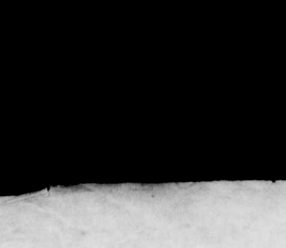
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JUST OUT.



THE undersigned have just completed the

BALTIMORE COOK,

and confidently offer it to the people of Kent county as the *best* and *cheapest* Cooking Stove in the market.

Call and examine our new stock of Dwelling, Church, and School Stoves, which we always *guarantee* to be as represented.

DORGAN & CO.,
S. E. cor. Light and Lombard sts.,
Sept. 5, 1868—4m. BALTIMORE.

BOWER'S

COMPLETE MANURE,

MANUFACTURED BY HENRY BOWER,

PHILADELPHIA,

MADE FROM

Super-Phosphate of Lime, Ammonia and Potash.

Warranted Free from Adulteration.

This Manure contains all the elements to produce large crops of all kinds, and is highly recommended by all who have used it, also by distinguished Chemists who have, by analysis, tested its qualities.

Packed in Bags of 200 lbs. Each.

DIXON, SHARPLESS & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS,
39 South Water and 40 South Wharves,
PHILADELPHIA.

For Sale by WM. REYNOLDS,
79 South Street,
July 18. BALTIMORE, MD.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent County, letters of administration on the estate of

JOHN W. JONES,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 25th day of March, 1869; otherwise they may be excluded by law from the benefit of said estate. Given under my hand this 25th day of August, 1868.

JOSIAH M. JONES,
Aug. 22—4t Administrator C. T. A.

Notice.

THE subscriber takes this method of notifying the community that he will prosecute for misdemeanor, all persons found gathering and taking away the cranberries growing on his farm.

W. T. WALLIS,
Aug. 15, 1868—7t. Near Kennedyville.

NOTICE.

PERSONS having Bounty Claims in my hands will please call at the Clerk's Office and make the necessary affidavits, as I wish to file said claims with the Comptroller on or about the 20th of this month.

JESSE K. HINES.
August 8, 1868—tf.

NOTICE

To Tax Payers in the Second District.

TAXES are due from the first of July. All who pay in August will get 5 per cent. off their State tax, 4 per cent. off if paid in September, and 3 off if paid in October.

I hope this notice will be sufficient to induce every person to pay without delay. I will further say to those who have not paid last year's taxes, that I shall not wait much longer. Office at Mr. Hayes' store.

J. SUTTON, Collector.
Kennedyville, August 8, 1868—tf.

600 Tax Payers Take Notice!

YOUR Tax Bill for 1868 are now due, and in my hands for collection. I am not only anxious to collect the bills and settle the books during the present year, but parties are urging their claims for payment, which cannot be delayed longer than the 1st, of January next. A prompt settlement, therefore, is asked. The subscriber will be at MASSEY'S CROSS ROADS on Wednesday mornings; SASSAFRAS on Wednesday afternoons; CHESTERVILLE, Saturday mornings; MILLINGTON, Saturday afternoons; and at Galena on Mondays. And will continue to visit said places on the days named, in each week, until further notice.

E. E. MILLER, Collector,
August 1st, 1868. 1st Dis. Kent Co.

Notice.

Intending to close my Books and all having Accounts standing for a longer time than one year, will find it greatly to their interest to call and settle with myself or Mr. Charles H. Wickes, by October next, as after that time they will be assigned in liquidation of some claims I wish to pay.

Aug. 29, 1868. T. H. WHALAND.

LUMBER, LUMBER.

A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF LUMBER on reasonable terms, for sale by T. W. ELIASON & SON.

TOURNAMENT AND BASKET PICNIC.

WILL be held near CHESTERTOWN, *ON WEDNESDAY*,

The 30th of September, 1868,

a Tournament and Basket Picnic.

The Knights will be arrayed on the Field before the Chief Marshal, at 9½ o'clock, to receive instructions. Tilting will commence at 10 o'clock.

The Coronation

will take place on the field, being preceded by an Address from the Orator of the Day.

Knights of Maryland! Emulate the deeds of the ancient scions of chivalry and rally to the Lists where your successful efforts will be crowned with the smiles of the Fair and Beautiful.

All Officers and Knights will report to the Chief Marshal, at 8½ A. M., in Chestertown.

A fine Band of Music will be in attendance.

The number of Knights will be limited, so early application must be made.

The following Officers have been chosen:

CHIEF MARSHAL, (orange colored sash and white rosette), Capt. Geo. H. Wilson.

ASSISTANT MARSHALS, (white sashes and blue rosettes), John O. Slay, Sam'l. Merritt, J. T. Skirven, T. H. Whaland, Robert Goldsborough, Robert Nicholson, Richard Smith, Lewin Usilton, Lewis Price, Philip F. Rasin, Isaac Perkins, John Beck, Wm. M. Gilpin, Edw. F. Nowland, W. W. Stephens, George A. Jessup, Thos. W. Ringgold, Charles W. Warren, Geo. S. Diehl, Wm. P. Francis, John Brice, Josiah Ringgold, Sr., Wm. S. Walker, Frederick Worrell, John W. Loud, Wm. Ford, Bradford Camp, John M. Hudson, Samuel Beck, Jos. A. Catlin, William Hepbron.

JUDGES, (red, white and blue rosettes), Horatio Beck, Richard Hynson, Benjamin F. Start, Wm. Welch, Lloyd Tilghman.

ORATOR OF THE DAY, (white rosette,) C. M. Newman.

HERALD, (blue sash and red rosette), J. Lecompt Haines.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Milnor Jones, Thomas W. Wickes, C. T. Westcott.

OFFICER OF THE DAY, (red sash and white rosette), Joseph E. Gilpin.

☞ Admission 50 cents; children under 12 years of age half price.

REFRESHMENTS may be had on the Field. J. P. PRICE,
Sept. 19, 1868—2t. Sec'ty.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters of Administration on the estate of

JAMES H. GALE,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 1st day of April, 1869; otherwise they may be excluded by law from the benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 1st day of September, 1868.

THOMAS RASIN,
Sept. 5, 1868—4t. Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county, letters of Administration on the estate of

HARRIETT TILGHMAN,

late of said county, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers, on or before the 1st day of April, 1869, otherwise they may be excluded by law from the benefits of said estate. Given under my hand this 1st day of September, 1868.

GEORGE B. WESTCOTT,
Sept. 5, 1868—4t. Executor.

BALTIMORE AND SASSAFRAS RIVER LINE.

THE STEAMER



TRUMPETER,

CAPT. M. DEMING,

WILL leave Baltimore every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 11 o'clock A. M., returning the opposite days; leaving Georgetown at 8 o'clock and Buck Neck at 11 o'clock.

FARE $1.25; to and from Buck Neck $1.

my2-6m M. DEMING, Pro.



NEW ARRANGEMENT.—I am now running a STAGE from Chestertown to Buck Neck to connect with Steamer TRUMPETER, leaving the Voshell House every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9½ o'clock, A. M. Passengers conveyed to Chestertown on the arrival of the Steamer from Baltimore.

Fare $1.25, through to Baltimore.

Accommodations for horses, &c., can be had of JAMES SHUSTER,
my2-tf Proprietor.

WOOL WANTED.

Washed and in the Fleece,

and for which the highest ruling market rates will be paid during the entire season.

THOMAS S. WICKES.
my9'68

Henry C. Kennard.

ATTORNEY and COUNSELLOR,

37 SAINT PAUL STREET,

apr4-6m BALTIMORE.

GRAVELEY'S Best Brand of Chewing Tobacco: Segars and Smoking Tobacco, for sale at the Tin, Stove and Hardware Store of J. K. ALDRIDGE.

DURYEAS'

Satin Gloss Starch

HAS established a world-wide celebrity for being the Purest, Whitest, Strongest, and Most Glossy and Economical Starch known. Disinterested judges pronounce it the "Perfection of Starch."

The Messrs. Duryea have no occasion to personally assert the superiority of their goods. A discriminating public and the decision of the following scientific and disinterested judges establish it.

PRIZE MEDALS AWARDED

Duryeas' Starch and Maizena

For their "Perfection of Quality," at Grand Paris International Exposition, 1867. Great London International Exposition, 1862. Great Internat. Exposition, Hamburg, 1863. Great Internat. Exposition, Cologne, 1865. Also at States', Agricultural, American Institute and Maryland Institute Fairs.

Inferior Starch is sour, musty, or has a golden or yellow tinge, a color not desirable in one's linen. (It is absurd for the laundress to cleanse and bleach, and then discolor linen with impure yellow starch.)

Maizena

Is a pure flour, from the choicest Indian corn, and is used for all the purposes of Corn Starch and Arrowroot, to which it is superior. Put up in the same style of packets, and at same price, with directions for use.

For culinary purposes, call for Duryeas' Maizena. For the laundry, call for Duryeas' Satin Gloss Starch.

For sale by all grocers. Be sure you get our goods. Our name is on all our boxes.

H. H. BURNETT,
No. 3, Exchange Place, Baltimore,
Agent for Maryland, Dist. Columbia and Va.
September 5, 1868—y.

Baltimore Sewing Machine Mart.

THE Public have long desired the establishment of a Mart where all kinds of Sewing Machines and Sewing Machine Findings could be had; where they could see and compare the workings of one machine with another, and select from the different makes, the Machine best suited to the use to which they desire to apply it.

FRED. W. WILD,
78 *W. Baltimore Street.*

☞ Sewing Machines repaired and adjusted by skillful mechanics, and a fair remunerative compensation only will be charged for the time and skill expended in the work.

The Great American Combination Button Hole Overseaming and

SEWING MACHINE,

Is warranted to execute in the best manner every variety of Sewing, Hemming, Felling, Cording, Tucking, Braiding, Gathering, Quilting, Over-seaming, Embroidering on the edge, and in addition makes beautiful Button and Eyelet holes in all fabrics. It has no equal, being absolutely the best Family Machine in the world, and intrinsically the cheapest, for it is two Machines combined in one by a simple and beautiful mechanical arrangement.

Circulars with full particulars and samples of work done on this machine, can be had on application at the sales room of

FRED. W. WILD,
78 *W. Baltimore street*,
Over Eisenbrandt's Music Store.
AGENTS WANTED.
Sept. 12, 1868—y.

GROCERIES,

WINES AND LIQUORS.

NOTICE.

TO ALL LOVERS OF GOOD BRANDIES, WINES, TEAS AND GROCERIES.

I AM PREPARED TO OFFER GREAT inducements to customers, wholesale and retail. Keep constantly on hand a large and well selected Stock of Goods, consisting in part of

Green and Black Teas, of choice chops; Coffees—Java, Laguyra, Rio, &c.

English and American Pickles, Capers and Condiments, Olives, Italian Maccaroni and Vermecilla. Frehs Canned Fruits of all kinds; Canned Meats and Fish; Foreign and Domestic Preserves and Jellies. I have on hand a fine stock of

Old Brandies, Wines, Whiskeys, Gin,

which I offer to Hotel keepers at the VERY LOWEST PRICES, and ask a call.

THOMAS M. GREEN,
88 *W. Baltimore Street, near Holiday.*
Sept. 12, 1868—y.

Keep it before the People!
Keep it before the People!

A POLICY FOR $3000 IN THE

MUTUAL LIFE of New York

COSTS LESS AND YIELDS MORE THAN A POLICY FOR $5000 IN THE BEST NOTE COMPANY.—THE SECURITY OFFERED *is not* EQUALED BY ANY OTHER LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THEODORE ASCHERFELD,
Solicitor for Maryland, Delaware and Penn.
August 22, 1868—2m.

ORCHILLA GUANO,

A A.

WE are prepared to supply a limited demand this fall for this Valuable

TRUE BIRD GUANO,

Rich in Phosphates and Alkaline Salts.

The "Dauntless" will be followed by other vessels, but we cannot look for a large supply before spring.

Packed in barrels and bags. $30 per ton (2,000 lbs.)

Dealers and Farmers apply to

B. M. RHODES & CO.,
32 SOUTH STREET,
Aug. 29—3m. Below Corn Exchange.

WATER COOLERS and Tumbler Drainers—for sale low, at J. K. ALDRIDGE'S

COAL HODS, Shovels and Pokers—for sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE.

HOOFLAND'S

GERMAN BITTERS.

HOOFLAND'S

GERMAN TONIC.

THEY CURED YOUR

FATHERS AND MOTHERS,

And will cure you and your children. They are entirely different from the many preparations now in the country called Bitters or Tonics. They are no tavern preparation, or anything like one; but good, honest, reliable medicines. They are

The greatest known remedies for

Liver Complaint,

DYSPEPSIA,

Nervous Debility,

JAUNDICE,

Diseases of the Kidneys,

ERUPTIONS OF THE SKIN,

and all Diseases arising from a Disordered Liver, Stomach, or

IMPURITY OF THE BLOOD.

Constipation, Flatulence, Inward Piles, Fullness of Blood to the Head, Acidity of the Stomach, Nausea, Heartburn, Disgust for Food, Fulness or Weight in the Stomach, Sour Eructations, Sinking or Fluttering at the Pit of the Stomach, Swimming of the Head, Hurried or Difficult Breathing, Fluttering at the Heart, Choking or Suffocating Sensations when in a Lying Posture, Dimness of Vision, Dots or Webs before the Sight, Dull Pain in the Head, Deficiency of Perspiration, Yellowness of the Skin and Eyes, Pain in the Side, Back, Chest, Limbs, etc., Sudden Flushes of Heat, Burning in the Flesh, Constant Imaginings of Evil and Great Depression of Spirits.

All these indicate disease of the Liver or Digestive Organs, combined with impure blood.

Hoofland's German Bitters

is entirely vegetable, and contains no liquor. It is a compound of Field Extracts. The Roots, Herbs, and Barks from which these extracts are made are gathered in Germany. All the medicinal virtues are extracted from them by a scientific chemist. These extracts are then forwarded to this country to be used expressly for the manufacture of these Bitters. There is no alcoholic substance of any kind used in compounding the Bitters, hence it is the only Bitters that can be used in cases where alcoholic stimulants are not advisable.

Hoofland's German Tonic

is a combination of all the ingredients of the Bitters, with pure Santa Cruz Rum, Orange, etc. It is used for the same diseases as the Bitters, in cases where some pure alcoholic stimulus is required. You will bear in mind that these remedies are entirely different from any others advertised for the cure of the diseases named, these being scientific preparations of medicinal extracts, while the others are mere decoctions of rum in some form. The TONIC is decidedly one of the most pleasant and agreeable remedies ever offered to the public. Its taste is exquisite. It is a pleasure to take it, while its life-giving, invigorating, and medicinal qualities have caused it to be known as the greatest of all tonics.

DEBILITY.

There is no medicine equal to Hoofland's German Bitters or Tonic in cases of Debility. They impart a tone and vigor to the whole system, strengthen the appetite, cause an enjoyment of the food, enable the stomach to digest it, purify the blood, give a good, sound, healthy complexion, eradicate the yellow tinge from the eye, impart a bloom to the cheeks, and change the patient from a short-breathed, emaciated, weak, and nervous invalid, to a full-faced, stout, and vigorous person.

Weak and Delicate Children are made strong by using the Bitters or Tonic. In fact, they are Family Medicines. They can be administered with perfect safety to a child three months old, the most delicate female, or a man of ninety.

These Remedies are the best

Blood Purifiers

ever known, and will cure all diseases resulting from bad blood. Keep your blood pure; keep your Liver in order; keep your digestive organs in a sound, healthy condition, by the use of these remedies, and no disease will ever assail you. The best men in the country recommend them. If years of honest reputation go for anything you must try these preparations.

FROM HON. GEO. W. WOODWARD,

Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, March 16, 1867.

I find "Hoofland's German Bitters" is not an intoxicating beverage, but is a good tonic, useful in disorders of the digestive organs, and of great benefit in cases of debility and want of nervous action, in the system.

Yours truly,

GEO. W. WOODWARD.

FROM HON. JAMES THOMPSON,

Judge of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania.

PHILADELPHIA, April 28, 1866.

I consider "Hoofland's German Bitters" a valuable medicine in case of attacks of Indigestion or Dyspepsia. I can certify this from my experience of it. Yours, with respect,

JAMES THOMPSON.

FROM REV. JOSEPH H. KENNARD, D. D.,

Pastor of the Tenth Baptist Church, Philadelphia.

DR. JACKSON—DEAR SIR:—*I have been frequently requested to connect my name with recommendations of different kinds of medicines, but regarding the practice as out of my appropriate sphere, I have in all cases declined; but with a clear proof in various instances, and particularly in my own family, of the usefulness of Dr. Hoofland's German Bitters, I depart for once from my usual course, to express my full conviction that for general debility of the system and especially for Liver Complaint, it is a safe and valuable preparation. In some cases it may fail; but usually, I doubt not, it will be very beneficial to those who suffer from the above causes.*

Yours, very respectfully,

J. H. KENNARD,
Eighth, below Coates street.

CAUTION.

Hoofland's German Remedies are counterfeited. The genuine have the signature of C. M. Jackson on the front of the outside wrapper of each bottle, and the name of the article blown in each bottle. All others are counterfeit.

The tonic is put up in quart bottles.

Recollect that it is Dr. Hoofland's German Remedies that are so universally used and so highly recommended; and do not allow the Druggists to induce you to take anything else that he may say is just as good, because he makes a larger profit on it. These Remedies will be sent by express to any locality upon application to the

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,

AT THE GERMAN MEDICINE STORE,

No. 631 ARCH STREET, Philadelphia.

CHAS. M. EVANS,

Proprietor,

Formerly C. M. JACKSON & CO.

These Remedies are for sale by Druggists, Storekeepers, and Medicine Dealers everywhere.

Be not forget to examine well the article you buy, in order to get the genuine.

Selected Poetry.

WILD OATS.

BY ETHEL LYNN.

Saw you the field by morning bright,
With fallow earth laid warm and light,
For human souls to sow aright
With precious seed.

Saw you the gay young sowers there,
Their careless hands so firm and fair,
Flinging the wild oats everywhere,
Like harmless seed.

Heard you their loud exultant shout,
As gold-like rain fell round about,
Whilst garlands flung their sweetness out,
Above the seed.

Soft rippling notes from woman's tongue,
Made music as she idly sung,
And pearls from spiders' tents unstrung,
Amid the seed.

Saw you fair brows wreathed with the vine,
Above soft eyes whose gladsome shine
Gathered their gladness over wine,
As fell the seed.

The while, the sowers' footsteps gay,
Trod down pale blossoms in their way,
And clinging vines went wild astray,
Through springing seed.

Only wild oats—a merry crop
'Twould grow, perchance—perchance 'twould stop,
Without a harvest at its top.
'Tis fearful seed.

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See you the reapers' nearing night,
With troubled faces worn and white,
Dim with remorse and wan with fright;
Yet must they reap.

See you the sickle rise and fall,
Through stalwart grain grown swart and tall,
'Mid poison creepers loop and thrall;
Yet must they reap.

The sun is down, the night is nigh,
Gray, solemn clouds o'ercast the sky,
Persaging whirlwind by and by;
Yet must they reap.

Poor faded garlands lie about,
Accusing voices wail and shout,
And faces wronged from graves look out;
Yet must they reap.

From many a furrow gaping there
Rises some disregarded prayer,
(Oh, saddest fruit this earth can bear!)
Yet must they reap.

Too late! The reaper falls aghast,
Wild oats have ripened full and fast,
To crush him 'neath their weight at last.
The crop is reaped.

Southern Portrait of a Yankee.

The Brandon (Miss.) *Republican*, whereof A. J. Frantz is editor, pays the following compliment to "the Yankees:"

"THE YANKEE."

He is a compound mixture of impudence, impertinence, ingratitude, selfishness, penuriousness, malignity and low cunning.

He is a religious thief—a psalm-singing hypocrite—a praise-God liar—a loud praying swindler, and a smooth-tongue deceiver.

He was conceived in iniquity, brought forth in sin, reared in crime, educated in the arts of stealing, and has followed rascality for a living all his life.

He will sacrifice his last friend if he can make a dime by it, or he would sell the dead body of his grandmother for soap grease for two bits.

When he hires a negro to work for him, he has it specified in the contract that he is to charge fifty cents per hour for every hour lost, and at the end of the year he always has the negro largely in his debt.

If he contracts to feed them, he buys rotten bacon and meal at low figures, and sells it to his hands at the usual price for good articles.

If he sells you a pound of sugar, one-third of it will be sand.

The whiskey he sells you is two-thirds water, with a little tobacco and red pepper put in it to make it fiery.

He don't think of, or study about anything, except how to swindle somebody.

He always has his carpet-bag stuffed with pinch-back jewelry, which he sells to the ignorant for pure gold.

On rainy days, when he can't go out, he sits in the house and manufactures wooden hams and nutmegs.

If he hires one of you to do a little job for him, for which a Southern gentleman would give you a half-dollar, he will either give you a three-cent piece, or tell you to call again, as he has no change.

He cares nothing about you, except to get your vote, and for that purpose he will go and eat with you, sleep with you, or kiss your ragged children. If a hog had a vote he would do the same thing with them.

He goes to church on Sunday, sings and prays, puts on a long face, and then swindles his own children out of their supper. He does that in this way. He gives them two cents each if they will go to bed without eating. In the morning they are very hungry, and give him the money back for a piece of bread.

A YOUNG WIDOW was asked why she was going to get married so soon after the death of her first husband. "Oh, ha!" said she, "I do it to prevent fretting myself to death on account of my dear Tom."

The Woman and the Crow.

The following amusing anecdote, which has never yet appeared in print, struck me as containing a point so keenly satirical, that I determined to write it down and have it "placed on the records." It was told me by one who was an eye witness, and who, of course, speaks from the book. The story will lose much of its ludicrousness in my style of writing, and his of telling it, but here goes:

At a certain cross-roads, in the State of Alabama, stood a small grocery or "whiskey-shop," previous to the war, where "bust-head" and "chain-lightning" were dealt out to the thirsty unwashed, at five cents a drink, or twenty cents a quart. The presiding genius of this delectable institution was one Billy Sykes, who, among various other pets, had a domesticated crow, black as the ace of spades.

This crow had learned, among other things to repeat quite plainly the words "damn you," which he, of course, heard frequently used in the grocery. During the prevalence of a knock-down-and-drag-out fight one day, however, the crow was frightened from his home and flew off into the woods, never to return.

About three miles from the grocery was a settlement meeting-house—an old tumble-down, dilapidated affair, only used on certain occasions, when a "circuit-rider" happened that way. Into this building went the crow, taking peaceable possession; and two days thereafter the church was thrown open for preaching, and a large crowd assembled, among whom was a very old lady, who was compelled to use crutches in walking, who took her seat in the "front pew," and was soon deeply absorbed in the eloquence of the preacher. The reverend gentleman had scarcely got under full headway, and commenced thundering his anathemas at all grades of sinners, when a hoarse, croaking voice from above uttered the ominous words:

"*Damn you!*"

The preacher and congregation looked aghast at such profanity, and each peered into his neighbor's face in vain to detect some sign of guilt. Quiet was at length restored, and the sermon proceeded, but ere ten minutes had elapsed the ominous "damn you" again electrified the audience, and just as the preacher cast his eyes upwards to search for the delinquent, the crow flew from his perch, and lighting on the Bible, calmly surveyed the terrified crowd, and gave another doleful croak:

"*Damn you!*"

The effect was electrical. Giving one startled and terrified glance at the intruder the preacher sprang through a window, carrying sash, glass and all with him, and set off at a break-neck pace through the woods, closely followed by his horror-stricken congregation, who had piled out of the building pell-mell after. In the general scramble the old lady with the crutches had been knocked down in church, where she lay unable to rise, and not observing her, the crow (who was after something to eat) flew down beside her, and cocking up his eye at her very knowingly, croaked—

"Damn you!"

The old lady eyed him savagely for a few moments, and then burst forth in a tone of reckless defiance:

"Yes, and damn you, too! I had nothing to do with getting up this Methodist meeting, and you know it, too."

The poor old soul had mistaken the crow for the devil, and concluded to propitiate the wrath of his Satanic Majesty, by denying all complicity in the affair. The world is full of just such people.

Animal and Vegetable Barometers.

The sensibility of many animals and plants to the varying condition of the atmosphere is so great, that a careful study of their movements will often indicate with certainty approaching changes in the weather. When a storm is pending, the spider shortens the thread of his web, and lengthens them again when the storm is about to pass off. Careful observers even pretend to foretell how long fine weather will last, from the degree to which the web is extended. If the spider is quiet, it is a sign of rain; but when he goes to work during a shower, be sure it will soon clear off. The swallow is also an infallible barometer, flying low, almost touching the earth, and uttering a low, plaintive cry before rain, but sailing back and forth high in the air during settled weather. When a violent tempest is about to break out, he soars even to the clouds, and adopts a slow, majestic motion, very different from his ordinary one. In pleasant weather the crow will at any time leave her nest in search of food; but if she feels a storm approaching, nothing will tempt her off till her mate takes her place to protect her young. The peacock foretells rain by its frequent cries, the woodpecker by its cosings; the paroquet by its chattering, and the guinea-fowl by its going to roost. The goose manifests great uneasiness, plunging into the water, and rapidly returning to the land. The sea-gulls seek the shores, and are only seen far inland in settled weather. The petrel on the contrary, dashes out boldly into the midst of the storm and tempest. The chirp of the cricket is a sign of fair weather, but the cry of the tree-toad indicates rain. When the air is overcharged with moisture, the odor of flowers is strong and penetrating, and in dry weather is soft and agreeable.

A COUNTRY YOUTH came to town to see his intended wife, and for a long time could think of nothing to say. At last, a great snow falling, he took occasion to tell her that his father's sheep would be all undone. "Well," said she, taking him by the hand, I'll keep one of them."

The Late Earthquake in South America.

The earthquake which occurred last August in Peru and Ecuador, and of which accounts have just been published, was one of the most extensive and appalling that history has recorded. Along the whole coast for a distance of thirteen hundred miles the shock was terrible, and it must certainly have been felt many hundreds of miles further. The sea roared and surged like a gigantic whirlpool and flung itself in an enormous wave far in upon the land. The earth rocked fearfully and yawned with horrible chasms, while from the boiling depths below were shot up smoke and mud. Cities went crashing down like houses built of cards, and goodly ships which had weathered a hundred storms were as leaves before a hurricane. Man, magnificently as he is endowed with resources for combatting with nature, cowered in imbecility and terror before this display of her power, and thousands upon thousands of corpses bore sad testimony to her supremacy, within the space of a few brief moments. Dreadful and sickening as these catastrophes are, they inspire also awe and reverence, when regarded as exhibitions of the titanic forces which in this world and for myriads of millions of miles beyond it are all restrained and regulated by simple laws. That the interior of our earth is a molten, fiery mass is the general conviction of all scientific men, and that its crust is not more than thirty miles thick is the common belief also. While thirty miles of solid earth might seem to be immovable by any agency now at work upon this globe, these volcanic outbreaks, when they occur, develop a power which we recognize as being capable of disrupting worlds. The shock of the great earthquake at Lisbon was felt on the one side on the southern shores of Finland, and on the other beyond the St. Lawrence, in Canada, thus extending over a space of seven million five hundred thousand miles. Even if the earth's crust be only twenty miles thick, it has been calculated that on that occasion one hundred and fifty million cubic miles of solid matter was moved. As is wisely and beneficially ordered, however, this latent force is restrained by laws which suffer it to do but partial mischief. From time to time a few cities and a few thousand people perish in some quarter of the globe, but the earth rolls on in its accustomed courses, and men give themselves small concern about the mighty power that is chained within it.—*Balto. Gazette.*

The D—dest Fools.

Recently in Vicksburg there was a large Democratic procession, in which were borne several United States flags, which, at the request of several citizens, had been loaned them by the post quartermaster. The parade of voters being large and impressive, alarming the carpet-baggers, several of them called on General Gillem and complained that his officer had furnished flags to a procession which was "impeding reconstruction." "Gentlemen," said the General, "you are the d—dest fools I ever saw. I fought these people four years to make them carry the flag, and now you are mad because they wish to march under it."

☞ Mr. Watson, uncle to the late Marquis of Rockingham, a man of immense wealth, finding himself at the point of death, desired a friend who was present to reach him a drawer, in which was an old shirt, that he might put it on. Being asked why he would wish to change his linen when he was so ill, he replied, "Because I am told the shirt I die in must be the nurse's perquisite, and this is good enough for her." This is as bad as the old woman, who, with her last breath blew out an inch of candle, "Because," said she, "I can see to die in the dark!"

☞ Two Radical members of the South Carolina Legislature—a negro and a "carpet-bagger"—had an angry altercation. Said the "carpet-bagger:" "You infernal black rascal, you had better go back to Burns' and brush white people's boots for a living." The negro retorted: "An' you white-livered scoundrel, you better go back to Sing Sing, and sarve out your full 'prenticeship at stone cuttin'." Specimen bricks, these, of Southern Radical legislators.

A MERCHANT examining a hogshead of hardware, on comparing it with the invoice, found it all right, except a hammer less than the invoice. "Och! don't be troubled," said the Irish porter; "sure the carter took it out to open the hogshead with."

A WIDOW who had just lost her husband, was weeping bitterly for the departed. A friend tried to console her. "No, no," said the fair mourner, "let me have my cry out, after that I shan't think any thing about it."

TWO QUAKER GIRLS were ironing on the same side-table. One asked the other which side she would take, the right or the left. She answered promptly, "It will be right for me to take the left, and then it will be left for thee to take the right."

DIOGENES being asked why it was that philosophers sought the society of the rich, much more than the latter sought theirs, replied: "Because philosophers know what they want, and the others do not."

WHAT is that which is full of holes, and yet holds water? A sponge.

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