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$12.00 Morris Rocking Chair	8.50
$6.00 Set Cane Seat Chairs	4.50
$5.00 Rocking Chairs, light or dark	3.75
$35.00 Solid Oak Bed Room Suit	25.00
$18.00 Buffett with latest style glass	12.00
$30.00 Roll Top Desk, very cheap	24.00
$20.00 Colonial White Enamel Bedstead	12.50
$6.00 Double Mattress in two parts	4.50
$9.00 All Felt Mattress in two parts	7.25
$10.00 Guaranteed Sagless Spring	4.50
Congoleum that others ask 85c and 90c we sell for	69c
75c All Wool Carpet	47c
50c Half Wool Carpet	39c
$18.00 9x12 Brussels Rugs	12.00
$25.00 12x12 Wool Fibre Rugs	15.00
25c yard-wide Floor Oilcloth	19c
25c Congoleum Mats	12½c

Stoves! Heaters! Ranges!

These are articles that do not like to be carried over and the price to-day is much higher than our price. We are offering reduction on old prices.

$45.00 Security Range with upper closet and reservoir, only	$32.50
$30.00 Excelsior Cook Stoves	25.00

Airtight Stoves from $1.00 up to $10.00.

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Cold weather is here so protect yourself against sickness by outfitting yourself from top to bottom.

Children's 50c Wool Underwear	25c	Men's Fleeced Underwear	39c
25c and 35c Ladies' Underwear	19c	Cost more to buy wholesale.	
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$2.50 Youths' Gray Sweaters	$1.50	Sweaters for everybody at all prices	
$3.00 Youths' Sweaters	2.00	and all styles.	

BLANKETS COMFORTS ROBES

Do not forget that we have plenty of these on hand, and can give you some very good bargains in same.

Groceries Groceries

Best in the World	FLOUR	16 oz pkg Seeded Raisins	10c
Patapsco Superlative	by the Bbl.	Two Used Lard Cans	25c
Crystal Patent	$9.49.	Sugar, per lb	7½c
Gold Medal Buckwheat	7½c	3 5c Boxes Matches	10c
Davis' Yeast Powder	5c	Coal Oil, per gal	11c
And kind Wash Soap, 6 for	25c	Royal Gem Coffee, pkg	16c
Loaded Shells	49c	Fisco Coffee, pkg	15c

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A FLOWER GARDEN FOR EVERY HOME

What To Plant And How To Plant It.

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There is a certain delight one secures when showing ones friends around the garden, pointing out those plants that are truly our own, those that we have grown from seed. Many of the perennials left alone and their seed allowed to drop around them, will produce seedlings in great numbers. Such plants are usually so small and come up so late in the season that they are of little use to the amateur. A much better way is to sow the seed now in prepared frames or beds, transplant them and give them the best attention in order to grow strong plants quickly.

First of all, prepare a cold frame in a well drained place. Fill in good soil and see that it is well pulverized. If the soil is not rich, add well rotted manure and a little sharp sand. Spade up and work thoroughly, so as to have a good seedbed. Rake and smooth the soil, then firm lightly by pressing down with a board. Sow the seeds in rows four inches apart. To keep the varieties separate, use small plant labels. Insert a label on which the variety is written, then sow the seed thinly. After sowing, cover the seeds according to the size of the seed. Large seed, like Hollyhock, can be covered to a depth of half an inch. Do this by shifting light soil over the seeds. Fine seeds, like those of Oriental poppies, want no covering whatever. Merely press these down into the soil. Water with a fine hose, so as not to wash out the seeds. Now place the sash over the frame. To give shade, cover glass with a thin coat of white wash. A still simpler method is to wet the glass and throw fine dry clay over the glass. This will stick on the wet places, giving a good shade. It has the added advantage of being easy to wash off. Give the frame a little air on all bright days. Do this by lifting one end of the sash and placing a four-inch strip under the sash. Water carefully every morning. When the seedlings appear, which is usually in about a week's time, give more air. Keep weeds pulled and cultivate the soil between the plants frequently. As soon as the plants are large enough they should be transplanted. Three to six inches apart will be sufficient room for most of them. Remove the sash altogether, so as to harden the plants. It is well to shade the newly set plants. This can be done by driving down stakes three feet long at each of the four corners of the bed and stretch a sheet of burlap or similar material over them. Keep the plants growing by frequent watering and stirring of the soil. By September, the plants will be large enough to set out to their permanent places.

A few of the perennials that can be sown now are:

Aconitum (Monkshood).
Alyssum (Goldentuft or Madwort).
Aquilegia (Columbines).
Asters Hardy (Michaelmas Daisies).
Bellis Perennis (English Daisy).
Boltonia (False Chamomile).
Callirhoe (Poppy Mallow).
Campanulas (Bell Flowers).
Centaurea (Hardy Corn Flower).
Chrysanthemum (Sbasta Daisy).
Coreopsis.
Dianthus Barbatus (Sweet William).
Delphiniums (Lark Spurs).
Digitalis (Fox Glove).
Gaillardia (Blanket Flower).
Gypsophila (Baby's Breath).
Helianthus (Sunflower).
Hibiscus (Mallows).
Liatris (Blazing Star).
Lupinus Polyphyllus (Hardy Lupines).
Myosotis (Forget-Me-Nots).
Papaver Medicanle (Iceland Poppies).
Papaver (Oriental Poppies).
Platycodon (Balloon Flower).
Pyrethrum Roseum (Colored Daisy).
Rudbeekia (Cone Flower).
Salvia (Hardy Sage).
Seabiosa (Pincushion).

GUARD AGAINST POOR CLOVER SEED.

Crimson clover seed loses its vitality very rapidly, so that seed which is two years old is worthless. When buying, therefore, seed of guaranteed germination should be purchased. First class crimson clover seed weighs 60 pounds to the bushel.

Complete failure, due to lack of inoculation, is quite common, even though the field may have a perfect stand. For inoculation take soil, spade deep, from a field which has grown crimson clover and broadcast it, about 2 bushels per acre, over the land which is to be seeded to crimson clover and harrow in immediately, in order to prevent killing of the bacteria by sunlight.

GARDENS.

Keep up a succession of garden crops. Continue to plant beans, tomatoes and sweet corn. Tomatoes should be staked and pruned. The shoots appearing in the axils of the leaves should be removed as rapidly as they appear. All garden crops should be cultivated often and shallow. Horse cultivation is best. If this is not practicable, wheel hoes should be secured. A small outlay in good garden tools saves much time and labor.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Having accepted a State position, I have raranged with Mr. Edgar P. Beck, to take care of my Insurance business during my absence from Chestertown. Mr. Beck is an experienced Insurance man, and I am confident he will look after the interest of my patrons faithfully and well. All my business and the companies I represented have been transferred to his agency. Thanking you for past favors and hoping to retain your business, I am,

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MYSTERY OF MERCURY.

An Unknown Factor That Causes the Planet's Erratic Motion.

The planet of Mercury is the smallest of the major planets and the nearest to the sun, which it circles in a little less than three months. It reaches its greatest distance from the sun at periods about sixty days apart. During the year Mercury is morning star three times and evening star three times. Owing to its nearness to the sun it is never visible for more than a period of about two hours after sunset or the same length of time before sunrise.

The eccentricity of its orbit is greater than that of any other major planet; its greatest and its least distance from the sun differ by nearly fifteen million miles. According to A. W. McCurdy of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada, the most remarkable characteristic in the motion of Mercury is that when it is nearest to the sun it travels faster than it should if it moved only by the attraction of the known bodies of the solar system.

Astronomers have long sought an explanation of the accelerated motion. Some believe that there are other planets at present unknown between Mercury and the sun—bodies that although numerous are too small to be seen. The movements of Mercury indicate an influence that might be accounted for by the presence of another planet revolving within its orbit. If such a planet really exists, there should come a time when it will appear as a dark spot moving across the face of the sun.

Another way to detect the presence of new planets in the vicinity of the sun is to take observations during a total eclipse. If there are no clouds at such a time the stars become visible as the sun disappears. During the total eclipse of the sun in 1878 one observer saw an object that he thought might be the long sought planet, but no other astronomer has been able to confirm the discovery, and many now believe that the hidden source of the unusual movement of Mercury must be looked for elsewhere than in the orbit of the planet.

LIFE OF THE GUNS.

It Depends Upon How Long the Linings Can Resist Erosion.

The life of a gun depends upon the progress of erosion, which sooner or later is certain to impair the accuracy of fire. Erosion is caused by the action of the explosive gases at high temperature and pressure.

According to the Iron Age, the hot gases cause a thin film of steel to absorb heat. The film expands and becomes set. Upon the release of the pressure it contracts, which causes minute cracks that grow larger with every discharge. As they increase in size they form passageways for more hot gas, and that tends to enlarge them still further. The inner surface thus becomes roughened and the bands begin to corrode. Finally the bore becomes so enlarged that it allows the gases to escape. The shell does not then acquire its proper rotation, and its flight becomes erratic.

All guns except small ones are now constructed with linings in the tube which, when the bore is worn out, are removed and replaced by new ones. The cost of relining a gun is approximately 30 per cent of the cost of the gun. There appears to be no limit to the number of times that a gun can be relined.

The small arms used in this country are considered to be worn out after 5,000 to 7,500 rounds have been fired. Small naval guns can be fired about 1,000 times before they are regarded as worn out. Large twelve inch and fourteen inch naval guns are considered to have a life on one lining of from 150 to 200 rounds.

Low velocity guns, such as howitzers and mortars, have correspondingly longer lives than high velocity guns of the same caliber, because the pressures they develop, and hence the temperatures, are lower.

Use of "a" and "an."

Do most educated people say "a unique example" or "an unique example?" In deference to the rule they probably write "an," but if you notice their pronounciation, when they are talking naturally and not thinking of how they pronounce, they will almost invariably say "a." And this is quite natural, for "unique" begins with a consonant. It is pronounced "yuneek." Similarly most people say both "a history" and "a historical fact," unless they drop the consonant "h" and say "an 'istorical fact."—London Chronicle.

Unforeseen.

Helen was attending her first party. When refreshments were served she refused a second helping to ice cream with a polite "No, thank you," although her look was wistful.

"Oh, do have some more ice cream, dear," her hos ess urged.

"Mother told me I must say "No, thank you," exclaimed the little girl, "but I don't believe she knew the dishes were going to be so small."—New York Post.

Vain Search.

"I've got about enough of that old scalawag."

"Easy, son. Always try to see some good in everybody."

"I have tried. But it gets tiresome when you have to look for it with a microscope."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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