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Elliott & Gemmill's

Farmers' Agency

Will furnish at short notice and Bottom Prices, any Implement manufactured in the United States.

We make a specialty of the Iron Turbine Wind Mill, manufactured by Mast, Foos & Co.; also, the Buckeye Force Pump, especially adapted to deep wells and forcing water.

Any one needing a Wind Mill we say try a Turbine. They are strength and durability itself. We control this Mill for the county, and have no sub-agents. Will make prompt estimates for any one desiring a Mill.

We would also call the attention of Farmers to our

NEW BUCKEYE GLASS FEED FERTILIZER DRILL,

which we pronounce, after thorough testing it last season, to be the best combined Grain and Fertilizer Drill ever offered to the trade. Our reasons are—

First, It is a perfect Wheat Seeder Second, You have no cog wheels to take off or put on to chance quantities.

Third, With the Glass Feed for Phosphate you can sow any quantity of Fertilizer without clogging, gumming or pasting, from 100 to 500 lbs., and can make the changes while walking along.

Fourth, Both wheat and phosphate are distributed within plain view of the operator.

Fifth, It has double force feed for wheat, which makes it sow regular in whatever position it may be placed, especially when seeding side hills. All other drills will seed more or less according to position.

Call and examine it before buying, it will pay you.

Farmers clubbing together can make it pay.

Remember we have no sub-agents Save money by giving us your orders direct.

We have in use in Queen Anne's county eighty-three of the Buckeye Drills. In 1882 we sold there 28; in 1883 we sold 55.

WM. A. ELLIOTT,

Chestertown, Md., Agent for Kent county.
July 17.

TO THE LADIES!

The Pickling and Preserving Season
IS UPON US,
To meet it we have laid in a very large stock of

SPICES,
ENGLISH AND FRENCH MUSTARD, CLOVES, ALLSPICE, NUTMEGS, CINNAMON, MUSTARD SEED, CELERY SEED, RED AND BLACK PEPPER, TUMERIC, GREEN & GROUND GINGER all select goods, and prices low.

COLIN F. STAM,
July 31, 1884. Druggist

Something We overooked in our Seed advertisement.
OSAGE ORANGE SEED
A Choice Fresh Lot.
BY POUND OR BUSHEL.
COLIN F. STAM.

HOPE H. BARROLL,
Attorney-at-Law, Chestertown, d.
Prompt attention to the collection of claims. Loans negotiated.
Office opposite the Court House, on Main St. next door to the store of T. W. Eliason, Jr.
Feb. 1, 1883.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS & MUSIC.
A New Lot of VIOLINS and a new lot of 5 cent Music just received.
COLIN F. STAM,
March 27. Druggist

PURE SUGARS.
Cut Loaf, Granulated, Standard A, Extra C, and best light Brown. Call and see how CHEAP at
J. B. SAPPINGTON'S.

SHOS, SHOES.—We make a specialty o Shoe. Spring Stock just received at
J. H. SIMPERS.

SHEEP SHEARS! SHEEP SHEARS!! A very large assortment on hand, and prices *very* low, at
J. K. ALDRIDGE'S

NEW GOODS.
Paper Flower Materials. A large and choice assortment just received from the N. Y. Factory. For sale at City Prices.
COLIN F. STAM, Druggist.

To Our Customers,
We have a large supply of Coffees, Flour, and Provisions, &c., prior to the late sharp advance in prices, and are prepared to give our patrons the advantage of our good luck: we have a good article of New Orleans Molasses at a *reasonable* price.
J. B. SAPPINGTON,
Leader in Low Price

NO Brand Cigar can only be found at
SPA RKS

CABBAGE SEED.
EARLY AND LATE
at
M. A. TOULSON'S,
March 27. Druggis

LUCCA CREAM SALAD OIL—the purest and finest Oil in the market. This article possesses all the fine flavor of the Olive.
COLIN F. STAM,
Druis

TO arrive—A Large Lot of Fruit Jars and Jelly Glasses. Prices as low as the lowest
WROTH & ALDRIDGE.

Acme Hall,

"The Glass of Fashion."

shows the acknowled fashionable Stock of Men's, Boys' and Children's Suits in Baltimore.

We manufacture at our own factory the Clothing we sell.

They possess all the beauty of made-to-order work, without the cost and bother.

Every Garment in our house this Season's manufacture.

No Sham Here!

No False Prices!

The very best way to convince you that we are selling the Finest Clothing, is a personal examination of our Stock. We specially invite you to inspect it.

All the nobby, fashionable patterns (only shown by us) in Sacks, Double and Single-breasted, Cutaways, Prince Alberts, &c., &c., for young men, and a full stock of elegant modest patterns for gentlemen of quiet tastes.

Our Stock of Children's Clothing, not equalled in America.

Overcoats, all shapes, in plain, fancy and elaborate patterns.

Acme Hall,
FINE CLOTHING,
209 W. BALTIMORE ST.
near Charles St.

ONE PRICE.
Oct. 23—1m.

Levi Bar's
Tailoring House,
COR. GAY & FAYETTE STS.,
BALTIMORE, MD

We have made special efforts to produce a handsomer line of
READY-MADE CLOTHING
for the
Fall Trade
than any previous season, and can confidently assert that our goods, besides being cheaper, will be found Superior in Quality, Style and Finish to any that are offered in our city, besides being all of
OUR OWN MANUFACTURE.
We will also call attention to our extra line of
Piece Goods,
for measured work. Our trade in this line is constantly increasing; we make this a separate and distinct business, and turn out as nice a suit of Clothes as any tailor in Baltimore. We solicit a visit to our establishment.
L. BAR.
Aug. 28—6m.

Lime for Sale.
Having purchased
THE LIME KILN
at the Railroad Station at Chestertown, Md., formerly owned by Levi Fiddis, Jr., I am now prepared to sell either
Saked or Quicked Lime
for building purposes, at the following rates at the kiln: Slaked, 6c. per bushel; quick, 12c. per bushel.
WM. PERKINS.
Oct. 20 1881.

NOTICE—
TO WHEELWRIGHTS.
Besides a small stock of Oak and Ash Plank here, I have at my Mill in Virginia a large lot of last year's sawing of selected butt cuts of White Oak and Ash, 1, 1¼, 1½, 1¾, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5 and 6 inches thick, seasoned and in splendid shipping order. Terms Cash.
JOSEPH TURNER,
Scott's Point, June 17, 1884.—tf.

CHEAP LOT OF FURNITURE
In sufficient quantities,
Will be delivered at your home free of charge.
Feb. 14 1884. LOUIS K. STAM.

THE Cooler Creamer, with elevator attachment. The Davis Swing Churn, and agent for all goods made by the Vermont Farm Machine Co., Bellows Falls, Vt.
J. K. ALD RIDGE

VERY BEAUTIFUL line of Window Shades, very low at
LOUIS K. STAM'S.

NEW MACKEREL in barrels, halves and kitts, cheaper than you think at
J. B. SAPPINGTON'S

FIRE Place Heaters! Fire Place Heaters! The New Golden Sun, and the Nos. 13 and 14 Golden Sun. More in use in Kent Co than any other Heater; put up with galvanized pipe and flue board and give perfect satisfaction Call and look at the *New Golden Sun* of 1882 at
J. K. ALDRIDGE'S

Wroth & Aldridge

Have received their Full Invoice of
SPRING GOODS!
Summer Goods!!

Everything desirable kept in a First-Class Store now in stock.

Extra Inducements offered this season! The ladies are especially invited.

Large Stock of White and Fancy Mattings, from 12½ cts. up.
Floor and Table Oil Cloth in all widths and styles.

Straw Hats! Straw Hats to suit all ages!! 20 doz. of one kind.

Spring and Summer Dress Goods! Choice lot of Percals and Lawns. India Linens from 12½c. to 35c.

Our stock of Shoes and Slippers is complete.

Our Grocery Department is Full of Choice Goods. Best Granulated Sugar 9c.

Important to Parties Wanting to Buy
DRY GOODS.
HAMILTON EASTER & SONS,
Nos. 199, 201, and 203 Baltimore St.,
BALTIMORE,
Are LARGE RETAILERS, JOBBERS and IMPORTERS of
DRY GOODS.
Their stock embraces every class and description of Goods that can be named under that head. They do not keep any article in Stock that, though low-priced, would be worthless to the buyer at any price. They have been in business under the firm of HAMILTON EASTER & CO. or HAMILTON EASTER & SONS for Fifty-Four Years. They do business honestly and fairly. The Price, in plain figures, is marked on every article. The most inexperienced buyer can deal with them and pay no more than any one else.
They show their goods freely, but do not solicit or press any one to buy.
Will send Samples when requested, on receiving plain instructions in regard to the goods required—about the Price wanted, Colors preferred, &c.
Being Regular IMPORTERS and LARGE PURCHASERS, they are in a position to buy their Goods on the best terms, and consequently can sell their Goods at Prices much to the advantage of purchasers.
HAMILTON EASTER & SONS,
199, 201, 203 Baltimore Street.
Oct. 9, 1884—3m.

SPRING 1884.
E. W. F. Simpers.
Larger Room, Larger Stock, Low Prices
DRY GOODS.
4-4, 5-4 Bleached Muslins, Brown Muslins, Prints, Percals, Dress Gingham, Sheetings, Cottonades.
NOTIONS.
Vic. Lawns, Swiss Pld. Muslins, Corsets, Ladies' Hose, Gent's ½ Hose, Gloves. Gent's Neck Ware. Towels all prices.
CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES,
A full stock, in part as follows:
Teas, Coffees, Grain Cut Loaf and Powdered Sugars, Chocolate, Cocoa, Cheese, Corn Starch, Dry Yeast, Oat Meal, Wheaten Grits, Plum Pudding, Pickles, Chow-Chow. A nice assortment of Canned Goods.
Wm. Lee & Sons' FLOUR, all grades.
Glassware, Crockeryware.
Bacon, Shoulders, S. C. Shoulders, "Best" Sugar Cured Hams.
Chewing Tobacco, Smoking Tobacco, Segars, Graveley's Tobacco.
"Chromo" Yeast Powder.
We are thankful for past favors, and ask for a continuance of same, assuring all that our "motto" is to always please in *Price* and *Quality*.
E. W. F. SIMPERS,
April 3, 1884. Chestertown, Md.

COAL AND WOOD

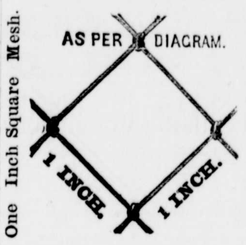
Having laid in a full supply of the Best Quality of
WHITE ASH COAL
of various sizes.
We would call attention of all in need to give us a call and examine our stock and prices before purchasing. We are sure it will be to your interest. We keep also on hand a genuine article of
SOFT COAL
or blacksmiths' and threshing purposes. Try it
WOOD.
In Wood we can give entire satisfaction either long or sawed to suit. Hickory, Oak or Pine. All orders promptly attended to, and delivered at short notice.
Thankful for past favors. Give us a call
T. DEC. RUTH,
Chestertown, Md.
J. B. McINTIRE,
Oct. 9, 1884. Agent.

T. J. MANN
Has Enlarged His Store,
and keeps on hand a Larger and More Complete Stock of Goods than formerly. His stock embraces not only
DRY GOODS
of all kinds,
HARDWARE, NOTIONS, BOOTS & SHOES, HATS & CAPS,
WOOD and WILLOW-WARE, but New Orleans Molasses, the best Syrups, Broiling Beef, Flour, Meal and Feed. Canned Goods a specialty. All goods will be sold at bottom prices for cash or trade.
T. J. MANN,
opposite Kent National Bank
Feb. 8, 1883. Chestertown, Md.

EXTENSION TABLES—new lot just received, very low
Feb. 14. LOUIS K. STAM.

NEW Stock of Horse-Collars and Bridles Halters, Traces and Plow-Lines at
WROTH & ALDRIDGE'S.

NETTING,
—FOR—
SEINES AND POUNDS.
We Measure the Mesh.

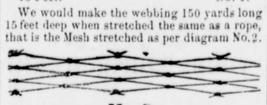


Parties ordering Netting or sanes, will give the length and depth required when on lines. We allow one-third for rigging, that is, if the Seine is to be 100 yards long and 10 feet deep when on lines, as per diagram No. 1.



10 Feet. No. 1.

We would make the webbing 150 yards long 15 feet deep when stretched the same as a rope, that is the Mesh stretched as per diagram No. 2.



No. 2.

In the absence of any instruction, we will make as above. In ordering give full description of what you want; leave nothing to be guessed at.
Parties unknown to us ordering goods will be required to remit us one-third the value before we ship them, the balance to be paid on delivery.
Send for price list.
BALTIMORE TWINE AND NET CO.
Wm. J. Hooper & Son,
6 S. Calvert St., Baltimore Md.
Dec. 27—y. (Mention this paper.)

AYER'S
Cherry Pectoral.

No other complaints are so insidious in their attack as those affecting the throat and lungs: none so trifled with by the majority of sufferers. The ordinary cough or cold, resulting perhaps from a trifling or unconscious exposure, is often but the beginning of a fatal sickness. AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL has well proved its efficacy in a forty years' fight with throat and lung diseases, and should be taken in all cases without delay.

A Terrible Cough Cured.

"In 1877 I took a severe cold, which affected my lungs. I had a terrible cough, and passed night after night without sleep. The doctors gave me up. I tried AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, which relieved my lungs, induced sleep, and afforded me the rest necessary for the recovery of my strength. By the continued use of the PECTORAL a permanent cure was effected. I am now 62 years old, hale and hearty, and am satisfied your CHERRY PECTORAL saved me.
HORACE FAHRENBROTHER."
Rockingham, Vt., July 15, 1882.

Croup.—A Mother's Tribute.

"While in the country last winter my little boy, three years old, was taken ill with croup; it seemed as if he would die from strangulation. One of the family suggested the use of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, a bottle of which was always kept in the house. This was tried in small and frequent doses, and to our delight in less than half an hour the little patient was breathing easily. The doctor said that the CHERRY PECTORAL had saved my darling's life. Can you wonder at our gratitude?" [illegible]
MRS. SIDNEY H. [illegible]
150 West 125th St., New York, May 16, 1882.

"I have used AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL in my family for several years, and do not hesitate to pronounce it the most effectual remedy for coughs and colds we have ever tried. A. J. CRANE."
Lake Crystal, Minn., March 13, 1882.

"I suffered for eight years from Bronchitis, and after trying many remedies with no success, I was cured by the use of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL. JOSEPH WALDEN."
Bythalia, Miss., April 5, 1882.

"I cannot say enough in praise of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, believing as I do that but for its use I should long since have died from lung troubles. E. BRAGDON."
Palestine, Texas, April 22, 1882.

No case of an affection of the throat or lungs exists which cannot be greatly relieved by the use of AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL, and it will *always cure* when the disease is not already beyond the control of medicine.

PREPARED BY
Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.
Sold by all Druggists.

TO THE FARMERS
—OF—
KENT, QUEEN ANNE'S & CECIL

IT is universally acknowledged by the most practical farmers that the Ohio Chilled Plow is the best plow in the world for neatness of work, and lightness of draft to the team. As I have ordered a large number of these plows, both two and three-horse, farmers will do well to give me an early call.
We also keep on hand, the Old Reliable Concave Nos. 9, 10 and 11. Polished Minor and Horton, Wiley Nos. 3 and 4, and Two-Furrowed Plows, and Harrows, Twin, Single A, and Double A A, Cultivators and Cultivator Teeth unsurpassed by any manufacture. Single, Double, 3 and 4 Horse-Trees and Hames.
As there have been a great many Chilled Plows sold in these counties, and as farmers have been put to a great deal of trouble to get Castings for them, if they will only give the name and number of the Plow, I will endeavor to keep them on hand at my shops in Galena and Chestertown. I always have on hand Plain and Slip Shares for the Ohio, Oliver, Roland, Advance and Syracuse.
If any of you are in need of anything in my line, please give me a call, as I intend to sell them *low* for the *cash*.
Thankful for past patronage, I solicit a continuance of the same.
W. A. Hyland,
Galena and Chestertown.
Feb. 21—t01.

Wanted.
100,000 BUSHELS
—OF—
Wheat!
For the WM. LEA & SONS CO.,
Brandywine Mills, Wilmington, Delaware.
E. T. COMEGYS,
LOCUST GROVE,
KENT COUNTY, MD.
July 10, 1884—y.

LOT OF BRACKETS,
WALL POCKETS, &c.,
Will be closed out about cost.
Jan. 24. LOUIS K. STAM.

A THIEVES' SUPPLY SHOP.

From N. Y. World.

Among the letters that came to the *World* yesterday was one from a young man who seems to have been conscience stricken because he had cheated his friends with some gambling devices that he had been induced to purchase through the following advertisement in a prominent weekly paper of this city:

HOW TO WIN AT CARDS, DICE, &c.—A sure thing! Sent free to any one.—I manufacture and keep constantly on hand every article used by the sporting fraternity to win with in games of chance; send for my mammoth circular. Address ——, —— Nassau st., New York City.

For sufficient reasons the new and old address of the manufacturer and vender of these swindling "sporting goods" are not here given. Perhaps there are people who will hardly be prepared to believe that there would be allowed to exist, in a city where the police make occasional raids for the purpose of gathering into the municipal museum divers and sundry gambling "tools," an establishment where not only these same "tools," but those that even the gamblers consider a discredit to their profession, are openly offered to any purchaser. The words "win" and "a sure thing," as employed in the advertisement, are sufficiently indicative of the true character of the cards, dice, &c., manufactured at this Nassau street shop. There is no "sure thing" about any game of chance, if there was it would not be a game of chance at all, so that the advertisement itself is a plain sign-board, showing the way to a den of robbery and rascality.

A reporter of the *World* went to the place on Nassau street and made a personal inquiry. The numbers set forth in the advertisement were easily found, and on the index board at the bottom of a dark and tortuous-looking stairway was the sign: "Card Manufacturer." On the fifth and last floor the same sign, very meek and insignificant looking, was found on a door which was promptly opened. A tall, slender young woman with glasses, and two or three children were sitting in the corner by a comfortable-looking stove, but the woman took the children and went out as soon as the visitor entered. A young man, who seemed to have been busy in the adjoining room, entered and assumed an altogether affable expression and attitude. The ceiling was low and the room dark and dingy. Two show-cases in the middle of the room were full of all sorts of gambling apparatus, many of them contrivances upon which the eyes of the reporter had never before fallen and about which he knew as little as he does about the interior arrangement of Mount Cotopaxi. There were faro boxes, faro checks, faro 'spreads,' keno sets, check-holders, playing cards, dice, great and small, card-cases, card racks and such like.

'I saw your advertisement,' said the reporter, 'and as I was passing through the city I thought I would call and see what you have. If there is any money to be made, I would like to make it. You say you have a sure thing; now let me see it.'

The young man smiled a most unsuspecting, guileless smile and asked what line of goods the reporter would like to see.

'Well, what have you in the way of marked cards? I sometimes play a game, and if there is a way of making it a "sure thing" I would be pleased to know it.'

'Certainly. We have exactly what you want. Here is a sample sheet of our marked cards. Pick out the pattern you would like to have.'

The young man then handed the reporter sheets containing sample backs of half a dozen designs, from which a selection was made. Just at this juncture a short little man with a hard red face and seedy clothes came in and in a quick, furtive sort of way asked for a deck of monte cards. He seemed to be in a hurry, and the young man asked the reporter to excuse him till he had waited on the latest customer. Here, now, was a real, live three-card monte man—the sort the police are said to be ever on the alert for. If a detective were to drop in at that interesting establishment now and then, he might be well rewarded. The little man left as softly and as stealthily and as suspiciously as he had come, and hastened away, perhaps to close in on a rural victim he already had in sight. Then the young man came back to sell the reporter the marked cards. A man may become so familiar with any business that he is apparently insensible to its character. A thief may grow so old in his trade as to be hilarious in the prosecution of its worst endeavors. Now this young man proceeded to tell the reporter how he should use those marked cards in order to cheat and make money by the vilest and most dishonorable means, just as he would have gone about selling a bottle of ink or a yard of calico.

The reporter was a novice, and had to be fully instructed. He had never seen a marked card before, but he thought he could use them successfully out West where he lived.

'Yes,' said the young man, 'most of our trade is in the West. They don't use marked cards much in the city. They are most popular out in the new countries.'

He meant they were most popular among the thieves, cutthroats and thugs of the Territorial mining districts, and he evidently took the reporter for a denizen thereof.

A pack was purchased at the modest sum of $1.25, directions thrown in, they being as follows:

FOR SIZE.

Place the four Aces, Kings, Queens, &c., together. Look at the place marked 'SIZE' on the back of the card. You will observe that there is a variation in each figure, commencing with the Aces, and so on down to the Tences.

☞ When learned, each card can be told as well by the back as by the face.

FOR SUIT.

Place all the four suits together. Look at the place marked 'SUIT,' on the back of this card, and you will observe a variation in each, enough to distinguish each suit.

All of which was found by the aid of the accommodating young man to be strictly true. The variations are all in the upper left-hand corner on the reverse side of each corner, and while they would never be noticed by an unpracticed eye they are seen easily enough by one using the device for cheating purposes.

The reporter then asked what else in the same line might be had, and the young man said they had a big stock, and all the reporter had to do was to name a thing and he could have it. He was somewhat flushed with the prospect of the reporter's laying in a full supply of his rascally wares. He suggested that it would be well to look over a catalogue which he brought out with as much coolness as if he had been handling the catalogue of a hardware store. It was a luminous looking collection printed in blue ink and profusely illustrated. The young man laid particular stress upon the following announcement which the reporter confesses made a cold chill run down his back:

GENTS: I am now prepared to furnish you with the latest improved Vest Holdout, which for simplicity, finish and Durability is *Par Excellence*. It will not break or get out of order, anybody can use it, it works smooth and noiseless and is as perfect as it can be made after many years of careful study. It does away entirely with the old fashioned and clumsy Breast Plate, it is now an article of merit, and Value received for the money 10 times over, anybody can use it successfully with very little practice without fear of Detection for months in any game where it has not been previously exposed, like all modern improvements its simplicity is great ly in its favor, it is strong and serviceable, no springs to Rust or Break or weaken and get out of order, in fact it is *the* Modern Holdout and if the man will do his work the machine will do its work. N. B. do not confound my Vest Holdout with the *Sleeve* machines as I don't make or sell the Sleeve machines any more they are a failure and not practical, I have seen all the different kinds that have been made for years and I will give *One Hundred Dollars* to any one that will bring me a Sleeve machine that can be worked effectually without Detection this offer stands good for one year, *and is open to all Gamblers*. The only Holdout I now make is the Vest Holdout which I use occasionally myself as opportunity offers, and I know it is practical and with an ordinary amount of caution it can be used in 8 out of 10 of all the Gamblers Games in the country, any old Poker player knows that if he can win 5 or 6 of the Big Pools during the night and play on his judgment or on the square the remainder of the night and hold his own he is bound to get all the money in time. This is the proper way to use the Vest Holdout and if used on this principle any ordinary Poker player with a moderate amount of discretion can use it month after month in 9 out of every 10 Poker Games in the country, it is a fine invention and any one that plays cards for a living need it more than they do snide Jewelry or Flashy Clothes with holes in their pockets instead of Dollars. There is but one way to gamble successfully and that is to get Tools to work with and have the best of every Game you get into.

The above is given in its own native orthography, syntax and rhetorical adjustment. It makes one think of the bloody stories that are told of 'brace' games, 'short' games and all the other rascally ways of gambling. The reporter said he did not believe he would take one. The young man then turned over to another page and said perhaps he would like a 'Reflector,' the description of which read in this wise:

The reflector, which is convex, is imported direct from France, and made specially for this purpose. It can be used in perfect safety either in the table or on the knee, and should the suspicion of any of the players be aroused, it can be removed in an instant; your hand completely covers it, as it is only the size of a silver half dollar, and you can hold a half dozen of them without their being seen; you are at perfect liberty with your hands all the time, and if you wish you could be using the bug or stripers or any other advantage implement with your hands at the same time without interfering with the spy in the least, but anything else would be unnecessary, as the spy is to the ordinary player.

'No the reporter did not take a reflector, but he went on and read descriptions of a great many other articles in the stock of this swindling and infamous establishment; of loaded dice; 'stripper,' with which 'you can break your opponent so quick he will not know what hurt him; 'trimming shears' faro dealers; stop wheels, that stop exactly where the dealer wants them to stop, and that never stop where the player wants them to stop; 'shiners,' next to 'hold-outs,' wheels of fortue, that always turn out to be wheels of misfortune to the verdant player, and other things of like kind too numerous to mention. And now listen to the shameless, unblushing announcement on the back of the catalogue:

Any of the articles appearing in the within list will be forwarded by return mail or express on receipt of the schedule price. All letters of inquiry promptly and cheerfully answered on receipt of stamped envelope. All business strictly confidential. Our rule is good faith and despatch, and our dealings are 'on the square.' All goods guaranteed as represented, or money returned.

Full and explicit directions accompany every package sent to a customer.

Our advantage and marked back playing cards are a specialty and the best manufactured and cannot be distinguished from fair cards in common use, being of the same pattern in color, style and quality. They are adapted to bluff or poker, seven-up, forty-fives, euchre, cribbage, casino, loo and all other games of cards. Playing with one of our decks you can tell just what your opponent has in his hand and success is absolutely certain. Every style of back is kept constantly on hand. Square and marked cards cut to order for stocking hands for every game.

Our loaded dice are sure and the exact imitation of ordinary dice. No risk or detection; they are perfect in finish.

The reporter parted from the young man behind the show-cases on the best of terms, with a hearty invitation to call again. Thus will be seen something of the robbery business covered by the little advertisement quoted at the head of this article. Here is an establishment that professedly makes and sells gambling devices for the most dishonest purposes. What do the police think of it?

Facts About Canned Goods.

In view of the sensational reports often circulated concerning the danger from eating canned goods, the following facts are respectfully submitted:

The report of Professor Lattimore, the chemist employed by the New York State Board of Health, shows that in a large variety of canned goods examined by him in 1882, comprising peaches, plums, grapes, strawberries, cherries, blackberries, olives, mushrooms, corn, beans, succotash, tomatoes, pumpkin and peas, some of which were two or three years old, there was no cause for apprehension on the part of consumers. The report of Professor Lattimore says:

"No indication of adulteration was found in any of the canned fruits or vegetables. Attention was given to the possibility of the chemical reaction of the fruit acids upon the inner surface of the cans, whereby salts of tin and lead might be produced, rendering the contents in some degree poisonous. The application of the well-known tests for these metals failed to show any evidence of their presence. Some of the articles examined were canned in the summer of 1880."

Professor Albert H. Chester, Ph. D. of Hamilton College, examined canned meats. In his report to the State Board of Health he stated: "Many cases have been reported in the papers, where it is alleged that persons have been poisoned by the use of canned meats. I have never been able to obtain a sample of the meats which had produced such a result, nor have I seen any authentic report of a chemical examination of such meat showing the kind of poison. Many people in the West, particularly in mining and lumber camps, eat canned goods every day of their lives and do not suffer in consequence. In my own experience I have had gangs of men at work in my woods, frequently months at a time, eating canned corned beef, tomatoes, corn, peaches and condensed milk every day without a single case of sickness of any kind during the season."

A striking example of the keeping qualities of canned fish is found in the fact that the American canned salmon which was awarded the first prize at the Fisheries Exhibition in Berlin, in 1880, was packed in 1875, and had previously been exhibited and took the first prize at the Centennial Exhibition in 1876.

The *American Grocer*, an acknowledged authority in the canned goods trade, has for some time past investigated cases of reported poisoning by canned goods without finding a single well founded case. In a late issue it mentioned the following cases:

"In February, 1882, the Schenectady *Evening Star* stated that the family of Andrew Post, numbering four persons, and Christian Post, a brother to Andrew, were all taken suddenly ill, the sickness being caused by eating tomatoes which had been hermetically sealed in a tin can. An investigation of the above case proved that the only person seriously sick was a gourmand, who was troubled with a chronic diarrhœa. The story had its foundation in the Doctor's reply to a question relative to canned tomatoes being the cause, it being to the effect that it might have been the cause, but excessive eating of any article would probably produce like results."

"In September, 1883, an Associated Press despatch stated that Richard Brown, of Pittsburgh, Pa., his wife and five children ate heartily of canned corned beef, and all were attacked with violent pains in the stomach, accompanied by vomiting. One of the children died. Direct inquiries brought the statement that no canned corned beef was eaten, the meat having been bought of a butcher in the Allegheny market."

"In October, 1883, a Press despatch announced the poisoning of a number of persons from eating sandwiches made from canned corned beef while present at a birthday party in Ithaca, N. Y. The person who gave the party in question stated: "The meat eaten was not canned beef, but pressed beef, and manufactured at one of our meat markets in Ithaca."

"In December, 1883, it was reported that George W. Day of Norwolk, Conn., died from eating canned peas. The coroner said no inquest was necessary, as Mr. Day died of heart disease. There was no evidence to show that he had even tasted caned peas."

"On March 5th, 1884, the Associated Press despatches stated that an entire family, consisting of a mother and three children, at Rogersville Junction, Tenn., were poisoned by eating canned blackberries, and that all of them died. Investigation showed, as usual, that the case had been falsely reported. No canned blackberries were eaten, the ones used being some which had been preserved in a glass jar, which was imperfectly sealed, and a heavy coating of mould (itself a fungold poison) covered the fruit. And yet Mrs. Guthrie, after throwing out a part of the contents of the glass jar, placed the remainder upon the table, with a fatal result."

On June 14, 1884, Miss Julie Coventry died suddenly at Saratoga in the office of a physician. The fact was telegraphed over the country that four weeks previously she was accidentally poisoned by eating canned corn, and had not fully recovered from its effect. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that death was caused by apoplexy. The regular physician to the family where the young lady boarded at the time the corn was eaten said: "She was more likely to be poisoned from drinking croton water than canned corn."

Recently a case of alleged poisoning from the use of American tinned brawn was reported from Scarboro', England. Upon investigation it was found that the meat eaten by the person whose death was attributed to poison from eating canned goods was English fresh meat.

The canned goods trade are as much interested as anybody in the packing of wholesome goods and raising the standard of quality in this line of food products. Anything tending to this end should receive the encouragement of the whole trade, and we need hardly say will have the hearty co-operation of the undersigned.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Young Chimpanzees.

The chimpanzee is generally admitted to be the highest species of apes, because its anatomy compares more favorably with that of man than any other of the monkey family. The adult measures nearly five feet in height. Its body is covered with long blackish-brown hair, which is thick upon the back, but scant upon the fore part of the body; at the sides of the head the hair is very long, and hangs down in the form of whiskers; the eyes are rather small; the lips are thick, and admit of great protrusion. The hands and feet are nearly naked, and the hairs of the forearm are directed toward the elbow.

The chimpanzee is a native of the Guinea region of West Africa. It has only been within the last few years that living specimens have been exhibited in this country. Our Zoological Gardens, Philadelphia, have now two interesting individuals of this species. Although they are comparative young, perhaps not older than six years, yet they have an extremely antiquated appearance. I heard a countryman say to a bystander that he 'guessed they were 70 years old, easy.' One of them has such a great fondness for an old blanket, that he carries or drags it with him wherever he goes. Even if he desires to climb the extreme top of his cage, the blanket must go along, although it greatly retards his progress. He knows its use, but does not always use it judiciously. Thus, on an oppressively hot day in July, I have seen him reclining for twenty minutes or more entirely enveloped in the blanket, with the exception of his face, looking at the spectators with a comical and pouting expression. I saw one, when teased and disappointed by its keeper, throw itself upon the floor, and roll and scream vehemently, very like a naughty child in a tantrum. A board shelf was placed across their cage for them to climb upon. This they soon found could be used as a spring board, and nothing seems to give them more pleasure than, when there is a good audience, to steal gently to the center of the board, grasp it tightly with all fours, and spring violently up and down, causing the board with themselves to vibrate rapidly, and producing at the same time a loud, jarring noise. They then seem to greatly enjoy the startled and amused looks of the spectators. Perhaps one of their most human actions is languidly to recline, and holding a straw in one hand, listlessly to chew at its tip, while the eyes are rolled vacantly around. It may be that they are then building 'castles in Spain.' A lady observing a chimpanzee thus engaged, said he was thinking of liberty and his sunny home. But I do not for a moment suppose he was dreaming of and longing for his native home—the luxuriant and balmy forests beside the calm-gliding Gambia—but rather saying to himself, 'Isn't it most time for that bossy and consequential cousin of mine to bring me my boiled rice and milk?'

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Don't Look Like a Wreck.

'When a man is going down hill everybody is ready to give him a kick.' Yes, that is so. It is sad, but natural. Why, many a man and woman, seeking employment, would have got it if their hair hadn't been so thin and gray. One bottle of Parker's Hair Balsam is then the best investment. It stops falling hair, promotes new growth and restores color. Clean, highly perfumed, not a dye. A great improvement over any similar preparation, and sold at the low price of 50c.

Any farmer that desires to have a pleasant, prosperous home, clear of mortgage, must take care of his farm machinery. The ordinary life of a reaper, mower, thresher, and in fact of most farm implements, is, with good care, about ten years, while, with poor care, from three to five years is the limit.

As a purifier, Ayer's Sarsaparilla acts directly and promptly. A single bottle will prove its merits. Many thousands of people are yearly saved from dangerous fevers by the exercise of a little timely care in properly cleansing the system by the use of this remedy.

When putting up curtains which are to be draped, in a low room, put the cornice to which the curtain is to be fastened close to the ceiling, even if the window is put in lower down, as it gives the effect of greater height to the room. The curtains meeting at the top will conceal the wall.

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