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Grain Bags, for both Shelled Grain and Cob Corn, furnished upon short notice.
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—OF—
COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
of Kent County.

PERSONS who have trimmed their hedges and grown the weeds, etc., along the public roads are hereby notified to remove the cuttings.

Persons disregarding this notice are indicted by the grand jury.

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ROBERT C. MORGAN,
GEO. W. RODENHISER,
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HORACE A. WILLSON,
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CYRUS RUSSELL, Clerk. a3 tf.

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Always Reliable,
PRICES ALWAYS THE LOWEST.

We take this opportunity to thank our friends and acquaintances for the patronages so liberally bestowed upon us during the holiday trade, in spite of the many misleading advertisements of other merchants.

WE HAVE LAUNCHED OUT,

feeling assured that customers who have patronized us once, will continue to do so.

— OUR STOCK —

for the new year will always be complete. During January and February we will reduce many winter articles far below regular price, and offer special advantages to our customers.
Respectfully, etc.
MILLER BROS.,
Jan. 24, 1895. ROCK HALL, MD.

W. S. MASLIN,
Near Rock Hall, Maryland,
—DEALER IN—
Dry Goods, Groceries,
BOOTS, SHOE, NOTIONS.
WHITE GOODS, HARDWARE, TINWARE, GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, CLOTHING, CHINA,
and everything usually kept in a well-appointed general store. This store is really divided into departments, among which we mention with pride the Millinery Department, the Clothing Department and the Shoe Department. In them a complete line of goods is carried, and at prices that deserve the attention of this neighborhood.
Our Line of Harness
is first-class and complete, and will be sold at rock bottom prices, while the Sleigh Bells and Carriage Robes go at such low prices as to invite the attention of purchasers.
PATENT MEDICINES
are constantly kept in stock, and the general line of merchandise sold at my store will be found to be just a little lower in price than others who make greater pretentions. During the month sweeping reductions will be made in order to reduce this enormous stock, and for every dollar invested we guarantee full value received. Don't forget the full and complete line of
OILS, PAINTS, TRUNKS, VALISES, Etc.
Special Notice.—Full Line of LADIES' COATS and DRESS GOODS, and TRIMMINGS in connection with our Millinery Department a Specialty.
A call solicited.
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Hardware, Clothing.
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS, CONFECTIONERY, STATIONERY, HATS AND CAPS,
and a complete line of all kinds of goods usually found in a first-class general store.
SPECIAL NOTICE.—During the approaching holidays we will be headquarters for Santa Claus. Our fruits, consisting of Raisins, Currants, Lemons, Oranges, Apples, Cocoanuts, etc. Also Confectionery of all kinds, will be sold at prices in keeping with the dull times complained of. Toys to please the little folks will be sold at astonishingly low prices. We mention a few prices that deserve the attention of close buyers: Raisins 8c, Currants 5c, Citron 15c, Seedless Raisins 10c, Cocoanuts 6 to 8c, Walnuts and Butternuts 15c, Almonds 20c, Broken Candy, Mixture, Drops and French Mixture 10c lb, or 3 lbs for 25c. A No. 1 Gum Drops, Chocolate Drops, Cream Dates, Caromels and French Mixture at 25c a lb. Pure Extract of Lemon and Vanilla, my own make, Ground Cloves, Allspice, Cinnamon, Mace, Ginger, Pulverized Sugar, also children's Picture Books, Express Wagons, etc. This stock is complete, and prices so low as to astonish all who give me a call. Our lines of Drugs and Medicines are fresh, and a full stock constantly kept on hand. Prescriptions carefully and accurately compounded at all hours, day or night. I respectfully ask for a share of your patronage, believing that I can save you money on your purchases. Jewelry, Perfumery and Fancy Soaps Resp'y, etc.,
J. F. LEARY, Near Rock Hall.

J. H. RUTH,
—DEALER IN—
GROCERIES AND GENERAL MERCHANDISE,
AT ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.
ANNOUNCEMENT—Having accepted the agency for the Relay Manufacturing Company, I am now offering the best line of
BICYCLES on the Market.
The Relay Special, 22 pounds, $100. The Relay Roadster, 26 pounds, $85. Crown, 28 pounds, $75. Ladies' Relay, 27 pounds, $90.
Furnished in either Black, Carmine or French Grey Enamel, with choice of following tires: New York, Morgan & Wright, Hartford Single Tube, Dunlap and Gormully and Jeffrey Clincher. We claim this wheel to have more brand new important features than any other on the market. No need now to buy a worn out second hand machine when you can buy a strictly high grade wheel for the same money. Write for handsome descriptive catalogue and special cash discount.
J. H. RUTH, Agent Relay M'f'g Co., Overton, Md.

A GREAT
CLEARING-OUT SALE!
—AT—
R. BERGEN'S
I am determined to sell out the balance of my Winter Goods, consisting of
LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S
COATS,
DRESS GOODS,
Blankets, Quilts and Flannels.
I have put the prices way down to come in reach of all. Now is the time to buy if you want a great bargain. As we have had such a fine success in
Our Millinery Department,
and thanking our lady friends for the same, and in the future we will be pleased to have their patronage and will always try to please and guarantee satisfaction. The balance of our Millinery Goods will be sold at half price.
Remember the place,
R. BERGEN, Chestertown, Md.

GRIP
When this disease gets hold of you with all its accompanying tortures, you require a remedy about which there is no uncertainty—something that will quickly drive out the cold, restore the blood to a normal condition, leave you free from aches and pains, and prevent any distressing after effects. That's
PAIN-KILLER
No other remedy so effective, none so certain of results. Teaspoonful doses in hot milk or water, every 2 hours, will break it up in a single day if taken when first attacked.
PERRY DAVIS & SON Providence, R. I.

Extraordinary Announcement!
JAMES A. CASEY, a progressive Rock Haller, is now offering to the people of this county special low prices on his entire stock in order that the bulk of goods now upon our shelves can be reduced. For fifteen years we have been catering to the wants of the trade here, and all during that time we have never thrown out catch penny advertisements in order to hoodwink the people but a steady, straightforward plan adopted in the beginning has been continued to the present time, and now for the future we promise greater bargains than have ever been shown in Rock Hall.
THE STOCK
Embraces a general line of goods, and consists of Dry Goods, Groceries, Boots and Shoes, Hardware, Notions of all kinds, including special bargains in Underwear and Hosiery, together with a first-class supply of Gum and Rubber Goods, so extensively used by our oystermen. The approaching holidays get nearer and nearer every day, and don't forget that we are fully prepared to meet your wants, as we can supply you with a complete line of goods at prices unequaled in this community. Our Grocery department receives special care, all the goods being bought for spot cash at headquarters, enables us to place in the homes of our people a line of fresh groceries at prices which are considered rock bottom In the Boot and Shoe department there are many bargains awaiting you, and a call will convince you that we advertise bargains. Remember, we carry everything to be found in a well-appointed store, and from this time on sweeping reductions will be made, and a number of goods during this month will be closed out at prices that will astonish you. Look out for change of advertisement next month.
JAMES A. CASEY,
Dec. 13, 1894. ROCK HALL, MD.

TALK ABOUT
Tariff off Woolen Goods
JUST LOOK AT
FRANK HOGAN'S,
Cheap Cash Store.
$3.00 Boots Marked down to $2.38.
$2.50 Boots marked down to $1.50.
$1.50 Boots marked down to $1.15.
WHAT!
Hominy 3 1-2 cents per quart: Beans 4 cents per pint: Raisins 5 cents, Currents 4 cents,
and all other things marked down likewise.
FRANK HOGAN, Rock Hall, Md.

WILLIAM R. COLEMAN,
Two Large Stores— ROCK HALL —AND— PINEY NECK
in which is kept a complete and general line of merchandise, consisting of dry goods, boots and shoes, groceries, notions, confectionery and everything usually found in a complete establishment. While at Rock Hall be sure to call at our store and we will save you money, and when you are at Piney Neck call on us and be convinced that our prices are such as to astonish you. Our trade is growing and we are constantly gaining the confidence of the people, and to those who favor us with their trade we guarantee satisfaction. During this month we propose to reduce our stock, and in doing so we have greatly reduce the price of many useful articles that will interest close buyers. For the Christmas holidays we will be headquarters for Confectionery, etc., that will please the little folks. Give us a call.
WM. R. COLEMAN.
Dec. 13, 1894 Rock Hall and Piney Neck

WHAT A LOSS OF PROFIT!
BUT SUCH IS LIFE.
15 Per Cent. Less Than the Regular Price
is the way we are selling
CLOTHING!
When our Clothing is received we mark it in plain figures before placing on our tables, so any one can tell the price. SUITS $3.75 to $10.00. OVERCOATS $4.50 to $10.00. All go at a discount of 15 per cent.
Figure out the price yourself.
LEATHER BOOTS.
$2.50 your choice of any in our store.
Dry Goods and Notion Department Complete.
Prices way down on Hominy, Beans and Buckwheat.
THE ROYAL BARGAIN STORE,
R. S. CREW,
Look for his sign—Big Flag. ROCK HALL, MD.

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A PEACHBLOW VASE.

A MYSTERY OF SEVERAL YEARS SEEMS TO BE CLEARED UP.

A Matter That Has Long Been of Unusual Interest to Art Collectors—Brayton Ives Tells Queer Facts About the Vase and Conditions of His Purchase.

The Peachblow vase is in this city. That is the verdict of an amateur Sherlock Holmes, who set about the elucidation of the profound mystery surrounding this celebrated piece of porcelain for which $18,000 was paid when it was sold at auction in this city some eight years ago. Moreover, it seems apparent from what this amateur detective has discovered that, while the famous Peachblow vase belongs to Mr. Brayton Ives and is now in his house on Thirty-fourth street, even Mr. Ives himself is still mystified about some things concerning it.

Mr. Ives did not pay $18,000 for the Peachblow vase, and yet Mr. Moss, brother-in-law of Mrs. Mary Jane Morgan and the executor of her estate, affirms that that enormous sum was paid into the estate for the vase after the auction sale.

Nobody can tell who it is that is out of pocket because of the mystery surrounding the Peachblow, but it is certain that somebody for a reason best known to himself paid out several thousand dollars and has concealed his identity up to this date. Mr. Brayton Ives appears to be as much mystified as everybody else.

But now that Mr. William T. Walters of Baltimore is dead and a promise of secrecy made by Mr. Ives at the time the vase came into his possession has been fullfilled, he has consented to disclose some facts not hitherto known in connection with the mystery.

"The vase which is now in my possession," said Mr. Ives, "was bought by me from the American Art association, which had conducted the sale of the Morgan collection. From the outset there was something very mysterious about it. I was given to understand that I was to see something very rare and precious, but that I would have to promise to keep it quiet and not tell anybody about it for a certain length of time. Then when my curiosity and interest had been fully aroused I was conducted alone into a shaded apartment. After the doors had been locked and my companion had looked under the table to be sure there was no one concealed there, a safe was opened cautiously, and this vase was taken out from under its coverings. It looked to me like the Peachblow, which had vanished so mysteriously."

"One moment, please," said the amateur Sherlock Holmes, "how long after the Peachblow was sold for $18,000 to Mr. Walters, as Mr. Sutton alleged, did this occur?"

"From nine months to a year afterward," said Mr. Ives. "I bought the vase which was exhibited to me, but I said nothing about it for a long time. I kept it locked in my house. Before I got it I had to promise not to speak about it for a specified time, but that time has elapsed."

"How much did you pay for the vase?"

"That I am not at liberty to state," said Mr. Ives. "When I bought it, I made two promises, one that I should not say anything about it for a specified time, the other that I should never disclose the purchase price."

"What is at the bottom of all this mystery?"

"I am unable to guess," answered Mr. Brayton Ives. "Whether or not the vase I bought was the Peachblow vase, there was no reason that I am aware of why the facts should be concealed."

Mr. Ives admitted that the price he paid for the vase was considerably less than $18,000, and as an example of oriental porcelain he considered it worth what he had paid for it. He said that during the years the vase had been in his possession many things had come to his knowledge about the Peachblow, and that at times he doubted whether the vase in his possession was in reality that famous little mug. It seems that when the vase was sold to him under the mysterious circumstances described there was no guarantee that it was the Peachblow vase, and that the comparatively small price at which it was offered tended to prove that they were not identical.

On the other hand, there are those who assert that Mr. Ives believed he was buying the Peachblow vase, and was at any rate willing to take a "flier" on that assumption. The facts which he has subsequently learned seem to prove beyond any question that he did in reality buy the famous vase, and that his investment was a judicious one.

"Here is one fact," said Mr. Ives when discussing the pros and cons. "There is a lady in this city who is a friend of Mrs. Moir, who was the sister of Mrs. Morgan. This lady frequently visited the house of Mrs. Morgan, and there she saw and handled the Peachblow vase many times, examining it carefully. Upon one occasion when visiting my house she saw the vase now in my possession and exclaimed: 'I have handled that vase many times. It is the Peachblow!' A careful examination made by her only confirmed this opinion."

"The death of Mr. Walters, together with the examination of his collections, have cleared up some of the mystery which surrounds this subject," said Mr. Ives. "It is now pretty well established that he never had the Peachblow vase."

—New York World.

Boring an Editor.

"Are there no times," said a man, entering the office of a busy editor, "when you can write better than at other times?"

"Yes."

"Ah, I thought so! That men who write must consult their condition I have no doubt. Now, tell me, when can you write best?"

"When I am alone," the editor replied.—London Tit-Bits.

In Rome, during the days of Nerva, apples were 2 cents a dozen; cherries were 1 cent; walnuts, a half cent; chestnuts, 1 cent; cucumbers were sold at 20 for 16 cents; lettuce, at 20 heads for 30 cents, and artichokes at 20 for 60 cents.

Spelt is not an ancient grain. There is no Sanskrit name for it. Neither the Indians, Chinese nor Persians knew anything of it.

Dahlonega, Ga., was so called from an Indian word meaning yellow wampum or gold. Gold was found in the neighborhood.

Tusks of the mammoth have been found of a length of 9 feet, measured along the curve.

Miami is a corruption of Miahmezah, meaning "stony river."

THE OLD ORGANIST.

In through the window steals the silent splendor
Of fading twilight. Like a blessing there
It lingers with a touch so soft and tender
Upon an old man's flowing silver hair.
The pews are vacant, but for shadows flitting
With silent tread along the narrow aisle,
And like dim spirit forms within them sitting,
Or bowing in devotion there the while.

Beside the organ sits the old man, playing
A tune so sad that sorrow seems the theme.
His fingers o'er the yellow keys are straying,
As though he played it all within a dream.
His tear dim eyes see not with mortal vision,
The music bears his spirit far away
Into a splendor land of life elysian,
Where peace and pleasure crown an endless day.

—New York Ledger.

CONDOR A DISAPPOINTMENT.

Visitors Expect to See a Bird That Rivals In Size the Fabled Roc.

If the visitor to the zoological gardens will make his way to the vultures' aviary, he will find a condor of the Andes.

When he sees the great somber plumaged bird sitting on the tree stump in the middle of a not too roomy cage, his first feeling will probably be one of disappointment. Some of this disappointment must be put down to the highly exaggerated accounts of early writers. The measurement of 18 feet has been given as the wing spread of a bird actually killed and taped. Darwin shot one in 1834 with a wing spread of 8 feet 6 inches, and it measured 4 feet from beak to tail. The measurements of one that fell to Humboldt's gun tally pretty closely with those of the bird that Darwin killed.

Part of the disappointment is no doubt due to the surroundings. One has formed vivid mental pictures of the bird sailing at a great height without an effort, soaring in graceful circles, or gliding down like lightning upon its prey.

One sees it sitting with its head drawn down between its wings, and its plumage draggled, without sufficient space over which to run to gather momentum for a rise, or height enough to fly if it could leave the ground. Sometimes, from the top of its perch, it attempts to use its wings, but its efforts result in failure.

It was long supposed that condors hunted by scent, but experiments have proved that the sense of smell in these birds is by no means keen. They probably discover their food by sight, and the descent of one bird serves as a signal to others at a distance.

A young condor is a much prettier object than an old one. It is clothed entirely in white down, and when it settles itself to sleep, with its feet hidden and its head tucked away, it looks like a fluffy white ball.

The plumage of the adult is black, with a white ruff round the neck, and the quills have a white edging, which becomes broader at each successive molt.—London Sketch.

Dropping Their G's.

The best bred men in England have the habit of habitually dropping their "g's" in words ending in "ing," such as going, running, walking, etc.

Some of the younger generation of America are horrified when they hear this thing done by older people and set it down as a mark of ignorance.

Those of them who have heard the eminent Dean Hole of England in his lectures are now surprised to find that he invariably drops his "g's," and they are looking up his authority for it. His authority is simply common usage among the university bred men of England.

It would always be done by a dean of Christchurch or a master of Trinity who must be pretty well educated, better educated even than young America girls that guard their "g's" and frown on the old folk for dropping them.

Now that Dean Hole is on record has a dropper of "g's" perhaps these cosmopolitic champions will forgive native vulgarians the same habit.—Town Topics.

Mustache Versus Music.

Anton Rubinstein is quoted thus in reference to women artists:

"I think ladies ought never to study music as an art. At least, they ought not to take up the time of teachers who are able to teach and make true artists. And I will tell you why. There is no question but there are 20 musical ladies to one musical man, and my own experience is that they learn more quickly, have more poetry, and, in fact, are more diligent pupils than men. But what is the invariable result? When a young lady has become a perfect artist, some handsome mustache comes along, and she chooses the handsome mustache in preference to art."

Not Today.

An English lady, traveling in New Zealand, waxes enthusiastic over the beauties of the country, especially in its mountainous parts. She tells a funny little story about the sharp witted driver of the public coach in which she made some of her expeditions.

At one point, where the steep road overhangs the river, Davis, the driver, always took the opportunity to lighten the load for his horses.

"Gentlemen," he would say in an insinuating tone, "the Prince of Wales always gets out and walks here."

It is to be presumed that he had usually found his "fares" quite ready to follow in the footsteps of so distinguished a predecessor, but one day a man, who had already heard the speech more than once, stole a march upon the wily Davis. The ground was wet, and the passenger was not in a mood for climbing, so as they approached the spot he anticipated the driver's hint by remarking:

"Davis, the Prince of Wales isn't going to walk today."—Youth's Companion.

The Sea Anemone.

The sea anemone resembles in shape a morning glory. Its mouth opens like the cup of that flower, and above it are seen a number of tentacles waving in the water. Its food consists of anything it can get, but generally it gets the minute insects that float in the sea. At any alarm it closes its cup and is then hardly distinguishable from the rock on which it is rooted. It has a set of sucker muscles that attach it so firmly to the rock that it will sometimes be torn in pieces rather than let go.

Using the Water.

Governess—I gave you a glass of water to wet your sponge in.

Little Boy—I'm using it.

"But you are spitting on the sponge."

"Yes'm. I drank the water so's to have it handy."—Good News.

Out and Not Out.

Waggs—Did you see Sponge this morning? He said he was going to call upon you to effect a loan.

Gaggs—No; I was out when he called, and therefore I am not out now.—New York Tribune.

HINDOO PROVERBS.

Bits of East Indian Philosophy Expressed In Pungent Epigrams.

A cluster of sarcastic Indian proverbs is given in the columns of the Madras Mail. However patient the common people of India may be, they give in their proverbs expression to their feelings and indulge freely in satire at the expense of those who trouble them. That the powerful should oppress the weak is no new thing in the history of any land, and in India it is expressed by the proverb, "Big fish eat little ones." A "Jack in office" suddenly raised to power, which he uses unwisely, is spoken of as "A water carrier reigns for two days and a half." The boaster who has failed in his plans is directed to "rub the arms of your brethren," a proverb the meaning of which does not appear on the surface. It refers to the custom of rubbing the arms of successful wrestlers as a mode of congratulation on the victory gained. The proud boaster is thus ironically told to congratulate others, not himself. The official who takes bribes is said to "wear silver spectacles." The miserly and mean are held in great contempt, and the proverbs regarding them are numerous. "Come to your funeral pyre; wood is cheap," is a satire on the man who fears to spend all that is needed on the necessaries of life.

A woman who is ready to quarrel, as the village woman of the lower orders too frequently is, finds herself rebuked in, "She quarrels with the passing breeze." The woman retorts by speaking of a quarrelsome husband as "better out than at home," and of the henpecked husband she says he is "a woman's kingdom." Affected politeness is described by, "During ceremonial observances the train went off." Two persons were going by train. One said to the other, "Sir, pray enter." "After you, sir." "No, you be pleased to go first." And away went the train and left the overpolite friend behind. When politeness passes into obsequiousness, it is said, "The mouth is not sweetened by saying 'sweetmeats.'" Housekeepers in England are familiar with the cat as a scapegoat. The monkey in India takes the place of the cat, and to the man who tries to conceal his fault it is said, "Accidents in the stable are laid on the monkey's head." "The Indian crow is proverbial for its cunning, which gives rise to the proverb, "This scheme will scare crows," and refers to the clever plans of a cunning man, able to outwit a crow. "A tongue under a tongue" fitly expresses the double tongued or false man.

A "DON'T" FOR BRUSH BOYS.

The Tailor Tells How the Coat Collar Is Quickly Ruined.

The most difficult thing to fit on a man is a coat collar, and it is the easiest thing to get out of shape, except perhaps the knees of the trousers. A tailor molds and shapes a collar with his hands and hot goose to conform with the measurements he has taken of the shape of an individual's shoulders, and it does not take a great deal of ill usage to destroy his work.

"The worst enemy a coat collar has," said the tailor, "is the colored boy who brushes your clothes in the barber shop, hotel or sleeping car. When he helps you on with your overcoat, he reaches under for your coattails, grasps the overcoat collar with the other hand and gives your undercoat two or three smart jerks, which pulls the collar down and away from the neck and bunches it on the shoulders, and the overcoat finishes the work of destroying its shape. This should never be allowed under any consideration.

"The proper way to keep the coat collar in place is to shrug your shoulders forward after you have put the coat on. The collar will then fall into place on your neck; the cloth will adjust itself to the shape of your shoulders and stay there. Don't pull the collar about, and don't, above all, allow the brush boy to pull your coat out of shape under the pretense of getting your overcoat on your shoulders."

Brush boys will please note.—Kansas City Star.

The Season of Suicides.

Spring is the season for suicides as well as for sales. People prefer for this purpose, as statistics show, day to night and Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday to Saturday and Sunday.

In a word, suicides prefer the early part of the week, month and year. It would follow seemingly that anybody with a melancholic friend should look after him carefully on the first Monday in May.

Men kill themselves two, three or four times more often than women, except in Spain. Women generally "do it beautifully," men crudely.

Saxony is the most suicidal country in Europe, and the least so is—the "happy country!" Ireland's rate is 24 per 1,000,000 to Saxony's 469.—Westminster Gazette.

The Pope's Choir.

The finest choir in the world is that of St. Peter's, in Rome, known as the pope's choir. There is not a female voice in it, and yet the most difficult oratorios and sacred music are rendered in such a manner as to make one think that Adelina Patti is leading. The choir is composed of 60 boys. They are trained for the work from the time they get control of their vocal cords, and some of the best singers are not over 9 years old. At the age of 17 they are dropped from the choir.—Rome Letter.

The battle of the Emperors was fought at Austerlitz, 1805. The emperors present were Napoleon, Francis of Austria and Alexander of Russia. Over 170,000 men were actually engaged in the battle, and of this number 23,000 were killed or wounded, or 13 per cent of the whole.

Albert Durer's wife was stingy and kept him at work day and night for fear they would starve. His biography says, "She tormented him until he dried up like a bundle of straw."

Rubinstein's Charity.

Rubinstein had probably traveled more than other any virtuoso. In his time he made many fortunes and gave them away to the poor in Russia. During the famine which raged among the Russian peasants a few years ago he journeyed to Vienna, Moscow and St. Petersburg to play for charity. The price of seats rose to unheard of figures, but every penny of the money went to the starving farmers. It is said that in the course of 28 years the sum which he thus disposed of amounted to $250,000.

Did, Though.

Policeman (to wheelman, who is riding on the side path)—See here, young man, you can't ride there.

"Can't, eh? Well, you just watch me!" And he shot out of sight.—American Wheelman.