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will be furnished at short notice at lowest prices.

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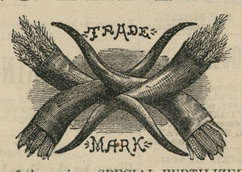
I shall endeavor to keep a General Feed and Produce Store, and respectfully ask a share of the public patronage. E. J. WATSON.

Feb. 2, 1889.

SPRING FERTILIZERS.



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.

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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.

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A Wonderful Result.

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C. W. KENNARD & CO.

Office under VOSHELL HOUSE. March 30, 1889.

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March 23—3m. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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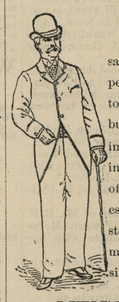

Three hundred thousand dollars' worth of superbly made clothing, due to our large facilities in buying and manufacturing, (second now to none in America) enables us to offer the largest, the richest and the most varied stock in spring and summer clothing, at prices simply inimitable.

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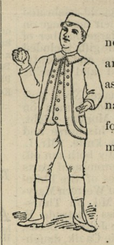

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Goods Well Bought Are Half Sold!

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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.

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

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WILBUR ELIASON.

WAGON SPRINGS on sale at the Hardware Store J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

WINNING A WIDOW.

"Jotham!" quoted Mr. Wiggleton to his chief farm hand.

"Well, what's wantin'?" lazily responded Jotham Hardcastle, as he looked up from a piece of harness he was mending.

"The widow Palmleaf has taken the cottage down at the foot of the lane."

"Tell me something I didn't know afore," said Jotham with more freedom than reverence in his manner.

"And if she sends up to borrow the rake, or the hoe, the spade—"

"Well, what then?"

"Tell her she can't have 'em. Women are always borrowing. I knew Hobart Palmleaf when he was alive; he was a chronic borrower. I don't want anything to do with his widow."

"All right," observed Jotham, pliosophically; and his master resumed the perusal of his paper once more.

"Jotham," said Mr. Wiggleton, about ten days afterward, as he came in heated and out of breath from a walk. (Mr. Wiggleton wasn't as spry as he was before his five-and-fortieth birthday, and the Locust Hill was a pretty steep ascent.)

"Well, what now?"

"I wonder if that was the widow Palmleaf I saw gathering blackberries into a basket by the South wall of the cottage garden?"

"Kin o' slim an' tall?"

"Yes."

"Blue eyes and hair as shiny as satin?"

"Yes."

"And a little white parasol lined with pink?"

"Yes."

"Reckon likely it was," said Jotham.

"But," persisted the puzzled land-owner, "she doesn't look at all like a widow."

"There's as much difference in widows as there is in other folks," observed Jotham, dryly.

Mr. Wiggleton was silent for a minute or two.

"Jotham," he finally said.

"Well?"

"Has she sent to borrow anything?"

"Sent yesterday afternoon—asked if we had a screw-driver to lend—the hinge was coming loose on the garden gate."

"What did you tell her?"

"Said my orders was contrarywise to lendin' and borrowin'."

"Jotham, you are a fool."

"'Tain't the first time you've said so, and 'tain't the first time you've been wrong neither," said Jotham, with a calmness of demeanor that was beautiful to behold. "Hard words is considered in the wages, and I ain't the man to find fault, I only did as you told me."

"Yes, but Jotham, never mind—the next time she sends, let her have whatever she wants."

"She said somethin' about wantin' a man to hoe them early potatoes. Be I to go?"

"Certainly, of course. Neighbors should act like neighbors, especially in the country."

And Mr. Wiggleton sighed and wished he was not too corpulent and unused to labor to hoe the widow's potatoes himself.

But he did the next best thing; he went over to look at the field after Jotham had hoed it, and gave the widow some good advice concerning a certain rocky up-hill bit of sheep pasture that belonged to the cottage farm.

"I'd lay that down in winter rye, if I were you, ma'am," said Mr. Wiggleton.

"I am much obliged to you," said the widow, sweetly. "Since poor dear Hobart was taken away I have no one to advise me on these subjects."

And Mr. Wiggleton thought how soft and pretty her blue eyes were as she spoke.

"Oh, pshaw!" said Jotham, leaning on the handle of his hoe, "winter rye ain't the sort of crop for that spot. Spring wheat is the only thing there."

"Hold your tongue, Jotham," cried his employer, testily.

"Yes, sir, I will," said," said Jotham, with a broadgrin over Mr. Wiggleton's shining bald head.

"And about these hyacinth beds, ma'am," said the latter, recovering his equanimity. "I will come this evening if you will allow me and—"

"I shall be delighted," interposed the widow, with a smile that showed a set of teeth as regular and white as pearls.

"This evening ma'am," repeated Mr. Wiggleton with a bow, "and we will sketch out a diagram. Hyacinths have to be humored, Mrs. Palmleaf."

"So I have always heard," said the widow.

That evening, after Mr. Wiggleton had returned from discussing the momentous question of sandy soil, bulbous roots, and crescents and circles, he found Jotham on the front porch, contentedly breathing the flower-scented air.

"A very pretty woman, that Mrs. Palmleaf, Jotham," said the employer.

"Well, nobody doubts that, ever I head on," said Jotham, with his elbows resting on his knees, and his face turned complaisantly toward the moon.

"And she can't be much over thirty."

"So I should have said myself," assented Jotham.

"I am glad she has taken the cottage on a long lease, Jotham," pursued Mr. Wiggleton; "I like good neighbors."

"Most folks does," observed Jotham.

And he got up, shaking himself like a Newfoundland dog, and went into the house, leaving Mr. Wiggleton to the companionship of his own cogitations.

The summer went by; the great maple in front of the Wiggleton mansion began to glow as if its leaves had been dipped in blood and melted gold; the asters reared their purple torches along the stone wall by the cottage under the hill, and any acute observer might have perceived that Mrs. Palmleaf had laid down the of rocky bit of up-hill ground in spring wheat instead of winter rye.

"Jotham!" said Mr. Wiggleton to his farm-hand one evening; it was the first time they had a fire on the wide, old-fashioned hearth.

"Well?"

"I—have concluded it isn't best for you to stay here in the house any longer."

"What's goin' to happen?" said Jotham. "You ain't goin' to hire another hand, be you?"

"No, to be sure not. You suite me admirably, Jotham, only—" and Mr. Wiggleton shot the words out with an effort, "I'm thinking of being married."

"Oh!" said Jotham.

"It's rather late in life, to be sure," said Mr. Wiggleten, conscious of looking extremely sheepish; "but you know, Jotham, it's never too late to do a good thing."

"Certainly not," said Jotham, dryly.

"You ought to get married, Jotham," added his employer, speaking in a rather rapid and embarrassed manner.

"Think so?"

"Certainly, you might live in the little house beyond the peach orchard; it wouldn't take much to fix it up nice now that paint and paper are so cheap."

Jotham stared reflectively at the fire.

"And your wife could take care of the cream and butter and all that sort of thing, for us. It isn't likely, I mean, that my wife will care for such things."

"Hump!" remarked Jotham.

"I advise you to turn all these things over in your mind, Jotham," said Mr. Wiggleton.

"Yes, I will," said Jotham with a little cough.

The next morning Mr. Wiggleton attired himself in his very best suit of clothes, and went down to the cottage.

Mrs. Palmleaf received him in a charming crimson cashmere wrapper, with ribbon to match.

Mr. Wiggleton wasted no time in useful chit chat.

"Mrs. Palmleaf—ma'am," he began a little nervously, "I have concluded to change my condition."

"Indeed," said the widow, smilling like an open rose. "I am glad to hear it."

"And I am here this morning to ask you to be my wife."

"You are very kind, sir," said Mrs. Palmleaf, blushing and looking prettier than ever; "but I—I really couldn't."

"And why not?" demanded Mr. Wiggleton, fairly taken aback by this unexpected answer.

"I am engaged," owned up the charming widow, playing with the crimsom ribbons at her belt.

"Might I dare to ask—that—is—"

"Oh, certainly. It's Jotham Hardcastle."

Mr. Wiggleton stammered out a sentence or two of congratulations, and took his leave.

And when the "spring wheat" reared its green tassels on the hill-side, Jotham married the pretty young widow—and Mr. Wiggleton is single. He always felt as if he had been ill-treated, but he could never tell exactly how.

THE OLD SAILOR'S YARN.

Well, I had a scare once in my life that I hope will never be repeated, and it's a wonder I didn't turn gray right then and there.

I married a Western girl, and we came to New York to live. It wasn't such a crowded place as it is to-day, but had nice green lanes in some parts of it, and even meadows. I was following the sea in those days, as I am now, and I thought Sally would be more contented in a lively city while I was gone away on long voyages.

It was hard work sayin' good-bye to my wife when I started away on long trips, but she said as soon as I was captain she would travel with me.

Well, I went off on a six months' voyage the year I had terrible scare. We struck some queer outlandish ports, and I had a great pile of stuff for Sally when we turned about for home, presents that I knew she'd value.

It often used to seem as if the ship wasn't fast enough for me; as if I must jump over board and swim. I wanted home and I wanted Sally, as a baby wants its mother. So you may judge that I lost no time in getting ashore when once we reached New York. None of us did, for that matter, but I reckon I was the first. I had my bundles under my arm and my pay in my pocket. I oiled my hair and wore my shore clothes. My hands were as brown as an Indian's, with sun and wind, and I guess my face was about the same color. But if I looked as I felt I looked happy. With the motion of the ship beneath my feet yet, I took my way toward my home, looking out for Sally all the way, for if she knew the ship was in she'd surely come to meet me. Not a sign of her did I see, though, and I came to the corner of the street—Norfolk was its name—with a queer little fear in my heart that made me pause and hardly dare to turn it—and then I took the step and saw a little crowd about the door of my home—and before it—Oh, good Heavens!—a hearse!—black and awful, and a carriage before my house. "Yes, yes—but," says I to myself—"yes; it might stand there, and not be from there. Courage, Jack! God won't do that to you. Not He. Have faith—have trust! Was there ever a night you didn't pray He'd bring you back safe to Sally, and do you think He won't answer you? Courage, Jack!" And then I staggered on and stood among the people, and my door was open; and a man—serious, oldish, kind—took hold of my arm and led me aside.

"Who is dead?" I asked.

"I don't know," said he.

I took courage at that; for if it was my Sally, surely he'd know her—surely.

"It's a sailor's wife," he added. "She lived alone there. Last night a woman came and said, 'There's a case of cholera at No.——.' I went. Folks are apt to get frightened at nothing, but I went in a hurry. It was cholera. I did all I could for her but she died. The neighbors did not know her name. She hasn't lived here long—did you know her?

"God grant I didn't," I said; "but I left my wife living in that house; we own it,—I left her there when I sailed."

He looked at me gravely.

"They say her husband is a sailor," he said. "She told them so."

We went into the house. There were the things I knew so well. I rushed from room to room. I moaned and wept. "It can't be," I cried. "It can't be!" but I knew it was.

At last the doctor got me to get into the carriage. We drove to the grave-yard, God knows how. I saw the earth upon the coffin and then I hoped I was dying; but I came to again in the carriage and I stood at my own desolate door. The doctor had been kind and told me all that must be done before the place would be fit to live in; but I did not care for life; I wanted to die, and I turned faint again, and he, good man, was loath to leave me; and so we stood, neighbors peeping at us through the shutters, as I knew, when suddenly I saw a vision.

I had just been to her funeral, but there stood Sally looking at me. She was dressed in white, with a little blue bonnet on her head, and spirit though I knew she must be, looked fresh and young and bright. I stared at her. The cry I gave rang out through the street and she flew to me. Ghost or no ghost I held her fast. She kissed me and I kissed her and cried:

"If I've gone crazy let me stay so, for Sally has come back to me somehow," and for all that had come and gone, it was Sally and not her ghost either.

If my life depended on it I couldn't tell you just how she made me understand, or just how I made her understand—I guess the doctor did it—but this is what had happened. The cholera breaking out, Sally's old folks wouldn't let her stay in the city, and took her out with them; and just at that time Sally hears of a young woman mighty poor and mighty down-hearted, who was waiting for news of her husband's ship. So she says to her: "There's a house empty; I want no rent; you're welcome until I need to live there again." And it was this poor soul that had died there.

As for the husband, his ship was lost and all hands with it; so mayhap they met in Heaven; and it was best.

At all events, we're made so that we must think of our own first, and I was glad the Lord only knows how glad—with Sally in my arms again. We're together yet, old folks, now, but happy ones, with our children about us.

How to Cook Dried Fruits.

If you will consider, says an exchange, that dried fruit is fresh fruit, with the water dried out of it and more or less dirt gathered upon its surface, two things will occur to you to do, to make it become something like fresh fruit. First, wash it thoroughly, using, if necessary, several changes of water, but be sure to get the fruit clean. Then put it to soak in clean water, completely covering the fruit, and an inch of depth above it. Soak at least twelve hours and if the fruit does not plump out very full, keep it in until it will swell no more. Don't change the water in soaking, and cook in the water the fruit was soaked in. Boil gently for twenty minutes, then set on back of the stove to simmer until the fruit is done and tender, using sugar in cooking, according to taste. Mixed apricots, peaches and prunes, with a few tart plums to lend spiceness, make a delicious dish.

A BEAUTIFUL flower, called the rice lily, grows thickly in parts of Southwestern Georgia. It is extremely sensitive to the light. The blossoms fold up at night, but open in the morning. At night while the lovely white blossoms are closely enfolded in their purple coverings and the flowers are asleep, if a lamp is placed near them they will gradually open and turn toward it. If a strong light is placed on one side of a vase containing them, the half of the bouquet that faces the lamp will be unfolded, while the other half that is in the shadow will remain tightly closed.

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METHODISM AT GOLT'S STATION.

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In 1883, Mr. D. H. Kent, of Wilmington, Del., purchased a tract of land from Mr. H. W. Archer, adjoining the school property, and built a town called Golt's Station; after the town was built, the school house was too small to accommodate the people, so we had to make preparations for building a church; accordingly a lot was secured adjoining the school house lot and deed given. On July 25, 1884, Daniel H. Kent and Mary E. Kent his wife, of Wilmington, Del., conveyed to Sam'l Watts, Luff Spry, Jas. D. Davis, Edwin S. and Chas. K. Morris, Geo. Peverly, Wm. H. Davis, and their successors, trustees of Morris' Methodist Episcopal Church, in the town of Golt's Station, for $100, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, one acre, more or less, for the purpose of erecting thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the Methodist Episcopal Church. To have and to hold the said lot or parcel of land and premises, unto the said trustees, in trust as aforesaid, and their successors, and assigns forever. In May, 1885, the foundation was laid for a building 26x40 feet, on June 4th the corner stone was laid by Rev. J. B. Quigg, into which was put a copy of the deed, a list of the names of trustees, a copy of the Discipline, *Christian Advocate, Peninsula Methodist,* and KENT NEWS. In July, the contractor, Mr. James A. Lambkin, began framing the building, and by the 10th of October had it enclosed; on Sunday, the 11th, Rev. Andrew Manship, of Phila., preached for us and raised about $50. The mason, Mr. Wm. Sweetman, then went on with his part of the work, built the flues and plastered the house, and had it ready for dedication by the 12th of Dec. Rev. John France, P. E., was with us on the Sabbath to preach for us, and dedicate the church, provided we could raise $600, the amount of indebtedness. Bro. Manship was there to manage the finances. But Sunday proved to be a very stormy day, consequently there was very few present and instead of $600, we raised about $25. Bro. France thought we had better make another effort the next Sabbath and he would secure Bro. T. L. Tomkinson, of Millington, for the occasion; so on the next Sabbath, Dec. 20th, Bro. Tomkinson came over in the afternoon, but it was extremely cold and very blustry and in consequence we hardly had any congregation and raised $7. We went on, however, very much discouraged until Sept. 12th, 1886, when Rev. J. B. Quigg came over and preached us a grand sermon. He then made the proposition that if the people would pay all the debt except the last $200, he would get the Church Extension Society to donate us that amount. We raised about $200 on that day. We continued to solicit contributions until Oct. '87. $50 was needed. On Oct. 23d Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, Newport, Del., and Rev. R. K. Stephenson, of Millington, came to our assistance. Bro. Hanna thought we had better ask for $75. So he drew the church on the blackboard, laid it off in squares of 5, 3, 2, and 1 dollars. After his grand sermon he took up the finances, beginning with the $5 squares. As they were taken they were rubbed out, showing that much of the church clear of debt. $50 was raised in the morning. In the afternoon Bro. R. K. Stephenson preached a very interesting sermon, after which the remaining $25 was provided for. The church was then declared free of debt, when it was dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, by Rev. J. D. C. Hanna, assisted by Rev. R. K. Stephenson, after which with hearts full of gratitude, Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow, was sung. Bro. Hanna preached for us again in the evening, when revival services began and two penitents came forward; the meetings continued for five weeks, resulting in 16 conversions. They now have at Golt's Station a neat frame church 26x40 feet with recess pulpit, in which to worship, the result of 3½ years hard labor. To God be all the glory. In 1888 Rev. D. Gollie was appointed to this charge whose labors during the year the Lord has greatly blessed, about 150 having been converted and brought into the church.

After having spent twenty years