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—OF VALUABLE—

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UNDER and by virtue of a power contained in a mortgage from Wm. P. Patterson and wife to Ellenora H. Barroll, dated 20th of February, 1886, and recorded in Liber S. B., No. 7, Folios 606, etc., one of the Land Record Books for Kent county, the undersigned, assignee of said mortgage, as will appear by several assignments thereof, duly recorded at the foot of said mortgage, will offer at Public Sale at

The Court House Door, in Chestertown, Kent County, Maryland,

On TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1892,

AT ELEVEN O'CLOCK A. M.,

An Undivided Seventh Interest in and to all that

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lying in Broad Neck, in the Fifth Election District of Kent county, adjoining the lands of Mrs. Augusta Camp, et al., and lying on the east fork of Lankford Bay, known as the

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Containing 54 Acres

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and being the same land which was conveyed to the late Horatio Beck by Abraham Hurlock, by deed dated the 29th of April, 1862, and which is now tenanted by Augustus G. Mathiot.

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—OF A—

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HOPE H. BARROLL,
d12-ts. Assignee of Mortgage.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF A

VALUABLE FARM

Near Millington, Kent Co., Md.

THE undersigned, by virtue of the power contained in a mortgage from Charles O. Cacy to Mollie G. Skinner, dated the 12th day of April, 1887, and duly recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, Md., in Liber S. B., No. 9, Folios 119, etc., will offer at Public Sale.

On TUESDAY, JANUARY 5th, 1892,

At the Court House Door, in Chestertown, Maryland, at 11.30 o'clock A. M.,

All that Valuable Farm

situated in the First Election District of Kent county, Maryland, adjoining the village of Millington, and being the same farm which was conveyed to the said Charles O. Cacy by Julia E. Cacy by deed dated January 1, 1881, recorded in Liber S. B., No. 4, folios 628, etc., containing

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PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR.

STATE OF MARYLAND,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

Whereas at the January session, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety, of the General Assembly of Maryland six separate Amendments to the Constitution were proposed, and six separate Bills, each embodying the Article or Section as the same will stand when amended, were passed in the manner and form prescribed by the Constitution;

And whereas the Governor, as required by section one of article fourteen of the Constitution, did, on the sixteenth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, issue his proclamation, containing each one of the proposed amendments in full, and submitting each one of them to a vote of the people of the general election then next ensuing, which proclamation was published in at least two newspapers in each county in the State and in three newspapers published in the city of Baltimore;

And whereas at a general election held in this State on Tuesday, the third day of November, in the said eighteen hundred and ninety-one, each one of the the said amendments were separately voted upon by the people, and from the returns of such election made to the Governor in the form required by law, giving the vote "For" and "Against" each proposed amendment, it appears that in the vote on the amendment, known as chapter one hundred and ninety-four of the Acts of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled an Act to amend section seventeen of article two of the Constitution of this State, (designated in the Governor's proclamation as amendment number one,) there were cast "For" fifty thousand one hundred and one votes, and "Against" twenty-two thousand one hundred and twenty-seven votes, and the said amendment was adopted.

In the vote on the amendment known as chapter one hundred and ninety-five of the Acts of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled

An act to amend section forty-eight of article three of Constitution of this State, (designated in the Governor's proclamation as amendment number two,)

There were cast "For" forty-seven thousand six hundred and seventy votes, and "Against" twenty-two thousand eight hundred and seventy-one votes, and the said amendment was adopted.

In the vote on the amendment known as chapter two hundred and forty-two of the Acts of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled

An act to amend article fifteen of the Declaration of Rights of the Constitution of this State, (designated in the Governor's proclamation as amendment number three,)

There were cast "For" thirty-two thousand two hundred and eleven votes, and "Against" thirty-eight thousand one hundred and eighteen votes, and the said amendment was not adopted, but was rejected.

In the vote on the amendment known as chapter two hundred and fifty-five of the Acts of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled

An act to amend section one of article seven of the Constitution of this State, (designated in the Governor's proclamation as amendment number four,) there were cast "For" forty-two thousand one hundred and forty votes and "Against" twenty-six thousand six hundred and ninety-six votes, and the said amendment was adopted.

In the vote on the amendment known as chapter three hundred and sixty-two of the Acts of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled

An act to amend section three of article twelve of the Constitution of this State, (designated in the Governor's proclamation as amendment number five,) there were cast "For" thirty-five thousand one hundred and eighty-two votes, and "Against" thirty-three thousand four hundred and forty-seven votes, and the said amendment was adopted.

In the vote on the amendment known as chapter four hundred and twenty-six of the Acts of the General Assembly of eighteen hundred and ninety, entitled

An act to amend section fifty-one of article three of the Constitution of this State, (designated in the Governor's proclamation as amendment number six,)

There were cast "For" thirty-five thousand three hundred and forty votes, and "Against" thirty-one thousand one hundred and thirty-nine votes, and the said amendment was adopted.

And whereas the said section one of article fourteen of the Constitution further provides that "if it shall appear to the Governor that a majority of the votes cast at said election on said amendment, or amendments severally, were cast in favor thereof, the Governor shall, by his proclamation, declare the said amendment, or amendments, having received said majority of votes to have been adopted by the people of Maryland as part of the Constitution thereof."

Now, therefore, I, ELIHU E. JACKSON, Governor of Maryland, do hereby proclaim and declare that the amendment herein designated as amendment number one, the amendment herein designated as amendment number two, the amendment herein designated as amendment number four, the amendment herein designated as number five, and the amendment herein designated as amendment number six, having received a majority of all the votes cast at said election for the said respective amendments, have been adopted by the people of Maryland as parts of the Constitution thereof, and henceforth said amendments shall be part of the said Constitution.

And that the amendment herein designated as amendment number three not having received a majority of the votes cast at such election is hereby declared to be lost and is not a part of the said Constitution.

THE GREAT SEAL OF MARYLAND.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of Maryland, at the city of Annapolis, on the third day of December, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and ninety-one and of the United States the one hundred and sixteenth.

ELIHU E. JACKSON.

By the Governor.

E. W. LECOMPTE,
Secretary of State.

Thurman's Tribute to His Wife.

Ex-Senator Allen G. Thurman, who is 78 years old, paid the following tribute to his wife only a few days before his venerable companion was taken from him by death:

"Marriage a failure! Those who say so are poor guides and poorer observers. They forget that happiness means contentment, and contentment does not rush into the newspapers. Because scum rises to the top that's no reason why there's nothing good beneath it. Of course there are unhappy marriages, and the divorce courts do a great deal of business, but what do these things prove? Merely that unfortunate couples have made mistakes. They are to blame, not the institution. I have been married half a century, and I'm pretty good authority on this subject at least. Marriage has been my salvation; my wife is the best friend I ever had. What I owe to her can never find expression in words, and my advice to men and women is, 'Get married.' It is the only natural state, and people who proclaim the joys of single-blessedness fail to realize that nothing is best single. All nature hunts in couples, and nature is a far better teacher than a corrupt and selfish faction of society. I'm sorry for those who have not found their complement in the opposite sex."

A MAN thirty years of age may expect to live for another thirty-two years.

A WELL of electricity has been discovered near Red Wing, Minn.

SCENES OF CUBA.

The Queen of the Antilles and Its Wonderful Development.

Mr. J. B. Voorhees, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has recently spent several months in Cuba, has written a paper describing some of the incidents of his life there, from which the following is copied:

At Santiago de Cuba, going up the main street from the landing in a carriage which I hired, and with an interpreter who volunteered his services without pay, as he was a physician located here, and graduated at one of our American colleges, one is met by groups of children, both male and female, as naked as when born, and as unconscious of their nudity as American boys and girls of their every-day clothing. Groups of Spanish soldiers are seen in blue jean suits, more comfortable-looking than elegant, as this is a military station.

Horses abound, but dwarfed in appearance. Mules are on every side, hitched in trains, laden with pack-saddles, and tied head to tails, forming a most comical picture, carrying freight to the nearest station for shipment, and reminding me of an old-fashioned tow on North river.

Priests are numerous, their shovel-like head-gear reminding one of their European brothers.

Some of the vehicles of the country are fearfully and wonderfully made. I had the pleasure of seeing a party of American from Brooklyn riding in a volante built in this style: The vehicle rests on two wheels, the body is suspended on leather braces, like our old Concord coaches. Long shafts of elastic wood, in which the horse is harnessed, complete it. Another horse precedes the one hitched to the vehicle. The first horse carries on his back the driver. The horses, despite their want of size, have plenty of endurance, and never stumble, like our American horses, and carry their passengers at a good rate through the town and up the mountain side. This style of vehicle is almost out of date in Cuba.

The storekeepers are sharp, and can discount the keenest down-east Yankee in sharp trading, while they stoop to tricks an American would shudder at. Why, I went into a tobacco store to buy some cigars with the following results: I selected, under the advice of the storekeeper, what I wanted and tendered payment. The acute merchant, who can speak broken English had not enough change. I wanted to smoke a good cigar, so to obtain the coveted luxury I took more than I wanted so that he could make the requisite change. My change was made up of American dimes and half dimes, and every one of them had holes drilled in them. The holes in the coins, I judged, ruired them as a circulating medium, but great was my surprise when I learned that the holes were drilled in the coins to prevent their leaving the country, the more holes the better it was current in the stores. A shrewd move, indeed. I should judge that the mutilated silver coin formerly in use in the United States is part of the currency of this noted island.

In my rambles I visited one of its noted club-houses. It was built of marble, one story high, open to all passers-by, with cleanly-scrubbed marble floors, all the furniture being of the Brentwood cane order. It contained reception rooms for ladies as well as gentlemen, parlors and card rooms in abundance, and was in the full sense of the word a most agreeable lounging place. It is said that Cubans are very fond of club life.

Cienfuegos is the terminal point of the Bahla railroad. The city has very many beautiful streets, and possesses a noted square or park called Plaza de Armas, where the residents congregate and listen to the beautiful music. Its cathedral and public buildings and private club-houses, which are found in all parts of Cuba, are noteworthy because of their massive appearance. While stopping here I visited some of the noted club-houses, and making due allowance for construction—they are one story high, marble outside and in, with a fountain playing in the centre and adorned with tropical plants—their apartments are clean and in good order, home-like and congenial.

At this place I gained my first hotel experience on the island of Cuba. The rate was $4 a day. It was three stories in height, with marble floors. The rooms were of good size, furnished with brass bedsteads, with canopies over them. The windows were heavily curtained and protected with iron bars, giving them a Raymond street jail appearance from within. The beds had no mattresses, and I must say that I found sleeping on the hard surface particularly trying at first, but I found afterwards the experience in other hotels. The service was good, and the landlord and his assistants attentive. Most every first-class hotel has an interpreter who speaks broken English and other languages, and is a very useful man to the guests of the hotel.

From here we journey across the island to the old Spanish city of Havana. Of the railroad itself, its cars and comforts, the less said the better. Everybody smoked, some ate as nature prompted, or drank the milk of green cocoanuts instead of water, while not a few passengers had game cocks in their baskets on their way to a mill which is sure to take place on a Sunday afternoon. The combination of odors may better be imagined than described.

Here you ride at the peril of your purse and walk at the peril of your life. If you ride they will rob you. If you walk they will run over you. A man visiting Havana hired a cab for himself and another for his luggage. He arrived at the hotel and his luggage never arrived; the supposition is that the drivers made an equal division of of the spoils.

Everybody of the male gender is in shirt sleeves; everybody, both male and female, and also the small boys, apparently smoke cigarettes; nobody chews tobacco except Americans. The population gathers at the parks on musical nights, and a neat, comfortable, well-fed people they appear. The old folks quietly lounge and listen, while the natty senors and senoritas make eyes at each other.

The largest and finest market is the Tacon. It occupies an entire city block, is open on all sides, and when I paid an early morning visit, I found such an abundance of tropical fruits, fish alive, as the law prevents the sale of dead fish, and vegetables so fresh and tempting in appearance, that I could not help contrasting it with even our overflowing Northern markets.

I noticed one peculiarity in Havana which I cannot pass by in silence. The milk in Havana is pure. The cows are driven into town in the early morning, and the milk drawn direct from the animal is sold to the consumer. It was amusing to me, and oh, what a contrast—and not a pump in sight.

TREES grown from seed planted where each tree is to remain are known to be hardier and more thrifty than those that have been transplanted. To have proper varieties, however, the young trees must be grafted or budded while standing in the ground. Some of the grafts or buds may fail, but if so the trees may be replaced by others that have been grafted or budded in the nursery.

A FRENCH agricultural experiment station reports that out of 575 plants the goat eats 449 and refuses 126; the sheep, out of 518, eats 387 and refuses 141; the cow, out of 494 plants, eats 276 and refuses 218; the horse, out of 474 plants, eats 262 and refuses 212; while the pig, out of 243 plants, eats 72 and refuses 171.

IT is an old maxim that a "sick sheep never gets well" but this may be due to old-time modes of management. All sick sheep should be removed from the flock and placed in warm quarters on straw bedding. Dryness and clean quarters are more beneficial to sheep than medicine.

IT is advisable, before arranging for the house plants, to give new earth to the pots, in order to avoid diseases of the plants from the old earth used previously. Plants are always benefited by a change of earth, and the work is easily done.

BLASTS OF BLESSEDNESS.

Religious Thoughts from the Indianapolis Ram's Horn.

All doubts are from the devil.
Little troubles kill little men.
People live for what they hope for.
A lie can be told without saying a word.
Self-conceit is harder to cure than cancer.
People who think low are sure to live low.
God will be to us all that we trust him for.
People who love themselves do not hate sin.
Sometimes a good well has a very poor pump.
There is nothing meaner anywhere than a lie.
The more we need Christ the nearer He is to us.
No man pleases God who prays only for himself.
It is the cowardly dog who is always howing his teeth.
When the devil can get the eyes he is sure of the feet.
Man could not love a God who could uffer for him.
It takes fire to bring out the fragrance of the incense.
The devil's arrows are all dipped in the power of doubt.
How easy it is to feel big in the presence of a dwarf.
No man can overcome himself without help from Christ.
The man who is not giving to God is stealing from himself.
A man who will lie on his knees won't tell the truth anywhere.
Nothing can hurt you so much as to doubt the word of God.
The people who need your prayers most are those you don't like.
All the philosophy in the world has never made anybody better.
The man who stands on God's Word never travels on low ground.
A preacher with the big head is a man the devil loves to look at.
When there is a giraffe in the pulpit how the lambs do suffer.
It takes more than eloquence to make the devil let go of the people.
It is human nature to hate people who show us that we are little.
The less a man who won't pay his debts prays in church, the better.

Telling Secrets to Men.

It is the mistake of a lifetime to give a man any liberty which you would not want known, and to expect him to keep the matter a secret writes Ella Wheeler Wilcox, in the *Ladies' Home Journal*. The exceptional man will sometimes hide the indiscretion of a young girl whom he believes spoke or acted from ignorance; but the average man, in the highest the same as in the lowest walks of life, boasts of his successes with foolish women, and the rendezvous, the letter, the embrace, or the souvenir which she has given him, thinking it will never be known to others than themselves, is shortly the matter of gossip among a dozen people.

Women hide their secrets far better than men do. They fear the censure of the world too much to share their errors or indiscretions with confidants. But men are almost invariably vain and proud of their conquests, and relate their achievements with the fair sex to one or two admiring friends. They may not use names, but let the incidents once be told, it is an easy matter to discover the personages if one is at all curious to do so.

The only way to keep men from betraying our indiscretions is not to commit them. I once made these remarks in the presence of several ladies, and one of them replied "that she was glad she had never been acquainted with the class of men I knew." At the same time that lady's name had been used lightly in a club-room not a week previous, and her indiscreet actions had been commented on by "the class of men" she did know.

Hints for Christmas.

Don't ask your child what he wants unless you intend to give it to him.

Though money makes the mare go it makes Santa Claus come.

Don't buy your best girl a present on the installment plan.

Rub the price mark off the present unless it is an expensive one.

If you wish to surprise your girl never ask her what she would like for Christmas.

When you have the Christmas tree up it doesn't mean that you have it fixed up.

At Christmas time it is well enough to ape the English as far as the plum pudding is concerned.

Some persons never wish you a merry Christmas unless they think they will get something for doing so.

Santa Claus would never make a schoolmaster. Whatever is good he puts at the foot of the stocking.

If we don't have baseball at Christmas we have the cricket on the hearth.

The bachelor who puts his thumb into the boarding-house Christmas pie is apt to pull out a collar button.

Don't buy your best girl a present on the installment plan, as she might jilt you before you had made all the payments.

What the Barber Pole Represents.

The barbers of long ago were barber surgeons, but the rapid advance of surgical science has caused them to fall from their high estate. The guilt knob at the end of the barber pole of today represents a brass basin, which but a few decades since was actually suspended from the pole. The basin had a notch cut in it to fit the throat, and was used in lathering the customer, preparatory to shaving him. The pole represents the staff held by the patient who came to the barber surgeon to be bled. The two spiral stripes painted around it signify the two bandages, one for twisting around the arm previous to the act of phlebotomy, or blood letting, the other for binding when the operation was completed. —*St. Louis Republic.*

Do Not Say.

Do not say official when you mean officer.

Do not say "cut it in half, but say cut it into halves, divide it, etc.

Do not say I intended to have written a letter yesterday, but say I intended to write a letter yesterday.

Do not say spoonful unless you are measuring by a plurality of spoons; say instead, "so many spoonfuls."

Do not use prepositions needlessly; do not say off of, but off, do not say where have you been to, but where have you been.

Do not say direct your letters to me at Mr. Burton's, but say address your letters.

IN discussing "how to tell a poor sportsman," the Centreville Observer among other things says: As a safe rule the man who howls at his dog in the field may be put down as a poor sportsman and the dog that is howled at is a poor dog. For the matter of that the dog which finds the game for a noisy master usually does about what his dog sense tells him to. The very fact of the man's noisy demonstrations shows that he cannot make his dog obey. With dogs as with horses, the master who handles them is not he whose voice can be heard in the next county. The quiet control of horse or dog is the only true mastery.

Two Important Things.

There are two things which will make us happy in this life if we attend to them. The first is, never to vex ourselves about what we cannot help; and the second never to vex ourselves about what we can help.

LARGE as was the wheat crop this year it is stated that indications point to as large an area of land seeded to wheat as before.

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