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LOCAL MATTERS.

Marking a Shoal.—Red spar buoy numbered 4 has been placed in twenty feet of water to mark the edge of shoal making off between Fairlee and Worton Creeks, east side of Chesapeake Bay. The tangent is Worton Point NE¾N; south entrance, Point Worton Creek E¾N, Pooles Island lighthouse W¾N.

Two Great Ships.—A number of Kent countians had the pleasure last week of seeing the largest vessel ever in Baltimore harbor. She was the Brasilia, having a length of 500 feet and a breadth of 63 feet. The largest American built sailing ship was seen at the same time. She was the Roanoke, 311 feet long and 49 feet wide.

Court of Appeal Cases.—The following is the Kent and Queen Anne county docket of the Court of Appeals, January term, classified under the rule of court, arguments commencing Tuesday, January 10. From Queen Anne county, David P. Smith vs. Mattie J. Dare and others. From Kent county, Samuel B. and Virginia Richardson vs. Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad Company. Caroline Hadaway vs. Hynson and Hynson, executors.

Heavy Ice.—Capt. Vivian Phillips, of the tug May Russell, left Baltimore for Turner's Creek in the Sassafras river, Thursday with the schooners Cecilia and Eualia. He could only reach Worton Creek, where he put the vessels in harbor. From Worton Point up, the ice was four inches thick, making it dangerous to tow the vessels through it. There was a track in the ice, made by the Philadelphia steamers, but it has closed and knitted. Above Worton Point a schooner was seen drifting about in the ice. Her name could not be learned. There were several schooners at Chesapeake City awaiting an opportunity to come down. One had been chartered for the Rappahannock to load railroad ties.

Improvement of Queenstown Harbor.—A delegation from Queenstown had a hearing on Monday before the House committee on rivers and harbors, relative to the proposed improvement of Queenstown harbor. Representative Barber at the last session of Congress introduced a joint resolution directing the Secretary of War to submit plans and estimates for widening Queenstown channel to two hundred feet, with a depth of twelve feet at mean low water. It is also proposed to straighten it from the point of entrance in the Chester river to the point of exit in Queenstown harbor. The resolution was favorably reported by the committee and is now on the House calendar.

A Tramp Typo's Troubles.—A tramp printer has spent two weeks in Chestertown getting out a most unique little publication called "Tramp Texas Typo's Troubles, published spasmodically—on the road." Tramp Texas Typo is crippled and was once a typesetter on city dailies, but with the introduction of type-setting machines, like thousands of others, he lost his place. The man is as unique as the quaint little paper which he has this week issued from the TRANSCRIPT's presses; indeed, his personality dots each and every I and crosses each and every T. He is unique in that he is a tramp in search of *work* and not in quest of charity, and pays as he goes. His plan is to solicit advertisements for his paper and meet expenses in that way. Tramp Typo is a man of intelligence and but for his affliction could hoe his own row anywhere. So far as we can discover he is worthy of confidence and assistance.

Christmas Weather.—All are interested in the prospects for a clear, crisp Christmas day, and if the record of the past is to be accepted as being an index to the future the chances are favorable. Through the kindness of Dr. W. S. Maxwell, of Still Pond we are enabled to give the following interesting Christmas Day weather record: 1867, clear, mild; 1868, clear, very cold; 1869, rain, mild; 1870, clear, cold; 1871, damp, a thaw; 1872 clear, cold; 1873, clear, mild; 1874, clear, mild; 1875, rain, mild; 1876, rain and snow; 1877, damp, mild; 1878, clear, cold; 1879, rain, sleet; 1880, rain, cold; 1881, clear, mild; 1882, clear, mild; 1883, rain, sleet; 1884, clear, cold; 1885, clear, mild; 1886, clear, mild; 1887, cloudy, cold; 1888, clear, warm, a thaw; 1889, clear, warm; 1890, snow, cold; 1891, damp, warm; 1892, cloudy with snow; 1893, clear, warm; 1894, cloudy, mild; 1895, clear, warm; 1896, clear, cold; 1897, clear, cold.

A Rush of Corn.—Mr. H. M. Brown reports an unusual rush of corn during the last three weeks, owing to the generally fine condition of the crop, good roads, and good weather for shelling and hauling. The steamer Corsica has not been able to keep the granary relieved for sometime and every available space has had to be used and quantities stacked high in bags owing to all garners being full. He has had similar experience with the rail road and could not get cars fast enough, but the rush is now over. On December 8, the Chester River Company received at its granaries 5,548 bushels, all of which was purchased by this hustling buyer. This is probably the largest quantity of grain ever received in one day at one place on the Eastern Shore. The Corsica loaded at Chestertown Saturday nearly ten thousand bushels of corn for him, to go to I. M. Parr & Son, Baltimore, which is undoubtedly the largest cargo of grain ever shipped into Baltimore from a single point. The Corsica has the pleasant distinction of having carried the largest single cargo of grain ever unloaded in a Baltimore elevator.

A Pleasant Entertainment.—The entertainment for the benefit of the Athletic Association of Washington College, on last Friday night, at Stam's Hall, was no less a success dramatically and financially than former ones have always proved. The curtain rose on a one-act comedy entitled, "Uncle's Will," in which Miss Whaland, Mr. Clarke and Mr. Goldsborough excelled in clever acting. Miss Whaland's dramatic ability is too well-known here to need commendation. Her peculiar charm, however, is her perfect naturalness in any character she assumes. Mr. Clarke was "at home" in the person of the victimized lover, while Mr. Goldsborough as the crafty Mr. Barker, scored a decided hit. The play, "Esmeralda," was well handled. The cast included the Misses Vickers, Whaland, Culp, France and Shaw, and Messrs. Clarke, Goldsborough, Perkins, Kirk, Anderson and White. Miss Vickers' presentation of Esmeralda was more than pleasing. Mr. Clarke and Miss France were true to life in their difficult roles. Miss Whaland as Nora scored another success, while Miss Culp's vivacity added charm to her part. Messrs. Goldsborough, Perkins and Kirk carried off a large share of the honors. The beautiful gowns worn by the ladies added greatly to the general effect on the stage. During the unavoidably long intervals between the acts, Miss Clarke, of Pocomoke City, rendered a number of beautiful piano selections to an appreciative audience. Indeed, it was a delightful feature of the programme.

"Greatest in the World."—Mr. Samuel T. Earle, the pioneer fruit grower of Queen Anne and one of the most widely-known agriculturists of the State, is a strong advocate of the Centreville-Crumpton extension of the Queenstown Railroad. In writing on the subject Mr. Earle says: "Very few of the capitalists of Baltimore are aware of the capabilities of the land that road will pass through. As an old and experienced farmer, I speak knowingly, when I say there are no better lands in the country for the production of fruits and vegetables than the land on this projected route, and could they only possess the southern suns of Norfolk they would far surpass them. The lands from Church Hill to Crumpton are already proverbial as the great peach lands of the peninsula, and from Crumpton down on the borders of Chester river is the greatest sweet potato and melon lands in the world. And why should they not be? The soil, mostly a sandy loam, resting on a yellow clay subsoil, which can be made productive for the growth of every variety of grain, fruit and vegetables that can be grown in any climate that is not in the tropics. As an old and experienced man, I can say to your company let crumpton be your terminus if you want to benefit Baltimore city."

College Closed.—Washington College closed on Tuesday for the Christmas holiday. The last official acts of the students was the delivery by the members of the Senior class of their semi-annual orations. The subjects were: Miss Julia Burchinal, Work as Self-expression; J. Hall Anderson, The Heroism and Patriotism of the War; A. T. McDorman, Anglo-American Alliance; W. L. Wheatley, A View of Life; W. C. Poole, Man; H. U. Clogg, The Negro Problem; T. Alan Goldsborough, A Reverie. The students of the college will enjoy the novelty of two Christmas dinners, for before their departure for home on the special train at two o'clock, Mr. and Mrs. McFeely gave them a splendid dinner. Some of the students and teachers remained over until yesterday morning, but the college is now deserted with the exception of Prof. and Mrs. Micou, who will enjoy the Christmastide at home. Dr. Reid will go hunting in the Carolinas, Mrs. Reid will visit her mother, at Milford, Del., Prof. J. S. W. Jones will visit Washington, D. C., and Baltimore, while Mrs. Jones will spend the season with her mother and sisters in the country. Miss Hobbs will visit her home at Denton, and Miss Riley will be at her home in Annapolis. Prof. Clarke will spend the time pleasantly at his home in Pocomoke City.

School for Agriculturists.—Mr. W. L. Amoss, director of the department of farmers' institutes Maryland Agricultural College, has decided upon February 17-18, at Kennedyville, as the date and place for the meeting in Kent, and February 16th, at Centreville, for Queen Anne. Mr. James S. Harris is the Kent county local secretary. The morning, or dairy session opens at ten o'clock; afternoon, or fruit, session, 1.30 o'clock evening, or home, session, 7.30 o'clock. The home session will be for both town and country people, combining entertainment with instruction. Mr. George T. Powell, of Ghent, N. Y., said to be one of the best-informed fruit growers in America, will attend all the meetings and address the fruit sessions, taking a different topic each day. Mr. Edward Van Alstyne, of Kinderhood, N. Y., fruit grower, dairyman and cultivator of 400 acres on the banks of the Hudson River, will also attend all meetings, giving the result of his experience in the dairy session, on a different topic each day. He says he makes milk for six cents per gallon at a profit from his fifty Jerseys. President Silvester, Director Patterson and their co-workers, Secretary Wilson, his chiefs and assistants, and many others in the Washington departments are expected to attend. President D. C. Gilman, of the Johns Hopkins University, and thirty of the faculty have accepted invitations to help at the meetings.

FRUIT MEN MEET.

Kent County Prominently Represented in the Proceedings.

At the first annual meeting of the Maryland State Horticultural Society, held in Baltimore last week, Mr. James S. Harris, of Kent was elected president, and Mr. James H. Baker the Kent county vice president of the association. The proceedings were interesting throughout. "The Past, Present and Future of the Kiefer Pear" was the subject of a paper read by Mr. James S. Harris, of Kent county. He said in part: "This pear is adapted to as wide an area as most other varieties. It has limits of profitable production which must be ascertained by experiment. It was first propagated near Philadelphia in the '70s. At that time the fruit was condemned as coarse and tasteless. No one wanted to plant it largely although it was a vigorous grower. In time, however, it became a great favorite. It turns yellow early in the season, and as it ripens it becomes juicy and mellow. The Kiefer has made large inroads on the popularity of the Bartlett and Duchess pear. Indeed, its qualities recommend it above all others now. The trees are heavy bearers, and in planting them great care should be exercised so that the fruit may be conveniently carried to the wagon when the picking season arrives.

"It is found that the yearlings die quicker than older trees. The trees should be planted in autumn in light sandy soil. Careful pruning is necessary for the wellbeing of the tree. This will also do away with the breaking of the limbs of the trees. Some of these trees bear small fruit, but this does not argue two varieties, but rather that some disease has affected the small pears. The markets are opening to this pear, and the future has in store for it an immense sale."

Capt. Robt. S. Emory, of Kent county, read a paper on "The Picking and Marketing of the Pear." He favors the picking of the pear when it is ripening and then taking it to a ripening house, where the pears could be assorted. The Kiefer, Howell and Duchess will ripen in a house. The Le Conte will not. The Kiefer when ripe will turn from a yellow to an orange yellow. When it is ripe it is soft to the core.

PULPIT AND PEW.

Services at Emmanuel Church on Sunday (Christmas day) will be early communion at 7.30 A. M. Service and communion at 11 A. M. Childrens' service of song at 7.30 P. M.

Preparations for elaborate ceremonies are being made for the services to be held in St. Denis Church, Galena, on Christmas day. Masses will be celebrated at 8 and 10.30 A. M. Father McManus, rector, during the 10.30 service will preach a sermon appropriate to the occasion.

Christmas services will be held at St. John's Catholic Church, Rock Hall, Sunday, Christmas day, at 8 A. M.; at the Sacred Heart Church, Chestertown, at 11 A. M. The churches will be suitably decorated, and special music rendered.

A Christmas morning service will be held in the Chestertown M. E. Church at 6.30 o'clock.

The annual Christmas treat of the M. E. Sunday school will be held in Stam's Hall next Tuesday night. In connection therewith a beautiful Christmas Cantata—Santa's Decision—will be rendered. Free to the children, but a small charge of 10 cents to adults.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bits of News and Gossip Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

† Many wild geese are devouring wheat in fields in Quaker Neck.

† It is stated that James Jamar will attend the new trial of his damage case in the Baltimore court this week.

† The steamer Sassafras of the Sassafras river line, has been withdrawn until further notice because of ice in the Sassafras river and the upper bay.

† The number of bids to carry the mails between Chestertown and Prices Station has been unexpectedly large. Over twenty have entered the contest.

† Mr. Samuel Webb, of Kennedyville, met with a painful injury last week. While shelling corn his hand was caught in the sheller and so badly injured as to necessitate its being amputated.

† The gunners of Chestertown will hold a big clay-pigeon shooting match on Monday. Christmas turkeys will be offered as prizes and the lists will be open to all gunners of the county.

† The pretty home of Mrs. W. T. Matthews, corner Cross street and Maple avenue, offered at public sale by M deK. Smith, attorney named in mortgage, on Tuesday, was bought by Mrs. Matthews for $1,000.

† The Christmas exercises of the Chestertown public school will be held in the school room to-morrow (Friday) afternoon and will begin at two o'clock. All patrons and friends are cordially invited to attend.

† It is stated that operations at the famous Mallalieu Woolen Mills will be commenced within the next thirty days. Seventy-five operators will be employed at the start, and it is proposed to double the working force before July 1, 1899.

† The remains of Pere Hazleton, who was drowned off Seven-foot Knoll from the schooner Mary E. Stewart, Captain E. Wilson, have been recovered and carried to Winchester, where they were interred. Hazleton leaves a wife and several children.

† Deputy Clerk of the Court, Lemuel Dunbracco, in addition to his enviable reputation of being one of the most efficient officials and affable gentlemen in the good old county of Queen Anne, is now one of the most successful opossum hunters. Mr. Dunbracco caught five of the varmints in his ice house in one night.

† The published statement that Dr. J. Seigel, the popular and widely-known optician will be in Chestertown for *two* weeks was an error. Dr. Seigel will leave Chestertown indefinitely on Saturday evening and those desiring to consult him should do so at once. The doctor says he is too busy to spend *two* weeks at any one place.

† The daily trips of the steamer Gratitude will be discontinued from Rock Hall after next Monday, December 24th, and beginning on Monday, Dec. 26th the steamer B. S. Ford will add Rock Hall to her route until further notice. This will give Rock Hall a steamer to Baltimore Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, and from Baltimore to Rock Hall Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

† A novel and interesting feature will be introduced on the occasion of the suppers of St. Denis Church, Galena, on December 29th, 30th and 31st. A handsome robe has been offered to the most popular of two popular young men of the community. Two young ladies will also enter the contest for a handsome prize to be awarded to the most popular young lady.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mrs. A. M. Grise, of Roxana, Del., is visiting her step-son, Dr. C. A. Grise, at the M. E. parsonage.

The Rev. Dr. Oliver H. Murphy, of Fairmount, Somerset county, has received a call to Detroit, Mich., and still another to Albany, Oregon. He will accept one of them and will leave his present charge early next month. Dr. Murphy is one of the ablest ministers in the Diocese of Easton, and was a graduate of Washington College, class of 1878.

Mr. Lenox Catlin is now representing the Remington Standard Typewriter Co., of New York, and is canvassing the Eastern Shore.

Eben F. Perkins, Esq., has contributed an excellent article to the columns of the Washington Collegian on the subject of inter-collegiate debates. Mr. Perkins very forcibly says: "The constantly recurring inter-collegiate athletic contests between, not only the great universities of our country, but also between the smaller colleges, would almost seem to encourage the belief that physical education has obscured, if not largely displaced the interest once taken in intellectual training."

Mr. Thomas D. France, attended the funeral of his uncle, Mr. Isaac S. Sanner, in Baltimore, on Thursday.

Mr. Frank H. Howard attended the funeral of Mr. Henry Seim, in Baltimore, last week. Mr. Seim was a warm personal friend of Mr. Howard for many years of his life.

The Misses Fannie and Mamie Woodall, of Georgetown, and Messrs. George Medders, of Kennedyville and J. D. Whitaker, of Galena, are at home from Western Maryland College for the holiday.

Mrs. R. D. Hynson, Misses Mary Hurtt Jennie Vickers and Beulah Hayes, visited Baltimore on Monday and heard Madame Melba in grand opera at night.

Mrs. Towson, of Frederick county, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Henry Deaver.

The young men of Chestertown will give a ball in honor of their lady friends, in Stam's Hall, on Thursday evening, December 29th. The young men of Centreville will give a grand ball in the Centreville Opera House on the evening of Wednesday, December 28th.

Mr. Everett Wallis, of Washington, D. C., is visiting his mother, Mrs. Anna Wallis, at Georgetown.

Miss Sallie Gemmell, of Washington, D. C., is visiting friends in Kent.

In consequence of the death of the grandmother of Miss Maggie Hayes, the Weir-Hayes nuptials were quietly solemnized in the presence of the immediate families of the contracting parties yesterday morning.

Mr. Charles Watts, a popular young clerk of Chestertown for several years past, has accepted a position with Miller Brothers, Rock Hall.

Mr. Thomas R. Reiche, of Baltimore, is assisting his father in conducting his undertaking business.

Mrs. William J. Vannort is the guest of her daughter, in Baltimore.

Mrs. William Hines is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. A. Wilkins, at the Maples.

Miss Grace Wilkins has been visiting Miss May Jones, Queen street.

Mrs. Delma Draper, of Pocomoke City, is visiting her father, Gen'l. John Bordley.

The wedding of Mr. Martin Clayton, and Miss Blanche Davis, daughter of Mrs. B. F. Davis, took place at the home of the bride's mother yesterday.

Capt. J. H. Thompson, one of the old and highly esteemed citizens of Chestertown, quietly celebrated his eighty-fifth birthday on Monday. This Christian gentleman stands as an interesting link connecting an interesting past with the present. Congratulations to this venerable citizen, and best wishes for many returns of the anniversary of his birth.

Mr. and Mrs. George B. McWhorter celebrated the twenty-third anniversary of their marriage, on Tuesday.

WANT KRIS TO COME.

The Little Folk Awaiting the Advent of the "Dear Old Man."

With your heavy pack
Swung over your back,
You're a jolly old fellow, indeed.
You look so kind
I know you don't mind
If I tell you the things I need.

There's a rocking horse,
And a sled, of course,
With a horn for me to blow.
A velocipede,
And a drum, I need,
And a little toy train that will go.

A fine new whip,
And a real ship,
And a wooly lamb that will bleat;
A new set of blocks,
In a fine new box;
And, Oh! some good things to eat.

But Santa Claus, dear,
I very much fear
All these things will not go in your pack,
So a wagon bring
That will hold everything,
And hitch it right on in the back.

Still Pond, Dec, 15, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a pair of gloves, a muff, a big doll, a table, nuts, and candy and apples and oranges, from your little girl,
Bessie Hepburn.

Still Pond, Dec. 15, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus. I want a pair of blue mittens, a little rocking chair, nuts, and orange, from your little girl,
Katie Harbison.

Lynch's, Dec. 16, 1898.

Dear Old Santa Claus: Will you please sir; to bring me a pair of gum boots, foot-ball, a pen-knife and a quarter gun, and I want some nuts, candy and an orange, hope you will not think I am selfish and want the whole world. From a little friend
W. Walter C. Mann.

Lynch's, Dec. 16, 1898.

Dear Mr. Kriss: I want to ask you for a few things. Will you please bring me a pair of gum-boots, gun, ball and a story-book, also some nuts, candy and an orange, if you will do this I will be a happy little boy. Your little friend.
Frank H. Mann.

Lynch's, Dec. 16, 1898.

Dear Kriss: Will you please bring me a gun, a small rubber ball, a story-book, and some nuts and candy, an orange, and some figs. Hoping you will not think this is to much for me. A friend,
Leonard Mann.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 14th, 1898.

Dear Old Santa Claws: I want you to bring me a doll carige and a rocking chair and a nice pair mittens and a ring nuts and candy oranges apples if you please sir. I will be a nice little girl
Idella Middleton.

Rock Hall, Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: I is near Christmas and I would like for you to visit me that night. Please bring me a nice baby carriage and a doll that goes to sleep. I did want a little tricicle but mamma says I would run in the ditch. You can bring all the candies and nuts you want. So good bye from
Rever Smith.

P. S. Please Kriss dont forget my school-teacher Miss Etta Wallis bring her something nice.

Rock Hall, Md.

Dear Santa Claus: I wish you would bring me a nice school-bag, a set of dishes, and a nice large doll, and don't forget my nuts, and candies, and fruits of all kinds. I have a little brother and sister don't forget them from
Elva Hogans.

Rock Hall, Dec. 14, 1898.

Dear Santa Clause: Please bring me a little doll, with long hair and a hat for it with tips on it. Some candies and that will do. One of your little girls
Cecelia Wansley.

Melitota, Md., Dec. 16, 1898.

Dear Old Kriss: I am a little girl 9 years old and as Christmas is so near and it will soon be time for you to come around with your sleigh and jolly little reindeers. I am afraid you might forget me. So I shall remind you of what I long for most. I am in the fourth grade and I try to mo my lesson every day. I hope dear Santa that you wont forget me. I think I will come-mence and tell you what I want. I want a trunk and a candle and a bonet and a coat a pair of shoes for my doll baby and cakes and candies oranges and a train of cars and a little toy piano and dont forget my brothers. Your little friend
Mary E. Rasin.

Kennedyville, Dec. 19, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: As Christmas is nearly here I thought I would write and tell you what I want. I am a little girl eight year old and I am in the fourth grade and this is what I want. I want a doll and laundry set and some candy and nuts and I guess this is all but dont forget I have to big brothers older than I am and two smaller than I am. Good by from your little friend
Clara Rawley.

P. S. Dont forget my teacher bring hime something to.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I am a little girl nearly six years old. I have a little sister three years old name Hannah. I go to school every day until I took sick. I hope I will be well before you come. Sister and I want lots of things. You were very good to us when we lived at Templeville. Please dont forget where we live. We have not been here long but I have met lots of little girls. I like them. Please bring us a Christmas tree, doll and doll carriage set of dishes, washing set, picture book, some candy, nuts, oranges, apples and many other things. Yours in love
Grace Boyer, Galena, Md.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I am a little girl five years old. I go to school nearly every day I like my teacher very much and I am trying to be a good girl and learn. Please send me lots of good things to make me happy. Dont forget me if you please. I live in Galena.
Annie Holding.

Galena, Md.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll a black bord a box of chalk and a erase I want a set of dishes too a pair of skates a pair of kid gloves too and some candy, and nuts, and apples, oranges, and bannanas, a dolls bed room suit a scholars companion a book bag a work box with thimble a pair of scissors and cotten.
Mary Elizabeth Steele.

Dear Kriss: Please send me a nice, big, red sled, a very large express wagon, an air gun, a watch, a foot-ball, a box of small envelopes and paper, and all sorts of toys, and good things for little boys about seven years old. Don't forget a nice large tool box and that is all. Good bye
Eugene Cochran.

Galena, Md., Dec. 14, 1898.

Dear Old Santa Clause: Please bring me a little doll with light hair, nuts, candy, raisins, oranges, and apples; and I want a nice little picture book. I go to school every day and I am learning very fast. I have a little brother he is three years old and he wants something too.
Emilie E. Hicks.

Dear Santa Claus: My wants are so many I'm ashame to write. Please send me a boat, a box of toy caps, drum, jump jack, candy, nuts, and book. Dear Santa, please dont forget those little boys and girls that have no one to give them a helping hand, hoping you may make all the boys and girls happy.
George L. Starr, Galena.

Galena, Md., Dec. 16, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a little play cubbard or a sled. From your little friend,
Alice A. Pennington.

Galena, Dec. 15, 1898.

Dear Old Santa Claus: Please bring me a pair of gum boots, nuts, candies, orange and apples. I go to school every day and am learning fast. Dont forget my little sister Abbie and brother Bryon.
William W. Wood.

Galena, Md., Dec. 16, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a head with a curly wig and a long dress, a bonnet and coat for Alice. Mamma went to Baltimore on Monday and is coming back on Saturday. I will be glad when Christmas comes. And please bring me a sewing machine and please if you cannot bring me that bring me an organ. Your loving little girl.
Aneta Hurtt.

Galena, Md., Dec. 14, 1898.

Dear Old Santa Claus: Please send me a large doll and a baby coa ch and a piano, nuts and some candy and a orange and a apple.
From
Mary Nickerson.

Dear Santa Claus: I would like to have a big baby carriage to ride my doll in. Also a buffet. If you have any nice furniture for play houses I would like to have some. Dont forget to bring me a book-bag.
Mattie Whitaker.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a doll baby, a little rocking chair and anything else you think I would like.
Vera Whitaker.

Galena, Md., Dec. 15, 1898.

Dear Kris: I am a little girl 8 years old I go to school every day that I can. I want you to please to bring me a doll and some candy and a little baby carriage. I have two little sisters and two little brothers,
Katie Jones.

Galena, Md., Dec. 14, 1890.

Dear Kriss: I am a little girl 6 years old. I go to school every day I can. Please bring me a doll and some candy coach for my doll.
Ethel Jones.

Galena, Md., Dec. 16, 1898.

Dear Old Kriss: I want you to bring me a big doll coach and a big set of dishes and a school companion and a book. Your loving little girl.
Bertie Brockson.

Galena, Md., Dec. 16, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a head with a curly wig for Florence, a long dress, a coat and bonnet. Please being me a small Christmas tree and a long dress for Carol and candy and nuts. And I hope our Christmas entertainment will be a very nice one and that the children will get the peaces all right. I will close now. Your loving little girl.
Elizabeth Hurtt.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I want you to please bring me a little table, set of dishes, a doll and a doll carriage, and shoes and stockings for the doll and some nuts and candy. This is all I want now. Your friend
Agnes McCauley.

Worton, Md., Dec 20th, 1898.

Dear Santa: I am a little boy 5 years old and have a little baby brother 1 year old, his name is Albert Sydney. I want a good many things. I want a gun some shells to shoot in it a bicycle, a hobby horse an express wagon a little tin wagon for Sydney and a rattle with a whistle on it for him too, a salt and pepper shaker for my mama, some paper caps, to shoot in my revolver you brought me last Christmas. Just a few candies, nuts and oranges, and please dont forget the real poor little children. I want a pair of scales for I must keep store like my papa, dont forget my goats. Dont you think this is enough. I am your dear little boy
Frank Catlin Turner.

Rock Hall, Dec. 18, 1898.

Dear Old Kris: Please bring me a sled a wagon pistol and caps roman candles fire crackers and some nice things to eat. I want a gun too if you will bring it to me. With love and thanks, I am,
LeRoy Crosby.

Oakwood, Dec. 17, 1898.

Dear Santa Clause: piese Bring me a Doll Baby with cirly heir and a pear of mittens to wheir to school, and a pictor book and some candies, and orngs, goodBy.
Stella May Wilgis,

Galena, Md., Dec. 15, 1898.

Dear Old Santa Claus: Christmas has come again and us little children will have to come to you again to ask you to bring us something to make our hearts happy and glad, for Christmas makes me so happy when I get up in the morning and find my gifts. I want you to bring me a nice pair of gloves and rubbers. I asked you to bring me a ring last year and I was pleased with it, and I want some candy nuts oranges apples rasons figs and mamma wants a toilet set. I guess I will close now your loving friend,
Katie Cannan.

[These letters have been printed with scarce an exception just as the dear little correspondents wrote them. To have punctuated or to have made other changes would have marred the quaint simplicity of the little writers. Kris Kingle will have his headquarters at the TRANSCRIPT office until Christmas eve at 8 o'clock.—EDS.]

LETTER FROM OLD KRIS.

EDS. CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT:—I find that you made a mistake in spelling the names of my little friends Mable and Laura Norris and put an M where an N should have been. These are two little friends of mine and their wants shall be attended to on Christmas eve.

All of the letters have been received and my little friends and the TRANSCRIPT shall be remembered. My little friends in Kent are especial favorites in Old Kris' household and the old gentleman was delighted to know exactly what to provide for his Kent county children. Now he knows and has his sack already filled to overflowing to visit the homes of his little favorites in the TRANSCRIPT's county. I will start from the TRANSCRIPT office early so as to make my full rounds. Tell the children to have their stockings in place so that Kris will be able to find them easily as his reindeer are very impatient.

Children, don't have any holes in your socks as the good things and toys might slip through and be lost. Santa Claus will also remember dear mother and father when he comes round. Wishing the TRANSCRIPT and my little friends a merry, merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

I am yours for the holiday,
OLD KRIS.

FROM ROCK HALL.

Magdalene's Dainty News Budget of Happenings.

On Tuesday evening of last week a number of forms clad in ghostly garments invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lee A. Durding. Mr. D. addressed them as "gentlemen," and their hostess anxiously asked "what is it a-coming?" but the phantoms merely flitted noiselessly about and made no reply. Finding that no harm was intended and the spiritual rappings did no damage, all fears were soon allayed, particularly as a number of young men, attracted by the unusual sight, soon followed to enjoy the gaiety. After a short hour of quiet amusement, ghost-like habiliments were thrown aside and the smiling faces and pretty dresses of the young ladies, Lucretia and Jessie Arthur, Nita Maslin, Laura Greenwood, Etta Kendall, Mattie Davis, Nettie Hersch and Eva Thomas were disclosed. An enjoyable evening was passed with music and games. Mr. Durding, who all the time had been in the secret, had made some preparation for the refreshment of his guests, but his amiable wife gave the finishing touch when she produced cake which had been intended for Christmas callers. Of course the gentlemen made themselves useful as escorts to the ladies later in the evening. And Mrs. D. is not alone in her provision for the holiday season.

There are signs of activity on every hand, and, oh, the innocent air that some people can assume when they are suddenly surprised at a mysterious piece of work. They are not usually "hunting for" (?) something which cannot be found and are just closing a box or drawer after their useless quest.

People may say "dull times," but none can withstand the joyous Christmas season, and open purses and happy hearts are the result. The steamboat, express company and merchants reap their harvest, and everyone works busily that all may be in readiness for the visit of Santa Claus to the little ones. Small wonder is it that children write letters and count the days till his coming, for he verily tries to grant their wishes; and we older ones, knowing the origin of the sweet myth, are happy in their pleasure.

Ice closed the harbor very effectively to the oystermen until last Friday and Saturday, but "'tis an ill wind that blows nobody good," and more than one pair of skates has cut fancy figures and written names during the past week. Winter began very early, but all hope that it will not be so severe as the prophets predict.

Owing to low tides and the filling-up of the cut-off channel, the Gratitude has frequently been obliged to go around the bar, cutting short by a few minutes the time the Christmas shoppers have in Baltimore.

Many people are changing their place of residence for the ensuing year and loaded furniture wagons are going in every direction.

Mrs. Mary Young is entertaining as her guest, Miss Nash, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Arrowsmith is staying with Mrs. Selby.

It is rumored that there will be a wedding in Rock Hall before the close of the year. No doubt a young widower does find his life rather lonely and is willing to exchange it for a home and fireside of his own.

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In the midst of general merriment we have had to pause to contemplate the grim destroyer, death, which has entered the home of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Mariner and has taken away their only child, Samuel, aged 17 years. The transplanting to the garden of heaven must be a most happy change to one who has passed through years of affliction, but he had received every care and attention which a loving earthly father and mother could give, and the community sympathize with them in the sorrow and loneliness which must be theirs. The funeral sermon was preached at their home on Sunday afternoon by Rev. J. P. Outten, and interment was made at Mount Olivet cemetery in Baltimore on Monday.

The pleasant weather of the last two sabbaths has filled the churches of all denominations. In the M. E. school there are eight officers, thirty-two teachers and two hundred and twenty-five pupils under the leadership of Mr. J. A. Greenwood. Old Kris will pay them a visit and have many parcels to delight the eye and taste. Of course Christmas trees with their novel fruits, evergreens and flowers will be used to decorate the church and all are invited to assist in the merriment.

Mr. Bliss Somers has been confined to the house for several days with fever. We hope he will be well to enjoy the holidays.

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