WE REDUCE STOCK ALL THE TIME

Never have a special season for "reducing stock," we are reducing it all the time. New goods coming in every week, and being rapidly sold at prices that suits your purse. We never purchase so heavily that we get overcrowded, and this enables us to always present the newest goods for public inspection. The public tires of having old shopworn goods shown them.

A Very Attractive Line of Footwear

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THE LEGISLATURE IN SESSION.

Convenes On New Year's Day At The Ancient City.—The Officers Elected.

The general assembly of Talbot county convened in the State House, Annapolis, on New Year's Day for its session of 90 days. Senator Brice, of Baltimore (Dem.) was elected President of the Senate and Sydney E. Mudd (Rep.) of Charles county, was elected Speaker of the House.

Mr. M. M. Higgins, of Easton, was chosen Chief Clerk of the House, and Wm. H. Merrick, of Trappe, former Journal Clerk of the House was named Journal Clerk of the Senate.

Gov. Brown sent his final message to the General Assembly on Wednesday afternoon. Among other things he recommended the sale of the Chesapeake & Ohio Canal.

New Club Rooms.

The Avon Cycle Club of Easton has moved into their quarters from the Fountain building to the rooms on Washington street over the store of J. E. Shannahan. The rooms have been newly furnished and are lighted with electricity and heated by steam heat. There are three rooms in all, one of which is a very large one, will be used as a lecture room, a course of lectures for the winter now being considered. A Club Orchestra is also being discussed. The reading rooms will be supplied with interesting literature, and everything to the interest of the members will be done. Applications for membership can be handed in at any time. It only costs $4.00 a year.

Many merchants are aware that their customers are their best friends and take pleasure in supplying them with the best goods obtainable. As an instance we mention Perry & Cameron, prominent druggists of Flushing, Michigan. They say: "We have no hesitation in recommending Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to our customers as it is the best cough medicine we have ever sold and always gives satisfaction." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by H. Roberts, Easton; A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

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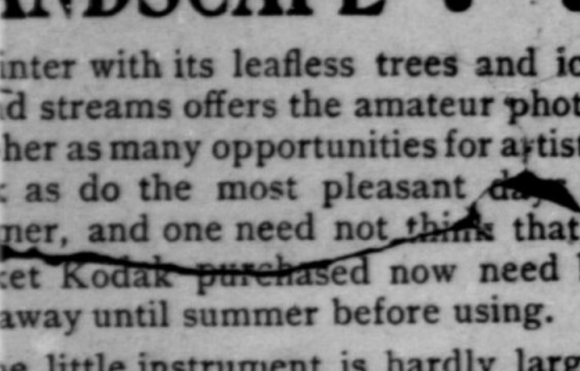
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POZZONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER.

For thirty-years POZZONI'S has been the standard preparation of its kind. A delicate and healthful beautifier. In three shades—pink or flesh, white and brunette. A handsome SCOVILL'S GOLD PUFF BOX will be given FREE with every box of POZZONI'S COMPLEXION POWDER BY ....Dawson & Jenkins....



THE SNOWY LANDSCAPE . .

of winter with its leafless trees and ice-bound streams offers the amateur photographer as many opportunities for artistic work as do the most pleasant days of summer, and one need not think that a Pocket Kodak purchased now need be laid away until summer before using.

The little instrument is hardly larger than a well filled purse, yet it takes beautiful "snow-scapes" and is always ready for making a flash-light picture when congenial companions are gathered about the fireside in the long winter evenings.

Pocket Kodak, loaded for 12 exposures, 1½ x 2 inches, $5 00
Complete Developing and Printing Outfit, . 1 50

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Sample Photo and Booklet for 2 two-cent stamps. Rochester, N. Y.

For Sale by Shannahan & Wrightson Hwd. Co., Agents, Easton. Md.

Farmers and Merchants National Bank.

EASTON, MD., December 12th, 1895.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of this Bank that an election will take place at the Banking House on Tuesday, the 14th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing Directors, to serve for the ensuing year. Also for the purpose of an amendment to the articles of Association, reducing the number of Directors from thirteen to nine.

HARRY M. MASON, Cashier.

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Easton National Bank of Maryland.

DECEMBER 9TH, 1895.

Notice is hereby given to the Stockholders of this Institution that an election will take place at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 14th of JANUARY next, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of electing DIRECTORS, to serve for the ensuing year.

R. THOMAS, Cashier.

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STOOPS APPOINTED CONSTABLE.

Numerous Applications For Positions Have Been Filed With The Commissioners

Wm. G. Stoops, an ex-constable of Easton district, was again appointed on Tuesday to the same position. He will succeed Constable Lockerman. Up to the present time these applications have been filed:

Physician to Jail—Dr. Frederick Dunning.
Oyster Police Boat—David A. Shockley.
Tax Collector, Easton District—Robert F. Walker.
Tax Collector, St. Michaels District—R. H. Meeds, A. M. C. Moore, William H. Hughes, William B. Kirby.
Tax Collector, Chapel District—J. B. Ross.
Tax Collector, Bay Hundred District—William S. Covington.
Keeper of Miles River Bridge—John D. Barnhold, Edward Waldron, Jasper Yewell, Gustavus Bell, Mrs. Annie Wallace.
Constables, Easton District — A. Wilson Morton, William G. Stoops, Louis K. Edgell, Robert V. Coulby, M. H. Swing, George L. Cook
Constable, Trappe District (Oxford)—William L. Fluharty, C. E. Dobson.
Constable, Bay Hundred District—Henry C. Haddaway.
Road Supervisors, Easton District—Charles H. Turner, Jeremiah McDonnell, Thomas Sampson, H. M. Green, George T. Fluharty, Alexander McGill, Thomas L. Yewell, James Blake, John W. Yewell, James H. Patchett.
Road Supervisors, St. Michaels District—Henry R. Thomas, J. W. Gardner, George A. Marshall, Charles Blades, L. Scott Keithley, Milford N. Robinson.
Road Supervisors, Trappe District—Perry Brooks, H. B. Ozman, G. L. Jenkins, L. G. Mullikin, F. F. Rolle, Braynard Carroll, A. B. Adams, Charles E. White, John W. Bassett, Davis A. Brinsfield, Richard Gross, Peter Cooper, David Smi[illegible], James E. Price, J. E. Rice.
Road Supervisors, Chapel District—A. W. Wooley, J. C. Montague, John Gleeves, William D. Wilson, Seth J. Snell.
Road Supervisor, Bay Hundred District—James E. Haddaway.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The Knights of Pythias and Other Orders Hold Their Annual Elections.

During the past week these lodge officers have been elected:

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS.

Star of the East Lodge, No. 106.
Past Chancellor and Master of Works—James A. Spence
Chancellor Commander—Dr. Lynn D. Kelley.
Vice Chancellor—Frank A. White.
Prelate—Harry A. Towers.
Master-at-Arms—William H. Myers.
Master of Exchequer—Charles H. Leonard.
Master of Finance—L. R. Hooper.
Keeper of Records and Seal—William J. Benny.
Inner and Outer Guards to be appointed.
Trustee—Robert E. Young.
Janitor—W. J. Benny.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Tred Avon Lodge, No. 1546.
Dictator—Thomas H. Coburn.
Vice Dictator—Dr. Lewis Buffett.
Assistant Dictator—James A. Matthews.
Reporter—William J. Benny.
Financial Reporter—D. R. Cox.
Treasurer—M. M. Higgins.
Guide—M. F. Coburn.
Chaplain—Col. J. C. Mullikin.
Guardian—W. J. Shehan.
Sentinel—William A. Pratt.

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Avon [illegible] 13.
Senior [illegible] Gardner.
Worthy Master—Edward J. Biery.
Junior Master—Robert E. Young.
Recording Secretary—Charles E. Morris.
Financial Secretary—Albert [illegible] Shannahan.
Treasurer—Bayne Fields.
Conductor—George W. Godwin.
Chaplain—S. J. Collins.
Trustees—R. T. Gardner, G. W. Godwin.
Representative to Grand Lodge—Samuel J. Collins.
Alternate—Charles E. Morris.
Inner and Outer Guards to be appointed.

The Coming Magazine.

In these days of fads, fancies and oddities nothing is surprising. And this is particularly true in the magazine world. One of the most unique and artistic yet strange things in way of an art study is found on the new cover which adorns THE MONTHLY ILLUSTRATOR AND HOME AND COUNTRY for January. We use the word adorn advisedly. A "New Year's Greeting" is always welcome. It is permissable at this season to the Newsboy and News Carrier, as also the Postman. That it is American and yet expressed in Japanese as in the case under consideration does not detract from the merits of the illustration or the sincerity of the greeting. But no book can be judged by its cover. The latter—like the eyes, which are but windows of the soul—is not always an index of what is within. The current number of THE MONTHLY ILLUSTRATOR AND HOME AND COUNTRY contains 125 illustrations, all in the highest art. Notable among the numerous articles are "Recollections of Henry Ward Beecher," by Horatio C. King, and "William Collins Whitney. A Character Study," by Rufus R. Wilson, both of which are well illustrated and strongly written. The subjects of them, the one living, the other dead, are known by name everywhere in the wide world as "Great Americans." They are names to be proud of. Other features of the magazine are equally good. It is issued by The Monthly Illustrator Publishing Co., 149-153 Leonard Street, New York. Subscription, $2.00 a year. Clubbed with GAZETTE for $2.50.

Not a few who read what Mr. Robert Rowls, of Hollands, Va., has to say below, will remember their own experience under like circumstances: "Last winter I had la grippe which left me in a low state of health. I tried numerous remedies, none of which did me any good, until I was induced to try a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. The first bottle of it so far relieved me that I was enabled to attend to my work, and the second bottle effected a cure." For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Harry Roberts, Easton; A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

The Oehm's Fire.

The readers of the GAZETTE will learn with much regret that the extensive clothing house and gents furnishing store, Oehm's Acme Hall, was destroyed by fire during the storm last Thursday night. The loss of Oehm & Co. is estimated at $275,000, insurance from $225,000 to $250,000. The buildings belonged to the Abell estate, loss $150,000, fully insured Oehm's Acme Hall was the finest clothing emporium south of New York and its sudden destruction by fire is regretted by the many thousands who dealt with them. A representative of the GAZETTE was on the scene at the time of the fire.

Piles Itching Piles!

Symptoms—Moisture, intense itching and stinging, most at night, worse by scratching. If allowed to continue tumors form which often bleed and ulcerate, becoming very sore. Swayne's Ointment stops the itching and bleeding, heals ulceration, and in most cases removes the tumors. At all druggists, or by mail for 50 cents. Dr. Swayne & Son, Philadelphia. 6-22-1y

Notice.

Edwin J. Biery takes this opportunity to inform the public that he will reopen his shops on South Washington St. on January 1st, 1896, and will be prepared to do all manner of smith and machine work. Repairing a specialty. 3 mo

For Rent.

The commodious store ware-rooms and shop above now occupied by Nichols & Bro., from and after Dec. 31st, 1895, located on Dover St., near Washington St.

Apply to A. B. HARDCASTLE, Secy. and Treas. M. H. Assn. At Easton Nat. Bank.

An Early Morning Fire.

Lewis Whitehouse's Shop Entirely Consumed.

OTHER PROPERTY DAMAGED

Mrs. Elizabeth Hopkins' House Partially Damaged.—The Fire Department's Good Work.

About 7.30 o'clock on Thursday morning smoke was noticed issuing from the stable and at the building belonging to Lewis Whitehouse in the rear of his residence and known as his carpenter shop. It was a frame structure two stories, twenty by fifty feet and used as storage room above, with cariage house and stables below. Upon investigation the interior of stable was seen to be in a blaze.

The alarm was quickly sounded and our fire brigade soon on the spot with two or three large streams playing vigorously. The surrounding frame structures were saved but the shop was entirely consumed.

It is not known how the fire had ignited. Mr. Whitehouse was in the building at 7.10 to get his bicycle, and had gone. The servant girl coming to the kitchen told Mrs. Whitehouse of her suspicions that the stable was burning which caused both women to investigate. They immediately drew out a buggy and gave the alarm.

A valuable horse had been left in the country over night or he would undoubtedly have been burned. These was about $250 worth of framing sash and other material stored in upper room besides hay and feed below. Insurance $150 on contents and $750 on building.

The wind was favorable to the adjoining property and the work of destruction and saving occupied less than an hour. Mr. Whitehouse will rebuild a smaller shop or tables, for now that he occupies the machine shops on North Washington St. he will not need such a building near his residence.

The alarm bell was not sounded until some time after the blaze was discovered, and consequently the fire could not be put out by the fire department. They did splendid work in saving surrounding property, there being a number of five residences in close proximity.

A house belonging to a Mrs. Hopkins, and occupied by her caught on fire but was immediately extinguished by the active fire company. All the furniture was taken out. The damage was confined principally to the house which had to be keep well saturated with water, the blazing shop only a few feet from it.

When the danger was over and the fire extinguished, the roof of the house futher up the street, occupied by Mrs. Bostwick was seen to be on fire, and the department turned its attention there and soon put it out. It caught by burning cinders falling on it.

The fire company under the direction of chief Marshall White did grand work.

AMONG THE ELITE OF TRAPPE.

On New Years Night Mrs. Chas. E. Bowdle Gave A Pretty Tea in Honor of Her Guest, Miss Sheed.

Cards of invitation were printed and sent out to special guests, announcing tea at five o'clock. Shortly after that hour guests began to arrive which continued until nine. Dancing and social card-tables entertained the guests the remainder of the evening, until they were invited to a full dressed table serving an elaborate dinner, and most temptingly displayed. The music was rendered by Miss Edith Hardcastle and others on piano and Mr. Charles Kemp, violin.

Mrs. Bowdle received in handsome black satin, lavendar trimmings. She was assisted by Miss Sheed in blue silk and Miss Naylor in black and white silk. Among those present were: Miss Sheed, Washington; Miss Barcus, Greensboro; Miss Hughlett and Miss Skinner, Cambridge; Mrs. W. M. Hardcastle, Miss Edith Hardcastle and Miss Anna Powell, Easton. Those of Trappe were, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lloyd, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kirby, Miss Ella Armstrong, Mr. Chas. Willis, Miss Kate Willis, Mrs. Lydia Hughlett, Miss Emily Kirby, Miss Jenkins, Miss Mattie Naylor, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Powell. Dr. Rich. Mr. Wm. Collins, Mr. Chas. Kemp. Mr. Franz Naylor, Mr. Alex Graham. Mr. Wm. Kirby and Mr. Pattison.

Thirteen Brandy Distilleries.

S. Frank Dashiell, deputy collector of internal revenue for the division composed of the Eastern Shores of Maryland and Virginia, reports that there are thirteen fruit brandy distilleries in operation in his division this year. Talbot has one, Caroline two, Dorchester five, Wicomico four and Somerset one. The output was unusually small and almost exclusively of apple brandy. Mr. Dashiell thinks the amount made will not exceed 1,000 gallons. The government tax on this would be $1,100. The law as it now stands permits the distillation of apples, peaches and grapes only. Distilleries are anxious to experiment with other fruits, particularly with tomatoes, but they are not permitted to do so. The internal revenue department will be asked to modify the forms and instructions, and if necessary, legislation will be asked for fixing the matter so that the distiller can handle any of the fruits or vegetables for brandy-making purposes.

Mr. John Goldsborough Dead.

Mr. Goldsborough, civil engineer, died Tuesday morning at the home of his brother, Mr. George R. Goldsborough, 505 Cathedral street, Baltimore. He was born in Talbot county at Myrtle Grove in 1813, and was the son of the Hon. Robert H. Goldsborough, U. S. Senator. His most notable work as an engineer was the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad. During the war he had charge of the Manassas Run Railroad.

He went to Baltimore last fall to visit his brother and about nine months ago was taken sick with pneumonia, which caused his death. His remains were taken to his home in Talbot for burial Thursday and interment was in the old family ground at Ashby. The Rev. W. Y. Bevan, rector of the Ashby Church, conducted the services.

Notice.

Baltimore, Cheapeake and Atlantic Railway Co., will run an excursion from the rail way division to Annapolis on January 8th, 1896, for the accommodation of persons wishing to attend the inauguration of Gov. Lloyd Lowndes on that day. Round trip tickets good for the day will be sold as follows:

Ocean City to Parsonsburg inclusive	$2.50
Salisbury to Bethlehem	" 2.00
Easton to Clayborne	" 1.50

This excursion will be run on regular train No. 6 and Steamer Cambridge, stopping at Annapolis both going and returning. Return steamer will leave Annapolis at 7 p. m. Supper will be served on steamer immediately after leaving Annapolis to any that may desire it at 50c.

A. J. BENJAMIN, Sup't. B. L. FLEMMING, Gen'l Pass. Agent.

New Books At The Library

The recent additions to the Mercantile Library are: By Order of the King—Hugo; Japan in Our Day; Travels in Arabia; Travels in South Africa; Central Asia; The Lake Region of Central Africa, and Siam, the Land of the White Elephant—Taylor; Joan Haste—Haggard; Ben Hur, and The Prince of India, 2 vols. (this last was donated by Mrs. Balch of the Villa)—Wallace; My Lady Nobody; God's Fool—Maartens; That Lass O'Lowries—Bernett, and Lelith by Macdonald.

The Library is now more attractive than ever and this is a good time to buy a membership ticket. Call on the librarian.

Means business.

Attention is called to the new advertisement of the J. C. Godwin Company in this issue, in which great reduction of prices is noted. To reduce the stock they make splendid inducements, you can name your own price for all the winter goods in the store. Mr. Godwin shows great business sagacity in advertiseing this reduction this time.

Cheap Insurance.

Insure your county property in the Grangers Fire Insurance Co., one of the safest and cheapest in the state. 3 per cent on premiums was the highest assessment made in one year. In successful operation for 19 years. For particulars apply to

10-19-tf L. S. FLECKENSTINE, Agt., Easton

How To Cure All Skin Diseases.

Simply apply "Swayne's Ointment." No internal medicine required. Cures tetters ectzema, itch, all eruptions on the face, hands, nose, etc., leaving the skin clear, white and healthy. Its great healing and curative powers are possessed by no other remedy. Ask your druggist for Swayne's Ointment. 6-22-1y

LITTLE NEWS NOTES.

The News Of A Week Told in Brief Form.—The Local News Field.

There are now five vacant stores on Washington street.

A shirt factory of a capacity of forty operators, is shortly to be be put in operation at Oxford.

Secretary Higgins has announced Sept. 15, 16, 17 and 18, 1896, as the dates for the next Talbot county Fair.

Petitions are being circulated asking the Legislature to submit the question of high license to the voters of this county.

Local real estate dealers say inquiries after Talbot land were never more numerous than at present and they expect a good business this year.

Some needed repairs have been made in the Court House recently, including broken window glass, etc. Robert West, colored, is now the janitor.

The general expression of the merchants of Easton is that the Christmas trade was satisfactory, but not as large as was anticipated by some of them.

Garrison R. Collins, merchant on Dover street, has improved the storeroom formerly occupied by Wm. H. Myers. It now has a new floor and glass front.

Capt. Thomas L. Wayman, recently appointed keeper of the Oxford steam ferry has bought from Baltimore owners the steam tug Comet for the use of the ferry.

Capt. Howard E. Leonard finished loading a schooner at Easton Point Monday with 8,000 bushels of corn. It is seldom a schooner leaves any of our rivers with as large a cargo as this.

The Arlington House, corner Railroad ave and Harrison street, occupied by Mrs Robinson as a boarding house, has been enlarged on the Railroad avenue side by the addition of three rooms.

Darkness reigned supreme over our town Wednesday evening. The electric light plant was not running, owing to an unfortunate accident, and the street lamps were consequently not burning.

James L. Banning, of Talbot county, vice-president of the Peninsula Horticultural Society, says that within the last few years, more attention has been given to apple culture on the peninsula than ever before.

The base-ball players of Easton, Federalsburg, Salisbury, Crisfield, Pocomoke City Dover and Seaford have been invited to join Cambridge in organizing a base ball league. A meeting will be held at Cambridge about the last of January next.

The Easton gas company received the early part of this week a tank of naptha from the west, from which the gas is now made. It is pumped from the tank to a reservoir at the rear of the gas house. The car was delayed in coming and for several days gas had had to be made with coal oil.

The memorial windows of Trinity M. E. Church South, probably the largest in the county, have arrived and are now in place. They are of exquisite design and splendid finish. The main auditorium on the second floor has also been plastered and the floor put down. Rev. E. V. Register is to be congratulated in his efforts to complete this handsome structure.

W. J. Hassinger, who bought out the drug store known as the "Corner Drug Store," at Dover and Washington streets some time ago, has moved his entire stock and fixtures to Vienna, where he will open a store. It will be remembered that Mr. Hassinger, when he bought the store, poured out all the whiskey in the streets. He is a strong prohibitionist and does not keep liquor in stock at all.

Changes In B. C. & A. Company.

There will be several important changes among the officials of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic Railway Company. Mr. B. L. Fleming will retire from the general freight and passenger agency and the duties will devolve upon Col. Willard Thompson, who will also continue as general manager. Assistant General Manager James E. Byrd, will become agent of the Light-street lines, with office at 302 Light street. Auditor Andrew Hunter Jr., will assume the cashiership in addition to other duties, vice, P. R. Clark, appointed agent of the South-street lines. Mr. A. J. Benjamin will become freight and passenger agent of the railway division, in addition to his duties as superintendent. His headquarters will be at Salisbury, Md. These changes have been made for the purpose of retrenchment.

Costly Wines.

At a sale in 1858 of the effects of the deceased Duchess de Raguse the late Baron Rothschild paid its weight in gold for 44 bottles of Madeira. This wine, it appears, was fished up in 1814 from a ship wrecked at the mouth of the Scheldt in 1778, where it had lain during that interval. Louis XVIII bought it at that time, and part of it was presented to the French consul, and thus came into the hands of the Duc de Raguse. The weight of a bottle of wine, including bottle, is about two pounds avoirdupois, so that at this calculation each bottle would have cost about $570. Prince Worouzoff, it is said, sells his Tokay, 220 years old, for $45 a bottle. In the famous cellars of the Hotel de Ville, Bremen, there are a dozen cases of holy wine which have been preserved for 250 years. This calculation has been made in regard to it: If the cost of maintaining the cellar, payment of rent, interest upon the original value of the wine and other proper incidental charges are considered, a bottle of this choice liquor has cost $2,000,600, each glassful $272,380, and a single drop could not be sold without loss under $200.—Brooklyn Eagle.

A Dog's Bed.

We have seen a little dachshund which would not go to her basket until the blanket had been held to the hall stove. This she required to be done in summer as well as winter, though the stove was not lighted. A spaniel kept in a stable used always to leave its kennel to sleep with the horse. Hounds make a joint bed on the bench after a long run, lying back to back, and so supporting one another. But sporting dogs should have proper beds, made like shallow boxes, with sloping sides. They are far more rested in the morning than if simply left to lie on straw. This was noted by a clever old Devonshire clergyman, a great sportsman, who observed that his best retrieving spaniel used always to get into an empty wheelbarrow to sleep when tired. The dog's bed should be a rough reproduction of the barrow without the wheel.—Spectator.

Letters and Language.

Nothing better illustrates the ratio in which the different letters are used in our language than a set of figures on the proportionate number of types that are to be found in the printer's case, which are usually as follows: z 2, x and j 5, q 6, k 8, v 15, b and g 20, p 24, w and y 25, m and f 80, c 40, u 45, d and l 50, h 60, r 70, n, o and s 80, a and i 90, t 100 and e 140.—St Louis Republic.

Mr. Oudesluys Recovering.

Mr. Eugene Oudesleys of 803 Eutaw street, a member of the firm of Oudesluys Brothers, Baltimore, who had his arm amputated at the elbow, is doing well and it is thought he will be able to resume business in the course of a few weeks. While hunting at Rocky Point his gun was accidentally discharged and his arm shattered. Mr. Oudesluys is a brother to Mrs. Wm. T. Dixon whose summer residence is Bloomfield near Easton.

For a pain in the chest a piece of flannel dampened with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bound on over the seat of the pain, and another on the back between the shoulders, will afford prompt relief. This is especially valuable in cases where the pain is caused by a cold and there is a tendency toward pneumonia. For sale by H. Roberts, Easton; A. D. Harrison, St. Michaels; J. F. Sisk, Cordova.

Public Installation of Officers.

All members of Miller Lodge, No. 18, I. O. O. F. and their families are respectfully requested to be present Tuesday evening, Jan. 7th, at 8 o'clock, to witness a public Installation of Officers, in the Lodge room, after which an interesting program will be rendered for the amusement of the company. Refreshments will also be served. Editors and wives are also invited.

Might Have Been Serious.

While Mr. Wm. Baynard, of Easton, was on a bicycle Thursday, he was run down by a two-horse wagon loaded with furniture. He was badly bruised on the head and limbs and the wheel was a total wreck. How he came out from under the horses' feet and wagon wheels with as few serious hurts is a mystery.

Town Taxes Due

All over-due town taxes if paid today (Saturday) may be settled without interest. I am compelled to collect these taxes irrespective of party or favor and must insist on immediate settlement. C. E. NICOLS, Col.

Review of The Year.

Farming Results In Talbot County During 1895.

CONDITION OF THE FARMERS

Low Prices Makes It Difficult To Pay Interest On Mortgages. The Fruit Crop Failure.

The year of 1895 has been a more prosperous year for Talbot county than either of the two preceeding years was, but this, while saying something for encouragement, is not necessarily saying much for results. The yield per acre for cereals has been constantly increasing at a low but certain ratio and the price has been steadily declining. Twenty years ago nobody would contend that "dollar wheat" could be raised at a profit. Now our farmers would be glad to get eighty cents per sixty pounds, and would continue to raise as large crops of it as possible at that price.

Many Talbot farmers owe money secured to the creditor by farm mortgages made when wheat was $1.50 or more a bushel. The rate of interest was then 6 per cent. as it is now, and county taxes were lower then than now. Four bushels of wheat would pay the annual interest on $100 when the mortgage was made, now it takes nine or ten. Then six or seven bushels of corn would pay the taxes on $1,000 worth of property, now it takes four or five times as much. That is what is discouraging the farmer who is in debt and driving many of them in desperation to give up everything to the auctioneers' hammer. There is not as much of this done in Talbot as in most of the other Eastern Shore counties. But in spite of all these drawbacks there are tenant farmers who are making and saving money every year after paying the owner a rental equivalent to 6 per cent. on his investment. But all cannot do it. Only a few can.

A calculating gentleman, who goes out into the highways for all kinds of curious statistics, has the calculations made to prove that if the money spent in farm fencing in Talbot—useless farm fencing, he calls it—was now held in cash, it would pay off all the farm mortgages; and that the worthless dogs cost enough annually to pay the interest on the mortgages,

The Indian corn crop of Talbot was particularly large this year and the grain is of excellent quality; so was the wheat, the millers say. It is a curious fact that the leaves of the corn plant are worth more in the market than the ears—that is, blade fodder brings a higher price per hundred weight than shelled corn.

The fruit crop, that promised so much in the spring, did not materialize. A number of growers had peaches and made money on them. This incident, however, has not stopped the destruction of peach orchards. Some farmers are digging up the very trees that made them money this year. The apple crop promised great things at one time, but it came out small, and it was the same with most other staple fruits. The long summer drought destroyed the tomato crop. As a whole it yielded little, if any, more than sufficient to pay for the fertilizers applied to it. The hay crop on good grass lands was fine. Truck-growers were moderately successful with most of their stuff. Strawberries paid well, also melons, potatoes and cabbage, but not as they would have done, had they not been damaged by the drought.

The fisheries were very profitable. The catch of the different kinds was large and prices good. In the spring the biggest shad and herring fishing ever known in these waters was done, and the same can be said of the rock and perch fishing, which ran along through the year until the cold weather of late November drove the fishermen ashore. The oyster season has been a profitable one to all concerned in it. Plenty of oysters were found on grounds supposed to have been exhausted, and at no time have the packers or hucksters found an inadequate supply. Packers had to accept a smaller margin of profit per gallon, but the percentage of profit was as good as heretofore, while the market has been firm and orders steaty.

But little building, either in erecting new or repriring old, has been done. Some dwellings have been built in the salt-water sections of the country and a very few in the towns. Even farmers of means seem very charry in putting money in farm improvements just now unless absolutely indispensable. Land agents claim that there is a slight advance in the price of land and that the outlook for the real estate business is more cheerful now than it has been for five or six years. There were but four mercantile failures in Talbot in 1895.

One branch of business, comparatively a new business here, and which has not been referred to, was very prosperous during the three or four months it lasts. The people who are making it a business to take city people as summer boarders had a very successful season. The demand for country board and lodgings commenced early and continued late. There is a great future ahead for certain sections of this county in this respect, but those engaged in it have a great deal to learn about the economics of it—the most of them. Just think of a boarding-house keeper with one or two hundred acres of good land and twenty-five people to feed daily—people who want "fresh stuff"—having to send to Baltimore for meats, vegetables and poultry! "It is cheaper to buy them than it is to raise them is a good enough excuse for the lazy, the unskillful, or the improvident, but it is not the truth. Along the bay shore, where there are many farmhouses filled with city boarders all summer, there is not enough table supplies raised to feed them two weeks. Here is a real and profitable home market that is woefully neglected.—Sun.

Stevenson's Unpublished Novel.

"St. Ives," the novel left substantially completed, and unpublished, by Robert Louis Stevenson at his death, is described as purely a romance of adventure. It is the story of a French prisoner captured in the Peninsula wars, who is shut up in Edenburgh Castle; there he fails in love with a Scotch girl who, with her aunt, frequently visits the prisoners. There is early in the story a duel under extraordinary circumstances, between St. Ives and a fellow-prisoner; after various episodes a dangerous plan of escape is decided upon, and the daring St. Ives finally becomes a free man. The perils that he undergoes while in hiding about Eidenburgh, his adventures on the Great North Road with strangers and robbers, his final escape across the border into England, his subsequent return to Edinburgh, and many other incident of this splendidly conceived story are told in the spirited, vivacious and wonderful style of which Stevenson was a master.

Mr. Sidney Colvin—himself an author and critic of rare ability and a master of style—says of this novel that "as a tale of adventure, manners, and the road, which is all it was meant to be, it will be found a very spirited and entertaining piece." From S. S. McClure, Limited. 30 Lafayette Place, N. Y.

A Historical Footnote.

It was a diminutive history club—only two members—but the interest was vivid and intense. After "the place" in "French Revolution" had been found—and lost—and found again several times, and both members had admired each other's new shell side combs, one of the members made a remark.

"Oh, Mayme," she said excitedly, "what do you think? There's been a new history of Napoleon written, and it just praises him up like everything and tells awful things about Josephine—awful things. It says she was just as immoral as she could be!"

Mayme's face was a study. She was raptly attentive, her eyes alert, her expression incredulous. Then she opened her intellectually shaped mouth and remarked. "Aw, come off!"—Philadelphia Press.

Big For His Age.

Uncle Gabe walked around the stalwart football player with an air of critical curiosity. He looked up and down as he would have done a horse he was about to purchase. "Amandy!" "What is it, Gabe?" "He's nigh onto 6 foot, ain't he?" "Every inch of it." "Weigh about 190 odd?" "I reckon." "Well, football certainly does develop 'em most powerful"— "Certainly, a fine young man"— "Man? Mandy, Professor Bunter told me hisself 't that feller's in his fourth year! Talk about your oatmeal porridge!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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SOMEWHAT OF A PERSONAL NATURE.

Items of Interest About The Doings Of You And Your Relatives And Friends.

Wilfred Bateman was in Washington Monday and Tuesday.

Dr. John C. Earle returned from a visit to Baltimore on Tuesday.

Miss Dora Birch, of Cordova, visited her sister, Miss Stella Birch, in Easton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Delerene Kelly of New York, are visiting their niece, Mrs. George A. Phillips.

Mr. Calvin Jones, of Choptank, a fomer typo of the GAZETTE paid the boys a visit this week.

Misses Maud and Eleanor Chaplain of Easton have been spending a few days at Dr. Chaplain's near Trappe.

H. T. Seymour and family have moved from Trappe to Easton, and will make their home with Sheriff Seymour.

Miss Alice Hardcastle, of Easton, was the guest of the Misses Martins at "Boston" in Trappe District last week.

Miss Maud Collins has been appointed teacher of a public school in Trappe district, and assumed charge of it on Thursday.

Roger Covey, Reginal Mobray and Frank Meintzer, of Baltimore spent the holidays with their parents in Easton,

Miss Lulu Roberts, of the St. Michaels High School spent her Christmas vacation with friends in Baltimore city.

Miss Sina Trippe and Miss Freda Trippe expect to go to Baltimore next week, to take in Henry Irving at the Academy.

Mrs. J. Gwinn Shure has returned to her home in Port Deposit, after a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Walker.

The Rev. and Mrs. Carlton D. Harris, of Baltimore, visited Mrs. Harris' father, Col. J. C. Norris, at Hotel Avon last week.

Rev. Dr. Avery, of Ebenezer M. E. Church visited relatives on Staten Island Christmas week. He returned last Saturday evening.

Mrs. Anna A. Benson of Easton with her son Eugene, spent Christmas day with her father, Wm. Harrison, Fremont Street.—Comet.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Donaldson of New York are spending the holidays with the latter's sister, Mrs. George A. Phillips, South Street.

Miss Mary K. Gibson, teacher in the Easton public school is at the home of her father. C. W. Gibson, for the holidays.—St. Michaels Comet.

Clark S. Marshall, artist, of Easton, has been in town this week. While here Mr. Marshall made a sketch for a portrait.—St. Michaels Comet.

George Shehan, formerly of Easton, and now a merchant of Baltimore spent a few days of Christmas week with his relatives in Easton.

Mr. Martin M. Higgins of Easton was chosen chief clerk of the House of Delegates on Wednesday, no better choice could have been made.

Miss Ella Williams of the Pennsylvania State Normal School, Millersville, spent the Christmas vacation with her mother on Washington Street.

Miss Blanch Montague of Poplar Grove and Miss Ida Shay of Harford, Conn., spent part of the Christmas Holidays with Miss Virgie Kirk at Bloomfield.

Dr. and Mrs. Buffett, of Sunset Farm, spent several days of last week in Baltimore. While there they witnessed the production of the comic opera "Fleur de Leis" by the Della Fox Opera Company at Fords.

Dr. Barber, H. Clay Dodson, Hiram S. Hall, Talbot representatives in the General Assembly. Col. J. C. Mullikin and M. M. Higgins were present at a banquet held at the Carrolton Hotel, Baltimore, Monday evening.

Among those who spent the Christmas holidays in Baltimore are Miss Mary Williams, Miss Della Harden, Miss Mattie MacDonald, Miss Minnie Fleckenstein, Miss Nellie Weston, Mrs. S. Lee Tucker, Mr. William Hull, Mr. Eddie Roberts, Mr. Bertram Wittman.

Dr. Thomas W. Sparklin has been appointed resident State Secretary of the Alumni Association of the American Veterinary College of New York, and he would like all the graduates of said college residing in Maryland to send him their address to Maryland Veterinary Hospital, Baltimore.

"LADY" FOR "MADAM."

A Young Woman of Observation Criticises the Form of Address.

"Three times today," said a young woman of observation, "I was addressed as lady,' I mean in the vocative. In two cases, I was bidden to come 'this way, lady,' by shop attendants, and in the third case my dentist's servant told me that it was my 'turn next, lady.' I have noticed for some time the growing tendency to use this form of address, and Jack tells me that he has remarked the same thing in people addressing him. He told me only yesterday that he was running up the stairs at the elevated station down at the city hall when, thinking of something else, he took the wrong landing. A servant of the road barred his way and said, 'The other stairs to the ticket office, gentleman.' Jack said, moreover, that he didn't like the form of address, not that it was not perfectly respectful, he said, and he kept thinking about it all the way home. So, too, I don't mind confessing that I don't like to be told to come this way, 'lady,' or asked if I will buy anything. 'lady.'

"I know that it is a style of address that used to be considered the exclusive property of gypsies and sailormen, and I don't know if I should not be perfectly content to have it remain so. Possibly the spread of it is another evidence of the freedom of the age, and possibly, too, the shop attendant and the dentist's servant were of the opinion that to say 'lady' indicated a much less degree of inferiority than to say 'ma'am' or 'madam.' If that is their opinion, I should like to have the opportunity of telling them that they are very much mistaken. For one woman to address another woman or for a man to address a woman as 'madam' betrays no sense of inferiority on the part of the speaker. It is simply the recognized form of address of one person—equal or not equal—to another person when the name of the person addressed need not or cannot be mentioned, and I for one am not an admirer of the innovation. I would rather be asked to come 'this way, please,' or even, just curtly, 'this way,' than be bowed to and smiled at when some clerk tells me that the ribbons are 'this way, lady.' Lady is a very cuckoo among words anyhow. It has foisted poor 'woman' out of her proper place and now is trying to oust plain 'ma'am.'"—New York Sun.

ROBERTS AND WELLINGTON.

The Lord Puts on Record His Estimate of the Iron Duke.

Lord Roberts has put on record his estimate of the great Duke of Wellington. "A study of Wellington's life and writings," he writes, "leads me to the conclusion that he has been somewhat overrated as a man and greatly underrated as a commander. Stress is often laid on the strict sense of duty by which he is supposed to have been specially actuated, the inference being that personal ambition had little to do with his efforts to succeed in the tasks intrusted to him. That Wellington was honorable, straightforward, resolute and patriotic none can deny, but there appears to be no instance in his military career of adopting a course where his duty was opposed to his own interests, or of his being called upon to sacrifice the latter in order to carry out the former.

"In his case the paths of duty and of personal advancement were identical, and it seems, therefore, hardly reasonable to assume that he differed from other great military leaders—such as Cæsar, Marlborough or Napoleon—in being devoid of that desire for distinction and power which is one of the most potent incentives to exertion. At the beginning of the peninsular war his own words were, 'The ball is now at my foot, and I hope I shall have strength enough to give it a good kick!' and the principal reason he gave for wishing to leave India was that he would be more likely to get on in Europe. Possessed of many admirable qualities, Wellington gained the esteem and confidence, but not the affection, of his soldiers. By nature reserved and unsympathetic—perhaps a little selfish—he regarded his army in the light of a fighting machine. When its task was performed and peace established, he ceased to associate with the officers who had been most intimately connected with him in the field, and he did little or nothing to promote the welfare of his soldiers or to make the nation understand what a debt of gratitude it owed him."—Scottish American.

Church Note.

At Calvary M. P. Church preaching services tomorrow at usual hours. Morning subject, "The open gate of the year." Evening subject, "Shortening sail on the Sea of Life."

They Own 2500 Acres.

Prudential Land Company Of Talbot County.

TO COLONIZE HOLLANDERS.

Propose To Start A Colony Of Three Hundred In The Spring. The Plans In Detail.

The Prudential Land Company of Talbot county has attracted a great deal of outside attention. The December issue of the Maryland Farmer has this to say of it.

This state of Maryland is undoubtedly well adapted for the colonization of farmers who will make intensive farming one of the features of their farm work. The kind of intensive farming which means farms thoroughly cultivated for the growth of such crops as are needed to supply the cities of Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, along the line of the ocean, and the great cities also of our Western States. The Eastern Shore is particularly adapted to this kind of farming. The nature of the soil as well as the great facilities for reaching markets make it all that the most exacting could demand for such an enterprise.

It is because of these facts that a syndicate has been formed of prominent and wealthy men to develop the region adjoining the beautiful city of Easton, Md., by colonizing some thousands of acres with industrious Hollanders, who will come prepared, with the help of the company, to make a veritable garden of Caroline county.

This syndicate has taken for their corporate name "The Prudential Land Company of Talbot County," and the directors and officers are the following well-known gentlemen William Daynes, president; John H. Armstrong, vice president; Henry W. Schloss, treasurer; Hon. Oswald Tilghman, Albert Hoffman, Edward Hoffman; John F. Beysens ag'l. sup't; Cornelius W. Van Der Hoogt, general manager; Justin Menderson, secretary.

The land which this company propose to occupy begins about four miles from Easton, and lies along the beautiful Choptank river and borders the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Atlantic R. R. They have already purchased several tracts of land, among which are the Hog Island farm of 1,000 acres, from Mr. Hiram M. Buck, of Baltimore; the Frazier farm of 800 acres from Mr. Henry Diffendaffer, of Easton; 250 acres from Mr. Robert Kelley, of Elmira, N. Y.; 200 acres from Alva Hubbard, Easton, also other smaller tracts.

Their land reaches the Choptank river, and no place with which we are acquainted is better adapted to a colony of Hollanders such as they contemplate. The facilities for shipping produce are first class both by the lines of steamers of the B. A. & Chesapeake R. R. which daily traverse this beautiful river and by the railroad which gives all the inland tracts the very best accommodations. Fine wharves are either already there, or will be built by the company wherever needed.

In the coming spring of 1896, the company propose to start a colony of 300 Holland farmers: dividing the land into small farms and selling them to the colonists at reasonable prices. A comfortable dwelling and outbuildings will be provided on each farm. The payments for the property will be arranged with the view of having the colonists able to meet them easily. The company will also see that the colonists are supplied with stock and implements, and all that is necessary to secure their comfort and success, the payments to be made in instalments with the purchase price of the property.

In addition to all this the company also propose to locate on the property at some desirable point, a town for manufacturing purposes, and they will offer substantial inducements to those who may desire to enter into this field. An elevator will be conveniently located on the property for the storage of the grain of the colonists. Advances will be made on grain so stored, to those desiring to hold for a better market, &c., or the grain will be bought at market prices from the colonists.

Wheat, corn, oats—all the cereals—can be grown on this land, and the earliest vegetables of every description can be raised to supply the markets, brought to their very doors. Large peach orchards are already planted and in a flourishing condition, while the other orchard fruits may be had in great abundance. The soil is also especially adapted to small fruits, and some of the finest berries that come to market, hail from this region of the Eastern Shore.

While ample funds are in the hands of the company, other important items will insure its success. Messrs. John F. Beysens, the ag'l supt., and Cornelius W. Van der Hoog't, the general manager, are native Hollanders and will personally oversee the property and look after the colonists. Most of the success of the enterprise is due to Mr. Van der Hoogt who has pushed it with commendable energy. The main offices of the company are at 27-29 Pine St., New York, with a branch at Easton under the personal management of Mr. Van der Hoogt.

We have given this large space this week to this enterprise, because we see in it the beginning of a movement which we think is destined at some future day to revolutionize the methods of cultivation on the Eastern Shore, and to make of it what it should have long ago become a veritable garden. The true theory we believe to be small farms highly cultivated and adapted to the great markets which they can most easily reach The region for large corn and wheat fields is in the West, where everything is done on a mammoth scale and where steam and electricity can be profitably used in farm work. Here we need intensive farming—a few acres of land brought to the best garden richness, cultivated thoroughly, and producing on each acre more in value than a dozen or twenty acres of the grain land of the West

William Daynes and wife and Justin Mendelson and wife of New York city, and Leonard Longbein and wife, of Brooklyn, arrived in Easton Friday and registered at Hotel Avon. Mr. Daynes is president and Mr. Mendelson is secretary of the Prudential Land Company of New York and Easton, which has bought several large tracts of land on the Choptank river in Caroline county, including the famous Hog Island and Frazer's flats farms. At Easton they were joined by C. W. Vanderhoogt, of New York, the general manager of the company, who was already here, and Oswald Tilghman, the resident Easton director. The New Yorkers spent several days here inspecting their properties, making the furnished dwelling on Hog Island their headquarters. The object of the land company is to divide up these tracts into small farms and sell them to the better class of agricultural immigrants, men with families and some capital. Thus far their dealings have been principally with Hollanders and Lithuanians.

Royal Oak.

Miss Clara Wilson of Baltimore, Md., is spending her two weeks vacation with her friend, Miss Syda P. Benson.

Mr. William Wright of Easton, has repaired the damage done by the fire upon Julian Jackson's house occupied by Mrs. Robson Oxenham.

Our oyster houses were quite busy last week and the early part of this, getting off Christmas orders.

The children of the M. E. Sunday School had a very nice treat given them Wednesday evening last. Three prizes were arranged for good attendance and there were a few readings and recitation.

Will Have A Banquet.

The Easton Lodge of the Improved Order of Heptasophs will have a public installation of officers, recently elected on Monday evening in Masonic Temple, after which a banquet will be served. Invitations have been sent out to the number of one hundred. Leander R. Hooper is chairman of the committee of arrangements.

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THE ASIATICS AT ATLANTA.

Interesting Types and Characters From Japan, China Valuable Exposition Notes.

ATLANTA EXPOSITION, Dec. 29.—The best way to study a thing is to "pick it to pieces." So the scientist works with minerals, earths and wood fibres. So the physician dissects the body. So I have enjoyed the study of this Atlanta Exposition. I have written upon "Mexico at the Fair," "California at the Fair," etc., and I now bring my trend of thought to the study of these strange people from across the Pacific who have given such an Asiatic impress to the exhibits and the amusements of this Exposition.

The opportunity was a most excellent one for these Asiatics to avail themselves of because of the convenience for reaching Atlanta and bringing their wares, their actors, acrobats, dancers and "beauties." Pacific steamers brought them to San Francisco and they were transported thence over the Southern Pacific route to New Orleans and then came to this city. I have talked with these Asiatic people from the several countries, and find that they prefer this southern trans-continental route, rather than to cross the high Sierras and the Rocky mountain ranges of the northern routes. Nor can I dispute their choice since I have tried them both.

Let me attempt to make a pen-picture of these bright, shrewd, ingenious and in many instances remarkable people as illustrated in the types here shown. The most interesting of all is found at what is called the Japanese Village located not far east from the Woman's Building. They have brought with them many rare specimens of their handiwork in wood, pottery, beads, embroidery, glassware, jewelry, etc., and it is an interesting pastime to go on a shopping trip through their exhibits, even though having no intention to purchase anything.

The Japanese theatre is an exceedingly interesting place, and it costs only fifteen cents to see the show. The acrobatic performances of the men, boys and girls are some of the most marvelous I have ever seen. Not only do they jump, roll and contort themselves in ways that seem improbable even as you stand and look at them, but they unite with these feats such exhibitions of jugglery as I have never seen performed by our most skillful American experts in this art. Those who have visited the exposition and failed to go in and see this show missed one of the chief attractions.

From here I may take the reader over to the Midway and into the "Chinese Beauty Show" and the Chinese Theatre. When the fair first opened there was about a hundred of these—

"Whose ways are so dark,
And tricks are so vain;"

but several of the women were taken back to San Francisco as the outcome of litigation. More than half of them were left however, and it has been worth more than the admission price to go in and see these Chinese in the theatrical exhibitions and grotesque performances carried on by them in their own celestial empire.

Diagonally across the Midway from the Chinese quarters are the Turks with their camels and donkeys, their beautiful women and fierce looking men, their strangely discordant music, their customs and habits, most graphically illustrating the native modes, customs, language and spirit of these people.

And so a few hours spent in the study of these Asiatics help very materially to a better knowledge of what they are, how they live and what they do, and information could, to a limited degree, be gained for less than a dollar, more impressive and valuable as an object lesson than a volume that might be read descriptive of them.

All the Chinese women left this week by the Southern Pacific route to San Francisco, whence they are expected to take steamer for China. Some of the Japanese will remain in this country and give exhibitions in various cities, awaiting the Montreal fair next year; the rest will go by the Southern Pacific and make steamer connections for home. The owner of the Turkish exhibition has made an offer to have a much grander show at Baltimore in 1897 if the concession may be granted him.

It was worth the cost of a visit to this Cotton States Exposition to make a study of these Asiatics alone. DAVID A. BELL.

Brother Onesimus.

[Written for NegroDay–Atlanta Exposition.]

Brother Onesimus was Philemon's slave,
A bondman for life by the laws of the land;
But Paul, the Apostle, his freedom did crave
In courteous petition, both gracious and bland.

His "brother beloved" Paul called him by name,
A kinship through Christ the immortal received,
For both the pure blood of atonement could claim,
Since both had, by faith, in its merit believed.

Onesimus stands for our brother in black,
In slavery bound, by the human decrees
Which brought this black brother o'er ocean's broad track,
From dark Africa's shores, far over the seas.

A voice cried aloud for his freedom for years
But the call came unheeded again and again,
Till the horrors of war, its anguish and tears,
Spoke louder than prayers for the freedom of men.

Let the mantle now fall o'er that record of woe,
That clashing of arms and that carnage so dire,
Where brother met brother as bitterest foe,
And made our fair land one funeral pyre.

If the brother in black was the cause of the war,
'Twas not his volition, nor yet his decree;
And he is not stained by this shedding of gore,
Which raised him to manhood and set his life free.

The brother in black in his freedom today
Is here the great cause of true manhood to fight;
Is here by the fates that compel him to stay
And mingle his life with the brother in white.

Fair freedom is dear to the brother in black,
Entwined with the stars and the stripes of our land;
May heaven forbid he should e'er courage lack,
When called for that glorious ensign to stand.

This day is a wonderful one for the race
Who were slaves on this soil four decades ago;
But today among freemen are given a place
To stand in the glory of manhood's fair glow.

Excelsior the watchword, and all will be well;
The culture of thought and the growth of the soul
Are virtues that man cannot barter nor sell
May these in life's effort be made the chief goal;

Then will there be proven a manhood supreme,
Which does not know color, nor nation, nor race,
But places such intellect high in esteem
As hath outreach sublime, great thoughts to embrace.

DAVID A. BELL.

The City of Pale Faces.

The vice regal liveries of scarlet and gold make a focus of brilliant color amid the sea of white which surges up and down the broad "Strand" at the sunset hour, when the Europeans, who parody the proud title of Calcutta into "The City of Pale Faces," crowd along the banks of the river to meet the evening breeze, which rustles the towering palms and brings fresh life into the sun scorched city.

Bareheaded Babus in flowing muslins lean over the rails of the sidewalk and criticise the fashionable throng.

Ayahs in gaudy saris and innumerable bangles take their languid charges for the evening airing. Richly clad natives in gilded palanquins pass swiftly through the crowd preceded by syces, who clear the way with the long staves which serve as weapons and official wands. Hindoo and Moslem, cooly and Khitmutgar, soldier and civilian, swell the throng, and as darkness falls the palm trees of the Eden gardens stand out clear and sharp in the blue flood of electric light which bathes the scene, bringing the romantic east within the focus of western science.—All the Year Round.

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THOSE MATINEE GIRLS.

The Boston Type—How She Differs From Those of Other Cities.

The Boston matinee girl is quite unlike the same dear creature anywhere else, remarks a Boston Herald writer. The culture, the thirst for knowledge, the indulgence in "fads," the prevalence of reading clubs, have all had their effect on her. In other cities she may be a silly creature, about whom foolish but laughable dialogues are written. In Boston she is quite different. She may be excitable, emotional, amusing—indeed, she is—but it is all a la Boston, and the humorist looking for a subject would only find it at a Boston matinee by waiting and watching—or having great luck.

In New York if you watch a matinee audience entering Daly's, the Lyceum or the Empire you will note that every other woman kisses some one in the lobby, and that the rest seem to kiss every one they meet.

That doesn't happen in Boston. Probably knowledge and the microbe theory prevent. Anyway you will note that Boston women as they enter the theater or loiter in the parlor are content to make a great bustle of shaking hands. Then such a jostling as there is in the effort to see every one, such a standing up in the seats to find out who's there and who's with them, and such a hum of voices that the orchestra plays in dumb show! Yet, with all this, candor must confess that the matinee girl is prettier than she is silly.

What People Write For.

Mr. Froude, in one of our earliest talks, said:

"And why do you want to meddle with biography? Why can't you be content to write three volume novels?"

"I have no invention," said I.

"Then I suppose you can't write that sort of 'rot' out of which Rider Haggard and such men make their thousands?"

"I am not clever enough for that," I replied.

"That answer is disingenuous," he said.

"Well," said I, "I don't want to write those books."

"That's better," said Froude and turned away. But afterward he renewed the subject and said: "I am glad you don't come to me saying that you think you have a mission of any kind, or want to remove a veil from the eyes of mistaken humanity on any subject, or to do anything grand or philanthropical, or that sort of idiocy. I have heard so much of that kind of thing."

"Oh, dear, no!" I said. "I want to put a little money in my pocket. I have no other motive, and as a publisher asked for the book I took the necessary steps. Nothing more."

"That's well," said Froude.—Mrs. Ireland in Contemporary Review.

An Egg That Holds Two Gallons.

One of the most interesting specimens in the National museum at Washington is a cast of an egg of most gigantic size, which was found in a guana bed on the island of Madagascar about 25 years ago. The shell of this egg will hold almost exactly two gallons of liquid, which would make its capacity equal to 148 average sized eggs laid by the common barnyard fowl. The bird which laid this mammoth egg is now extinct and has been for probably 200 years. To the scientist—who knows it by its bones and eggs—it is known as the epiornis, and its restored skeletons prove it to have been a bird at least 12 feet in height. Arab sailors who visited Madagascar centuries ago, when the epiornis was still living, are believed to have brought back the stories concerning it which finally developed into the fabulous narratives of the roc.—St. Louis Republic.

Professional.

Sergeant Davy was once accused of having disgraced the bar by taking silver from a client, the etiquette of the profession in London requiring that his fee should be in gold. "I took silver," he replied, "because I could not get gold, but I took every farthing the fellow had in the world and I hope you do not call that disgracing the profession."—London Tit-Bits

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