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March 10, 1898. DRUGGIST.

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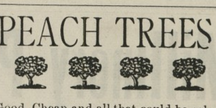
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State Entomologist.
College Park, Md., Aug. 30, 1897. e31-1f

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AT STILL POND.
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BEAUTIFUL RIBBONS.
The demands of Dame Fashion have been fully met, and all of the latest shades and colors of Ribbon are on hand.
If you have a little money to put in a few articles of "Standard" value like Lace, Veils, Hamburgs, Ties, Gloves, Ladies' Collars and Cuffs, Handkerchiefs, give me a call.
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you may find a superior line of Corsets, all prices; Ladies' and Children's Hose, Ladies' Gauze, Shirt Waists, Dress-makers' Supplies, Embroidery, Silks, Cottons and Sewing Silks. Baby Bonnets and Children's Mull Hats a specialty.
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Yours to serve,
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A New Summer Corset, the best we ever had, for 49

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The Advance Improved Wheat Fan.
The only Fan made that will separate the cockle from the wheat, positively guaranteed. Will also clean oats, barley, timothy and millet. Come and examine one, and a trial will convince you.

SECOND.
The Owego & Buckeye Grain Drills
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Randall Harrows,
We have the Buffalo Pitts, Bells Centre and Osborne Harrows. Also a line of Spring-Tooth Harrows. Come and see them, and we will show you a complete line at a low price.

FOURTH.
The Wittington Perfection Spring Lock Wire Fence.
We are prepared to furnish material for this Fence, which is the best Fence made, or we can give you a good cheap job put up in our territory.
We are here for business, and you will always find our Goods and Prices right.

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The Celebrated Kerr's Wrightsville Lime,
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J. D. BACCHUS,
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Gents' Fine Footwear,
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Higher in Essential Qualities than any other Goods on the Market.
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Fresh Cakes and Biscuits
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LOW PRICES OF WHEAT,
July Buyers, Look
TO YOUR INTEREST.
We Are Going to Offer Special Bargains
—IN—
Dry Goods and Notions,
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We offer a Full Track Single Leather (Special) Carriage Harness (net cash, no discount), for $9.69 per set
We offer Full Set (body parts) Wagon Harness $7.00 per set
We offer Full Set (body and breeching parts) Wagon Harness $14.50 per set
We offer Full Set Track Heavy Single Leather Carriage Harness with cut-out breast collar for only $12.50 per set
Special Prices on Shoes and Slippes.
We offer a job of 30 pairs Ladies' 50c. Oxfords for 38c. per pair
We offer a job of 24 pairs Ladies' 80c. Oxfords for 62½ per pair
We offer a job of 24 pairs Ladies' 75c. Oxfords for 50c per pair
We offer a job of 36 pairs Men's $3.50 Calf Lace for $2.79 per pair
We offer a job of 50 pairs Men's $3.50, $4.00, $5.00 Calf Lace Hook Bals. in odds and ends at only $2.50 per pair
We offer a job of 30 pairs Boys' and Youths' Lace and Button, in odds and ends (were $3.00 and $3.50 shoes), for only $1.25 per pair
Lawns, Dimities and Percales
REDUCED IN PRICE.
We offer all our 10c. Lawns at 7½c
" " " 12½c. Percales at 10½c
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Special Prices on Bleached and Unbleached Muslin
Our 4-4 Brown Muslin at 5c is especially good value.
Our 4-4 Bleached Muslin at 6½c Can't be beaten.
Our Feather Tickings at 12½c Excells All.
Our Bleached Table Damask at 23½c Has no superior.
Towels, 5c.; Towels, 10c.; Towels, 3 for 25c
Ladies' Gauze Vests 5, 10 and 12½c.
Gents' Shirts, Laundred and Unlaundred, from 25c. up.
Tobacco at old prices—now must soon advance in price.
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Yours truly,
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We have the Wheels the people want—the tried and true kinds. Wheels that stand up over all kinds of roads. We have been in the Wheel business a number of years and know the good ones from the bad. A Wheel must be made of the best material and put together mechanically perfect before we will handle it. All these features we have combined in the
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and put the price down to $25.00. This makes an elegant road Wheel at a low price. For those who want a stylish Wheel with all the up-to-date features, we have the
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This is a strictly high grade Wheel with all the '98 improvements, made to sell at $50, our cut-price $29.00. We also have a full line of the celebrated
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in the county. Come to us for everything in the Bicycle line, and we will save you money.
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Are your nerves weak? Can't you sleep well? Pain in your back? Lack energy? Appetite poor? Digestion bad? Boils or pimples? These are sure signs of poisoning.
From what poisons?
From poisons that are always found in constipated bowels.
If the contents of the bowels are not removed from the body each day, as nature intended, these poisonous substances are sure to be absorbed into the blood, always causing suffering and frequently causing severe disease.
There is a common sense cure.
AYER'S PILLS
They daily insure an easy and natural movement of the bowels.
You will find that the use of
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Write the Doctor.
Our Medical Department has one of the most eminent physicians in the United States. Tell the doctor just how you are suffering. You will receive the best medical advice without cost. Address,
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Especial attention will be paid to our patrons from the country, and all orders or communications by mail promptly answered
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VACATION.

School is over: vacation has come,
The children laugh and play and run,
Parents and teachers all rejoice
To hear their merry laughing voice.

School is over: vacation has come,
Now for dear old grandma's home;
Up in the morning at break of day
Eager to begin to work and play.

School is over: vacation has come,
Now for the novelty and fun,
Tending the sheep and feeding the hogs,
Milking the cows and playing with the dogs.

School is over: vacation has come,
Now for a playhouse of our own,
Then with a will the work begun,
And ended e're the setting sun.

School is over: vacation has come,
And again when comes September's sun,
May we all thank God for this holiday blest,
And learn our lessons with an earnest zest.

BLANCHE M. DUYER.

Worton, July 19th, 1898.

CAMP LIFE IN A NUTSHELL.

Singing ballads, playing cards,
Eating sidemeat, running guards;
Marching, drilling, exercising,
Lying 'round philosophizing;
Digging ditches, learning tactics,
Standing guard until your back aches;
Doing laundry, picking trash up,
Cleaning camp and dishing hash up;
Cooking pork and taking baths,
Eating hardtack, cleaning paths;
Getting yellow as a tanyard,
Wondering when we'll meet the Spaniard;
Getting letters from our folks,
Snoozing, boozing, cracking jokes;
Thinking of the folks—if not them,
Then of sweethearts—those who've got them;
Reading papers, reading books,
Fasting, grumbling, "cussing" cooks;
Writing letters, cleaning tents up,
In our trousers sewing rents up;
Stewing, growling, fretting, fussing,
Kicking, howling, working, "cussing;"
Drilling like old-time cadets,
Smoking pipes and cigarettes;
Telling stories, making wishes,
Splitting wood and washing dishes;
Turning in at sound of "taps,"
Spouting verse and shooting craps;
Running out to see the "dummies,"
Calling one another "rummies;"
Getting up at 5 o'clock,
Wanting fight and hearing talk;
Thinking we're not in clover,
Wondering when the war'll be over.

FERD. W. RAPER.

Private Co. M, First Alabama Volunteers.

JOSEPH RODMAN DRAKE'S GRAVE.

The Last Resting-Place of the Author of "The American Flag."

Joseph Rodman Drake, author of "The American Flag," lies buried in a curious and neglected little cemetery in Morrisania, in the borough of the Bronx. The visitor from Manhattan should take a Southern Boulevard car at Harlem bridge and get off at Hunt's Point road. Going along this road—the pilgrim should remember to keep to his left—he will find himself on a beautiful and well-kept rural avenue, overarched with magnificent shade trees and lined on either side with massive stone fences inclosing splendid estates. After going along this lovely sylvan thoroughfare in a leisurely manner for about 20 minutes a sharp turn in the road to the left will apprise the visitor that he is within a stone's throw of the patriotic young poet's grave. Skirting the roadside 150 feet away he will notice a clump of thickly clustering trees of perhaps an acre in extent. In the heart of this copse the ancient burying ground lies. But so densely huddled together are the trees, and wild and tangled is the vegetation with which it is overrun, that the wayfarer would be likely to pass it by oblivious of its character.

The stone steps which once invited entrance to the graveyard are falling into ruin. The old wooden gate is still intact, and swings outward on its rusty iron hinges; but a formidable barrier of prickly vines and scrubby undergrowth on the other side repel the intruder. No gateway, however, is necessary. A narrow path leads from Hunt's Point road, up a slight incline, direct to Drake's tomb. And as the pilgrim pushes aside the bushes and brambles that beset him, and clambers up, the first monument that greets his sight will be that of the author of "The American Flag," which bears the following inscription:

SACRED
to the memory
of
JOSEPH R. DRAKE, M. D.,
who died Sept. 21st.,
1820,
aged 25 years,
None knew him but to love him,
Nor named him but to praise.

Renovated by the
Brownson Literary Union,
July 25th, 1891.

The Brownson Literary Union has sought to protect it by surrounding it with a fence of iron railings. But the handiwork of the vandal is nevertheless manifest, for an appreciable chunk of marble has been hammered away from the monument. Several withered wreathes—relics of Memorial day—hang over the shaft and over the spikes of the railings. The stump of a hewn giant lies mouldering in the earth close to the grave.

CONDITION OF DAIRIES.

Examination Into Their Condition in Progress.

State Veterinarian Dr. A. W. Clement and his assistant, Dr. D. E. Keller, are engaged examining into the sanitary condition of the daries throughout Maryland, which carry on a business of selling milk for public consumption. This is a work of great magnitude, but Dr. Keller said that it is being vigorously prosecuted and will be continued until all have been looked into. In the course of the examination the daries are being classified under the respective headings of good, indifferent and bad, so far as their sanitary condition is concerned.

Only a few of the daries have been entered under the classification "bad." In these cases orders at once go out from the State Live Stock Sanitary Board to make the necessary improvements. This is done under an act of the Legislature of 1898, which also required the registration of all public daries in books to be kept by the State Live Stock Sanitary Board.

We live in a country of which the principal scourge is stomach trouble.
It is more wide-spread than any other disease, and, very nearly, more dangerous.
One thing that makes it so dangerous is that it is little understood.
If it were better understood, it would be more feared, more easily cured, less universal than it is now.
So, those who wish to be cured, take Shaker Digestive Cordial, because it goes to the root of the trouble as no other medicine does. The pure, harmless, curative herbs and plants, of which it is composed, are what render it so certain and, at the same time, so gentle a cure.
It helps and strengthens the stomach, purifies and tones up the system.
Sold by druggists, price 10 cents to $1.00 per bottle.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

The ruling pen must be mightier than the sword.

The gentle quiver in a girl's voice often holds her beau.

But few men object to being treated by physicians—at a bar.

Padlocks and chains are not classed as good securities for loans.

Fools wait for things to turn up; wise men go and turn them up.

Boarding-house beefsteak is apt to be rare because one seldom gets it.

Many a man is compelled to take married life according to directions.

Art may be long, but time is too short for some people to become artists.

When a man can't do anything else he can develop into a chronic kicker.

Men may believe in the divine right of others to fight for their country.

According to court etiquette the prisoner always comes before the judge.

The small boy with a tin can doesn't worry the bob-tailed dog very much.

The wrongs of other people are continually getting mixed up with our rights.

"Time is money." That is, it takes considerable money to have much of a time.

A girl's aim is usually poor, but as an amateur cyclist she can hit anything in sight.

A theatrical manager says a great many men go broke trying to make a show.

The great trouble with the world's idots is that they are all more or less cracked.

It seems paradoxical that a person is always away from home when he is homesick.

Spain is now in a position to fit out a magnificent navy if she will utilize her hardships.

A man put a woman's head on the silver dollar, and now women are trying to get their hands on it.

Uncle Sam must have powder to burn if he can afford to go hunting Canaries with his 13-inch guns.

Courage is responsible for fewer attempts at performing dangerous feats than lack of common sense.

A matinee girl says that it's a poor villain who doesn't attempt to kiss the heroine when he has a good opportunity.

When a man finally succeeds in getting his past life asleep he is always afraid some one will come along and wake it up.

Out in Kansas the other day at a swell wedding twelve pretty girls whistled "Mendelssohn's Wedding March." That's a new way to put on airs.

Why make so much fuss about stamping bank checks? Bring along your checks properly signed and there will be no trouble about the stamps. Anyone can furnish the checks.

The Blakely (Ga.) Observer soulfully remarks: "To beat us out of a few dollars seems to be all that some of our subscribers want to do to us. Thanks." As Artemus Ward used to say, "that evidently was wrote sarkostic."

GERMANY'S INTERESTS AT MANILA.

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Germany says that she is keeping her fleet at Manila to protect her commercial interests. Let us see what those interests are.

The staple products of the Philippines are sugar, hemp and copra.

Sugar is sent to Great Britain and the United States and a small quantity to Spain. None goes to Germany.

Copra goes to Great Britain and France and a little to Spain. None goes to Germany.

Hemp is mainly sent to the United States.

The shippers are mainly English firms, one Spanish trading company enjoying exclusive advantages.

Tobacco is sent mainly to Spain, while some of it goes to Great Britain and the United States.

Germany sends nothing to the islands, and very little is sent to Germany, and that little indirectly.

There are four German houses engaged in import trade.

No direct lines ply between Germany and the Philippines, and no cargoes are sent direct from one country to the other, and the German houses are mainly engaged in trading with other countries than their own.

Germany, in order to protect her interests at Manila, is now maintaining there a fleet consisting of the Kaiserin Augusta, Princess Wilhelmina, Cormosan, Kaiser, Deutschland, Gefion and Irene.

Anything more ridiculous than Germany's stand is hard to be imagined.

THE RINGING OF CHURCH BELLS.

From the Methodist Protestant.

If there ever was a useless appendage to a church it is a great, ponderous, nerve-distressing bell. To be near them is almost exasperating, and often weak and sick people can hardly endure the vibrations that come from them. There is a vast amount of money invested in them that ought to be started upon a better mission. People who will not go to church except as they are warned of the time by the ringing of the bells will not go at all, and those who will go do not need this sort of noisy admonition.

Millions of dollars are wasted in them that would build churches, schools, hospitals and asylums, all to create a noise and to distress those who are so unfortunate as to be located near them.

We are aware that what we have said will be regarded as crankiness, but we challenge anybody to show that bells are of any genuine advantage to religion, and we do know that they are exasperating to people in the last degree who are compelled to live near them, and to sick and nervous people they are simply unendurable. We are in favor of blessing all church bells. We think they ought to be passed through a baptism of fire and started on a different and better mission, and let people consult their clocks and their common sense as to the time to go to church.

Pleasant Deodorizers.

Reduce to powder eight drachms of cascarilla bark, four drachms of gum benzoin, two drachms of styrax, two drachms of yellow sanvers, two drachms of olibanum, six ounces of charcoal and one and a half drachms of nitre, make into a firm paste with mucilage of tragacanth, and mould into small cones, which dry in the oven. These may be lighted to give a pleasant fresh odor to an apartment.

SASSAFRAS ITEMS.

Robert Townsend spent several days last week in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. George Johnston visited Smyrna on Saturday last.

We are pleased to state Mrs. Griffith Clift is very much improved.

Mr. William Casey, of near Masseys, visited Sassafras on Tuesday.

Mr. Arthur Johns, of Lewes, visited his mother and brother on Monday.

Mrs. S. Morris is visiting her parents at Cockeysville, near Baltimore.

Mrs. E. N. Jeter and children spent Monday with her parents in Millington.

Mrs. George Johnston and Mrs. Robert Johnston visited Middletown on Tuesday.

James Reynolds and family, of Philadelphia, are visiting his sister, Mrs. J. F. Ernest.

Mr. Louis Dreka has several relatives from Baltimore visiting his most pleasant home.

Doc Hodson and Lynn Caulk attended the base-ball game at Townsend on Tuesday afternoon.

The Methodists of Golt's Station are holding a ten days' grove meeting. There was an old-time love-feast last Sabbath.

Masters William and Masten Shallcross visited their relatives, Mr. Clarence Griffith's family, near Cecilton, on Tuesday.

William Spry, of near Galena, we are sorry to state, had a part of his stack yard burned by the top of his staker becoming heated and setting fire to the stacks.

CANNED GOODS WILL RISE.

Reasons Why an Advance in Prices Is Probable.

Mr. Thomas J. Meehan of Messrs. Thomas J. Meehan Co., canned goods brokers, of Baltimore, in speaking of the reasons for the expected increase in prices of canned goods staples, said:

"A number of factors combine to make a decided rise in prices probable. Many of the crops are short, and the amount of goods consumed at the several army camps is another important cause.

"Take the peach crop, for instance. We had a mild winter which set the trees to budding early. Then in April came the violent freeze and cold snap that everyone recalls and the sharp fluctuations in temperature. Thousands of orchards were affected by this, and the 'June drop,' as a consequence was something tremendous. Every year a certain percentage of peaches fail from the trees in June, but this year the drop broke the record. From what we hear from trustworthy growers the crop this season will not be more than one-third or one-fourth of the average.

"Tomato plants are fully two weeks late, which means a late season for packing, which cannot begin until September and a short season is invariably followed by higher prices. Tomatoes and beans are used in great quantities by the Government for the Army, and the unusual demand this year is proving an important factor in sending prices up.

"The pea crop is very short, and the same statement applies to cherries and gooseberries. Gooseberries are especially short. In the last two weeks there has been an advance of 50 per cent.

WAR PICK-UPS.

A ministure Morro Castle has been erected at the Thousand Islands.

The Oregon fired 1776 shells in the Santiago fight, and would have brought the count up to 1898 if necessary.

A company of weaponed and rough-riding Oklahoma girls want to be off to the war. It is likely, however, sagely remarks the St. Louis Post Dispatch, that they will be left at home to marry and give the army soldiers in the good old fashioned way.

The leggings issued to the soldiers of the First Kentucky Regiment at Chickamauga were all No. 3s—the largest size. One fellow, who seemed lost in his pair, exclaimed; "Say, will you give me an old pair of suspenders? I want to hold my leggings up."

The total enlisted strength of the regular army to date is about 44,000 men, being about 18,000 short of its legal complement.

The total strength of the army regulars and volunteer, is 227,000 as now organized.

Uncle Sam's war mules and horses have cost him $3,000,000.

In the opinion of the Chigago Record "Santiago has not fallen. It has arisen."

The popular song among the Eighth Regiment boys at Chickamauga now is:

We fall in line eight times a day,
We drill in sun and rain,
And pay two cents a day to read
What others do to Spain.

His Early Training at Fault.

The sympathetic who were visiting the jail were deeply impressed by the good-looking young man in one of the second tier of cells.

"You do not look like a guilty man," said one of the boldest of them as she stepped up to his cell, "but the guard tells me that you already have been convicted. To what, may I ask, do you attribute your—your—misfortune?"

"To my early training when a child," he replied.

"Poor fellow!" she said, sympathetically. "How much ignorant or careless parents have to answer for in this world! What particular feature of your training do you think had the effect of bringing you here?"

"Learning to write."

She was still wondering what the poor fellow could mean, when the jailer suggested:

"He's up for forgery, you know."

BITS ABOUT PUERTO RICO.

Porto Rico was discovered by Columbus in 1493.

Porto Rico ranks fourth in the greater Antilles, having first place, however, in density of population and general prosperity.

In 1855 cholera carried off 30,000 of the inhabitants. Still, it's healthy.

The city of San Juan, of perhaps 40,000 population, is situated on an island, connected with the mainland by a bridge. Its harbor is one of three only which are safe at all times from a ground swell, which often breaks against the island cliffs with great violence.

The San Juan drainage system is thorough. The houses are all connected with sewers, which go under ground, and all empty into the sea, so that there are even no gutters.

VINEGAR POINTERS.

The best and most wholesome vinegars are those made from cider and wine.

In these, besides the acetic acid, there are certain fragrant compounds formed from the apples and grapes, which give a very agreeable flavor.

The so-called white wine vinegars are made from grain or glucose, and are falsely named; they are coarse and heavy, and are frequently made from beer or whiskey, which has been spoiled in some way and rendered unsalable.

"I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in my family for yeart and always with good results," says Mr. W. B. Cooper of El Rio, Cal. "For small children we find it especially effective." For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

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