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Established 1862.
SAMUEL M. LAWDER & SON,
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For the sale of Fruits, Fish, Wool, Poultry, Live Stock, &c., &c.
No. 206 South Charles Street,
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GEO. E. BOWDOIN. GEORGE FRAME.
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—WITH—
GEORGE E. BOWDOIN & CO.,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
GRAIN, FRUITS and FARM PRODUCE,
Corner Bowley's Wharf and Pratt Street,
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WM. H. SPEDDEN. EDWD. SPEDDEN.
ESTABLISHED IN 1873.
WM. H. SPEDDEN & BRO.,
Grocers and Commission Merchants,
510 Light St. Wharf, Balto., Md.,
Offer a Full Line of Groceries at prices as Low as any house in the city, and solicit consignments of Grain, Fruit, Live Stock, Poultry, Eggs and all kinds of Country Produce. Prompt returns made for all sales.
REFER BY PERMISSION TO
Tolchester Steamboat Company, Richard Cornelius, Cashier National Farmers' and Planters' Bank, of Baltimore, Maryland. m21.

ESTABLISHED 1836.
R. GROVES,
—WITH—
THOMAS BOND & SON,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
No. 216 Light Street, - Baltimore, Maryland.

DAVID B. STEWART. GEORGE W. BERRY
D. B. STEWART & CO.,
General Fruit and Produce
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
118 East Pratt Street, Balto., Md.
We refer to our present shippers among whom are many of the most successful fruit growers in this county, also The Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore.

JAS. W. STEVENS. R. NELSON STEVENS.
STEVENS BROTHERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
—FOR THE SALE OF—
Grain, Fruits, Live Stock, Wool and Country Produce Generally.
Special attention given to the sale of GRAIN and FRUITS.
No. 303 South Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.
Reference—Merchants' National Bank.

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FOR THE SALE OF
Grain, Fruit, Hay, Poultry, Live Stock Hides, and all kinds Country Produce.
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REFERENCE.—Drovers and Mechanics' National Bank, cor. Eutaw and Fayette sts. ja29.

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JAMES W. JEROME & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
FOR THE SALE OF
GRAIN, FRUITS, LIVE STOCK, WOOL and Country Produce Generally.
SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE SALE OF GRAIN AND FRUITS.
18 East Camden Street, *Near Light St. Wharf*, Baltimore, Maryland.

PHILADELPHIA.
R. A. BRICE. J. E. HENDRICKSON.
J. E. HENDRICKSON & CO.,
Produce Commission Merchants
IN ALL KINDS OF COUNTRY PRODUCE AND LIVE STOCK.
328 North Front Street, Philadelphia, Penn
Consignments solicited. Returns promptly sent on sale of goods. Orders promptly filled and inquiries cheerfully answered. fe12-y

S. F. CREW,
late of J. P. Moyer & Co.
M. L. COULBOURN,
late Manager of Egg & Poultry Department of J. H. Coulbourn.
CREW & COULBOURN,
Wholesale Produce Commission Merchants
—IN—
POULTRY, EGGS, GAME, DRESSED PORK, GREEN AND DRIED FRUITS, &c.,
No. 318 North Front Street, Philadelphia.
REFERENCES:—Dr. Samuel Beck, Clerk of the Circuit Court, Kent Co., Md.; Stevens Bro., 303 South Charles Street, Baltimore, Md.; Dey & Kugler, 58 Thompson Ave., N. Y.; Produce National Bank, 104 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

P. E. CREW & CO.,
(Successors to CREW & IRELAND,)
FRUIT, PRODUCE & LIVE STOCK
Commission Merchants,
324 North Water Street, Philadelphia, Penn.
Strict attention will be given to all consignments or communications. Check and account statement immediately on sale if desired. Berries and Peaches a specialty in their season.
Consignments solicited. Attention given to all orders. P. E. CREW.

E. C. CROW. CHAS. W. WILKINS.
Established 1882.
E. C. CROW & CO.,
124 Dock Street, Phila., Pa.,
Wholesale Produce Commission Merchants
—SPECIALTIES:—
BERRIES, PEACHES, PEARS.
REFERENCES:—Produce National Bank, Bradstreet's Report, the Trade, and by request, responsible growers in different localities. fe21-6m.

BUIST'S
Garden Seeds!
FRESH AND JUST RECEIVED!
Any one wanting Fresh Seed of any kind give me a call.
M. A. TOULSON, Druggist.

Private Sale of a Desirable Home.
The undersigned has for sale as attorney for owner, about
SIX and TWO-THIRD ACRES of LAND
ON LANKFORD'S BAY.
In 5th election district of Kent county, Md., improved by a DWELLING HOUSE and usual OUT-BUILDINGS, all in good repair. Also YOUNG ORCHARDS of thirty fruit trees.
TERMS MODERATE.
RICHARD D. HYNSON, ATTORNEY.
Oct. 18, 1890—tf.

Of all Places to Visit, it is Worth Your Time to Call and Examine
WESTCOTT & DODD'S
—IMMENSE STOCK OF—
SPRING GOODS!

HAVING visited the city we were able to procure the leading styles, just what you will see display in the windows there we have, and selections that will equal any, and cannot be excelled in Style or Price, comprising the following line:

Plaids and Plain Arlington Dress Goods,
BLACK AND COLORED HENRIETTAS.
DRESS GINGHAMS, ZEPHYR CLOTHS,
PERCALES, OUTINGS, DRAPERIES,
HAMBURG EDGES, LACES,
WHITE APRON GOODS.

BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, &c.
Full line of Children's, Misses' and Ladies' Shoes, Gent's Boots, Shoes, Hats, &c. Gent's Boots, 22-inch leg, former price $2.50 now $1.90, and every article of Winter Goods WE WILL SELL FOR ONE-THIRD LESS THAN THE OLD PRICE. Twenty-four pairs Misses, 11½ to 2s, Buttoned Gaiters at 75c., former price $2.00, and a few other Shoes marked down in the same way.

We respectfully invite you to call and see us, as we take pleasure in showing our goods.
WESTCOTT & DODD,
March 7, 1891. Chestertown, Md.

WM. H. LAMBERT. ARTHUR M. BROWN.
Butter Makers, Attention!
—THE—
Breakwater Churn
LEADS THEM ALL IN BUTTER MAKING.
Makes Butter in from One to Five Minutes, and More Butter from Same Quantity of Cream, and Works all Buttermilk Out Better Than Any Other Churn.
Below we give a list of prominent farmers and Butter Makers of Kent and Queen Anne's counties, who have used and endorse the Breakwater Churn:

J. M. J. Byron,	Thos. Anderson,
Thos. Blackiston,	Geo. W. Hatcherson,
J. Thos. Bradley,	Edw. W. Hepbron,
Samuel Nickerson,	A. L. Corey,
Edw. W. Emory,	Robert Comly,
Samuel Mann,	Elwood Morris,
E. B. Emory,	Wm. S. Walker,
Geo. W. Rodenhiver,	L. R. Shewell,
James P. Hatcherson,	Thos. C. Parsons,
John P. Nicholson,	Thos. A. Hudson,
Thos. W. Skirven,	Johnny Wood,
J. Walter Skirven,	James Wood,
Wm. Bryan,	W. H. Coleman,
R. S. Emory,	Benj. Colburn,
Albert Strong,	Horace Wilson,
Aaron Welsh,	J. W. Hubbard,
Wm. DeFord,	

Use one of the Breakwater Churns and save time and butter.
LAMBERT & BROWN,
j24. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

REMOVAL!
R. BERGEN
WHO HAS BEEN OCCUPYING THE CORNER STORE in the HURCHINAL BUILDING, now belonging to Charless S. Smith, has REMOVED to the
Store-Room Adjoining,
formerly occupied by W. T. Wright, where can be found a LARGE and VARIED assortment of
Dry Goods, Notions, and Millinery.
Spring opening of Silks, Henriettas, Serges, Cashmeres, Cloths and flannels. Also a Beautiful line of
Trimming Silks!
to match all shades of Dress Goods. Also a complete line of
Notions and Fashionable Millinery.
Remember, I have removed NEXT DOOR to the store I did occupy.
R. BERGEN.
April 12, 1890 CHESTERTOWN, MD.

COURT ST.
Shoe and Grocery Store
THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO CALL AT THE
OLD STAND
ON COURT STREET, CHESTERTOWN,
and examine the FRESH and NEW STOCK of GOODS just bought for cash by
JAMES A. SHAW
which consists of Leather
BOOTS AND SHOES
TO SUIT ALL CLASSES.
Gum Boots and Shoes, Body Boots, Hip and Short Boots, and Boots for Men, Women and Children.
GROCERIES.—Flour by the Barrel or Bag, Hominy, Beans, Sugar, Coffee, Baker's Chocolate, Tea, Soap, Soapine, Soda, Rumford's Yeast Powder, Lamp Chimneys and Burners, Coal Oil, Salt and many other things. All of which can be bought of me as cheap as at any place on the shore. Give us a call and we will try to please you.
Also, TOBACCO and CIGARS.
JAMES A. SHAW,
j12. Court Street, Chestertown.

WOULD YOU LIKE
A NICE GARDEN?
If so, raise PERFECT VEGETABLES with
POWELL'S SOLUBLE PHOSPHATES
For GARDENS
Which are clean and inodorous. Put up in suitable quantities for *small and large gardens*. No trouble to use. Not expensive. For sale by general stores, Druggists and Seedsmen. An interesting circular telling how to make a good garden, sent Free. W. S. POWELL & CO. Chemical Fertilizer Mfrs. Baltimore, Md.

THE FRUIT GROWER!
TRADE MARK
A FEW WORDS TO SENSIBLE PEOPLE.

AS THE WORLD grows older and the people wiser, there is a growing demand for a better and more perfect quality of goods of all kinds. The people today are not content with the manner in which their ancestors fertilized their orchards, but are striving to reach the heights of perfection.

THE PEACH IS of Asiatic origin, was introduced in this country in 1635, and in 1796 the yellows made their first appearance near Philadelphia. Subsequently large orchards were planted for profit, then for years fertilized with barnyard manure, but it was found that in this way the orchards abounded in weeds and insect.

THEN THEY TRIED a Peach Tree Phosphate in which acid was used to make it available; this was also found detrimental, as several years' application of an acidulated goods caused the trees to deteriorate, leaves twist up and turn yellow. Thus was seen the necessity of a non-acid goods, and ground bone was resorted to; this was good, but slow in action.

FINALLY T. R. Hubbard & Son offered O. B. Guano, a natural bird manure found in the West Indies, and introduced here after their senior's return from that place in 1882. This goods is the base of their Fruit Grower. In appearance it is like old Peruvian. In analysis it runs higher than dissolved animal bone. In action has eclipsed all competitors. In sales more than any other Peach Manure.

THEN TAKING into consideration the quality, price, guarantee, our success, satisfied patrons, increased trade, our reputation, together with the fact that you have this season the prospect of a crop, we think further comment from us unnecessary, as a trial will convince you that the goods speak for themselves.

Pomona, Kent Co., Md., Jan. 4, 1891.
MESSRS. T. R. HUBBARD & SON—Gentlemen: The seven consecutive years' use of your FRUIT GROWER has thoroughly convinced me as to its merits. Years ago, when Colonel Wilkins lived, and we farmed together, we used amost everything as a Peach Manure, but your O. B. is the best I ever tried. On the Island Farm, where 14 tons of FRUIT GROWER were used in 1888, on two-year-old trees, we had in 1889 6,000 baskets, on the other farm we only had peaches where the trees had been fed. I invariably have had fruit in the past by fertilizing my trees, and I believe, in order to have fruit, that is the way to do it. Very truly yours, JOHN A. GROVES.

Anne's Hermitage, Q. A. Co., Nov. 11, 1889.
GENTLEMEN:—In the spring of 1887 we had an old orchard which had not been for several years and which the tenant was unxious to dig up. I said, give it another year's trial. We used your Peach Tree Fertilizer, about 225 pounds to the acre. That year the orchard netted us about $1.00 per tree. We had a fair crop and got as high as $3.00 per box for some of them. We used your goods on the same orchard in 1888 and got a very full crop. We used it again last spring, applying about 250 pounds to the acre, and for the third successive year got a fair crop, and the fruit was generally of fine quality. The orchard will be 17 years old next spring, and it now looks healthier and more vigorous than it did five years ago. Very truly,
CASPER G. WOODALL.

We have on file at our office 263 Testimonials and References concerning Fruit Grower. Please call or send for some regular circulars concerning.
T. R. HUBBARD & SON,
Feb. 14, 1891. MANUFACTURERS, CHESTERTOWN, MD.

1837. 1891.
FREDERICK FOUNTAIN,
Agent for R. J. BAKER & CO.,
—MANUFACTURERS OF—
HIGH GRADE FERTILIZERS,
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND.

As the season for planting approaches it behooves the farmer to exercise great care in the selection of Fertilizers suitable for their various crops. Special Fertilizers for all crops are claiming general attention; no one Fertilizer will suit every plant. We have Fertilizers suitable for any and all crops. Conscious of the merits of our goods, and gratified, too, for the liberal patronage bestowed upon us in the past, we can, with confidence, offer to our customers and the public generally our carefully pre pared brands of
Ammoniated Bone Superphosphates,
Corn and Oat Phosphate, Peach Tree Phosphate,
Asparagus Phosphate, Truck Phosphate,
and in fact anything farmers may want in the form of Fertilizers or Fertilizing Material, we can supply at Bottom Prices. Orders solicited. We do not publish certificates, our goods speak for themselves. Correspondence by mail promptly attended to.
FREDERICK FOUNTAIN, Agt.,
Feb. 14, 1891. Chestertown, Maryland.

Read! A Big Cut Sale. Read!
In order to close out what heavy stock I have on hand in LEATHER and RUBBER GOODS
For the SPOT CASH
I will sell 20 inch leg Men's double upper three sole Oyster Boot at $1.85!
Former price $2.50.
20 inch leg full stock Boot at $1.90. Former price $2.50
One lot Men's Calf Boots, sizes 9, 10 and 11 at $1 90, former price $2 50 and $3 00; Twenty-inch Men's Fine Veal Kip $3 00, former price $4 00; Men's Medium and Heavy Weight $1 40, old price $2 00; Horner's Snag-proof Rubber Boots, regular price $3 50, now $3 15; Men's Woonsocket, regular $2 75, now $2 40; and Boys' $2 00; Men's Rhode Island $1 90, regular price $2 50; Ladies' Rubber Shoes 25 and 35 cents, as to quality. One lot of Pell's & Pollock's Straight Goat, Hand Sewed Shoes, former price $3 50, now $2 40; Machine Sewed of same make, former price $2 50 and $3 00, now $1 90, first-class goods, but a little too heavy for spring. Lot of Misses Shoes, lace, 11 to 2, at 50 cents per pair. These broken lots must be sold if prices will do it. This is not a catch penny advertisement. Call and be convinced.
Very respectfully, THOS. G. WROTH,
Leader in Boots and Shoes.
N. B.—A Large Assortment of SPRING GOODS ordered and to arrive in a short time.

A Clean Cut Clearing Sale!
FOR THE SPOT CASH, DOWN!
After This Date we will Expose for Sale 500 to 1,000 Pairs of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers at Greatly Reduced Prices!
EMBRACED in this lot are about 100 pairs Ladies' and Misses' Genuine Hand Made Goods at $2.39 per pair actually worth $3.50, $4.00 and $4.25 per pair, only a little off in weight and style; about 125 pairs Children's Straight Goat, Light Kid and Dull Dongola Spring Heel, Button, 4 to 7½ and 8 to 10½ at $1.10 per pair, former price $1.35 and $1.60, only a little stock soiled; about 100 pairs Men's Machine and Hand Sewed Goods at $3.50 per pair, former price $4.00, $4.50 and $5.00; about 50 pairs of Men's Calf Boot at $1.60 and $1.75 per pair, former price $2.00, $2.25, $2.50 and $3.00 per pair; 50 to 75 pairs Men's Leather Boots at $1.55, $1.75, $2.00, $2.75 and $3.00, former price $2.00, $2.25, $2.50, $2.75 and $4.00; about 35 pairs Boys' Gum Boots at $1.80 per pair, 1 to 5; Men's Buckle Arctics at $1.05 per pair; Men's Half Arctics at 80c. per pair; Men's Gum Shoes at 44c. per pair; Men's Woonsocket Gum Boots at $2.35 per pair; Women's Gum Boots at $1.45 per pair; Misses Gum Boots at $1.35 per pair; Children's at $1.10 per pair. All firsts. Best Shoe Polish in the country at 25c. per bottle.
Very truly,
R. F. PARKS,
Feb. 21, 1891. CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

Silver Powders
A SURE CURE FOR
HOG CHOLERA.
REFERENCES—Wm. T. Nicholson, J. M. J. Byron E. J. Watson, and others.
FOR SALE AT CHESTERTOWN CREAMERY.
s20-tf. R. G. NICHOLSON.

C. M. LUCAS,
WATCHMAKER and JEWELER,
Keeps constantly on hand
Gold and Silver Watches,
AND JEWELRY OF ALL KINDS.
18-Karat Engagement and Wedding Rings,
Rogers & Brother's Silver-Plated Ware,
Clocks of all kinds and Prices.
Spectacles as low as 25 cents.

NEW SPRING GOODS
—AT—
Low Tariff Prices!
J. H. SIMPERS
CHESTERTOWN, MD.,
Has received and offers for sale a carefully selected STOCK of NEW and SEASONABLE GOODS, consisting in part of
DRESS GOODS, OUTING CLOTHS,
DRESS GINGHAMS, PERCALES, &c.
A complete assortment of Domestic DRY GOODS, consisting of Muslins in all grades and widths, Ginghams, Prints, &c., kept constantly in stock at Rock Bottom Prices.
Hosiery of all grades, Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Corsets, Towels, Hamburgs, White Goods, Underwear, White and Colored Overshirts, Neckwear, Combs, Brushes and a full line of goods generally, kept in a Notions Stock.
—SHOES—
We make a specialty of shoes and have a full line in low and fine grades for Men and Ladies, Misses Boy's and Children. Ladies' Buttoned Shoes at $1.00 $1.25, $1.50, $1.75, $2.00, $2.50. Men's Shoes at $100, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00; Ladies' Oxford Ties at 75c., $1.00, $1.25; a Good Plow Shoe at $1.00; a small lot of Ladies' Buttoned and Lace Kid, Foxed Shoes to be closed out at BARGAIN PRICES.
—HATS—
New and Nobby Styles in Soft and Stiff Hats for Men and Boys. A Boy's Cloth Turban Hat at 25c. Large Stock of Straw Hats in low and fine grades.
Queensware and Glassware in great variety Whitewash Brushes, Tubs, Buckets, Plow Lines and Traces. Staple Groceries, at lowest cash prices.
m28. J. H. SIMPERS.

—FOR—
Painting or Paper Hanging
—GO TO—
BLAKENEY AND HOLLETT
(successors to F. J. Carter, Chestertown.)
You will find a FULL LINE of
VARNISHES, PAINTS,
OILS, GLASS, &c.
Also, a Beautiful and Extensive line of the
LATEST STYLES OF WALL PAPER
WINDOW SHADES, &c.
FURNITURE UPHOLSTERED, Repaired and Painted at short notice.
P. S.—Estimates cheerfully given. j10-tf.

WM. S. CULP,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
Coal and Wood
—ALSO—
LIME AND BALED HAY,
COAL ALL SIZES.
WOOD SAWED and SPLIT for cooking and kindling, delivered at short notice.
Yard and office at railroad.
Orders left at B. F. Fleming's Grain, Feed and Lime Store will receive prompt attention.
March 21, 1891. WILLIAM S. CULP, Chestertown, Md.

Coal and Wood.
ORDERS IN ANY QUANTITIES LEFT AT D. A. BACCHUS' GROCERY STORE, OR AT
J. D. BACCHUS' YARD
will receive prompt attention at Prices Guaranteed to be as LOW AS THE LOWEST.
Building and Whitewash Lime,
Cement and Plastering Hair,
AT CITY PRICES.
Anthracite and Bituminous Coal
Delivered at any station on the Baltimore and Delaware Bay Railroad at Low Figures.
Come and see us before buying.
m17. J. D. BACCHUS.

COAL and WOOD!
OWING to the scarcity of money we will sell Coal at a very small advance above cost FOR THE CASH. Remember we sell
The Lea Coal
WHICH IS THE BEST WHITE ASH COAL FOR GENERAL USE.
Probably it will be to your advantage to get our rices and examine our stock before you purchase.
2240 Pounds for One Ton.
Office on Cannon St., near Princess.
J. T. TWILLEY.
July 17, 1890—tf.

New Store--Old Stand!
Mrs. D. GRUBER
HAS thoroughly renewed and refitted her business property up town and is now better able than ever heretofore to supply the public with
Fresh Bread, Buns, Cakes and Pies,
and indeed everything in the Bakery Line. Long experience, the best material, and personal attention to the business enables her to give the very best goods for the least money.
CONFECTIONERY.—I have also added to my stock a line of confectionery, such as Fresh Candy, Nuts, &c., to which I invite attention. Give me a call. MRS. D. GRUBER,
sep3-y. Up Town.

Written for the KENT NEWS.

THE HAPPY FARMER.

The farmer is a happy man,
His life is free from care,
With naught to make his spirit sad.
Or make him want to swear;
All day among the cockle burrs
He gayly grubs and hoes,
And money never troubles him,
Unless 'tis what he owes.

How sweet at early dawn of day
To rise before the sun,
And hustles briskly round the barn
Till all the chores are done;
To feed the cows, and milk them, too,
In brightly shining pails
The while they tread upon your corns
And thump you with their tails.

How sweet to hie into the field,
From breakfast smoking hot,
And chase a plow all day long,
Around a forty acre lot,
And, when it strikes against a stone,
Drawn by the horses stout,
To have the handles prance around
And punch your daylight out.

How sweet at noon to lie at ease
Beneath some spreading tree,
And hold a secret session
With an ardent bumble bee,
And when your rheumatism sore,
Makes your legs refuse to go,
How sweet to lie upon your back
And watch your morigage grow.

And when the busy cares of day
Have faded with the light,
How sweet to lie in peaceful sleep
Throughout the dewy night,
And hear the partner of your joys,
At the first faint tinge of dawn,
Shout, "Come old granger, hump yourself,
The cows are in the corn."

W. A., POMONA, MD.

MRS. GRAY WAS CHARMING

And She Had Such Fascinating Ways—The Little Widow from the City of Brotherly Love Captivated a Country Banker.

Ten years ago, in a certain good-sized town in Pennsylvania, there lived a family whom I will call Mitchell, says a writer in the New York Sun. The family consisted of husband, wife and two children, the latter being a boy aged five and a girl of seven. Mitchell was a private banker, known to be honest, respectable, and worth a clear $100,000. I knew little or nothing about the family until certain incidents occurred. One day his wife was fatally injured in a railroad collison at a point fifty miles from home. When he reached her, in response to a telelegram sent by a stranger, he found she had been removed to a hotel, and was being tenderly cared for by a women who gave her name as Mrs. A. B. Gray, of Philadelphia. She was on the train, but suffered no injury.

Mrs. Gray, as I might as well tell you now, was petite, good-looking, a good talker, and in a general way captivating. The fact of her taking charge of Mrs. Mitchell, as she had done, proved her tender heart. She told Mr. Mitchell she had been a widow eighteen months, and was practically alone in the world, and, though he was burdened with grief and anxiety, he did not forget to thank her for her great kindness and to take her address. He would have offered her money for her services, but he saw she was a lady, and would feel hurt by any such action. She resumed her journey, and he took his wife home to die of her injures. It was three weeks after her death that I came into the case. After everything was over, the husband suddenly discovered that his dead wife's jewelry was missing. She had with her when the accident took place about $1,000 worth of diamonds. They had disappeared, and when he came to run over events in his mind he could not remember that they had come home with her. Mrs. Gray had turned over to him Mrs. Mitchell's purse and a few other things, but a pair of diamond ear-drops, two rings and a pin were missing.

I was employed to proceed to the scene of the late accident and seek to trace the jawelry. The collision had occurred right at the depot in a small town. People about the depot and the hotel assured me that Mrs. Mitchell had the jewelry on when taken to the hotel. The landlord's wife was positive, and the doctor who was called in was positive, and when I had worked the case out I returned home to report to Mitchell that nobody but Mrs. Gray could have taken the jewelry. He was astonished and indignant, and not only vigorously repudiated the implication, but discharged me from the case, with the assertion that I was a novice in the profession. No other detective, working without bias, could have come to any other conclusion than I did, and, feeling sure of this fact, I was not much put out over his action. I have found in my long experience that most people who employ a detective on a blind case expect him to think as they do, and to follow up theories formed in advance of his employment.

WIDOW GRAY INSTALLED.

I went about other business, and it was about four months before I saw Mitchell again. Then he sent for me in an official capacity again. No reference was made to my previous work, but fresher and other troubles had come to him. A month after the death of his wife he had opened correspondence with Mrs. Gray, and the result was that she had come on to take charge of his house. He was without relatives, or, at least, without those who could aid him in his situation, and she claimed to be free in her movements. You will suspect, just as I did, that she had captivated him, but he fought shy of any acknowledgment of the sort. She was in his house to care for his children and to manage domestic matters, and that was no one's business but their own.

I haven't told you about the bank. It was situated just about a square from his house and exactly in the rear of it. The house fronted on one street, and the bank on another, and there was an alley between. Indeed, the rear yard of the house led right up to the rear door of the bank, and Mitchell used to come and go through the yard. In the rear of the banking-rooms, divided off by the usual railing, were the private offices and the vault. A burglar alarm was connected with the front doors and windows, but none with the back. A large and savage dog guarded the rear, having a kennel close to the door.

What the banker wanted to see me about was this: He had not only missed money from his wallet at night, but on two occasions considerable sums of money had been taken from a small safe which stood in his office outside the vault. One of the mysteries was in the taking of the money. He employed a teller and a book-keeper, neither of whom had a key to safe or vault, unless it was a duplicate made without his knowledge. Neither had the word of the combination of the vault, and it seemed impossible that they could have taken the money even if so inclined. Both were perfectly honest so far as any one knew, and Mitchell was all tangled up over the mystery. He hadn't talked to me five minutes when I would have taken my solemn oath that Mrs. Gray was the guilty party, but, of course, I didn't drop a hint of my suspicion to him.

When it came my turn to ask questions I found out that he was a very sound sleeper; that he occupied a front bed-room with his son; that Mrs. Gray and the girl occupied one in the rear of his, with an entrance to both from a hall; that the key of the bank safe and vault were always kept under his pillow at night. In addition Mrs. Gray had won the hearts of his children, if not his own, and it was only by the strongest argument that she had been induced to accept a salary of $10 per week while occupying her position. It was as plain as daylight to me that Mitchell meant to marry her in due course of time, but it wasn't at all plain as to what sort of a scheme she was working.

A CAPTIVATING WOMAN.

I took the case, told Mitchell I had a theory, and then began to study Mrs. Gray. I found her to be a sweet and innocent-looking little woman, seemingly devoted to the children, and, had I not been a detective and a married man, I might have fallen in love with her. It was in summer and she was out a great deal, and I was on hand to follow her. It seemed to be time thrown away, however. She was shy, prudent, and apparently all right, and I had put in a month on the case, and made no discovery, when the outside safe was robbed again. A deposit and some bonds had come in at the last moment, and had been placed there for the night. The whole thing amounted to about $900, and bonds and green-backs were missing next morning. The safe had not only been open with a key, but the bank had been entered by unlocking the rear door. No one could have entered by the front without sounding an alarm. No stranger could have entered by the back on account of the dog, who was wide awake and all right.

When Mitchell sent for me to give me the news, I was perfectly satisfied that Mrs. Gray was the guilty party. I believe she had the nerve to enter his room in the night, secure the keys, and then slip through the back yard, enter the bank and open the safe. When I learned that the dog was a great favorite of hers, this belief was a certainty. I couldn't, for reasons already given, say a word to Mitchell about this. He wanted to suspect his two employes, but when we had canvassed the matter, he was made to see that it was altogether unlikely that either of them was guilte. Indeed, he was alone in the bank when the bonds and money came in, and he alone knew where the deposit was placed.

What did I do? I turned to Mrs. Gray again, and in about a week something happened to prove that I was on the right trail. One of the street car lines of the town ran down to the railroad depot. It was Mrs. Gray's habit of an afternoon to ride on this line with the little girl as far down as a certain park, and to sit near the fountain and read while the girl romped about with other children. I had closely watched her while in this park, but no one had ever come near her, and her demeanor had been perfection. On the third afternoon after the robbery she occupied her usual seat for an hour without anything happening. I sat on a bench in the rear of her and about thirty feet away, and by and by I noticed that she was writing a note with pencil. She did it so deftly that one sitting in front of her could not have told what she was at. Beside her was a large shade tree, and as near as I could make out she disposed of the note when folded up somewhere about the tree. When she left I followed her for a short distance, and looking back, I saw a young and well-dressed man occupying the place vacated by her. An hour later, when I could examine the tree, I found a hollow in the trunk just about on a line with her shoulder as she sat on the bench. One not looking for it would have sat there fifty times and discovered nothing.

THE CLUE DISCOVERED.

My theory was that she had an accomplice—the young man whom I had seen. The hollow in the tree was their postoffice. Next day I was at the park half an hour before her usual time, and behold! the young man was occupying that bench. As she appeared he got up and took a seat one hundred feet away, and by watching closely, I saw that she took a note from the tree. Before leaving she wrote and "posted" one in reply, and after she had gone I saw him get it. I was now certain that I was on the right trail, and I went to Mitchell to secure some particulars I wished to know. I told him I had a clue, but would not reveal which way it led. I learned from him that the combination of the vault door had four numbers, and he alone knew it. It had been changed about a month after Mrs. Gray's arrival, and he hestitatingly admitted that the word was "Aime," which was her Christian name. He would not, however, admit that this fact was known to her.

For two weeks after securing this information I hardly got sight of Mrs. Gray. For some reason she remained very closely at home. I found out from Mitchell in a roundabout way that the money need to pay the men at a coal mine and also at a large factory was deposited with him on the 14th of every month. It was simply passed in to him to be locked in the vault over night as it came up from Pittsburg by messenger. I reasoned that Mrs. Gray would worm this information out of him in some way, or that her accomplice would discover it, and that if she had the combination of the vault she would make her strike on the night of the 14th. On the 12th day of August she exchanged notes at the park, also on the 13th. On this latter date I shadowed the young man for three hours, and became satisfied that he was from Pittsburg, and a "slick 'un." Among the things he did was to go the depot and inquire about various night trains, and particularly about one which passed over the road half an hour after midnight.

MR. WELLER'S ADVICE.

I promised Mitchell that a climax would soon be reached, and then staked my all on what might happen the night of the 14th. At eight o'clock that evening I threw a piece of "dosed" meat to his dog from a neighboring yard, and at ten o'clock I softly climbed the fence to find the canine in his kennel and sick enough to remain there. I lay down within ten feet of him, hidden behind a bush, and it was an hour and a-half before anything happened. Everybody in the neighborhood was in bed and asleep by that time, and I was not greatly surprised when a female figure, which I knew to be that of Mrs. Gray, suddenly appeared and passed me five feet away, going toward the bank. She stopped at the kennel to speak to the dog, and then opened the rear door and entered. I did not move from my hiding-place until she reappeared, about twenty minutes later. She carefully locked the bank, and as she passed me on the way to the house I followed quickly behind. The keys she laid on the back steps, softly opend the side gate, and I let her reach the street before I brought matters to a climax. She was only out of the gate when she was joined by a man, but when I rushed to seize them he got the alarm and was off before I could grab him. I got her, however, and she had a bundle under her arm which I took charge of—a bundle containing about $19,000 in greenbacks.

What a nervy woman she was! She just simply laughed a bit as I led her up the steps and rang the bell to arouse Mitchell, and when I had told him all, and had the money and his keys to prove it, she just looked up at him with a smile and asked:

"Well, what of it?"

The "what of it?" was a corker. Mitchell couldn't let the public know that his bank could be so easily robbed, and he couldn't let society know that he had been duped by an adventuress, and after a consulation he actually gave that little adventuress $200 in cash to clear out. She went, and as I left her at the depot she said:

"Give the old man my love when you get back to the house, and ask him if he never heard of Tony Weller's advice."

"I STAND on my dignity," said Snob. "Best thing you can do with it," said Cobb.

"MCALLISTER is not a politician, is he?" "Not exactly; still, he is a great party man."

MISS PRUE—How do you hold on when tobogganing? Miss Rapidde—Why, on to the man.

"IF you found $5 would you try to find the owner?" Pat—Faix, no, I am no hog. I'd be satisfied finding the five.

PARNET—Do you think my son has any particular bent?" Teacher—Oh, yes, lots of them—bent pins."

HOW TO GROW OATS.

Sow Early and Manure Well—A Green Food, for Stock.

The earlier oat can be put into the ground after the soil is in condition the better for the crop. The cool, moist, spring days give the plants a good start. Sow good, heavy oats—poor oats weighing from twenty to twenty-five pounds to the bushel are not worth sowing. Get Canadian seed or mountain oat, such seed usually weighs from thirty-five to thirty-eight pounds to the bushel, have large, plump kernels, and much vitality, and are sure to grow and produce well. The most successful farmers drill their oats in, putting two bushels to the acre, and using in their land three hundred pounds of dissolved bone to the acre. Let the land be plowed as quickly as possible when the soil is dry enough to trun over. Harrow the way the land is plowed, and drill right behind the harrow. The seed is put in on fresh earth, and the land is seeded as fast as plowed. In Chester and Lancaster counties of Pennsylvania, farmers do not plow their ground at all, but use the wheel harrow, and follow immediately behind with the drill. By this means two teams and three men will put in from six to eight acres per day. The crop by this plan gets a stout root growth before the hot days of early summer come. On all light soils, and even upon mellow-clay loams, this plan could be followed with great profit. Get them in early, or not at all. Oats will be found a profitable crop to grow to feed green to cows and hogs, in addition to their regular feed. Grown for this purpose they must be seeded at the rate of four bushels to the acre, and put in on rich land. They will be fit to cut green the last of May, or early in June, and will produce from three to four tons of most excellent feed to the acre. For horses working moderately, the oats should be cut with the cradle when past the blooming period, and allowed to get partially dried before feeding. Feed with mixed rations at night, and corn in the morning. Oats cut when the grain is in the milk, and cured in the cock, will be found a most valuable hay—fit for any stock. The advantage of cutting at this time is that the same land can grow a good second crop of drilled corn, equally as valuable as the first crop. Those growing oats for feeding green, or for hay, must seed heavily, and have a rich soil, or the crop will be a failure.

LOVE AS AN INVESTMENT.

In a lecture of Colonel Robert Ingersoll on "Skulls" occur the following eloquent passages:

"Love is the only thing that will pay ten per cent. of interest on the outlay. Love is the only thing in which the height of extravagance is the last degree of economy. Joy is wealth. Love is the legal tender of the soul, and you need not be rich to be happy. I tell you the happy man is the successful man. The man who has won the love of some good woman, who has been the emperor of one good heart, has been a success. If another has been the emperor of the round world and has never loved, his life is a failure. Let us teach our children that the happy man is the successful man, and he who is a happy man is the man who is always trying to make some one else happy.

"A little while ago I stood by the old Napoleon—a magnificent tomb of gilt and gold, fit almost for a dead deity and gazed upon the sarcophagus of black Egyptain marble, where rest at last the ashes of the restless man. I leaned over the balustrade and thought about the career of the greatest soldier of the modern world.

I saw him walking on the banks of the Seine, contemplating suicide. I saw him at Toulon; I saw him putting down the mob in the streets of Paris; I saw him at the head of the army in Italy; I saw him crossing the bridge at Lodi with the tricolor in his hand; I saw him in Egypt in the shadow of pyramids; I saw him conquer the Alps and mingle with the eagles of the crags; I saw him at Marengo, at Ulm and Austerlitz; I saw him in Russia where the infantry of the snow and the cavalry of the wild blast scattered his legions like Winters whithered leaves; I saw him at Leipzig in defeat and disaster driven by a million bayonets back upon Paris—clutched like a wild beast—banished to Elba; I sa