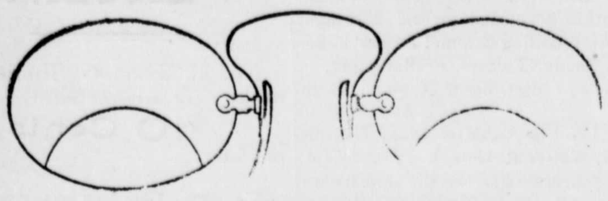
A New Department.



We have added a complete Optical Department to our store, and have employed a GRADUATE OPTICIAN to take charge of it—not a so-called optician, but a man that is a graduate and holds a diploma from a prominent Philadelphia optical college, besides years of experience, correcting all errors of refraction.

We have the necessary appliances for scientific examination, and can accurately determine the cause of any defect in the eye, and if it can be remided by glasses we supply the proper lenses and fit them to the face in any kind of frames you may prefer, and our prices you will find to be much lower than is often charged for unskilled work.

We Make No Charge for Examination,

and if you do not need glasses we will honestly tell you so. If you have any eye troubles come in and see us, we will give you *expert advice free.*

J. H. SIDES, Jeweler,
Opposite Stam's Hall. Chestertown, Md.

☞ Fine Watch Repairing and Engraving.

Bickford & Huffman GRAIN DRILS.

POSITIVE FORCE FEED for Wheat and FERTILIZER.

PERFECT SPEED DEVICE. DOUBLE DISTRIBUTORS.

"As Ye Sow So Shall Ye Reap."

The most practical and modern drill on earth, with ribbon steel grain tubes, steel axles and roller bearings, the lightest draught and easiest running grain drill in use. In use everywhere.

Rasin--Monumental Co. FERTILIZERS!

Strictly high-grade. These goods are largely in use in this county, and known to give the best results.

Smith Bros. Corn Harvester.

It will cut and carry your corn 40 or 50 rods. Unprecedented success. Complete revolution in Corn Harvesting. Call and examine it.

OLIVER CHILLED PLOWS.

Best on Earth. In use everywhere.

Oliver Plow REPAIRS. We are the Oliver Company's Agent, and are the only house in this town that sells the Genuine Oliver Repairs. Beware of Bogus Oliver Repairs; the town is full of them. Also, Repairs for South Bend, Advance, Syracuse and Ohio Plows.

DISC HARROWS,

ved kinds to reduce your soil to a complete seed bed. Buffalo Pitt's LAND ROLLERS, complete implement. FALLOW HARROWS. A complete line of FARM IMPLEMENTS.

PUMPS of the most approved patterns.

Owen's No. 20 Improved FANS. The only Fan that will positively clean wheat of cockle and cheat.

Custom and Ready-Made Harness,

and Harness made to order by the best workman in this county. All kinds of HARNESS REPAIR WORK done in the Neatest Manner.

Splendid Stock of Lap Dusters, Fly Nets, Horse Goods.

GEO. W. SMITH,

Eliason Building, - - Chestertown, Maryland.

A BIG REMOVAL SALE.

This is a Rare Opportunity for Everybody.

Since we have purchased our new FALL and WINTER STOCK we have decided to move, and we have the largest stock of goods on hand this fall we have ever had, all bran-new, up-to-date, stylish goods, which will be closed out as near as possible by the first of the year. Now, here is a chance to buy bran-new, up-to-date goods at greatly reduced prices. We don't propose to move these goods if price will sell them. We have on hand the largest and finest line of Ladies', Misses' and Children's

Coats, Capes,

DRESS SKIRTS and WAISTS

we have ever had; also a big lot of

Ladies' Tailor Made Suits,

all the newest things out; also a big lot of Men's and Boys' Ready-Made Clothing and Overcoats. A complete line of all kinds of

BOOTS and SHOES, DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,

in fact. we have a full stock of everything, and every article will be sold at a reduced price. Now, if you want bargains, here is a chance for you. Come early while our assortments are complete, and avoid the rush.

J. J. MORRIS, JR.,

MILLINGTON, MARYLAND.

BRYAN PICTURE ROMANCE.

Love Story Changed by a Campaign Portrait—Engagement Broken Because It Was Turned to the Wall, It Soon Won Another Bride.

The turning of the picture of William Jennings Bryan to the wall has changed the matrimonial plans of John Otterbaugh and Mrs. Mary Pero. It has also gotten him a wife, and the change was all brought about in one day.

Otterbaugh is 54 years old, a widower and life insurance solicitor. He has been boarding with Mrs. Pero for the past 17 months, and they were engaged to be married. Mrs. Pero has been planning the marriage for the past eight months, and everything was lovely.

Recently Otterbaugh went downtown and a friend gave him a picture of the Democratic candidate for the Presidency. He is an ardent Democrat and carried the portrait proudly to his room and gave it a prominent position in a window fronting on the street.

Mrs. Pero returned from downtown and saw the picture. She is a Republican and in sympathy with McKinley, and she became aroused at the sight of the campaign lithograph. She took her boarder to task and a heated argument ensued, but both were firm. Mrs. Pero refused to have the picture in the window of her house, and Otterbaugh took the stand that as he was paying for the room he had a right to use the window for any purpose he saw fit.

THIS WIDOW LIKES BRYAN.

The argument culminated in a quarrel and Otterbaugh took his belongings across the street to the lodging house of another widow, Mrs. Catharine Dugo. Here he explained that he had been literally thrown out of house and home on occount of his politics. Mrs. Dugo offered him sympathy, as her sympathies were with Bryan. He unpacked his trunk and the picture soon appeared at the window to openly defy the woman who had lost her lodger and lover at one and the same operation.

Otterbaugh was so pleased with his new landlady that he immediately proposed marriage and was accepted on the spot. They were married on Saturday.

The Word Dollar.

"It is remarkable how we accept a name without the faintest idea or care as to how or where it originated," said John Pardee, of Chicago, at the Hoffman House yesterday. "For example, take our dollar. How many people do you suppose ever inquire or care whence the name came? It is of German origin, according to the preponderance of authority. The coin was first minted at the town of Joachimsthal, in Germany, and received the name of a Joachims thaler, which, for the sake of brevity, was shortened into thaler. In Spain it was called the dalero, which is the dollar that Spanish conquest brought to America. When we established a system of coinage for this country we adopted the old Spanish pillar—sometimes called milled, on account of its milled rim—dollar as our unit. This coin was called the pillar dollar, from the pillars of Hercules, the two promontories facing each other across the Straits of Gibratar, the emblem of the pillars appearing on the coin. The dollar sign is said to be a corruption of the serpents twining around these pillars, as they appeared on the old Spanish dollar. Another authority states that the name comes from the talent of the Middle Ages, and that the dollar sign came from certain of the old pieces of eight. Across the figure 8 on this particular coin two straight lines—supposed to represent the pillars of Hercules—were cut, and this was the origin of the dollar sign."—*New York Tribune.*

THEY SAY.

That anything is feasible where there's a fee.

That a man with a pull is the street-car conductor.

That it is better to wear large shoes than a pained expression.

That some are boys until they are fifty, after that, old women.

That there is a great deal of moral support in a stylish dress.

That a man who is agreeable at the breakfast table is the ideal man.

That man will forgive woman anything, save the wit to out-wit him.

That who has illusions after forty is either stupid or first cousin to Hope.

That to be always quarreling is bad, but to be always agreeing is brain warping.

That many a woman falls in love with a new dress, and then some man marries it.

That there is nothing in life quite so obscure as the husband of a successful woman.

That the girl with the most engaging manner very often remains single all her days.

That the man whose sole hope of winning a girl rests on his strength of vocabulary has never studied girls.

That it requires a wise person to determine whether an abnormally silent man be knave, fool or philosopher.

He—"Did you know that lobsters would eat crabs?"

She—"Certainly. You told me only yesterday that you was fond of crabs."—*Judge.*

ODD THINGS IN MAINE.

Peculiar Events and Strange Persons That the Down-East State Presents.

It is said that the strongest man in Maine is Alfred Ellis of Prospect, who works in a granite quarry. He was known to be a strong man, and he was pestered by people coming around and trying to get up lifting contests with him, so one day he put a strap around a block of granite weighing 1,200 pounds, lifted it up as though it were a bunch of shingles, and putting it down, said: "Thar's my load—get some one else to lift it and I will talk more about liftin'." No one has ever been able to stir the load, and Alf Ellis isn't bothered any more.

Mrs. Emma Groves, the "bearded lady" who makes annual rounds of the Maine cattle fairs, is no fairy. She weighs 491 lbs now, and as she is only 33 years old the neighbors there think there is a chance for her to "flesh up" a little more yet. She has received an offer of $100 dollars a week to wear tights and to appear in a museum as the star fat lady, but she rebels against tights and says she prefers a quiet, respectable life in Bowdoin, Me., where she is the wife of a prosperous farmer and has several children.

Westport claims the champion politician of the State. He has been an active member of every new party started in the past forty years, and boasts that he never voted the winning ticket but once, and that was by mistake—he held two tickets in his hand and while arguing about the currency dropped the wrong one in the box.

One day recently a Wesley farmer found one of his cows in the pasture so completly charmed by snakes that she could not move, and he was obliged to push her away from the place where she stood. The reptiles were black snakes, three feet long.

Uncle Eben Lancaster, of Bowdoinham, aged 101 years, and Uncle George Kendall, of Fairfield, aged 100 years, both went to the polls unassisted in the recent election and voted the straight Republican ticket, as both had done at every election since 1856.

Down in the town of Trenton, Hancock county, the Town Hall was burned just before election, and with it all the ballots. The Republicans hustled around and by hard work and fast travelling got a new supply of ballots, and then discovered, on counting the votes, that the town had gone Democratic.

Facts and Figures.

The average amount of sickness in human life is ten days per annum.

There are nearly two thousand stitches in a pair of hand-sewed boots.

The number of persons included in the famine area of Central India is estimated at 50,000,000.

Eighteen thousand bills and joint resolutions were presented by members in the last Congress, 12,608 in the House and 5,855 in the Senate.

Lompoc, in Santa Barbaria county Cal., grows mustard for the whole nation. In that region 2,000 acres are cultivated to the seed, the industry employing about 200 farmers.

There are 750 silk factories in the United States. Last year they imported 13,667 bales of reeled silk yarn, valued at $41,195,209, the silk-worm not having been acclimated in this country.

The deepest ocean temperatures which have been recorded were taken by the United States steamer Nero, which is sounding for the cable between Guam and the Midway Islands. At a depth of 30,420 feet the water had a temperature of 35.9 degrees Fahr., and at 9,060 feet it was 36 degrees Fahr.

The County Paper.

The homing instinct in the blood is felt by hard-headed, shrewd and practical men, engaged in business in great towns, and apparently free from inconvenient sentiment. Yet, though they con their newspapers with keen and eager relish, they throw them aside when read, while some little sheet not particularly well printed, and put together as if jumbled in a scrap-basket, is slipped into the pocket and carried home.

This is the country paper, published up-country, and filled with intimate personal details, the pleasant and kindly neighborhood gossip which goes on at the post-office and around the station when the train comes in. Here are familiar names; the story of life in a farming community, related with minute care; the goings and comings of kindred and acquaintances; the sales, the purchases the casualties, the changes, all chronicled without much art or skill, but with closest and most satisfactory realism.

The man may be a millionaire several times over, but he was once a boy on the farm, and he will be a subscriber to the country paper as long as he lives.—*Collier's Weekly.*

A UNITED STATES CONSUL in one of the French seaports was asked to preside at an examination in English at the chief municipal school. "Jean, you will stand up," said the master to his brightest pupil. "Conjugate the verb 'I have a gold mine.'" "I have a gold mine," responded the bright pupil, with scarcely an accent, "Thou hast a gold thine, He has a gold hisen, We have a gold ourn, They have a gold theirn."

Everybody Knows About

Pain-Killer

A Household Medicine

A Safe and Sure Cure for
Cramps Coughs Bruises
Diarrhœa Colds Burns
Sprains and Strains.

Gives instant relief.

Two sizes, 25c. and 50c.

Only one Pain Killer, Perry Davis'.

Westcott & Dodd's

GREAT FALL STOCK

You will hear more of next week, especially their fine stock of Ladies'

Capes, Coats and Jackets.

We are paying for EGGS 18c. per dozen.

Simply Send Your Address

on a postal and sufficient Electro-Silicon will be sent you, without charge, to clean all your silver.

FREE

Electro - Silicon

SILVER POLISH

It's unlike all others. Gives the silversmith's brilliancy quickly, easily and saves the silver. This free sample will prove it.

Sold in boxes by grocers and druggists, 15c. or sent postpaid by us for that amount in stamps.

The Electro Silicon Co., 40 Cliff St., New York.

Plenty of Money

easily made in grain and stock speculations. Quotations furnished to out of town customers. Correspondent wanted in every town. Write us for full particulars and we will mail our stock and code book to you free.

SAMUEL JAGGARD & CO.,
Bankers and Brokers,
424 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

RESTAURANT AND ICE CREAM PARLORS.

I WISH to announce to my friends and the public generally, that I have opened a restaurant and ice cream parlor at the place until recently occupied for the same purposes by Mrs. John L. Shuster. Meals will be furnished at all hours, the service being entirely under my personal care and supervision. Oysters will be served at all times by the pint, quart or gallon. Ice cream, water ices and cake will be served in any quantity desired. Also bread of all kinds. Creams, ices and cake will be served to transient customers.

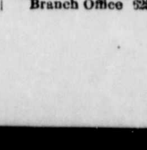
MRS. J. CORDRAY LOUD.

WANTED.

YOUNG MAN well connected as Resident Agent, Michigan Mutual Life Insurance Company. Liberal contract with renewal interests. Excellent opening for the right party. All forms of improved contracts written, including Old Line Insurance, on monthly payment plan; entirely new. Apply in person or address,

J. BURKLOE BROWN, State Agent.
1111-1112 Atlantic Trust Bldg., Baltimore, Md.

PARKER'S GINGER TONIC abates Lung Troubles, Debility, distressing stomach and female ills, and is noted for making cures when all other treatment fails. Every mother and invalid should have it.



PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c, and $1.00 at Druggists

HINDERCORNS The only sure Cure for Corns. Stops all pain. Makes walking easy. 15c. at Druggists.

Prof. G. F. THEEL, M.D. 527 N. Sixth St., Philadelphia, Pa. Ein deutscher Arzt. Guarantees to cure after all others fail. PRIVATE DISEASES, DISCHARGES, RUNNINGS, ABUSES, LOSSES (uses no mercury no caustic injection, or nauseating drugs) EXCESSES, BLOOD POISON, LOST MANHOOD, Varicocele & Strictures, no cutting. 35 years practical & 6 years hospital experience in Germany. Fresh cases cured in 4 to 10 days. Avoid cheap treatment only offered as a catch. Ruins Thousands. Send for Sworn Testimonials & Book exposing medical & electrical frauds. Treatment by Mail. Instant relief. Write.

CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH
PENNYROYAL PILLS
Original and Only Genuine.

SAFE. Always reliable. Ladies, ask Druggist for CHICHESTER'S ENGLISH in RED and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with blue ribbon. Take no other. Refuse Dangerous Substitutions and Imitations. Buy of your Druggist, or send 4c. in stamps for Particulars, Testimonials and "Relief for Ladies," in letter, by return Mail. 10,000 Testimonials. Sold by all Druggists. Chichester Chemical Co., Madison Park, PHILA., PA.
Mention this paper.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Cleanses and beautifies the hair. Promotes a luxuriant growth. Never Fails to Restore Gray Hair to its Youthful Color. Cures scalp diseases & hair falling. 50c, and $1.00 at Druggists

50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

PATENTS

TRADE MARKS
DESIGNS
COPYRIGHTS &C.

Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Handbook on Patents sent free. Oldest agency for securing patents.

Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive *special notice*, without charge, in the

Scientific American.

A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, $3 a year; four months, $1. Sold by all newsdealers.

MUNN & Co. 361 Broadway, New York
Branch Office 625 F St., Washington D. C

Study Your Interest
—AND—

Insure Your Property

—IN THE—

Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

OF KENT COUNTY.

TS TOTAL ASSETS ARE:

STOCKS, BONDS, REALESTATE, and cash	$64,608 05
PREMIUM NOTES	188,176 00
TOTAL	$252,784 05

Their New Policies cover all losses by lightning whether fire ensues or not.

Their New policies cover all losses from fire occasioned by the use of fire engines when used with proper care. See regulations of policies.

Their New policies are transferable upon approval of treasurer.

Liberal in Terms and Settlements.

The business of '95, '96, '97, and '98 saved to the policy holders of the company $16,261.92.

The Company during these years also returned to holders of cancelled policies $22,156.55.

Applications for Insurance can be made to

JAMES R. JONES.....Millington
JAMES BRICE.....Chestertown.
C. J. SCOTT.....Galena
GEORGE E. OWENS.....Betterton.
ELLSWORTH BOWERS.....Lynch's.
JOS. DOWNEY.....Rock Hall.
E. S. VALLIANT.....Church Hill.
A. M. KENDALL.....Fairlee.

THOMAS W. ELIASON, Pres.
GEO. B. WESTCOTT, Sec. and Treas.

WHEN YOU BUY

Carpets, Drapery or Furniture

FROM

Minch & Eisenbrey,

you can always be absolutely sure of getting the best quality, the latest patterns and an unconditional guarantee of worth and reliability.

One price always—and every price plainly marked.

216 to 222 W. LEXINGTON STREET,
Baltimore, Md.

IF YOU WANT

Wagons, Dearborns, Plows, Harrows, Cultivators, Wheelbarrows, Plow Trees, Hames;

Repairing of Any Kind

in the Blacksmith or Wheelwright line; Wind Mills Leathered, Binders or Mowers of any make repaired; Up-to-date Horse-shoeing, call on the undersigned, agent for the Buckeye Reaper & Mower Co.

John Medders,

KENNEDYVILLE, - MD.

Superb Line of

WINTER MillinerY

All lines of Beautiful Novelties complete. Usefulness, quality, beauty and cheapness, the four cardinal points of our business. Our stock of feathers, rich plumes, appliquet, fine jets and buckles, cannot be surpassed. Then, too, ribbons, gloves, ornaments for the hair and dainty articles for My Lady's Toilet, are in great profusion.

Our fine stock is ready for immediate inspection.

A cordial invitation to inspect our stock, extended to the public. Respectfully,

MISSES CORA & HATTIE REED,
High Street, Chestertown.

INSURANCE.

Jos. N. Wheatley and T. Waters Russell, under the firm of JOS. N. WHEATLEY & CO., will represent the following insurance Companies formerly represented by W. H. McFeely & Co.: Royal, Phenix of Brooklyn, St. Paul, Philadelphia Underwriters, Pennsylvania, Glen Falls; also, the New York Life Insurance Company.

All old business on the books of W. H. McFeely & Co., has been made over to us and will have our strictest attention. All policies about to mature will be rewritten in order to give the assured protection.

JOS. N. WHEATLEY.

We have sold the entire insurance business together with good will and fixtures, to Jos. N. Wheatley and Co., and wish the same patronage to the new firm as heretofore bestowed upon the old firm.

jan27. W. H. McFEELY & CO.

SUBSCRIPTION to the TRANSCRIPT $1.00 per annum.

©Maryland State Archives msa_sc3326_scm8212-0571