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To Travellers.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

ON and after Saturday, April 7th, 1877, the Steamer HIGHLAND LIGHT, Captain E. T. Leonard, will leave pier 3, Light street, foot of Camden, every TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY, at 9 o'clock P. M. for EASTON, Double Mills, Oxford, Clara's Point, Wallace's, Cambridge, Chancellor's Point, Cabin Creek and Medford's, making close connection with Maryland & Delaware Railroad at Easton and with the Dorchester & Delaware Railroad at Cambridge.

The Tuesday trip will be extended to Denton, making the high landings on the Tuesday trip. On the return trip, will leave Denton every Wednesday and Friday, will leave Cambridge every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, at 7 o'clock A. M., arriving in Baltimore early next morning.

On and after Tuesday, June 12th, the Steamer ALICE, Captain John H. Kirwin, will leave Pier No. 3, Light st., foot of Camden, every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 6:30 A. M., for St. Michaels and Miles River Ferry (Easton). On the return trip, will leave Miles River Ferry at 11 o'clock A. M., and reach Baltimore at 3 P. M.

Freight solicited at low rates and carefully handled by lighters.

Baltimore, March 27, 1877.

Fall & Winter Arrangement.

THE STEAMER

OLIVE,

CAPT. E. N. DODSON,

FROM BALTIMORE.

On and after Tuesday, September 18th, the steamer Olive will leave Baltimore every Tuesday and Thursday, at 10 a.m., for Claiborne, St. Michaels, Tunis's Wharf, Trimble's Wharf and Wye Landing. Every Saturday, at 10 a.m., for Claiborne, St. Michaels and Tunis's Wharf.

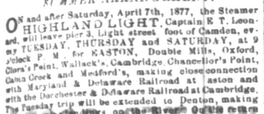
FOR BALTIMORE

Leave Wye river every Wednesday and Friday at 7 a.m., Tunis's Wharf 9 a.m., St. Michaels 10 a.m., Claiborne 10:45 for Baltimore. Every Monday Tunis's Wharf at 9 a.m., St. Michaels 10, Claiborne 10:45 for Baltimore.

R. S. DODSON, Proprietor.

St. Michaels, Oct. 16, 1877.

Maryland & Delaware



RAILROAD.

WINTER ARRANGEMENT.

On and after Monday, Nov. 26th, 1877, Trains will run as follows:

GOING NORTH.			GOING SOUTH.		
LEAVE			LEAVE		
Easton	7 30	A. M.	New York	8 25	P. M.
Woodland	7 45	"	Baltimore	6 50	A. M.
Jordan	7 55	"	Philadelphia	8 00	"
Hillsborough	8 10	"	Wilmington	9 30	"
Ridgely	8 25	"	Clayton	11 20	"
Greensborough	8 45	"	Kenton	11 35	"
Goldsborough	9 00	"	Slaughters	11 50	"
Henderson	9 15	"	Marydel	12 05	P. M.
Marydel	9 25	"	Henderson	12 15	"
Slaughters	9 40	"	Goldsborough	12 50	"
Kenton	9 55	"	Greensborough	12 50	"
ARRIVE AT			Ridgely	1 05	"
Clayton	10 10	"	Hillsborough	1 20	"
Wilmington	12 10	P. M.	Cordova	1 35	"
Philadelphia	1 45	"	Woodland	1 45	"
Baltimore	3 35	"	ARRIVE AT		
New York	5 10	"	Easton	2 00	"

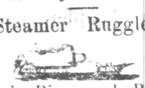
All freights must be at the various stations at least half (½) minutes before starting of Trains, otherwise they will lay over twenty-four hours. Freight trains will have passenger car attached and will be subject to delays incident to freight business.

J. L. CALDWELL, Superintendent.

To Farmers and Merchants

On Choptank River.

Steamer Ruggles



Choptank River and Baltimore.

WE beg to announce that we have placed the good Steamer *RUGGLES*, Capt. Townsend, upon the Choptank River as a Freight Boat to and from Baltimore, and solicit the patronage of farmers and others to sustain the enterprise. This is exclusively a Freight Line for transportation of Grain, Fruit, Truck, Merchandise, &c., at reasonable rates. A good wharf has been secured in Baltimore, foot of Commerce street, for delivery and receipt of cargo. The *RUGGLES* will leave Choptank River on *MONDAYS* and *FRIDAYS*, leaving Cowards's Point at 10 A. M., and stopping at Reese's Landing, Gibson's Point, Kingston, Dover Bridge, Hog Island, Lloyd's Landing, Medford's Wharf, Clay, Cabin Creek, Jamaica Point.

Will leave Baltimore on *TUESDAY* and *SATURDAY* evenings.

Every effort will be made to satisfy the patrons of the Steamer and merit success.

T. M. PRIGG & SON.

WM. E. TURNER, Agt. on the Choptank.

Baltimore, August 8th, 1877.

Farmers and Merchants

Packet Line

The Schooners

Clara M. Leonard

and

Annie M. Leonard.

THE above boats are making weekly trips between Easton and Baltimore, and will continue to do so, freighting some packets any other days. Every effort will be made to give satisfaction. Our boats are NEW and built out of the very best material. Order left with Messrs. G. E. Bowdoin & Co., Commission Merchants, corner of Bradley's Wharf and Platt st., Baltimore, will be promptly attended to. Grain bought or taken at the lowest freight rates. All Grain stored in our Warehouses, in case of fire will be the owners risk. Agricultural Lime delivered at the lowest cash price. Feeling thankful for past favors, we hope by strict attention to business, a continuance of the same.

C. R. LEONARD & BRO.

Office in same room with R. B. Dixon on Dover street, Easton.

may8,77

Easton Livery Stables.

FRANKLIN G. WRIGHT, Proprietor

Office next door to the Easton Star Office.

TRAVELERS will deposit their whips, robes, blankets, &c., at the office. Stable accommodations for 150 horses. Horses received on livery by the day, week, month or year. Horses and carriages for hire at all times. Travelers promptly sent to any part of the county or adjoining counties.

In hiring horses, 12 hours is considered a day, 6 hours a half day. For extra hours an extra charge will be made.

Hacks run regularly to the steamboat landing, to convey passengers with dispatch. Passengers transported free of charge to the Steamer GEORGE WM. In my omnibus.

A daily Stage line to the Railroad. Passengers leaving Easton in the morning arrive in Baltimore and Philadelphia in time for dinner.

The highest market price paid for corn, hay, oats, hides and straw.

dec24,77

Furs, Furs, Fur Gloves, Fur Collars and Fur Caps for sale by

M. M. Higgins.

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Building Materials of all Kinds.

Weatherboarding, Framing, Shingles, Flooring, Laths, Bricks, Lime & Hair, Doors, Sash, Shutters, Mouldings &c.

White, Virginia and Carolina Pine.

Fencing, Fence Posts, and Cant Rails.

Lumber Dressed and Undressed.

Farmers and Builders, Look to your Interests.

Everything at Bottom Prices.

LUMBER-YARD AND OFFICE ON WASHINGTON STREET, NEAR THARP'S PEACH HOUSE.

The subscriber informs the public that he has a full line of all kinds of building material and fencing particularized above which he is offering at city prices. He particularly invites a call from all wanting lumber, satisfied that he can please all in PRICE and QUALITY.

John A. Arringdale.

Easton, Sept, 26th 1876 1y.

Farmers and Merchants

ON

Choptank River,

FROM

Kingston to Dividing Creek.

WE have placed our fine Schooner PANDORA on the Choptank for the accommodation of the farmers along the river. We therefore hope the enterprise will be patronized. Orders addressed to us or to Captain JAMES E. PRICE at Trappe, will receive prompt attention. Freighting done as low as the lowest.

WM. N. CALVERT & CO.,

Commission Merchants,

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Fashionable

DRESS MAKING

MRS. M. A. STEWART has connected with her Millinery establishment, MADAM LORD, (late of New York)

FASHIONABLE

DRESS & CLOAK

MAKER,

where may be found the latest NEW YORK AND PARIS FASHIONS, and also the most reliable Patterns to please the most fastidious.

CUTTING, FITTING AND BASTING done for those who wish to do their own work. Also Plaiting, Stamping, Stitching, Fitting and Braiding. We will be co re spondingly weekly with the leading Fashionable Emporiums of the Metropolis, and can confidently promise superior work and elegant styles. We invite a call from the Ladies, Misses and Children. We will make dresses to suit all who will favor us with their custom.

NEW MILLINERY GOODS,

Fancy Goods & Notions.

I have secured the services of a first-class Milliner from the city and will be pleased to wait on the ladies in that department. I have just received from the city with everything in the newest and most decided in my line. I am constantly receiving novelties from both Baltimore and Philadelphia. I cordially invite an examination of my stock. Repairing done with neatness and despatch.

The public's obedient servant,

oct1 M. A. STEWART.

FREE GIFT COUPON.

CUT THIS OUT

We take this means to introduce our beautiful new style Oleographs, in black and gold mats, oval opening, into every neighborhood. They are the most beautiful household ornaments ever seen, and are cheap to any purchaser at $3.00 per doz., but to every reader of this paper who forwards this coupon and 50 cts. (pay for packing and postage (the package being quite heavy) we will send 12 samples free of charge.

Do not miss this opportunity, as you can get your money back by selling one or two and thus secure the balance for nothing.

Address J. LATHAM & CO.,

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WE WILL mail 12 dozen of the most beautiful new Chromos, in French oil colors, ever seen for $1. They are mounted in gilt, black enamel and gold mats, oval opening, and are selling now before the public. Just received. Guaranteed two samples for 25 cents or six for 50 cents. Send 10 cents for grand illustrated catalogue with chromo of Washington on the Rubicon, or 20 cents for Landseers and Cafe Lilliesou black ground. J. LATHAM & CO., 419 Washington street, Boston, Mass., Headquarters for Chromos, Engravings and Art works.

A FORTUNE

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MILLINERY

I HAVE begun the purchase of my Fall Stock of

MILLINERY and FANCY GOODS,

and can now display some of the latest styles of Hats and Bonnets. My

"Fall Opening,"

will take place in October, for which cards will in the time be sent out.

Ladies not receiving a card to my Spring Opening are requested to hand in their names and post-offices prior to October 1st, and they will be entered on my post-office book, and cards sent them.

Don't buy your Fall Hats and Bonnets until you "Open" and I will show you "Models" of Taste and Style.

Respectfully,

sep18 E. V. HIGGINS.

KELLER'S VEGETABLE LIFE DROPS TRADE MARK

In the introduction of Keller's Vegetable Life Drops, a new departure has been instituted. Instead of appealing to the credulity and desperation of the sick, the judgment of all is addressed in "A Brief Manual of Purgative and Depurative Medicine,"—(to be had of druggists, *free of charge*, and given with every bottle of the Drops,)—written for those who, having a perception of their diseases, can intelligently apply the principles therein contained, with the assurance of relief and cure of

Diseases of the Blood

LIVER AND STOMACH;—

INDIGESTION,

Dyspepsia, Constipation, &c.

Keller's Vegetable Life Drops

by their peculiar alterative and purgative influence, act especially upon the BLOOD, purifying it, and removing such diseases as

Liver Complaint, Biliousness, Ulcers, Rheumatism, Pimples, Skin Diseases, Blotches, Neuralgia, Boils, Eruptions, Headache, Nervousness, Jaundice, Fever & Ague, Colds, Loss of Appetite,

and KINDRED DISEASES, resulting from impoverished or vitiated BLOOD.

DYSPEPSIA.

The possession of pure blood depends upon good digestion; for where derangement of the digestive function exists disease inevitably results, and Dyspepsia, with all of its terrors and tortures, becomes established.

Keller's Vegetable Life Drops

are a specific for DYSPEPSIA, or INDIGESTION, FLATULENCY, HEARTBURN CRAMPS, NAUSEA and VOMITING, Pains in the Head, Side and Back, Palpitation of the Heart, Hypochondria, and all that class of diseases arising from Indigestion.

LIVER COMPLAINT.

When from any of the numerous inciting causes the Liver begins to act abnormally, the bile remains in the system, vitiating and perverting every vital process, and causing Boils, Carbuncles, Blotches, Pimples, Coughs Bronchitis, Asthma, Consumption, Dysentery, Kidney and Bladder diseases, and many other disorders, all originating directly or indirectly from the Liver. Keller's Vegetable Life Drops induce the healthy action of the Liver by providing for the removal of the biliary constituents by the Bowels, Kidneys and Skin.

CONSTIPATION.

The suppression and retention of the contents of the alimentary canal produce Foul Breath, Indigestion, Dyspepsia, Piles, Chronic Headache, Skin affections, and very many other diseases referable to the insidious influence of Constipation. Keller's Vegetable Life Drops promptly cure this disease, and all the bad effects attending upon or resulting from it.

Keller's Vegetable Life Drops

are the safest remedy for those peculiar diseases arising from the structural differences between the sexes, and known as Female Complaints.

The use of Keller's Vegetable Life Drops has been thus only partially indicated; their range of application is very great, and their work is always more than satisfactory. Their remarkable efficacy, as already shown, is particularly exhibited in diseases of Blood, Liver, Stomach and Bowels.

Keller's Vegetable Life Drops are recommended as being the best and cheapest FAMILY MEDICINE ever offered, and are sold by druggists and dealers at 50 cents a bottle, or five bottles for $2.

W. L. KELLER, Chemist,

BALTIMORE, MD.

Fall and Winter Goods.

S. KANN,

154 and 156 Broadway street,

BALTIMORE, MD.

Dealer in Foreign and Domestic

DRY GOODS,

Has now in store a complete stock of *Black Silks, Dress Goods, Shawls, Blankets, Flannels, Cassimeres* and Domestic Goods of every description. *Prices warranted lower than anywhere in the city.* This is the Largest Dry Goods Store in Baltimore. oct. 9,77.1yr

FRESH ARRIVAL OF

BOOTS & SHOES.

A. A. Hughes has just received a new supply of Ladies' Gaiters, Mens and Children's Boots and Shoes. Will sell cheap.

Fire Place Stoves.—

The Fame and Golden Sun promptly furnished and satisfaction guaranteed.

T. C. Nicols.

GOULD'S HOTEL.

Terms reduced to Specie Basis.

THE undersigned takes pleasure in announcing to his many friends and patrons that he has taken the management of the above Hotel, where he would be pleased to meet them. This Hotel is furnished with fine suits of rooms, also a large number of single rooms handsomely furnished and well ventilated. Elegant Parlor, Reading Room, Hot and Cold Baths free for our guests. We have added a fine Billiard room with the most approved style of Tables. Our bar room contains the choicest liquors and cigars. Messenger Call and Telegraph in the Office, and with an excellent table, polite and attentive servants every endeavor will be made to satisfy the wants of all who may favor us with their patronage. We have adopted the following low schedule of prices:

Transient Rates, $2.00 per day.

Transient Board and Room $7 to $10 per week.

Table Board, $5 per week.

Dinner, 50 cents

Rooms, 50c. to $1 per day.

WM. WHITNEY, Manager.

Late of Ridgway House.

Philadelphia, Pa., nov6-3m

No Quinine!

Dr. Berg's German Ague Pills!

Are strictly Vegetable, being entirely free from Quinine, Mercury and all other deleterious substances. They have been tested for years in private practice, and have never been known to fail to cure Fever and Ague in its worst stages. Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Headache, Foul Stomach and Taste in the Mouth, Neuralgia, Liver Complaint, Nervous Debility and all diseases arising from a change of climate and impurity of the blood, greatly benefited by their use. All I ask is a trial of these valuable Pills, and they will convince the most skeptical of their merits. Ask your Druggist for them, and if he has them not, inclose 50 cents by mail to me, and they will be sent free of charge, by the next mail, with full directions for use. Address,

GEO. W. WILLIAMS & Co.

Sole Proprietors and Manufacturers,

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The Ladies

BAZAAR OF FASHION,

And Fashionable Resort.

For Millinery, Notions and Fancy Goods,

Mrs. M. S. Norris

Opposite Court House, Easton, Md.

The cases of this well-known and favorite establishment have again been replenished with all the articles necessary to make up the fashionable toilet, and selected with the greatest care as to quality, style and price. Bonnets and Hats in endless variety. Ribbons and Laces of every grade. Trimmings a heavy assortment of every design; and Notions innumerable. The elegant taste always displayed in the trimming of Bonnets and Hats and which has secured for her an enviable reputation as a Milliner which she intends in the future to maintain, and the Ladies may always rest assured that their work will be executed with neatness and dispatch.

Grand Opening

Every Tuesday and Saturday. The Ladies of Talbot and adjacent counties are cordially invited to inspect her large and superb stock of Millinery, to see it to please.

NEW GOODS.

Martin & Co.,

Keep on hand Fish's celebrated Mince Meat, which will be sold for less than it cost to make it at home. Get some and try it.

Martin & Co.,

Have received a supply of Prime Apple Cider from New York, which will keep sweet. It will be sold in quantities to suit.

Martin & Co.,

Received daily from St. Michaels and other points fresh Oysters, both in shell and shucked, and will be sold in quanties to suit.

Martin & Co.,

Bake daily all kinds of Bread and Cake. Bride's cake made a specialty and put up in the best style, and at city prices. Give your order a few days in advance and we will be sure to give satisfaction. We will bake cake or families every day and at low prices.

Hats! Hats!!

I AM constantly receiving at the Old Stand all the Latest Styles for Fall and Winter wear. My stock of Fur and Wool goods for Men, Youths and Boys cannot be surpassed on the Shore. Especial attention is called to the *HELMET*, the latest style out, which I have in both fur and wool and in suitable sizes for Men, Youths and Boys. A full line of Derby always on hand. Good stock hats in all shapes and colors a specialty. My prices always guaranteed to be as low as the lowest. Please call and examine my stock and prices before purchasing.

sep25 JAS. H. LINTHICUM.

MARTIN & CO. Bake daily all kinds of cakes and bread. Country stores supplied by Steamboat, Rail, or their wagon, which runs regularly.

Apples, Apples, Apples.

A LARGE supply of prime Northern Apples just received and for sale by

L G Henry & Goldsborough.

CALL ME NOT DEAD.

He who dies at Azim sends
This to comfort all his friends.

Faithful friends, it lies, I know,
Pale and white and cold as snow;
And you say, "Abdallah's dead"—
Weeping at the feet and head.
I can see your falling tears;
I can hear your sighs and prayers,
Yet I smile and whisper this:
I am not the thing you miss!
Cease your tears and let it lie;
It was mine, it is not I.

Sweet friends, what the women love
For the last sleep of the grave,
Is a kiss which I am quitting,
Is a garment no more fitting,
Is a cage from which, at last
Like a bird my soul has passed.
Love the inmate, not the room;
The wearer, not the garb—the plume
Of the eagle, not the bars
That kept him from the splendid stars.

Loving friends, Oh rise and dry
Straightway every weeping eye!
What you lift upon the bier
Is not worth a single tear.
'Tis an empty sea-shell—one
Out of which the pearl is gone.
The shell is broken, it lies there;
The pearl, the all, the soul is here.
'Tis an earthen jar whose lid
Allah sealed, the while it hid
That treasure of his treasury—
A mind that loved him, let it lie
Let the shards be earth once more,
Since the gold is in his store.

Allah glorious! Allah good!
Now my world is understood—
Now the long, long wonder ends;
Yet we weep, my foolish friends,
While the man whom you call dead
In unbroken bliss instead
Lives and loves you—lost 'tis true,
In the light that shines for you;
But in the light you cannot see,
In undisturbed felicity—
In a perfect paradise,
And a life that never dies.

Farewell, friends, yet not farewell,
Where I go, you too shall dwell,
I am gone before your face—
A moment's worth, a little space.
When you come where I have slept,
Ye will wonder why ye wept;
Ye will know, by true love taught,
That here is all and there is naught.

He who died at Azim gave
This to those who made his grave.

THINGS REQUISITE.

Have a tear for the wretched—a smile for the glad;
For the worthy applause—an excuse for the bad;
Some help for the needy—some pity for those
Who stray from the path where true happiness flows.

Have a laugh for the child in her play at thy feet,
Have respect for the aged; and pleasantly greet
The stranger that seeketh for shelter from thee—
Have a covering to spare, if he naked should be.

Have a hope in thy sorrow—a calm in thy joy;
Have a work that is worthy thy life to employ;
And, Oh! above all things on this side the sod,
Have peace with thy conscience and peace with thy God.

—*Chambers' Journal.*

The Marriage Portion.

FOUNDED ON FACT.

THERE lived, about five or six miles from Easton, Pa., a few years since, an honest farmer named Henderson, who had two very pretty daughters, Ellen and Maude. The first was about twenty-three years of age, while the latter was nineteen. The farmer was a thrifty, well-to-do man, though by no means rich; but the family lived in excellent style, and the daughters had received good educations.

Both of these girls were pretty, but Maude was perhaps the handsomer. There was no lack of attentive young gentlemen at the farm, though the neighborhood was not very thickly settled. But "beauty draws us by a single hair," and the young ladies were the centre of a gay little circle of friends, mostly young gentlemen or farmers' sons in the immediate neighborhood, and some even from Easton.

By-and-by it came about that an earnest, handsome and sturdy young farmer fell desperately in love with Maude, and proposed to her. On her part she loved Harry Masters above all the young fellows she knew, and she told him frankly that he might speak to her father. In the meantime she confided the matter to her mother, a kindhearted, sympathetic parent, who saw no objections to the choice of her daughter, but all was left to the father to decide.

Farmer Henderson was a very straightforward and open-mouthed man. That is, he said exactly what he meant, no more or less, and that he uttered freely. When Harry Masters called him to one side and told his especial errand, as to Maude, the father said:

"Well, Mr. Masters, Maude is young. I wanted Ellen to be married first; she's oldest, and I have got a marriage portion of twelve hundred dollars to give her; but I haven't laid by anything yet for Maude."

"I have got pretty well beforehand, Mr. Henderson, for a man but twenty-four years old, and we shall be able to do very well, I have no doubt."

"You mean you'll take Maude without any marriage portion?" said the farmer.

"Yes, sir, very gladly."

"Well, it's pleasant to hear you say so, because it shows your honest affections, Mr. Masters; but I am too proud, though a simple farmer, to let Maude marry till I can give her a thousand or two toward housekeeping."

"It is not worth waiting for, sir, as long as we don't really need it, and both are content."

"Then, again, I'd rather Maude wouldn't marry until her sister is married, because she's so much older, do you see, it will actually make her an old maid. It isn't fair, Mr. Masters."

Ellen is very popular with the gentlemen, and will soon be married," said the other.

"That's just what I've said myself, and then I shall begin to pick up a marriage portion for Maude."

"I trust that is the only objection, Mr. Henderson?" said Harry Masters.

"Why, yes, you are a promising and respectable young man, and come of a good family," said the farmer, "but I can't let Maude go until I have got together a respectable marriage portion to give with her hand."

"Perhaps you will think more favorably about it," said the lover. "I'll speak with you again."

"All right, Mr. Masters."

Harry and Maude were very fond of each other, and now talked over the matter very seriously. Maude could not blame her father, and did not like herself the idea of going to Harry without a proper portion to contribute toward their joint partnership in domestic life.

"Never mind, Harry," said the handsome young girl; "Ellen will soon be married. I have pretty good reasons for knowing."

"Ah, but then your father says he wants time to pick up a marriage portion for you, and that will take three or four years, perhaps."

"That is a good while, is it not, Harry?" said Maude, just blushing a little, for fear that it sounded forward and bold.

"It's quite a while," said the young fellow. "Think of waiting three years—why we shall be old folks by that time!"

"Not quite so old as that," said Maude. "I'm sure my hair will be gray by that time."

"Nonsense, Harry! Now you are joking."

"I was never more in earnest in my life," said he, as he stole a kiss from her pretty lips, and ran away, so as not to hear her chidestins for his boldness.

"Maude," said her father, coming into the house from the barn, "I wish you would ride the sorrel mare to Easton and get this $100 bill changed at the bank. The workmen have got done with the roofing of the barn, and I want to pay them off to-night."

"Very well, father. Let John put the side-saddle on, and I will be ready in five minutes."

The sorrel mare was brought up to the door, and Maude was soon on her way, an easy hand-gallop towards Easton. She had an excellent seat, and was a good horsewoman. As she knew this well, she would not have objected to have Harry see her just now, but he had gone a few moments before in an opposite direction.

When Maude got into Easton she rode directly to the bank, but was unfortunate enough to find it was already closed. After a few moments' thought she resolved to try and get the note changed at the grocer's, or at some of the other stores, and went immediately to do so. Fate seemed against her, for no one had small change enough to accommodate Miss Henderson.

At one of the stores where she stopped a very gentlemanly-looking person took out his pocketbook and said he thought he could change it for her, and she handed him the bill, but he returned it saying, after all, he had not so much small money. He seemed to regret this, however, and even followed Maude to the door and assisted her to remount her horse.

She was forced to give up her errand, as she did not like to run about among strangers asking them to change her bill, especially as no one seemed able to do so. She, therefore, turned her horse's head once more toward home. Scarcely had she passed the outskirts of the town when she was overtaken by the stranger who had spoken with her in the last store, and who at first thought he could change her bill. He was mounted upon a fine-looking bay horse, and saluted her respectfully as he came alongside.

"Did you get your bill changed?" he asked.

"No; small bills seemed scarce," she replied.

"Do you live near here?"

"About five miles off."

"Quite a ride."

"Oh, we don't mind five miles in the country."

"You are an excellent rider."

"I have ridden since I was six years old" she said, "but my sister Ellen is a better rider than I am."

"You are generous to admit it," said the stranger.

"Why, it's only the truth," she answered frankly.

After they had passed over about two miles they came to a very lonely piece of road, quite removed from any dwellinghouses. Still, as the stranger appeared so gentlemanly and had addressed her so politely, she had not the least suspicion of any evil intention on his part.

Presently he said suddenly, "I will thank you for that bill."

"What?" she said, half smiling.

"Please give me that bill."

"What do you mean?" asked Maude.

"Just what I say!" he replied, suddenly.

"I shall do no such thing," she answered firmly.

"I am sorry to draw a pistol upon a lady," he continued, suiting the action to the word, "but I must have that hundred dollar bill at once."

"Do you mean to rob me?"

"I must have that money."

It was with difficulty she could believe the man was in earnest; but when he now cocked his pistol and held it toward her with one hand, while he extended the other for the bill, she was forced to yield to the necessity of the situation. She was a brave hearted girl, and even now she did not turn pale or tremble in the least, but she could not help herself and so made the best of it.

Just as she held out the bill to him a sudden puff of wind blew it into the road and carried it several yards from them. The stranger alighted to get it, and, quick as thought, Maude struck her horse a smart blow, in order to get out of the robber's power. The sorrel mare was a spirited little creature, and sprang into a smart gallop at once, while the strangers' horse, which had been standing beside her, also started off at full speed in her company.

Bang! went the robber's pistol after them, having only the effect to increase the speed of the flying horses, both of them now on the dead run. Maude did not care how fast she rode, the sorrel was as easy as a cradle at that speed, and in ten minutes she dashed into her father's yard, followed by a riderless horse.

Her story was soon told, and her father was with difficulty prevented from starting after the robber with his pistol and rifle, but he knew that the scoundrel would naturally take a circuit to the woods, where he could not follow him.

"Well, we've got his horse, at any rate," said the farmer, and he is worth more than a hundred dollars."

"Hello, master!" said the man John, who had been taking the saddle bags from the strange horse.

"What is it, John?"

"These bags are full of something."

"I should think so," said the farmer, as he unstrapped the leather bags.

They were found to contain some counterfeit plates, a quantity of counterfeit money, in various bills, and also a little over fifteen hundred dollars in good money.

"Huzza!" cried the farmer.

"What is it, father?" said Maude.

"Why your trip to Easton has proved a profitable one at all events. Here's over fifteen hundred dollars good money!"

"Ah, but it will be claimed by the owner."

"Do you think a counterfeiter will dare to come for the tools that would convict him?—to say nothing of highway robbery?"

"I didn't think of that."

That evening farmer Henderson sent John over to young Masters with a message to call round and see him, to which Harry responded instantly.

"Mr. Masters," said the farmer, as he came into the large, old-fashioned sitting room, "you remember what you asked of me this afternoon?"

"Yes, sir."

"Well, I give my consent. Maude has just furnished her own marriage portion. Take her, my boy, and be happy."

Important Facts and Figures.

The subjoined statements, showing in a variety of forms the rapid increase arising from interest (rent or usury being very nearly synonymous terms) charged for the use of accumulated wealth—which we take from a lecture delivered some time since in Association Hall, New York, by Wallace P. Groom, on the "Currency needs of Commerce"—contain much food for thought for all classes, old or young, man or woman, employer or employed; for interest affects the price of every commodity in the most vital manner.

Many carelessly infer that the increase of money at six per cent, is just twice as rapid as at three per cent.; but in reality the increase is vastly more rapid than this. In one hundred years at six per cent., the increase on any given sum is about eighteen times as much as at three per cent.

If one dollar be invested and the interest added to the principal annually, at the rates named, we shall have the following result as the accumulation of one hundred years:

$1	100 years,	at 1	per cent...		$2¾
do	do	2	do	...	7¼
do	do	2½	do	...	11¾
do	do	3	do	...	19½
do	do	3½	do	...	31½
do	do	4	do	...	50½
do	do	4½	do	...	81½
do	do	5	do	...	131½
do	do	6	do	...	844
do	do	7	do	...	863
do	do	8	do	...	2,293
do	do	9	do	...	5,543
do	do	10	do	...	13,809
do	do	12	do	...	84,675
do	do	15	do	...	1,174,405
do	do	18	do	...	15,145,007
do	do	24	do	...	2,551,799,404

There are probably few, however familiar with the subject of the rapid increase of capital put at interest, who would not be startled at the statement that the cost of the outfit of Christopher Columbus in his first voyage of discovery, put at interest at six per cent., would by this time have amounted to more than the entire money value of this continent, together with the accumulation from the industry of all who have lived upon it. If, any doubt this, let them reckon the amount, estimating the entire outfit to have cost only the small sum of five thousand dollars, and remembering that money doubles at six per cent., in a little less than twelve years—or accurately in eleven years, ten months, and twenty-one days. Allowing it to double every twelve years, this five thousand dollars at interest at six per cent, since 1492, it will be found would have amounted to $27,366,700,000,000; which estimating the population of the entire continent of America (North and South) to be eighty-five millions, or seventeen million families (averaging five members each,) would give more than a million dollars as the possession of every one of these. The interest upon a million dollars at six per cent. is sixty thousand dollars, which would now be the princely annual income of each of these seventeen million families from the accumulations up to this time upon so small a sum as that named for the outfit of the discoverer.

In Hildreth's "History of the United States," it is stated that Manhattan Island—afterward called New Amsterdam, now the city of New York—was bought by the Dutch from the Indians, for sixty guilders, or twenty-four dollars, and this only about two hundred and fifty years ago. And yet if the purchasers could have securely placed that $24 where it would have added to the principal annually interest at the rate of 7 per cent., the accumulation would exceed the present market value of all the real estate of the City and County of New York.

Again, if a man at the age of twenty-five should commence business with a capital of one hundred thousand dollars, and could by any possibility add thereto interest at our legal rate of 7 per cent. annually, the result would be in (round numbers) as follows:

Age.	Capital.
25	$100,000
35	200,000
45	400,000
55	800,000
65	1,600,000
75	3,200,000
85	6,400,000

Now, the growth of national wealth is only about 3½ per cent. per annum, notwithstanding the assertion of those who have placed it much higher, through comparing the old valuations with the new (which have been greatly increased,) instead of taking as the basis of their calculation, as they should have done, the actual number of horses, cattle, hogs, sheep, etc., etc., at the different periods. It is plain, therefore, that the great mistake most men make in attempting to use borrowed capital at an immensely high rate, ordinarily termed interest, which, by the use of gold as currency, is often forced still higher. While the growth of the national wealth remains at the present rate, the average man who attempts to pay even 7 per cent. for all the capital he can get, should not expect to avoid bankruptcy as the result.

From our New York Correspondent.

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New Year's Day, which came on the first day of January, was ushered into existence by the usual celebrations, and converted into an epoch of making good resolutions, promising total abstinence and all other imaginary reformation; but owing to a recent spasmodic discernment of right from wrong among our Excise Commissioners, many of our most respectable citizens were from necessity compelled to refrain from the old custom of "swearing off" In looking over the list of heavy failures and "departures," it seems as if much of the evil done in financial transactions, and many wrongs or even crimes committed in domestic and social life can safely be placed on the bro'ad shoulders of "people afflicted with too much respectability, and we must look with appalling dread at the unabated spread of this modern epidemic. Two members of this new species, who were formerly Presidents of Life Insurance Companies, have transferred their labors to State's Prison, where they will remain secluded from less respectable people for five years, and are likely to constitute a reception committee for future arrivals. How very few of the many who foolishly supported these respectable gentlemen, by insuring in moon-shine companies, ever imagined that they would outlive the companies! Another very respectable gentleman of this new specie, transforms his wife with an infant in her arms, into a target and shoots her, but as he is very wealthy, pays all his debts, and delivered himself up to the best paid police force in the world, besides his great grandmother on his father's side having suffered from severe headaches, he will likely plead insanity. While one of our Excise Commissioners has G. T. C. (Gone to Canada) with $50,000 of the public money, to ease his conscience and determine whether we need a new liquor law, or a new extradition treaty. Mr. Bonner & Netter Bros. depart with heavy defalcations, and telegraph their regrets at not being able to personally attend the meeting of their creditors. If birds of a feather flock together, I shall never visit Canada. I think if this new malaria among "respectables" does not soon find an antedote, or if we don't export more of them to State's Prison, our standard of morality will decline, and our city become flood-with unpunished criminals

Business is rather dull, dull no doubt to the backwardness of the season, but since the appearance of Jack Frost a little improvement is evident; still goods are sold very low, and in many instances below *ante bellum* prices. I could not understand why so many of our merchants were continually complaining of dull times, when in fact they were all shipping more goods than heretofore, but I have been enlightened on the subject by the information that business depends not only on the quantity of goods sold, but also in a small measure on the amount of funds received in payment, and that in many instances instead of receiving the remittances expected, merchants were favored with a generous compromise of 10 per cent. cash and 10 per cent. on six months note, or the alternative of proving their claims in bankruptcy with a fair prospect of receiving X (an unknown and generally very indefinite quantity)

The great fire calamity now under investigation has not yet been traced to any reliable source, and very likely we will soon be blessed with the usual verdict of "no one to blame." Perhaps it would be prudent to alter the phraseology of this stereotyped information, and like the verdict of a Western coroner jury, when sitting on the collected debris of a kerosene explosion, declare that deceased came to his death by the visitation of God in the usual way."

We have received a shock from the matrimonial department, and royal news from abroad—Mr Thomas Lord a young gent of 80 summers has been kidnapped by a fascinating young widow Hicks, so well known and envied in fashionable society. The union may appear strange to the uninitiated, but when informed that the happy couple begin business with a joint stock capital of several millions contributed by the juvenile beau (who is now under the charge of a committee *de lunatico inquirendo*) the mystery may be solved. And even a King threatens to risk his happiness under the hymenial fire sentence, so that future mandates from Spain will emanate from Mr. and Mrs. Alfonso.

We had a slight fall of snow, which is now superceded by a cold snap, and measuring one's length on the pavement is at present very fashionable, so that when Mr. B. U. M. returned from the club the other evening, and fell down the front steps, while trying to open the door with a cigar, he was not entirely justifying when he told his better-half that he was a little "under the weather."

Still we have as yet had no sleighing, and the