALE and RETAIL, and on reasonable terms.

WM. A. HYLAND & CO.
mh31-tf. GALENA, Kent Co., Md

NEW STORE.

IT gives us pleasure to inform the public that we have removed to the store room lately occupied by 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, May 12, 1866.

Cheaper than the Cheapest!
GOODS AT CITY PRICES!

THE subscribers have just returned from the city with a very large and well selected stock of Fall and Winter Dry Goods, such as

Ready-Made Clothing,
Boots and Shoes,
Hats and Caps,

Woodenware, Trunks, Valises, &c. They have also just received a superior lot of KERSEYS, all of which they are selling lower than ever. GROCERIES very cheap.
Sept. 29. J. H. BURCHINAL & SON.

Newark Academy,

A FIRST CLASS BOARDING SCHOOL FOR BOYS,
NEWARK, DELAWARE,
On Phila. Wil. and Balt. Rail Road,
FOUNDED 1749.

Prof. EDW. D. PORTER, A. M., Principal

The Academic year will open Nov. 7, 1866.

☞ Send for Circular. oc6-3m.

Estate of Bernard Leeberman.

DIVIDEND NOTICE.

ON application, ordered, that John P. Edes, administrator of Bernard Leeberman, deceased, give notice by advertisement that a dividend on the personal estate of said deceased will be made in this Court on TUESDAY, the 1st day of January, 1867.

Test: JOS. P. IRELAND,
Reg. of Wills.

N. B.—All creditors of Bernard Leeberman, dec'd, are notified and requested to file their claims, properly authenticated, with the Register of Wills, on or before Tuesday, the 25th of December, 1866, or they will otherwise be excluded from the dividend in the personal estate. JOHN P. EDES, Adm'r.
Nov. 24, 1866—4t.

Bricks for Sale.

7,000 BRICKS just burnt and for sale, also, the Plank and Fixtures, and Shedding at the yard of DOBBS & CO.

Apply to WM. VANNORT,
nov10 tf. Chestertown.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of the late Mrs. Mary I. Mansfield will please call at her late place of business and settle their accounts, otherwise they will be placed in the hands of a collector.

J. OSBORN DUGAN.
Chestertown, Aug. 11, 1866—tf.

House and Lot for Sale,

ON Fish Street, adjoining the property occupied by Dr. B. F. Houston. The House is conveniently arranged and pleasantly situated. The Lot contains a full half acre. For further particulars at the
ap28 tf. KENT NEWS OFFICE.

$90 A MONTH!—AGENTS wanted for *six entirely new articles,* just out. Address O. T. GAREY, City Building, Biddeford, Me. my19y

THE METEORIC SHOWER has not yet fallen, but HUDGINS' CANDY of all kinds has fallen to city prices. Nov. 17.

CRACKERS—Soda, Cream and Water—for sale by JOHN H. REDUE.

JUDGE NOT IN HASTE.

Ne'er be hasty in your jugment,
Never foremost to extend
Evil mention of a neighbor,
Or of one you've called a friend!
Of two reasons for an action
Choose the better, not the worst;
Oft—with some—the meaner motive
Ever strike the fancy first!
Then be gentle with misfortune;—
Never foremost to extend
Evil mention of a neighbor,
Or of one you've called a friend!

Judge not with detracting spirit,
Speak not with disdainful tongue;
Nor with hard and hasty feeling,
Do one human creature wrong!
Words there are that, sharp as winter,
Strip the little left to cheer;—
Oh, be yours the kinder mission,
Prone to sooth, not cause a tear!
Then be gentle with misfortune,
Never foremost to extend
Evil mention of a neighbor,
Or of one you've called a friend!

FIRMNESS OF CHARACTER.

It is wonderful to see what miracles a resolute and unyielding spirit will achieve. Before its irresistible energy the most formidable obstacles becomes as cob-web barriers in its path. Firmness of purpose is like the crashing avalanche, which sweeps everything before it while in motion.—Difficulties, the terror of which causes the undeterminded to shrink back with dismay, provoke from the man of lofty determination only a smile. The whole history of our race—all nature indeed teems with examples to show what may be accomplished by intrepid perseverance and patient toil.

It is related of Tamerlane, the celebrated warrior, the terror of whose army spread through all eastern nations, and whom victory attended at almost every step, that he once learned from an insect an example of perseverence, which had a striking effect on his future character and success. When closely pursued by his enemies, as the ancedote is related, he took refuge in some old ruins, where, left to his solitary musings, he espied an ant, striving and tugging to carry away a single grain of corn. His unavailing efforts were repeated sixty-nine times, and at each several time, as soon as he reached a certain point he fell back with his burden, unable to surmount it. But the *seventieth* time he bore away his spoils in triumph and left the wondering hero reanimated in the hope of future victory.

How pregnant the lessons this incident conveys! How many thousand incidents there are in which inglorious defeat ends the career of the timid and desponding, when the same tenacity of purpose, the same unflinching perseverence, would crown it with triumphant success.

Resolution is almost competent. Sheridan was at first timid, and obliged to set down in the midst of a speech. Convinced of and mortified at the cause of his failure, he said one day to his friend, "it is in me, and shall come out." From that moment he rose and shone, and triumphed in a consummate eloquence. Here was reason and resolution.

UNOSTENTATIOUS MANNERS.

"Let us be grave now, I see a fool coming!" was the remark of an ancient philosopher, playing sportive tricks among little children, as he espied a consequential person approaching them. Truly gravity and pomp of bearing are the only disguise which many silly minds have for shallowness, and the shield so thrown before them, having a repelling character, they are not so liable as men of more cheerful and simple disposition to expose what is barren, dull and ridiculous in their natures. Such men have been compared to the owl, which has a heavy, solemn and wise look, and is, decidedly averse to gaiety, society or communicativeness, and is, withal, the most stupid of birds. I. K. Paulding gives his opinion upon simplicity of manners in the following words:—"The more I see of the world, the more I am satisfied that simplicity is inseparably the companion of true greatness. I never knew a truly great man, a man who over-topped his fellow-man, who did not possess a certain playful and almost infantile simplicity. True greatness never struts or plays the king upon the stage. Conscious of its elevation, and knowing in what that elevation consists, it is happy to act its part like other men in the common amusements and business of mankind. It is not afraid of being undervalued for its humanity.

WALTER SCOTT'S ADVICE TO HIS SON.—READ, my dear Charlie, read; and read that which is useful. Man differs from birds and beasts only because he has the means of availing himself of the knowledge acquired by his predecessors. The swallow builds the same nest which its father and mother built, and the sparrow does not improve by the experience of its parents. The son of the learned pig, if it had one, would be a mere brute, only fit to make bacon of. It is not so with the human race. Our ancestors lodged in caves and wigwams, where we construct palaces for the rich, and comfortable dwellings for the poor; and why is this but because our eye is enabled to look back upon the past, to improve upon our ancestors' improvements, and to avoid their errors? This can only be done by studying history, and comparing it with passing events.

IT is wiser and better to hold the torch of truth to the mind, than the torch of persecution to the body.

For the Kent News.

KENT CO., MD., Nov. 28th, 1866.

Messrs. Editors:—The want of something to do, is my apology for attempting at this time to write a few lines for your ever welcome sheet. Like some of my cotemporaries, I am "unaccustomed to write for publication," but, being "kept in by the chills," find but little with which to occupy my mind. Unfortunately, in early life, I did not acquire a taste for much reading; this may have been from my peculiar frame of intellect; but more probably from the fact that reading matter, in such endless variety as we now enjoy, had not found its way to, and filled every nook and corner of our country. My once numerous, and, to me, interesting family have, one by one, wandered far away, and left me with but few sources of enjoyment, when, from any cause, I am compelled to spend a dark, rainy day (of which we have lately had so many) within the very walls in which many of the joyous days of infancy and youth were spent, and in which, in maturer years, I beheld little ones, calling me father, prattle and play.—Memory—faithful friend—has presented all these scenes to my mind; but the day is not half spent, and I have nothing to do; therefore, for the purpose of beguiling dull time, I propose giving your readers a description of a day's ride in the month of August last.

It was on a bright sunny morn, after one of those refreshing showers which were so common during that month, that I started out on a tour of observation.—Which way, or where to ride, became the subject of consideration. With but little deliberation, I determined to visit some of those places which I had recently seen so favorably noticed in your columns, and in those of your neighboring *Transcript.*—The Trappe was the first point for which I made. Twenty years had passed since last I was there; yet my recollection of those barren and washed fields and hillsides, with but little except sedge, and here and there a scrubby bush to show they would support vegetable life, was vivid and distinct. Upon nearing the place, I beheld broad, beautiful fields, green with grass, or waving with luxuriant grain. My surprise and amazement at the contrast were so great that I passed through in full view of his residence, entirely forgetting to call and pay my respects to "the Alderman." May he, good man, forgive me.

The next object that attracted my attention was Mr. Beck's stately mansion, with its beautiful surroundings, where, before, I had seen naught but a barren, dreary, desolate waste. Wondering at the almost miraculous change a few years had wrought, I passed the beautifully cultivated farms of Messrs Leaverton, Cosden and Bramble; then, calling to mind the former appearance of that owned and occupied by Mr. W. T. Baker, I endeavored to imagine its present appearance; but the picture was not half drawn, when I found myself in front of that beautiful dwelling, about which all had an appearance of order, neatness and thrift, which I had not anticipated. I soon reached Belair, where I met and spent an hour or so with an old friend and fellow-soldier of 1814. I spoke to him of the strange change in the appearance of this little village, and the neighborhood through which I had passed; and remarked, "You, too, Sir, have altered very much since we stood, side by side, on the field of battle, near by." His eye brightened, his countenance became animated, and the life and energy of youth seemed to return; and, with a smile playing upon his lips, said, "Whilst all around me has constantly changed and improved, and as I have labored all my life in the improvement of my native county, and, as I think, have succeeded in no small degree, it is but natural that I, too, should alter. Change appears to be the order of all things in this world, yourself not excepted." Wishing him a farewell, I met an acquaintance who invited me to dine with him. After doing so, without making unbecoming haste, I took the road for Werton. The remarks of my friend relative to change, put and kept me a thinking. I soon arrived at the conclusion that I was an old fogy, and had really lost sight of the world around me. I had not journeyed far before meeting an old negro, whose bowed form, silvery curls and trembling steps plainly indicated extreme old age. Politely bowing, he accosted me by name. Thinking it singular that he should know me, I halted and entered into conversation with him. He said he was almost a hundred years old, and that all who were young with him, were dead and gone; yet he appeared remarkably intelligent for one of his race, and his memory of what had passed during his long life, in his immediate vicinity, as fresh as if all had occurred but a few months since. He invited me to a seat, under the broad-spreading branches of a walnut, shading his originally humble, now most sadly dilapidated hut, which stands but a few steps from the road. In complying, I remarked, "You are quite smart for one of your years." "Mighty shackly," said he; "Minta died most two years ago, and somebody will find me dead here before long." It happened he had lived entirely alone since the death of his wife, nearly two years, and principally upon charity. In speaking of those who were kind to and thoughtful of him, he enumerated the Smyths, the Parsons', Capt. Rogers, and several others, and said that Capt. Corey had given him wood for some years. It here occurred to me that this was the "aged negro" referred to by a writer in the *Transcript,* in January last, styling himself "a friend of temperance," but who, as I thought, was rather *intemperate* in denouncing an individual a public impostor,—whose only crime was found in the fact of his having been an officer in the Union army during our late war,—upon the word of an "aged negro" when under the influence of liquor. As I expected, I found this "aged negro" a remarkable specimen of his race; but, as he was *free* from the influence of liquor, he probably appeared somewhat to disadvantage. During our conversation I was very forcibly impressed with the truth of the sentiment expressed by the poet, in words something like these:

"The tree of deepest root is found
Least willing still to leave the ground.
'Twas therefore said by ancient sages,
That love of life increased with years,
So much that in our later stages,
When pains grow sharp and sickness rages,
The greatest love of life appears."

Before leaving the old man I asked who the supervisor of his road was. Promptly answering, he said, "Richard Smyth is now; Mr. Jump was last year, and some of the gentlemen said he made it impassable by heaving dirt into the middle." "How has Mr. Smyth worked it?" asked I. "In the same way,—plowed in the ditches and hove the dirt into the middle." A certain medical doctrine, for which I have no great respect, was here proven good and wholesome, so far as mending roads is concerned, when they have become impassable from having "large quantities of dirt" thrown into the middle; for I found them remarkably good in this vicinity,—high in the centre, nicely sloped each way, and smooth and hard.

I journeyed on, thinking this friend of temperance and myself must be graduates of the same institution, if not members of the same class; and soon came to Salem M. E. Church, a neat, plain and substantial edifice. This way I recollected having travelled in 1853, and, for some distance, the farms with their buildings, the apple orchards, the woods and the little streams looked natural; but about Willis' X Roads a marked change had been made. On the right, a dwelling of the first class had been erected. A little further on stood quite a village of houses of less dimensions, inhabited and generally owned, I was informed, by colored people. On my left, in the distance, I could see clusters of large buildings; and, in all directions, immense peach orchards—all of which had made their appearance within thirteen years. Several teams passed this place, laden with richly scenting peaches, which, I learned, were to be shipped for Baltimore from Buck Neck, a place of which I had frequently heard, and for some time had wished to see. This I thought to be a favorable opportunity, and following the teams, was soon there. To become acquainted with the entire place required but a few moments, as it consists of one dwelling, a granary and wharf; and is visited by one steamer, which made its appearance during my stay, affording an opportunity of forming quite an accurate opinion of the amount of shipping and business done, which is always considerable, there being at that time twenty-two loads of fruit, mostly peaches, awaiting shipment. The proprietor, Mr. James Shuster, was so much engaged in superintending the loading of the boat, that I did not make his acquaintance; but left fully impressed with the fact that, at no distant day, Buck Neck will become an enterprising, thrifty, business place.

As the sun was fast nearing the western horizon, and my faithful horse had already manifested symptoms of fatigue, I directed him homeward, seeking the shortest route. After a pleasant ride of a little more than two hours I reached my home, tired and weary, but pleased with and profited by my journey. OBSERVER.

THE INCREASE IN VALUE OF BUILDING MATERIALS.—Building materials increased in price during the war, at a slower rate that other articles, for the reason that there were large stocks of them on hand. As these stocks were reduced, however, their value enhanced, and this increase has been going on, with but few exceptions, steadily since the war closed. In one or two cases there has been a small decline in the prices of building materials, but it has been made up by subsequent advances. The New York Commercial and Financial Chronicle gives an interesting statement of the prices of building materials at present, as compared with the prices for 1860. Thus, in 1860, Scotch pig iron was $22 50 a ton, and it is now $48; glass, which was then $4 a box, is now $8,50; nails, costing then a fraction over three cents a pound, now cost over seven cents; paints have risen from seven cents to sixteen cents a pound; bricks from $5 to $11,50; and timber, which then varied from $14 to $36, cents now from $21 to $90. The average increased price of building material is $2.25 per cent. over the rates of 1860, and one of the unfortunate results of this increase is, that poor materials are now put into buildings in order to save expense.

THE man who wouldn't take a paper because he could borrow one, has invented a machine with which he can cook his dinner by the smoke of his neighbor's chimney.