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POSITIVE CLEARING SALE. E. W. F. SIMPERS, Front St., Chestertown, Md., Opposite Stam's Opera House. 1st.—At this season of the year I have too many winter goods on the shelves. They must go The cut in prices for the next two weeks means our loss and your gain. 2d.—We call special attention to our line of CROCKERYWARE, probably the most complete line, and best assortment in the county. Sets of dishes at moderate cost, and a general assortment of Crockeryware to please most any one. 3d.—HOSIERY, BLANKETS, SHIRTS and GLOVES constitute a very important part of our general stock, and the low prices figure conspicuously. Don't forget this department. 4th.—Best of all—OUR GROCERY DEPARTMENT is now a household word. Everything is kept fresh and clean. Nothing stale goes over our counters, and the wife is always satisfied because it came from E. W. F. Simpers'. The Sugar-Cured Hams are always what you want. Flour in the choicest brands, either by the barrel or sack. The reader knows what a Grocery Department means; it means everything sold in a Grocery store, consequently it is useless to itemize every article. What about the prices? They are all right. Never higher than others, but sometimes a little less. Two weeks later we will have more to say about other lines of goods we are determined to clear out. So keep your eyes open on our advertisement. Resp'y, etc., E. W. F. SIMPERS, Chestertown, Md.

SOLID GOLD GLASSES $2.00 COPYRIGHT. Have you headache? Do your eyes burn? Do you have trouble to see at a distance or to read fine print? Have you pains in the back of your head? If you have any of these symptoms, send for our "*Eyesight By Mail.*" Satisfaction invariably guaranteed. WALTER H. PODESTA & CO. Eye Specialists, *Walter H. Podesta late Eye Specialist for Queen & Co.* PHILADELPHIA, PA.

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Wm. T. Stanley, STILL POND, MD. Travelingmen and Salesmen visiting Still Pond will find my table supplied with first-class eatables at moderate prices. Should you desire meals at short notice, I am prepared to serve you. Give me a call. Boarders taken at reasonable prices. N. B.—Miss Emma Meeks is permanently located in our house, and conducts DRESS-MAKING in all its branches, at very moderate prices. Respectfully, etc., WM. T. STANLEY, Dec 13, 1894. Still Pond, Md

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L. JAMES. PROPRIETOR OF "Palace Royal" Restaurant, E. FAYETTE ST, NEAR HOLLIDAY. Headquarters for Eastern Shore Trade. FINE BRANDS OF LIQUORS at $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00 and $2.50 per gallon. The most complete line of goods in Baltimore for the money. A trial solicited. Feb. 21, 1895—Y L. JAMES.

Mansion House, 14 N. GAY STREET, Baltimore, Md, European and American Plan. European Plan, Rooms 50c. per day. American Plan. Meals and Rooms $1.50 Newly Furnished, Heated by Steam. Toilet and Bath Rooms on every floor. Every street car line in the city passes the door. Just the place for Merchants and Farmers of the Eastern Shore to stop. j12-Y

CRAMPS and COLIC are quickly CURED with Pain-Killer. Cramps may assail you at any time, without warning. You are at a complete disadvantage—so sudden and violent is their attack—unless you are provided with a sure cure. Pain-Killer is the surest cure, the quickest and the safest cure. It is sold everywhere at 25c. a bottle. See that you get the genuine—has "Perry Davis & Son" on bottle.

Important Notice to All! A. J. HACKETT —THE— Leading Blacksmith AT STILL POND, Makes Extraordinary Announcements. Now is the time to have your Old Carriages Repaired and Painted. Carriage Tops Furnished from $10 up. Repairing of Carriages of all kinds, including New Wheels, New Tires and Axles, in fact, I do everything to a Carriage that is required. Painting of Carriages from $5.00 up. Special good job for Painting Carriages complete $10. During the next 30 days, as a special offer I will furnish Wheels, Tires and Axles complete for $18.50 cash—⅞ and 1-inch Tire. Trimmings of all kinds furnished on new and second-hand work. On hand now and ready for sale New Wagons & Dearborns HARROWS, One, two, three and four-horse Trees. Horse Shoeing 75c. cash. This spring I propose to show to the people that my establishment is the place for farmers to patronize, and promise to save them money. Give me a call. Resp'y, etc., A. J. HACKETT, Still Pond, Md.

GREAT EXCITEMENT IN MILLINGTON would follow if we advertised as some do in a "harum skarum" way, but the people would soon discover that misrepresentations are not the proper thing to draw the solid trade. Twelve years of uninterrupted success at Millington Handling a GENERAL LINE OF MERCHANDISE, CONSISTING OF Men's CLOTHING, BOOTS AND SHOES, DRY GOODS, GROCERIES OF ALL KINDS, And an Extra Room for Furniture, *where is kept a supply of Household Goods unequaled in the county as far as regards prices* *EXTRA—Sweeping Reductions during the month of December will be made in for line of Clothing. Dry Goods and Furniture. Call and be convinced of this one fact, our every dollar spent we give a full dollar's worth of reliable goods. Respectfully, etc.,* HENRY S. COOK, *December 6, 1894.* *MILLINGTON, MD*

Extraordinary Announcemnt. 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.

JAMES S. BRADLEY, Chestertown, Md., Dealer in DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, NOTIONS, BOOTS AND SHOES, and a GENERAL STOCK OF MERCHANDISE, embracing everything to be found in a well-stocked establishment. For 20 years our business has enjoyed a steady increase, and to-day we number among our customers some who started with us in our infancy. In looking over our stock we find that we have too many goods at this season of the year. They must move, consequently we have reduced the price. Many useful articles in Dry Goods & Boots & Shoes, are included in this sale, and the advantages to our customers will be more appreciated when they see the goods. GOOD WOOLEN BLANKETS are now in the reach of everybody, as the prices are lower than ever. Our Underwear in Shirts and Drawers are especially cheap, while the complete line of other goods are never higher, but sometimes less than others. Thanking my friends who have dealt with me in the past, I respectfully ask a continuance of the same in the future. Jan. 10, 1895. JAMES S. BRADLEY, Chestertown, Md.

Horse-Shoeing 65 Cents for the Cash by MEDFORD T. PORTER, STILL POND, The RELIABLE BLACKSMITH OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD. Our prices for all kinds of BLACKSMITH WORK, Wagon Building and Horse Shoeing, is the cheapest and to those who desire work of this kind done, we will convince them that our prices are in keeping with the hard times. Give me a call and be convinced that I advertise only what I can do. ☞ HORSE-SHOEING 65 CENTS FOR THE CASH. ☜ Respectfully, Dec. 13, 1894. MEDFORD T. PORTER, STILL POND, MD.

WOMEN DETECTIVES.

IT IS SAID THEY SURPASS MEN IN CATCHING SHOPLIFTERS.

Less Apt to Be Recognized by Those Who Visit the Big Stores to Steal—A System Much In Favor With the Big Boston Business Houses.

An admirable female detective system is in vogue in a number of the leading dry goods houses of this city.

It has been proved beyond a doubt that the female thief catcher is more effective in the unveiling of shoplifters than the most sagacious sleuth in the secret service department of the city of Boston. Thief catchers like the veteran Joe Knox, for instance, cannot ply their vocation with any degree of success for any length of time in a large and flourishing dry goods house. This is because of the fact that their identities become known to the dry goods thief after a time, and it goes without saying that the shoplifter will not begin operations until all danger of discovery from that quarter has passed away. The professional shoplifter is as familiar with the figure of the inspector as she is with her own likeness. For this reason unassuming and unsophisticated maidens are put on the qui vive to ferret out wily shoplifters and bring them to speedy retribution. The girls assigned to prosecute detective labor are well adapted for the work mapped out for them. The superintendent or chief floor walker is pretty certain to select a girl with accomplishments befitting the detective. If she is lacking in acuteness and fails to perform her work satisfactorily, another is substituted in her stead and the benighted one is given a position in the store.

Nor does the competent detective depend entirely upon her wits in determining who is a shoplifter and who is not. She is generally a reader of character and is very apt to ascertain by a study of a face whether its owner is a designing person or not. The shoplifter often excites the suspicion of the spotter the moment she enters the store. There are certain airs of uneasiness in her deportment that catch the practiced eye of the young sleuth at once. Women who invade dry goods houses for the purpose of larceny have not the fullest confidence in their dexterity to purloin an article from the counter without exciting suspicion. The "professional" never attempts a theft without first feeling certain that she is not watched, yet it frequently happens that when she is convinced that there is no danger of detection the eyes of the female spotter are upon her, and she is trapped in the act.

Miss Fannie Leahey and Miss Kittie McNamee are the young detectives who are employed to keep a vigilant lookout for evildoers at a big concern in Pemberton square, and very watchful and conscientious detectives they are, as their efficient services distinctly show. Miss McNamee is a modest little girl of 17 years, with jet black hair and cheeks like a blush rose, and is considered the most prepossessing girl in the business. Her partner, Miss Leahey, is an attractive blond, with a natty figure. Each has her own district to patrol daily, but sometimes both can be seen in deep conversation in the little office on the Pemberton square side. The most cautious shoplifter would fail to detect in the demeanor of the twain the nature of their calling, and thus it is they are able to expose more wrongdoing in the store than any of the inspectors at police headquarters.

When a shoplifter is caught dead to rights, she is asked if she will not "pay for the articles" stolen. This interrogatory is merely made in order to elicit an admission of guilt from the thief. She is then taken to the office to await the arrival of an inspector from police headquarters. If she has the appearance of a woman of means, she can easily procure bail and thus escape the pain and dejection of a night in prison.

In speaking of her experience, Miss McNamee says that a large percentage of shoplifters are women of good families and comparatively well off in worldly goods.

"We have to watch pretty carefully to catch the professional shoplifter," she began. "You see, they are up to all sorts of chicanery and can easily hoodwink the salesgirl, who may be busy with half a dozen customers at the same time. You would never believe, to see those women on the street in all their finery, that they would steal. Some of the shoplifters are born thieves. They haunt the dry goods houses and steal every time they get a chance. You may not believe it, but I can tell at first glance the woman who comes here to steal deliberately.

"Her eyes are a sure index to her thoughts, and when you see a woman glancing searchingly about her you can depend upon it that she means to steal. Women with an untroubled conscience do not act in this way."

There are three detectives in one store, and still the pilfering of the firm's property goes on from day to day. There is the woman who carries off articles in a closed umbrella, and there is the woman who manages to convey property to a neatly arranged receptacle in her underdress lining. To be on to these tricks the female detective must be ever on the alert and nip the thief on the fly. There are a thousand and one devices performed by shoplifters, but not one is unknown to the cunning spotter. Then, again, the female detective officiates as a sort of forewoman over the employees. They are certainly looked upon as superiors by the girls, yet it is not known that they ever reported any inattention on the part of employees to customers. It has been always their policy to prefer charges only when the evidence is very strong, for if their claim is not sustained trouble follows. It is claimed that it has never occurred that the detectives were in fault in accusing a person of theft.—Boston Traveller.

Mrs. Huntington's Baths.

Mrs. C. P. Huntington recently got a new maid. She instructed her about the arrangement of her bath. "You will prepare my bath every morning and every night," she began. "Mon Dieu!" exclaimed the new maid, "two baths a day! Why, my last lady took one in a week, and the little children only took one a week too." "Poor little wretches!" exclaimed the new mistress. And she tells the story in the same spirit, but she does not tell whom her maid lived with before she got her. The two baths a day are supposed to have an effect in keeping down her flesh.—Philadelphia Press.

To the Manner Born.

Grubber—What a well bred man Mixer is!

Dumley (who doesn't like him)—He ought to be. His father is a baker.—Quips.

THE FAIRY STONE.

It Is Found In Virginia and Is Supposed to Be a Talisman.

The "Mother of Statesmen" has produced a number of good things from first to last—chivalrous men; fascinating, soft voiced women; fine horses and the like, but that a popular fad should originate with her is an altogether new departure. Everything must have a beginning, however, and who knows, now that the fairy stone has found such favor in the world of fashion, what possibilities she may develop in this direction? These queer bits of petrified earth are indigenous to Patrick, a southern border county of Virginia, cut off from Henry, and called, like the latter, in honor of the statesman and orator, Patrick Henry. They are not excavated for, but lie loose upon the surface of the soil, and though restricted to two or three parts of the county exist in great numbers and various sizes.

Upon each stone a representation of the cross is distinctly though delicately traced, and a legend concerning them states that a band of fairies, dwelling at Jerusalem during the life of our Saviour and witnessing the awful scene on Calvary, were so horrified by it that they fled to this remote region and transformed themselves into these petrified emblems. The legend has given rise to innumerable superstitions, and from time immemorial the stones have been worn as amulets by those living in the vicinity in which they are found.

The reputation was local, however, until that era in Virginia's history known as "the boom." Then her superstitions and sacred traditions, along with her other commodities, became objects of barter. Speculation fixed its calculating eye upon the fairy stone, and it was taken from its native bed and experimented with in order that it might be rendered marketable. It was soon discovered that no tedious process was necessary for its development. A sharp instrument passed along the outline stamped upon its surface converted the jagged stone into a symmetrical cross and a little polishing and a plunge into a bath of boiling oil gave the requisite smoothness and the rich mahogany color one sees in the stone of commerce. A tip of gold at the four extremities and a ring to which a chain might be attached gave the finishing touch to it, and when thus simply mounted fairy stones sold for $1 apiece.

The traditions concerning their wonder working power are as inexhaustible as the beds from which they are taken and would furnish endless themes to writers of fairy tales and folklore stories. They are supposed to ward off evil and bring good luck to their possessors, but in order to do this must be worn around the neck and next to the person.—Philadelphia Times.

See a Nail, Don't Pick It Up.

Mr. William Garrett made recently the statement that wire nails are now sold so cheaply that if a carpenter drops a nail it is cheaper to let it lie than to stoop and pick it up, and it is claimed that one keg out of five is never used, but goes to waste. A statistician figuring this out, and assuming that it takes a carpenter ten seconds to pick up a nail, and that his time is worth 30 cents an hour, remarks that the recovery of the nail he has dropped would cost .083 cents. The money value of the nail is .0077 cents—that is, it would not pay to pick up ten nails if it took ten seconds of time worth 30 cents an hour. Ordinary men who are not very quick can, however, pick up a nail on a moderately clean floor in five seconds. Assuming that this is a better average than the ten seconds, and that we are paying the carpenter only 25 cents an hour, it will still cost to recover the nail .0347 cents, which is nearly five times the value of an individual nail. There is therefore a considerable factor of safety in the original calculation, and we are bound to believe that it will not pay to pick up nails. Such a calculation brings out clearly the marvelous reduction in prices due to inventive genius. The lurking fallacy is that while it may not pay to stoop for each nail it still may be worth while for an economical man at the end of his work to stoop down once and sweep up in a single handful the nails he has been dropping all day.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Blank Verse.

Blank or unrhymed is that form of heroic verse which is commonly employed in English dramatic and epic poetry. It was introduced by the Earl of Surrey, who died in 1547, in his translation of the second and fourth books of "Æneid." It was first employed in the drama in Sackville and Norton's tragedy of "Ferrex and Porrex," which was printed in 1565, but it was not till Marlowe adopted it in his play of "Tamburlaine" that it became the form regularly employed in the metrical drama, which it has since, with only occasional intervals, remained. After Milton's use of it in "Paradise Lost" it was widely extended to many other classes of composition.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The Secret Told.

It is often a difficult task to remove soft solder from gold jewelry requiring to be repaired. Scraping and subsequent treatment with acid are commonly used, but are often dangerous to some articles. A hitherto secret method of treatment employed at a large establishment in London is as follows: To 8 ounces of muriatic acid add an ounce of crocus and shake well. To an ounce of this mixture add 4 ounces of hot water, place in an earthen dish and keep up the heat by means of a gas flame. Upon introducing the soft soldered article into the solution the result is said to be all that could be wished.

Between 1870 and 1890 over 7,000 patents were granted in Europe and America for various devices connected with electric lighting.

Lynn, Mass., was named from Lynn, England. The name means a pool.

Great Increase In Public Libraries.

The New Hampshire law providing for the establishment of free public libraries through the agency of a board of library commissioners was passed in 1891. At that time there were 60 towns and cities in the state maintaining free libraries, and 173 were without any. The present record shows these figures exactly reversed. There are now only 60 towns which have no free public library, while 173 are provided with them. The libraries recently established reach a population of 100,000.—Boston Journal.

Military shoes in the thirteenth century were tipped with a steel pike, which the knights used as an offensive weapon. More than one man was killed by a kick from these ironclad boots.

Beethoven could remember any selection of music he had ever heard and reproduce most of it.