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OVER THE SASSAFRAS

Newsy Items from Earleville, Warwick, Cecilton and Fredericktown.

FREDERICKTOWN.

John Ford, who has been managing the Eldridge farm for several years, has moved to Galena, being succeeded by Mr. John Bolton.

Since the change of schedule on the Delaware Bay Railroad on December 1, our mail service has been very poor, all the city papers being a day late.

John Ross is on a visit to relatives in Philadelphia—Mr. and Mrs. Holt Woodall, of Lambsons, spent Christmas with his mother—Norman Riggins, of the steamer Kitty Knight, spent the holidays with his family here—Misses Florence and Rachel Lloyd have been visiting in Wilmington—Miss Annie Cohee has returned home from visiting her sister in Camden, N. J.

Miss Susie Schofield, teacher of the Town Point school, spent the holidays with her parents—Mrs. C. J. Osborn has gone to Washington, where she will spend the winter with her daughter—Eugene Bates, of Mount Holly, N. J., spent several days with his sister, Mrs. Arthur Cohee—Miss Mary Pennington, of Goldey College, and Miss Nellie Price, of the Peabody Institute, Baltimore, spent the vacation at their respective homes.

CECILTON.

Misses Mamie and Annie L. Jones spent the latter part of last week with friends and relatives near Still Pond.

Mrs. M. E. Clayton spent Sunday with relatives in and near Chesapeake City.

Miss Elsie Bond, of Port Deposit, is spending some time with her sisters, Mrs. Alexander Wilson and Mrs. E. N. Crawford.

Miss Blanche Padley has been spending some time with her cousin, Miss May Deputy.

Miss Carrie Kanz spent Christmas week with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. Preston Shallcross, of Sassafras, was the guest of his grand-father, Mr. Thomas P. Jones, last week.

Miss Annie E. Rickards, of Philadelphia, is visiting her sister, Miss M. E. Rickards.

Miss Hester W. Ferguson, of Philadelphia, is spending a short while with her mother.

Dr. E. A. Rickards, of Philadelphia, and Messrs. J. E. Ferguson and A. Woodall Jones, of Chestertown, were guests of relatives here, on Christmas Day.

Mrs. Samuel Watts, of Townsend, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Hannah Turner.

Quite a pleasant evening was spent at crokinole and ping pong, on Monday, at the Jr. O. U. A. M. Hall, by a number of our ladies and gentlemen. About 10 o'clock they were invited to refreshments which consisted of ice cream and cake. The occasion was a pleasant "Send off" to Mr. G. W. Padley and family, who has removed a short distance out of town.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Messick have been entertaining friends from Salisbury.

WARWICK.

Miss Belle Lofland, of Philadelphia, is in attendance at the bedside of her brother, John, who we are sorry to say is seriously ill with typhoid fever.

Rev. J. M. Brown and family were entertained by Henry Rosin and wife on Tuesday—Howard Brown, of Wilmington, was the guest of Miss Bessie Merritt over Sunday—Mr. and Mrs. U. P. Ginn spent Tuesday at Odessa as the guest of his father—Daniel Wilson, of Wilmington, after spending the holidays with his parents, has returned home.

Ethel Vinyard is visiting her cousin, Miss Eda Stephens, of Cecilton—Miss Edna Staats, of Charlestown, is being entertained by her sister, Mrs. Crawford, near town—Miss Estella Marsh, of Philadelphia, and Miss Ada, of Wilmington, are at home—Misses Lena and Blanche Bishop are visiting their cousin, Miss Bessie Bishop, at the "Meadows," near town.

EARLEVILLE.

Harry Dixon wishes to return his grateful thanks to the school and to the ladies of this place who so kindly remembered him with the gift of a well-filled Christmas box.

Wm. Knight is visiting in this neighborhood—Miss Emily Price has returned to Philadelphia—Misses Carrie and Gertrude Dempsey spent two days here—Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Duhamel were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Price on Tuesday—Mrs. Samuel Emerson is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Wm. Duhamel, this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Townsend spent Monday at Mr. Wm. Duhamels—Mrs. J. C. Price and family and Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Price were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Price on Sunday last—Miss Sarah Cruikshank, of Virginia; Miss Arrietta, of Goldey's College, and Mr. Lewis Cruikshank, of Maryland Agricultural College, are spending the holidays with their parents—Miss Henrietta Oldham is visiting her cousins, the Misses Oldham.

When the Gravy's on the Buckwheats.

When the gravy's on the buckwheats
And the sausages are hot,
When the steam is floating upward
From the shining coffee pot,
When the cook stirs up the batter
That was set the night before,
And when little Bob and Clara
Smack their lips and yell for more;
Oh it's then a man is always
Feeling pretty near his best—
If there isn't any trouble
With the works beneath his vest;
And it's then he ought to humbly
Thank the Lork for what he's got—
When the gravy's on the buckwheats
And the sausages are hot.

There's a fragrance that comes floating
From the pancakes on the plate,
That should nerve a man to action—
Make him strong for any fate,
There is joy, There is inspiration,
In the smears on Bessie's chin,
And it's good to see dear Willie
As he scoops the sausage in;
And what sweeter music is there,
Than the rasping, sappling sound
That the busy cook produces
As she stirs the stuff around?
Oh, each precious, luscious mouthful,
Quickly finds the proper spot,
When the gravy's on the buckwheats
And the sausages are hot.

CONUNDRUMS.

Spell dry grass in three letters? Hay.

Spell live mouse trap in three letters? Cat.

When is a door not a door? When it's a jar.

Have you heard the story of the eagle? It's a bird.

Have you heard the story of the bottle? Nothing in it.

What grows the more you contract them? Debts.

Have you heard the story of the prisoner? Shut up.

Who was the first girl mentioned in the Bible? Genesis.

When is a cow not a cow? When it is turned into a pasture.

The first boy mentioned in the Bible was who? Chap. One.

What animal comes from the skies? The rain, dear—reindeer.

Why is a dog's tail like a wagon? Because it is always a waggin.

When was beef the highest? When the cow jumped over the moon.

What is more wonderful than a dog that can count? A spelling bee.

What is the greatest riddle? Life, because we always have to give it up.

What word of only three syllables combines in it twenty-six letters? The alphabet.

What names of three poets would express one's feelings at a fire? Dickens, Howitt Burns.

What would be worse than for a giraffe to have a soar throat? For a centipede to have chilblains.

When is a lady deformed? When she is darning stockings her hands are where her feet ought to be.

What is that which occurs twice in a moment, once in a minute, and not once in a thousand years? The letter m.

I saw you where you never were, and could not be, and yet within that very place your face I often see. A mirror.

Why is a baby like wheat? Because it is first cradled, than thrashed, and afterward becomes the flower of the family.

The other day I met Mrs. Bigger and the baby. Now which is the bigger, Mrs. Bigger or the baby? The baby was a little Bigger.

What is the difference between a sentence and a cat? One has its pause at the end of clause and the other its claws at the end of its paws.

Two men went up in a balloon, and what nationality did they come down? One got stuck in the telegraph wires and come down a pole, the other came down a rushing—Russian and Pole.

A big Indian and a little Indian were walking down the street one day. The little Indian was the big Indian's son, but the big Indian was not the little Indian's father. What relation was he to the little Indian? The mother.

☞The good American farmer called upon a doctor, and was ushered into the library. At once the well-filled bookshelves drew his attention.

"Are you fond of reading?" asked the doctor, noting the wandering gaze.

"Well, yes," returned the farmer, modestly.

"I should be pleased to lend you a book to take home with you," said the other. "Just take anyone that you think you'd like to read."

"O, I'm no good at selectin'," replied the old man. "You pick one out, doctor."

So the doctor, in a spirit of fun, gave the farmer a book written by Plato. The old man went his way, and at the end of a week reappeared with the book under his arm.

"Well," queried the doctor, "did you read the book?"

"Yes, I did," was the emphatic answer.

"And what did you think of it?"

"It was fust rate," responded the farmer; "I've read it through from kiver to kiver. I never heard tell of this fellow Plato before, but, all the same, I'm glad to find that old chap has been writing up some of my very best ideas."

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For standing by your principles.
For stopping your ears to gossip.
For asking pardon when in error.
For being honest in business dealings.
For promptness in keeping your promises
For putting the best meaning on the acts of others.

☞Said a white sister for whom old Aunt Hannah was washing:

"Aunt Hannah, did you know that you have been accused of stealing?"

"Yes, I hearn about it," said Aunt Hannah, and went on with her washing.

"Well, you won't rest under it, will you?" said the sister.

Aunt Hannah raised herself up from her work, with a broad smile on her face, and, looking up full at the white sister, said:

"De Lord knows I ain't stole nuthin', and I Knows I ain't, an' life's too short for me to be provin' an' splainin all de time; so I jest goes on my way rejoicin'. They knows they ain't tellin' the truf, and they'll feel ashamed and quit after awhile. If I can pleas de Lord, dat is enough for me."

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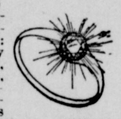

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