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To Travelers.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

DAILY LINE FOR CHOPTANK ROUTE.

On and after Saturday, March 30, 1878, the steamers HIGHLAND LIGHT and KENT will leave pier 3, Lights street, foot of Camden, as follows:

The Steamer Highland at 9 P. M. every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, for Easton, Double Mills, Oxford, Clow's Point, Wallack's, Cambridge, Chancellor's Point, Jamaica Point, Cabin Creek, (Yates's on the Choptank,) and Medford's wharf.

The Steamer Kent as same hour every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for all the above landings, extending her trips to Dodson, stopping at Big Island, Dover Bridge, Kingston, Gilpin's Point and Towers's wharf.

On the return trips the steamer Highland Light will leave Medford's wharf every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 3, Cambridge at 4, and Easton at 9 P. M.; and the Steamer Kent will leave Dutton every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday at 12 noon, Cambridge at 5 and Easton at 9 P. M.

The Steamer CHAMPION will leave same pier every Tuesday and Friday morning at 7 o'clock for St. Michaels and Miles River Ferry (Easton); returning same day, leaving Miles River Ferry at 12 noon and stopping at Annapolis both ways. Fare $1.

Freight taken at low rates and carefully handled.

J. L. CALDWELL, Superintendent.

Resumption of Route.

THE STEAMER

CAPT. E. N. DODSON.

On and after sturday, Feb. 9th, 1878, leave Baltimore every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 10 o'clock, A. M. for Claiborne, St. Michaels and Tunis' Wharf.

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R. B. DODSON, Proprietor.

St. Michaels, Mar. 19, 1878.

Maryland & Delaware RAILROAD.

SUMMER ARRANGEMENT.

On and after Monday, May 13th, 1878, Trains will run as follows:

GOING NORTH.			GOING SOUTH.		
LEAVE			Leave		
Easton	10 30	A. M.	New York	8 55	A. M.
Woodland	10 45	"	Baltimore	10 00	"
Cordova	11 00	"	Philadelphia	11 45	"
Hillsborough	11 15	"	Wilmington	1 08	P. M.
Ridgely	11 30	"	Clayton	2 40	"
Greensborough	11 50	"	Kenton	3 00	"
Goldsborough	12 10	P. M.	Slaughters	3 12	"
Hobbs	12 25	"	Marydel	3 30	"
Marydel	12 35	"	Hobbs	12 45	P. M.
Slaughters	1 05	"	Goldsborough	4 00	"
Kenton	1 25		Greensborough	4 20	"
ARRIVE AT			Ridgely	4 35	"
Clayton	1 35	"	Hillsborough	4 50	"
Wilmington	4 20	"	Cordova	5 05	"
Philadelphia	5 45	"	Woodland	5 15	"
Baltimore	7 15	"	ARRIVE AT		
New York	10 05	"	Easton	5 30	"

All freights must be at the various stations at least twenty (20) minutes before starting of Trains, or else they will be considered behind time. Freight must be delivered at stations before it will be subject to delivery at owners risk.

J. L. CALDWELL, Superintendent.

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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, Meachandise, &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 Coward's Point at 10 A. M., and stopping at Rose's Landing, Gilpin's Point, Kingston, Dover Bridge, Hog Island, Lloyd's Landing, Medford's Wharf, Cliff, 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.

I. M. PARR & 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.

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C. DODSON and

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

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

Apr26,77.

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Every description on hand or made to order. Orders for Roofing and Spouting solicited and promptly executed.

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For cleansing and preserving the Teeth and hardening the Gums, for sale by

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KINGSFORD'S NEW STYLE STARCH,

Put up in Handsome 1lb. Paper Boxes. The Most Attractive and Conceded by all to be the

PUREST AND BEST STARCH MADE.

AWAKE WITH POOR WASHING!

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And have your Clothes Beautifully and Stiffly done up.

KINGSFORD'S STARCH is Perfectly Sweet. Other Starches have a sour or musty smell, which is easily detected in the Linen, when other Starch than KINGSFORD'S is used.

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KINGSFORD'S STARCH

For the Laundry, and

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☞ *FOR SALE BY ALL GROCERS.* ☜

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OLEINE SOAP,

LIKE ALL ARTICLES OF GENUINE MERIT,

PROCTER & GAMBLE'S CINCINNATI OLEINE SOAP

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Is so Superior to all others, it is sold by Grocers everywhere, at SAME PRICE AS ORDINARY SOAPS.

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No. 6 Exchange Place, BALTIMORE.

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One Price Clothing House.

THE STERLING REPUTATION

That made such a

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From the Day it opened

BUSINESS,

For Fine and Perfect Fitting Clothing.

The same kind may now be had in every Department, filled to its utmost capacity, that men and boys may rely on. A cordial invitation to all.

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FAIRBANK'S STANDARD SCALES

MADE WITH THE

Latest and Most Valuable Improvements.

SCALES.

FOR SALE ALSO,

PATENT ALARM MONEY DRAWERS

COFFEE MILLS, SPICE MILLS, AND STORE FIXTURES GENERALLY.

THE IMPROVED TYPE WRITER,

QUICK ACTING PUMP CORS PUMPS!

Fairbanks & Co.,

17 Light Street, Baltimore.

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Candies! Candies!!

I am receiving constantly fresh Candies, both plain and French. I can sell a good French mixture for 20 cts. per pound.

John M. Mason.

TAILORING.

1878. The Spring Fashions. 1878.

PRICES REDUCED.

THE subscriber informs the public, his old customers, friends, and fellow citizens, that he has received the Spring Fashions for 1878—New York and Paris—and invites all to call and examine them, and leave their measures for a suit. He has adopted the ratio of making clothes, but still guarantees a perfect fit. All work made by him warranted to give entire satisfaction.

Cutting for men and youths done as usual. The new patterns for boys are very pretty. At the old stand, opposite the Paragon House. Give me a call.

JOHN SATTERFIELD.

Easton, March 5th, 1878.

Thos. J. Dail & Co.,

GRAIN

Commission Merchants

AND

WHOLESALE GROCERS,

No. 27 Chamble, BALTIMORE.

THOS. J. DAIL,
JOHN L. BEAL,
T. HOWARD DAIL.

Particular attention given to sale of Grain.

Commission on Grain received by Schooners, one cent per bush., and by Steamboats (1½) one cent per bush. mar12y

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NEW SPRING GOODS.

FINDING that my low prices are appreciated by the public, which have come forth in its strength and bought up the wonderful bargains advertised in the Star a short time ago, I determined to meet the public wants, by going early to the city to lay in fresh stock. I now have the pleasure to offer a new and large stock of every obtainable

Gentlemen's Fine Boots, Sewed and Pegged;

Fine Calfskin Gaiters for Gentlemen;

Plain Boots and Shoes in great variety;

Ladies Fine Buttoned Pebble Boots;

Fine Buttoned Pebble Boots for Misses and Children;

Boots, Shoes and Gaiters for Youths, Boys and Childrens. Shoes of all styles in the market.

This stock has been bought very low for CASH, and will be sold at a BARGAIN. Call and see them.

Also, a full assort of

Family Groceries,

bought for CASH, AT THE LOWEST FIGURES, and offered at a very small advance.

I have for the accommodation of farmers, a full line of plow lines, traces, rope, rope for float seines, &c., &c.

Also, a full stock of Stone and Queensware. Thankful for past favors, I continue to solicit the public patronage.

JACOB WILLIAMS,
Market Space, Easton.

Mar5,78

NEW GOODS.

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Groceries.

JAMES T. ROBINSON has just laid in a big stock of sugar, coffee, bacon, flour, and all other kinds of groceries, which he is offering extremely cheap.

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JAMES T. ROBINSON has just received a fine assortment of all kinds of Boots and Shoes, which he is selling cheaper than the cheapest.

BRIGGS' GARDEN SEEDS by the ounce, pound, or in papers. Also LANDRETH'S garden, cheaper than ever. For sale by JAMES T. ROBINSON.

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SHRYOCK & CLARK.

LUMBER.

Sash, Doors and Blinds,

delivered in any part of the state at the

Lowest Cash Price.

Union Dock. Baltimore.

Orders left with John A. Arringdale, Easton, Will receive prompt attention.

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HATS! HATS!

Spring Stock Just Arrived!

Straw Goods a Specialty!

Mackinaw Hats

Cheaper than ever before sold in Easton. A great variety of

Children's Hats Very Cheap!

My friends and the public are requested to call and examine my stock as I am sure I can give satisfaction in both quality and price.

JAS. H. LINTHICUM.

Mr. Editor:

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NEW HOME.

I am sure it will please them. Reference given at the office. Also Sewing Machines repaired and cleaned at low prices. Needles, oil and attachments furnished. All kinds of Sewing done to order. Tell them to please give us a call. Will do better for them than any one else.

H. S. COOPER.

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Herd Book Jersey Bull

CHROME.

I have purchased of Jas. W. Tyson, Esq., of Baltimore, the registered Jersey Bull "Chrome," Herd Register No. 1718, by "Drud," Herd Register No 289, out of "Mat," Herd Register No. 2798, and offer his services to the public at $5.00 per cow.

"Chrome," was dropped Sept. 16, 1874, is a solid dark color, black switch and tongue, with all the other fashionable points of this justly admired breed.

Robert Hough,
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I HAVE accepted the agency for the "Improved Howe Machines," and invite the public to call and examine them before purchasing. I shall sell them for "cash only" and will not allow anyone to undersell me.

E. M. Higgins.

Men make money faster at work for us than at anything else. Capital not required; we will start you. $12 per day made at home by the industrious. Men, women, boys and girls wanted everywhere to work for us. Now is the time. Costly outfit and terms free. Address True & Co., Augusta, Maine.

FOR SALE BY LEADING HARDWARE DEALERS.

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Oranges, Lemons, Cocoanuts, Figs, Raisins &c.

Fresh invoices just received. Oranges 20 cts per dozen.

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NEW Family Grocery Store

ON

Market Space.

MY friends and the public are respectfully informed that I have just opened a new family Grocery Store on Market space, Easton, next door to Morris' Shoe store, where I shall be pleased to supply them with anything they may want in my line of business.

WHITE AND BROWN SUGARS,

Coffees, Flour, Molasses,

SYRUP, COAL OIL,

Hams, Bacon, Lard, Fish, Dried Beef, Pepper, Salt, Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Spices, Buckwheat Flour, Hominy, Meal, Rice, Butter, Eggs, &c., &c.

At lowest market prices.

ALSO,

A large assortment of

Glass and China, Queensware, Stone Ware, Willow Ware, Wooden Ware, Brooms, &c., &c.

My stock has been purchased at the lowest cash prices, and are offered at a small profit. Call and see me.

G. LACY EATON.

Easton, Feb. 26th, 1878.

Fruit and Ornamentul Trees

FROM THE RELIABLE

MORRIS NURSERY,

Of West Chester, Pa.

The subscriber will furnish to the citizens of Talbot and adjoining counties

Apples, Pears, Plums,

Peaches, Cherries,

Small Fruits, Ornamental Trees of every variety, including an extra fine lot of Evergreens, Shrubs and Roses.

Our aim is to please and give our patrons the worth of their money. Will refer to Dr. Maxwell & Son, James H. Baker, Josiah Lusby, Bartus Trew, and many others who have purchased of us in Kent County.

Mr. A. Molyneaux, at the Rolph House Easton, is duly authorized to take orders. The sooner orders are received the more so can he give variety.

apr23 3m. Lewis Scrover.

Planters will please note the ingredients of

NO. 1 *PERUVIAN* GUANO

for sale by the undersigned, which make it suitable to all crops, viz:

GUARANTEED

Ammonia, - - 6 per cent.

Bone Phosphate Lime, 34 "

Potash, - 3 "

Voss Brothers,

42 *Second Street,*

Baltimore, Md.

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C. C. STEWART,

WITH

Jacob Crouse,

DEALER IN

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68 North Third street, below Arch,

PHILADELPHIA.

Would respectfully call the attention of his old friends and the public in general to our full line of Carpets, Oil Cloths, Mat ngs, &c.

may7-3m

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THE introduction of "Custom Goods" into my trade has proven a decided success, and I renew my

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that I am prepared to furnish any style of

Boot, Shoe or Gaiter,

at short notice to measure.

The workmanship on these goods is acknowledged by many judges to surpass anything ever before offered in this market. My Walk emfast shoes at $7 00 equals the $12.00 goods of St. Paul and Charles street, Baltimore.

Call and examine them.

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BEST business you can engage in. $5 to $20 per day made by any worker of either sex, right in their own localities. Particulars and samples worth $5 free. Improve your spare time at this business. Address STINSON & CO., Portland, Maine. mar12,79yr

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opposite the Bank.

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Base Balls & Bats.

LARGE stock, better and cheaper than ever before offered in this market.

G. W. MINNICK,
opposite the Bank.

KELLER'S ROMAN

LINIMENT.

Rheumatism.

Time and money have been wasted in futile endeavors to obtain some embrocation that would prove a cure for this excruciating disease; but all have failed except KELLER'S ROMAN LINIMENT, and that has been successful in almost every instance where it has been employed, whether such has been of the inflammatory or chronic type. In Lumbago and Sciatica it affords instant relief.

Neuralgia.

This excruciatingly painful disease is instantly relieved and rapidly cured by the continued application of this Liniment.

Toothache.

This painful and annoying complaint is instantaneously cured by the application of the Liniment.

Frosted Feet.

The Roman Liniment has proved effectual in all cases where it has been properly used. No instance is known where it has failed in giving immediate relief.

Burns and Scalds.

This Liniment has proved itself to be one of the best remedies ever used for Burns and Scalds. Its quickness in alleviating pain when applied gives it great superiority over all other preparations.

Ulcerated Sores.

The healing and purifying qualities of KELLER'S LINIMENT render it the best article for the speedy and safe cure of ulcerated sores.

A Stitch in the Back

Is caused by a sudden wrenching of the spinal muscles, or by long continued straining, making it very difficult for the person to move. It should not be neglected, as the curvature of the spine is often brought on by neglect of this common complaint.

Sore Throat and Quinsy.

The causes which usually induce Sore Throat are those which give a sudden check to perspiration, and thus obstruct Nature's regular work, quickly producing, in consequence, an inflammatory condition which, involving the tonsils, and rapidly spreading over the whole mucous membrane of the fauces will cause Quinsy.

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This distressing complaint may be cured, or entirely prevented by the timely use of this remedy. It has never failed, when applied at the commencement, or before the gathering takes place.

Weakness of the Ankles and Joints.

Strains and chronic pains, cold and external injuries, are the chief causes of this complaint. The muscles are relaxed, in many cases making it difficult to move. By a free use of this Liniment a certain cure will be effected. As a

Horse and Cattle Lotion

it is invaluable to Farmers, Express Companies, Stage Proprietors, well appointed Livery Establishments, and all who own or use Horses and other Stock, immediately relieving and curing

Spavins,	Foot Rot in Sheep,
Ring Bone,	Foundered Feet,
Bruises,	Corns,
Cracked Heels,	Flesh Wounds,
Sprains,	Galls of all Kinds,
Scratches or Grease	Poll Evil,
Sores,	Splint,
Colic,	Fistula,
Lameness,	Sitfast,

And many other Diseases.

KELLER'S Roman Liniment

Never fails to give satisfaction, and, as a domestic remedy for man and beast, it is incomparably superior to any of the so-called family liniments, salves, etc., as a single trial will convince all.

FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

Price, Fifty Cents a Bottle.

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. CRAVERT & CO.,

Commission Merchants,

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PROPOSALS FOR LOANS.

THE Board of Directors of the W. P. B. L. A. of Talbot county give notice that APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS from the Association may be made in *writing* to the Secretary, or other officer, at any time, and will be acted upon at their regular meetings on every alternate Tuesday night.

By order of Board,

C. O. BYERLY, Secretary.

Crude Carbolic Acid

As an excellent disinfectant, kills Vermin, &c. For sale by

HARPER & GOLDSBOROUGH.

Select Story.

RUTH.

"THY PEOPLE SHALL BE MY PEOPLE—THY GOD MY GOD."

WHILE this hill had been fought and carried, through the Legislature, the charter had been granted, and the new railroad was to be built. It was a grief of mind to Jacob Kraun that the proposed route lay through his farm, and he murmured sorely when his fertile fields were condemned for "right of way." It was small consolation even that the damages assessed were heavy and placed a snug sum to his credit at bank. At family prayers that evening he read sadly the text: "God hath made man upright, but they have sought out many inventions," and exhorted his wife, his daughter Ruth, and the hired men, who, laboring on his farm, were counted as part of his household to "beware of the leaven of the Scribes and Pharisees."

Sister Kraun bethought herself guilty of the yeast borrowed that day from a Presbyterian neighbor, and was relieved in mind when she comprehended that the strictures of her spouse applied to modern improvements in general, and railroads in special, instead of being leveled at the innocent white leaven at that moment rising peacefully in her oven.

Ruth heard the lecture in vague wonder; the projected railroad was to her an unfathomable mystery, and she watched and listened, to all pertaining to it with eager interest. It were hard to find, within reach of telegraph and steamers, in this enlightened nineteenth century, an intelligent human being more ignorant of the world and its ways than this simple Dunkard maiden.

From babyhood she had been used to hear of her own sect as of lambs among ravening wolves. God's chosen people bidden to keep themselves unspotted from the world. Her father took no newspaper; they, too, were part of the much-to-be-dreaded "leaven," and she had grown up with an undefinable fear of this terrible world and its people. Yet Colonel Lewis, whose farm joined her father's on one side, was a kind neighbor. Only last winter, when her mother was ill, Mrs. Lewis had been as helpful as any one of the sisters not bound to them by ties of blood. Still, much of the colonel's worldly goods had been accumulated by aiding his fellows in those contentions at law forbidden to her sect, as unbecoming the followers of the Master who, when he was reviled, answered not again.

Katie Lewis seemed no prouder, spoke no more of dress than did her friends among the maidens of her own church, even though she belonged to the world and wore ribbons and laces, the flounces and jewelry which their preaching brethren declared "an abomination unto the Lord." And her mother's brother, who lived near a flourishing town some miles away, himself a member of the brotherhood, did not so harshly condemn all the secular customs of the world's people. He suffered his daughter Esther to wear a watch and chain, and her dress, though invariably simple, was not (except at meeting) the orthodox garb of a Dunkard. She had studied French, and spoke the German of the Vaterland—nay, crowning sin of all, she even possessed and could play upon a piano!

Over these heresies Jacob Kraun mourned bitterly, and prayed for and exhorted the brother-in-law departing from the faith of his fathers.

Thus Ruth, bewildered and unlearned, perplexed herself with many questions difficult of solution. If ornament was sinful, why did God make the birds so glorious? If all music save psalm-singing was unholy, why did the birds trill so merrily? She asked her father these questions one day. "They have no souls to save," he answered. "The ornament God loves in woman is a meek and quiet spirit. Go get your bible, child, and see what Peter and Paul have to say about fine clothes for Christians."

Building a railroad, especially through a hill country, is no speedy task, as all who have traversed one may know. Cutting through hills, blasting rockwalls, filling in valleys and bridging streams, lifting the track out of all danger from high water—this is work requiring long labor from many strong hands, directed by a competent head. Therefore, when Frank Eldridge, civil engineer on the Valley Branch, saw his field of labor, he was desirous of a better hotel than the conductor's car assigned him as quarters at the railroad camp. Looking about him for this, he noted the Kraun farmhouse, with its green orchards, nestled at the foot of a hill skirted on the other side by the prospected track of the coming road. Undoubtedly it was a convenient location, if its doors would open to receive him.

Colonel Lewis, who had taken a contract on the road, and who was one of its warmest supporters, confirmed him in this idea. "You'd better try Kraun," he said. "These Dunkards are queer, but hospitable, and live well. Kind neighbors good citizens, too, though very few of them ever vote. Politics and law are against their religion, you know. Why, I arrested a fellow once for stealing one of Kraun's cattle—clear case; my son caught him driving it off, and, sir, I had hard work to make old Jacob testify against him. But, as I was saying, Kraun's will be a good boarding-house for you; just at these hills and not far from the river, and I'll ride down with you and see about it."

Thus applied to by a neighbor for whom he had much respect and kindly feeling, in behalf of one of the railroad men, Kraun was sorely perplexed. Hospitality was to him a religious duty; yet to take into his family a stranger, not of the brotherhood, this was beyond its limit. He wished to oblige Colonel Lewis, and the terms offered for board were liberal, so he hemmed and hawed, and promised an answer next day. "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers," admonished his wife, when together they discussed the question.

"Angels don't go through the country building railroads," said Jacob, grimly. But despite the views of St. Paul on the woman question, received as law by the Dunkards, the women of the congregation are not without power in their own households. Sister Kraun's arguments prevailed, and our hero was duly installed in the best bedroom.

Guided by elective affinity, or whatever else indicates to the cat the whereabouts of the cream, Frank was not long in discovering that Ruth Kraun was exceedingly pretty, even in the unattractive dress of her sect. Her complexion, shielded from the sun by the long sun-bonnet worn by Dunkard women out of doors, was as fresh and fair as a baby's, her eyes as blue as the violets of her native valley, and the soft, thick coils of hair shining through her transparent muslin cap whereof the rich golden hue that Titian and Raphael loved to paint. Truly, she was fair to look upon, with all the fresh, blonde beauty of her Saxon ancestry. Nor was Frank Eldridge the first who had discovered this fact. "She's the prettiest girl in the country, if she is a Dunkard," affirmed Jack Lewis. "You need n't look scornful, Katie; you and some others are well enough with your frizzes and furbelows; but put Ruth Kraun's clothes on you and you could n't hold a candle to her." Katie laughed good-naturedly, in conscious pride of her own good looks and established belleship.

"Ruth is pretty; it's a shame she has to dress in such an absurd fashion. I'd like to see her fixed up like other girls, just once. Fancy being brought up to think a collar a vanity, and a belt a popper! Ruth does wear the faintest suggestion of white at her throat; but her mother don't, and I suppose the whole congregation would pronounce a lace frill an actual sin. Funny, isn't it, Captain Eldridge?"

From the Lewis' indeed, Frank learned most what he knew of the people with whom he boarded. He spent little of his time at the farmhouse, except to eat and sleep there, and his office was at the railroad camp. However, he had great tact and faculty of adaptation, and since his coming made friends of the household. Jacob Kraun listened due to the young railroad man, who, Christ was sorrowful, and prayed for him earnestly. Ruth, whose pleasant speech and kind manner might be reasonably supposed to entertain designs on his one ewe lamb—the lamb who was sole heiress to one of the best farms in that section. Indeed, Kraun was a Martha, burdened with much serving, laboring day in and day out in kitchen and dairy, at loom and at spinning-wheel. The rules of their religion allow no domestic servants to women in good health. Here and there were the hired men, who, about the house in each spotless dwelling, were the tall, well-good-looking, and, from the stout cotton jeans with yards upon yards of home-made wool and linen. Nor was it easy to talk with Ruth, even when she was not too busy; the girl was shy, and though a good listener, seldom spoke. Even when the young people of the neighborhood gathered at her father's house for a singing meeting, her voice, tenderly full, clear and sweet as the old German hymn tunes of her church, was not forward in conversation. He ventured a compliment on her dexterity at the spinning wheel to her mother, one rainy day, when intensely busy with maps and plans at a table that in the substantial farmhouse had been watching the girl whose old-fashioned work brought every muscle of her lithe figure into play.

"Ruth is a good spinner, and draws an even thread," said Sister Kraun, complacently, "but it is not meet to be proud of the gifts God gives us."

To Ruth herself this young man of the "world" was a new revelation. There is an ancient nursery tale of Eastern origin, with many variations in as many languages, setting forth how a prudent mother goat, seeking to inspire her daughter with wholesome terror of the hoofed dwelling in the fierce moment he assumed the beast as horrible of aspect, with eyes of fire and ravening mouth. Therefore, when the silly kid beheld the beautiful reality gambolling gracefully among the trees, she drew near to gaze and admire, never dreaming that she could be the dreadful monster of her mother's story. Apparently, Frank Eldridge was totally free from the vices which made more than one Dunkard youth a grief to pious parents and a scandal to the congregation. He neither drank, swore nor gambled, yet he set at naught all the traditions of her people; he fed freely on the forbidden fruit of newspapers and books which grow on the tree of knowledge of good and evil, he drew with his pencil pictures which seemed wonderful to the girl who had never heard of artists, nor seen a picture except in Colonel Lewis' parlor, and in the shop windows of a country town. Wonderful, also, to her was his guitar, and the old hymns had new beauty when sung to this novel accompaniment. Against this carnal instrument her father had indeed hitched his voice, to be answered by quotations from David's Psalms, in favor of sacred instrumental music, stated, I fear, for the occasion. Brother Kraun laid the matter before the brethren, who ruled that since he himself had not purchased the instrument the stranger within his gates, to whom it belonged, might use it, provided he sang to it old hymn tunes. So, to Ruth's delight, the music, if not wholly approved of, was at least not wholly condemned.

Yet, somehow, since this stranger had entered her father's gates, the young men of the brotherhood had grown strangely distasteful to her. Even Johann Meier, to whom her father would gladly have given her to wife, and who had been a constant lover since she first assumed the cap of a sister in communion with the brethren; even Johann, preaching brother though he was, seemed, awkward and uncouth in his long coat, with his long beard, and his long hair parted in the middle like a woman's. She caught herself wishing he might wear a moustache and no beard, and then reproved herself as wicked for so wishing.

Yet with all this she built no air castles, dreamt no love dreams; this stranger seemed as alien to her people as the denizen of another planet could have done. She wished, indeed, that he were one of the brethren, and as such within the pale of safety; surely this could not be wrong, when her father prayed for him. So, while his name was not infrequent in her prayers and he entered much into her thoughts, it was not as a lover.

He would have laughed such an idea to scorn had it been suggested to him. Indeed, popular opinion numbered him in the list of Katie Lewis' admirers, and that young lady, as arrant a flirt as might be found in a day's journey, paraded him boldly in her train. Probably he would have denied angrily that his thoughts were often occupied with the pretty Dunkard, whose quaint ways were so new to him, who blushed so prettily when he spoke to her, who was so shy, so—[illegible] ly ever win to meet his own.

The knowledge came suddenly. Sister Kraun's butter brought good prices in the nearest market town, and much of its excellence was due to Ruth's careful handling. Down in the "spring-house," the primitive dairy of these valley farms, where the cool water from the spring outside the door supplies the place of ice and refrigerator in keeping the milk sweet and the butter firm, she was busy, early one morning, with her milk-pans and jars. A shadow darkened the doorway, and she looked up to see Frank standing therein, valise in hand. "Good-bye, Ruth," he said, "I am going away to-day."

The heavy crock she was holding slipped from her grasp and crashed in pieces on the limestone which paved one-half the spring-house, while the clear stream flowing through the other half ran white with the precious fluid. Precious beyond measure no doubt, for Ruth's hands went up into the depths of her sun-bonnet and she burst into tears.

"Never cry over spilled milk," said Frank, cheerily; then more gravely: "Was it worth so much, Ruth?" She flashed a glance at him, only one, but it was enough. "Are you crying for *me*, Ruth, because I am going away?" Then, in a moment more, he had her in his arms, and in spite of her struggles was kissing the tears away from the fresh, fair face, while her sun-bonnet went the way of the milk, and the robin brooding in the willow tree above the spring looked on astonished at such doings. "I am coming back, my darling; it is only for a few days. Did you think I would leave you, sweetest?" and so on, in the "sweet Hereafter" so nonsensical to read in cool blood, yet free ever so musical to lovers. "Good-bye, dear," he said at last. "I must hurry or I shall miss my train. I'll write to you."

"Oh! no! no!" ejaculated Ruth. "Father might get the letter!"

"I see. We'd best break it to him gently, eh, Ruth?" "Good-bye, sweetheart," and with that he was gone, when Ruth sat down and cried like a baby.

Meanwhile Frank was half happy and half uneasy. What would his aristocratic mother and his fastidious sisters say to his choice? Pshaw, she was as beautiful as an angel, the only child of such father, and for her pedigree there were German ancestors, self-styled for conscience sake—would not that do as well as Huguenot or Puritan lineage? Of course she must give up all her absurd notions about dress. What would Kraun himself have to say about the matter? Oh! he would, however, that did not make much difference; it would, perhaps, be better to have the girl without her relatives. He wished she were not so entirely uneducated, but it would be pleasant to teach her himself, and therewith he fell to quoting Shakespeare:

"Happy in this, she is not yet so old
But she may learn; happier than this,
She is not bred so dull but she can learn;
Happiest of all is that her gentle spirit
Commits itself to yours to be directed,
As from her lord, her governor, her king."

Dear little thing she was so fond of him! Thus he mused until business came in and drove love and Ruth out of his head.

As for the girl herself, she was altogether miserable, with a misery more delicious than any pleasure she had ever known. She dared not tell her father; she could not make a confident of her mother, and in her perplexity she was half afraid even to pray, lest, perchance, her love might be sin, and prayer thus become blasphemy. She did not know much, poor child—the only books she had ever read were her Bible and hymn-book; but to her simple faith the precepts of the former had all the force of living laws, and the Apostolic injunction, "Be ye not unequally yoked with unbelievers," was fraught with terrible meaning. Out of the labyrinth she saw but one way, and for that she scarcely dared hope, even in her ignorance.

Frank came back, determined to marry her then and there, if she would, with her father's consent if he gave it, without it if it were withheld. To his surprise he found her shyer than ever. He received a cordial welcome from Kraun and his wife, but there was nothing to indicate that they knew aught of his purpose with regard to their daughter. Ruth did not come near, but when his work was finished, he found her busily knitting in the hall, and, watch as he might, he could never get a word in private with her. One evening, coming in at a late hour, he found her alone in the entry between the kitchen and dining room. Ruth, do you love me? he asked, in the dark. Kraun, the farmer, was in the dark. "Ruth, do you love me?"

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