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Every Thursday steamer will leave Frederick town at 12 noon, Betterton at 1.00 p. m., Worton Manor 1.45 p. m., Tolchester 3 p. m., arriving in Baltimore about 6 p. m.

Will leave Baltimore Thursday at 7.00 a. m., for Betterton and Sassafras River Landings, stopping at Tolchester on the return trip.

Tolchester Schedule—Saturdays January 8th, and 22, February 5 and 19 and March 4, leaves Baltimore at 7 a. m and 2 30 p m.; leave Tolchester at 9 a. m. and 4 30 p. m.

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SCHEDULE

In Effect Monday, January 3rd, 1916

Steamer will leave Baltimore, Pier 9, Light St. wharf Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday 11.00 a. m., weather and tide permitting, for the following points:

Rock Hall, Queenstown, Bogles, Cliffs, *Ashland, Quaker Neck, Booker's, *Riverside, Kolph's, *Piney Grove, arrive Chestertown about 5 30 p. m.

*Stops on signal.

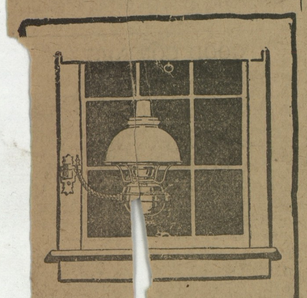
Returning, steamer leaves Chestertown for Baltimore Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 5.00 a. m. weather and tide permitting, stopping at the above landings, arriving in Baltimore about 2.00 p. m

Steamer operating to points above Chestertown, namely, Deep Landing and Crumpton, will be withdrawn on and after January 1st, 1916, last trip from Baltimore December 29th 1915, last trip to Baltimore December 30th, 1915.

This Time Table Shows the times at which steamers may be expected to arrive at and depart from the several wharves, but their arrival or departure at the times stated is not guaranteed, nor does the Company hold itself responsible for any delay or any consequences arising therefrom.

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Do you ever look into your hen house to see how the fowls are spending the night? It will pay you to keep track of how your birds arrange themselves for the night, especially during the cold winter months. This is one phase of poultry culture that seems to be overlooked by most writers.

We hear about colds being caused by all manner of things, but did it ever occur to you that isolated cases of colds might be caused by birds roosting apart in a drafty portion of the house? I have seen hens roost on nests, feed-hoppers, cross braces and even on drinking vessels. What is worse, I have seen many take cold apparently from no other reason than that they were in a very cold and drafty place. The best way to keep them off such places is to provide sloping tops so that the birds cannot obtain a foothold.

It is especially important to look after this situation when you have more than one male in the pen. Have you ever puzzled over the fact that one male bird seemed to stand the cold weather better than the others? It might be interesting for you to watch proceedings about roosting time some cold night. This may be about what happens: The more timid "rooster," gets on the perches early and settles down to enjoy the night's rest. A little later, up jumps the boss "rooster" (there is always a boss), and drives them off. They vainly try to get back a few times and then give it up, finally contenting themselves with most any place they can find. They are somewhat heated up and ready to take a cold and on extremely cold nights are in a fair way to get a frozen comb.

The "boss" sits up among the flock, their animal heat helping to keep him warm and comfortable. Those roosting apart are lucky to get off with simply a frozen comb, they sometimes in addition have their toes frozen.

Are your hens laying winter eggs, or are they "soldiering" on you? Then attend the annual short course in Poultry Keeping at your Agricultural College, January 17-20.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

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animal production, and the like. This work should be started in the elementary grades, continuing throughout their school days. Our girls should learn household economy and home sanitation. With such training in childhood, any country girl is better fitted for the many problems which confront her in later life.

A consolidated school in each rural community instead of so many small one-teacher schools would meet an urgent need in many communities. Advantages gained by having a consolidated school are more competition, better equipment, and more specialized instruction. Our high schools ought also to be provided with means for giving agricultural courses, particularly, winter short courses for the benefit of the older farmer boys. They should also have classes for training rural teachers, as many of our teachers do not understand the needs and problems of country life. Our normal schools should train teachers especially for country schools. Our Agricultural College ought to be looked up to as the greatest institution in the State devoted to teaching agriculture. Students either intending to be teachers or farmers should be encouraged to attend it. The agricultural short courses held there are of immeasurable value to the agricultural interests.

We need also to promote local organizations in our rural communities. Local improvement associations work effectively for improved roads, better schools, and a more effective local government. Women's clubs are useful in aiding our country mothers to become better home keepers, and secure necessary recreation. Boys' and Girls' Clubs give the boys enthusiasm for farming, and teach them improved methods, while they create in our girls an interest in household economy and give them the social life they need. The local grange has rendered valuable services in promoting improved living conditions, better agricultural methods, the elimination of unnecessary middlemen, economy and honesty in government, and satisfactory educational facilities.

In Maryland, particularly, the Affiliated Agricultural Societies, promoting the Maryland Week Exhibition, have been particularly helpful in affording an opportunity for the State's agricultural resources and a meeting place for our city and country people. The Essay contest for the boys and girls of the public schools, which they supervise, is an inducement to us to study our agricultural problems and help us become more useful men and women. It is a good thing that we have these societies and associations in our State. They are much needed. We should have them in every community in Maryland.

JEAN D...

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All ... voice at the other end was soft, and hesitating and entrancingly sweet; but the hesitation was maddening to Bob Noyes.

"Tell me now!" he urged impatiently.

"I—I couldn't," she pleaded. "I'll write you a little note before I go to bed—honest I will, Bob."

"I wish you could tell me now and put me out of my misery," he urged.

"I'll tell you what I'll do, Bob, I'll let you know before you ever open the note. If it's good news there will be a blue seal on the flap of the envelope—and if it's—not good news, why there will be a green seal. So you will know as soon as you receive the letter."

With that arrangement Bob had to be contented.

Would he be confronted by a blue seal or a fatal green one? All the evening the query haunted him.

Morning brought new hope.

He sat down at breakfast and looked nervously at the letters neatly piled beside his plate. Ah, here was the letter. He turned it over.

Green!

"Turned down, by Jove!" he muttered, thrusting the unopened letter in his breast pocket and pushing aside his plate. "A cup of strong coffee, Dunn, and nothing else," he ordered.

"Not a chop—or a bit of fruit, sir?" protested the servant.

"Nothing."

At nine o'clock that evening Alma Ray heard with a shock of dismay that Bob Noyes had sailed for Bermuda that afternoon.

"He wasn't in earnest after all," she said with a pale smile as she danced the evening away.

In Bermuda Bob Noyes hated golf and bridge and spent his spare time glowering at the unopened letter with the fatal green seal on the flap.

"Faithless, after all," he groaned one day as he strolled along a snowy beach. "If a pair of blue eyes ever said—" he shook his head fiercely.

At that moment he came face to face with Alma Ray's brother Jack, who was staring at him with maliciously amused eyes.

"You're looking seedy, Bob," said Jack, after they had shaken hands.

"No reason why I should," defended the other. "I'm fit as a fiddle—having no end of a good time. Surprised to see you here at this season."

"Governor had a poor spell—I was detailed to escort him down here; he's over on the links now, grinning like a Cheshire cat and having no end of a good time. Foxy is my dad's middle name!" laughed Jack.

"Er—family all well?" asked Bob.

"I told you dad was ailing," returned Jack with a surprised look.

"Yes. Mrs. Ray and your sister?"

"Oh, yes." Jack dropped the subject in an exasperating way that nettled Bob Noyes. What was the matter with the boy? Did he know of Bob's disappointment—did he, perhaps, know that Alma was engaged to some other man?

"I'm going over to see how dad's getting along," said Jack. "Come?"

"Not now—I'll be over later," was Bob's reply, and he was thankful when he was alone. "Who could imagine I'd ever be so weak-kneed just because a little girl refused to marry me? By Jove, I won't! I'll go back tomorrow!"

He whirled around to retrace his steps and almost ran into Alma Ray, small and dainty, her lovely face as white as her frock.

"Bob!" she cried sharply. "Why did you go away?"

"Alma!" he was weak with surprise. "Why—why, I got your letter that morning—the green seal, you know!" he stammered.

"Well, what of it?" she asked impatiently.

"What of it? Why, I saw the green seal and I knew!"

She regarded him closely. Then:

"Did you read the letter?" she asked calmly.

"No—it wasn't necessary. I have it here." He held it toward her, the green seal unbroken.

"Read it," she commanded, and reluctantly he obeyed.

He lifted a bewildered face, blissfully happy with the message read in the letter, still perplexed over the green seal.

"But, darling, how was I to know?" he asked, holding her in his arms. "You said a blue seal would mean yes—a green seal would mean no—and I saw the green seal and I thought—"

"Stupid!" interrupted Alma, lifting starry eyes to his. "You see, I found I was all out of blue sealing wax, so I had to use green. And you ought to have known, anyway, what my answer would be."

And from that instant Bob Noyes relinquished all hope of ever understanding womankind.

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