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LOCAL MATTERS.

Picked Up Adrift. — Capt. Frank Stevens, during the heavy storm of Monday, found adrift in the bay the assistant keeper of the Tub light off North Point. The keeper had been to Baltimore and when he got back could not land at his isolated home and determined to drift to Rock Hall. He was well cared for on the Anna Smith and returned to his post on the following morning.

Change of Management.—Mr. Wm. R. Pippin has rented the Armstrong Hotel, on Cross street, and assumed charge of the old hostlery on Tuesday. The house is heated by steam, the rooms are airy and prettily furnished, and Mr. Pippin states that the house will be conducted in the most up-to-date manner. A spacious pool-parlor will be in connection with the hotel, but the most popular innovation of the new management will be a raw-box, at which the traveling public may be served with the Chesapeake bivalve in its most approved style.

Strawberries in Market —Friday was hardly strawberry weather, and yet in the windows of a store on Lexington street, Baltimore, delicious-looking strawberries attracted some attention. They were from California and were among the first to arrive this season. They were packed in the usual way, in pint boxes in large crates, and were kept by cold storage. Their taste and fragrance were quite natural and compared very favorably with that of the first Florida berries, which usually reach Baltimore the first of February. They sold at 50 cents a pint box.

The New Mail Route. — The new mail route and better mail facilities for Chestertown are assured. Postmaster Wheatley has received notice that some one to carry the mail between Chestertown and Prices Station via Church Hill, a distance of ten miles, six times a week, will be advertised for. The route will be commenced on Feb. 1st, 1899, to run till June 30th. The schedule will be two hours running time each way. Leave Chestertown (except Sunday) at 12.35 P. M., arrive at Prices by 2.35 P. M. Leave Prices after arrival of train No. 19, arriving in Chestertown in two hours.

A New Hotel for Betterton.—Messrs. Crew and Owens, who have purchased the widely-known summer hotel at Betterton, the Chesapeake House, will tear away the old structure and erect a handsome modern hotel building on the site. The stone for the foundation is already in place and the work will be commenced in time for the new hotel to be all equipped and ready for guests next summer. Messrs. Crew and Owens are both young, energetic and popular, and will doubtless make an entire success of their new venture. Mr. Alexander Mair, who has so successfully run the Chesapeake House for several years, will offer his large lot of hotel furniture at public sale, and conduct a livery business at Betterton next year.

The Crew-Reid Damage Case.— As stated in last week's TRANSCRIPT, the Easton members of the League of American Wheelmen asked Chief Consul Conway W. Sams to look into the facts of the Crew-Reid damage case, decided in Easton at the late term of court, and to advise them if the wheelmen would be warranted in carrying the case to the Court of Appeals. Mr. Sams, in reply, says he is waiting to hear from the counsel of Dr. Reid. The Centreville *Record* in referring to the case says: "It is quite likely that the L. A. W. members in this county will also petition Consul Conway W. Sams to fight the case to an appeal." M. deK. Smith, Esq., counsel for Dr. Reid, stated that the prayers and other necessary papers in the case had been forwarded to Consul Sams, and his decision in the matter of an appeal will be waited for.

To Discuss Horticulture.—The first annual meeting of the Maryland Horticultural Society commenced its sessions in Baltimore yesterday, and will adjourn to-day. The discussions, in which Kent county fruit growers figure conspicuously, will be of a most interesting nature. In a symposium on the topic, "The cultivation and marketing of the peach in Maryland," the discussion will be participated in by E. B. Pennington and John Bell, of Kent, and Caleb Long and E. A. Perry, of Washington county. The "Past, present and future of the Keiffer pear" will be discussed by Jas. S. Harris, of Kent, and the "picking and marketing the pear" by Capt. R. S. Emory. Capt. R. S. Emory is first vice-president of the association, and James S. Harris, secretary and treasurer. Bartus Trew is also a vice-president from Kent.

In Search of Gold. — Mr. Thomas G. Trenchard, a member of the firm of Crane & Trenchard Brothers, fruit basket manufacturers, Chestertown, left on Friday for Poerto Cortez, Honduras, Central America, to engage in gold mining. Mr. Trenchard will be accompanied by four of his companions, Messrs. McFarlane, Lewis, Gass, of Washington, D. C., and E. L. Thomas, of Pittsburg. They left Washington on Monday and go as far as New Orleans by train, and from there to Honduras by steamship. It will take them eight days to make the trip. Mr. W. E. Trenchard, another member of the Chestertown firm, will go to Central America to join his brother about the middle of January. Mr. Thomas Trenchard will not return for six months. During his absence Mr. C. E. Crane, Chestertown, has power of attorney to transact business for Mr. Trenchard. Mr. Thomas Trenchard is known in the sporting world as "Doggie Trenchard," and has an international reputation as a football player.

Mrs. Seleno Jessop Dead.—Mrs. Seleno Jessop, of Kent county, died on Monday morning at 7 o'clock, at the home of her sister, Miss Geraldine Vickers, 623 West Lafayette avenue, Baltimore, from a complication of diseases. Mrs. Jessop was ninety-two years old, and was a native of Baltimore. She was the widow of the late Charles Jessop, who died at his home in Broad Neck in 1861, and had for the past sixty years been living in Kent county. She went to Baltimore several weeks ago to visit her sister and was taken sick there. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. L. D. McClintock, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. C. V. Newman, of Kent county, besides her sister, Miss Vickers, and a niece and nephew living in Baltimore, Mrs. Albert Bastable and George R. Vickers. Mrs. Jessop was in many respects a remarkable woman, and was loved for her many accomplishments and the beauty of her character as shown throughout her long lease of years. Her faculties remained bright and unimpaired to the last, and in spite of the natural infirmaties of age she could do the most beautiful and complicated fancy work, and write a most charming letter in a delicacy and beauty of penmanship excelled by but few. The remains were brought to Quaker Neck and carried to her old home on Tuesday. Interment yesterday at St. Paul's.

Have Gone to Elkton.—Messrs. Armstrong & Sparks, who for two years have conducted the Armstrong House, have leased an Elkton hotel and moved there this week. These gentlemen nearly four years ago sold out the Middletown Hotel to its present proprietors. They went from Middletown to Smyrna, selling out there to Mr. C. P. Gears, of Middletown, and thence occupied their own hotel for two years past, a temperance house in Chestertown.

A Serious Accident.—Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, probably the oldest resident of Kent county, met with a serious accident on Friday evening, at her home, Cliff City. She was sitting in front of the fireplace, in which was a good fire, and in stooping over to pick something from the floor she lost her balance and fell with her back to the hearth. In an instant her clothes caught fire. Her cries called Mr. Thomas from the next room, where fortunately he was, and he soon tore the burning clothes from her and dragged her to a place of safety. She was not seriously burned, but received several severe gashes on her forehead, one about two inches long, cut to the bone; one eye was entirely closed, and badly cut. Mr. Thomas summoned some of his neighbors, who got the aged lady in bed and dressed the wounds. Mrs. Thomas will be 97 years old in February next, and bears up remarkably well for a person of her age. Her right knee is injured and bruised. At first it was thought it was out of place. One hand and wrist are badly bruised. The shock to her nervous system was great, and it is remarkable that she was able to stand it.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

Mrs. A. J. Hynson has returned from a several months visit to her daughter, Mrs. C. U. Carpenter, in Ohio. Mrs. Hynson also visited Washington, D. C., and New York during her absence.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hayes announce the marriage of their daughter, Miss Maggie R. to Mr. Joseph H. Weer, Wednesday evening, December 21st, at 8 o'clock, in Mount Olevet M. E. Church, Galena.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Noland and Miss Annie Bramble, of Tolchester, have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Bartus Wilkins, Jr., at Rock Hall.

Miss Mary Beck, of Rock Hall, has been the guest of Miss Marguerite Harris, Baltimore.

Capt. Peter Brinsfield is spending several days of the present week in Baltimore.

Sister Esther Carlotta, S. R. of St. Augustine, Florida, is visiting her uncle, Judge James A. Pearce.

Messrs. Edward Wilkins, Frank Hines, Arthur Bradley and Thos. Massey, of the Maryland Agricultural College, are at home for the holiday.

Miss Marguerite Perkins has entered a school at St. Augustine, Florida.

Miss Anna Brown is the guest of Miss Addie G. Kennard, of Baltimore.

Dr. C. W. Reid will spend Christmas on a gunning trip in either Virginia or one of the Carolinas. Mrs. Reid will spend the holidays at her old home in Delaware.

Misss Carolene Hynson entertained a number of her little friends most delightfully yesterday afternoon, at a birthday party. Dainty refreshments were served and the occasion was one of rare pleasure to all present.

Cashier W. B. Copper was favored last week by a two hundred dollar raise in his salary, by the directors of the Second National Bank. This is the fifth raise of salary for the popular bank official within six years, a splendid tribute to his thorough efficiency.

Mrs. M. S. Crosby, of Rock Hall, visited Chestertown friends on Tuesday.

Miss Ray Clarke, of Pocomoke City, is the guest of Miss Grace Whaland, High street.

Miss Louisa Myers, has returned to her home near Hanesville, after having spent some time at a dress-making school in Baltimore.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

The Athletic Associations Pleasent Entertainment To morrow Night.

The Dramatic Entertainment to be given by the Athletic Association of Washington College on to-morrow evening bids fair to draw a large house, judging from the advance sale of seats. These entertainments have always been of a high order, and the public can expect a repetition of high-class drama. The object of the entertainment is one that has always appealed successfully to the Chestertown public, and it is hoped that the students will be met by a large audience.

Read Moody & Lusby's Christmas suggestions in this issue. This house displays the largest, most choice and economical line of Clothing and Gents' Furnishing Goods in the county, and their reliable system of trading is too well established to question.

Mr. Alexander Mair, proprietor of the Chesapeake House, Betterton, will offer for sale on Wednesday next, December 21st one of the largest lots of furniture ever sold at public sale in the county. Twenty-one bed-room sets, mattresses pillows, cots, extension tables, chairs, and in short, everything found in a thoroughly equipped hotel. This is a rare opportunity to secure bargains. Those desiring to purchase furniture at moderate prices should remember this sale and attend.

CRUSADE DAY.

White Ribboners to Celebrate December 23d.

The National Convention of the W. C. T. U. held recently at St. Paul, Minn., urged the local Unions of the world to observe with fitting ceremonials the 23rd of December (Crusade Day). It has usually been devoted to the obtainment of new members largely, and styled Membership Day, but this year being the 25th anniversary of the crusade; a quarter of a century since the Lord entered into the hearts of the women of Ohio to inaugurate a holy warfare against the traffic in the body and souls of the husbands, fathers and children of the land by the saloon keepers, it seems to be more than ever appropriate to observe it as a red letter day in our organizations. Fifty-two of the original crusaders were present at the national roll-call.

The leader of that day, Mother Thompson as she has since been called, a minister's wife of Hillsboro, Ohio, who read in her husband's church on that memorable occasion the 146th Psalm, since styled the "Crusade Psalm," and headed the procession which marched to the saloons singing "Give to the winds thy fears," etc., though still living, was not able to attend the convention. The Bible from which she read the Scripture has been taken to the National Conventions and exhibited as the Crusade Bible for many years.

It is hoped that the Unions of this county will comply with the recommendations of the National and strive to revive the spirit of consecration, devotion and faith which characterized the original day when "the forces were aroused that will never be stilled until the whole round world is taken for Christ's own kingdom *some glad day.*"

COUNTY PRES.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

Bits of News and Gossip Gathered Here, There and Everywhere.

† Lieut. Morris K. Barroll reached Manila, Philippine Islands, last week.

† The public schools of the county will close on Saturday, December 23d, for the Christmas holiday.

† The steamer Corsica broke three-quarter inch ice from Crumpton down below Deep Landing, on Saturday.

† Mrs. Harry L. Boyd has an orange tree which now has nine oranges on it. The fruit is large and is ripening finely.

† Norman Collison, the 8-year-old son of Mr. Marion Collison, of Piney Neck, has a malignant case of diphtheria.

† Mr. H. L. Boyd, the Keiffer pear man, has planted two fine specimens of these trees in his office where they will leaf and grow.

† Christmas poultry is quoted in the local market as follows: Turkeys, 12½ to 15c.; chickens, ducks and geese, 10 cts. per pound.

† The Rock Hall fleet of oyster boats has been frozen in the harbor all of the present week. A heavy blow to business this in the pretty bay-side town.

† Mr. William B. DeCoursey, who has for several years been a popular clerk in the store of Miller Brothers, Rock Hall, will shortly open a grocery store in Centreville.

† That well-known Chesapeake Bay water man, Captain E. B. Tarbutton has assumed command of the fine schooner Harvey B. Moore in place of Capt. Perry Biggs.

† Col. Sam Wallen, of Double Creek, has a fine watermelon which he is holding and will contribute to the Xmas dinner of the popular liveryman, George B. McWhorter.

† The thermometer registered 14° in Chestertown yesterday morning, the lowest mark of the present winter. Chester river was frozen over for the first time this winter.

† Capt. R. S. Emory, so far as known, was the first to fill his ice house this winter. Captain Emory filled his house with a fine quality of three and a half inch ice on Monday.

† Messrs. Armstrong and Sparks sold on Wednesday their college lots on Washington avenue to Emily Jane Sparks for $1500. These lots cover three acres of land and are finely located.

† Chestertown granaries have presented busy scenes for a week past. The steamer Corsica took out 10,100 bushels corn on Saturday, being loaded within a fraction of her 11,100 bushel capacity.

† A remunerative business in corn cobs has sprung up in Chestertown. Many country boys are accumulating handsome purses for Christmas by the sale of cobs at 50 cents per wagon load.

† Mr. J. S. Patten, of Chestertown has had another patent issued to him. Designs 29, 768 and 29, 769, dust-guard sections. Mr. Patten now holds about twenty-five regularly registered patents.

† Mrs. J. Cordray Loud has placed in front of her new dining parlors one of the most striking signs in Chestertown. The Chesapeake bay oyster and one of his patrons, together with boating scenes, are pictured.

† Three running horses were sold at Sheriff's sale at the Howard House at Elkton last Saturday. It was bargain day for horseflesh. "Pearl Song" was bought for $5.00; "Will Fonso" for $4.75; and "Crayon" for $6.75.

† Capt. James Lewis, who has for several years past lived in an ark-residence on the shore of Chester river, opposite Chestertown, has purchased a small place of ten acres farther up the river and will move to his new possessions next year.

† Washington College will close for the Christmas holiday on Tuesday next, December 20th. A special train has been chartered by the students and will leave Chestertown at about one o'clock, or immediately after the seniors have delivered their semi-annual orations.

† These cold, crisp days are sending a thrill of joy to the hearts of fruit growers. Orphans' Court Judge C. T. Jefferson, of Queen Anne, says that while it is early to indulge in fruit talk, the weather so far is fine for an April peach bloom, and an April bloom means a big crop.

† Mr. Elwood Whaley, the Cross street blacksmith, has had erected at his shop, an office and waiting room for the accommodation of his customers while waiting to have their horses shod or other work done. The room is neatly fitted up with all necessary comforts and conveniences.

† The Keiffer pear is a greater favorite at home than in Europe. Mr. James T. Shallcross, of near Middletown, as stated in the TRANSCRIPT at the time, shipped an experimental cargo to Europe, and has learned that the fruit netted him eighteen cents. The price in this country at the same time was twenty-eight cents.

† The annual Christmas run of jugs from Kent to Baltimore and return, for holiday "grog" has commenced in real earnest. These jugs are as varied as could possibly be imagined. Great and small, ugly and fine looking, deformed and symmetrical, but as one sender expressed it, "the interior decorations of them all are fine."

† Since the death of Officer Amos B. Kelley, the Chestertown Fire Company has been without a chief. A number of persons interested in the matter have expressed a desire that Mr. Frederick Quantz, superintendent of the American strawboard mill, be asked to assume the responsibilities of the place. If Mr. Quantz will serve it would be impossible to make a better selection.

† Mr. Palmatory, of Church Hill, will kill his big hog to-day. The animal was seen by a TRANSCRIPT representative several days ago and is truly a monster. A 150-pound hog in the same pen looked like a small pig. The guesses on the weight range from 800 to 1000 pounds. The show hog of "Big John Elliott," also raised in Queen Anne, is said to have weighed 1300 pounds.

† The personal property of the late Henry A. Nowland, well-known in Kent and a brother of Mr. Dennis J. Nowland, took place near Middletown last week. The property brought good prices, the sale being largely attended. Cows sold as high as $62.00 and a 6-months Durham bull brought $50.50. Horses brought from $100 down. The sale amounted to nearly $2,500 and over half was in cash.

† One of the TRANSCRIPT's old-time farmer-friends is in a jocular mood, and offers the editors this alternative; guarantee to keep wheat at $1.00, corn at 30 cents or stop the paper. To give prices such a boom under a republican administration would be impossible, even for the TRANSCRIPT, and to stop the weekly visits of the tried and true journalistic friend of the progressive farmer in question, would be to turn the joke on him, which we will not do.

Drying preparations simply develop dry catarrh; they dry up the secretions which adhere to the membrane and decompose, causing a far more serious trouble than the ordinary form of catarrh. Avoid all drying inhalants and use that which cleanses, soothes and heals. Ely's Cream Balm is such a remedy and will cure catarrh or a cold in the head easily and pleasantly. A trial size will be mailed for ten cents, large for 50 cents. Ely Brother 56 Warren Street, New York.

WANT KRIS TO COME.

The Little Folk Awaiting the Advent of the "Dear Old Man."

The columns of the TRANSCRIPT, always open for the discussion of matters of general interest, dare not close their doors to the appeals of the little folk in their letters to "Dear Old Kris."

The following communications have been received addressed to "Old Kris":

Dear Saint Nick,
Do come quick,
And pause as you come my way.
Pull up your deer,
The chimney's right here,
As big and as clear as day.

SASSAFRAS, MD., December, '98.

Dear Kris: Please bring me a horse and cart, pair of gum boots, a milk wagon and some candy, nuts and oranges; please, Kris, don't forget I have another little brother; his name is Allen, and he is one year old, he will not need much, he loves candy. I will hang up his two little stockings. Please fill them for him. From your little friend,
CLAYTON JOHNSON.

SASSAFRAS, MD., December, '98.

Dear Kris: Please bring me a doll and a coach for my large doll, and a story book, and some nuts, candy, oranges, and whatever you see fit to bring me. Please, Kris, bring dear little Allen a set of blocks, as he has nothing to play with. From your little friend,
FRANCES JOHNSON.

Rock Hall, Dec. 3, 1898.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I don't want a great many things and I wonder if you will bring me what I am about to ask you for. I would like to have a little toy piano and a nice pretty doll baby, besides candies, fruits, cakes and nuts and when you come to see me don't forget I have a papa, mama, brother Melvin and baby sister Louise. Don't forget any dear Santa Claus. Ida May Kendall.

Hock Hall, Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: I want so many things I am not like sister I am a big boy 4 yrs old and need so much now what must I say. I want a wheelbarrow, pistol and mittens. I want so much but I am afraid Santa Claus cant bring me all I want. Dont forget any of us mamma, papa, sister and myself. I am a little boy and dont forget it. Melvin Kendall.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I am a little girl 7 years old I want you to please bring me a baby carriage for a real live baby and a little rocking chair to rock him in. He is a little boy four months old. I want ask you for any more as I have a lot of sisters and brothers and they want sum things too and you will not like to bring so much to one house.
Anna Rich.

Chestertown, Md., Dec. 12, 1898.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I want you to bring my little brother Bernard an express wagon and my big brother Llewellyn a cat rifle and a checker board. And I want you to bring me a nice big doll baby and a doll baby carriage with a parasol to it. From your little friend,
Helen Lucile Boyd.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 12, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: Will you please to bring me a doll, a bed to lay it on, a trunk, broom, some candy, nuts and orange. Will thank you very much dear old Santa. Good-bye.
Lillian Taylor.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Kris: Please do not forget to come this way. Please to bring me a pistol and some caps and some candy. Newtie wants a big express wagon and my little sister Ruth wunts a big doll and a big carriage, from
Sterling Downey.

Rock Hall, Md., December 1898.

Mr. Canty Claus—Dear Sir: Will you please bring me some candys and nuts and all good things, from Maggie Jones.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Kriss: It is now only two weeks from Christmas and I thought I would write a list of things I would love to have. I want a express wagon, shooting crackers a train of cars and lots of candies and nuts oranges and please as I did not ask for much please bring them. Maurice Dowling.

Rock Hall, Dec. 12, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me a doll and a baby carriage and a story book and set of dishes and want you to bring me some candy and nuts and apples and orange and bananas excuse bad writing and mistakes as I am a little girl just 7 years old am in the second grade From yours truly,
Effie Mary Besowsky.

Rock Hall, Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Kris: I would like to have a desk and a box of chalk and a box of dishes and a little doll and some nuts, candy, and some dear Cris. Ella Parks.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1708.

Dear Old Kris: I want you to bring me a horn and please bring me a drum and please bring me a boat, and please bring me a tricycle and please bring me some nuts, from
Willie Blackiston.

Rock Hall, Md.

Dear Old Kris: Will you please send me express wagon and some candy and nuts and shooting crackers and that is enough.
Allie Webb.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Santa Claus: I want a doll and a set of dishes a double slate and a pair of gums a picture book and some candy and nuts.
Ruth Warren.

CHESTERTOWN, MD.

Dear Old Kris: Please bring me a doll baby and a doll baby carriage with a parasol on it, a set of dining room furniture, a set of dishes, plenty nuts and candy. Don't forget my little brother. Your little friend,
GENEVIEVE DIXON.

Dear Old Kris: Please bring me a wagon, a wheelbarrow, a sled, a pair reins, a horse, a horn and an A B C book and plenty of nuts and candy. Your little friend,
MARION A. DIXON.

STILL POND, MD., Dec. 12, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a coasting sled, pair shoes and a pair gum boots, and I have two little sisters and Mabel wants an umbrella, pair brown mittens and a nice doll, and Laura wants a nice doll, a pair red mittens and a little table, if you please. And we all want some picture books and nuts and candy, if you please. From your little friend,
CARL THOMAS MORRIS.

STILL POND, MD., Dec. 12, '98.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to please bring me a doll, a work box and a pair of gloves, and also some candy, nuts, figs, and some oranges. From your little girl,
MARGIE SUTTON.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to please bring me a picture book and game, and an express wagon, and some candies, nuts, figs and an orange. From little ROMIE SUTTON.

STILL POND, Dec. 12, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a white muff, a suit of bed room furniture for my doll, nuts and candy. My brother Holton wants a tool chest, with a "Diston" saw, nuts and candy. LUCILLE PARR.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Kris: Bring me an express wagon, a sled and some shooting crackers and a drum.
Bernard Willson.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Kris: As it is nearly Christmas I thought I would write a letter to remind you of my things. I would like to have a nice doll with long curly hair and a blackboard and a pistol and some caps and some candies and This is all I want. Please don't forget my things: So good-by. Ora Whaland.

Rock Hall, Dec. 12, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you to bring me doll and a story book and candy, apple and nut, and bones, excuse bad write and mistake I still remain your baby. Daisy Besowsky.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Kris: Bring horn and a pistol and some shooting crackers candy and nuts and that is enough. Robert Downey.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: I write you a letter as I am a little girl seven years old I go to school every day I try to know my lesson I love my teacher for she is good and kind to us. I thought I would write you a few lines I would like for you to bring me a trunk and a doll please bring me some nuts and candy. Good night Santa Clause I must close my letter. From Marguerita Hersch, First-second Grade.

Rock Hall.

Dear Old Santa Claus: Will you please to bring me an iron and an iron stand and a large doll and some nuts and candies and apples and oranges. From little Lillian Warner.

Rock Hall, Md.

Dear Kriss: I hope you Will bring me a set of dishes my brother a pistol and my little sister a doll. Irena Coleman.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Kris: I wish you would bring me some shooting crackers express wagon and a drum and some candy and some nuts. I am a little boy eight years old. I am in the second grade and I like my teacher very much for she is good and kind to me and my name is
Gleasey Copper.

Rock Hall, Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Kris: I am a little girl 7 years old and as Christmas is so near and it will soon be time for you to come around with your sleigh and jolly little reindeers, I fear you might forget me; so I shall remind you of what I long for most. The things that I need the worst, they're only about a dozen or so, I ask for a doll with long curly hair a cradle and a carriage a bicycle a little wagon and a pair of goats, a sewing machine and a piano. Besides these things I should like some more, just a few nice books to read, some nuts and candy and anything else you think I might need. Please do not think I am asking too much as I am the only little girl my mamma has.
Annie May Ayres.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Old Kris: I want you to bring me a little baby carriage and a washstand and a bureau and a little bed and four chairs a blackboard and some chalk and a machine and a piano and some candy and nuts and an orange. Ruth Ayres.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1878.

Dear Old Kris: I want a doll and a double slate and some shooting crackers and some nuts candy. Edith Blanche Stevens.

Rock Hall, Md., Dec. 13, 1898.

Dear Kris: I want some candy and nuts and I want a little doll baby. Bessie Wheat.

Still Pond, Md., Dec. 13 1898.

Dear Santa Claus: I want you Please bring me a doll chair and a doll and a Christmas tree and a doll carriage and also some candys nuts and figs and some oranges and Please do not forget my little brother Frankie, he wants a horn, a drum and a music box and some candies, nuts and some oranges. From your little girl Beatrice Dalton.

[These letters have been printed with scarce an exception just as the dear little correspondents wrote them. To have punctuated or to have made other changes would have marred the quaint simplicity of the little writers. Other letters will be published next week. Kris Kingle will have his headquarters at the TRANSCRIPT office until Christmas eve at 8 o'clock.—EDS.]

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy can always be depended upon and is pleasant and safe to take. Sold by M. A. Toulson druggist.

COL. VANNORT'S OPINION.

He Discusses the "New (?) Horse Disease" and Says he Has Known of it for Forty Years.

MESSRS. EDITORS TRANSCRIPT:—Being fond of horses I was much interested in the interview had by your representative with Dr. G. Allen Jarman, our very successful veterinary, on the subject of Cerebro-Spinal-Meningitis, a very fatal and in my opinion a highly contagious disease which has caused sad havoc and great loss among horses in this county. After a very careful perusal of said interview, I must confess I felt that I knew no more about its origin, or its cure than before. If it be true that the primal cause of this disease "is the eating of musty hay and straw, or oat straw which had been rained on" or "mouldy corn," my only surprise is that all the horses in the county have not long since gone to swell the number of victims of musty hay, straw and corn. It is true, as Dr. Jarman states, it is no new disease. It prevailed in this county forty years ago, causing great loss to many farmers along our water courses, and as far as I have been able to discover, not a single horse afflicted with this disease, who, after lying down was unable to get upon his feet again, ever recovered. The origin and causes which lead up to the development of this disease are shrouded in mystery so dense that no veterinarian, however skilled, has been able to solve the problem or find its cause, and in all probability never will. Cerebro-Spinal-Meningitis is confined chiefly to marshy lands and water courses. A celebrated veterinarian, if I remember aright, had 500 horses along the marshes of Delaware suffering with the disease at one time, and not one of them recovered.

From all that I have learned from good veterinary authority, there is no cure known to science for this dread and fatal disease. Had I an horse afflicted with this disease, the remedy I would apply would be a pistol shot in his brain and end his misery, then use some preventive on those not tainted with the disease. A noted veterinarian claims that Arsineous Acid given in doses of six grains each three times, will prevent infection. You will notice when water is offered the sick horse he will go through the motion of drinking, but on examination you will find that he has not swallowed a drop. If he drinks at all it passes out of his nostrils, and the same result obtains when he attempts to eat; he cannot swallow at all, hence some persons have pronounced it paralysis of the jaws. By whatever name or names it may be called or known, I should be glad of more enlightenment on the subject.

WM. J. VANNORT.

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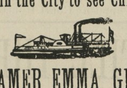

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