THE KENT NEWS:

PUBLISHED WEEKLY AT

CHESTERTOWN, KENT COUNTY, MD.,

OFFICE IN MASONIC HALL.

WM. B. USILTON. FRED. G. USILTON.

WM. B. USILTON & SON,

EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

SUBSCRIPTION: $1 PER ANNUM strictly in advance. If not paid in advance $1.50 will be charged.

SIX MONTHS, 60 CENTS; THREE MONTHS, 40 CENTS.

LOCAL CORRESPONDENCE, solicited, but all articles must be accompanied by responsible names.

Kent News.

Vol. 52. CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND: SATURDAY, MAY 23, 1891. No. 3.

Professional Cards.

DR. W. E. BARNARD,
DENTIST,
STILL POND, - - MARYLAND,

Has located permanently, and will be in attendance daily from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M., at the residence of Mrs. M. J. Howard, for all duties pertaining to Dentistry. m23.

DR. C. P. GILPIN,
DENTIST,
CHESTERTOWN, MD., MAIN ST., ADJ. CAHALL'S STORE
Office Hours, 8:30 to 12 A. M., and 1 to 4 P. M.

Having enlarged my office and added many new conveniences, I am able to offer my patients much greater comfort while under treatment than in the past. d1-tf.

DR. H. L. DODD,
Homeopathist,
CHESTERTOWN - - - MARYLAND.
OFFICE at his mother's residence.

DR. W. FRANK HINES,
FRONT STREET AND MAPLE AVENUE, CHESTERTOWN.
OFFICE HOURS:—8 to 9½ A. M.; 4 to 6 and 8 to 10 P. M.

DR. THOMAS H. COOPER,
HOMEOPATHIST,
Chestertown, Maryland, opposite Voshell House.
Office hours from 9 A. M. to 12 M., 3 to 4 P. M. and 6 to 9 P. M., Sunday excepted.

HARRISON W. VICKERS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

JOHN D. URIE,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW.
Office adjoining T. W. Eliason, Jr.'s
Will practice in Kent and Queen Anne's Counties.

PEACHES ARE SAFE!

AND SO IS THE PURCHASER WHO ENTERS
THE STORE OF
WM. R. ALDRIDGE.
I HAVE A
Complete Stock!
IN EVERY PARTICULAR.

MATTINGS, 18c. to 45c. per yard.
Ginghams, 10c. to 25c. per yard.
Plaid Muslins, Sateens, Embroidery.

We make a specialty of
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Shoes.

Straw Hats, Glassware, Gentlemen's Flannel Shirts from 50 cents to $2.50. Nice line of Handkerchiefs, etc. Call and see our new line of goods.
WM. R. ALDRIDGE.
a25. CHESTERTOWN.

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.

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 prices 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.

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.
WILLIAM S. CULP,
March 21, 1891. Chestertown, Md.

BARGAINS in TOBACCO, a fair Tobacco at 25c. WESTCOTT & DODD.

A. F. HUEY,
MASSEYS, MD.

A. W. Stevens & Son's Engines and Threshers,
REEVES & CO.'S STACKERS,
EUREKA WIND MILLS.
Also, a Full Line of Agricultural Implements
always on hand.

THE LARGEST! THE FINEST!
AND
Most Complete Stock of Clothing
EVER SEEN IN CHESTERTOWN, HAS JUST BEEN OPENED AT
THOMAS S. BORDLEY'S STORE.

THIS IS THE LARGEST and most varied stock I have had for the past ten years, and I guarantee the prices to be as LOW as can be found in any city store. I have made a Special Feature of
$10 SUITS FOR MEN!
and can show you more Styles and a Far Better Class of Suits for the Price than any Store on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. To make this stock of $10 Suits as complete as possible, I have added many styles that will cost you elsewhere $12, $13 and $14.

MY STOCK of BOYS' AND CHILDREN'S SUITS
has never been as complete as now. For $3, $4 and $5 I can show you the LARGEST LINE ever seen in our town. I have also a magnificent line of
Gent's Furnishing Goods,
including every possible variety of OUTING SHIRTS, in Silk Stripes, Flannels, &c.
The LARGEST STOCK of HATS in the Town.
Come and See the Most Complete Stock Before You Buy.
April 25, 1891. THOS. S. BORDLEY, CHESTERTOWN, MD.

OUR CORN PHOSPHATE!

TRADE MARK

We Manufacture a Special Corn Fertilizer that has been used for years with great satisfaction. This goods is prepared especially for Corn, and not only makes a vigorous growth and matures well on good ground, but is said to prevent frenching, as well as makes good Corn on stiff soil. Corn is now a good price; nevertheless we are selling the Fertilizer cheap

A. J. HYNSON & REED
Grew over fifty bushels of Corn to the acre with it last season.

MR. R. J. CATLIN, of Queen Anne's County, lofted two years ago 1,700 bushels of Corn off 26 acres where he used our Phosphate.

MR. WM. F. FORD, Ford's Store, Q. A. Co., Md., says: He has been using our Phosphate on Corn for six years, and likes it best of anything he ever used.

MR. ALLEN WALLACE, of Swedesboro', N. J., says: I could tell to the very row where I used your Fertilizer on my Corn. When I came to mow my Grass where the Fertilizer had been used, there was such a difference in the crop that some of my friends asked me why I mowed part and let the other stand, when the truth of the matter was your Fertilizer made the Grass five or six inches higher. It was more marked from the fact that the rows ran diagonally across the field, and I could see the difference in the second mowing. I believe it to be grand good stuff.

MESSRS. W. M. PETERS & SONS, Wesley, Md., March 18, 1891, says: Your Corn Phosphate used last year by us and our tenants, acted better on Corn than anything we ever tried. Being a new goods our men were loth to take hold, preferring to use what they were accustomed to, but they did, and tested it alongside of Humphrey's & Tilghman's, B. & Ross' C., both costing several dollars more per ton, and we all pronounced yours the best we ever used. You can ship us about April 10th, fourteen tons more of the Corn Phosphats, eight tons Truck Phosphate and two tons of Fruit Grower.

FOR TOMATOES.

MR. R. S. EMORY, Chestertown, Md., says: The one ton of your Extant Fertilizer purchased of you last spring was used upon my Tomatoes, and gave entire satisfaction. I applied it by sowing broadcast and cultivating in. The crop was one of the nicest I ever grew, the fruit being large, smooth and perfect, yielded fifteen tons to the acre. If there is a cannery to grow for this year, will want to use it again.

MR. JAMES R. MASSAY, of Darlington, Harford county, Md., says: He grew for the canners. Used our goods alongside of Dissolved Animal Bone and Oriole Phosphate, and that his product netted $14 more per acre.

MR. EDWARD PLUMMER says: He put his Young Peach Orchard in Tomatoes; used our goods; sold to Lynch's cannery in 1888, and they netted him $47 per acre.

MR. PHIL. PARKER, Swedesboro', N. J., says: He used ours alongside of Mapes' that cost $44 per ton, and that ours was equal in every respect.

WE COULD GIVE THE NAMES Of Hundreds who have used our goods on their various crops, and should you want to plant Potatoes, Cabbage or any kind of Vegetables, write for one of our Circulars.

T. R. HUBBARD & SON,
April 18, 1891. Munufacturers, 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.

THE PLUMBING BUSINESS.
WM. T. SUTTON
S now prepared to do any work in the Plumbing Line, such as putting in
Bath-Tubs and Water Fixtures Generally.
Also Hydrant sand Sprinklers whenever desired.

USE only the BREAKWATER CHURN, it is the best. LAMBERT & BROWN.

WHITEWASH BRUSHES all prices J. LLOYD McFEELY & CO.'S.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.
THE TRAVELING PUBLIC TAKE NOTICE that CHESTER BRIDGE, at Chestertown, is undergoing extensive repairs, which will suspend travel over said bridge pending same.
By order of the Board, T. W. RUSSELL,
Oct. 11, 1890—tf. CLERK.

NOW is the time to make fine butter by using the BREAKWATER CHURN.
m16. LAMBERT & BROWN.

ALL who are using the BREAKWATER CHURN recommend it as the Best Churn on the market and the simplest. LAMBERT & BROWN.

WE are glad to churn for anybody to convince you that we have the cheapest churn on the market. LAMBERT & BROWN.

CHESTER COMPOUND,
No. 1 AMMO. SUPER PHOSPHATE
HOME IMPROVED,
ALL STANDARD FERTILIZERS
For CORN, OATS, POTATOES,
BLACK RESIDUUM.
For sale by T. W. ELIASON, JR.
April 11, 1891.

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.

PLOWS. PLOWS.
Price Reduced on Chilled Plows and Castings!

ONE, Two and Three-horse Plows, The Roland Chilled Plow, The Norris Chilled Plow, The Damascus Chilled Plow, The Chesapeake Plow, and Castings for the above, and Oliver Shears, Concave, Wiard, Wiley and other Plow Castings
For sale by J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

Farmers' Hardware!
Forks, Shovels Spades, Hoes, Rakes, Chain Traces, Hames, Backbands, Rope Traces, Plow Lines, Hame Straps and Strings, Grub Hoes, Pruning Saws and Shears, Pruning Axes and Hooks, Bench Vices, &c.
at J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S.

Northern Grown Seed Potatoes!
For sale at J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S.

BRUSHES! BRUSHES!
A Large and Splendid Assortment of Whitewash Brushes, Dust Brushes, Scrub Brushes, Horse Brushes, Dandy Brushes, Shoe Brushes, Shaving Brushes, Stable Brooms, etc. J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.

The Wonderful New Process Vapor Stove
a Safe Stove, an Economical Stove, a Stove that pleases the user. Call and examine the New Process. The JUNIOR MANHATTON, one, two and three burner Vatop Stoves, very cheap. Game Lamp Stoves and Lamp Stoves for sale by
J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.,
April 4, 1891. CHESTERTOWN.

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.

Farmers' Specialties!
WINTER SEASON

STUDEBAKER FARM WAGONS, steel skein, for from one to six horses, both narrow and broad tread; ROAD CARTS, ROCKING VALLEY HAY AND FODDER CUTTERS, with patent double knuckle, rocking roller feed, direct action, up-cut and safety fly-wheel. All sizes. CORN SHELLERS, CORN and COB MILLS, SAW MILLS, HORSE POWERS, HAY PRESSES, Etc.

Call or Send for Our Prices.
BALTIMORE FARM IMPLEMENT CO.,
209 South Charles Street,
d6-6m. BALTIMORE, MD.

MUSLIN'S, LIGHT PRINTS, Dress Ginghams, Outing Cloths—a nice line of Boy's Cassimere at 50 cts. per yard. J. H. SIMPERS.

H. FAYTER'S Hand and Machine-Made SHOES in Congress, Lace and Button.
14. For sale by T. G. WROTH.

ASK for our No. 9 Unlaundried SHIRT at 50c. WESTCOTT & DODD.

Men's Footwear! Ladies' Footwear!
TAKE YOUR CHOICE
From the Very Best while you are about it, as it Won't Cost You Any More to Have all the Advantage of Selection from the
Leading Stock for Variety!
We are showing by far the Best Selected and Most Complete Line of New Styles and Novelties for the Present Season.
COME SEE IT AND BE SATISFIED,
for you are bound to find Just What You Want. Another very important thing for you to know is that we give QUALITY AS WELL AS QUANTITY, and show in all departments goods of the Highest Grade of Value, and General Excellence, and lastly, be it remembered, that IN PRICE WE PLEASE YOU with the best figures it is possible to make on honest goods. Come and see the best and cheapest in
Boots, Shoes, Oxford Ties and Tennis Shoes!
I will give $12 to the Lady of the family purchasing the largest number of Pairs of Shoes from April 11, 1891, to February 1, 1892; $8 to the next highest and $5 to the third highest.
T. G. WROTH,
May 16, 1891. *Under Stam's Hall, Chestertown, Md.*

Boys' Footwear! Child's Footwear!
In SHOES and SLIPPERS, ah! here we are right home. We cannot and will not be undersold. Our stock is one of the Largest, and our Goods are Standard. Come and see them.

Upon a Solid Basis!
BOUGHT FOR CASH!
Discount Off!

We Show a Nice Line of Worsted Dress Goods, Challies, Cloths, Serges, Cashmeres, &c. Also, Flouncings, Gingham, Prints, and Outings, and of Pure Apple Tissues, Entirely New. A Beautiful Line.

Our Entire Spring and Summer Stock
OF
DRY GOODS, NOTIONS,
Shoes, Slippers, Queensware, Glassware, Carpets, Mattings, Oil-Cloths, Groceries, &c.

We Sell GROCERIES on a Small Profit. Get a Pound of our 85 cent TEA. It can't be Beat.

Satteens Reduced from 12½ and 15c. down to 10c. per yard, net cash, best goods.
Very truly yours,
R. F. PARKS.

In CARPETS, OIL-CLOTHS and MATTINGS, we have no equal. Best Line in the town and Lowest Prices.

"Square Dealing Means Success."

HONEST TRANSACTIONS!

THIS is our motto, and one we have had hung up with the people of Kent and Queen Anne's counties for the past ten years. One suit justly sold sells another, and by selling the quantity we handle, we do not have to add a big margin on any one suit, but moderate profit will aggregate in quantity, consequently we are satisfied with small margins and larger sales. We claim to deal as justly with the man who is not a judge as the one who has had the opportunity of being better posted, and in these days of perplexities, when cotton is so blended with wool that even the closest scrutiny fails to reveals the fact, then it is even more important to buy where such an announcement as we make is fully substantiated, for our effort in business is to make permanent trade, and not sell a man one suit and lose him when in want of another. Come and see us and if we don't show you a line of goods to suit you, and give you prices in harmony with a limited purse, it will not be our fault, for we have visited the largest manufactures in the country and ground them down to the lowest possible prices on a line of goods that cannot fail to please the most fastidious, consequently we are in a position to please you.

FURNISHING GOODS AND HATS!
we havn't space to tell you of our line, it is too large, come and see it.

SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!
We are selling lots of them. This alone is sufficient evidence of the substantial line we carry. We have anything a Man or Boy can desire, and made to measure and guarantee a fit from the finest stock. Plow Shoes, buckle or lace, 90c.; Solar Tip 90c.
A. FRIEDMAN,
Opposite Stam's Hall. *The Square Dealing Clothier.*

JUST OUT—A New and Splendid Companion
FOR FARMERS.
AN IMPROVED SPRING-TOOTH HARROW!
Steel Frame, elevated throughout its entire length and every tooth riding on a saddle, thus making it the LIGHTEST DRAUGHT HARROW on the market. No two teeth following each other and thereby thoroughly pulverizing the ground. The new Pivoting Frictional Tooth-holder permits the wearing of the Entire Length of the Tooth. Upon an examination we feel the most skeptical will be convinced that we have the FINEST HARROW YET INVENTED.

PLOWS and PLOW CASTINGS.
We are Agents for the SOUTH BEND CHILLED PLOW with the Improved Jointer. We furnish Castings for the South Bend and the Remington Plows. Ropes, Traces, Chain Traces, Hames, Hame Strings, Straps, Plow Lines, Back bands. Don't forget we are prepared to do Roofing, Spouting, Repairing and all kinds Tin Work t short notice and at prices AS LOW AS THE LOWEST.
J. LLOYD McFEELY & CO.,
March 28, 1891. CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

FARMERS' ALLIANCE --- READ!
LIME. LIME. LIME.
For Sale---200,000 Bushels of Schuylkill Lime. Delivered by Rail or Water, and 50,000 Bushels of Wrightsville Lime, Delivered by Rail only. Send for Prices and Terms. Farmers! Corn, Wheat and Oats have reached their minimum, hence we may all look for
Good Paying Prices for the Next Seven Years!
The prospect for Peaches is most excellent, therefore improve your land now by ordering Our Lime early. You will not regret it.
BENJ. F. FLEMING,
March 21, 1891—6m. Chestertown, Kent County, Md.

JOSEPH HAID,
1020 Aisquith St., - Baltimore, Md.
Pianos and Organs tuned and repaired in the best manner. Orders promptly attended to, and charges reasonable. a25.

THE latest styles in Stiff and Soft HATS, also a nice line of CAPS. Call and see them.
n8. WM. R. ALDRIDGE.

BENJ. B. OWENS,
Architect,
323 North Charles Street, Third Floor,
BALTIMORE.
Reference:—"KENT NEWS." ap25-tf.

ADVERTISING AND JOB-PRINTING.

Terms of Transient Advertising:
One square, three insertions or less - - $1.00
Each subsequent insertion - - - - 25
Six lines Nonpareil, or space equivalent thereto constitute a square.

Advertisements inserted for three months or at longer periods at low rates.

JOB-PRINTING:
—SUCH AS—
HAND-BILLS, CIRCULARS,
BLANKS, BILL-HEADS, &c.
executed with neatness and dispatch at satisfactory price.

A Lady's Politics.

The following letter is written by a lady. She asks a place for her views in the NEWS. Though she be a lady, she thinks she knows a thing or two about politics. We confess that we do not exactly "see the point" in her letter, and so must let the reader draw his own conclusion.

A Little Politics from a Lady's Standpoint

MESSRS. EDITORS KENT NEWS:

We hear much talk in these times of temperance, and surely it is well that it is so; all honor to the noble men and women enlisted in the cause. While the evil of intemperance is direful and far reaching, it seems to me there are other evils, which though less spoken of stand side by side with it in their hurtful efforts upon home and country.

The spirit of disobedience and irreverence is abroad in the land. We see it in the little tot just beginning to know right from wrong; and so it goes on from year to year, gathering strength with the years until we have the full-grown outlaw. We need not expect reverence and obedience from a child, unless we strive to so fashion our own conduct, that we may have the confidence and respect of that child; and so it seems to me when those in authority in county and State are incapable and faithless, we need not wonder that many lack respect both for the law and the administrators thereof.

While such is the state of affairs in many places, it is not so in this fair county of Kent. I think it can be truly said that our people generally are law abiding and our officers faithful and conscientious. Look to it you voters of Kent that such a state of things continue. There are men among you natives of Kent and therefore to them her interests are dear, honest, truthful, and capable, let these be the men to whom you will entrust the business of your county and the enforcement of her law. Do not vote for a man just because he has the presumption to ask you to do it, and because he can talk and be pleasant and *seem* fair; any voter has lived long enough to know that a man may talk fair and yet be utterly unreliable. Before you vote for a man just look back a little consider is he fit for the office he seeks, is he a native of Kent, has he always been honest and fair about his own affairs, in a word can you trust him.

FAIRNESS.

THE OYSTER QUESTION.

MARYLAND OYSTER BUREAU,
Baltimore, May 5th, 1891.

TO THE EDITORS OF THE KENT NEWS:

Gentlemen:—The above named Bureau has been established for the purpose of receiving and imparting information from and to persons who are interested in the future of the oyster in Maryland. The occasion for the formation of such a Bureau exists in the present condition of the oyster business in this State. No candid man will deny that the actual supply of oysters is now much less than it was ten years ago. No well informed and honest person will deny that the demand for this delicious food has greatly increased in all parts of the country. We all know that the demand at the present time far exceeds the supply. To use the terse language once employed by Mr. Cleveland upon another subject we may say, that it is "a condition and not a theory which confronts us."

What shall we do in the above state of affairs? It is clear that we must increase the supply. It would be folly to try to decrease the demand, when the demand for our product will bring us money and prosperity, if we can supply it. We are told that the savages of Patagonia, upon finding that the clams and shell fish were becoming scarce, met the crisis which confronted them with great promptitude. Finding that there were more people than clams, they forthwith began to kill the people, each man beginning with his mother-in-law. We are wise enough, in our day, not to seek to lesson the demand for anything which is bought of us. Let us not forget that it would be as foolish not to try to increase the supply as it would be to decrease the demand.

How then shall we increase the supply? We can do a little in this direction by closing certain portions of the bay for several years. We could at least *order* certain portions of the bay to be closed. Whether or not the dredgers would consider them closed, we can not tell. If we could enforce a law which would close certain portions of the bay, we would have in three or four years a very great increase of oysters in those portions of the bay which are closed, and the open parts would have become exhausted or nearly exhausted.

It must be clear that such shifts as that mentioned above, only partially meet the difficulty. What would the people be doing who live by getting and selling oysters, while the closed parts of the bay are recuperating? What county would want its waters closed first? It would not please the tongmen of Kent county to hear of closing that portion of the bay from which they gather oysters. The State might say to them wait three years and in that time we will find an abundant supply. The answer would be, "yes, but who is going to keep us, during those three years while we are waiting for the oysters to grow? "Some friends say, "You have a cull law." Yes, we do have a cull law, but nobody keeps it. Every captain knows, every commission man knows, that the cull law, while it is based upon a correct idea, is not capable of being enforced. The larger vessels take their oysters, often, from small boats in the night; how can the captain tell under these circumstances, whether he is bringing to market oysters of a certain size? When he reaches his market, he finds, by a crude mode of ascertainment, that he has a great many small oysters on board,—oysters that are below the legal size. The packer substracts a liberal amount from the boatman's bill to make up for the small oysters which have been hurried from their home in their extreme youth. Does the boatman take them back and distribute them carefully upon the rock? We know he does not; there is no power which could make him do it. The boatman is thinking of his present needs, of his bread, of his molasses of his rum, even that comes from the sale of oysters; and not at all of the economic conditions that surround the oyster question of Maryland. Does the packer carefully extract the small oysters which he has charged against the boatman? It is said that he does not; It is even stated that he ruthlessly steams these little fellows and sends them out West. He is thinking of how much money he can make, and does not have a consuming care for the almost exhausted beds.

We could State many of the suggestions that have been made for the purpose of aiding in the solution of this question. For one of the fairest and most impartial papers on this subject, we will have only to refer to the speech of your distinguished townsman, Mr. James Alfred Pearce, published in the NEWS last week.

The trouble we have to find with all these proposed remedies is that they are partial only, and very inadequate, it seems to us, to the present case. If we had ten times as many oysters in the bay as were in old times.

What has been done on Long Island Sound, in the Delaware Bay, in the Road Island waters, in England and in France, can be done also in the Chesapeake Bay. No one doubts this. We all know that the little State of Rhode Island gets more net revenue from about eleven hundred acres than Maryland receives from six hundred thousand acres of oyster land.

We are all aware, if we have examined this subject at all, that the taxes which are paid now by farmers, by merchants, and by all classes of citizens, would be much lower if the State would reach out and take the revenue which is waiting for it from the above mentioned sources.

All consumers of oysters, and they are greatly in the majority in this State, are told that prices are twice as high for good oysters as they were ten years ago.

Under the above circumstances, a strong nase ought to be presented in answer to the cause of the oyster farmer. Strong reasons ought to be shown why the people of the State, who desire to do so, should not engage in oyster farming, each to own his little farm.

We will try to present in your next issue with fairness, the cause of the men who are opposed to oyster farming, and then we will present you with what we think is a just solution of the whole matter. We will not be presumptuous; we will not try to grasp this great question in all its details.

Our efforts will be simply to answer what seem to us to be the strongest objections to the introduction of the industry of oyster farming. In order to give us the reception, which we are sure we will have from your paper and from your readers, we will say that we are sure we have no especial theories to advance; we do not represent any one class of persons engaged in the business of taking or selling oyster. We are investigating the subject with a view of arriving at some clear truth in a field, which, however interesting, is yet encumbered with many difficulties.

Respectfully yours,
THE MARYLAND OYSTER BUREAU.

A Fool's Advice.

It is better to run half a mile than to be kicked ten feet.

Never argue with an angry woman. She won't listen to you, and she can't argue herself.

Don't be too fresh. Remember that Columbus died in poverty, and that John Bunyan was in jail for some time.

Never strike a man stronger than yourself. Argue with him, reason with him, but never hit him—if you know when you are well off.

It is best never to take any liberties with falsehood. Sometimes, if you can't say anything except the truth, keep your mouth shut.

Don't allow yourself to be murdered, expecting that your friends will bring the guilty one to justice. Justice is blind and can't find him, and your friends are busy with their own affairs.

Don't stand around waiting for something to turn up. Pitch in and turn it up yourself.

If you think that this world is a great grabbag, and that you can have what you can grab, you're mistaken. Turn to the thief; consider his ways and don't get caught.—*Texas Siftings.*

WOMEN AS HOUSEKEEPERS.

A belief exists in the minds of one-half of creation that a woman cannot display the most shadowy preference for books to frying ham, or art to dishwashing, without becoming a slantern and a terror to good housekeepers. "Ah, ha!" says one, "so madam doesn't sweep her home Fridays because it interferes with her painting lesson," or "just look at her dining room windows! Ten to one they haven't been washed this winter. You never get into her home any way that you don't find her with a book in her hand."

"Now my friend," says a writer in the Chicago *Herald*, to be a good housekeeper should not cut a woman off from everything else in life any more than for a man to be a good navigator should debar him appreciating the flavor of the peach. If you and I ever get to draw the line clear and distinct between essentials and non-essentials we shall strike a key-note to a harmony of domestic life without a discord. A sunny-natured, clear-headed woman with a well nourished brain (and you can't nourish your brain without reading any more than you can your body without food) will make the household work anything but a drudgery. She will study out the easy ways of doing things, she will not tie herself down to the customs of her dead and gone grandmother, and do just so much sweeping and just so much silver polishing, whether needed or not, merely because the traditions of her ancestors claim work should be done that way. She may adhere to any Mede and Persian code; perhaps she will pile up her dishes now and let them wait while she reads a bit out of the new magazine or plays a jig for the children to dance by, or even runs out for a jolly evening with John, but in the end she will show quite as attractive a home as though she knew no god but precision and no necessity but method. The application of the science, how to discriminate between the essentials and non-essentials of life, will make any home happy and keep its mistress fresh and jolly. There can be no peace nor comfort in a slovenly Bridget. Neither can their be any happiness in a home presided over by an over-scrupulous pessimist. Genius and a generous display of common sense in the kitchen will so plan the campaign of work as to secure something in the home life better than drudgery. There must be some grind, but let it be of the sort that carries lots of music along with it, the organ rather than the grindstone.

WHY THE BABY CAME.

Pillowed on flowers, with a half open bud in his tiny hand, the baby lay, a beautiful image of repose. Nothing could be lovlier than the delicate face, the little lips just parted, the white brow shaded by soft, silken curls. There was nothing of the repulsion from death which some people always suffer beside a corpse, to be felt by the most sensitive here. As beautiful now as he had ever been in his brief, sweet life—the darling seemed to be asleep.

But it was a frozen sleep. The strong man, pale with suppressed emotion, was one who had felt the fountains of fatherhood stirred for the first time, when the little one uttered his first feeble cry. The mother, leaning on his strength now, because grief had crushed all her own, had been thrilled with the highest joy of womanhood when this nursling was given her, six moths ago. Everything was over now. The little garments must be folded up, and put away. There would be no need of wakening in the night to take care of baby. Baby was gone.

enlarge the whole life sweep of all who loved him. Their care for him gave them a comprehension of the mystery of childhood, and a feeling of the fatherhood of God, that without him they might never have possessed.

The minister said tender words, and prayed a prayer of thankfulness and trust. He had been to so many baby funerals in the quarter-century during which he had led his flock, the words of comfort came readily to his lips, and he meant them every one. He felt that such as this wee blossom were the flowers fittest for the kingdom of Heaven.

By-and-bye the last rites were performed. There was one little mound more in the cemetery, and one more desolate house in the town. These bereft parents were elect members of the largest household under the star, the household of the mourning.

The world is full of sympathetic hearts that are busied with their own cares and perplexities. There are always many to have a passing and sincere sorrow for those who have been afflicted, yet after awhile, when in the opinion of friends there has been time enough for the recovery of cheerfulness, even relatives and friends begin to chide the prsistently sad.

"Why did the baby come, if it was so soon to be taken away?" say these.

You may notice that you seldom hear this question from the lips of a mother. She is glad, away down in the profoundest depths of her wounded heart, that she had the child, though it be removed from her arms. She is glad to wear the mother's crown, though it be a crown of thorns.

To the inquirer may this answer be made. The baby came for two great reasons. One was that he might broaden and

The other was that the little spirit, flying heavenward, might draw by a slender silver-thread, invisible but never slackening, the hearts of father and mother, to the land where He dwells, of whom the whole family in Heaven and in earth is named.

He Got the Change.

On the way to Philadelphia, recently, a P. W. & B. R. R., conductor tackled a passenger who did not happen to have a ticket. In answer to a request for his fare the passenger tendered a $100 bill. The fare from Wilmington to Philadelphia, including the drawback of 10 cents, is 85 cts. The conductor politely informed the wealthy traveler that he could not make the change then, but would make it all right with him as soon as the train reached Philadelphia. Meanwhile he shot off a telegram at a way station, and when the train rolled into Broad street depot, there was a messenger waiting, with one hundred big, round silver dollars as change for that $100 bill. The passenger could not help himself. He had to take $88 and 15 cents as his change; but he doubtless resolved that the next time he traveled he would buy his ticket before the train started.—*North East Star.*

©Maryland State Archives, msa_sc6000_2_1-0078.jpg