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LOCAL MATTERS.

Valuable Dogs Killed.—Some unknown person has caused consternation in the midst of Chestertown dog owners. The fine bird dogs of Frank E. Duyer and Wm. H. Lambert, Jr., and the pet dog of Mrs. Geraldine Bell were killed by poison on Friday. No cause can be assigned for the killing. All of the dogs were valuable.

After Rail Birds.—Capt. John K. Aldridge, W. R. Aldridge, John H. Aldridge and Capt. Thomas Storks, left on the pleasure pacht Hesperus, on Tuesday on a gunning trip for rail birds. They will sail up to the head of the bay and enjoy sport in the marshes of the Cecil county rivers. Elkton and other points will be visited before the return.

Tolchester Season Closed —The last of the Tolchester excursions took place on Sunday, the steamer Louise making two trips down the bay and the steamers Emma Giles and the Susquehanna one each. About 5000 persons took advantage of the reduced rates. Since the opening of the season, June 1, the Tolchester steamers have carried, it is said, about 400,000 persons to the resort.

Cutting Affray.—A serious cutting affray among colored men occurred in Lynchburg several nights ago. John Mitchell cut Isaac Barroll alias Louis Smith, in the arm. Officer Dill arrested the men and Dr. C. W. Whaland sewed up Smith's wounds. Razors and pistols in the hands of idle negroes, and common whiskey in their stomachs cost Kent county each year enough to provide the necessities of life for every really needy person within her borders. A whipping post is the demand of the times.

His Coffin Ready.—The substantial oak coffin for one of the aged and respected citizens of the fifth district, was finished by Mr. Jefferson Ayres last week and is now ready. The coffin is perfectly plain, and is built of the finest inch and a half white oak. It has no handles and is totally devoid of unnecessary ornamentation. He desired to move the gruesome object to his home but his daughter objected to having it around. Another citizen of the fifth has the lumber for his coffin all sawed and ready to be put together. He last week made an estimate for the bricking of his grave, stating that he proposed to have his grave dug, bricked up and every detail made.

Ladies in an Upset.—Miss Hurlock, daughter of Mr. S. R. Hurlock, of Queen Anne, Miss Mable Toulson and Miss Lillie Greenwood, made a narrow escape from serious injuries on Tuesday morning. The ladies were driving up Front street, and when at the corner of Front street and Maple avenue, they state the horse took fright at a pile of bricks on the roadside. The carriage was overturned, the ladies thrown heavily to the street and Miss Hurlock's shoulder was bruised and ankle sprained. The other ladies were only slightly scratched and badly frightened. One wheel of the carriage was smashed and the vehicle was otherwise badly broken.

Greatest Corn Crop.—An associated dispatch from Chicago gives the following interesting figures: Only an accident can prevent this year's corn crop from breaking all previous records. The *Tribune's* canvass of eight States which produce the bulk of the crop justify a prediction that the crop will approximate 2,500,000,000 bushels. Including the crop now to be harvested, only nine crops of 2,000,000,000 bushels or over have been produced. The estimates for 1899 of the eight corn States follows: Kansas, 340,000,000; Nebraska, 310,000,000; Iowa, 260,000,000; Illinois, 230,000,000; Missouri, 160,000,000; Indiana, 150,000,000; Texas, 135,000,000; Ohio, 110,000,000. Kent will be in line on this big crop.

Better Lucky Than Rich.— Some men are born under a lucky star, and Enoch Clough, of near Crumpton, seems to be one of them. About a month ago he sold his little gray driving horse to a Mr. Pauline, of Philadelphia, for $305, and "Mayo," a fine driver, as a bonus. Mr. Clough valued his horse at about $300, and considers "Mayo" as costing him nothing. Mr. Clough also purchased a house in Sandtown for $50, on which there was an old insurance policy of $300. The house took fire and burned, and he soon pocketed his $300. Last week he took his horse "Mayo" to Tolchester and won $50 with ease the first day. Those who had horses entered with "Mayo" in succeeding races, it is said, paid Mr. Clough $150 to take his horse home. This Mr. Clough very speedily did.

A Dog Case.—Justice Wilkins held on Monday that a dog on the land of another than his owner is a trespasser and may be killed without liability in damages, but the party who does the killing places himself subject to a fine for cruelty to animals. The case in which the decision was given was that of William Goodman, of Quaker Neck, against Wesley Dorn, colored. Dorn plead guilty to the shooting, claiming that the dog was in his yard and growled at him, and he shot. The dog ran off and fell dead in the main road. Mr. Goodman valued his dog, a fox-hound, at twenty dollars. The justice held, as stated above, that Mr. Goodman should have kept his dog on his own premises and gave no damages, but did impose a penalty of one dollar and costs for cruelty to animals.

Grain and Fruit.—The United States Department of Agriculture, Maryland and Delaware section, sends out the following interesting bulletin of the condition of grain, grasses and fruits throughout the State. In portions of Allegany and Caroline counties the ground is still rather dry, but elsewhere the soil is in good condition for fall plowing. The first sowing of fall wheat is up in Garrett county and shows fine stands. Young crimson clover has set well in nearly all districts. Pastures continue excellent in the southern and eastern counties, and have been greatly refreshed by the heavy rains of August 27th. Corn is curing slowly on account of prevailing cloudiness, but rapid progress is being made in fodder saving in the southeastern counties, and some harvesting is being done in all except the extreme western counties. A very promising crop is the general report for early corn. The late corn has been benefited by the rains, but more moisture will be needed in a few sections. Fruit.—The apple crop promises to be short in Garrett, Calvert, Wicomico, Somerset and Worcester counties, but elsewhere the crop continues in bountiful promise. There has been considerable drop, however, and it still goes on, so that it is not safe to speak with too much assurance regarding final yields. Grapes are reported as being plentiful except in portions of Anne Arundel and Harford counties. Carroll county reports a good plum crop. The pear crop is medium to very light.

The Oyster Season.—The Maryland oyster tonging season opened on Friday last. The oystermen seem to be slow this year in entering upon the business, there being but 91 licenses issued up to Friday morning. Last year there were nearly 200. Clerk Dixon visited Rock Hall and Skinner's Neck on Thursday and on that date issued 79 licenses. Nearly one hundred of the watermen are engaged in purse-net fishing, while a score or more are taylor fishing. October 1st will witness the big crowd of oystermen. Capt. Tom Apsley, of the police-boat Anna B. Smith, states that the growth of young oysters is abundant and the outlook cheerful.

For a New Telephone Connection.—Mr. Owens, of the law firm of Duwees & Owens, Denton, Maryland, was before the board of county commissioners on Tuesday, asking the privilege of erecting telephone poles along the roadways of Kent county. Mr. Owens represented the Bee-Line Telephone Company, of Caroline county, which has already secured the privilege of erecting poles along the highways of Caroline, Queen Anne and Dorchester counties. Arrangements have been made to connect with the Diamond State Telephone Company of Delaware, and with the telephone system of Cecil and Talbot counties. The proposed arrangement would connect all of the principal peninsula towns of Maryland and Delaware. The board delayed its decision desiring to consult its counsel before taking definite action.

Laughed at Courters —Capt. Fred Wiesman, of Baltimore, arrived in port on Sunday afternoon in his pretty gasoline pleasure yacht, Water Nymph. Capt. Wiesman was accompanied by Messrs. Frederick Sneider, J. U. Jones and Robert Lemon. Captain Wilson was in command. The Water Nymph is painted white; is luxuriously furnished, and the gentlemen are out for a royal good time on the water. She is of sixty-horse power and made the run from Baltimore in four and a half hours. The yacht carries a strong search light, and Captain Wiesman, who tips the beams at about three hundred pounds, gave every square inch of his avordupois up to fun on Sunday evening. Chester bridge was alive with promenaders, etc., etc. The jolly visitor soon took in the situation, and by occasionally turning his search light toward the bridge enjoyed some really picturesque scenes. His pleasure was manifest by voluminous laughter which fairly smothered the waves of the playful Chester. The gentlemen were off on a cruise which may take in New York and other points before the Water Nymph returns to her home port.

Interesting Figures.—A majority of the Kent county canneries are running on double time—night and day forces—and so far no loss has resulted to tomato growers because of an inability to accept their stock. The following interesting figures are given out by Mr. E. W. Scarborough as the representative of the large interests of Isaac Robinson in Kent: Five canneries are being operated, one at Chestertown with a daily capacity of 20,000 cans, employing 125 hands with a weekly pay roll of $1,000. Canneries are also being operated at Lynch's, Hepbron, Black's and Still Pond. Carrying out the figures at the different points the magnificent total which Mr. Scarborough will pay to the farmers of Kent county and for labor is given as $104,000 divided as follows:

Lynch's—Pay to farmers	$ 8 000	
To labor	6,000	
Total		$14,000
Hepbron—To farmers	12,000	
To labor	10,000	
Total		$22,000
Black's—Pay to farmers	$10,000	
To labor	8,000	
Total		$18,000
Still Pond—To farmers	$15,000	
To labor	10,000	
Total		$25,000
Chestertown—To farmers	$15,000	
To labor	10,000	
Total		$25,000
Grand total		$104,000

The total number of persons employed is about six hundred.

The Summer's Record.—While the general verdict is that the past summer has been one of cool breezes and far below the average for oppressive heat, the official figures show that it has been the hottest summer in twenty-nine years. According to Weather Bureau records, heat in June, July and August has been in excess of that for the similar three months of each year as far back as the records of the Weather Bureau extend. In June the mean temperature was 75 degrees, while the average mean temperature for 29 years for June was only 74, thus making last June one degree hotter every day than it should have been. The hottest day in the month was June 6, when the thermometer reached 98 degrees. The coldest day was June 17, when it was 55 degrees. There were eight days when the temperature was 90 degrees or above. The longest hot spell was four days, from June 5 to 8, all these days having a temperature of 90 degrees or above. July was really one degree cooler than the average. Its mean temperature was 77 degrees. Its hottest day was July 22nd, when the temperature was 96 degrees. Eight days had a temperature of 90 degrees or above. August was hotter than the average. Its mean temperature was 76, and the mean temperature for 29 years for August is 75. The hottest day was August 20, when the thermometer registered 97 degrees. The coolest temperature was 58 degrees, on August 17. Eight days had a temperature of 90 degrees or over. The longest hot spell was four days, August 2nd to 5th, the thermometer registering 90 degrees or over on each day. Whether the past summer was cool or hot, it was certainly an improvement upon the summer preceding. The terrible July of 1898 is still remembered, when all records for heat were broken, the climax being reached on July 3, when the temperature was 104 degrees. There were 10 days in that month with a temperature above 90 degrees, and three days with a temperature above 100 degrees.

[FOR THE TRANSCRIPT.]

BLACKBERRY EXHIBIT.

The common blackberry of America, which is the most important commercial species, is rubus villosus, a native over a large part of the country including Maryland, yes, even Chestertown, where was seen last week in Stam's drug store, a magnificent specimen of the latest crop grown this season.

Hon. M. DeK. Smith is the owner of the plants from which these beautiful berries were taken. After looking upon the specimen so tastefully exhibited in the drug store, the spectators went out wishing they might have access to a greater portion of the fruit, but Mr. Smith did not say they could. Whether or not the owner has ever been to Egypt to view the monthly varieties of garden fruit, the writer cannot say, but it is evident that Mr. Smith means to persuade Kent to join the tropical class, and give to her inhabitants a continual berry crop.

The blackberry first began to attract attention as a market-fruit about fifty years ago. The new Rochelle (or Lawton) and Dorchester were the first prominent sorts introduced. The last named was brought to notice in 1841. The early Harvest belongs to the variety frondosus; while the "white" blackberry is the variety albinus.

LOCAL BRIEFS.

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

† Rock Hall is talking Saving Bank in real business fashion.

† Washington College will open its doors officially on Wednesday, September 20th.

† Mr. T. H. Topping is figuring on an up-to-date mill at his fine mill property near Fairlee.

† Artist Frank Howard painted the passenger coaches of the Baltimore & Delaware Bay Railroad last week.

† Chesterville wants a creamery and Messrs W. S. Dill and Elmer Jarman say that the farmers shall have one.

† George Chase, a Kent county colored man, is successfully conducting a restaurant at San Juan, Porto Rico.

† Monday was Labor Day, and as little labor as possible was done by officials in the banks and in the county offices.

† Mr. Robinson, Queen street, exhibited a peach last week which weighed fourteen ounces and measured— inches in circumference.

† Townsend, the Washington College pitcher, will play with the Seaford team in a great game against the Atlantic City team, at Dover fair.

† The work of wiring Washington College for electric lights is progressing. Normal Hall was finished on Friday and the other buildings are now being wired.

† Miss Fannie Maslin, daughter of Mr. Carville Maslin, of Quaker Neck, has received the appointment to a scholarship at the Maryland Institute, by the County School Commissioners.

† Tuesday next, September 12th, the anniversary of the Battle of North Point, has been made a legal holiday by proclamation of the Governor. All the banks and public offices will be closed.

† Capt. Owen M. Boone, with Major Day, at San Juan, Porto Rico, writes to his father in Chestertown that during the recent great storm the roof was torn from his home. Thousands were killed by the storm.

† Auctioneer John H. Greenwood on Tuesday sold at public sale the McClain property near Battershell hill to Mrs. W. S. Godwin for $500; also the J. E. Vickers property in Broad Neck, containing 29 acres to Mr. Walter T. Fletcher for $750.

† The money men and prominent citizens of Galena are still figuring on a saving's bank. It is hoped that the Kent County Saving's Bank will establish a branch, but should it not take hold of the matter local capital will go ahead with the enterprise.

† A Centreville cannery has been unable to handle anything like the amount of tomatoes contracted for, and the farmers are forced to allow hundreds of tons of fruit to rot in the patches. The other cannery has shipped thousands of baskets to Baltimore, and in that way relieved the glut.

† Mr. John S. Vandegrift says that an automobile line between Chestertown and Tolchester for next year is an assured thing. It is proposed that three carriages with a capacity of thirty persons, shall be run. The idea is to have silk dusters, silk covers, reading matter and ice water for passengers.

CHURCH NOTES.

Rev. H. L. Ederdice, president of the Westminster Theological Seminary, will occupy the pulpit of Wesley Chapel Church, Sunday morning and evening.

Rev. John M. Gill returned from his summer holiday on Saturday looking much better for his pleasant outing, and occupied his pulpit on Sunday.

Dr. and Mrs. S. C. Roberts will return from Atlantic City the latter part of this week and Dr. Roberts will preach on Sunday morning and evening.

The regular morning services at Morgnec church will be dispensed with on Sunday next, and in the evening, the pastor, Rev. C. N. Jones, will commence his revival services at the church. Sunday school at Union at 2 o'clock P. M. All the children specially invited. Preaching at 3 o'clock P. M. Epworth League at 8 o'clock P. M. Leader, Miss Clara Statts.

The Dairy Maids' Reception by the Epworth League of Union M. E. Church on Saturday evening, was in every way a delightful success. The graphophone concert was enjoyed by the large number present, while the charming dairy maids as they flitted from place to place were tireless in adding to the pleasure of their friends. The ladies of the league were splendidly assisted by Miss Nettie Hubbard, of Baltimore, and Mr. Howard Bird, of New York. Ice cream and cake were served, and those who were present were delighted with the Dairy Maid's Reception.

Rev. K. M. Bull will not be able to preach Sunday, Sept. 10th, at either Grace or Worton churches on account of the sickness of his wife and two children, all of whom have been confined to bed for several weeks. All are better but are too weak to be out yet. Mr. Bull spent his entire vacation nursing the sick at home. The improvement of the sick attests the skill of Dr. Maxwell, their physician.

The very impressive communion service at Wesley Chapel on last Sabbath morning was largely attended, and the sermon delivered by ex-pastor Rev. Jesse Shreeve, was practical, helpful and very highly appreciated by his many friends. The indications of renewed interest at Wesley Chapel are indeed hopeful.

FROM GALENA.

A Delightful Dance Given in Honor of Visiting Friends.

A very pleasant dance was given by the young men of Galena to a number of their friends visiting around that town. The music was furnished by Miss Jennie McCauley and Mr. Andrew McCauley, violin and cornet. The Odd Fellows Hall was used for the occasion and the dancers kept up their merry sport until about half past eleven when refreshments were served. About half-past twelve dancing was resumed and kept up untill about half-past one. Every one expressed themselves as having had a jolly good time and took their departure for the sweet sleep of early morn. Some of those present were: Dr. Latimer and wife, Dr. Scott, Mrs. Collinson, Mr. D. J. McCauley and wife, Miss Susie Taylor, Miss Daisy McCauley, of Galena; Miss Fannie Woodall, Georgetown; Miss Lucille Taylor, Washington, D. C.; Miss Belle Taylor, Baltimore; Miss Mamie Ziegeler, Baltimore; Miss Comegies, and Miss Rose, Washington, D. C; Mrs. Charles Thorn, New York; Mr. Howard Brown, Baltimore; Messrs. J. E. Ireland, J. D. Whitaker, W. A. Hyland, F. Boyer, John Welch, Holt Woodall, Bayard Vansant, of Galena, and numbers of others.

Rev. I. G. Fosnocht, of Delaware, occupied the Galena pulpit on Sunday morning and preached a fine sermon. The reverend gentleman was a guest of Mr. R Heston Hicks.

Mr. William Rogers, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Mr. William Whitaker.

Mr. William Ruth is quite ill at his home near Locust Grove.

Mrs. Hayes is somewhat better. Miss Maggie Weer, who came to nurse her has been and is still quite sick.

PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

The "Maryland colony" at Atlantic City has returned. Here is a belated postal from our old friend, Joseph Guest, which will give some idea of seaside scenes at the close of season. "On the beach at Atlantic City, N. J. Weather raw, raining at 3 P. M. Has been uncomfortable since Sunday. Overcoats feel good; not many braving the angry-looking breakers. Those who do seem to enjoy them hugely. We have quite a Chestertown colony here. Season nearing the end; employes being discharged; hotels clearing pretty general. All our people seem to be in health, and perhaps all of us will try to find the old town on Chester river this week. Good bye."

The Misses Cora and Hattie Reed left on Mondoy for their annual tour to New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and other American centres of fashion, to inspect the latest Parisian novelties in millinery and styles. Miss Olive Beauchamp is conducting their business during the trip.

Mr. W. Lynch has been quite sick for two weeks on cross street but is a little better at this writing.

Mr. John G. Westcott, spent a part of last week with friends in town.

Mr. James W. Chapman, Jr., of Baltimore, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. Louis K. Stam, of Kent Island, spent a few days in town last week.

Mrs. F. D. Leary spent last week with friends in Quaker Neck.

Mrs. J. F. Thompson is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Thomas Quimby and wife, of Baltimore, are spending a few days in town.

Miss Carvilla Sindall, of Baltimore, spent last week the guest of Miss Fannie Smith, High Street.

Mr. W. Hopper Gibson, of Centreville, spent Monday in Chestertown on business.

Prof. and Mrs. James Roy Micou left yesterday for a ten days stay among the mountains of Western Maryland.

Mrs. Nicholson, and two interesting daughters, from Falls Church, Va., are visiting Mrs. Nicholson's mother, Mrs. Micou, at Washington College.

Prof. Rowland Watts has returned from a two months attendance upon a special course of study at the University of Chicago. This great educational institution occupies the exact spot covered by the Ferris wheel and several other attractions on the "Midway" at the World's Fair.

Judge and Mrs. James A. Pearce returned from the Connecticut mountains this week.

Mr. Frank A. Greenwood is enjoying a short vacation, visiting Philadelphia and elsewhere.

Mr. Frisk H. Ward and son, of Fairlee, are visiting relatives in Virginia.

Mrs. Samuel Shuster is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter Sparks, Fairlee.

Miss Alice Mansfield, of Baltimore, is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Greenwood, on Cannon Street.

Col. W. J. Vannort is participating in the G. A. R. encampment in Philadelphia this week.

Miss Elva Miller, of near Elkton, is the guest of her brother, Mr. Philip M. Miller, of Maple Ave.

Miss May Hurlock has accepted a position with Armstrong & Cator, of Baltimore.

Mrs. J. H. Hurtt spent several days of this week the guest of Chestertown friends.

Mr. Earle Joiner, of Philadelphia, is visiting at the home of his uncle, Mr. George H. Cannan.

Miss Maggie Anderson is visiting at the home of Mr. W. B. Copper, Washington Ave.

T. Ireland Elliott, Esq., of Baltimore, spent part of last week the guest of H. W. Vickers, Esq.

Mr. John M. Toulson left on Monday to take a course at the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy.

Mrs. Frank W. Fowler, of Baltimore, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles H. Davis, High street.

Miss Hattie Lecates, of Morgnec, is visiting Miss Grace Corkran, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Sappington, returned last week from a pleasant visit in Baltimore, Ellicott city and elsewhere.

Miss Grace Corkran, of Baltimore, has returned home after a pleasant visit at Miss Hattie Lecates parental home, in Morgnec.

Mr. and Mrs. William Kirby and children, of Baltimore, are visiting the former's sister, Mrs. S. D. Blackway, cor. Queen and Cannon streets.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. B. Watkins and children, of Baltimore, spent Sunday, guests of Mrs. Watkins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Brice, Washington Ave.

WITH TRANTSIENT ADVERTISERS.

S. Harry Todd's Fine Stock and Implement Sale—With the Festival Holders.

Having decided to discontinue farming, on Wednesday, September 20th, Mr. S. Harry Todd will offer at public sale, one of the finest lots of driving and work horses, highly-bred milch cows, and farming implements, to be placed upon the market this year. His stock, as well as his farming implements, are in excellent condition. This will be a rare opportunity for young men anticipating going to farming, or for established farmers, to secure fine offerings of stock and other articles. He will sell fourteen head of horses and colts, twenty-four head of cattle, fifteen hogs and twenty shoats, together with a large lot of farming implements and some household and kitchen furniture.

M. deK. Smith, Esq., offers by advertisement in this issue, the fine estates, "Ratcliff Hall" and "Ratcliff Cross," belonging in whole or in part to the late William D. Burchinal. These are two beautifully located properties, and make charming residences. Their advantages must be seen to be appreciated. The sales will be made on Tuesday, October 3rd.

The season of feasts and festivals is now fully on.

The ladies of St. John's Catholic Church, Rock Hall, are arranging for their great annual supper on Friday and Saturday evenings, September 15th and 16 h. Supper only on Saturday evening. Taylor and trout, together with oysters in every style, will figure pominently on the long list of seasonable delicacies to be served. Refreshments, ices, etc., each evening.

The delightful feast beneath the handsome oaks at St. Paul's will take place on Thursday evening, September 14th. The ladies are actively arranging every detail, and will make of the occason a pleasant success. The supper will be Ideal. Trout, taylor, oysters, chicken and every delicacy will be in abundance. Refreshments will, of course, be on hand.

Mrs. Thomas, one of the most charming hostesses of Philadelphia, announces that during the festivities of the great Philadelphia exposition, she will accommodate visitors with board or rooms, at moderate prices. Her home, 3316 Walnut street, West Philadelphia, is but two squares from the Exposition grounds. She is recommended by that well-known Kent countian, Dr. B. B. Perkins.

The ladies of Union M. E. Church will sustain their enviable reputations for elegant suppers, at their annual festival and oyster supper to be held in Worton Hall on Friday and Saturday evenings, September 22d and 23d. Oysters and other delicacies will be served each evening, as the ladies of Union church know so well how to serve them. Refreshments each evening in abundance.

THE GREAT success of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in the treatment of bowel complaints has made it standard over the greater part of the civilized world. For sale by M. A. Toulson, druggist.

FROM BADEN BADEN.

Mr. Atlee H. Tracy's Interesting Notes of a Tour Through Europe.

BADEN BADEN, AUG. 20, 1899.

EDS. TRANSCRIPT:—Thoughts travel quickly. Often during the last two months mine have traveled the four thousand miles that separate me from Chestertown, and I have wondered what was happening there. I have traveled so far and seen so many new things that it seems a long, long time since I left Chestertown twelve weeks ago. Until the middle of July we were in England, or to speak more definitely, in London. To say that it is a great and wonderful city would be to repeat an old, old story. It is beyond description and its size can hardly be appreciated by those who know it best. The number of cabmen employed in London would alone make a city whose population would be twenty-five times as great as that of Chestertown. What appears strange to the average American visitor, is the fact that there are no trolley cars, in fact, with the exception of about ten miles of horse-car line in one part of the city, no cars of any kind. All the passenger traffic is done by busses which are forever coming and going in an endless stream in all directions. At frequent intervals the underground railway relieves the congested traffic by affording the unwary traveller a chance to be whisked around underground, much to the detriment of his health and appearance. One would almost have ground for the belief that the road is controlled by a laundry league. The engines burn soft coal, and this, together with an absence of ventilation, causes an extremely dark-brown appearance of both face and linen at the end of even a short journey.

All the streets are narrow and crooked, while the buildings are, as a rule, very old and dingy looking. I am, of course, speaking now of the older and business section of the city. Don't think that there are no new buildings, for I dare say there are thousands of them going up at this moment, but the changes are more in the residence and shopping districts.

The average London business office is far behind our city offices in every way. They are small, poorly lighted, and as a rule what we would call miserably furnished. Elevators in office buildings are an almost unknown luxury. The discomforts that business men have to put up with probably account for the shortness of business hours. You can hardly expect to find a man in his office before ten o'clock. He probably will leave at twelve and be out for lunch until half-past two, and then go out again about half-past four for his afternoon *tea* and not come back unless he has an appointment. You will probably open your eyes at the fact of a business man going out for afternoon tea, but it is a common custom and after all not a bad one. In England a man can be in business and still find time for enjoyment, while with us it is only one monotonous round of work, sleep and eat.

This year, more than ever before, London seems to have been invaded by Americans. Over forty thousand sailed for London in June alone. They were to be seen everywhere—at the Tower, the Abbey, the Houses of Parliament, the British Museum, the National Gallery, in Hyde Park and a thousand other places they appeared in great numbers.

London becomes very hot and disagreeable towards the end of July, and I was very glad when the time came to leave and come over to the continent. By easy stages we came on to Ostend, Brussels, Cologne and Heidelberg, reaching here about three weeks ago.

This is truly the land of beer, pretzels, and sauerkrout, where "temperance town" is an absolete phrase, although, I am glad to say, the drunkard is not as common a nuisance as one would suppose. A German learns first to say the two words—father and mother—but the first sentence he masters is always "Bitte, ein bier" (a beer, please,) and he keeps repeating it at all times during the day or night for the rest of his natural life, whenever a waiter appears in sight. Men, women and children all drink alike. They use beer precisely as we do water. To be sure, they use coffee, tea and wine also, but never water. I have not seen a German drink a glass of water during all the four weeks I have been in the country.

Sausage of course, forms a large part of the German's food. No one can think of a German without seeing a string of sausage sharply defined in the foreground of his imagination. They call them "wurst" and if they would only change the *u* to an *o* it would be a fitting title. I never eat them when I can help it, for about three weeks ago the Emperor requested his army officers to wear dog-skin gloves. This necessitated the slaughter of fifty-thousand dogs and caused a corresponding drop in the price of sausage.

Our first stop for any length of time was in Heidelberg. It is a beautiful, quaint old university town situated on the Necker about four or five miles above its junction with the Rhine. From the castle, which stands on the side of the mountain overlooking the town, a beautiful view can be had of the Rhine. The old castle is of course, now only a picturesque ruin like most of the others which have suffered from the effects of war. It was first built towards the close of the thirteenth century and was destroyed for the last time in 1764. For a time it was the seat of Frederick V, King of Bohemia whose court was said to be the gayest in Europe. The one remaining relic of his day certainly serves to uphold the reputation. In the cellars of the castle, the "Heidelberg Tun" as it is called, still remains as a lasting testimony to the revelries of his time. The tun is nothing more nor less than an enormous cask holding fifty thousand gallons of liquor. The top of the tun is platformed so that it is level and forms a floor amply large to accommodate a dance of twenty-five or thirty couples While I stood and gazed at this wonderful sight my thoughts flew back to Chestertown and I turned expecting to see the familiar figure of one of your fellow townsmen—(can you guess who?) but he was not there for the tun is empty.

The University of Heidelberg, which celebrated its five hundredth anniversary in 1886, is one of the most famous seats of learning in Europe. The summer term does not end until the first of August, so that I had the good fortune to be there in time to see some of the famous student duels of which I had heard so much. I was somewhat disappointed as I had expected to see some very scientific fencing. Probably it is very scientific but I am too ignorant of such sport to appreciate it. The duelists stand very close together and hold their arms straight over their heads. Their shoulders, arms and throats are heavily padded and their eyes protected with iron netting. They are not allowed to move their feet, and fence only with motion of the wrist without using the muscles on the upper arm at all. The science I could not see but the object is evidently to draw as much blood as possible. The duel is concluded when one man has lost so much blood that he cannot go on. At the end of a college course a student's face generally looks as if he had unexpectedly come into contact with a barbed wire fence.

In Baden the sights to be seen are entirely different from those at Heidelberg. This is purely a summer watering place, and as this is the height of the season, it is crowded with visitors of all kinds from every part of the globe. It is a very prettily situated town and on the map is designated as being on the river Oos, which at this time of the year is about four feet wide and three inches deep. The pine woods of the "Black Forest" surround it on three sides so that it is always cool and pleasant. Seventy is considered very warm here, and in the evening at the open air concerts, overcoats are necessary for comfort. Titled and noted people are as thick as flies. Jean De Ritski, Lillian Langtry, the famous "Jersey Lilly," and the Princess Chimay, together with a host of others, are to be seen at the concerts every evening.

A drive in the surrounding country reveals many customs which to us would seem very peculiar. The women work in the fields with the men. Machine reapers are never seen. All the harvesting is done entirely by hand in the old-fashioned way. Corn is never raised and there is so little wheat that rye bread is used entirely, while wheat bread is considered a luxury. Peaches are worth five and ten cents apiece, while grapes are almost a drug on the market. In private families the unmarried sisters dress exactly alike in every particular. To see three or four sisters together one would think they had bought out the entire stock of goods of a factory. Banks are closed from one to two-thirty for dinner. Farmers are taxed on what they bring into a town to sell and what they buy in town to take out. A man cannot cut down his own trees without a government permit, and so on and so on until one would think he had to pay a tax on every breath he drew. But time flies and I must wish you a very happy and prosperous summer.

ATLEE H. TRACY.

FROM WORTON.

Mrs. Daniel Jewell has returned home from a pleasant visit to friends in Wilmington and elsewhere.

Mrs. Nicols, of Baltimore, is the guest of her son, Mr. Harry Nicols, near here.

Mr. Charles Boyles, who, we are sorry to say, is in very poor health, is spending some time with friends up the county. We understand that he will visit points further north before his return.

Mrs. Anna E. Crouch has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. John A. Duyer.

School opened Monday with a good attendance. Miss Florence Jewell, our last year's teacher, remains with us.

The friends of Mr. Lou Gill will regret very much to hear of his death at his home in Townsend, on last Tuesday, August 29, of typhoid fever. Several years ago Mr. Gill made his home with his uncle, Mr. G. W. Shockley, and assisted him in the creamery of this place, and while here he formed many warm bonds of friendship. He was a bright, affable young man of about 19 years of age. A member of the Methodist church, he was ever consistent to its rules. His sorrowing relatives and friends have the sympathy of this community.

The cannery at this place is running at full force. Last week it run day and night, and the same is expected this week.

We are sorry to say that Mrs. Charles Crowding is in such bad health. She went to Baltimore last week for treatment. We hope for her speedy recovery.

Miss Mary Cooper has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. George Ashley, of Rock Hall.

The "Dairy Maids' Reception" held in the hall of this place on last Saturday evening, was a decided success. The entertainment was fine, while the peaches and cream could not be beat. The solos by Rev. Mr. Arters, of Fairlee, were enjoyed very much, while the graphophone concert was splendid, but none of it surpassed the little ones who pleased the audience with the "cake walk." Eight couples and one odd one dressed to represent "Topsy," filled the hall with laughter from time to time with their funny actions and sayings. Master Ralph Williams and little Miss Ida Pell were presented with the cake, and I for one can say they justly earned it.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ivens entertained a few of their friends on last Wednesday evening at a watermelon party in honor of their son Harry. A pleasant evening was spent by all. Refreshments, consisting of watermelon and cantaloupe, were served in abundance. Among those present were noticed: Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Cooper, Misses Mary R. Cooper, Ida and Katie Fowler, Agnes Newcomb, Blanche Duyer, Mary I. Cooper, Delma Carter, Effie Lynch, Bessie, Nellie, Lizzie and Lib Ivens, Nellie and Elsie Silcox, Addie Cooper, Myra Gascue and Lily Howard. Messrs. Tilden Cooper, James Matthews, Charles, Harry and Frank Ivens, Frank Truitt, Harry Williams, Walter Hickman, Harper Carter, Marcus Ascher, of Chestertown, Thos. Silcox and Lee Joiner.

Mrs. Gascue and daughter, Miss Myra, of Atlantic City, are guests of Miss Lydia Hickman, near here.

Mrs. Alice Rasin and daughter, Miss Grace, of Still Pond, have returned home from a pleasant stay with friends in and around Worton.

MADGE.

The Theatre From the Inside.

That there are five thousand theatres in America, and that one million and a half people attend them each week-day night, spending seventy millions of dollars a year on theatre-going, are the surprising facts with which Mr. Franklin Fyles, the dramatic editor of the New York *Sun*, will open an important series in the next issue of *The Ladies' Home Journal*. The series will be called "The Theatre and Its People," and will run through seven numbers of the magazine, lavishly illustrated with pictures made by twelve different artists. The articles will treat of every phase of the theatre, the play and the actor, from the inside, and will tell how a theatre is managed; the actual money which plays have made; how an actor is trained and what the actors are actually paid; how a play is written and what the authors receive; how a play is rehearsed; the first night of a play; how the actresses "make up" and what they use; and in a minute way the two last articles will show what goes on behind the scenes on the stage during a performance. It is a curious fact that this will be the first time that the theatre and the actor have ever been exhaustively treated in a magazine, and that there is no book on the subject in existence.

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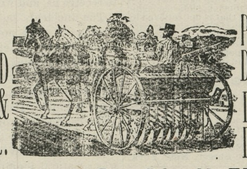

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