GOSSIP.

One of the wisest and best among our English ethical writers, the author of "Companions of my Solitude," says *a propos* of gossip, that one half of the evil speaking of the world arises, not from malice prepense, but from mere want of amusement. And I think we may even grant that in the other half, constituted small of mind or selfish in disposition, it is seldom worse than the natural falling back from large abstract interests, which they cannot understand, upon those which they can—alas! only the narrow, common-place, and personal.

Yet they mean no harm; are often under the delusion that they both mean and do a great deal of good, take a benevolent watch over their fellow-creatures, and so-forth. *They* would not say an untrue word, or do an unkind action—not they! The most barefaced slanderer always tells her story with a good motive, or thinks she does; begins with a harmless "bit of gossip," just to pass the time away—the time which hangs so heavy! and ends by becoming the most arrant and mischievous tale-bearer under the sun.

Gossip—public, private, social—to fight against it either by word or pen, seems, after all, like fighting with shadows. Every body laughs at it, protests against it, blames and despises it; yet every body does it, or at least encourages others in it: quite innocently, unconsciously, in such a small, harmless fashion—yet we do it. We must talk about something, and it is not all of us that can find a rational topic of conversation, or discuss it when found. Many, too, who in their hearts hate the very thought of tattle and tale-bearing, are shy of lifting up their voices against it, lest they should be ridiculed for Quixotism, or thought to set themselves up as more virtuous than their neighbors. Others, from mere idleness, and indifference, long kept hovering the unclean stream, at last drop into it and are drifted away by it. Where does it land them? Aye, where?

If I, or any one, were to unfold on this subject only our own experience and observation—not a little more—what a volume it would make!

Families set by the ears, parents against children, brothers against brothers—not to mention brothers and sisters-in-law, who seem generally to assume, with the legal title, the legal right of interminably squabbling. Friendships sundered, betrothals broken, marriages annulled—in the spirit at least, while in the letter kept outwardly, to be a daily torment, temptation, and despair. Acquaintances that would otherwise have maintained a safe and not unkindly indifference, forced into absolute dislike—originating how they know not; but there it is. Old companions, that would have borne each other's little foibles, have forgiven and forgotten little annoyances, and kept up an honest affection till death, driven at last into open rupture, or frozen into a coldness more hopeless still, which no after-warmth will ever have power to thaw.

The blight and curse of civilized life is gossip. How is it to be removed? How are scores of well-meaning women, who in their hearts really like and respect oneanother—who, did trouble come to any one of them, would be ready with countless mutual kindnesses, small and great, and among whom the sudden advent of death would subdue every idle tongue to honest praise, and silence at once and forever, every bitter word against the neighbor departed—how are they to be taught to be every day as generous, considerate, liberal minded—in short womanly, as they would assuredly be in any exceptionable day of adversity? How are they to be made to feel the littleness, the ineffably pitiful littleness of raking up and criticising every slight peculiarity of manner, habits, temper, word, action, motive, household, children, servants, living, furniture and dress. Thus constituting themselves the amateur rag-pickers of this busy, bright, beautiful world. Such a revolution is, I doubt, quite hopeless on this side of Paradise. But every woman has it in her power personally to withstand the spread of this great plague of tongues, since it lies within her own volition what she will do with her own.

"All the king's horses and all the king's men" cannot make us either use or bridle that little member. It is our never-failing weapon, double-edged, delicate, bright, and keen; a weapon not necessarily either lethal or vile, but taking its character solely from the manner in which we use it.

Getting the Worst of It.

"Do you want to buy any berries today?" said a little boy to me one afternoon.

I looked at the little fellow and saw that he was poorly dressed. In his hand he held a basket full of ripe raspberries.

I told him I should like some, and taking the basket from him, stepped into the house. He did not follow me.

"Why don't you come in and see if I measure your berries right?" said I.

"How do you know but what I may cheat you, and take more than I agreed for?"

The boy looked up at me, and smiled.

"I am not afraid," said he, "for you would *get the worst of it*, ma'am."

"Gt the worst of it!" said I. "What do you mean?"

"Why, ma'am, I should only lose my berries, but you would be stealing. Don't you think that would be the worst for you."

Let us think of this when we are tempted in any way to cheat another. How often do we hear persons pity any one who has had his property stolen from him. Yet, though a man lose all, and keep honest, he is rich indeed, compared with the man who has robbed him.

☞ The following letter was received by a gentleman in this county. We give it verbatim:

CHESAPEAKE CITY 1869
January the 30

Doct Sir I Woud Lict to By sum timber frome yu If We can Deale Pless Right Mee where you Will Bee On the Maner I will Meet you at Mr Speirs

Yourse Respecfule

☞ "Did you draw anything at the lete fair," said Riggs to Jiggs. "Draw anything, eh?—gad, didn't I draw my wallet about twenty times."

Selected Poetry.

THE WOOLEN DOLL.

A weary, cowering figure,
Huddling to the wall,
A mass of golden hair, a sallow face,
And that is all!
A wretched, blank, lost mind,
Whose only thought
Rests in the foolish toy
The poor, thin hands have wrought.

A simple, woolen doll,
Clasped to her lonely breast,
Gazed wildly on at times
Then closer pressed.
The others sneeringly pass by
While here and there,
Stops one more curious,
To banter or to stare.

"Father is coming, darling,—
There,—don't cry;
He won't be gone for long,
He'll come by and by.
You know he's gone away, my sweet,
To be a sailor on the sea;
Gone far away, my pet, with words
Of love to you and me.

They tell me he is dead, my dear!
But never mind,
He wouldn't go up there and leave
Us here behind.
He told us, darling, when he went,
He would come back again;
And he would never break his word,
The truest, best of men.

Ah, sir! I see your smiling,
And, with alarm,
Draws back the sweet lady
Hanging on your arm—
Miss, I was handsome once,
But all this woe,
This misery, and grief, and shame
Has brought me low.

Look at me with those large blue eyes,
That tell of love,—
Such eyes as sometimes beam on me
From Heaven above.
I know your heart is as good as is your face,
And I will tell
To you the sad, sad story,
They all know so well.

Father was stern, and cold, and proud,
And when James said—
"Let Rose, sir, be my wife,
I love the maid"—
He laughed at him, and, with a sneer,
Sent him away,—
God grant, ma'am, you may never know
The sorrow of that day!

I loved him with a girl's first love,
And, when he came
With father's surly message
Full of shame,
I cheered him as I best knew how,
Gave him my hand,
Promised that, through life, with him
Alone I'd stand.

It was in the winter, sir,
When all was dead,
And snow was on the ground,
That we two fled.
A good, kind parson married us,
Dear soul!
I often, often think of him
In this dark hole.

Then came trouble—no work; no bread,
And one October morn,
When all was dark and drear—
The child was born.
See, he's a pretty boy, sweet pet,
With just his father's face,
But oh! the good God grant,
Without poor James' disgrace.

Things went from bad to worse—
He took to drink,
To gambling, robbery and shame—
I cannot think—
Oh, no—he was mad then, I feel
His was too good a heart
To do aught ever that would
Make mine smart.

It came at last—the bitter hour—
Hot words, a blow—
He beat me cruelly—
So, darling, so—
And then we parted, and he went
Off on the sea,
Leaving the dark, blank world
To baby, here, and me.

"Hear from him since?" ye ask,
No, ma'am, never;
Yet baby here and I
Were waiting ever—
Waiting to hear his voice once more,
To see his face,
To welcome him home again
With a long, last embrace,

Oh! ma'am, it's sad to sit here,
Far away from home,
Waiting for one perhaps
Will never come.
They tell me he is dead, these people—
Then they smile;
While I can only hope, and clasp
The child the while,

Father is dead long since, they say—
Died of a broken heart;
Cut from the wretched tragedy
In which he played a part.
Look, look! see how the baby smiles!
Give him a penny, do;
God grant, ma'am, all such misery
May never come to you.

Out in the sparkling sunshine,
In the merry autumn air,
Where the breeze, in gaily passing,
Kisses a cheek most fair;
Within, four dark and dingy walls,
That sigh with every breath
Of the mother, with her woolen doll,
Dying a living death.

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SUITABLE FOR
STORES,
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&c., &c., &c., &c.,

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IS fitted up for the accommodation of Ladies and Gentlemen with all the delicacies usually found in the the Saloons of the city.

In the Ladies' Saloon, Ladies will be served with Cake, Ice Crem, Oysters in all styles of cooking, Terrapins, Crabs, Beef-Steaks, Fried Ham, all the delicacies of the season, at the short notice.

In the Gentlemens Saloons, Gentlemen will in addition be served with choice cigars.

☞ Parties will be supplied with everything needful for refreshment tables—and Ice.

☞ Families supplied with Oysters, Ice Cream, Water Ices, Custard &c., by the gallon upon reasonable terms.

ICE

in large or small quantities for sale, and delivered every morning to regular customers in Chestertown.

The long experience of the subscriber as a caterer, justifies him in asking a liberal patronage from the public.

WILLIAM PERKINS.
j13-'68. Proprietor.

NOTICE.

THE SECOND ANNUAL SESSION OF THE PAROCHIAL SCHOOL OF CHESTER PARISH,
FOR BOYS & GIRLS, WILL BEGIN
On Thursday October 1st,
AT 9 O'CLOCK, A. M.

No pains will be spared to make the instruction given in the School thorough and systematic.

FOR TERMS, &c., apply to the REV. MR. GOODWIN, Queen street.

Chestertown, Sept, 12, 1868—tf.

50,000 PEACH TREES

100,000 RASPBERRY PLANTS,
125,000 Blackberry Plants,
500,000 Strawberry Plants,
50,000 Grape Vines.

MY stock of Peach Trees the present season is grown from natural seed, obtained from Accomack county, Va., and is surpassed by none in the country.

I have selected with great care, varieties best adapted to this locality, and hope, by strict adherence to business, to merit that liberal patronage and confidence, heretofore accorded my efforts.

My stock of Small Fruits, such as Strawberry, Raspberry and Blackberry Plants, is large and of first quality.

Purchasers would do well to call and examine my stock before purchasing elsewhere, as I am prepared to meet any requirements of the trade, upon as fair terms as any other reliable establishment can offer.

A well selected stock of Grape Vines, furnished in quantities to suit purchasers.

Catalogues mailed upon application.

I have no Traveling Agents: if I employ any hereafter, such will be furnished with a certificate.

NORRIS BARNARD,
Still Pond, Kent Co., Md.
Sept. 12, 1868—tM1.

Attention.

THE undersigned respectfully call the attention of the people of Kent County and elsewhere, to their new stock of

Drugs, Medicines,
SOAPS AND PERFUMERY,

which they are now prepared to furnish at reduced prices.

Thankful to the public for the past patronage and trust by their own merit and strict attention to business to continue that patronage.

S. WICKES & SON.

S. WICKES & SON are also Agents for Hoofland's German Bitters and Hoofland's German Tonic, which they are prepared to furnish in any quantities.

Chestertown, August 29, 1868.

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J. K. A.

ENAMELED STEW PANS and PRESERVING KETTLES, for sale at the *Tin and Stove Store*, by

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1868. 1868.

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New Styles.

New Prices.

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WILL SELL!

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CLOTHING,
All Kinds and at All Prices!!

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Furnishing Goods!!

Hats & Caps,
Hats & Caps.

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LOWER
THAN
The Lowest!

WE DO NOT CARE WHERE THEY ARE!

TURKHEIMER & CATLIN,
Corner High and Cross streets,
CHESTERTOWN.

STEAM GRIST MILL!

THE subscribers would respectfully inform the public that the *STEAM GRIST MILL*, at Chestertown wharf, is now in full operation, and prepared to grind

Wheat, Corn, &c.,

at the same rates of toll charged by country Mills. Our Mill being new, we are prepared to do good work and give a good turn-out.

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MILL FEED of all kinds for sale.

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H. M. STUART & BRO.
Nov. 21, 1868—y.

WM. TOMLINSON. WM. T. TOMLINSON

WM. TOMLINSON & CO.,
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FOR THE SALE OF
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CARD.

E. F. PERKINS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,

WILL give prompt attention to all business entrusted to him. Particular attention given to the collection of claims and the sale of Real Estate.

☞ Office in the New Building in Court Street. May 23, 1868.

NOTICE TO
Tax Payers.

MY TAX BOOKS and Accounts for 1868 are now ready, and persons are earnestly solicited to settle their taxes promptly. The demands upon the Collector this year, both by the State and County, are urgent, and will not permit indulgence.

Those whose taxes for 1866 or 1867 are still unpaid need not expect further indulgence, as I shall be under the necessity of advertising and selling their property unless their accounts are settled at once.

For convenience of tax-payers I will be at
Trappe, Monday afternoons;
Bel Air, Tuesday "
Rees' Corner, Saturday afternoons;
Grey's Inn Wharf, Monday mornings;
Chestertown, Tuesday "

S. G. COPPER,
Sept. 26—tf. Collector Fifth District.

DR. J. T. TWILLEY,

Dentist,

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND,

RESPECTFULLY informs the citizens of Kent county, that having located in Chestertown, he can always be found at his office on High Street, next door below the residence of Miss T. Bradshaw

☞ His charges are moderate and all work done by him guaranteed to be as he represents.
May 13, 1865—y.

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FOR CEHSTER RIVER.

THE STEAMER CHESTER

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☞ Fare $1.25. Meals extra.

All freight must be pre-paid.

Not responsible for freight after being landed from the boat.

Baggage at the owner's risk,

C. A. ROE, Ag't.
October 3, 1868—tf.

ATTENTION

Just opened a large and splendid assortment of

FASHIONABLE JEWELRY,
WARRANTED AS REPRESENTED; AT
E. T. WILLIS',
Fine Gold and Silver Watches,
SILVER AND PLATED WARE,
Fancy Goods

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The Ladies particularly, are invited to call and examine this beautiful stock.

Chestertown, Dec. 5, 1868.

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MADE of good Hickory, for sale much under the usual price.

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

JOHN P. RINGGOLD,
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Have just opened a full line of
LADIES' MERINO VESTS,
In Low Neck and Short Sleeves, High Neck and Long Sleeves, High Neck and Short Sleeves.
The above Goods in all qualities.

GENTS' MERINO SHIRTS.
The most complete assortment in the city, ranging from *low* price to full *regular made*.

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All sizes, from sixteen to twenty-six inches.

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All sizes, from twentyfour to thirtytwo inch.

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Of all grades, sizes and kinds; English, French, Irish Balbriggan, German, &c. Gloves, in endless variety and new styles. Great attention paid to Driving Gloves and Gauntlets, Super Stout Brown English Cotton Hose, warmer than wool, for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children. In fact, such Goods are rarely met with in this country, and we have put only a small profit in order to encourage a great demand for good Goods.

CORSETS! CORSETS!! CORSETS!!!
LINEN BOSOM SHIRTS, GOOD, CHEAP,
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Best Linen Collars, $2.00 per dozen.
Novelties in Ties and Scarfs.
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DOUBLE-ACTING
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It Contains Three Per Cent of Amonia.

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BOOT MAKER,
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WHERE he solicits a continuance of orders from his old customers; he intends to keep on hand, as usual, a large assortment of

Ready-Made Work,

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Give him a call at NO. 16 NORTH STREET, (opposite Chesapeake Bank.)

feb1 F. LLOYD.

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THE undersigned offer for sale, at low prices, and terms to suit purchasers,

100,000 Peach Trees,

thrifty and of vigorous growth, propagated from natural fruit seed, and budded from the best varieties in their own orchard of 100,000 bearing Trees.

C. P. MORTON & CO.
Round Top, Feb. 20, 1869—2m.

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LARGE
AND
BEAUTIFUL
STOCK OF GOODS!
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AT
PANIC PRICES.

COMMENCING
This, Saturday, Morning,
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FOR CASH!
WE WILL SELL OUR LARGE AND SPLENDID STOCK OF
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AT
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WE WILL COMMENCE THIS DAY AND RUN OFF THE ENTIRE STOCK AT A GREAT REDUCTION TO SUIT THESE HARD TIMES!!

MUST BE SOLD
BY
February 1st, 1869.

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WE HAVE THE LARGEST STOCK OF HOSIERY, GLOVES, HOOP SKIRTS, TIES, WOOLEN & SILK SCARFS, COLLARS, SHIRTS AND DRAWERS, PERFUMERY, &C., OF ANY STORE IN THIS MARKET.

WE WILL SELL THE ABOVE LINE OF GOODS CHEAPER THAN EVEN CITY PRICES! THEY MUST BE CLOSED OUT!

SPLENDID
Stock of Home-made Boots & Shoes,
WHOEVER BUYS THEM ARE PLEASED!

HANDSONE STOCK OF QUEENSWARE,
(*TEA SETS,*)
GLASSWARE, HARDWARE, STONEWARE
HATS & CAPS,
Groceries, Tobacco, &c.

Parties who have visited our store are aware of the large stock we keep. We now intend to sell them BY FEBRUARY 1st, 1869.

☞ PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT COMPLIED WITH OUR TERMS, WILL SETTLE WITH OTHER PARTIES IF THEIR ACCOUNTS ARE NOT PAID VERY SOON.

RESPECTFULLY,
WM. A. VICKERS.

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