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Finest Bright Large English Walnuts, new Grenobles and the very best Nuts on the market	12½c
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Now for a Good French Mixture, per lb., only.....	5
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Very Fine Fancy Mixture, per lb.....	10
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Will be at Pippin's Hotel, Chestertown, Md., two days of each month. Next visit will be Thursday and Friday, January 7th and 8th, 1904. Office Hours—Thursday, 12.30 to 9.00 P. M.; Fridays, 8.00 A. M. to 9.00 P. M. You are cordially invited to call.

DR. WEEDON'S ANSWFR TO DR. CAIN'S LETTER.

EDITORS OF THE CHESTERTOWN TRANSCRIPT,
DEAR SIRS:—I read on Saturday last a communication in both the TRANSCRIPT and *Kent News* over the signature of J. W. Cain, President of Washington College, purporting to be a reply to an account of hazing at Washington College as given by the *Enterprise*, a newspaper published in Chestertown.

I have not seen the *Enterprise*. I do not know the editor of the paper, and I would not know him if I were to see him.

What President Cain has written for the TRANSCRIPT and *News* and was published by them respectively, I have carefully read and shall direct attention thereto. I shall controvert his statement of so called facts. The case referred to by him is now, and was then, in the hands of the law, and the production of his article at the time failed the full accomplishment of its purpose. I think that I am in a much better position for obtaining the facts in the case referred to than President Cain, as I get my information from truthful lips that have never been polluted by the stain of falsehood; while he could only have obtained his from those who at the time were within the meshes of the law of the land.

President Cain has made statements so at variance with facts known by me that I am compelled to give a statement and let the public judge for themselves.

Summary as follows:

Master William Augustine Eareckson left my home in Church Hill, Queen Anne Co., about half past eight o'clock, p. m., on Sunday Nov. 22nd, ultimo for Washington College, arriving at his study room at ten o'clock, p.m of same evening. After remaining there about an hour, he extinguished the light of his study room (complying with the regulations) and went immediately to his bed room in the upper story of the building, closing the door he went to bed at 11 P. M. He did not lock his door because Master Finley, his room-mate, *was out*. About half past twelve o'clock A. M. Monday morning, Nov. 23 Master Eareckson was awakened from sleep by the entrance into his room of Carey, Moore, Hughes and Wood (uninvited by him) who put cold water on him, hit him on the head with the innocent pillow from Master Finley's bed, which was in close proximity to his own, pulled the covers from his bed, leaving his person exposed. Master Eareckson then attempted to get on Master Finley's bed, and in doing so, when on his hands and knees upon Master Finley's bed, was struck on the head by Carey with a chair a terrific blow which felled him prostrate on his face upon Master Finley's bed. Having recovered himself somewhat he got upon his feet, then it was that Moore and Hughes attacked him by choking him, pushed him back and down upon Master Finley's bed. He was held down by Moore and Hughes, who were still choking him with their hands to his throat, and at the same time Carey and Wood held and pressed his body and limbs down upon the bed. When in this helpless position and almost exhausted condition, Moore placed his hand over the region of Eareckson's heart and called the attention of his pals and partners in the crime to its violent beating. Finally, his assailants released him from their grip. Then it was that Master Eareckson supposed that he had been duly humbled, humiliated and made submissive and obedient to his *Superiors a la Cain*. He returned to his wet bed a wintry cold night, after having gathered his covers that had been thrown upon the floor by the dastardly outlaws.

But, alas! the fiends were not done with him. As he lay in a wet bed, in a weakened, chilled and nervous condition, Carey was held over him by the intruders, while standing upon Eareckson's bed, and at the word given was let fall upon that child's prostrate form. The same act was repeated by holding Wood in like manner over him, back downard, and at the word given, he too, was let fall upon their victim. His room for a short time was vacated by the marauders. Perhaps they had gone to again partake of the *invigorating* contents of the innocent looking box of eatables (?) that had been sent from home. After being refreshed they again returned to his room and used upon him the toning-up cold-water-cure.

After "doing him" in the classical slang of the place, Master Bryan was pulled into Master Eareckson's room and was told by the arrant poltroons to sleep with him. Master Bryan replied that he could not do it, that the bed was too wet. Ultimately his tormentors quit his room and did not reappear. When Master Finley came to his room, Master Eareckson asked him the time, and the reply was "only twenty minutes past one o'clock A. M."—an early hour for a lad to go to roost.

While this brutal mal-treatment and assault were going on, the electric light in the hall was alternately turned on and off, affording Eareckson ample opportunity to fully identify his assailants, which he did. Master Eareckson remained in his wet bed the remainder of that shameful and disgraceful night (morning) suffering from headache and great bodily pain, the result of the foul midnight attack in wild, windy, wooly West Hall, President Cain to the contrary notwithstanding.

There was no policeman, no watchman, no protector, no professor in that hall that night.

Master Eareckson arose and dressed himself Monday morning, went over to the refectory at breakfast hour, but only drank a few sips of milk. He tried his utmost to keep up during the day; but shortly after the dinner hour he was compelled to take his bed—nervous and feverish, he remained in bed all of Monday afternoon, evening and night, with no one to look after him and administer to his needs. Master Eareckson could not arise Tuesday morning, so he requested Master Finley to ask President Cain to come to see him. President Cain called at his room at 3 o'clock P. M.

After Master Finley, his room-mate, and his friend Gill, had retired from the room, President Cain asked him a few questions, kindly applied the palm of his hand to Eareckson's forehead and left and never returned, probably the result of a gross mis-diagnosis, notwithstanding I had requested President Cain, that in case Master Eareckson should be injured, or become ill from any cause to telephone me without delay. He deceived me. Master Eareckson remained in bed, ill from the injuries he had received, all of said Tuesday and Tuesday night without attention and without nourishment. He arose Wednesday and was brought home.

I have not said anything about hazing—perhaps Webster and President Cain differ, it would be very natural that they should.

I have not said anything about forcible entry. Blackstone may differ from President Cain, and it would be surprising if he does not.

President Cain asserts that Master Eareckson was not sick (ill) as a result of the alleged assault. I emphatically contradict the assertion from my personal knowledge, *I say he was*.

If I understand the doctrine of the law of evidence "Falsus in uno; falsus in omnibus." The statement made by President Cain is inaccurate—hence untrue. His statement has no foundation in fact and falls for the want of proper support.

The status of the case now is: that it is to be tried in the Circuit Court of Kent county by a jury of twelve men, good and true; when all will have the opportunity of hearing it thoroughly investigated, on both sides, discussed and a true verdict rendered.

Very respectfully yours,
J. H. W. G. Weedon, M. D.

Church Hill, Queen Anne's County.
Dec. 9, 1903.

STILL POND ITEMS.

Mrs. Thomas Bradley, who has been quite sick, is able to be out again. Also Mr. William Meeks, who has been very sick for the past month, is able to be out. Among others sick are Mrs. J. Warren, Mrs. Harry Robinson, Mr. Chas. Jewell, Mr. John Robinson and others.

Mr. Sanden Walters, of Baltimore has accepted a position with Mr. William Medders.

On account of the rain Sunday there was not any service at our church in the morning.

Mrs. Cora Jewell, of Worton, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Wm. Thompson.

We are glad to see Mr. H. S. Crewe, who has been in the house for a week suffering with the neuralgia, is out again.

BE WISE.

Be Quick.

Not a minute be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears, will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

FROM CECILTON.

Miss Blanche Van Buskirk, of Baltimore, is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Morris.

Miss Julia DuShane visited the Misses Jones this week.

Mrs. M. E Clayton and Mr. Arthur Davis spent Sunday with Miss May DuShane, near Black's.

Mrs. Norman Regan and daughter, Gladys, spent Monday with Mrs. Alexander Wilson.

Messrs. John Morris and E. S. Short spent two days of last week in Baltimore, buying Xmas goods.

Dr. R. M. Black and County Commissioner, Wm. B. Davis, spent Tuesday in Elkton.

Miss Mame Jones is visiting her aunt, Mrs. F. P. William

Mr. S. Jones, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. Robert Ferguson.

Mr. Edward Wilson, of Elk Neck, visited his cousin Alexander Wilson, last week.

Miss Dulcie Johnston, of Dover, is visiting Mrs. E. S. Short.

Mr. and Mrs. James Stradley visited relatives in Kent county, on Tuesday.

Miss Minnie Price has returned from a visit to her cousin, Mrs. Harry Redding, of near Earleville.

Mr. J. E. Ferguson, of Chestertown, visited his mother last week.

The young men of this town gave a dance in Mechanics Hall on Thursday evening of last week.

The Sunday school of the M. E. Church will give a Christmas entertainment in the Mechanics Hall on Christmas night.

CHESTERVILLE ITEMS.

Rev. I. Ryder has been assisting in a series of meetings at Goldsboro.

It is rumored that there will be a change in postmasters here. A great many of the patrons of the office would regret to have it changed, as Mr. Crittenden, the present encumbent has been most faithful in the discharge of his duties, and has the confidence and respect of the entire community.

Mrs. Ellen Stevens has recovered from a severe illness. Dr. N. Comegys was in attendance.

Miss Ethel Solloway spent Thanksgiving with Miss Estelle Wails, in Church Hill.

Mrs. Register and Mr. John Martin are on the sick list.

WORTON ITEMS.

Miss Katie Capps, of Still Pond, has been visiting Miss Macy Sutton.

Mr. Isaac Duyer is suffering from an attack of pneumonia, but is better at this writing.

Mr. J. W. Ivens is also on the sick list but is still attending to business.

Mr. Grover C. Sutton has returned from the Maryland General Hospital, where he underwent an operation for appendicitis.

Many of our farmers are shipping their corn on the cob.

The stores are decorated for the holidays and present an attractive appearance.

Both churches are arranging elaborate programs for the Christmas services.

W. C. T. U.

The Kennedyville W. C. T. U. held its regular monthly meeting in the M. P. Church, Friday evening, December 5th. With Miss Lillie Rowe at the organ the meeting opened with singing, "Blest be the tie that binds," after which the entire audience united in repeating the Lord's Prayer, Mrs. Shafer, the president, leading. Scripture quotations were given by those present, and three members who were unavoidably absent, sent texts to be read in their behalf. The president, in a very kindly and earnest manner, gave a most excellent talk to the mothers present, in which she paid a glowing tribute to Madam Willard, and advised those present to emulate her example. She implored the young people present to be ever considerate of their parents, especially in older years. She thought it must be a source of great grief in old age to know that our children no longer care for our welfare and in many instances consider parents a burden and treat them accordingly. She also referred to the origin of the crusade and read extracts from Miss Willard's writings, relating to the establishment of the W. C. T. U. Mrs. James Weer read quite an instructive paper "The Evolution of the White Ribbon movement." Mrs. Jarrell read a sketch of 'Our National President" Mrs. L. W. N. Stevens. Miss Ellen Copper read a very interesting paper "Successful work in the Local Union," and Mrs. Godwin read "Whiskey Tom," in a very effective manner. A recitation was given by Mabel Hague, 'Good-night." The first copy of the Union Signal published under the management of the National W. C. T. U., came that day and was presented to the audience and each one present urged to give it their support by becoming a subscriber. Our Supt. petition work, presented petitions relative to Senator Smoot. After other business arrangements, the meeting closed, with singing the Doxology, to meet again the first Friday in Jan. 1904.

To Make Farmers' Institutes Interesting.

Wm. L. Amoss, Director of Farmers' Institutes for the State, is addressing a series of questions to farmers in reference to the Institutes to be held in the various counties between January 1st and March 1st. Among other questions are the following:

What subject is the most important for discussion?

Do you want at the evening session a lecture on Roads, Domestic Science, School Gardens, or what?

Do you want all local men on program or part local and part foreign?

If local men, whom shall we ask?

Mr. Amoss, whose address is 1419 N. Charles St., Baltimore, would be glad to receive communications from those interested upon the subject.

The Farmers' Institute for Kent county will be held January 27th and 28th.

Bilious Colic Prevented.

Take a double dose of Chamberlain's Colic Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy as soon as the first indication of the disease appears and a threatened attack may be warded off. Hundreds of people use the remedy in this way with perfect success. For sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Canning & Mercantile Company.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Canning & Mercantile company on Saturday last it was decided to enlarge the stock of goods in the Chestertown store, and to introduce many new and up-to-date phases in the business. The store will be run on a much larger scale than heretofore. In order, therefore, to make room for our increased supply of goods by January 1, 1904, we will sell the articles as enumerated below for the next 30 days. These goods must go in order to make room for our enlarged supply. Call and get bargains.

Carriages.

Were	$90.00,	now	$80.00
"	75.00.	now	65.00
"	65.00,	now	57.00
"	55.00	now	50.00

Runabouts.

Were	50.00	now	42.00
Were	45.00	now	37.00
Were	40.00	now	35.00
Were	35.00	now	30.00

EXTENSION TOPS.

Were	130.00	now	100.00

Farm Wagons.

Were	45.00	now	40.00
"	35.00	now	32.50

Dearborns.

Were	42.50	now	35.00

Corn Shellers.

Were	6.50	now	5.75

Grain Fans.

Were $14 now $12.

Long Handle Shovels.

Were 60 cts. now 45 cts.

Short Handle Shovels.

Were 60 cts. now 45 cts.

Churns, were $2.05 now $1.50.
5 gal. Galvanized Oil Cans 40 & 50c. each.
Galvanized Buckets 15, 18 and 20c.
3-Hoop Cedar Buckets, 25c.
2-Hoops 15c.
Sausage Stuffers and Lard Presses.

8 quarts, were	$5.75	now	$5.00
6 quarts, were	4.70	now	4.00
4 quarts, were	4.15	now	3.50

Meat Cutters at cost.

Gunning Coats, Leggins and Guns at or below cost.

Ice Cream Freezers were $2 now $1.60.

STOVES.

Were	$20.00	NOW	$19.
Were	$18.50	NOW	$17.
Were	$14.50	NOW	$13.
Were	$12.00	NOW	$11.

RANGES.

Were	$20	NOW	$18.50
Were	$16	NOW	$15.
Were	$15	NOW	$14.

AIR TIGHTS FROM $2.50 UP.

Saddles, were $5 now $4. $7.50 now $6.

SPEED CART, was **32.00** now **26.00**.

All kinds of PAINT at half price.
TIN and AGATEWARE at cost.

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