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A Royal Welcome, Big and Little At F. H. Harper & Son's.

Merry Christmas '05.

The Best time For Christmas Shopping is **EARLY** In The Month In The Week In The Day.

This is now a Christmas Store. Gift things will have the floor until Christmas Eve. Greater stocks of Holiday Goods than ever before.



Santa Claus asks for Early Co-operation. He has already found out what thousands of children want. But he desires the help of parents in making the selections. The best time for this is now, while the stocks of TOYS, DOLLS and GAMES are at their best.







Dressed Dolls **Kid Dolls** **Doll Houses**

Doll Carriages **Doll Bedsteads**

Doll Cradles. Hundreds To Select From. Special Values In Fine Dolls.

Dressed Dolls, all Jointed, Flaxen Hair, Moving Eyes, for . 25
Large Kid Body Dolls 25c
Extra Large Kid Body Dolls, with Moving Eyes, for . . 50c
One of the Largest Collections of Dolls ever shown in this county, ranging in price from 5c to $1.75.

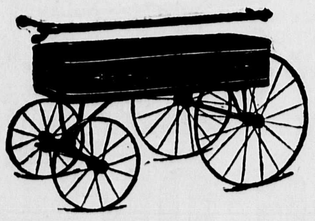
TOYS, TOYS,





Doll Carriages and Go Carts 25c, 50c, 75c. Toy Pianos 25c to 98c, New Style Toy Furniture, 25c to $2.69. A Drum for 15c, Large Drums 25, others up to 98c, Magic Lanterns 98. New Iron Toys, all Kinds and Styles Fire Engines, Hook and Ladder, Trucks, Boats, Engines, Banks, Stoves and Mechanical Railways, 5c to $1.00.

EXPRESS WAGONS.



Large Non Axle Express Wagon, full size body, extra strong, 85c. Large $1.25 Iron Body, Iron Wheel Wagons, $1.00. Hobby Horses, Sleds, 75, $1.00.

DECORATED LAMPS.



Rich Assortment of Large Decorated Lamps, $1.39 to $5.00. Many styles of Salad and Celery Dishes. Fine Bric-a-Brac, New Style Vases, China Cups and Saucers. Fine Toilet Cases, Work Boxes, Manicure Sets, and many useful and fine articles for presents.

F. H. Harper & Son

STILL POND, MARYLAND

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

A ripple of excitement was manifested here on Sunday evening owing to the wily pranks of Cupid. Mr. Samuel Joiner and Mrs. Biddie Downey veterans of former matrimonial victories were joined in the bonds of holy matrimony by Rev. Mr. Burr. Cupid then led by a circuiteous route a popular young couple, Mr. Frank Pippin and Miss Mary Kendall, to embark on the voyage of matrimonial bliss and they were given a life pass by Rev. Mr. Parris. In consequence o the latter trick "Pater familias" was "on his ear" with threats loud and long, but as usual love laughs and in due time the old man will be as happy as the young couple.

The Odd Fellows at their last meeting elected the following officers for the ensuing term: N. G, Jos. Ryan, U. G. Wm. Harrison; Rec. Secy., J. W. Boyer; Finan. Secy., S. R. Colyer; Treas., B. H. Coleman; Chapla n, M. L. Maslin; Rep. G. L., W. T. Harrison.

Mr. S. E. Cannon has just finished the application of a new coat of paint to the dwelling of Mr. H. Kimball and it proves a first class improvement to the pro perty.

Mr. Harry Watkins is gathering in spending money for the winter by rushing holly bows to the City in his skiff.

Capt. J. R Downey ran in his first capture from the dredging fleet on Tuesday. On the charge of having culled oysters aboard. The Capt. was fined about $41.00

An enjoyable afternoon was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. Kramer, Rock Hall, in honor of the seventh birthday of their daughter, little Miss Fredya. The dining room was beautifully decorated with potted plants, and the table with seven pink ribbons in the centre of which stood a candelabra holding seven candles. Games and recitations were the feature of the afternoon, refreshments were served at 3 o'clock. At 5 o'clock the tots disbanded for their homes. Those present were Misses Nannie Kerr, Ella Fried, Myrtle Shreck, Olivia and Louise Clayton, Louise Kendall, Flora and Mendel Silverman, of Baltimore, the former being chaperoned by their teach er, Miss Gertrude Kramer.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Stowman, of 15 N. Payson street, Baltimore are visiting his mother Mrs. Sarah Stowman, of East Neck Island, for a few days.

Mr. C. C. Strong has cheerfully offered a reward of $5.00 for the detection of the thief who on Monday night Dec., 11th, 1905 robbed the gasoline launch Lorelle, belonging to some Baltimoreans, that was tied to his wharf.

[CROWDED OUT LAST WEEK.]

About a score of persons attended the morning service at the M. E. Church and richly enjoyed a soul upbuilding sermon, preached by Rev. Wm. B. Guthrie, of Milford, Del., from the words, "He restoreth my soul," verse three of the Sheperd Psalm. Mr. Guthrie addressed the Sunday school in the afternoon and preached the evening sermon to a large congregation. The reverned gentleman was much delighted with the completed church improvements and gave unmistakable evidence that his great heart retains a very warm spot for his former flock and other associations at Rock Hall.

He seems to think that fate is hounding him. On his present charge, there are four churches and the one adjoining the parsonage is now is ashes. This of course increases his reponsibilities and labor, but if he is given a "square deal" by his congregation and the "power that be" he will be found equal to the emergency.

Rev. Warren B urr arrived at the parsonage home on Wednesday and reports a joyous three weeks vacation with his children in North Carolina. He is very much improved in health. He will now gird on his church improvement vigor for a grand round up of his third year's labor averages. While his people have been enjoying feasts of good things during his absence, they are nevertheless happy to have him and his good wife home again.

Mr. C. W. Ayres has secured a position as gate keeper in a R. R. Station in Washington, D. C., and will move there at once we learn.

Mrs. T. B. Durding is one of our most successful flower culturists and can boast of as fine an assortment of flower plants and as nicely arranged garden as any one in our town. She has a lemon tree about 2½ feet high, now bearing a lemon which is about 4 inches long and 3 inches in diameter and is coloring finely. The tree bloomed last January was transplanted to the open ground in the spring and repotted a few weeks ago.

Mr, John A. Smith one of our successful horticulturists, has strawberries now in bloom. He has some on exhibition at Durding's Drug store.

Mr. H. H. Kimball has cut off his hedge fence on his road line with a view of letting resprout. Former owners gave little care to the fence as a consequence it was unsatisfactory.

Mr. C. H. Smith has one of the finest cabbage patches in this District. It is a beauty and if it is not winter injured Charley will be O. K. for spending money next spring and wont "Milt" and "Ben" wish they were in Charley's shoes?

Mr. Frank Joiner has moved from the Wm. Apsley dwelling to the place recently vacated by Mr. Carter. Mr. Beck has moved into the store dwelling vacated by Mr. V. W. Kendall.

The low tide of Friday week was almost a record breaker of the hundreds of oystering craft. Not more than about fifty succeeded in getting out to the oyster grounds.

One of the dumping scows of the dredging machines on the western side of the bay was blown over to this shore in the gale of Wednesday night week. Two able tugs had considerable difficulty in pulling the scow off.

The fishing contingent among our watermen are now busy moving their house boats, netting, &c., down to Love Point for the winter fishing operations. Many of the oystermen will lay their tongs and boats up and engage in the sink net fishing.

Mr. Fred Harding of the U. S. Express Co., of Baltimore, paid a visit to his former home here on Wednesday. He took in the Odd Fellows Lodge, and participated in election of officers &c.

THE Marvil package Co. have unloaded at their Chestertown factory a cargo of elegant North Carolina gum logs. There are about 120,000 feet of lumber in the logs to be used in baskets this winter. There about 40 employes at this factory.

THE Joseph H. Porter sale has been changed to next Thursday, Dec. 21st. Make note of it.

BALTIMORE'S BEST STORE

Hochschild, Kohn & Co.

Howard and Lexington Streets.

We prepay freight charges to all points within 125 miles of Baltimore on all purchases amounting to $5.00 or more.

ONLY A FEW DAYS BEFORE

—CHRISTMAS—

Do you realize how close we are getting to the greatest day of the year? For more than three weeks the Christmas crowds have been coming—and they are growing greater and greater every day. This store is emphatically holiday headquarters for Baltimore and surrounding territory. The care taken by us in selecting suitable merchandise makes it easy to choose the right kinds of presents here. And we are easiest on your pocketbook, notwithstanding the superiority of our goods.

Our Mail Order Department is equipped to give prompt and accurate service. The McCall Bazar of Fashions will be mailed free every month on request. Samples of Silks, Dress Goods, Wash Fabrics and so on will be cheerfully sent if you will write for them.

Hochschild, Kohn & Co.

Lexington & Howard Sts., BALTIMORE

MILLINGTON ITEMS.

Miss Mabel Price spent Sunday with Miss Evelyn Cochran.

Master Robert Ford, of Centreville, visited friends at the Hotel Vansant last week.

Miss Mollie Gillispie, of Sudlersville, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Gillispie.

Miss Henrietta Poole, of Dover, Del., was the guest of Miss Pearl Ahern last Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Clarence Comegys, accompanied by Miss Claire Benson, spent the day Monday in Wilmington.

Mr. Collins Stewart, of Philadelphia, and Miss Stam, of Chestertown, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Collins several days last week.

Mr. Sedenian, of Baltimore, has accepted a position with Mr. H. H. Beneman. Mr. Norman Baxter is also assisting Mr. Beneman.

The town commissioners are having erected on Mr. J. E. Higman's lot an engine house for the new fire engine. Next week they will issue a call for volunteers to form a company. This a good move and every person, young and old, should give our commissioners a helping hand,

Mr. J. T. Power opened his drug store to the public Wednesday of this week. The store is adjoining that of Mr. Leonard Wilson's in the Tonkin Building and has a neat and showy appearance. Mr. Power would have opened several weeks earlier but had some delay in securing his stock bottles. We wish Mr. Power much success.

The entertainment given by the young people of the town, under the direction of Mrs. T. H. Vansant, Thursday and Friday of last week, was quite a success. The entertainment consisted of a two-act drama, "A Perplexing Situation"; the Delsarte Drill, by 9 young ladies; recitations, by Mrs. T. A. Vansant and Miss Mary Feddeman; songs, by Master Richard Feddeman and Misses Pearl and Lura Ahern. The entertainment was held in Hall's Opera House and the proceeds were for the benefit of the P. E. Church.

The W. H. M. S. of Asbury Chrch, Millington, will meet with Mrs. J. P. Ahern Wednesday, Dec. 20th, at 7 P. M.

WORTON ITEMS.

We are glad to state that Mrs. Guy Turner is much improved at this writing.

Mrs. James Sheats is spending sometime with her son, Mr. Louis Sheats, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Dempsey, of Coleman, visited friends in Worton this week.

Mrs. A. S. Turner and son Frank, visited Baltimore last week.

Miss Beatrice Maloney, of Dover Academy, spent a pleasant visit at the home of Miss Mabery Rash.

THE health of Rock Hall citizens must be very good as one of their physicians, Dr. Ogleby, moved away this week. He will settle at Tilghman's Island.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Mrs. Louis H. Dreka and daughter, Miss May left on Friday last for an extended visit to Philadelphia relatives.

Mrs. John F. Ernest visited her mother, Mrs. I. Gunkie, of Warwick, on Friday.

Messrs Jacob T. Shallcross and Isaac Gibbs visited Elkton and Baltimore on Thursday last.

Miss Grace Sylvester one of the bright students of St. Mary's College, is expected home here on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Mr. Wm. Spry, of Galena, is visiting his mother here Mrs. W. H. Spry.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rosin entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Prettyman and son, of Wilmington on Wednesday and Thursday last.

Mr. Robert S. Griffith did not return to his Pennsylvania home as we stated last week but instead he visited his daughter, the wife of Capt. James Woodall, for the entire week and left on Monday for his home after visiting his son, Mr. Harry Griffith and daughter, Mrs. W. E. Staats for the past three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester entertained Mrs. Charles Jones and babe and Mrs. Charles Lamson and babe, of Baltimore, for tea on Friday afternoon.

Owing to three successive stormy evenings the ladies of the M. P. Church that expected to hold a supper under the auspices of the M. P. Church have now postponed it until after the Christmas holidays, quite likely it will take place after January 1st, 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Gressart entertained Mr. John Dorsey, of near Middletown, and his brother, Mr. Henry Dorsey, of Philadelphia, on Tuesday evening.

Miss Anderson the public school teacher here visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anderson, of Cecilton, from Friday evening last until Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis Stradly and children moved from Sassafras to the farm of his mother, near Galena. On Thursday last his brother, Mr. Thos. Stradly, who has lived there all his life, moved to Galena on the farm of Rev. Mr. Prettyman. We are sorry to lose such a good citizen and his estimable wife from our midst.

THERE will be a big shooting match in Chestertown, Christmas day, Dec. 25, at 1 o'clock sharp. Everybody invited. Let some of the farmer boys come and show Chestertown's crack shots what they can do. Come in boys and enjoy the sport. You will find the place uptown.

T. S. BORDLEY has a change of advertisement in this issue. He has made a far deeper cut in prices for suits and overcoats than ever. He offers 100 suits, worth from $8.00 to $12.00 for the low price of $4.90. Turn to his advertisement and read it carefully. It may save you a good many dollars.

HARRY F. JEFFERSON

Jaunty Millinery



IN VIEW of the great demand upon our stock of MILLINERY we are constantly adding new goods, and are still well prepared to make prompt deliveries.

Miss Wheatley returned from the city last week with a new and well selected line of seasonable goods, and with additiona help in the millinery room we are better prepared than ever to serve our friends.

In point of STYLE, PRICE and QUALITY we cannot be excelled. The large number of hats that go from the "New Store" is the best proof that we are living up to our statements.

We Keep You In Touch

with the latest fashionable DRESS GOODS, and are adding to this department all the time.

With the RIGHT style of goods goes the RIGHT style of trimmings and linings.

Why not come and LOOK anyway. Prices are as low as the lowest to be consistent with GOOD goods.

In BROADCLOTHS, MOHAIRS, SERGES, HENRIETTAS, CASHMERES, VOILLES, PANAMAS, etc., in all colors, you can easily find something that will please you, both in quality and price.

25c. to $1.50

BRAINARD & ARMSTRONG SPOOL SILK, until further notice . . . 4c

Coats for Misses and Children

COATS for Misses and Children in all styles and sizes.

Fit the little girl out in one of our new coats—we have some beauties.

Red, tan, blue, white, black and brown, in cloth and velvet.

Prices, $2.00 to $12.50

These coats are well made, nicely trimmed, and better quality cannot be bought for the money.

☞EVERY CUSTOMER who buys at our store may feel satisfied that he is buying reliable goods.

He has the privilege of seeing that our goods are marked in plain figures, so that there is STRICTLY ONE PRICE to all our customers.

HARRY F. JEFFERSON,

The New Store, Opposite Stam's Hall.