Chestertown Transcript

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It is desirable that communications be in by Saturday night if possible, and in any case not later than Monday night or Tuesday morning

—Harvest will begin in Kent this week pretty generally.

—Class examinations have begun at Washington College.

—The ladies of the Chestertown M. E. Church cleared at their festival $65.00.

—Cannot the ancient and honorable society of Owls do something for the 4th?

—The Nelly White brought a large excursion from Baltimore to Chestertown yesterday.

—The teachers' institute for Kent county, begins its session in Chestertown next Wednesday.

—The glorious 4th is not far off. There is no preparation on foot in Chestertown for celebrating.

—A larger number of self-binding harvesters have been sold in Kent this season, than on any previous year.

—The Shade Nichol's lot, sold last Tuesday by C. H. Baker, Esq., trustee, was purchased by Mr. George Beck for $450.

—The festival at Bond Chapel last week was in every respect a success. Large crowds were in attendance every evening. The festival netted $195.00. The Kent Cornet band, which made music for the occasion, was treated very handsomely.

—Ex-postmaster Collins, much to the regret of a large circle of friends, has removed from Chestertown to Hanesville, where he will engage in the drug business.

—S. T. Wickes, the youngest son of Judge Joseph A. Wickes, took the bachelor's degree at the Pennsylvania military academy last Thursday, and is now at his home in Chestertown.

—The choir of Holy Cross Church, of this town, visited St. Dennis' Church in Galena, on Saturday. They sang High Mass in a remarkably fine manner. Their excellent rendition of Bordeset's mass excited the universal admiration of the congregation.

—Mrs. Mitchell, the artist mentioned by a correspondent elsewhere, has on exhibition and for sale at Mr. C. F. Stam's drug store, the picture of the head of a handsome Gordon Setter, done in oil; also a large plaque decorated with pansies upon a gilt back ground. The plaque is also done in oil.

—The Philadelphia Produce Exchange has adopted a rule requiring the purchasers of peaches to make a deposit of five cents for each basket carried away, and that the purchaser must return the baskets in a seasonable time and in good order. A similar system has been agreed to regarding berry crates and baskets.

—Raymond, the four-year-old son of Mr. J. H. Simpers, while playing on one of the Chester River wharves last week, fell into six-foot water. The children that were playing with him became frightened and ran. When the little fellow rose to the surface, he grasped a rope that happened to be near and held on till he was rescued by Stanberry Hackett. The little fellow was plucky, and did not even cry.

—Next Tuesday, the 26th inst., the Chestertown public school will close for the summer vacation with usual closing-day exercises, which will consist of essays, readings, recitations, singing in chorus and solo, and an address by H. H. Harroll, Esq. Prof. Orem will be present and will assist in the musical performances. The exercises will close with a distribution of the reports of the pupils, and the reading of list of promotions. Patrons of the school and the public are invited.

—There can be very little doubt at this date but that there will be peaches and a great many peaches. From Middletown down to the lowest parts of the peninsula, there come reports favorable to a good yield. The crop will be as large as it was last year, and growers had better understand this as soon as possible, and be prepared to distribute their shipments to various advantageous points. The main hope for good prices is in thorough distribution. There is a large amount of last season's canned fruit yet in the market, and canning this season will not be as extensive as it was last season, and will not make as brisk a market.

—A game of base-ball was played on the Washington College grounds on last Tuesday, between the Washington College nine and the Sudlersville nine. The game was doubtful until the close of the eighth inning when the visiting nine got in enough runs to put them four ahead. There were over a hundred spectators, and the game was very interesting, though the score ran rather high on both sides. The comment of impartial observers was that the college nine taken as a whole was the strongest nine and did the best playing in the field. The visiting nine, however, had a pitcher and catcher that played together like clock work. Evans, the Sudlersville catcher, is strong in his position. The college boys did not make many errors, but showed a want of practice. The game stood 21 to 16 in favor of the Sudlersville nine.

—Orphans' Court, Tuesday, June 19, 1883—Present, Judges Nicholson, Shallcross and Willson.

Hope H. Barroll, attorney for Margaret H. Meeteer, executrix of Wm. H. Meeteer, deceased, returned list of debts due said deceased.

Chas. H. Baker, solicitor for James T. Lamb, filed a petition for the sale of the real estate of Wm. A. Turner; Robert R. Hatcherson and Samuel G. Lee were appointed to appraise the said real estate.

Cornelius J. Scott filed the last will and testament of Sarah Woodall, deceased.

The court adjourned to Tuesday, July 3d, 1883.

Ed. of Transcript:—The ladies of the M. E. Church design holding a fair and festival at the Town Hall for the purpose of purchasing a pipe organ, on the 16th, 17th, 18th and 19th of October. All interested will please be present at the next meeting Further particulars will be stated in a future advertisement.

COMMITTEE.

PENINSULA ITEMS.

The total assessed value of the taxable real and personal property in the city of Wilmington is $26,000,000.

The new bank of Middletown, Del., has organized by electing Dr. J. V. Crawford president and Wm. R. Cochran vice-president.

The Centreville *Record*, the Caroline *Democrat* and the Cambridge *Democrat* have espoused the cause of Col. Wm. McKenney for Governor.

Miss Hannah E. Stockley, daughter of Governor Stockley, was married to John H. Paynter, editor of the Georgetown *Delaware Democrat*, on the 19th instant.

When a Cambridge (Md.) paper talks about Cambridge, it invariably says "our city." Some outside contemporaries are so very unkind as to speak of the "village" of Cambridge. This is not as it should be. True greatness should always be recognized.

Thousands of bushels of oysters have been planted near Oxford this season. Mr. W. O. S. Dimpfel and Charles Dimmock, both of Baltimore, have planted a large number. The largest planters of oysters this season are W. J. Crosby, of Boston, Mass., Charles H. Gibson and Mr. Mathias Goldsborough, of Talbot county. One thousand bushels, properly planted and allowed to remain undisturbed for three years, will measure from 2,000 to 2,500 bushels at the end of that time.

Mr. W. H. Legg, of the oyster commission, at the close of harvest, will devote his time to gathering statistics, obtaining the views and opinions of those who have an interest in the oyster question. He will visit the tide-water counties of the State and the city of Baltimore for this purpose before the commission will prepare its report. This work has been assigned to Col. Legg by the commission, and the summer and fall will be devoted to its prosecution. Prof. Brooks and Capt. Waddell will, in the meantime examine the oyster beds.

Messrs. John B. and Edwin H. Brown, as trustees, sold on Saturday the following real estate: The farm of the late Jacob B. Walker, near Church Hill, containing 350 acres, to Mrs. Hannah Walker, for $40.25 per acre, aggregating $14,087; the Hitchens Lot, containing 21 acres, to James Scott, for $53 per acre, aggregating $1,113; the Johnson Tract, containing 123 acres to Thos. Sudler and Geo. E. Harrison for $7.50 per acre, and the balance to Thos. Chairs for $12 per acre; the Daiger Tract, containing 100 acres, to Major Ringgold at $5 per acre.

Workmen employed by Mansel Tweed to quarry flint on the farm of the late James Crow, in Cecil county, Md., have been badly frightened, says the Cecil *Democrat*, by showers of stones which have been rained down upon them whenever they attempt to work. Robert Crow, son of the deceased James Crow, visited the place, and was convinced that the showers were of supernatural origin. One of the stones fell at his feet with such force as to bury itself in the ground. One stone weighing six pounds, it is said, was seen falling through the top of a tree 65 feet high. The neighborhood is greatly excited, and there is an inclination to connect the mystery with a murder committed on the farm in 1836. The murderess was Elizabeth Waggoner, who stole upon her aged father and nearly beheaded him with a broadaxe. She was acquitted on the ground of insanity.

A mare recently purchased by Mr. E. B. Emory, of Queen Anne's county, known as Jaybird, last week won a trotting race for a $100 purse, at Herring Run, winning in three straight heats. The best time made was 2:30. The Centreville *Observer* says of the mare,—"The most remarkable thing connected with this race is that this mare Jaybird had only been on a track four times previous to this, her first race. This is probably the greatest time on record for any horse so little trained. This mare had been worn out by hard road work when Mr. Emory bought her, four weeks ago; she was poor, galled and very weak and would soon become fatigued when allowed to go at a rapid gait any distance; the will was there and the foot also, but not the power to continue at her rapid gait. Mr. E., seeing this, did not allow her to be trained for the race at Herring Run, but gave her rest for the time previous and all the oats and hay she would eat.

Persons going to Ocean City by way of the Wicomico river have probably had pointed out to them the quaint and ancient pile of brick resting on the high ground just beyond the water's edge at Green Hill. On the wall facing the river are the figures "1773." The old building is St. Bartholomew's Protestant Episcopal Church. It is exactly 150 years old, and is a landmark in church history. Bishop Lay referred to it in his address at St. Paul's Church last week, and highly commended its first rector, the simple-hearted, energetic Alexander Adams. The walls are imported brick, and still strong, but the roof, doors and windows are giving way. Bishop Lay thinks that it would be a work befitting this anniversary year of the church in Maryland to repair this building and to preserve it for the use of a congregation hereafter to be gathered. With this purpose in view he has appointed as a committee to receive contributions Rev. F. B. Atkins, Quantico, Wicomico county; Rev. Geo. W. Brown, Salisbury; Dr. Robert Atkinson, No. 277 Linden avenue, and Mr. Cassius M. Dashiell, No. 13 North street, Baltimore. In 1766, by parliamentary act, Green Hill, Annapolis, Oxford, Chestertown, St. Mary's Town and Beckwith's Island were made ports of entry.—*Balto. Sun.*

"NOTES BY THE WAY."

Mrs. Rosalie Mitchell, (artist) is visiting here. She has just concluded a course of three years study at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts, Philadelphia. This course of study comprises painting and modeling from the nude life figure, also from live horses and cattle. Artistic anatomy from living and dead subjects, and dissection of human and animal subjects. A thorough study of geometry, perspective and the laws of light and shade, color, form and proportion. Mrs. M. took the highest honor of the class this year, and proposes to make figure painting a specialty, and will spend the present summer on the Maine coast composing a painting for the coming fall exhibition at Philadelphia. Mrs. M. painted last year at Betterton, a group of colored boys crabbing on the bay shore; also a basket of early Crawford peaches, both of which paintings were exhibited at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts and sold for good prices in Philadelphia.

"Idleness" was the subject of Rev. L. E. Barrett's lecture last evening, this being the third of a series of lectures from the text: "There is death in the pot." 2d Kings, 4:40. A large congregation was present, and the closest attention given to the words of truth and wisdom as they fell from the good man's lips. "Impure Literature" will be the subject two weeks hence.

An unusually large quantity of clover will be harvested this week if the weather is clear. Wheat harvest will begin about Friday,

We had a slight frost last Saturday morning. Corn is growing and peaches are still falling off.

There has been a fine crop of early Richmond cherries here, and prices have ruled low, owing to the glut of strawberries.

The temperance meeting here last Thursday evening was well attended. Addresses were delivered by Messrs. C. H. Baker, E. P. Janvier and Rev. Dr. Reilly.

Wm. White, of Baltimore, was here last week. He claims a large tract of land in this county, comprising the whole of Kennedyville and several adjoining farms. Mr. W. proposes to take possession at an early day, but does not intend to charge the occupants any back rent.

Mrs. Annie Bowers has been in a dying condition for several days, there being no hope of her recovery. Her disease is consumption.

N. T. Hynson is about to erect a dwelling here. *Still Pond*, June 18, 1883.

THE OYSTER LAWS.

JUDGE ROBINSON AND WICKES' VIEW OF A STATUTE.

ANNAPOLIS, June 14.—The various constructions placed upon the 14th section, chapter 198, acts of 1880, known as the oyster law, which refers to the catching of oysters in certain quantities during a prescribed time, and for bedding, planting and other purposes, have completely bewildered the tongmen and nonplussed officials who have charge of the enforcement of the law. Capt. Charles I. B. Mitchell, commander of the oyster navy, has obtained an opinion from Judge John M. Robinson, chief judge of the first judicial circuit and associate judge of the Court of Appeals, concurred in by Associate Judge Joseph A. Wickes. Judge Robinson's construction of the law is in effect that section 14, chapter 198, acts of 1880, allows the taking or catching of oysters to the amount of five bushels for private use or for sale to persons in the neighborhood for their consumption as food, but does not allow them to be caught for canning purposes to be sold again. He also holds that tongmen have a right to catch *any quantity* of oysters with a view of bedding or replanting them in the waters of the county where caught, but that they cannot take them outside of the county for these purposes. Capt. Mitchell has heretofore considered it a violation to plant or bed over five bushels of oysters. He has instructed his deputy commanders to act in accordance with the opinion of Judges Robinson and Wickes. The question effects many hundreds of tongmen throughout the State, who have felt it a great hardship not to be allowed to plant more than five bushels a day.

AN INTERESTING ADDRESS.

Mrs. Layyah Bakarat from Syria, who recently delivered an address at the Presbyterian Church at Georgetown, also delivered her address at the Presbyterian Church of Middletown, and the following sketch is clipped from the Middletown *Transcript*:

"The discourse was mainly a narrative of the speaker's own life from early girlhood to the time of her arrival in America last August, but there was much in it about Eastern lands that was very interesting and instructive. Mrs. Barakat was born in Abeih, on Mount Lebanon, where she, when a child, was induced by Mrs. Dr. Bird, of the Presbyterian Mission, to attend the Sunday school under the direction of the Mission. She related in a most affecting manner the persistent efforts of her relatives to prevent her from adopting the "new religion," and told of the many persecutions she was subjected to. At last, through the help of Dr. Jessup, she went to Beyrout and entered the Mission boarding school, in which she was instructed in Arabic. Afterwards she taught in a Mission school and was married to a teacher in the same school, a native of Damascus. Last year she and her husband and child went to Alexandria to spend the summer. Mrs. Barakat explained to her audience, in the course of her address, that many persons from the interior of Egypt go to Alexandria to spend the summer because it is very hot in the interior of Egypt. But she found Alexandria a pretty warm place, for soon after her arrival the massacre of last June occurred. During those three terrible days she and her husband, her child and a sister were shut up in a small room without food; afraid to sleep, afraid to talk, afraid to move almost, while the cries of Christians and the yells of the assassins came every now and then to their ears. They finally escaped to the water and took a small boat for Malta, whence they came to Marseilles, and deciding to come to America, reached Philadelphia in August last. Dr. Dallas, of the Presbyterian Board of Missions, at Philadelphia, had met them, it seems, in Egypt, and they remembered his name though not his address. But after many discouragements in a city where everything was new and strange to them they finally fell into good hands and were made comfortable and happy. Mrs. Barakat has never learned to read and write English. As she expresses it, she has "picked up" our language, and one to listen to her talk for an hour would think she had done well in a year's time. She told her story in a plain, unvarnished way that deeply affected her audience. One wants no better illustration of the power of little words than the address of Mrs. Barakat."

CRABS AND CRABBERS.

A VETERAN SHUCKER TALKS FOR HALF AN HOUR, AND GIVES SOME INFORMATION.

From New York Sun.

'How is crabs dis mawnin'?' a dapper colored man asked over the rail of a fishing vessel in an East river slip.

'Takin' all things into consideration,' replied the weather-beaten, red-shirted fisherman who was shucking clams, 'notin' the quiverin' state o' the lie market, and the wery unsartin state of Amerikin shippin' interests, etcetery, crabs is crabs, now, henceforth, forever, one and inseparable.'

'I've got a—' the colored gentleman began, somewhat astonished.

'We aint a-buyin' soft shells,' said the skipper, 'even if yaou dew sample 'em in pussin.'

'I've got—'

'I tell you we don't want 'em,' shouted the shucker, 'hard, soft, or middlin'.'

'I want to git some. I ain't a peddler.'

'Consarn ye, why didn't ye speak right up an' say so? Yer as long winded as a grampus.'

'Yo' didn't give me a chance,' retorted the buyer. 'What I wants to say is dis, I've got a order from de Blumsum Club for fo' dozen crabs sizeable for debblin'.'

'Oh, wall, that's business, that is,' said the skipper. 'Yer the head cook, eh?'

'Cook? no sah. Ise de Recordin' Secretary.'

'Oh, that's it. A club of colored gentlemen?'

'Yas, sah. We meets on Saturday evenin's, sah, an' always has supper, an' at de last meetin' dey voted crabs, so yere I is, an' I wants de red kind.'

'You want Red Bank crabs, eh? You know what's what, you dew.'

'I reckon I does,' the Secretary replied.

'Wall, here they be,' hauling out a box of boiled crabs. 'Dollar a dozen.'

'Deys dead?'

'Oh, yes, we're 'bliged to kill Red Banks as soon as we catch 'em. It preserves the flavor.'

'Kind o' way up, ain't dey?'

'Between you and me, they is high; but, yer see, this here Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals sent out one o' these here detectives last trip and 'bliged us to chloroform the crabs as soon as we cotched 'em, and chloroform's high; so we'ev to make it up.'

'But's all right,' the darkey remarked; 'yere's de money. Jes yo' give me a ticket, so I kin kinder show whar de money went.'

After some hunting the Captain, in default of paper, wrote a bill on the joker of a dilapidated deck of cards, and the agent of the Blumsum Club disappeared over the rail.

'Ef you d a-seen that ere transaction in print you wouldn't a-believed it; come, now,' the skipper remarked to the writer, who had been a silent witness of the trade. 'Thet ere coon thinks there's a bank of shore somewhere's where we catch red crabs, and what's more, there's a heap o' white folks thinks the same thing. I've had fine ladies ask me the same question—'Why crabs grow red,' and when I lets on thet it's the bilin' they always try to make aout they was a-jokin', and of course I always gives in. But it's astonishin' what a power of ignorance there is about fish and fishin' and the like.'

'Where do these crabs come from?'

'Mostly from the Virginny coast, though a heap is caught along southern New Jersey and Delaware. But the reg'lar crabbin' trade centres in the Chesapeake bay.'

'Then it's a business by itself?'

'Lord bless ye! yes. Why, the crabbin' trade is to the South jest what lobsterin' is down East. I've been in it, and in oysterin' for five years at a stretch, but in the summer fishin' pays best. When I came up along I brought twenty bar'ls o' crabs jest for a flyer. Money? Why, the rale blue blood Baltimoreans would git took sick an' go right off the handle ef the crab supply was cut off. Soft crabs is one o' the big dishes, and the hard shells goes as devilled, biled, and a heap o' styles in French what I ain't got no call for ter repeat, anyhow I ain't a-tryin' it. How dew we catch 'em? Wall, there's various ways. From Norfolk up to the head of the bay, in season, the crabs is as thick as hops—reg'larly kiver the bottom; and when the tide's a-surgin' out they go out a-swimmin', crawlin' and scootin', so it's a caution to swimmers. To every crab there's a darkey, and as they sell cheap, we wholesalers buys from them. We generally had a small sloop and five men. The nets consist of iron bar'l hoop netted over and slung on to a painter. Right in the middle is a sinker and a fishhead, and in shoal water four or five o' these is chucked over, and in about twenty minutes, ef it's a sizeable locality, the net will be full o' crabs. Anyway, the hoop net is hauled up quick about every two minutes, and there's always from two to five or more crabs in it. We have bar'ls aboard, and in they are chucked, and the nets goes over again. As soon as the bottom of the bar'l is kivered a layer o' sea grass is put in; then a layer o' crabs, and so on, until the bar'l is full. A bucket o' water is then chucked on, and its headed up with loose baggin'. Workin' from daylight, we generally more than fill before noon in season, and ef we didn't, then we'd buy up from the darkies and make sail for whatever pint the nearest steamer touched—sometimes Norfolk, sometimes Old Pint or York river—and from there the crabs is taken to Baltimore, and the next mornin' after they are caught the dealers have orders for 'em, and they ship 'em all over the country. Baltimore and Richmond takes the biggest call, Philadelphia the next, and then New York. But I never see a hard shell crab in Boston. Crabs won't sell where lobsters is.

'What do we get? Wall, for hard shells $3 to $4 a bar'l, accordin' to season, and sometimes not over $1.75. It jest depends accordin' to the times. Ef the darkies along the shore have plenty o' work to keep 'em ashore crabs is up; but when they're all at it the market gits choked with 'em. Nearly all the shedders, what they call soft shells, is caught by darkies; a white man could never stand the racket. Why so? Why, they catch 'em with their feet. You see a soft shell's a moultin' crab. Every year and sometimes oftner they outgrows their clothes so to speak, and ef you break 'em open about thet time, you'll find kind o' hairs hev growed and pushed up the shell. They keeps apushin', and the crab gits kind o' thin and watery, and by and by he splits open the shell on the under side and just yanks himself out. Yes, draws the big claws right through the small joints jest like a lobster on account o' this ere watery condition. 'Wall, as I was a-sayin', when they feel this ere sheddin' time comin' on, they know they aint fit for to take care o' their selves, so they takes to the shaller mud flats where the water's about half a fathom, and there in the mud they shake off the old shells and lay up until the new one hardens. When this is about three days or so old you kin bend it like paper, and a short time after, when the crab begins to pick up like, then's the best time for eatin', and you'll see the boys all over the mud wadin' raound. See crabs in the mud? Not much. That's jest the pint. They don't see 'em; they feel for 'em with their toes. They go in with a basket slung on their backs, and wade along, feelin' with their toes until they strike a shedder, and they take it up between 'em just as yaou use yer fingers, and drop it into the basket, but, and the crabber stopped to laugh, 'there comes the time when this 'ere shedder ain't so soft and pleasant like. It ain't likely that every crab is soft and ready; in fact, yer bound to strike a hard-shell once in a while, and their nip 'll make a man confess his sins right there and then. The first time I ever seen a coon treadin' I poled the skiff for one, and was right alongside when all to once there come over his face such a look thet it gev me a reg'lar turn. First I was afeared he was took with fits. He hung kind 'o rigid like, his eyes a-hangin' aout like spouts on a black kittle. Then one leg commenced to come up slow, and he a-sweatin' like a hoss, and the next minute I see his foot and a big blue hard-shell was a hangin' on to his heel, another on his big toe, and the blood a-runnin'. I thought he'd lose his eyes by droppin' 'em out afore he got that foot over the skiff. When he had 'em off and mashed out o' all reason, his eyes got back somehow, and he up and yelled for about a minute and then swore a solid stream for fifteen more, and, havin' concluded, jumped over again. He was a valuable nigger, scratching his cheek with his shucking knife. 'He never lost a crab, and did all his yellin' afterwards. I'm a professor myself, and brought all I could to bear, but cuss he would, and I concluded his cussin' was preordained.

'Soft shells, of course, brings a heavier price, accordin' to season, sometimes goin' up to $5 a dozen, but first hands is lucky to get five and ten cents apiece for them, but from first to last crabs brings in a heap o' money. Crabbers mostly go oysterin', too, and that helps out; but crabs is in all the time, leastwise hard shells. Crabs is awful knowin', and for downright hoss sense I puts 'em right alongside of a cat. Yaou know a cat'll reach hum somehaow, no matter where she's dropped. Wall, I got into a sort o' dispute with some of the hands one trip about the cuteness o' crabs. I marked about a hundred crabs caught on the Cape Charles shore, and dropped 'em overboard about five miles up the Cape Henry beach; then I put up a forfeit—I ain't a bettin' man, bein' a professor—for $25 thet them crabs would git hum in a week. Tom Davy took me up, or I should say ekalized the forfeit, puttin' in a clause, he also bein' a professor, thet it should go to some good purpose. Wall, jest six days later we was a layin' at moorin's off Henry, and Davy was a layin' nigh the cathead, and I with him when we heard a kind o' scrapin' on the fore chains, and, lookin' over, there was one o' them marked crabs a-comin' aboard, and I yanked him in, havin' jest four hours to spare. But I never see the color o' his money. He 'lowed there was some hocus pocusin'. But crabs will git hum from a long distance, thet's sure. The reg'lar eatin crab don't git beyond New York to any extent, and then they re poor eatin'. Up along the New England coast they has a good-sized rock crab, but there ain't any meat in 'em. But from Jersey south the crabs gets better and bigger."

Literary Notes.

The Continent has offered three prizes—of $50, $40 and $25—for the best specimens of wood engraving from the members of the classes in engraving at the Philadelphia School of Design for Women. The awards will be made shortly, and some of the engravings submitted will appear in an early issue of the magazine, in connection with a paper by John Sartain, the eminent engraver, on 'Engraving as an Occupation for Young Women.'

The July *Eclectic* has for a frontispiece a beautiful steel engraving, entitled 'The Egyptian Girl.' It also offers to its readers an unusually striking and interesting table of contents, ranging from grave to gay, and from the most scholarly discussion to gracious and airy fancy. As this number begins a new volume it is a favorable time for new subscriptions. It will be sent for three months as a trial subscription for $1. Published by E. R. Pelton, 25 Bond street, New York.

Peterson's magazine for July is at hand, and contains a steel fashion plate, with other engravings, and is up to its average in its literary contents.

The striking portrait of John Brown in the July *Century*, and "Recollections of John Brown's Raid," by ex-Congressman Boteler, of Virginia, who was a spectator of the skirmish at Harper's Ferry and expresses the Southern attitude toward Brown; and Frank B. Sanborn's 'Comments of a Radical Abolitionist' on the foregoing, lend unusual interest to the number. The literary features of the number are specially noteworthy. Henry James—whose critical essay in the June *Century* was a surprise to those who supposed his chief strength lay in the direction of novel writing—shows seven higher critical ability and raciness as an essayist in a study of "Anthony Trollope," which is accompanied by a full-page portrait. James Herbert Morse concludes his discussion of "The Native Element in American Fiction," and treats in the July number of the writers who have come up since the war. In "Early Letters of Emerson," Emerson's early literary opinions are revealed to an interesting extent in four letters which he wrote soon after leaving college.

St. Nicholas for July will be a memorable number on account of a carefully written and wonderfully illustrated article on the "Brooklyn Bridge. Charles Barnard, who is equally well known as a writer on scientific subjects, and as a story-teller for children, and who has watched the growth of the marvelous structure from its beginning, and photographed it from every possible point of view, furnishes the text, and the pictures are by G. W. Edwards and W. Taber. The diagrams are numerous and the description accurate and popular. The frontispiece, "The Lifting of the Fog," is by Edwards, and shows the great bridge dimly seen through the rifts of the mist.

Peach Crate Material.

We offer to the trade and PEACH GROWERS a LARGE STOCK of peach crate material at LOWEST RATES (put up in Shooks ready to nail together) delivered to all points accessible by rail or water. Correspondence solicited; address G. H. Toadvine, (successor to H. Humphreys) Salisbury, Md. je. 7—tf.

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From Hon. Marshall P. Wilder, *Pres. American Pomological Society, Ex-Pres. U. S. Agricultural Society*, June 18, 1881.—My AMERICAN WONDER *is a wonder*, equal in sweetness and richness to the Champion of England, which is all that could be desired.

T. W. WICKES.

March 1, 1883.

Northern Central Hotel.

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The following are the names of some few of the patients from Centreville and surroundings who are well: From Centreville, James Comegys, McRandall Warner, R. F. Vane, Scott Philips, Wm. C. Reese, John W. Smith, C. H. Bradley, Josiah Teet, Wm. Whaley and J. D. Phillip; from Ruthsburg, W. H. Clough; from Queenstown, James B. Hess, Mrs. Sarah E. Morris, J. B. Vansant and Wm. Boyles; from Church Hill, J. W. Cecil, Thomas West, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Meredith, from Carmichael, Annie E. Vansant, B. Pane and George H. Smith; from Winchester, Mrs. Rachel Horney and Mr. Thomas Horney; W. F. Siegman, Agt. Deering Binder. June 14—3m.

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