H. F. JEFFERSON & BRO.

Store Will Close at 6 p. m.

DO NOT MISS THIS SALE

Some of our patrons have taken advantage of our low prices on shoes, but we have more bargains for you next week. With the prices for Fall Shoes at $10 to $15 per pair, isn't the part of wisdom to supply your needs liberally with these much under-priced low Shoes.

Two Table Bargains

Shoes on Table No. 1---values up to $7.00---**$3.00 pr.**
Shoes on Table No. 2---values up to $5.00---**$1.98 pr.**

Those requiring small sizes will find a large selection.

New Tapestry on Hand

We have just received some pretty patterns in Tapestry for furniture covering. Best quality **$5.00** and **$5.50** per yard---50 inches wide.

Large Stock Ladies' Gauze Vests

Our sales in this department have been very large this season. To show our appreciation to our regular customers as well as to attract new customers to this counter, we give special prices to everybody next week.

85c Gauze Vests ..... **75c** each
60c and 65c Gauze Vests..... **50c** each
50c Gauze Vests ..... **44c** each
35c and 40c Gauze Vests..... **29c** each
25c Gauze Vests ..... **21c** each

These prices will hold till Saturday next.

Best Quality Figured Voiles Reduced Next Week

We make no reservations in patterns. Our entire stock Figured Voiles will be included.

Regular Price $1.00 ..... SALE PRICE, **85c**
Regular Price 85c and 90c..... SALE PRICE, **75c**
Regular Price 75c..... SALE PRICE, **60c**
Regular Price 60c and 65c..... SALE PRICE, **50c**

Come early as best patterns will be bought quickly. SALE LASTS UNTIL NEXT SATURDAY.

Agents for Footers' Dye Works and Emil Fisher

We are local agents for FOOTERS' DYE WORKS and EMIL FISHER. Bring your clothing apparel or other goods for particular cleaning or dyeing.

H. F. JEFFERSON & BRO.,

THE LADIES' STORE,

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

AMERICAN STRAWBOARD MILL THE PREY OF FLAMES

One Of Chestertown's Most Important Industries Completely Destroyed By Fire Early Sunday Morning

On Saturday afternoon at six o'clock forty-six men—employees at the American Strawboard Company's mill, ranging in years from 21 to 60 years—left that big place of business and journeyed homeward in anticipation of a quiet and peaceful Sunday holiday with their families, little realizing that they had heard the busy hum of the plant's great machinery no more. Less than 12 hours later—at about 4.15 Sunday morning—the great mill was in flames and in two hours' time all that remained of the plant was the blackened walls, smoking ruins, damaged machinery and ruined water tank which now lifts its charred head over a hundred feet above the smoking debris—all that is left of one of the greatest plants on the Eastern Shore of Maryland.

At about 4.15 Sunday morning Aleck Brown, colored the night watchman at the mill, discovered the fire in the extreme rear of the mill and went immediately for help and a few seconds later Chestertown people were aroused from their slumbers by the shrill and urgent summons of the paper mill whistle. The employees of the mill and the local fire company, realizing the great danger of the mill, rushed to the scene.

The mill had its own fire-fighting apparatus. The water tank contained 18,000 gallons of water, which Mr. Thomas Kennard, the chief engineer of the mill, had pumped full before going home on Saturday. But by the time the hose was connected, the flames were beyond control, the fire-fighting apparatus proving useless, and in a short time all the valiant fire fighters—led by Superintendent Walter T Bennett—devoted their attention to saving the surrounding straw stacks, wagons, etc., while the fire demon finished his work of destruction.

There are, of course, a number of versions of how the fire started, but the general impression seems to be that a box in one of the rotaries—those huge tanks where the straw was made into pulp—became hot from lack of oil and started the fire. The box was lubricated by an automatic oil feeder and may have become clogged. Supt. Bennett on Saturday had a force of men employed in cleaning around the mill and there was no place where the mill could have caught accidentally from the outside.

Besides the mill, five loads of straw and 180 tons of straw board, which was all ready for shipment, was destroyed, while one carload was saved by pushing it along the track out of reach of the flames.

Supt. Bennett says that much of the damaged machinery can be used again; that some of the machinery went through the former fire in February, 1892, when the mill was burned to the ground, although much new and improved machinery has been added since that time.

There were twenty-one mules in the stables when the fire started, which were all saved by the valiant efforts of the paper mill employees.

The mill consisted of fourteen large rooms, all with brick walls and sheet iron roofing, and it said that the mill cost over $120,000 when it was built, including the new buildings added since that time. It is estimated that it would cost around $250,000 to replace the same, with the present high cost of everything.

While the fire fighters were using valiant efforts to keep the fire confined to the doomed mill, surrounding farmers were having difficulty in preventing their outbuildings from becoming ignited by the sparks, which filled the air like millions of fire-flies, and in some cases huge pieces of burning wood were flung through the air a mile or so by the east wind. In particular danger were the homes of Mr. Romie Byron and Mr. Medford Brooks, who only by extreme efforts prevented the fire from reaching their buildings.

The plant was destroyed by fire on Feb. 8, 1892, and was rebuilt shortly afterward on a larger scale. It was originally built in 1882 by the late Wilbur Eliason and a number of other public-spirited men to use up the surplus wheat straw of this section.

The destruction of the mill is a big loss to Chestertown—in fact one of the greatest that the town has suffered in many years, from a financial standpoint. The mill employed from 45 to 60 men continually, with a pay roll ranging from $8.50 to $1100. Many of the employees of the mill have been there long periods of time. Supt. Bennett has been an employee of the mill for 31 years, having worked his way from one of the minor positions to the superintendency of the mill. Mr. Wm. C. Peregoy has been at the mill 37 years, while Mr. Stewart Matthews has been there for a continuous period of 21 years.

It is the general belief that the mill was heavily insured. It is hoped that this is true and that the plant will be rebuilt.

BETTERTON ITEMS

The peak of the summer season has been reached this week. Practically every hotel and cottage is filled and visitors without previously securing reservation have been sleeping in private cottages and on cots in hallways.

The excursion from Port Deposit on Monday evening brought about eight hundred people. These excursions have been very popular during the summer. The last one will come the first of September.

Mr. Clarence Luik, who has been in France for two years, has arrived in Philadelphia and expects to be at home in a few days.

Mr. Julian Numbers, of Wilmington, spent a few days with friends here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gooding and daughter, of Wilmington, and Mr. and Mrs. Wells Fisher and son, Bobby, of Baltimore, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brice.

Mr. George Vandyke, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Turner.

Mrs. J. H. Gooding, of Baltimore, is visiting friends in Betterton.

STILL POND

Mrs. Howard Owens, of Washington, is visiting her father, Rev. A. W. Goodhand.

Mrs. Edward Miller and daughter, of Harrisonburg, Va., and Master John Bennett, of Chestertown, are visiting Mrs. S. B. Parrott.

Mr. and Mrs. Penn Toulson and daughter, of Vineland, N. J., are visiting his mother, Mrs. Susie Toulson.

Mr. Leslie Schofield, of Wilmington, is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Crowding.

Mrs. S. B. Norris spent this week with her daughter, Mrs. Harry Wheeler, in Baltimore.

Miss Marion Janney, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Mamie Norris.

Mr. Baynard Harper and son visited Baltimore this week.

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Best $1.00 Mercerized Table Damask, extra wide; sale 69c.

White Bed Spreads, $1.50



Large $2.00 White Bed Spreads, in this sale, $1.50.

Pretty Ginghams Pretty Percales

Lots to choose from, per yard..... 29c
Fine Bleached Muslin, yard wide, soft finish..... 29c
Wide Sheeting Muslin, 9-4 Bleached Sheeting..... 69c
Pillow Cases, good quality..... 29c

Full Size Mattresses on Sale at $10



Large Double Mattress in 2 parts. Fancy ticking, special sale $10.

ALFALFA SEED

If you want some fancy Alfalfa Seed test 99.60, something that will come up and make a big crop, order your seed now.

We have the stock seed here ready for you.

Crimson Clover

New lot seed just arrived and we can fill your order with this high grade seed. Try some this season.

FANCY TIMOTHY

Never had anything like this lot of fancy Timothy Seed, you will want some later on, see us now.

29c Galv. Buckets



10-quart size, galvanized, now 29c.

GOOD THINGS ON SALE AT LOW PRICES

Shoe Polish 2 in 1, sale per box, White, Tan, Black, Ox Blood, 9c. Sticky Fly Paper, Large Double Sheets 1c. Paper Napkins, full size; 100 for 19c.

Large Steel Fry Pans	19c	Agate Preserve Kettles	19c
Grey Enamel Baking Pans	19c	Large Agate Dippers	19c
Large Enamel Cooking Pans	19c	Sheet Iron Drip Pans	19c
Heavy Fruit Presses	19c	Good Safty Pad Locks	19c
Brass Curtain Rods	19c	Good Claw Hammers	19c

Box Paper, Linen Tinsel, sale 19c
Toilet Paper, Large Rolls, 4 for 19c
Japanned Dust Pans 19c
Good Huck Towels 19c
Men's Black Stockings 19c

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Good Agateware and Lots Of It

All Sorts Cooking Utensils

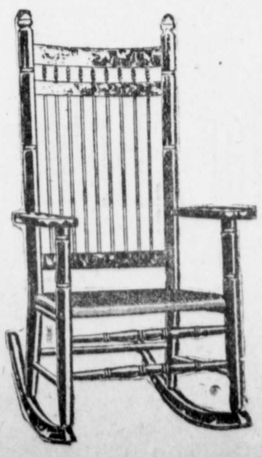


Blue, White and Grey Enamelware

PRICES: 10c, 15c, 25c and 50c

Dish Pans, all sizes, 50c to $1.50.
Agate Coo Pots, big and little, 50c to $2.50.
Agate Tea Kettles, blue, white, grey, $1.25 to $2.50

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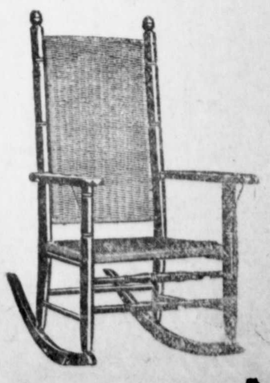


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