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—WITH—

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—FOR THE SALE OF—

Grain, Fruits, Live Stock, Wool and Country Produce Generally.

Special attention given to the sale of GRAIN and FRUITS.

No. 303 South Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.

Reference—Merchants' National Bank.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,

FOR THE SALE OF

GRAIN, FRUITS, LIVE STOCK, AND PRODUCE GENERALLY.

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IN ALL KINDS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE AND LIVE STOCK.

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Consignments solicited. Returns promptly sent on sale of goods. Orders promptly filled and inquiries cheerfully answered. fe12-y.

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COMMISSION MERCHANT,

PEACHES A SPECIALTY.

By quick sales, square dealing and prompt returns we hope to merit your patronage. Refer to the wholesale trade here, also prominent growers and shippers, for whom we sell, upon application

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Established in 1871.

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Commission Merchants,

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Consignments solicited.

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(UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA.)

fe2. *GALENA, KENT CO., MD.*

DR. JAMES W. URIE,

HOMEOPATHIST,

STILL POND, MD.

DENTIST.

DR. C. P. GILPIN,

CHESTERTOWN, MD., MAIN ST., ADJ. CAHALL'S STORE.

Office Hours, 8:30 to 12 A. M., and 1 to 4 P. M.

Having enlarged my office and added many new conveniences, I am able to offer my patients much greater comfort while under treatment than in the past. d1-tf.

DR. THOMAS H. COOPER,

HOMEOPATHIST,

Chestertown, Maryland, opposite the Voshell House

Office hours from 10 to 12 A. M. and 7 to 8 P. M. Sundays excepted.

HARRISON W. VICKERS,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,

CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

JOHN D. URIE,

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.

Office adjoining T. W. Eliason, Jr.'s Store, will practice in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

BENJ. B. OWENS,

Architect,

N. W. Corner Lexington and Charles Streets,

BALTIMORE.

Reference:—"KENT NEWS." n24-tf.

—THE NEW—

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WHEELER & WILSON, No. 9.

Decided to Be the Best in the World. The Tension Perfectly Automatic, Perfection of Seam, Simplicity, Durability,

and the Only Machine in the world that makes a Lock Stich without the use of a Shuttle. Those who wish a Sewing Machine embodying all the best results of inventive skill and construction, to do the service of a lifetime, should not fail to examine our

No. 9, Sold on Easy Monthly Payments.

OVER 100 IN USE IN KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES.

Orders by mail receive prompt attention. Thanking the public for past favors I solicit a share in the future. Give me a call. Address

CHAS. J. REICHE,

Feb. 2, 1889. Chestertown, Kent Co., Md.

AGENT WANTED in Centreville. Address above.

REMEMBER THIS!

Goods Well Bought Are Half Sold!

EVEN though we do not deal exclusively in Dry Goods and Notions, Boots and Shoes, or Carpets and Oil-cloths, they are our leading specialties, and having purchased them this fall for CASH, at the closest cash prices, we are able to meet any legitimate competition.

Dry Goods! Dry Goods!

Our stock of Dry Goods, one of the main features of which is OUR BEAUTIFUL LINE OF DRESS GOODS, embracing Henrietta Cloths, Sabastapools, Broadcloths, etc., is now being made replete. All wool Henriettas at 50 and 55 cents, the Best Black Henrietta at $1.00 per yard, on this or other market.

Notions, Underwear!

Our Notion Stock is second to none! The cheapest and best line of underwear for Gents, Ladies, Misses and Children in town. A Child's Vest as low as 15 cents.

BOOTS and SHOES!

Our Boot and Shoe Stock is better than usual. The best $2.00, $2.50 and $2.75 Man's Boot on the market. Then our Old Reliable $4.00, Double Upper, Hand Bottomed Boot, that has stood the test for years, we still guarantee. A line of Ladies' and Misses Hand-Made Shoes second to none. Gum Boots and Shoes, all sizes. We are still handling a Man's Gum Boot that we guarantee in every case, NOT TO CRACK.

Carpets, Oil-Cloths!

In Carpets and Oil-Cloths we lead. The best All Wool Ingrain at 75 cents per yard, Wool Fillings down to 66 cents per yard, Union Filling at 50 cents, Rag Carpets from 35 to 60 cents per yard.

We now have a nice line of Ladies' Misses' and Children's COATS. Just arrived.

Give us a call. Very truly yours, &c.,

R. F. PARKS.

Feed and Provision Store!

EDWARD J. WATSON

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public that he has opened a new store on High Street, next to the Express Office, in Chestertown, and will keep on hand a

GENERAL STOCK OF

Groceries and Provisions!

FEED, HAY,

CORN, CHOP STUFF,

OATS, MEAL, FLOUR, &c.,

will be furnished at short notice at lowest prices.

GROCERIES of all kinds; Vegetables; &c.,

I shall endeavor to keep a General Feed and Produce Store, and respectfully ask a share of the public patronage. E. J. WATSON.

Feb. 2. 1889.

SPRING HARDWARE

—AT J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S!—

ROPE TRACES, Plow Lines, Back Bands, Plow and Wagon Hames, Long-Handle Pruning Shears, Hand Shears, Pruning Saws, Pruning Knives, Garden Rakes, Garden Forks, Manure Forks, Garden Hoes, Bush Hooks, Bush Axes, Trimming Axes and other Tools too numerous to mention.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

PLOWS! PLOWS!

We have a complete stock of Roland Chilled Plows. It is an acknowledged fact that they are as good a Plow as there is on the market. A full line of Repairs for them and the Norris Chilled. Also have repairs for the Oliver and Willard Chilled, Minor & Horton and Concave, at the Hardware Store of

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

FENCE WIRES!

Buck Thorn, Ribbon and Hog Wire. We are prepared to give LOWER PRICES on Fence Wire this season than ever before. SPECIAL LOW PRICES on large Lots.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

SEED POTATOES!

Stop in and see our "Prince Edward's Island Early Rose," "Prince Edward's Island Beauty of Hepbron," "Maine Early Rose," "Early White Ohio" Seed Potatoes. We have just received them.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

Shovels and Spades!

We have the biggest stock of Steel Shovels and Spades that has ever been seen in Kent county. Had them made to our order.

J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.,

March 16, 1889. Chestertown, Md.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

Your Mutual Wants Supplied at

J. LLOYD McFEELY'S

Confectionery, Tobacco & Fruit Store

opposite Court House, and adjoining J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s Hardware Store. The taste of ladies and children will be gratified by all sorts and kinds of Confectionery and Fruits. I have just opened a Fresh Stock and as Fine a line of Confectionery as the season will allow. Give me a call. Prices as low as the lowest.

GENTLEMEN,

if you are fond of a Nice Cigar for a Small Price try those 2 for 5 cents of mine. Long Havana Filled Cigar for 5 cents, a still better one for 10 cents.

For Chewing Tobacco I can't be beat in Kent county for prices, Quantity and Quality. Good Natural Tobacco for 25 cents per pound. B. F. Gravely's Superior is my leading brand. Remember

J. L. McFEELY'S

Tobacco Emporium of Kent county, opposite Court House and adjoining J. K. Aldridge & Co.'s Hardware Store. jy14.

FREDERICK FOUNTAIN,

—AGENT FOR—

R. J. BAKER & CO.,

—MANUFACTURERS OF—

HIGH GRADE FERTILIZERS,

BALTIMORE, MD.

We make a specialty of furnishing in quantities to suit the purchasers every article used for the purpose of fertilizing the soil. We will sell separate or will manipulate and mix to order according to any formula. We also offer to the farmers our old reliable brands of

Ammoniated Bone Superphosphates, Corn and Oats Fertilizers,
Asparagus Phosphate, Peach Tree Phosphate,
Fine Ground Raw Bone, Dissolved Raw Bone;
Dissolved South Carolina Phosphate, Muriate Potash,
Sulphate Potash and Kainit.

ORDERS SOLICITED.

FREDERICK FOUNTAIN, Agent,

March 23—3m. **CHESTERTOWN, MD.**

SPRING FERTILIZERS.

TRADE MARK

From the results of the various SPECIAL FERTILIZERS manufactured by us last spring, we expect a large trade this spring, and laid in a heavy stock of raw materials. From the way orders are coming in, and the expressions of satisfaction from our last year's customers, we take the greatest pleasure in offering the same brands of Fertilizers again. Our goods are so well known in the county that is not necessary to publish many testimonials, but we will be pleased to show a large number at our office to who ever may require it.

ACME FERTILIZER, No. 1, presents frenching in corn and will grow a large crop used on heavy land.

ACME FERTILIZER, No. 2, a Corn Fertilizer for lighter soil, stands high. The increase of Fodder alone will pay for the use of the above Corn Fertilizer.

CLIMAX TRUCK FERTILIZER was used last season by the largest growers of Truck in the county with wonderful success. It is the Best Truck Fertilizer at the price on the market.

SPECIAL POTATO FERTILIZER.—At the request of some of our customers, we made last season a Special High Grade Fertilizer for Potatoes. We have so far more than doubled the sale of these goods over last spring. The results were very large. Try it on early or late potatoes.

OUR PEACH TREE FERTILIZER has given great satisfaction, the results of last year more than ever convincing those that have used the same that it pays well; Better Fruit was had, consequently better prices; the Fruit Ripened up Splendidly; the trees more vigorous; no complaint of Yellows. Fruit-Growers use the goods and Your Trees Will Be Healthier, Your Fruit Finer and Your Pocket-book Better Filled at the end of the season.

A Wonderful Result.

LYNCH'S, March 1st, 1889.—Gentlemen: I grew Seventy-Five Tons of Tomatoes on (7) Acres of Ground where I used your Fertilizer along with manure last spring. I am very much pleased and want a larger quantity this spring. Respectfully. BENJAMIN F. RASH.

Seven Hundred Dollars Clear from Seven Acres, Who Can Beat It?

CHURCH HILL, March 1st, 1889.—Gentlemen: Once again I wish to state the excellent results received from your Peach Tree Fertilizer used by me last fall. My fruit commanded the highest price at Price's Station, a large quantity bringing ($1.25) one dollar and twenty-five cents a basket. I realized ($700) seven hundred dollars clear from seven acres. Respectfully, GUS. PORTER.

For prices of the above fertilizers call on us or see our representatives.

C. W. KENNARD & CO.

Office under VOSHELL HOUSE. March 30, 1889.

PEACH GROWERS!

TRADE MARK

IT IS A WELL KNOWN FACT

That FRUIT TREES, of whatever variety, Peach, Apple or Vine, supply the required nourishment to the fruit by their roots, absorbing such elements as are available to give life and vigor to the crop, and if not applied to the soil in some way the tree must naturally deteriorate, which is noticeable in the dropping or shedding of the fruit in early summer months, premature ripening, and finally the loss of both crop and tree.

We do not claim, however, that OUR FRUIT GROWER will prevent all dropping of fruit, premature ripening, or death of trees. This would be contrary to the inevitable laws of nature. But do claim, which has been demonstrated beyond a doubt, that the FRUIT GROWER, when applied to Peach Trees (the most liable to such disasters), will insure a greater abundance of fruit, and of a superior quality. And this having been positively proven, we are confident that one fair trial will convince the most skeptical of the value of this fertilizer.

MR. JOHN A. GROVES,

The largest Peach Grower in this section of the country, says the six years' use of our FRUIT GROWER has been entirely satisfactory, having used it extensively, and in connection with almost everything.

MR. W. HARRISON NEWNAM

Says the change wrought in his orchard by the FRUIT GROWER was simply wonderful.

MR. J. BENJAMIN BRIGHT,

Kent Island, says he put out a young orchard where an old one had just been taken up which has been fed by the FRUIT GROWER, and that he has never grown finer fruit on young trees, realizing as high as $2.25 per box for same.

MR. WILLIAM A. FAULKNER,

Near Crumpton, one of the most successful Peach Growers, says in his orchard there were two places of half acre each where the leaves had all twisted up and turned yellow (literally had the yellows), but he put in addition to the 200 pounds sown on the rest of his orchard an extra amount by hand around the trees. The leaves shedded off, new foliage came and put his whole orchard in a flourishing condition. On his other orchard where applied, his fruit was generally conceded to be the finest carried to Millington, realizing (last summer) an average of $1 per basket through for his Crawford and Reeves.

WE DO NOT GUARANTEE

Our FRUIT GROWER to cure the yellows, but we honestly believe that if there ever was a Manure particularly adapted to Peach Trees it is, as its base is a NATURAL GUANO, that runs as high as AVAILABLE BONE PHOSPHATE as DISSOLVED ANIMAL BONE, yet this is available by decomposition. Not one pound of Sulphuric Acid is used in its manufacture, hence its superiority as a PEACH MANURE. Farmers have often been induced to try Natural Guanos by being shown how high they run in bone phosphate, but they do not notice that it is INSOLUABLE instead AVAILABLE, the former being of no advantage whatever, hence they should always see that it is AVAILABLE BONE PHOSPHATE. We defy anybody to produce a Natural Guano that will run as high in AVAILABLE BONE PHOSPHATE as our O. B. For want of space are unable to publish a vast amount of testimonials, but upon application will gladly mail a circular, giving the strongest endorsements of gentlemen who use it year after year.

Just Think of It. You Can Dress Your Orchard for About $2 Per Acre.

T. R. HUBBARD & SON,

March 23, 1889. MANUFACTURERS, CHESTERTOWN, MD.

New Store--Old Stand!

Mrs. D. GRUBER

HAS thoroughly renewed and refitted her business property up town and is now better able than ever heretofore to supply the public with

Fresh Bread, Buns, Cakes and Pies

and indeed everything in the Bakery Line. Long experience, the best material, and personal attention to the business enables her to give the very best goods for the least money.

CONFECTIONERY.—I have also added to my stock a line of confectionery, such as Fresh Candy, Nuts, &c., to which I invite attention. Give me a call. MRS. D. GRUBER,

sep3-y. Up Town.

Special Notice to the Public!

hereby inform the public that I have taken the sole agency of

PROF. STRAUSS' ERADICATOR

for removing Grease and Oil Spots from Silks, Satins, Woollen Goods and Carpets, without injury. You cannot be convinced of the quality of this compound until you come to my establishment and convince yourself free of charge. Price, **25 cents** per box. It will be sent by mail to any one desiring it. Orders will be promptly filled.

I am still supplying the well known "VANDEGRIFT HAIR INVIGORATOR." Ask your druggist; if he can't supply you address the proprietor,

JOHN S. VANDEGRIFT,

s15-tf CHESTERTOWN, MD.

FOR a FINE 5c. or 10c. CIGAR go to J. L. McFEELY'S

HORSE-SHOEING

Headquarters!

SAMUEL HICKS, near the Court House,

Gives his Exclusive Attention to HORSE-SHOEING!

I have learned the business thoroughly and have given it my study, and had much experience in the work of Horse-Shoeing. For this reason I think I am better prepared to do Horse-Shoeing than shops which do all kinds of Blacksmithing.

My system of Shoeing prevents CUTTING and FORGING and preserves the horses' feet.

My best recommendation is the universal satisfaction of my customers, and I have no hesitation in referring to any for whom I have done work.

My prices I guarantee to be as low as the lowest.

Horsemen! Come and see me, and I will save you trouble and expense.

SAM. HICKS, H-O-R-S-E-S-H-O-E-R,

d15. Court Street, Chestertown.

WILLIAM PARR'S

NEW HARNESS STORE

I have just opened a nice line of

Robes, Blankets, Whips, Saddles,

Bridles, all Kinds of Harness,

which I am selling very low. I also have in stock everything that is kept in a First-Class Harness Store, from a 10-cent Hame Strap to a Set of Fine Harness.

Encourage me by buying your Harness Goods where you can have them neatly and promptly repaired. Thankful for past patronage I remain yours respectfully,

WILLIAM PARR,

no3-1y. STILL POND, MD.

THE LAND OF DREAMS.

I am going to move to the land of dreams
As soon as ever I may!
This sneaking over by night, meseems,
And leaving at peep o' day,
Is one of our silliest human schemes—
So now I going to stay!

Why waken at all to my exile long,
To faces unloved and cold,
Where never my lips can fit to a song,
Wherever my heart grows old,
When it's just as easy—and can't be wrong—
To live in that Land of Gold?

I was there last night for an hour or two—
The sweetest I ever passed,
I sat in the garden again with you,
And my breath came thick and fast.
When you whispered, blushing, that now you knew
The meaning of love at last.

But then the sun, like a meddlesome clown,
Climbed grinning above the sky;
My castle in Dreamland came tumbling down,
And tumbling down came I—
Just as I bent for a kiss to crown
My longings, with none to spy.

And that is why I am bound to go
And rent me a dream house there;
For there you'll be waiting for me, I know,
As blushing and fond and fair;
And we'll live and love in the Dreamland glow,
The width of the world from care.—C. F. LUMMIS.

[WRITTEN FOR THE KENT NEWS.]

DON'T BLAME THE BUILDER.

"Good Morning, Mr. Canary!"

"Right well, Mr. Raven, how are you?"

"I am somewhat out of humor this morning, due to the fact that my dwelling, which has been built *only six years*, is giving me great trouble."

"How, Mr. Canary?"

"During the heavy rains we have been having, it has been leaking; wetting the walls and injuring the paper."

"Is that so! Why, who was your builder?"

"Mr. John Wren. He is a good fellow, earnest worker and earns his wages with regard to the amount of work done in a given period. But then—then—"

"Why, Mr. Canary! I have heard him spoken of as one of the *best skilled* mechanics in our midst. I have been thinking of building and had fully concluded to give Mr. Wren the contract, but you speak so disparagingly of him, I hardly know about it. I would like to ask you a few questions about your dwelling. Why, it presents a a most elegant and proportional appearance!"

"Oh, yes, it *looks* well enough, Mr. Raven, to be sure."

"The roof is a very complicated one, is it not? Does that leak?"

"I have never noticed the slightest."

"What! and all those *dormers* in it, too?"

"Yes, they are there. But the roof is all right."

"Well, *where does it leak?*"

"I think it must be the siding, and the windows outside of the dormers."

"Didn't he make fits around the windows?"

"Oh yes, I cannot get the point of the *small blade* of my knife in but few joints between the frame and the end of the siding. It leaks, anyway, and while he knows how to put on the most difficult roof, he fails in weather-boarding."

"I see you painted, Mr. Raven, at the same time and I notice that the work looks a little *dingy*."

"I don't see why it should, Mr. Canary. I gave it two heavy coats of paint and it has been built but *six years*."

"Well, how long has your siding been leaking?"

"For about three years. For three years I did not notice the slightest trouble and was well pleased."

"Does it leak during an ordinary rain?"

"Oh, no! not unless the wind is blowing. It seems to be the front altogether that gives the trouble. I recollect one day a few months ago the wind was blowing from the South about 30 miles an hour and the water came in badly. My house fronts the South."

"How long is the front of our building, Mr. Raven?"

"It is forty five feet long, and twenty feet high."

"Ah! indeed, 800 sq. feet and rain pelting against it, by the wind having a velocity of thirty miles an hour, *and it leaked!* And had two coats of paint six years ago, too?"

"Yes Mr. Canary that is the fact. Now don't understand me that the water came in by the bucket full, still I mean the wall was very damp."

"How many windows have you in your front?"

"Nine, and one side-light door!"

"Only 9 windows and 1 door, and it leaked?"

"It certainly did my friend, and don't forget the painting, it had *two coats*, only *six years* ago."

"I see you have not a front porch, and the water, you say comes in under the front door, when the wind is blowing 30 miles an hour."

"Yes sir, some."

"Well, I had better not employ Mr. Wren, do you think I had!"

"Mr. Canary, I think well of this builder, as a gentleman, and would not like to injure him in any way. I have only given you these facts, but I tell you what you do, go see Mr. Flicker, he has a house built the year before mine, and I took his as a model for mine, see him and see what he says about Mr. Wren, as regards mechanical competency."

"I will, but before I go, you painted your house six years ago I believe you say."

"Yes, six years!"

"Well, good morning I will call to see Mr. Flicker!"

The next morning, I called to see my friend Mr. Flicker. He was gald to see me and I do not think he was out of humor in the slightest. "I am thinking of building this spring, I remarked, and I have not yet settled upon a mechanic."

"Permit me to recommend one, will you not, Mr. Canary."

"Certainly, will be only too glad to have you do so."

"Well sir my house stands here as a monument to the credit of the one of whom I shall tell you. Mr. Jno. Wren is a skilled and competent mechanic."

"Is he? I had been thinking of him, but had partly concluded that he was hardly so thorough in his knowledge of the mechanical business he follows, as some others in his neighborhood that I might employ."

"I can only say, my friend, that his work has *pleased me*."

"How long has your house been built?"

"About seven years."

"Does your roof leak?"

"Not a drop that I know of."

"Does your siding or windows leak?"

"No, sir; there is not any leaking about my house at all. I have a dry and comfortable dwelling."

"Mr. Raven has a house the fac simile of yours, and if I am not mistaken Mr. Wren built it."

"So he did. You are right."

"He says his siding and windows leak."

"He does! Well, no wonder. He built his house since I built mine, or six years ago. He gave it two coats of *inferior* paint, but has not touched it with a brush since. He has complained to me and I told him the trouble. And he knows it, but didn't tell you, and is disposed to place the blame on that innocent mechanic and lead you to doubt his competency. He didn't complain of his roof because that work is triple in thickness and is not injured so much without paint; but you see mine is thoroughly coated. Examine his siding, if you will; at *one time* it was just like mine. Now you will find it drawn in a great measure, and the slightest shiver has opened that so that you can get the blade of your knife through. Wood will shrink *end-wise* and frames may draw and leave a space but for the smallest blade of your knife, and the water will go in if the wind is blowing heavily. His house leaks, mine does not. The only reason that his house is faulty is due to the fact that *he has failed to paint*. When my house was built seven years ago, I gave it three coats of the very best paint; waited two years and gave it two more, and last Spring I painted again with one coat, making six in seven years. Now I have on my house an enamel which renders it impregnable to water. I do not propose to paint so frequently in the future but I do not expect to defer longer than six years at any time. Mr. Canary, you employ Mr. Wren, *paint your building* as I have done, and you will find *no fault* with his mechanical skill. Mr. Raven has done the man an injustice which paint would have obviated."

"Mr. Flicker, I knew the cause of Mr. Raven's trouble. I shall employ Mr. Wren and will paint as you have told me." S. S.

ADVANTAGES OF THE PENINSULA.

Its Relation to the Largest Markets of the Country.

Ex-Congressman Wm. L. Scott, of Pennsylvania, who was in New York on Sunday, was interviewed by a *Star* reporter. Among other things Mr. Scott is quoted as saying:

"The climate of lower Maryland and Eastern Virginia is always conducive to health in the winter time, and Fortress Monroe has had a very successful season this year. Few people in this country know that within nine hours of New York they can reach a climate as mild and balmy as that of Marseilles, in France. By taking the railroad to Cape Charles a boat transports the cares by water to Fortress Monroe and Norfolk, where we connect with the different Southern railroad systems. Cape Charles is having a harbor that will cost from $250,000 to $300,000, and is destined to be the greatest oyster, fruit and farm truck shipping point in the United States. The counties of Accomac and Northampton, Virginia, are in almost tropical climate the year round. Land there is worth from $10 to $20 per acre, and it's just as fertile as any of the garden spots on Long Island that cost from $600 to $800 an acre. The advantages of the climate gives the planters' there six weeks' advantage over the Long Island farmer. Then this line of railroad contracts to put the products of the Virginia planter into Fulton market just as cheap, if not cheaper, and just as quick as the long Island trucker can make his haul across the city, paying ferryage, &c. For instance, a man at any of our new points on the peninsula picks his products in the evening, and they will be in Fulton market the next morning at 5 o'clock. Take a compass and draw a circle over the lower Chesapeake, within a radius of seventy-five miles of Cape Charles, and you will find that 18,000,000 bushels of oysters are gathered there every year, while there are only about 4,000,000 taken from all the other waters of the country. You can readily see what an oyster market and packing centre Cape Charles is likely to become. About 3,000 bushels can be taken from an acre, while wheat yields on an average about twenty-five bushels. Taking all these things into consideration, this new railroad down the peninsula has a far broader significance to New York and Philadelphia than most people have imagined."

In Love With His Wife.

There is no mistaking the man who is in love with his wife. He imagines himself the luckiest man on earth, and his little wife is just enough of a genius to keep that belief strengthened. Love is the essence of life, and there is no love like that which endures through all the trials and tribulations of wedded life and is still strong and faithful as each life nears its close.

Nowadays a man expects his wife to be something more than a good house-keeper, or a faithful attendant upon his missing shirt buttons. He wants to find in her a companion; one with whom he can talk and exchange ideas; one who sympathizes with him and who strives to be deemed worthy of his every confidence. Such a wife seldom fails in keeping her husband's affection and respect. She is alive to all his virtues and faults, but she does not ignore the former entirely and regale him daily with a long list of his failings. If there is one thing more than another calculated to ruin a man's domestic happiness and peace of mind it is the never-varying tirade of a "nagging" wife. Be very appreciative of his virtues and a little blind to is failings; that is the best mode of conversion. Credit a man with more virtues than he possesses and in nine cases out of ten he will endeavor to be just as good as you believe him to be.

One soon loses all respect for the woman who is slovenly in her attire, and respect is the corner-stone of true love. No one cares to be viewed in the light of a neglected wife, but in many cases the wife is more or less to blame for being so neglected.—*Cleveland Union.*

THE man who is drawn into a scheme to invest 1 cent and draw out $1 may not be a fool, but he is in no danger from brain fever.

THE JOY OF PURSUIT.

It is natural for man to be always looking forward to something beyond the present, hoping for something he does not possess, expecting something that has not yet appeared, pursuing something that is not yet attained. Naturally, too, happiness seems to him to be centred in this future attainment or possession. He is always going to be happy bye-and-bye, when this or that hope is realized. Meantime he is content to labor and strive for it, and endure as patiently as may be the present hard work or self-denial in the anticipation of what is to come. Pope says truly:

"Hope springs eternal in the human breast,
Man never *is*, but always to *be* blest."

Yet, whatever pleasure may reasonably be attached to success, there is a still greater and far more lasting one connected with pursuit. Every one with normal abilities is striving for something, and it is in this very striving that he gains the most real happiness. This is seldom realized. The sportsman will probably admit it. Whatever be the pleasure with which he bags his game, he knows it is not for its own value chiefly, but for the excitement of the chase, that he has followed and taken it. The same may be said of all amusements, without fear of dissent. The success lies not merely in any point to be attained at the last, but in the interest and enjoyment of the whole, as it goes on. The means and the end are the same. But when it comes to the serious business of life, most persons would scorn the idea that it is in the pursuit more than in the objects pursued that his welfare is to be found. It is the wealth, the honorable name, the official station, the public tribute of applause, the "well done," either from the lips of others or in secret consciousness, which seems to most people to contain the essence of happiness. It is when the physician has cured his patient, when the lawyer has won his case, when the architect has finished his structure, and the artist has put the last touches to his beloved picture, that each conceives his pleasure must begin. And those who toil chiefly or only for the livelihood it affords them, or for the comfort of their families, or for the pleasures of accumulation, would, perhaps, most of all resent the idea that their happiness lay more in the pursuit than in the attainment of these things. Only when they receive their daily or weekly wages, their monthly or quarterly salary, when they spend what they have earned, or put it into some safe investment or promising speculation, do they imagine themselves really happy; and were these motives withdrawn many would lay down their instruments of toil forever.

Now all these things *do* bring much concentrated pleasure, more or less intense according to the strength of the desire thus gratified. Yet the activity, the energy, the striving, the very toil itself which has led to these results, are more essential to the true and permanent happiness of the toiler than the prizes which he so eagerly grasps. No other proof of this would be needed than the experiment (were it possible) of gathering these prizes without the preceding effort. Speedily would they lose all their preciousness, partly because they had cost nothing, and partly because the unused faculties had infused their dullness into the whole nature. If diamonds were always under our feet we should soon cease picking them up, and if the prizes of life were to be had for the asking, the time would soon come when they would be no longer asked for. It is a great mistake to imagine that success without effort will ever make a man or a woman happy. What we cease to strive for ceases to be success, and gradually becomes more and more worthless. Suppose the same wages to be paid for nothing that are now rendered for skill and energy and persevering work; or the same applause to be showered on the mere trifler that is now given to the public benefactor, could they possibly kindle the same joy in the heart of the receiver that they now do? They would mean nothing, stand for nothing, and in a short time would be nothing. No! it is the pursuit which gives all the zest to life; the toil, the energy, the perseverance, the endeavor that bring the joy both in it and after it. These strengthen the faculties, whet the desires, invigorate the whole nature and make happiness possible. Without them we should sink into the hopeless misery of inertia. No failure, no adversity can be half so disastrous as the ennui, the discontent and the vacuity of the idler.

We all need to honor our daily pursuits more than we do—to realize that if we follow them honestly and earnestly their best results can never be taken from us. This would take the sting out of much that we call failure. No one who has done his best can ever wholly fail. He has that stored up within him which is of more value than many transient successes. If, as Byron tells us, "They never fail who die in a great cause," certain it is that they too never fail who live in the energetic and persevering pursuit of whatever is good, or true, or useful to mankind.

How The Apostles Died.

The following brief history of the fate of the Apostles may be new to those whose reading has not been evangelical:

St. Matthew is supposed to have suffered martyrdom, or was slain with the sword at the City of Ethiopia, in Egypt. St. Luke was hanged upon an olive tree, in Greece. St. John was put into a caldron of boiling oil at Rome and escaped death at Ephesus, in Asia. St. James the Great was beheaded at Jerusalem. St. James the Less was thrown from a pinnacle or wing of the temple and then beaten to death with a fuller's club. St. Philip was hanged up against a pillar at Hierapolis, a city of Phrygia. St. Bartholomew was flayed alive by the command of a barbarous king. St. Andrew was bound to a cross, whence he preached unto the people until he expired. St. Thomas was run through the body with a lance, at Coromandel, in the East Indies. St. John was shot to death with arrows. St. Simon Zealot was crucified in Persia. St. Matthias was first stoned and then beheaded. St. Barnabus was stoned to death by the Jews at Salania. St. Paul was beheaded by Nero.

WHEN people grow old they are prone to live in the past. Hence it behooves all persons to see to it that they have a pleasant and agreeable past in which to live.

Bad Luck.

What some people call bad luck is frequently nothing but the natural result of their shiftlessness or bad management. With a little energy and system in the conduct of their affairs the misfortunes attributed to bad luck would not attend them. There is a case in point:

"I'm always an' eternally havin' bad luck!" whined a listless-looking man to a friend to whom he had come for help. "Only yisterday my hoss fell into an old well on the place and broke its neck."

"Why didn't you keep the well covered?"

"How should I knew the fool critter would go tumblin' inter it?" asked the man in a tone of suprise. "The well had been uncovered a year an' nothin' ever fell in it before. Then my granary leaked the other night during that big storm and there's all my wheat ruined."

"Well, why didn't you have the roof fixed before?"

"'Cause it never leaked before, and I didn't know it was going to leak then. And here that very night one of my best cows strayed off and I do' no as I'll see her ag'in."

"Was your pasture fence in good order?"

"Yes, all but one little place that I caculated on fixin' the next day. The fence had been bad thare for a month and the cows never got out before," he said, in weak defense of his carelessness. "And then you know," he continued, "the worst of all was that my barn burned down last week."

"Yes; I heard that you set fire to the hay by dropping the ashes from your pipe in it while smoking in the barn."

"Well, that was the way of it; but I thought they was dead ashes. I've smoked in barns for twenty years an' I never set fire to one before, an' it's nothing but my bad luck that made me set fire to the barn this time. Bud luck just seems to follow me around all the time."—*Companion.*

The Long Sermon and the Dog.

During a recent journey in Canada I met with a striking instance of reason in a dog. I was staying at the Mohawk Indian Institution, Frantford, Ontario. The Rev. R. Ashton, superintendent of the school, is also incumbent of the neighboring Mohawk church (the oldest Protestant church in Canada). Mr. Ashton is very fond of animals, and has many pets. One of these, a black-and-tan terrier, always accompanies the ninety Indian children to church on Sunday morning. He goes to the altar rails and lies down, facing the congregation. When they rise to sing he rises, and when they sit down he lies down. One day, shortly before my visit, a stranger clergyman was preaching, and the sermon was longer than usual. The dog grew tired and restless, and at last a thought occurred to him, upon which he at once acted. He had observed that one of the elder Indian boys was accustomed to hand around the plate for alms, after which the service at once concluded. He evidently thought if he could persuade this boy to take up the collection the sermon must naturally end. He ran down to the back seat occupied by the boy, seated himself in the aisle, and gazed steadfastly in the boy's face. Finding that no notice was taken, he sat up and "begged" persistently for some time, to Mr. Ashton's great amusement. Finally, as this also failed, the dog put his nose under the lad's knee and tried with all his strength to force him out of his place, continuing this at intervals till the sermon was concluded. Did not this prove a distinct power of consecutive reasoning?—*London Spectator.*

Peculiar Use for Beefsteak.

Mrs. William Galloway, who lives in Trempealeau county, Wis., some years ago was attacked with a cancer. It is increased in size and her physician said nothing could be done to help her. But some one made the discovery that it was a "beefsteak" cancer, and prescribed beefsteak as a remedy. Over a year ago it was thought she would not live from one day till the next. The beefsteak was applied and it was found that every twenty-four hours the cancer would eat seven pounds of beefsteak. When taken from the cancer there is nothing left of the beef but the tissue and tough parts of it, and every particle of moisture will be drawn out, the remainder being as porous as sponge. Mrs. Galloway is no worse than she was a year ago