# R. F. PARKS & SON

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

## Start the New Year Right

Deal at Home at the store that can supply your every want at right prices : : : : : :

**Mens, Ladies and Little Tots Handkerchiefs**

Men's Linen Hemstitched and Initial Handkerchiefs.....5c to 50c
Ladies' Beautiful Embroidered Fancy Lace Hemstitched and Mourning Handkerchiefs.....5c to 50c
Little Tots Fancy Boxes, 3 Handkerchiefs to box.....15c to 35c

**Towels—The Latest—Something New**

Beautiful Monogram Towels.....25c to $1,50
Turkish Towels, Linen Houck Towels, extra values,..10c, 12½c, 15c, 25c

**Big Values in Table Linens**

Our selection of these fabrics can't be better.....25c to $1.87½ per yd

**Table Napkins—Linen and Cotton**

Fringed and plain borders, splendid patterns.....$1.25 to $5.50 dozen

**Rich Line of White Bed Spreads**

Pretty Patterns In White Bed Spreads, all clean up to date stock, the price range from.....99c to $4 50

**Hello! Its Getting Cold and Some Colder—You Need Comfortables—Come, Look**

The Greatest Down Comfortables at.....$10.00
A Big Bargain in Comfortables at.....75c
All prices, 75c to $10.00. Bear in mind the prices. Cotton and Down Comfortables to please.

**Talk About Bed Blankets—We've Got 'Em**

Blankets in White.....49c to $10 50
Grey Wool Blankets.....$3.50 to $6 50
Grey Blankets, cotton and wool.....50c to $1.75

**Fine Line of Sweaters**

Men's, all colors, all sizes, with collar.....$1.49 to $6.50
Men's, without collar, all colors, best new weaves.....50c to $5.50
Ladies' and Children's Sweaters, all colors, all qualities.....25c to $5 50

**Underwear for Men, Ladies and Children**

Men's Grey and White, shirts and drawers to match.....50c to $2 50 each
Ladies' Grey and White Vests and Pants to match.....50 to $1 50 each
Ladies' Nice Union Suits, silk and wool.....$2.25 to $3 00
Children's, Misses' and Babies', vests and pants.....15c to 50c

**Our Stock of Hosiery is Complete**

Biggest value in Misses' and Children's Hose at.....10c pair
Hosiery for Ladies.....10c to $1.25
Hosiery for Men and Women, wool and cashmere,.....25c

**Inlaid Linoleums**

Inlaid Linoleums, very handsome patterns.....90c to $1.50 sq. yd
Linoleums from.....40c to 65c
Oil Cloths in all designs and colors.

**Axminster Brussel Squares**

Brussel Squares.....$7.75 to $13.00
Tremont Fibre Rug, 9x12.....$7.89
Mattings, Mattings, thousands of yards, all prices.

**Chinaware, Glassware, Crockery**



All kinds, all useful and necessary things. Our Hand Painted Japanese China is up to the minute,
A Very Pretty 100 Piece Dinner and Tea Set at.....$10.49
Nice Assortment of Toilet Sets from.....$3.00 to $6.75

**Horse Blankets and Carriage Robes**

In greatest abundance, all colors, all designs.

Our extra value, all wool, 84x90 Blanket, is a winner.....$6.69
Good Values in Blankets at.....$1.15, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.25
Robes, rubber inner lining, wind, rain and moth proof.

**Our Line of Shoes is Superior to Any We Ever Had Before**

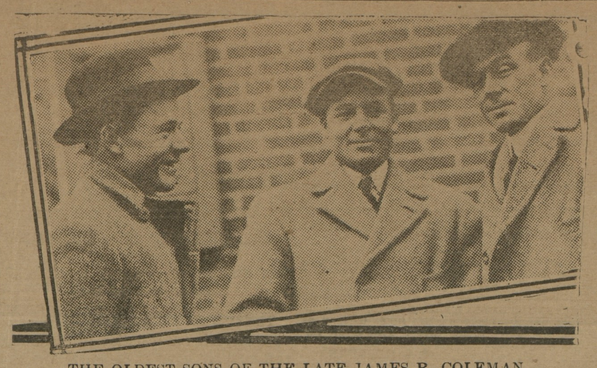
Men's Shoes, all leather, all styles.....$1.48 to $4.75
Boys' Shoes, all leathers, all styles.....$1.25 to $3.50
Children's Skuffers, tan and black.....85c to $2.25
Children's Nice Tan and Black Hand-made Dress Shoes.....$2.25
Ladies' Fine Hand-made Vici Kid, Gun Metal and Pat. Leather....$3.50

**Gum Boots, the Biggest and Most Complete Assortment**

Prices, all Kinds—Snag Proof Foot at.....$3.39
Rubber Gum, Dull, Can't Be Beat at.....$4.50
Snag, all sizes, this is all new stock.....$4.50
Leather Boots to Please All.

Butter, Eggs, Lard and Meat

R. F. PARKS & SON
CHESTERTOWN, MD.

THE OLDEST SONS OF THE LATE JAMES R. COLEMAN.

## POULTRY NOTES

[By a Kent County Poultryman]

While small flocks will give the best results, it is probable that, taking everything into consideration, the long, continuous open-fronted house is the most economical. These houses can be built large enough to take care of any number of layers required. They should be absolutely rain and wind proof on three sides and roof, but the front (south) should be at least one-third open and as much as two-thirds would not matter.

The best house that the writer has yet discovered is one 12 feet wide, 8 feet high in front and 5½ feet at back. This house has on the front one 12 inch board on edge along the bottom to retain the litter, and is open with one-quarter inch mesh wire up from this for a distance of two feet. It is then tightly boarded for three feet and the top [two feet) is open with one-quarter inch mesh wire again. The dropping boards are 2½ feet up from the floor and the perches 1 foot above them. The nests are put up on the front of the house against that part that is boarded. In this way the whole of the floor is left free for scratching. And when you come right down to the most important feature, which is the floor, there is only one kind suitable for a poultry house—mother earth. Don't be misled into using concrete, even if the ground is low. A board floor is preferable to concrete, except that it makes a harbor for rats. No, there is nothing like the soil. Your house should be filled in a little so as not to allow the floor to become too wet, though a damp earth floor will do no harm in an open front house, and is preferable to a too dry one.

Keep the floor covered with 8 inches to 12 inches of good clean straw and make your poultry work for every grain they eat. If you are a believer in wet mash, feed it on clean boards and remove them after each feeding. But I should strongly advise a dry mash feed in hoppers and before the birds all the time.

The perches should be firm and a 2x3 inch scantling, with the edges rounded and the wide side up, is about right. They should be 18 inches apart; the back perch should be 12 inches away from the wall, and the dropping boards should project 12 inches beyond the front one. If you use four rows of perches this would make your dropping boards 6½ feet wide, and after taking off 1 foot 3 inches in the front for the nests leaves you 4 feet 3 inches clear passage the whole length or your house. You will find that this perch arrangement works out about right, and that while it allows ample room, 3 rows of perches is hardly enough. You can consider that it takes 16 feet of perch to take care of 25 birds, though with Orpingtons I always use 18 feet.

If your house is 40 feet long you would have perch room for 250 birds with four rows of perches, or 200 with three rows. The house would be large enough to take care of from 200 to 240 birds, allowing them two square feet of floor space and ten cubic feet of air space each, which is about right. Be sure and not over-crowd your houses—it is fatal to a big egg yield.

Don't feed grain in troughs under any conditions, always make the hens work it, and scatter it over as wide an area as possible so as to give them all a chance The best time to feed your winter layers their grain ration is an hour before dusk. This should be a full feed of mixed grain of about one quart to every 20 hens. It is more than they will eat that evening, but they will be off the perches early the next morning scratching for the balance.

Be sure this grain feed is a mixed one with plenty of variety, wheat, oats, barley, corn, buckwheat, kaffir corn, etc. Wheat and buckwheat are the best egg producing grains, but to keep up flesh and muscle oats and barley are very essential. Corn should be used sparingly, especially in summer. Don't forget that for winter eggs you must feed green and vegetable food. Nothing is cheaper and better for this purpose than clover, it should be cut very fine and should form at least one-sixth of their wash ration.

It is always advisable to mark your poultry. I should advise doing so in such a manner as to enable you to tell not only what year each bird was hatched, but also what month. If you use a toe punch you can make 16 different markings and by leg banding every other year you can easily tell at a glance what year the bird was born. Most hens start losing their usefulness as layers after two years and with the exception of those that make extra good setters and mothers should be disposed of after finishing their third laying season.

It occurs to me at this point that many of my readers may consider that if they change their breed and buy good stock they should at once have a flock of birds that will average 200 eggs or better a year. The sooner that they realize the definitely demonstrated facts that the 200 egg flock does not exist and that the 200 egg hen—not to mention the 250 egg hen—is very rare, the sooner they will be able to rightly estimate chicken values.

The best record in this country is 282 eggs laid in 12 months by a Barred Rock at Guelph, Canada, and the next best is 281 eggs laid by a white Plymouth Rock hen. In the Missouri National Egg-laying Contest there were 655 hens and of these only 59 hens laid 200 eggs or more and only two of these laid better than 250. There were 131 pens of five birds each in this contest and of these only two pens averaged 200 eggs. They were one pen of R. I. Reds, 1042 eggs in the year or an average of 208 eggs per hen and one pen of White Wyandottes, 1015 eggs in one year or an average of 203 eggs per hen. It is worthy of note that while the individual record of 281 was made by a White Plymouth Rock at this contest, the best pen of this breed in the contest only averaged 163 eggs per hen for the year.

The amount of grain eaten by the hens of the different breeds is an average of 35 pounds a year, and this does not vary a pound one way or the other; but the amount of mash eaten in the Missouri contest, where very careful records were kept, varied all the way from 30⅓ pounds to 50 pounds, and the four utility breeds eat respectively: Buff Orpingtons, 30⅓ lbs.; R. I Reds, 38⅔ lbs.; Rocks, 44½ lbs.; Wyandottes, 34 lbs. It is noticeable in this connection that the Buff Orpington eats less than even the Leghorns and Anconas, and is nearly three times their size.

## BETTERTON NOTES.

Mr. Harris Crewe has moved in his beautiful home on bay side.

Mr. Mac Price who has been sickly for some time was taken to Baltimore Sunday for treatment, has our sincere wish that he will be restored to health.

Mr. and Mrs. John Geary and little daughter Alma Josephine of Philadelphia, spent several days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Owens.

The children returned to school Monday after enjoying a two weeks holiday.

Miss Josephine Wheatley was sick Monday and unable to teach school.

Miss Elinor Hargrave, of Baltimore, has returned home after spending a week with Misses Martha and Helen Rasin.

Three parties were given the young folks here New Year's night.

Misses Myrtle Tull and Mabel Rasin have returned to their school in Baltimore after spending the holidays with their parents

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Duyer taken their little daughter Ester, back to her school in Baltimore after having her home for the holidays.

Owing to the delay at Delaware City, the Ericssion steamer was delayed and did not reach here Sunday until 3 p. m.

An entertainment was held in the church Wednesday evening which was very much enjoyed by a large crowd. Old Santa was there and treated the children to an orange and bag of candy The ladies here presented Mrs. F. X. Moore with a hand painted cushion.

Miss Madge Wilmer has accepted a school in Rock Hall and left Monday for her charge.

## CRUMPTON NOTES.

Mrs. Wm. Sparks entertained the Ladies Aid Society of the M. P. Church, New Years Eve.

Miss Anna Harrison, of Kent Island, and Mr. Roland Harrison, student, of Pierces Business College, Philadelphia, are at home for the holidays.

Messrs. Harry Harrison, of Philadelphia and John Harrison, of Baltimore, spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Geo. I. Harrison.

Little Miss Esta Sparks has been in Wilmington.

Mrs. J. P. Hartley has gone to Philadelphia, where she will spend the winter.

Messrs Clyde Tarbutton, a student at Maryland Agriculture College and Wm. Tarbutton, of St John's College, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Tarbutton.

Mrs. Mary Fennimore Sheppard spent a few days in Philadelphia last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sollaway entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Ryland, of Centreville, Christmas.

Mr. John Hubbard is visiting in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Price Vansant, of Wilmington, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Clements.

Miss Myra Walls has returned home from WhyMart, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Steavens and children and Mr. Bueten Steavens, of Smith River N. J., Mr. and Mrs. Bridgewater and children of Chester, Mr. and Mrs. Mayor, of Baltimore, and Mr. Will Steavens, of Philadelphia have been spending Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. H. Clay Steavens.

Mr. George Clark, Jr., of Goldevs College is passing the holidays at home.

Mr. Robert Fennimore, of Wilmington, has been stopping with Mrs. Woodall Fennimore.

Mrs. Martha Milbourn is entertaining Miss Emily Betting, of Philadelphia.

Mrs. George Fennimore is visiting in Wilmington.

Prof. and Mrs. R C. Godwin, of Cleveland are the guests of Mrs. Ware.

Miss Myrtle Hartley spent the week end in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Sheppard were the guest of Dr. and Mrs. F. M, Sheppard Christmas,

Mr. Parmer Hemmones has moved in the Clement farm in the Crumpton lane.

Miss Kathyrn Walls is spending the week in Philadelphia.


Children Cry
FOR FLETCHER'S
CASTORIA






*Mrs. Worriment*—"Just look at this dress! Isn't that awful? I was walking along the street and one of those big auto-trucks splashed me from head to foot with mud! I guess I might as well throw the dress away."

*Anty Drudge*—"Well, if it was me, instead of throwing away several dollars' worth of good dress I'd get a cake of Fels-Naptha Soap, wash those mudstains and have a good-as-new dress in a jiffy."

A cake of Fels-Naptha Soap will cut your washday work in half and give you time for rest and pleasure; save your strength; save coal or gas bills, and do your work better than it was ever done before.

Fels-Naptha Soap works best in cool or lukewarm water, without hard rubbing or scrubbing. It washes clothes without boiling. It does all kinds of work easily and quickly.

*Just follow the directions on the Red and Green Wrapper. Better buy Fels-Naptha by the carton or box.*

Fels & Co., Philadelphia.



# XMAS, 1913

Well, Old Santa Claus has sent his goods here for the children to look over before they make up their minds as to their wants for Xmas, and you can rest assured we are glad to see them come in We will take care of their letters until Old Santa arrives to fill their orders.

**Toys! Toys! Toys!**

We have the best assortment this year since we have been handling them: Beds, Cradles, Dolls, Irons and Ironing Boards, Baby Carriages, Pool Tables, Autos, the kind that runs; Stoves, Diners, Tables, Washboards, in fact everything that is wanted to make the children happy at Christmas time.

**Candies, Nuts and Fruits**

We have as usual (for we only handle candy at Xmas time) the cheapest and best line of Candies in town, and they are fresh.

We only handle the very best Nuts that are to be had—no inferior grades here. If you are looking for something good, we have them—no old ones here. Oranges, Grape Fruit, Malaga Grapes, Figs, Dates, etc.

**Fancy Glassware**

A beautiful display of Fancy Celery Dishes, Ash Receivers, Syrup Cups, Cream Pitchers, Cups and Saucers, Salt and Peppers, Tumblers, in plain and cut glass patterns. It is surely worth your while to look them over and save money for your better Xmas presents.

**Groceries Groceries**

Our line of good things to eat was never in a more up-to-date condition than at the present time. Always buy the best and you keep your system in a healthy condition.

Wishing all my patrons a Merry Xmas and a Happy New-Year.

A. W. CARMINE
CHESTERTOWN, MD. Phone 57-A



ATTENTION.

Approximately 14 448 persons in Maryland will subscribe or renew their subscriptions to the Ladies' Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post and Country Gentleman during the winter months. I would like 448 of those subscriptions to go in with my name on them, too.

EVELYN HARRIS,
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Chestertown's Best Store

WE THANK YOU for your past patronage, and in order to demonstrate in a more practical manner than in mere words, also to induce your esteemed favors, we have arranged to give to some one of our customers a present, consisting of the

## Beautiful Grand Piano

we have now on exhibition.

The value of this instrument is $400.00, and it is guaranteed by the maker for a PERIOD OF TEN YEARS.

We cordially invite you to inspect and try this beautiful instrument. You have as good a chance of obtaining this valuable gift as any one. Come to our store and let us explain our method of GIVING AWAY THIS PIANO.

We also desire to call your attention to THE MANY SPLENDID VALUES we are now offering in every department of our store.

ARLINGTON L. SPARKS
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# Have You Looked Through Our Furniture Display?

Really you shouldn't miss it.

There are suggestions a-plenty everywhere you turn in the store.

If you have in mind some article worth say two or three dollars, why you can find many things here that you can own for that much money.

And if you wish to spend ten, or twenty, or fifty dollars, you can do so more satisfactorily here maybe than anywhere else.

No matter what sum you wish to spend, our stock will give you the very best value possible.

We want to remind you of the desirability of Furniture as remembrances.

It comes as near being the ideal gift as anything you could think of.

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CHESTERTOWN, - - MARYLAND



# They Will Saw Wood




The Only Comb That Wont Break

THE STAR DRUG COMPANY


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