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EXTRACTING TEETH WITHOUT PAIN.
Special attention paid to crown and bridge work; also filling teeth with gold and other materials.
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MAIN STREET, OPPOSITE THE OLD STAND.
OFFICE HOURS:—8.30 to 12 A. M.; 1 to 4 P. M.
Having enlarged my office and added many new conveniences, I am able to offer my patients much greater comfort while under treatment than in the past Nov. 29-tf.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
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BALTIMORE, MD.
REFERENCE—Merchants National Bank

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—WITH—
LONEY & CO.,
Successors to Wright & Loney.
FLOUR, GRAIN & COUNTRY PRODUCE
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 215 S. Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.
REFERENCES.—Drovers and Mechanics' National Bank, cor. Eutaw and Fayette, Sts.

Stewart Fruit Company.
WHOLESALE
FRUIT, PRODUCE AND GRAIN
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
118 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore.
Reference, Merchants' National Bank.

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FOR THE SALE OF
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121 LIGHT STREET,
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Telephone 1073.
March 16, 1893.

H. T. FAUNTLEROY. JOSEPH BASIN, JR.
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320 Light Street, Baltimore, Md.
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REFERENCES—City National Bank, Baltimore, Md.; Planters' Nat. Bank, Richmond, Va., and Mercantile Agencies.
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Get Our Prices for
GARDEN SEED
BEFORE PURCHASING.
PERFECTLY RELIABLE.
Farmers! Tomato Seed,
The best to plant for canning purposes.
CHEAP
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The Restaurant is the oldest and most extensive in its accommodations of any in the city.

The Chestertown Transcript.

$1.00 PER ANNUM IN ADVANCE. ... LAND, THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 1894. VOL. XXXII—NO. 50.

SPRING OF 1894.

After a successful experience of 19 years in the manufacture of Fertilizers, we confidently refer you to our record, and earnestly solicit your patronage. An article that has been sold 38 seasons in succession, with an increased sale each spring and fall, and our sales the past year larger than ever before, ought to convince the most skeptical as to the merits of our goods, and that they must have superior quality and absolute uniformity and purity.

PEERLESS!
Our CORN and TOMATO Phosphate
The leading farmers and canners throughout New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland, speak in its highest praise, declaring it to be positively THE CHEAPEST, THE SAFEST and THE BEST in use. Once a trial, always a patron. Wouldn't it be a good idea for you to try them? Farmers who have not tried our Tomato Phosphate will consult their interest by doing so upon their next crop. Many farmers think that all Phosphates are alike, but a fertilizer apparently the same by analysis on paper may show a vast difference when tested on the soil.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., 1893.
T. R. HUBBARD & SON—GENTLEMEN:—Yes, the ton of your Tomato Phosphate purchased of you and used last year, did well. I had my tomatoes in a young pear orchard of one-year-old trees. I applied the Phosphate by sowing broadcast and cultivating it in. The fruit was large, smooth and perfect, and whilst it is almost incredible, feel sure that my yield was 16 tons to the acre, but I know that Lamotte paid me for over 15 tons per acre. I know it did splendidly for me. R. S. EMORY.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., Jan. 2, 1894.
GENTS:—In reply to your question as to my opinion in regard to your Tomato Goods, must say it is a good goods from the fact the finest Tomatoes grown and brought to my cannery were grown with your Phosphate. I remember one of my growers would bring some loads that were particularly fine, while others were not. I asked what made the difference, and he replied Hubbard's was used on the best, while another that cost more money, on the others. I believe your Tomato Phosphate to be an excellent article. JOSEPH DOWNEY.

FOR POTATOES.
Our "Special Potato Manure" has been used for years in competition with Mapes, Yarnell's and Baughs, in fact, all the high grade goods on the market.

For General Truck
We make a Special Truck Phosphate that contains all the required elements of plant food. One fair and impartial trial, will convince the most skeptical as to its merits.

FOR OATS,
Use our Special Oat Fertilizer, which has stood the test now for years. One patron claims to have grown 61½ bushels per acre with it.

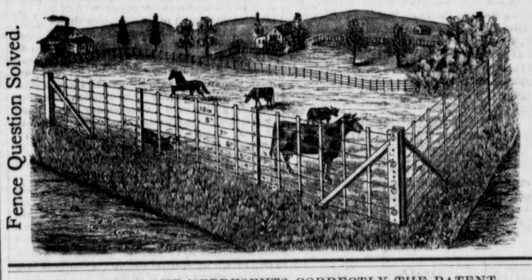
FOR GRASS.
As a top dressing for grass, our Phosphate has no equal, but it should be applied in February or March if possible.

There Are Your Peach Trees.
As the world grows older and its people wiser, there is a growing demand for better and more perfect quality of goods of all kinds. The people to-day are not content with the manner in which their ancestors fertilized their orchards, but are striving to reach the heights of perfection. Finally, T. R. Hubbard & Son offered O. S. Guano, a natural bird manure found in the West Indies, and introduced here after their senior's return from that place in 1882. This goods is the base of their Fruit Grower. In appearance it looks like old peruvian. In analysis it runs higher than dissolved animal bone. In action has eclipsed all competitors. In sales more than any other Peach manure in the world. Then taking into consideration the quality, price, guarantee, our success, satisfied patrons, increased trade, our reputation, together with the fact that you have this season the prospect of a crop, we think further comment from us unnecessary, as a trial will convince you that the goods speak for themselves.

T. R. HUBBARD & SON.,
Chestertown, Md., Manufacturers of Standard Bone Fertilizers.

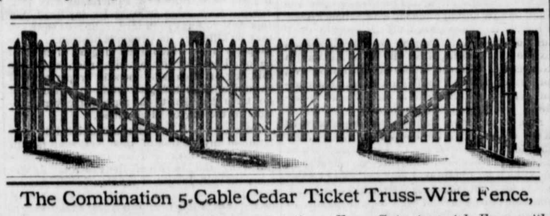
The BOSS Patent Farm Fence on the Market.

Fence Question Solved.



Farmers, Read Carefully.

THE ABOVE CUT REPRESENTS CORRECTLY THE PATENT
VAN WAGONER FARM FENCE!
REMEMBER, the Posts are set two rods apart; if properly set, will turn all kinds of Stock. It is the only Fence over which you have positive control. It is the Cheapest Good Fence on the market. Buy a Farm Right, and your materials, by quantity, will not cost you, at present quotations, over 27c. per rod for an 8-strand No 10 Galvanized Wire Fence, with five pickets to the rod. With the Farm Rights I furnish the machines (2) necessary to put up the Fence. It will pay you back the Farm Right money in 100 rods at prices charged for putting up—65c. per rod.



The Combination 5-Cable Cedar Ticket Truss-Wire Fence,
4 ft. high, 95c. per rod, delivered at nearest station. Farm Gates to match Fence, with patent non-sagging brace, 10 foot Gate, one patent Brace Hinges and Catch, $3.75. Over 10 feet, 12c. extra per foot. Extra Brace 25c.
Also FANCY IRON AND STEEL YARD FENCES for sale. Call on or Address
JOSEPH GUEST, Chestertown, Md.

SAMUEL BECK. W. S. WALKER.
BECK & WALKER,
FERTILIZER MANUFACTURERS,
OFFER TO THE FARMERS OF KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES,
Fertilizers of All Kind!
WE WOULD CALL ATTENTION TO OUR SPECIAL BRANDS FOR THE
Spring Crop of 1894.
Corn, Oats, Tomatoes,
Potatoes, Asparagus & General Truck.
All of these goods will be in first-class mechanical condition, and only the best materials obtainable will be used in their composition. They have been used by a number of our prominent farmers for the past two years, and in all cases have given satisfactory results. We would be glad to refer intending purchasers of Fertilizers to the parties who have used them. All of our brands of goods are prepared under the personal supervision of Mr. P. B. Hollis, who is well-known in this community as an experienced agricultural chemist.
BUSINESS OFFICE in the Kent News Building, where we shall be pleased to see our friends and the public.
Chestertown, March 1, 1894.

WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S OVERGARMENTS.
We show a wonderfully comprehensive stock of
JACKETS, CAPES and PRINCE ALBERT COATS
specially adapted for immediate wear.
Prices Are Exceedingly Low
by reason of our great manufacturing facilities and the unusual advantages we possess for securing desirable lots of cloth at the lowest market prices.
This season the stock excels anything heretofore shown, both in extent of assortment and in moderation of prices.
As we manufacture the garments in our own workrooms we are enabled to insure the best and most careful workmanship, at a saving to our patrons of at least 25 per cent, on prevailing prices.
We have just issued a handsomely Illustrated Catalogue of Women's and Children's Coats and Wraps, which we will mail to any address, upon request.
STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER,
Market St., Eighth St., Filbert St.,
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D TROTTING STALLION,
D INSURE.
ES, NO. 7541.
Parker, Jr., 2.29¾, Sarah Coin, 2.29¾, Cornelia and of Wilkes Spirit, Jr., 2.32¾ (the only entire son 2.35, Easter Wilkes, 3.29¾, and Chester, 3 years, n 1893 as a four year-old.
ARISTOS, 2.27¾.
Sire of H. B. Winship, 2.20¾ (2.06 with running mate), and 12 others in the 2.30 list. Sire of Gillig, years, 2.23¾, the sire of Sue Gillig, 2.25¾ at 3 years, nd Ruppert Gillig, 2.48, and Aristo Gillig, 2.54 at 2 ears. Sire of Aristos, Jr., sire of Treadway, 2.24¾. am of Aritios, Fanny Jackson, dam of Annie Page, 27¾, M. Y. D. Colt, 2.28¾, Miss Fanny Jackson, 30, and Aurora, sire of two in the list.
ABRAHAM,
Sire of Brightwood, 2.19¾, Frank, 2.19¾. Bessie H., 2.25¾, Kitty Cook, 2.26, and three others in st. Sire of Dam of Ketch, 2.18¾.
y ETHAN ALLEN.
Record with running mate, 2.15. Sire of 7 in the st, and 19 producing sons. Daughters have produced 17 in the 2.30 list.
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Sire of Ryskyk's Hambletonian, and 8 others in e 2.30 list. Sire of the dams of Golds. Said, 14, and 7 others in the list, and of the dams of 28 roducing stallions.
All accidents at risk of owner.
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KINSON, Bel Rio Farm,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

LAND BAY STALLION,
ENGLAND,
ands Alternate Weeks at Elkown, Maryland.
PRIDE OF ENGLAND, 161, is a beautiful Blood Bay Color, stands 17 hands high and weighs 1300 pounds.
Pride of England is registered in the Ontario Coach and Roadster Horse Breeders' Association of St. Thomas, Canada, as No. 161. He is a descendant of the best producing families on both sides for speed, beauty, endurance and general utility.
Tracing from Mark Twain, Moonstone and Old Clear Grit [859] as producers of speed, and through Rattler and Hornpipe to thoroughbred and imported coach horses, through Fox Hunter, Pride of England [161] sired by Mark Twain, he by Moonstone, by Old Clear Grit [859], he by Lapadist by Touchstone, the English race horse.
Mark Twain's dam Big Nell, by Foster's St. Lawrence, he by Old St. Lawrence. Mark Twain is sire of Nellie Baker with four-year-old record of 2.32 with six weeks handling, She gave a trial mile on Woodbine track, Toronto, in 2.21¾, and a half mile in 1.08.
Moonstone's dam by Bradly's thoroughbred, he by Olivers's thoroughbred. Moonstone is sire of Nettie C., record 2.23, and several others that show their ability to trot close to 2.30.
Old Clear Grit [859], was one of the greatest Canadian sires. Sire of Amber, record 2.23, made in Australia, and the fastest record for two, three and ten miles in Europe, Flora F., 2.24¾, Bay William, 2.27¾, Little Billy, 2.23¾, Billy M., pacer, 2.19¾, Fuller, pacer, 2.19¾, St. Patrick, 2.30¾, and a large number that trot under 2.40.
Pride of England [161], dam Fanny [55] by McQueen's Rattler, he by Wilson's Rattler, he by Biggart's Rattler, by Sir Henry, he by the Garrett horse, by Leonidas Imported Thoroughbred. Biggart's Rattler, sire of Joe Brown, 2.23, also sire of Warner's Rattler, sire of Mary Davis, 2.26.
Pride of England [161], grand dam by Hornpipe by Imported Thoroughbred, great grand dam by Fox Hunter, he by imported coach horse.
It will be seen by the above that Pride of England is gilt-edged on both sides.
Breeders cannot possibly err in breeding their brood mares to this noble stallion, as the intensity of his breeding is in itself a certainty that his stock will partake largely of the characteristics of their sire.
TERMS OF BREEDING.—$25, one-half during the season and the other half when mare proves in foal. For more than one mare, special terms.
March 22, 1894—2m. JAMES A. RUSSELL, Agent, CHESTERTOWN, MD.
DANIEL WARREN, Groom.

SPRING HAS COME.
—WE HAVE—
Oliver Chilled Plows and Oliver Chilled Castings
ALWAYS IN STOCK. ALSO
Genuine Factory Castings
for the SOUTH BEND, ADVANCE, SYRACUSE and OHIO PLOWS. We are Headquarters for Oliver Chilled PLOWS and REPAIRS. As agents for that company we represent them in this vicinity, and from us only can the Genuine Oliver Chilled Castings be had in this town. Beware of bogus imitations.
WE HAVE THE STYRON FENCE,
made of Cedar Pickets woven with Wire. The Best Garden Fence out. Sure Protection Against Poultry
WE HAVE THE BEST PATENT WIRE FENCE on the MARKET.

JONES' LOCKED-WIRE FENCE.
This Fence is Positively Stock Proof, is a Thing of Beauty, Adapted to Farm, Lawn and Yard.
Carriages and Buggies of All Styles.
CUSTOM AND READY-MADE HARNESS
at all prices. Harness made to order by the best workman in this entire section. All kinds of Harness Piece Work and Repairs. HORSE GOODS OF ALL KINDS.
GARDEN SEEDS OF ALL VARIETIES.
These seeds are fresh and pure, and obtained from the best seed houses in the country. TOMATO SEED a specialty, including Tomato Seed grown by Livingston, the greatest of all Tomato growers.
PHOSPHATES of High Grade.
Adapted to Tomatoes, Potatoes, Asparagus and all Spring Crops.
SMITH & CLEMENTS,
March 22, 1894. CHESTERTOWN MARYLAND.

OUR ONLY DAY.

BY COATES KINNEY.

Were this our only day,
Did not our yesterdays and morrows give
To hope and memory their interplay,
How would we bear to live?

Not merely what we are,
But what we were and what we are to be,
Make up our life—the far days each a star,
The near days nebulæ.

At once would love forget
Its keen pursuits and coy delays of bliss,
And it's delicious pangs of fond regret,
Were there no day but this.

And who, to win a friend,
Would to the secrets of his heart invite
A fellowship that would begin and end
Between a day and night?

Who, too, would pause to prate
Of insult, or remember slight or scorn?
Who would this night lie down to sleep with hate,
Were there to be no morn?

Who would take heed to wrong,
To misery's complaint or pity's call,
The long wail of the weak against the strong,
If this one day were all?

And what were wealth with shame,
The vanity of office, pride of caste,
The winy sparkle of the bubble fame,
If this day were the last?

Ay, what were all days worth,
Were there no looking backward or before—
If every human that drops to earth
Were lost for evermore?

But each day is a link
Of days that pass and never pass away;
For memory and hope—to live, to think—
Each is our only day.

—*Harper's Magazine.*

MARYLAND CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION.

Eastern District Conference, Calvary M. P. Church, Easton, Md., May 8 and 9.

TUESDAY.

4.00 P. M.—Informal gathering.
8.00 P. M.—Song service.
8.20 P. M.—Welcome address, Prof. Charles F. Eastman.
8.30 P. M.—Greeting from State Union, Wm. H. G. Belt, president.
8.40 P. M.—Address by Rev. Kindley McMillan, Baltimore.
9.10 P. M.—Singing and collection.
9.20 P. M.—C. E. responsive service.

WEDNESDAY.

10.00 A. M.—Prayer meeting.
10.20.—Open Conference, "What are we doing?" John L. Shuff, State secretary.
10.50 A. M.—"How to Extend the Cause," Rev. T. J. Lambert, Hillsboro, Md.
11.15 A. M.—"Scope of C. E. Work," Miss Prue Ford, Ford's Store, Md.
11.45 A. M.—"Our C. E. Prayer Meeting, how to make it profitable.
12.15. A. M.—Adjournment.

AFTERNOON.

2.30 P. M.—Devotional, Rev. J. M. Sheridan.
2.45 P. M.—Open Conference, "Mid-week Endeavor," Rev. E. S. Tuttle, Pocomoke City, Md.
3.15 P. M.—"Our Officers and Their Duties."
3.45 P. M.—Our boys and girls (Junior work), Mrs. Dorsey Blake, Westover, Md.
4.15 P. M.—Address by Rev. Mr. McElmoyle, Elkton, Md.
5.00 P. M.—Adjournment.

EVENING.

7.30 P. M.—Song service.
8.00 P. M.—Address, "Good Citizenship," John S. Huges, Baltimore.
8.20 P. M.—Our Conventions, John L. Shuff.
8.45 P. M.—Address, Rev. F. T. Little, Baltimore.
9.15 P. M.—Singing and collection.
9.30. P. M.—C. E. Closing service.

NOTES.

Every society should be well represented. Entertainment will be provided all who can attend by notifying J. F. Rathell, Easton, Md.

P. W. & B. and N. Y. P. & N. Railroads will sell tickets on card orders to be had of John L. Shuff, State secretary, American Building, Baltimore.

B. & E. S. Railroad will sell excursion tickets without orders.

THOUGHTLESS MINISTERS.

The Cheeky Drummer Catches Two Divines on a Simple Proposition.

Abashed at nothing, a commercial traveler in the south once propounded a question to a couple of clergymen, whom he encountered on a railroad train, which illustrates how easily a man may be tripped on a simple little catch problem. The drummer entered into a conversation with the ministers and entertained them amazingly with his brilliant conversation, touching men and affairs. Gradually the topics changed, until at last the talk was of Dr. Talmage and his visit to the Holy Land.

"Speaking of the Holy Land," said the graceless commercial man, "I was quite interested to read in a New York paper recently that a party of explorers in Palestine had discovered a huge heap of bones, which, from their size and quantity, are supposed to be of the children which Herod ordered killed. They were found in a cave, which had been closed for centuries, which accounts for their preservation."

"Indeed!" replied one of the clergymen, much interested. "I had not heard of it. It is certainly a surprising discovery."

"Yes," continued the drummer, "and, oddly enough, while nearly half of the bones were bleached white, the rest were as black as ebony."

"Remarkable," ejaculated the clergyman who had already spoken, while the other looked at the drummer suspiciously.

"What is your theory?" he continued. "Do you think it possible that the bleached bones could be of males and the black of females?"

"Possibly," replied the more communicative clergyman, "I am not an anatomist, however, and can't say what effects long exposure has on the bones of the sexes."

"And you," presisted the drummer to the other. "What is your opinion? Do you think it possible that the white bones belonged to male infants and the black to female, or vice versa? That is the problem that now excites the discoverers."

"Really," replied the other, "I don't know; but, possibly, as you first put it, the white bones may be of the male children, and the black of the female."

Shortly after this the clergymen reached their destination and left the train. Just as it was about moving off the drummer, who had been chuckling to himself the meanwhile, thrust into the hand of one a card, upon which was written the words:

"Excuse me if I suggest that you read your Bibles hereafter with greater care. Had you done so in the past, you would have known that boy babies only were ordered slain by Herod."—*New York Herald.*

A Laughable Mistake.

Two ladies entered a book-store recently and the younger asked the clerk for a book called "Favorite Prescription." The puzzled attendant was unable to comply with her request and she left the store disappointed. Inquiry elicited the fact that she had overheard a conversation between two literary ladies in which "Favorite Prescription" was mentioned with extravagant praise, and had jumped to the conclusion that it was a book. She now knows that Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a sovereign cure for the ills and "weaknesses" peculiar to women, for she has been cured by its use.

It is the only medicine of its class, sold by druggists, under a *positive guarantee* that it will cure in all cases of disease for which it is recommended, or money paid for it will be promptly refunded.

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure *permanently* constipation, sick headache, biliousness, indigestion and kindred ailments.

A NEW YORKER'S FIRST VISIT TO THE EASTERN SHORE OF MARYLAND.

Southern Hospitality—Queenstown of Revolutionary Fame, My Stopping Place.

Mr. Richard Earle Davidson, a prosperous merchant of Queenstown, a true Southern gentleman, full of good-humor, wit and generosity.

I am proud of my native State and love the mountain views, the calm, rippling lakes, the picturesque cataracts, the neatly clipped hedges and the well regulated farms. Best of all countries I have ever visited, for generosity, good feeling and hospitality, none can exceed the Eastern Shore of Maryland, if Queenstown citizens are a type of the entire population. I have often read of the Sunny South, the old Plantation Homes, the kindness and ease prevailing here, and they are truly represented.

"Rest and alternate labors, useful life—
Progressive virtue, and 'approving heaven,'
'Those' are the matchless joys of love,
And thus 'their' moments seem to fly,
Every day, soft as it rolls along, shows some new charm,
A father's lustre and a mother's bloom."

Nowhere, more than in and around Queenstown do we meet more refined and cultivated people. Here nature has dispensed with liberal hand her varied charms. Throughout this whole neighborhood, bold, beautiful water views meet the eye, the noble streams burdened with lovely grassy banks; the bracing air imparting cheerfulness and health, to young and old. These rolling banks are dotted with ferns, mosses; old native trees that have never felt the stroke of the axe stand out in bold defiance and grandeur; beneath these old trees beds of violets, anemone and arbutus, flowers that love their shade, spring up under the influence of the gentle April showers and make the entire landscape one of beauty and sweet odors. Arabia cannot boast a fuller gale of joy, than exists here, when "The penetrating sun, his face deep darting to the dare retreat of vegetation, sets the streaming powers at large, to wander o'er the verdant earth in various hues."

All this beautiful Southern country needs is the emigration here of northern men and northern push, to make the Eastern Shore of Maryland truly the "Garden Spot of the World." Our beautiful Hudson of the Empire State, with its celebrated steamers plying up and down its waters incess only where banks are interspersed with "Palatial Homes" of distinguished people, does not exceed the beauty of scenery along the banks of the noble rivers of Maryland. The fields, the valleys, the meadows, even now, seem anxiously anticipating the promised sweetness of the balmy months of May and June; hot softening dews and gentle showers. The blue pine trees have worn a cheerful garb all through the gloom and storms of winter and are looking out for spring time which will freshen up their green mantles and give them renewed verdure and life. The birds will soon be here filling the woodlands around with cheerful music, waiting the while to join in the general choir; each little feathered beauty trying to out-do the other in sweetness and endurance. Life and happiness will soon reign over the brown woods and rising hills. The sun shone most gloriously on this last 4th of March, when we usually have snow, cold and stormy looking clouds in the heavens. The morning breeze had sunk into a calm, and the mid-day sun diffused its crimson rays over a cheerful company of seven, seated on drift logs which had floated down to Queenstown waters, from the Susquehanna river just one year ago during the highest rise of water ever known here.

Three handsome setter dogs gave animation to the scene, first crouching at the feet of their respective masters, then frisking and barking and whining as if they too, were drinking in health and strength from the fresh breeze of the ever-flowing river. Wild geese not very far off were enjoying an invigorating salt water bath, ducking their heads, emerging again from beneath the water, to stroke their snowy white wings; turning all sorts of somersaults, chattering and hissing to each other in their own language and occasionally striking for the shore, to pluck inviting blades of wheat from the farmer's fields which border on the water's edge. The patient Merinos and Southdowns have left their winter quarters and have strayed away. Their fleecy white forms may be seen, seeking industriously the first sprig of blue grass, that would fain make its escape and grow to repetition. Herds of all kinds, horses, cows and swine are stepping forth, from their contracted pounds which have held them in confinement since chilly November weather caused their pensive faces to wear distress, that too almost endless storms of winter were to be born with patience and resignation. Nature at this time of the year is about to change her course; soon the slender, tapering rod of busy fishermen will be bringing up bushel after bushel of the wholesome rock and white perch, from the hidden depths of the river. The long, weighted line will be beguiling the hungry crab to satisfy the epicure, for I am told that nowhere are the luxuries of the deep more plentiful than in Maryland waters. Our people from the empire State would be startled to see how many families are supported from the rich production of the water, nature's generosity to ungrateful man. Along these shores at flood-tide myriads of soft crabs, which are so delicate and sweet to the taste, can be picked up, by walking slowly along and immersing the hand under the water where they lie as if asleep yielding unconsciously to the grasp of man. Farther out in these prolific waters hard crabs can be brought into the boat as fast as lines can be thrown out to their hungry mouths. To me, the most enjoyable part of this last 4th of March, was a little surprise party to which I was invited, where a liberal supply of Chester river oysters were evoked on the shore in the open air, designated by the contributor, Mr. George Davidson, as an "Eastern Shore Oyster Roast." The oysters were poured in a flat surface of sheet iron, under which a bright log fire was built and they were taken off piping hot and eaten from the shell with fresh country butter and a little salt.

For the first time in my life I opened an oyster. It was a two-fold pleasure to pry away at that clenched mouth, to satisfy my own appetite as well as to contribute to the desire of a fair young *demoselle* at my side, who, to my relief, was far too modest and courteous to eat too many, for I was unskilled in the art and felt a little awkward. The fluttering leaves on shore and murmuring of the waves in front of our rural surroundings added life and enjoyment to this romantic 4th of March scene, enhanced by a swift sail in a well-trimmed little pungy on the placid waters of the ever-surging Chester later in the day. The next morning my business called me away from this beautiful "Sunny Land," I proceeded on my journey down the Peninsula and shall always remember the kindness and hospitality of this estimable and courteous family at "Bel Haven," a lovely southern home, beautifully situated on Queenstown creek, the most romantic little stream I have ever seen, making out into the river and flowing on and on peacefully and quietly to to the great Chesapeake bay beyond. May the blessings of Heaven be showered upon the head of Mr. Richard E. Davidson and his courteous and kind-hearted children. Would that I could impart to my people of New York city and State the pleasure I have experienced in this, my first visit to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, and my hospitable reception by the citizens of Queenstown, whose kindness will ever remain fresh in my memory. RUGG.

Mr. Davidson is anxious to see the electric road from Queenstown, running northward, in operation, and hopes it will be pushed on to completion at an early date. —*Centreville Observer.*

Fashion and Modesty.

The favorite bodice of the day is a fitted round one with short, puffed sleeves and with either the round English or broad square-cut neck. Now both these styles of cutting, while they permit the throat to show, are absolutely modest. And about that I want to say just a few words. The woman of absolutely good position, the woman who respects herself and expects the world to give her respect, does not make a spectacle of herself by wearing a bodice cut too low in the neck. I know exactly what I am talking about, and what I say is the truth. Fashion and modesty go hand-in-hand.—*Ladies' Home Journal.*

THEORIES don't do a hungry man any good; he prefers ham.

IF you don't want your stomach to balk, you shouldn't overload it.