THE PILL TAKER.

Whether it was in consequence of an epidemic prevailing, or of the season, which was Christmas, and the consequent repletion attendant on it, that had caused such an unusual influx of customers to the shop of Andrew, Chemist and Druggist in the town of Fife, certain it is that he and his boy had been more than usually employed in compounding aperients and emetics for the inhabitants of the good city; never before had such a demand on his galli-pots and bottles been made—never before had blue pill & jalap been used in such profusion, and never before had Andrew felt more sincere pleasure than he derived that evening, from the market house clock striking eleven, his signal for closing. With alacrity his boy accepted his permision to depart and left his master to enjoy solitude for the first time during that day; and to calculate the quantity of drugs made use of during it. This was not small—14½ oz. blue pill, 4 lb. jalap, besides colycynth, senna and rhubarb, at the lowest computation, had he prepared for the good townfolk of Fife: innumerable had been the cases of cholera morbus, and plumb pudding surfeits he had relieved that day, and the recollection of the proportion of evil he had been the means of alleviating gave him the most pleasing sensations. The profit also accruing from this day's labor contributed no small share of pleasing thoughts and one half hour more had passed, ere it entered his mind the time of closing had more than arrived; he had, however, just risen for the purpose when a stranger entered Now, Andrew though an industrious man would willingly have dispensed with any other call for his services that evening, & not altogether so obligingly as usual did he welcome his customer, but awaited his commands without deigning a question.

The stranger was not, however, long in opening his commission, neither did he appear to take Andrew's inattention at all amiss; he seemed one of those happy beings upon whom outward circumstances make little or no impression, who could be either civil or otherwise, as should happen to suit his humor, and who cared little for any opinion but his own. His broad and ample shoulders, over which was cast a large coachman's coat with its innumerable capes, and his hands thrust into the pockets, and his round, ruddy, good humored face, showed that the cares and troubles of the world had made but little impression upon him.—Andrew had seen many a wild Highlander in his time; but either there was something peculiar in his customer, or his nerves were a little deranged by his exertions during the day: an indefinable sensation of fear came over him for which he could not account, and his first impulse was to run to the door for assistance.—But then he bethought himself he might perchance, fall into the hands of some of those night prowlers, who, report says make no scruple of supplying medical students with living subjects if they cannot procure dead ones And more, did he leave his shop, his till would be left to the tender mercies of the stranger he was therefore compelled to summon courage and demand the strangers business. This was not so difficult to him, perhaps, as we may imagine. Andrew having formerly served in the militia; but it appeared that his fears had alarmed him far more than there was any occasion, for on asking the strangers business, he in the most polite manner only requested him to prepare a box of moderately strong aperient pills. This at once relieved his fears, though it did not entirely remove them, and Andrew quickly set about the necessary preliminaries.—Blue pill and jalap once more were in request, but so much had the stranger's sudden appearance agitated him he could not recollect their places so readily as usual, and he was more than once on the point of mixing quite the reverse of what he intended.

The stranger observed to him he appeared agitated, and politely begged he would wait a little and compose himself as he was in no hurry. Here all Andrew's fears returned, and in spite of all his efforts his hand shook as though he had the palsy, and never had the preparation of a box of pills appeared so irksome to him. It seemed as though the very medicine itself had this evening conspired to torment him; three times longer than it usually took him he had now been, and though the town clock had already told the hour of midnight, still Andrew was at his post, grinding and pounding; and often, as he delayed for a moment through mere inability to proceed, the stranger politely besought him to rest a few minutes and compose himself, and Andrew for very shame was compelled to resume his occupation. At length his labors drew to an end, he prepared the label, pasted it on, neatly covered the box with blue paper and presented it to the stranger.

"I will thank you for a glass of water," said he, as he bowed to Andrew on receiving the box, "and I see, sir, you have given me a smartish dose. All these pills to be taken at bed time; but so much the better, they will perform their required duty sooner. I have ere now mastered a leg of mutton; and some writers affirm the human stomach can digest a ten penny nail, so here goes."

It was in vain Andrew assured him he had made a mistake in the directions, and that one pill was sufficient; in vain he remonstrated with him on the danger of taking a larger dose; pill after pill disappeared from his alarmed view, while between every three or four, in the same equable and polite tone came, "I will thank you to prepare me another box, and compose yourself, Sir; I'm in no hurry." Who could the stranger be? Andrew was now at the very climax of alarm; the perspiration stood on his brow, and his hands trembled so as to render it almost impossible to reach down his jars without damaging them. Strong doses he had certainly often prepared after a city feast, for the attendants on it; but this out did them all. A man that could devour a leg of mutton, digest a ten penny nail, & take a box of blue pills at a mouthful, had never entered his imagination, much less did he ever expect to see such a being in person: but be he who he might, he was again obliged to commence his labor. The stranger had now finished his box, and Andrew had no alternative but to commence again, or stare him in the face; the latter he could not do, as his imagination had now metamorphosed him into something more or less than man. Once more, therefore, did Andrew ply at the pestle, while the stranger, as if to beguile the tedium of waiting, began to grow more loquacious. Had Andrew ever sought after the Philosopher's Stone, the Universal Solvent, or Elixir of life? Did he put much faith in Solomon's Balm of Gilead, or Carrington's Pills, or did he believe in the Metempsychosis? In vain he assured him he studied nothing but the Edinburgh Dispensatory, that his shop bounded his researches; the stranger took for granted he must be able to give or receive information, and question after question did he put, to which Andrew assented without knowing their purport.

At length he seemed to have exhausted all his subjects, sat himself on the chair as if to compose himself to sleep, and in a short time gave unequivocal proofs of it. Andrew now began to breathe more freely, and ventured to cast his eyes towards his strange customer; and after all, there was nothing to be alarmed at in his appearance, except he noticed the breath from his nostrils appeared more like the steam of a tea kettle than the breath of a human being. Still there was nothing extraordinary in his appearance he had a good jovial English farmers face; and a dress that well suited it; to be sure a smile or rather grin, lurked in the corner of his mouth, even while asleep as if he mocked poor Andrew's perplexity. He did not however, allow much time for observation—he seemed to be intuitively aware, Andrew had ceased his usual polite manner. "Oh, I see you have finished; have the goodness to prepare me one box more; but let me pray you to take your leisure, and compose yourself, for I am in no hurry" Andrew who had fondly hoped his labor was at an end, now found himself obliged to renew it again with vigor while the stranger aroused himself, rose from his chair yawned and shook himself—spoke of the comfortable nap he had enjoyed—was sorry he had kept Andrew up so late, or early rather, for it was now morning.

Andrew, though internally wishing him any where but in his shop, yet constrained himself politely to answer, that his commands gave him much pleasure. Again did he renew his toil. Box after box did he prepare without intermission, and the hours one, two, & three, had been told in succession, by the market clock.—Bitterly did he lament his destiny; long before this he ought to have been snug and comfortable in his warm bed. Anger now began to assume the place of fear, as he grew more accustomed to his visiter's company, and often did he determine in himself to refuse preparing any more. Still his courage was not at that pitch probably his exertions, as I said before, may have injured his nerves—however, he could not rally himself enough to do it. The stranger, with his usual smile or grin stood looking on, employing his time by beating the devil's tatoo on his boot, while at intervals came forth the usual phrase, "Another box but don't hurry yourself." At length, mere inability to proceed any farther supplied the place of courage; his arms and sides ached to such a degree with his labor, as to cause the perspiration to stand on his brow in great drops, and he declared he could proceed no further.

The alteration in the stranger's countenance told him he had better left it unsaid, and his hands instinctively grasped the pestle with renewed vigour, but his repentance came too late; the stranger's hand was already across the counter and in a second more had grasped Andrew's nose as firmly as if it had been in a vice. Andrew strove in vain to release himself—the stranger held him with more than human grasp; and his voice, instead of the polite tone he had before used, now sounded to his terrified ears what his imagination had pictured of the Indian yell. The pain of the gripe deprived him of voice to assure his tormenter he would compound for him as long as he would wish; still he contrived to make signs to that effect, by stretching his hands towards his mortar, and imitating the action of grinding; but his tyrant was relentless, firmer did he close his fore finger and thumb. Andrew could not shake him off; like a person afflicted with night mare, he in vain assayed his strength though agonized with fear of losing his prominent feature in the struggle. The stranger at length as if endowed with supernatural strength, lifted him from the ground, balanced him in the air for a moment, gave him a three-fold twitch drew him head foremast over the counter, and let him fall. When he came to his senses, he found himself lying outside his bed, the only injury from his fall being a broken nose.

Another supply of

NEW GOODS.

WILLIAM CLARK

HAS JUST RECEIVED FROM PHILADELPHIA

A variety of Fancy and Staple

ARTICLES

Adapted to the present Season,

AMONG WHICH ARE:

Handsome Calicoes, Ginghams, Cambric, Jasconet, mull & book Muslins, Bishops Lawn, Linen Cambrics, and Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, Fancy painted, bordered Book Muslin Handkerchiefs, First & second quality Italian Lutestrings, Gro. de Naps. & other handsome Silks, Black Mode, White, black, pink, blue, green and straw coloured Italian Crapes, White Crape Lisse, Fancy Silk and Gauze Handkerchiefs, Plain and Tambourd Bobinetts, Pongees, Ribbons, Braids, Cord & piping Cords, Marking Cotton, Floss Thread, &c.

Also Silk and Cotton Hosiery, Silk and Kid Gloves & Mitts, Handsome Damask Table Cloths & Damask Table Diaper, Irish Linens and Long Lawns. Superfine Cloths. Navarino and Rouen Cassimeres, Circassians, Princettas, Brochells, Drillings, Siamese Mixtures, Satteens and Summer cloth for Gentleman's wear, Superfine Gauze Flannells, Suspenders, Parasols & Umbrellas, Flowered Paper, Writing & Letter Paper, Also Ladies and Misses Dunstable Bonnetts & men's Palm leaf Hats,

Hardware, China, Glass and Queens Ware, Stone Ware, Tin Ware,

A VARIETY OF PLAIN AND FANCY

WOOD-WARE, BASKETS, &c.

Groceries, Liquors, Wines,

TEAS, &c.

Which in addition to his former supply this spring makes his assortment extensive and complete, all of which will be offered at his usual low prices.

June 11 3weo3

NEW GOODS.

Rhodes, Kennard & Loveday

HAVE just received from Philadelphia and Baltimore, a fresh supply of

Summer Goods,

which, added to their Spring's purchase, gives them much the largest and best assortment, they ever have had at this season.

They have added to their stock, a large supply of fresh imported

Hardware and Cutlery,

Embracing a good choice of the most approved

Carpenter's & Shoe-maker's tools

Also just opened, a few boxes of nice

CHAMPAIGN,

A FEW DOZEN BOTTLES OF SUPERIOR

CYDER AND ALE

and on hand some OLD PORT WINE in Bottles.

June 18 tf [s&w]

CLARK'S OFFICE, Baltimore, July 1, 1831.

Report of the Drawing of the Maryland State Lottery, No. 4, for 1831

No. 10418* even No. the cap. prize of		$10,000
18621* A prize of		2,000
6602	do	1,000
18347* 10519* 11964*	Each Prizes of	500
8196	do.	300
3424* 9656*	do.	200
11834* 12653* 2677* 5965*	do.	100
14516* 5921* 13705* 4715* 12897* 4195* 15469* 1748*	do.	50

With 20 prizes of $20, 200 of $4, and 10,000 of $1 50 cents each.

☞No. 10418 an even number, having drawn the Capital Prize; agreeably to the Scheme therefore, all the even numbers being those ending with 2, 4 6 8 or 0. are each entitled to one dollar and fifty cents in addition to whatever prizes they may have drawn besides.

☞All marked thus (*) sold at CLARK'S.

Maryland State Lottery

NO. 5 for 1831. Odd and Even System. To be drawn in Baltimore, on THURSDAY the 28th of July.

HIGHEST PRIZE

10,000 DOLLARS.

Scheme.

1 prize of	$10,000	4 prizes of	$100
1	2,000	8	50
1	1,000	20	20
2	500	200	4
2	300	10000	1 50
2	200		

Half Tickets, One dollar —Quarters, fifty cents

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CLARK'S OFFICES,

N. W corner of Baltimore and Calvert,
N. W. corner of Baltimore and Gay, and
N. E. corner of Baltimore & Charles sts

☞Where the Highest Prizes in the State Lotteries have been oftener sold than at any other office !!

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Address to JOHN CLARK,
Lottery Vender, Baltimore

July 9 3w

PRINTING

Of every description handsomely executed at this OFFICE AT THE SHORTEST NOTICE

METHODIST PROTESTANT

CAMP MEETING.

A Camp Meeting of the Methodist Protestant Church for Queen Ann's, Caroline and Talbot Circuit, is appointed to be held about 3½ miles from Easton, on the lands of Samuel Colston, Esq. to commence on Friday the 22d of July next, and end on the Wednesday following. The place fixed upon, offers many facilities of convenience and comfort. A spring of water of the very first quality, affording an ample supply for all purposes is within a few yards of the ground, which is high and sloping, with an excellent shade. Vessels of large size may come to Dover Bridge, within 1 mile, and those of less size within less than half a mile of the camp, to which there are fine roads leading in several directions, and good pasturage and accommodations for horses which will be well attended to) very convenient. All the members of our church, and all our friends that are not members, and the public generally, who can make it convenient to have tents, or attend the said meeting, are invited to do so Several Ministers from a distance are expected to be present

June 11.

CAMP-MEETING

Of the Methodist Episco. Church.

A CAMP-MEETING for Talbot Circuit, will be held in Mr. Benn's woods, on the Dover road about three miles from Easton and one mile from Dover Bridge—to commence on THURSDAY the 4th of August, and close on the 9th. The preachers and people of our Church and all our friends who are within reach of us are particularly invited to attend Persons coming to this Camp-meeting with tents are desired to bring their tent-frames with them inasmuch as they cannot be conveniently procured on the ground.

CAMP-MEETING.

A CAMP MEETING will be held on Cambridge Circuit, to commence on THURSDAY 28th July, and end the following WEDNESDAY. The spot selected for the occasion is situated about half a mile from Cambridge on the land of the Rev. Jas Owens.

The ground is high and well shaded, and possesses unusual local advantages, as a site for a Camp Meeting, being situated immediately on Great Choptank river; within half a mile of Cambridge wharf, to which steamboats and other vessels may come with safety. Means of conveyance for baggage may be had at any time, to or from the ground at a trifling expense. The Managers will not allow articles of any kind, whatever, to be sold on the ground and none need apply for the privilege.

The ministers and members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the adjacent circuits and all who are friendly to the promotion of religion, are particularly invited to attend.

There will be boarding tents erected for the accommodation of persons from a distance

MANAGERS.

july 2

SHERIFF'S NOTICE.

THE Subscriber being very desirous of closing the collection of Officers' Fees now due for the present year, within the time prescribed by law, respectfully requests all persons indebted for the same, to call on him at his Office in Easton, where he may be found at almost any time ready for the reception of the same. It is also hoped that those who cannot make a convenient call on him, will very soon be prepared to receive a call from his deputies in the respective districts of this county. The Lawyers, Clerks, Registers, &c generally expect punctual payments, which makes a speedy collection necessary.

J. M. FAULKNER, Shff.

May 28

Baltimore Life insurance company

JOHN J. DONALDSON, PRESIDENT.

DIRECTORS.

Robert Oliver,	W. W. Taylor,
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GEO CARR GRUNDY—Secretary.

The Company proposes to insure lives for one or more years, or for life—to purchase or sell annuities—to receive money on trust, pay upon interest therefor and accumulating at compound interest—to manage trusts, and to make all kinds of contracts in which the casualties of life and interest or Money is involved.

Creditors whose hopes of payment, are founded on the life of their debtors, may secure their debts—salaried officers, & persons whose families are dependent on their exertions for support, may provide by annual payments for their families, by an Insurance on lives Aged persons, whose income is inadequate to their maintenance, may, by the purchase of an annuity, receive much more than the simple interest for their investments.

No money is received for less than one year, nor in sums less than one hundred dollars; and an interest of four and a half per cent per annum is allowed, and paid semi-annually, or the company will invest the money and pay over the interest received, deducting a half per cent for compensation.

Office No. 99, St. Paul street, Baltimore.

Applications (post paid) attended to.

June 11 9w

PUBLIC SALE.

BY virtue of a decree of Caroline county Court, in its Equity character, I will offer at public sale, on the premises, on SATURDAY the 6th day of August next, at 12 o'clock all the real estate of the late Frederick Purnell, containing one thousand and eighty acres of land; this property all lies contiguous, and will be sold altogether or divided to suit purchasers, which will be made known on the day of sale the improvements on this property are extensive and in good order. The terms of sale will be that the purchaser or purchasers shall give bond to the trustee with good security for the purchase money payable one third in nine, one third in eighteen & the other third in twenty four months with interest from the sale The creditors are notified to exhibit their claims in legal form within six months from the sale with the clerk of Caroline County Court.

THOS. B. HURPIN, Trustee.

July 9

NOTICE.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY by a gentleman in Easton, a negro woman, who can be recommended for honesty and cleanliness. She is wanted as a cook, and a liberal price will be given either for the hire or purchase of her. Applications to be left at the office of the Easton Gazette.

Easton, July 2

Magistrate's Blanks

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE.

WOOL.

THE subscriber will purchase all kinds of American WOOL, and is prepared to pay the *highest cash prices*, for any quantity that may be offered.

WM. BECKLEY,
corner of Washington street, and the Market place, Easton

HE HAS ON HAND

A general assortment of Goods,

laid in on good terms, which he is selling off at cost.

W. B.

may 21.

WOOL! WOOL!

THE Subscriber will give the highest market price for WOOL, at his old stand corner of Dover and Washington Street.

JOHN CAMPER

Easton May 28.

WOOL & SHEEP-SKINS.

RHODES, KENNARD & LOVEDAY, are wishing to purchase the above articles to some extent, and will give the highest market prices either in goods or money.

They have just received and offer for sale, a very superior paste blacking, its application is said to produce fine and permanent gloss, at the same time that it is found to preserve and render all kinds of leather completely water-proof.

June 4 tf S&W

THE STEAM BOAT

MARYLAND,

WILL continue the same routes as last year, until further notice, viz: leave Baltimore on Tuesday and Friday morning's at 7 o'clock for Annapolis, Cambridge and Easton; leave Easton on Wednesday and Saturday morning's at 7 o'clock, for Cambridge, Annapolis and Baltimore; leave Baltimore on Monday morning's at 6 o'clock for Chestertown, by Corsica landing, and return the same day. Passage and fare the same as last year.

, All Baggage, Packages, parcels &c. at the risk of the owner or owners thereof.

LEMUEL G TAYLOR, Captain.

March 19

☞The Cambridge Chronicle, Centreville Times and Kent Inquirer will Copy the above

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REUBEN T. BOYD

TAILOR, *Easton,*

NEXT door south of the Bank, feels truly grateful to those who have reached to him the hand of real friendship by patronising him in business, and promptly discharging their bills. Having a young and growing family to provide for, and as an inspired writer tells us, "whoever does not provide for his own household is worse than an infidel, and has denied the faith" he is induced to make this appeal to public sentiment, and say he is still willing to earn his bread by the sweat of his brow, & that all orders in his line, will be executed in the best manner and utmost dispatch; in cases of journies, weddings or mourning, his arrangements are such as to enable him to make a suit of clothes at a very short notice.

N. B. Country produce will be taken from persons living in the country for work done who find it inconvenient to pay the cash.

R. T. B.

May 21

NOTICE.

WAS committed to the jail of Worcester county in the State of Maryland, on the eighth day of June, inst. by Thomas Milbourne Esq a justice of the peace of the State and county aforesaid, as runaways, the following negroes to wit: one named

ABIGAIL,

Five feet and three inches high of a yellow complexion and wearing coloured striped stamped cotton frock.

One named ANNE alias Nancy five feet three inches high of a yellow complexion and wearing a mixed copperas home spun dress

One named ELIZABETH or Betty, five feet six and a half inches high of a rather dark complexion, and wearing a blue striped domestic frock

And two children one named LEONARD and the other named JANE, children of negro Abigail, which said children are of the same complexion of their mother and wear clothes of the same colour of their mother's, the above negroes have no bodily marks so I can discover.

The owner or owners of said negroes are hereby notified within sixty days from the advertising hereof, to come forward prove his her or their title, and pay or cause to be paid all such legal costs and charges as have accrued or may accrue by the reason of apprehending imprisoning and advertising the same, and take them away according to the law of the state of Maryland, otherwise they will be dealt with as the law directs

PURNELL JOHNSON, Shff
of Worcester county Md

Snow Hill, June 25 8w

Farmers' Bank of Maryland,

BRANCH BANK AT EASTON.

22d June, 1831.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the Stockholders in this Institution, that an election will be held at the Banking house in Easton, on the first Monday of August next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M and 3 o'clock, P. M. for the purpose of choosing from among the Stockholders, thirteen Directors for the Branch Bank for the ensuing year, agreeably to the charter.

By order
JOHN GOLDSBOROUGH, Cashier.

july 2

CASH.

THE subscriber wishes to purchase from

50 TO 100

Likely Negroes,

from ten to twenty five years of age, of both sexes, for which the highest market prices will be given in cash Apply to the subscriber, or, in his absence, a letter left with Mr. Sam Lowe, Easton Hotel, or directed to the subscriber at Centreville, will meet immediate attention.

Nov. 13. THOS W. OVERLEY

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