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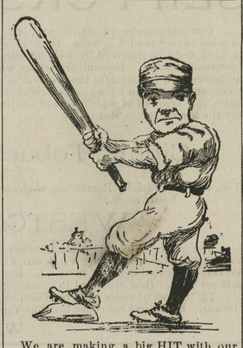

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We have the Wheels the people want—the tried and true kinds. Wheels that stand up over all kinds of roads. We have been in the Wheel business a number of years and know the good ones from the bad. A Wheel must be made of the best material and put together mechanically perfect before we will handle it. All these features we have combined in the

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AT STILL POND.

In anticipation of the needs of my patrons, I have laid in a full line of beautiful mid-summer millinery. Dainty Hat Creations, Beautiful flowers, sprays of rare design and feathers, particular attention given to such combinations of material and color as will please the taste of the most æsthetic.

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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Yours to serve,

(MISS) D. A. CROSSLEY,

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Oils! Oils!

—GO TO—

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FOR OILS OF ALL KINDS

Trotting Track at Tolchester.

I wish to state to those having Horses to be Trained or Handled for the Development of Speed,

that on or about May 1st I will be located at Tolchester Beach for the entire season, and will devote my personal time and attention to the work. Roomy, Comfortable Stables have been built; the track will be put in first-class condition, and the best possible results are expected.

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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.

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The Owego & Buckeye Grain Drills

we can recommend these two Drills to be equal to any in the market, and the prices are all right.

THIRD.

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.

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ISAAC ROBINSON,

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Standard Lime and Stone Company's Lime,

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COAL AND WOOD.

Building and White Wash Lime, Cements, Baled Hay, Roofing Felt and Terra Cotta Piping, all of which will be sold at city price. Hoping you may favor us with your orders and we will promise to try and please you. Thanking you for past favors, I remain, yours for business,

J. D. BACCHUS,

March 3, 1898. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

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MAKER OF

Gents' Fine Footwear,

No. 104 N. Howard Street,

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Higher in Essential Qualities than any other Goods on the Market.

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New Freighting Line.

Having purchased the fine Schooner Harry B. Moore, and having had her put in thorough repair, I wish to announce that the vessel, in command of Capt. P. Biggs, will run a General Freighting business out of Worton Creek. The vessel is admirably adapted for the freighting of Grain, Lumber, Phosphate and General Freighting. The business will receive the personal supervision of myself and Capt. Biggs. For further particulars, apply at Buck Neck. Respct.,

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I can now furnish Vanilla Ice Cream and all other flavors at reasonable prices. Special prices given in large quantities for Festivals, Entertainments, etc. Families desiring Cream for dinner must give their orders before 10 A.M.

Fresh Cakes and Ciscuits

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j9-3m.

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We commence the spring season with new goods and new and greater inducements for our patrons and the public. Come, inspect and endorse what I say.

I Have the Best $55.00 Carriage

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$10.50 CARRIAGE HARNESS

that I sell will cost you $12 or $15 anywhere else. A full supply of PLOW IRONS always on hand. I have just received a boat load of Salt, and now is the time to buy cheap.

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M. M. RASIN,

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AS USUAL,

Our Reduction Sales

OF

Men's, Boys and Children's Suits,

command the attention of careful buyers.

ALL

Spring and Summer Goods are being closed regardless of cost.

A

First-class assortment of Separate Trousers will be sacrificed.

During this sale—Alterations will be charged for.

Hats, Shirts, Neckwear and Underwear!

All departments will be similarly dealt with.

Respectfully,

MOODY & LUSBY,

Directly opposite Court House. Square Dealing Clothiers.

Millinery Parlors,

E. C. Marshall & Co.,

The Millinery Parlors are beautifully lit up with electric lights. The windows are pictures to lovers of art. Come visit the parlors and examine the daintiness and various designs of handiwork.

OUR NOVELTIES

are increasing constantly. We visit the large cities frequently to give our customers the lates styles. Orders taken and lessons given in embroidery. Prices low.

Miss E. C. Marshall & Co.,

CORNER HIGH AND QUEEN STS.

BUY YOUR SHOES

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A SHOE STORE,

Where you can get a large assortment to select from, and where prices are lower than from a general merchandise store, because an exclusive Shoe Store makes a specialty of Shoes, and specialties are always sold cheaper.

Men's Shoes from $1 to $5. Ladies' Shoes from 90c. to $3.50. Children's Shoes from 25c. to $1.50.

Watch for change of advertisement next week.

No trouble to show goods.

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SAMUEL ROLPH WITH

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FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC

WINES and LIQUORS,

Old Rye Whiskey a specialty.

326 AND 328 LIGHT STREET,

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The True Science of Living.

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Diseases Cured Without Drugs

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Correspondence solicited from persons suffering from chronic diseases and obesity.

Book sent, POSTAGE PAID, as directed on receipt of price, $2 in cashand 25 cts. in postage stamps. Send your order by mail to

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The Falling Leaves Give Warning of Winter

So the falling of the hair tells of the approach of age and declining power.

No matter how barren the tree nor how leafless it may seem, you confidently expect leaves again. And why?

Because there is life at the roots.

So you need not worry about the falling of your hair, the threatened departure of youth and beauty. And why?

Because if there is a spark of life remaining in the roots of the hair

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will arouse it into healthy activity. The hair ceases to come out: it begins to grow: and the glory of your youth is restored to you.

We have a book on the Hair and its Diseases. It is free.

The Best Advice Free.

If you do not obtain all the benefits you expected from the use of the Vigor, write the doctor about it. Probably there is some difficulty with your general system which may be easily removed. Address,

DR. J. C. AYER, Lowell, Mass.

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LOW PRICES OF WHEAT.

July Buyers, Look

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We Are Going to Offer Special Bargains

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Dry Goods and Notions,

SHOES, SLIPPERS, Etc.

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

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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

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Special Prices on Bleached and Unbleached Muslin.

Our 4-4 Brown Muslin at..... 5c is especially good value.

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Our Feather Tickings at.....12½c Excells All.

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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.

Mason's and Sened Cans in pints, quarts and half gallons.

Yours truly,

R. F. PARKS.

NEW BUTCHER SHOP.

AFTER an experience of FIVE YEARS in the Butcher Business with Mr. George D. Lofland, I have OPENED A MEAT SHOP in the Store Room opposite Stam's Hall and adjoining the store of J. H. Sides, where I will be glad to see my friends and will endeavor to accommodate and please them.

Yours very truly,

JOSEPH H. LEWIS,

a23. Chestertown, M

STUMP PENCILS MASCOTS.

Members of Gotham's Stock Exchange Superstitious About Lead Sticks.

"Talking about hoodoos and mascots," said a member of the Stock Exchange, "the boys on the floor of the exchange are as superstitious as a lot of sailors. If you don't believe it, you look at the lead pencils they are using the next time you are in the building.

"You won't find a man using a long lead pencil. Why? Because a long pencil is a 'hoodoo' of the worst kind. They always cut a new pencil in half before they sharpen it. Some of these pencils acquire the reputation of being lucky.

"Less than a week ago I came down without my pencil, which, by the way, is a lucky one—every memorandum made with that pencil results in a profit for me—and I borrowed one from a friend on the floor. He handed me a stump about an inch long and said, 'You can use that; it's a lucky pencil.'

"Sure enough, I made two deals in the morning, and each netted me a handsome profit.

"I was about to make a memorandum of some stock I had bought when my friend approached and said:

"'Here, take this pencil and let me have mine again. I've lost on every deal since I loaned it to you.'

"Sure enough, I lost on that deal, and the luck went back to the owner of the pencil.

"When you get hold of a lucky pencil, you want to hang on to it.

"Some of the boys have little lucky pencils not more than an inch long, and they guard them as they would their lives.

"If you, through carelessness or accident, cause them to break the lead point they lose whatever regard they have for you and forever afterward regard you as inimical. Some of them wouldn't take $5 for a little piece of pencil worth considerably less than a cent."—New York Press.

STING OF THE BEE.

Poisonous Properties That Lurk In the Honey Maker.

The chemical and toxic properties of the poison of the honeybee have been a subject for long study by a German scientist, Dr. Joseph Zanger. During his investigation Dr. Zanger employed 25,000 bees. He found that the fresh poison is clear, like water, of an acid reaction, bitter taste and of a fine aromatic odor.

On evaporating and drying at a temperature of 100 degrees centigrade (212 degrees F.) a gummy residue is left. It is soluble in water; with alcohol it forms an emulsionlike mixture. The aromatic odor is due to a volatile substance, which disappears on evaporation and is not poisonous. The poisonous constituent is not destroyed by short boiling nor by drying and heating the residue to 212 degrees F. nor by the diluted acids or alkalis.

Dr. Zanger has proved the existence of formic acid, but he has also proved that that is not the poisonous principle. The latter is an organic base, soluble, with difficulty, in water, but kept in solution by an acid. On the healthy skin neither the bee poison nor a 2 per cent solution of the poisonous principle has any effect, but they act as powerful irritants on the mucuous membranes.

His tests made on rabbits and other animals show that when the poison is brought in contact with the eye there follow lachrymation, hyperemia, chemosis and croupous membrane or conjunctiva. The general condition is also affected; the animals become melancholy, take no food, but are very thirsty, and the urine shows small amounts of albumen.—Philadelphia Record.

A Louisville Slander.

Not long ago there was put in at the Louisville telephone exchange a switch board run entirely by a battery, so that the amount of calls was definitely indicated by expenditure of force. The chart showed correct business conditions up to 10 a. m., and then there came a most unaccountable drop. The electrician was bothered. There must be a leakage, a weakness, somewhere. Again and again the same remarkable and instantaneous drop showed on the chart, and the perplexed telephone engineer went from Chicago to Louisville to investigate.

He was with a group of anxious managers and directors waiting for the significant hour to approach, when suddenly some one looked at his watch and called, "Gentlemen, we are losing time," whereupon one and all arose and passed to the nearest buffet. That was crowded, and they tried another, only to find it also thronged. Then the electrician looked at the hour. It was just past 10 o'clock, and a daily scene was being enacted. All Louisville was out taking a drink.—Chicago Times-Herald.

How a Bashful Man Got a Wife.

Blusher is the most bashful man I ever knew."

"How on earth then did he come to get married?"

"He was too bashful to refuse."—Boston Traveler.

Free Pills.

Send your address to H. E. Bucklen & Co., Chicago, and get a free sample box of Dr. King's New Life Pills. A trial will convince you of their merits. These pills are easy in action and are particularly effective in the cure of Constipation and Sick Headache. For Marlaria and Liver troubles they have been proved invaluable. They are guaranteed to be perfectly free from every deleterious substance and to be purely vegetable. They do not weaken by their action, but by giving tone to the stomach and bowels greatly invigorate the system. Regular size 25c. per box. Sold by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

Co-operative Creameries.

A writer in The Creamery Journal, noting the fact that in a great many communities the co-operative creamery seems to have a very uncertain life, says: It has come to be a settled fact, that a co-operative creamery sails along smoothly and everything goes along harmoniously as long as it can lead in payments for milk in the district where it is located, but let its milk checks show a drop in payments below that of a neighboring creamery and its days are numbered. I cannot understand why this is so, but it is true nevertheless. Farmers know that their milk is made up, the expenses are taken out of the total receipts each month and the balance is divided pro rata among the patrons. It would seem that with no one to receive any profit they ought to be satisfied with whatever they get and each one stay by his own factory.

When wear begins to exceed renair in your body you are going to fall sick. The signs of it are: loss of flesh, paleness, weakness, nervousness, etc. The sepair needed is food. You think you eat enough, and yet you feel that you wear out more tissue, energy, nerve-force than your food makes for you. The difficulty is that you do not *digest* enough. And this is *so serious* it is worth sitting down seriously to think about. If you can't digest what you eat, take a few doses of Shaker Digestive Cordial. The effect of it will be to increase your flesh and make you feel stronger. You won't fall sick. Proof that it is in control of your repair apparatus. It's easy enough to test this for yourself. Take a few bottles of Shaker Digestive Cordial.

Sold by druggists at 10 cents to $1.00 per bottle.

A TRYING NAVAL JOB.

WHAT IT MEANS TO PUT A WARSHIP IN COMMISSION.

The Enormous Amount of Work That Must Be Performed and the Ceremonies That Are Observed Before the Pennant and the Stars and Stripes Are Hoisted.

In times of peace as well as when war's dark clouds gloom the nation you are liable to read in the newspapers an announcement to the effect that one of the vessels of the navy is going "into commission." It is not a very impressive phrase, but the full meaning of the term is something of which few have any adequate conception. To put a modern warship into commission involves an enormous amount of work, which can be fully appreciated only by one who has observed the process from beginning to end.

When a vessel of the navy is laid up in reserve, "in ordinary," as it is called, it is far from an attractive object and could hardly be recognized as the same ship when in thorough trim, with crew aboard. The ship is anchored at a convenient navy yard; the stores are sent ashore, her engines and guns covered with oil and an antirust paint; her decks are allowed to become dirty, her sides dull and stained from rusty chains. Thus she lies perhaps for months, and then an order comes from the secretary of the navy, through the chief of the bureau of navigation, directing the commanding officer of the yard to get her ready for sea.

The first thing to be done is to bring as many men as possible from the receiving ship, which lies hard by, and these, with the force of the yard, under the direction of whatever officers are available, begin at once to put things to rights and remove the accumulated dust and dirt from the different parts of the equipment; the engineer's force goes at once to the engines and boiler rooms; the anitrust paint is removed from the engines; new packing is put in the valves and joints; the pumps are tested, the rust and dirt knocked from interiors of fire boxes, and boiler tubes and grate bars renewed.

Outwardly everything is now in fair condition, but this is only the beginning. It remains to get up steam in some of the boilers, turn over the engines to see if they are in proper trim, start the dynamos, test the electric lights and the pilothouse, signals, turn on the searchlights, start the fans, work the steering gear and steering engines, set the hoisting machinery in motion and put the boat cranes in operation. Every engine, boiler, pipe, wire, tube, rivet, bolt, nut and plate is carefully inspected, and if found unserviceable from any cause repaired.

Next the equipment storehouse is visited, and a full allowance of beef, pork, beans, potatoes, coffee, sugar, salt, flour, meal, clothing, shoes, hammocks, blankets, paint, tobacco—in short, the whole miscellaneous assortment of the commissary department, is placed on board. The paymaster of the ship is responsible for every article received, and a strict account is kept of each. Then the galley, or cooking stove, has to be examined to see whether it is complete in all its findings. The outfit of a galley usually consists of two copper kettles of 30 gallons each, a 50 gallon kettle, with cast iron jacket and copper hinged covers, two steamers for vegetables, each with a capacity of 32 gallons; two sets of saucepans, a fine set of tools for lifting and firing and the ordinary cooking implements.

The line officers look after the condition of the guns, the rigging, the boats, the cables, the anchors, the flags and signals, the charts, the nautical instruments and other parts of the ship's equipment. What this means can only be appreciated by one who has actually undertaken the task. A volume might be written in regard to the signals alone.

When all this work has been done, the ship is ready to go into commission, and up to this time everything has been under control of the commandant of the yard, so that when the captain of the ship arrives and reports himself to the yard commander little remains for him to attend to. In the meantime men have been brought together to constitute the crew.

Sometimes they are enlisted particularly for the ship which is about to go into service, at other times they are withdrawn from other ships which have just been put out of commission. The crew and marines report aboard with bags and hammocks; the captain orders the crew to be drawn up on the spar deck promptly at noon upon the day on which the ship is to be put formally in commission, reads to them his orders from the secretary of the navy detailing him to the command, hoists the commission pennant to the main truck and the stars and stripes to the gaff or staff at the stern, and all is ready.

The ship is now in commission.—San Francisco Call.

SAVING GRACE OF A HOBBY.

It Revives Hope and Enthusiasm and Makes Life Worth Living.

"A priceless thing is a hobby. The daily tasks by which hosts of women support life are favorless, barren, almost hopeless. To such ones a hobby may offer the dearest hopes of ultimate freedom from the unwelcome daily task. It will at any rate serve to entertain and give point and flavor to an otherwise blank existence," is the position taken by Carrie E. Garrett discussing "Woman's Dreams and Hobbies" in The Woman's Home Companion.

"Hobbies have the power to concentrate and absorb the scattered energies which might otherwise be expended in purposeless flirtations, building superfluous bonnets, reading cheap sensations, gossiping away precious moments, picking out our friends' foibles, dissecting our own emotions and wishing vaguely for everything which is attainable. If the hobby did nothing else but prevent these frivolities, it would be a boon to humanity.

"Man found out the value of hobbies long ago. Almost every man who is good for anything has a purpose which he thinks is quite the most magnificent one which a man could pursue. It is no matter whether it is lawmaking, pillmaking or shoemaking, he pursues it with absorbing enthusiasm and strives to make the best laws or pills or shoes (as the case may be) to be found anywhere.

"Woman has found that it is not enough to merely look pretty; that love cannot be her 'whole existence' (the poet to the contrary notwithstanding), and that even with the richest plenitude of gowns, jewels and enjoyments life still needs a purpose. If it is at all a respectable purpose and pursued with general zeal, it cannot fail to thrive and increase and bear fruit."

Cuban Bric-a-brac In Vogue.

Curiosities and bric-a-brac from Cuba are now slowly coming into vogue. Oddly enough, they were quite fashionable 40 and 50 years ago. A favorite and one of the most beautiful objects imaginable is a bunch of crystals from one of the famous caverns in the limestone district. Some of these are as clear as rock crystal, and are not alone many faceted but are often covered in part with masses of large and small crystals of great brilliancy. When the faceting occurs in certain patterns, the crystal has the fire of a precious stone and, in a well lighted parlor will throw colored lights and fires in every direction. Still another beautiful object is a mass of fine fern leaf coral, which is found near the keys in the middle and eastern part of the island. Some of this is so delicate that it suggests a petrified cobweb.—Margherita Arlina Hamm in New York Mail and Express.

The Best Remedy for Flux.

Mr. John Mathias, a well known stock dealer of Pulaski, Ky., says: "After suffering for over a week with flux, and my physician having failed to relieve me, I was advised to try Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and have the pleasure of stating that the half of one bottle cured me." For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

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