# THE ENTERPRISE.

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## CHRISTMAS.

It is supposed that the observance of the day on which is celebrated the nativity of Christ was instituted by Telesphorus about the year 150, but there is no certainty that a feast or festival for the commemoration of this event was established before about the year 190. At first there was no uniformity as to the time of this observance, some holding the festival in April or May, and others in January. It is very improbable that Christ's nativity actually occurred on the 25th of December, as the rainy season of Judea is then at its height, and the shepherds would not have been watching their flocks by night on the plains. Among the causes that co-operated in fixing this period as the proper one, perhaps the most powerful was, that almost all the heathen nations regarded the winter solstice as a most important point of the year, as the beginning of the renewed life and activity of the powers of nature and of the gods who were originally merely symbolical personifications of these. In more northerly countries this fact must have made itself peculiarly palpable—hence the Celts and Germans, from the oldest times, celebrated the season with the greatest festivities.—Many of the beliefs and usages of the old Germans and Romans relating to this matter passed over from heathenism to Christianity and have partly survived to the present day. The church sought to banish the deep-rooted heathen feeling by adding its grandly devised liturgy, besides dramatic representations of the birth of Christ and the first events of his life. Hence sprang the "manger-songs," Christmas carols and Christmas dramas, which, at certain times and places, degenerated into farces or fool's feasts. Hence also originated at a later period, the Christ-trees, or Christmas-trees, adorned with lights and gifts, the custom of reciprocal presents and of special Christmas meats and dishes. In the Roman Catholic church three masses are performed at Christmas; one at midnight, one at daybreak, and one in the morning. The day is also celebrated by the Anglo-Catholic church—special psalms are sung, a special preface is made in the communion service, and the Athanasian creed is said or sung.—The Lutheran church on the Continent likewise observes Christmas; but the Presbyterian churches in Scotland, and the English dissenters reject it, in its religious aspect, as a "human invention," and as "savoring of papistical will-worship," although in England dissenters as well as churchmen keep it as a social holiday. But within the last hundred years, these festivities have greatly fallen off. They at one time lasted with more or less brilliancy till Candlemas, and with great spirit till Twelfth-day; but now a meeting in the evening, composed when possible, of the various branches and members of a family, is all that distinguishes the day above others.

## NEW YEAR'S DAY.

The custom of celebrating, by some religious observance, accompanied by festive rejoicing, the first day of the year, prevailed among most of the ancient nations. The Jews, Egyptians, Chinese, Romans and Mohammedans, although differing at the time from which they reckoned the commencement of the year, all regarded it as a day of special interest. In Rome the year anciently began in March, and when Numa, according to the old legend, transferred it to January 1, that day was held sacred to Janus Bifrons, who was thus supposed to turn at once back upon the old and forward into the new year. On the establishment of Christianity the usage of a solemn inauguration of the new year was retained, but it was not until the sixteenth century that January 1 was universally accepted as the first day of the year. The early Fathers of the church prohibited in Christian use all festive celebration, and directed that the Christian year should be opened with a day of fasting, humiliation and prayer. The mandate was only partially observed. The festal character of the day was pertinaciously preserved, but it was also observed as a day of prayer, especially after the year began with January 1, as that day, being the eighth after Christ's nativity, was held to be the commemoration of his circumcision. From the earliest recorded celebration we find notice of feasting and the interchange of presents. Suetonius alludes to the bringing of presents to the capital, and Tacitus refers to the practice of giving and receiving New Year's gifts. In England we find many examples of it, even as a part of the public expenditure of the Court, so far down as the reign of Charles II. In many countries the night of New Year's eve, "St. Sylvester's eve was celebrated with great festivities, prolonged till after twelve o'clock, when the new year was ushered in with congratulations, complimentary visits and mutual wishes for a happy new year. This is an ancient Scottish custom prevailing also in many parts of Germany, where the form of wish—"Prosit—(for the Latin *prosit*) neu-jahr"—"May the new year be happy"—sufficiently attests the antiquity of the custom. In many places the practice of tolling bells at midnight, and thus "ringing in the new year" is still observed. Many religious communions are accustomed to celebrate it with a special service. In the Roman Catholic church the *Te Deum* is still sung at the close of the old year, and New Year's day is a holiday of strict obligation.


New Advertisements.

## Public Sale
—OF—
## PERSONAL PROPERTY!

THE undersigned intending to discontinue farming, will sell on his farm adjoining the Antietam Iron Works, three miles south of Sharpsburg, on **Tuesday, January 10th, 1882,** at 10 o'clock a.m., the following property, viz.:

7 HEAD OF WORK HORSES! all young; 5 of them good Brood Mares, 6 of them good Bar-shear Leaders, 2 Colts, one a two yearling, the other a yearling,

**14 HEAD OF CATTLE!**

7 of which are good milk cows, the balance young and thrifty; **17 Head of Hogs,** ons a good brood Sow, 2 Farm Wagons, 1 new Spring Wagon, 2 Sets of Breech-bands, 4 sets of Front Gears, 6 sets of Plow Gears, 1 Set of Single Harness (new), Collars, Bridles, &c., 1 Grain Drill, (Hagerstown make, new), 1 Horse Rake, new, 2 good Bar-shear Plows, 5 Double and Single-shovel Plows, 1 Corn Coverer, 2 Sets of Grain Ladders, 1 extra good Wheat Fan, Single and Double Trees, 3 Log Chains, 1 Fifth Chain, Spreaders, &c., 1 good Harrow, a lot of Pitch and Dung Forks, Rakes, Shovels, 3 Grain Cradles,

600 BUSHELS OF CORN!

which will be sold in 20 or 25 bushel lots,

6 OR 7 TONS OF TIMOTHY HAY!

4 Tons of Clover Hay, which will be sold by the ton, a lot of Fodder, which will be sold by the bundle. I will also offer

**1,500 POUNDS OF BACON!**

a lot of Lard by the pound, &c.

TERMS OF SALE:—On all sums over five dollars a credit of nine months will be given, the purchasers to give notes with approved security; all sums of five dollars and under the cash will be required. No goods to be removed until settled for. If notes are not promptly paid at maturity, interest will be charged from date of sale.

N. B.—The Farm containing 238 Acres will be for rent from the 1st day of April, 1882. It is in a high state of cultivation, and under good fencing.

Dec23,—3t. JAMES MARKER.

## Public Sale
—OF—
## VALUABLE REAL ESTATE!

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Circuit Court for Washington County, sitting as a Court of Equity, passed in No. 3,222 on the docket of said Court, the undersigned Trustees will sell at Public Sale, in front of Shay's Hotel, in Sharpsburg, Washington County, Maryland, on **Saturday, January 7th, 1882,** all those lots or parcels of ground in Sharpsburg, Maryland, belonging to the heirs of John Himes, deceased, viz:

**No. 1,** improved by a one and a half story Log House, Stable and other outbuildings, situate on the Main street, with a width of 51½ feet on said street, bounded on the East by the property of Benjamin Malone, on the West by the property of James Marker, and running back to an alley parallel with Main street, 206 feet.

**No. 2** is a Vacant Lot, containing **one Acre** more or less, on said Main street, at the western end of said town, bounded on the North by said street, East by an alley, South by the property of Jacob Mose and West by the property of Martin V. Cramer. This lot can be divided into four excellent building lots, each to contain 51½ feet width and 206 feet depth, and will so be offered on day of sale.

Terms of sale as prescribed by the decree are: One-third of the purchase money to be paid on the day of sale, or the ratification thereof, and the residue in two equal annual payments, the whole to bear interest from the day of sale; the purchaser or purchasers to give their notes with sureties to be approved by the Trustee for the said deferred payments, and when all the purchase money is paid a good and sufficient deed will be executed.

JACOB MARKER,
Dec. 16,—3t. Trustee.

## Trustee's Sale
—OF—
## VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
LYING NEAR
## Sandy Hook.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE Circuit Court for Washington County, as a Court of Equity, passed in Cause No. 3,214 on the docket of the said Court, the undersigned Trustee will offer at Public Sale, in front of Elgin's Store, in Sandy Hook, on **Saturday, the 14th day of January, A. D., 1882, at 2 o'clock, P. M.,** all the following described Tract of Land, of which Thomas Russell, late of said County, died, seized, to wit: **A Farm containing 82 Acres of Land, more or less,** lying on the West side of the road leading from Harper's Ferry to the Antietam Furnace, adjoining the lands of James Beck, Christian Smith, and others, and about 1½ miles from Harper's Ferry. There is a good **Tenant House and Stable** on said property.

The terms of sale as prescribed by the decree are: One-third of the purchase money to be paid in hand on the day of sale, or the ratification thereof, and the residue in two equal instalments, payable respectively in one and two years from the day of sale, with interest thereon from the day of sale. The purchaser to give his notes with sureties to be approved by the Trustee for the deferred payments, and upon the payment of the whole purchase money, a good and sufficient deed will be executed to the purchaser for said property.

WILLIAM KEALHOFER,
Dec. 16,—3t. Trustee.

When You go to Hagerstown stop at the
## BALDWIN HOUSE,
Embracing in one Building
THE HOTEL, ACADEMY OF MUSIC, SEATING CAPACITY 750, ADAMS EXPRESS CO., BALTIMORE & OHIO RAILROAD EXPRESS AND AMERICAN UNION TELEGRAPH COMPANY.
**RATES, $2.00 PER DAY.**
McLAUGHLIN & HERBERT,
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Cutters, Sleigh Baskets, Runners, Shafts, Knees and Benches, and Sleigh Bells, at McKEE BROS., Hardware Store.

## John T. Seiss,
NO. 15 SOUTH POTOMAC ST.,
(Near Public Square,)
HAGERSTOWN, - MARYLAND.

DRY GOODS,
HOSIERY,
GLOVES, NOTIONS,
CORSETS,
AND
UNDERWEAR.

An examination of prices solicited.
Nov4-4m.

WATCHES,
CLOCKS,
AND
FINE JEWELRY!

I invite the citizens of Sharpsburg and vicinity, to call and examine my

**STOCK OF JEWELRY!**

I will guarantee them cheap prices.

Mr. Emanuel Highbarger, has full charge of all Watch, Clock, Jewelry and Music Box repair.

Call to see prices.

JOHN FECHTIG,
(Boult's Old Stand,)
Nov4-ly. HAGERSTOWN, MD.

## F. A. HEARD,
DEALER IN
MILLINERY!
FANCY GOODS!
DRY GOODS
NOTIONS!
AND
LADIES' FURNISHING GOODS,
4 Doors South of Public Square,
HAGERSTOWN, - MARYLAND.

The largest variety of FANCY GOODS kept in the County.

All the latest Novelties received as soon as out. Nov 4, 1881—1y.

*Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and Silverware!*

Just received and now open for inspection, the largest and most beautiful stock of
**Silverware, Watches, Clocks and Jewelry**
that was ever exhibited in the County.
PARTIES DESIRING
**FIRST-CLASS GOODS**
for their own use, or for holiday or wedding presents, should pay us a visit and see for themselves. We cannot display all goods we have on account of room, but we intend in a few months to enlarge our store room to double its present size.—Therefore, anything you desire and do not see in case or on shelf, you should ask for, and we will produce it.

*We Guarantee all Articles to be the Very Best,*

and we can and will sell the same quality of goods from 10 to 12 per cent. lower than has ever been done elsewhere. We do not represent 10 carat gold for 14 or 14 carat for 18, single plated ware as double, or double as triple-plated. Call and be convinced, and oblige respectfully,

G. R. BOWMAN,
43 W. Washington St.,
Nov 25, 3m. Hagerstown, Md.

HEAD QUARTERS
FOR
SCHOOL BOOKS!

Having again received the contract for supplying the Public Schools with books for the next two years I would respectfully call the attention of
**TEACHERS, PARENTS and GUARDIANS**
to the largest and most complete stock of
SCHOOL BOOKS, SLATES, PENS, INK, SLATE & LEAD PENCILS, SCHOOL BAGS, LEATHER SATCHELS, BOOK STRAPS, SCHOLARS' COMPANIONS, &c.,
kept in town and at lowest prices. Have also just received a large lot of
PAPER ENVELOPES
of various grades and prices.
**BLANK BOOKS**
of all description. BOX PAPERS of latest styles ranging in price from 10 cts. to $1.50 per box. Fall Styles of
WALL PAPER & WINDOW SHADES.
WALTER A. MOBLEY,
Under the Baldwin House,
Nov. 4-7m. HAGERSTOWN, Md.

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—DEALER IN—
FINE GROCERIES,
China, Glass and Queensware
CHOICE LIQUORS of all kinds.
Call and examine his stock. Nov4-ly.

FOR FINE GROCERIES, go to
J. M. BAYER'S,
Opposite the Market House,
Nov4-ly Hagerstown, Md.

ALL kinds of Fruits, Citron, Raisins, Currants, &c., for the Holidays, at
J. C. WILSON'S.

FRENCH & TURKISH PRUNES,
RAISINS,
CURRANTS AND CITRON,
For sale by
J. M. Bayer,
Opposite the Market House,
Nov4-ly. HAGERSTOWN, MD.

BUY
## School Books
FROM
EDWARDS & CO.,
(Near the Public Square,)
*HAGERSTOWN,*
Nov4-ly. *Maryland.*

SUGARS, COFFEES, TEAS, SPICES,
SUGARS, COFFEES, TEAS, SPICES,
SYRUPS, &c.,
SYRUPS, &c.,
AT BOTTOM PRICES, AT
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J. M. BAYER'S,
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Nov4-ly. Hagerstown, Md.

GO TO
## M. EINSTEIN,
*"The Little Man Around the Corner,"*
FOR YOUR
FALL & WINTER CLOTHING.
He has unusual attractions in
MEN'S, BOYS' and CHILDREN'S Wear.
Handsome Patterns, Desirable Styles and at Reasonable Prices.
Overcoats of the Most Fashionable Designs at $4, $6, $8, $10, $12, $15 and $20.
**Men's Business and Dress Suits from $6 to $12!**
My Boys' Department contains the choicest of this Season's Novelties for Dress, School, and Play use, at marvelously low prices. A special invitation is extended to parents to examine my stock and compare prices. With my Clothing, I also carry a full line of Men's and Boys'
**BOOTS AND SHOES!**
Men's Shoes..... $1.25 to $2.50.
Men's Coarse Boots..... $2.50 up.
Men's Fine Boots..... $3.75.
**Hats, Trunks, Valises and Umbrellas,**
always in stock, with a full assortment of GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS, comprising all the Latest Styles and at Prices to suit all. Respectfully,
M. EINSTEIN,
No 3 NORTH POTOMAC ST.
Nov4-ly. HAGERSTOWN, MD.

## ROB'T STONESIFER,
## Merchant Tailor!
BOONSBORO, MD.

All persons in need of Elegant Fitting Garments and
*GOOD GOODS*
At Bottom Prices, should call at once.
Largest
AND
FINEST STOCK OF GOODS
in Washington Co. to select from.
CLOTHS,
CASSIMERES
AND VESTINGS!
**Suitings in any desired Shade or Color!**
**FIRST-CLASS WORK!**
**GOOD FITS WARRANTED!**
Thankful for past favors, I earnestly solicit the same for the future. Nov4-ly.

J. C. BOLINGER
HAS JUST
RECEIVED THE FINEST
AND
CHEAPEST STOCK
OF
DERBY HATS
FOR
LADIES
AND
GENTLEMEN
THAT CAN BE FOUND
IN
THE COUNTY.
ALSO
SPECIAL INDUCEMENTS
FOR THE
HOLIDAYS.

**FIRST AND LAST GROCERY!**
First to open, Last to close. First as you come in, Last as you go out.
**WM. M. CRONISE, JR.**
The leading house in town is selling goods at prices below competition. Call on him for
**Staple and Fancy Groceries, Flour, Notions,**
WOODENWARE,
*Tobacco and Cigars.*
I shall endeavor to please every one.
WM. M. CRONISE, JR.,
In Post Office Building,
SHARPSBURG, Md.
Produce taken in exchange. 11-4-ly.

WHEN IN TOWN, DON'T FAIL TO
CALL AT
J. M. BAYER'S GROCERY,
Opposite the Market House,
where everything kept in a first-class Grocery Store can be found. Nov4 1y.

PRIME NEW ORLEANS SUGAR AND Choice New Orleans Molasses, at
J. C. WILSON'S.

# Lowenstein Bros.,
THE PEOPLE'S CANDIDATE FOR
# Fall and Winter Clothing!
Beg leave to tender many thanks to the citizens of
**Hagerstown and Surrounding Country,**
for the liberal patronage, kind feeling and encouragement shown them since the opening of their
# NEW STORE,
**No. 7, W. Washington St., in the new Humrichouse Building.**
They have on hand a first-class stock of
MEN'S, BOYS', YOUTHS' AND CHILDREN'S CLOTHING,
—AND—
**GENT'S FURNISHING GOODS,**
together with a carefully selected and choice line of
**Foreign and Domestic Piece Goods**
for Merchant Tailoring. Our reputation of many years standing for fair and honorable dealing can be vouched for by many of the citizens of Frederick and adjoining Counties, and the firm-name and reputation will be fully maintained here; therefore our patrons can purchase of us with the full assurance of having nothing misrepresented. Our clothing is of the newest patterns, and cut in the most modern styles, and will be sold at prices to suit all. Our stock is well selected, and we can sell you from a common pair of working pants up to a suit fit to be married in. We call your attention to our
**MERCHANT TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT,**
and ask a careful inspection of our large line of
**Cloths, Cassimeres, Beavers, Overcoating, Doeskins and Vestings.**
Being practical cutters ourselves we employ none but first class workmen in this branch; and hence we can guarantee a perfect fit, together with the most durable workmanship.
**Our Furnishing Goods Department**
will be complete in every particular, and the variety to select from as large as any in Baltimore City. All we ask is a careful inspection of our stock before purchasing elsewhere. Polite attention to all. We take great pleasure in introducing "OUR PRIDE" SHIRT, the best in the market. Earnestly soliciting your early patronage,
We are yours, &c.,
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# G. F. Smith,
DRUGGIST
—AND—
APOTHECARY,
Sharpsburg, Md.
Drugs, Medicines,
Chemicals,
TOILET ARTICLES,
PATENT MEDICINES,
*Paints, Oils, &c., &c.*
Prescriptions carefully compounded at all hours, day or night. Nov4-ly.

**BOOTS & SHOES.**
We, the undersigned respectfully inform our customers and the public generally, that they will always find the **Best Goods** *at our place for the Least Money to be had in town.*
All Goods are carefully selected with that object in view. The only place to get the *Celebrated* **CARLISLE SHOES** *in town.*
All kinds of Boots and Shoes made to order at the lowest prices possible. Repairing done promptly and neatly.
We feel by doing the square thing we shall merit a continuance of your patronage. Give us a call.
Very Respectfully,
Nov4-ly. D. SMITH & SONS.

IF YOU WANT CHEAP GROCERIES,
go to
B. F. ROHRBACK.
He is always selling
*The BEST and CHEAPEST in TOWN*
Nov4-ly.

**The Latest News.**
AS I am in the Dry Goods and Grocery line, in my new building, opposite the Episcopal Church, I ask all my old customers to remember me. I am selling goods as cheap as I ever did.
Thankful for past favors, I solicit a continuance of patronage. Call and see me.
Nov4-ly. A. R. RENNER.

ALL who want *FIRST-CLASS* brands
—OF—
**TOBACCO AND CIGARS**
Should call on B. F. ROHRBACK and be convinced that he is selling nothing but what is both *good and cheap.* Nov4-ly.

A FULL LINE OF QUEENS, GLASS, WOOD and WILLOW WARE, at
J. M. BAYER'S,
Opposite the Market House,
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MASURY'S RAILROAD PAINTS
—THE—
best in the world, and a full line of
PAINT BRUSHES
FOR SALE BY
J. M. BAYER,
Opposite the Market House,
Nov4-ly. Hagerstown, Md.


**Railroad Time Cards**

SHENANDOAH VALLEY RAILROAD.

IN EFFECT NOVEMBER 28, 1881.

| Southward | | STATIONS. | Northward | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| P.M. | A.M. | Arrive. Leave. | A.M. | P.M. |
| 5 00 | 11 55 | ....Hagerstown .... | 8 00 | 1 05 |
| 5 16 | 12 11 | .....St. James..... | 7 44 | 12 50 |
| 5 24 | 12 19 | ..... Grimes..... | 7 36 | 12 43 |
| 5 47 | 12 32 | ....Sharpsburg..... | 7 24 | 12 32 |
| 5 55 | 12 40 | ..Shepherdstown.. | 7 14 | 12 22 |
| 6 12 | 12 57 | ..Shen. Junction.. | 7 00 | 12 05 |
| 6 26 | 1 11 | ....Charlestown.... | 6 45 | 11 50 |
| ..... | 1 42 | .....Berryville..... | ..... | 11 17 |
| ..... | 1 59 | .....Boyceville ..... | ..... | 10 58 |
| ..... | 2 07 | .....White Post..... | ..... | 10 50 |
| ..... | 2 35 | .....Riverton..... | ..... | 10 22 |
| ..... | 2 43 | ... Front Royal.... | ..... | 10 13 |
| ..... | 3 10 | .....Bentonville..... | ..... | 9 42 |
| ..... | 4 10 | ..... Luray..... | ..... | 8 35 |
| ..... | 4 57 | .Shen. Iron Works | ..... | 7 48 |
| ..... | 5 10 | .....Elkton..... | ..... | 7 35 |
| ..... | 5 48 | ...Port Republic... | ..... | 6 57 |
| ..... | 5 52 | ...Weyer's Cave... | ..... | 6 53 |
| ..... | 6 30 | ....Waynesboro... | ..... | 6 15 |
| P.M. | P.M. | | A.M. | A.M. |

CHAS. P. HATCH, G. F. & P. A.

WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD

SCHEDULE OF TRAINS.

On and after Dec. 1, 1881, the trains on the Western Maryland Railroad will run as follows:

DEPARTURES.

8 00 A. M. Martinsburg Express for Baltimore, due at Hillen Station at 11.55 A. M.
10.25 A. M. Accommodation for Shippensburg, Pa., due at 12.50 P. M.
11.40 A. M. Mail for Williamsport, due 12.00 M.
2.30 P. M. Mail for Baltimore, due at Hillen Station at 6.55 P. M.
6.45 P. M. Accommodation for Shippensburg, Pa., due at 9.10 P. M.
7.55 P. M. Martinsburg Express for Williamsport, due at 8.15 P. M.

ARRIVALS.

8.00 A. M. Martinsburg Express, due at Baltimore at 11.55.
9.00 A. M. Accommodation leaving Shippensburg, Pa., at 6.40 A. M.
11.40 A. M. Mail leaving Baltimore at 7.15 A. M.
2.30 P. M. Mail leaving Williamsport at 2.10 P. M.
3.40 P. M. Accommodation leaving Shippensburg at 1.20. P. M.
5.45 P. M. Accommodation leaving Shippensburg at 3.20 P. M.
7.55 P. M. Martinsburg Express leaving Baltimore at 4.00 P. M.

J. M. HOOD, Gen'l Manager. B. H. GRISWOLD, Gen'l Ticket Agent.


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TONSORIAL ARTIST,
DELECTABLE BARBER.
Physiological Hair Cutter.
SHARPSBURG, MARYLAND.

HAIR CUTTING done with AMBIDEXTERITY. All work promptly and courteously attended to.

NEWCOMER HOUSE,
*HAGERSTOWN, MD.*
N. W. Corner of Washington and Jonathan Streets, near the Court House.
**A Square from each of the Depots.**
TERMS, $1.50 PER DAY.
Nov4-ly.

MEAT CUTTERS, SAUSAGE STUFFERS, Butcher Knives, Steels, &c., at McKEE BROTHERS,
Near the Market House,
Nov. 4th. Hagerstown, Maryland.

IF YOU WANT A GOOD BLANKET, Cheap and Warm, go to WILSON'S and get it, for he is selling all kinds of Goods at Bottom Prices.