H. F. JEFFERSON & BRO.,

THE LADIES' STORE,

Opposite Stam's Hall, CHESTERTOWN, MD.

STORE NOTES

The Straight Way

Do you know the difference between a STRAIGHT LINE way and a ROUND-ABOUT way? The straight line way is absolutely the quickest way, and because it is the quickest way it is the best way.

If you want anything you always go straight after it, don't you? All of us do, it is but natural.

Do you go after your general wants in a straight line?

Do you go after your merchandise, your wearing apparel or your general shopping wants in a straight line or do you get then in a round about method?

If you have been going about it in an indirect way, it's time you traded at this store.

Here you will find THE STRAIGHT LINE WAY.

We seek to cut out round about methods for you. Our efforts are used to assist you secure what you wish in the shortest, quickest and, therefore, in the best way. That's the straight line.

We give you straight information about merchandise and styles. We give you courteous service and the best values.

By using these methods, and getting the sraig h t line idea in shopping, you cut the money-wasting time wasting round-about methods of reaching the best results.

(Signed)

H. F. Jefferson & Bro

The Newest Winter Coats and Suits are Here



We have an admirable collection of the new Winter Coats and Suits for women, in every fashionable style. These Coats and Suits are splendidly tailored and correctly proportioned; their perfect fit is a matter of course and not of guesswork. They come from the well-known firm of Strawbridge & Clothier, of Philadelphia.

The newest fabrics are represented in the showing---warm, cosy materials that are not uncomfortably weighty.

It is our opinion that these Coats and Suits measure up to the highest ideals. Won't you come to see them to-day?



The Corsets Sold at Jefferson's

are the ultimate of comfort and efficiency in corset-making. Hygienic in construction, and made in the styles that will shape the figure into the fashionable lines. A model for YOUR figure is here. We shall be pleased to fit it to you.

H. F. JEFFERSON & BRO.

The Ladies' Store,

Chestertown, Maryland.

TO STOP TAKING OF UPPER BAY OYSTERS.

Commander Howard May Prohibit Further Removal Because Market is Glutted.

TELLS OF TRANSPLANTING.

Says 4,300 Bushels Dumped Overboard on Depleted Bed Yielded 8,000 Bushels in Two Years.

Owing to the market having become glutted, Commander T. C. B. Howard of the State Fishery Force has declared his intention of prohibiting the further taking of oysters in the upper waters of the Chesapeake bay, where, for the first time in 16 years, there has been a plentiful supply of bivalves.

The oysters in the upper Chesapeake, according to Commander Howard, are exceptionally fat and splendidly suited for steaming purposes. Since he announced that the beds might be worked, between 60 and 100 vessels, dredgers and runboats have been making the most of the opportunity and have carri d to the market thousands of bushels of oysters.

PACKERS PREFER THEM.

Many of the oysters caught in the waters referred to have been undersize—fully 50 per cent. thereof, it is said—but Commander Howard asserts that the rest have been in such splendid condition that the packers prefer them to all others for their particular purpose.

Commander Howard declares that by allowing the upper bay oysters to be caught employment was given in the packing houses to many additional persons—many of them women of apparent respectability, who earned on an average of $1.25 a day.

Commander Howard also has an interesting story to tell about the removal of some of the small oysters from the upper bay to points lower down, where better conditions, particularly deeper water and more abundant food supply for oysters, prevail.

FIRST STATE TRANSPLANTING.

The first transplanting under State authority was done about three years ago. At that time it had been years since any fat oysters had been taken from the upper bay beds and the authorities were beginning to believe that locality had seen its day as an oyster-producing ground.

The water is shallow in that section. Consequently the Susquehanna floods not only made the bay water fresh but also brought down great quantities of mud which covered the oysters. Generally the hot August sun finished the work the floods had begun, with the result that such oysters as managed to keep alive were so small and poor they were unfit for use.

One day the suggestion was made to the late Austin L. Crothers, then Governor, that it might prove a profitable experiment if some of these small oysters were taken up early in the spring and transferred to some place where they could get plenty of food and be out of the danger of floods and hot sun.

DUMPED ON DEPLETED BEDS.

He consented, and though the dredging season was closed Commander Howard went upon the upper bay grounds, took up 4,300 bushels of small oysters and carried them down the bay to Dare's Wharf, Calvert county, where he dumped them overboard on a depleted bed. Now listen to what he says:

"In the first place it was absolutely against the law to take up these oysters with dredges, but Governor Crothers gave me permission to do so and I went to work. I believed it would pay the State and the results have shown that my judgment was correct.

"That 4,300 bushels of oysters when taken up about two years later yielded approximately 8,000 bushels of excellent oysters that sold for an average of 92 cents a bushel. The oystermen had to pay the State 5 cents a bushel for them to defray the expense of transplanting.

"Last spring we transplanted to these same grounds in Calvert county 114,000 bushels of small oysters from the upper bay and when the beds are opened to the oystermen about this time next year I fully expect the yield to amount to 500,000 bushels. I was down there a short while ago and took up some of the planted oysters. They are doing remarkably well—growing rapidly and are fat and fine."

DOING WELL ON MUD BOTTOM.

Commander Howard went on to say that last spring he dumped some of the oysters on a mud bottom to see whether they would live. He found them not only alive but he thinks that, if anything, they are doing better than those dumped on solid ground.

Because the State is doing the transplanting, when the beds are thrown open they are opened to the entire public. That is, anyone can go there and take them. The Commander, however, is very careful to keep a guard on the grounds until he is ready to throw the beds open.

He says the oystermen have not made a single complaint of being prohibited from taking oysters on these planted grounds between the time they were dumped overboard and the time of opening up the beds. Knowing that eventually they will be allowed to take them they are willing to wait until the oysters are full grown.

MILD WINTER PREDICTED.

Caterpillars' Coats Give Baymen Clue To Future Weater.

[From the New York Tribune]

This is to be a mild winter, according to bayman of Little Neck Bay. They have watched the caterpillars and then formed their conclusions on the following basis:

If a caterpillar comes from its cocoon white, plenty of snow will follow.

If a caterpillar is brown the winter will be mild.

If a caterpillar is dark there will be unsettled weather.

The baymen have been unable to find any but brown caterpillars.

Sale of Cecil County Farms.—The real estate of the late Mrs. Levinia E. Clayton, consisting of 1,082 acres of land in the First and Second districts of Cecil county, was sold in Elkton on Tuesday. The First district farm, containing 257 acres, was purchased by Mrs. C. S. Algire, of Middletown, Del., for $15,800. One Second district farm, containing 492 acres, was purchased by Frank S. Clayton for $14,000, and the other Second district farm, containing 333 acres, on St. Augustine road, to Mrs. [illegible] Groome Steele for $19,300.

Wm. Medders & Co. SPECIAL ATTENTION TO TELEPHONE ORDERS Wm. Medders & Co.

House-Moving Sale Next Week!

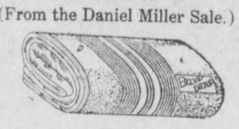
This is the season when many homes are being re-arranged, and changes are made for the New Year.

To meet this heavy demand we have prepared a large stock at SPECIAL CUT PRICES, and it will be of much interest to attend this sale.

A Sale of House-Furnishing Goods of All Kinds

BED BLANKETS

(From the Daniel Miller Sale.)

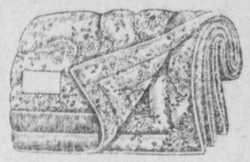


We offer the best line of Bed Coverings in the county, and at prices to enlist your visits.

$6.00 Lambs-wool Blankets $4.90.
5.00 Wool 11-4 Blankets $3.90.
3.50 Wool 11-4 Blankets $2.90.
2.50 Large 11-5 Blankets $1.98.
2.00 Large Bed Blankets $1.50.
1.75 Large Bed Blankets $1.25.
1.35 Large Grey Blankets 98c.

Our line of Blankets begins at 85c and runs to $8.50 pair.

GOOD COMFORTS



A beautiful line now awaits you. The Fine Silkoline Comforts with Lambs Wool Lining, $4.90.

$4 Silk Border Comforts on sale at $3.50.

The $2.50 Silkoline Comforts at $1.98.

Silk Border Comforts at $2.25, $2.50, $2.75.

Good Comforts, and all full sizes, from 98c, $1.25, $1.50 up.

More New Carpets and Fine Rugs Are on Sale.



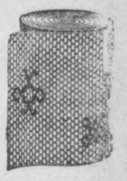
We are selling lots of Carpets and Rugs. The people who bought the "LOWELL" BEST ALL-WOOL INGRAIN CARPETS ten or twelve years ago are coming back now for more of the same kind. Price 75c yard.

They know what Lowell All-Wool Carpets are, and will accept no substitute. You can buy cheaper Carpets of course (we have them), but the GENUINE LOWELL INGRAINS are worth your attention.

Heavy Domestic Carpets at 25c and 35c yard.
Old-Time Rag Carpets, good and heavy, 39c yard.
Philadelphia Ingrain Carpets at 50c and 60c yard.

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Large collection on sale and prices are low—12½c, 15c, 19c and 25c yard.



LINOLEUMS AND OIL CLOTHS

All widths and a large variety of good patterns. Prices lower now for the sale.

$1.00 Armstrong Linoleums (2 yards wide) now 69c yard.
$1.25 Heavy Cork Linoleums (2 yards wide) now 85c yard.
Large assortment of good patterns on sale.
Oil Cloths on sale at 19c, 25c and 35c yard.

Our Display of Fine Rugs is Alone Worth Your Visit.



A Beautiful showing of New Rugs, large sizes—$22.50, $25.00 and $30.00.

Fine Axminster Rugs, $25.00 grade, size 9x12, on sale at $18.50.

Special Moquet Rugs, 9x12—$17.50.

Heavy Tapestry Rugs, 9x12 feet, $15.00.

Good Brussels Rugs, 9x12, $10 and $12.50.

Large Heavy Wool Fibre Rugs, 9x12 feet, extra quality, $8.90.

$2.50 Large Moquet Rugs, only $1.98.

The $5.00 size Moquet Rugs, $3.90.

Home Ideal Ranges

(Sold on Carload Basis.)

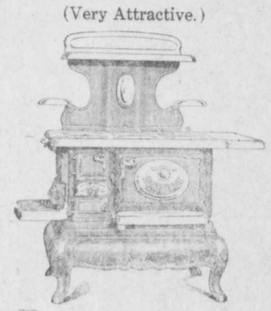


The best on the market for the money. "The Home Ideal Range" is exactly what the name implies, and our low prices tell the story of these very pretty and very popular Ranges.

Large size 7 Home Ideal, $15.90.
Large size 8 Home Ideal, $17.90.
Largest size 8 Home Ideal, $19.90.

The Bride Ranges

(Very Attractive.)

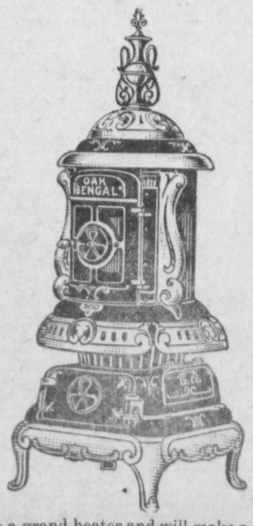


See these new Ranges!—the Royal and Home Brides. They are the best bakers and fuel savers we have ever offered. A very compact Range, built of heavy smooth iron and will give long service.

The size 7 Bride, $17.50.
The size 8 Bride, $19.50.
Largest size 8 Bride, $22.50.

OUR NEW HEATER

THE "OAK BENGAL"

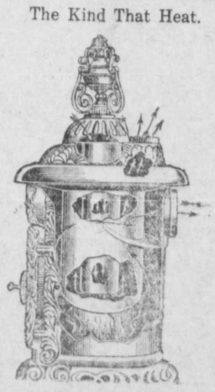


This is a grand heater and will make a powerful heat with very little fuel. Works on the hot air basis [illegible] not clinker.

[illegible]CES—$10.00, $12.50, $15.00.

DOUBLE HEATERS

The Kind That Heat.



"THEY WORK LIKE A FURNACE."

If you are considering a Double Heater, remember the best at our prices will cost no more than the cheap ordinarily. We sell the Famous "VENT OAK" Double Heaters; they make a powerful heat, burn a third less coal and are a thing of beauty. Call and see for yourself.

The full size No. 24 Vent Oak..... $25.00 net
The largest No. 26 Vent Oak..... $27.50 net

The Normal Oak, the Glen Oak, the True Oak—all good double heaters. Prices $19, $22.50, $25.