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PLENTY of them. Full up in all grades and styles. Few can meet and none can beat our Prices. Let us call your attention to sensible facts about Buying Nice Goods Cheap this season. We open with as fine an assortment of NEW and STYLISH GOODS as any one could ask to see. They are the best money buys. The value is in them. The result is Bargains for you all. We are selling honest goods, bought right at prices as close to the jobbers' figures as we can make them, and live. Nobody can do more. Most won't do as well, but no matter about that the fact stands that we offer reliable goods as close as anybody can sell an honest article.

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Our Stock is Complete in all Sizes and Grades of:
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We show the very newest and most popular styles and guarantee a first-class fit in every department. All grades constantly in stock. Will TAKE YOUR MEASURE for any kind of Shoe you may want. Fit guaranteed.

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April 22, 1893.

S. BECK. W. S. WALKER.

BECK & WALKER,
FERTILIZER MANUFACTURERS.
OFFER TO THE FARMERS OF KENT AND QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTIES
FERTILIZERS OF ALL KINDS!
WE WOULD CALL ATTENTION TO OUR SPECIAL BRANDS FOR THE
—Spring Crop of 1893—
Corn, Oats, Asparagus, Potatoes,
TOMATOES and GENERAL TRUCK.

All of these goods were used by a number of our prominent farmers last year, and in all cases gave satisfactory results. We would be glad to refer intending purchasers of Fertilizers to the parties who used them. All of our brands of goods are prepared under the personal supervision of Mr. P. B. HOLLIS, who is well known in this community as an experienced agricultural chemist.

BUSINESS OFFICE in the KENT NEWS BUILDING, where we shall be pleased to see our friends and the public.
CHESTERTOWN, March 18, 1893.

CHAS. J. BAKER, President. Established 1873. W. W. BAKER, Secretary.
The Chemical Co., of Canton,
—MANUFACTURERS OF—
HIGH GRADE FERTILIZERS
—AND IMPORTERS AND DEALERS IN—
Fertilizing Chemicals,

Offer to the farmers of Kent and adjoining counties these old and reliable brands of fertilizers for their various crops. With some twenty years of constant application to the business we may safely say that we omit nothing that intelligent experience can supply in giving as nearly as possible what is required by the grower of every leading crop, and we give every attention, not only to the compounding and manipulation of our goods, but also to their delivery in good condition, suitable for even broadcasting and easy drilling. We make a specialty of the manufacture of High Grade Fertilizers for the use of
Corn Growers and Truck Farmers, also, a special Peach Tree Fertilizer.
ORDERS BY MAIL PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO.
FREDERICK FOUNTAIN, Agt.,
April 15, 1893—8t. CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

OUR CORN PHOSPHATE!
HAVE YOU TRIED IT? IF NOT, THEN GIVE IT A TRIAL.
TRADE MARK

UNDOUBTEDLY IT IS THE LEADING CORN FERTILIZER ON THE Peninsula. Our sales this Spring on this goods are already larger than ever before. For several weeks we have been shipping carload after carload, with the orders still coming in. Fertilizer men generally, we have found, would make a good fertilizer for truck, wheat, etc., but when it comes to a Corn Fertilizer would either make a goods composed of South Carolina and Kainit, which, under favorable circumstances, would injure the germ of the corn; or, if it was ammoniated, would use something of a volatile nature, which would burn the corn. This, in our opinion, has given rise to the general expression of farmers: "No, fertilizer on corn won't pay, for I have tried it." When the fact of the business was they had not tried a goods particularly adapted to that crop. We do not claim, however, that our goods have no South Carolina in it, for it has, but not to a large degree. Hence, our combination of Animal Bone, South Carolina, Potash and Ammonia, being derived from animal matter, which is not natural or volatile ammonia, but ammonia from decomposition, is why our goods act so well. *It will not fire your corn even during a drought. It will prevent your corn from frenching, and will cost you less than two dollars per acre to hill dress.*

MR. JOS. TOWNSEND, Berlin, Md., says: I had heard so much talk about your Phosphate for Corn that I purchased a ton last year and determined to test it in connection with Humphrey's & Tilghman's "B" and Lister's, the former costing $30, the latter $28, and in addition to having them alongside I took enough of yours to put 12 rows through the middle of the others, and when the corn was growing there was apparently little difference in the height of any notwithstanding the other cost $6 and $8 more, but when I came to husk it could tell to the very row where Hubbard's went as there was a bushel and nearly a peck of corn more. I therefore am going to use it again as well as my neighbors.

Special to the Baltimore Sun.
SNOW HILL, MD., Oct. 18, 1892.
ARCHIE HOLLOWAY, a young farmer, residing near Snow Hill, has this year raised one of the finest crops of corn ever gathered in Worcester county. He brought a box-full of ears to Snow Hill this week, four of which weighed six and one-half pounds. Some specimens will be preserved for the Maryland's exhibit at the World's Fair.
Mr. Holloway wrote us that the Corn referred to was grown with our Phosphate. He ordered more, which has been shipped.

We have 113 testimonials on file in our office from farmers in Kent, Queen Anne's and the various counties of Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

T. R. HUBBARD & SON,
Manufacturers of Standard Fertilizers, Chestertown, Md.

RUGS! RUGS! BEAUTIFUL RUGS! At P. T. MCFEELY'S Chestertown Furniture Store. m18.

FAST BLACK HOES 5½ to 8½, seamless for 15c. WESTCOTT & DODD

PERFECTION FLOUR is the best. WESTCOTT & DODD.

Mattings! Mattings!
THE LARGEST LINE!
BEST ASSORTMENT!
LOWEST PRICES!

Fancy, Jointed, Jointless,
DOUBLE DYED and DAMASK COTTON WARP, &c.,
ranging from $4.50 per Roll of 40 yards up to $15.00 per Roll.
R. F. PARKS,
April 28, 1893. CHESTERTOWN.

March, April, May, June and July!
IS IT TRUE?
YES, WE HAVE THE LARGEST STOCK OF
HARDWARE!
WOODENWARE, TINWARE, ROPES, BRUSH GOODS, TWINES, Etc., ever offered to the people of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties. OUR PRICES will interest you. Don't fail to get them before you buy.

PLOWS,
all sizes, and at LOWER PRICES than ever before. Stop in and look at them. REPAIRS for the Roland, Oliver, Wiard, Damascus, Norris, Concave, Minor and Horton, Wiley and other Plows constantly on hand.

Plow and Wagon Hames, Rope and Chain Traces, Single Trees for Rope Traces, Plow Lines, Hame Straps, Grub Hoes, Garden Forks and Hoes, Briar Scythes and Sneaths, Bush Hooks, Pruning Shears, Manure Forks, Post Spades, Round and Square Point Shovels, Picks and a large assortment of Garden Rakes, Etc. Vices from 30 cents to $5.75.

FARM BELLS,
Farm Barrows from $3.00 to $3.50.
Dirt Barrows from $2.00 to $2.50.
Whitewash Brushes, all prices.
Graniteware, Brittanaware and Tinware.

ROOFING and SPOUTING a Specialty!
ALL TINWARE GUARANTEED.
J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.,
March 18, 1893. Chestertown, Md.

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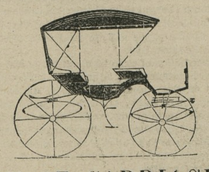
LOT OF CARRIAGES
ever offered to the people of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties, such as
BUGGIES, PHAETONS, DAYTONS, SPINDLE WAGONS, ROAD CARTS, LOW-DOWN DEARBORNS, &c.,
from the cheapest to the best hand buffed leather top.
FARM WAGONS, as good as can be bought anywhere. All kinds of REPAIRING, PAINTING and TRIMMING. Also, GENERAL
Blacksmithing and Wheelwrighting.
You can find us at the old stand formerly occupied by W. C. ERELL.
HENRY . DEFORD,
March 25, 1893. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

CLEAN YOUR CLOTHING
—WITH—
Vandegrift's Eradicator

The following testimonials speak for themselves:

CHESTERTOWN, MD., Feb. 27, 1893.
MR. JOHN S. VANDEGRIFT:
Sir—Mrs. Smith has been using your Eradicator for a year and pronounces it the best article of its kind she has ever used, and unhesitatingly recommends it.
Very truly yours, MARION DEK. SMITH.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., Feb. 27, 1893.
MR. JOHN S. VANDEGRIFT:
Dear Sir—I too have been using it in my family, and find it, as does Mr. Smith, superior to anything of the sort we have ever used.
Very truly yours, HOPE H. BARROLL.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., May 23, 1892.
MR. J. S. VANDEGRIFT:
Dear Sir—The piece of fabric given to you with grease spots on it, are thoroughly removed, and I think it is the only thing I have ever seen to effectually accomplish the work, and it gives me pleasure to add my testimony to its worth.
Resp'y, MISS KATE WHEATLEY, MILLINER.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., May 23, 1892.
MR. J. S. VANDEGRIFT:
Dear Sir—A good "Eradicator" is badly needed by everybody. The one prepared by you is, I believe, the best on the market, and will effectually and permanently remove all stains on the clothing. I take great pleasure in recommending it to the public, feeling assured that it will save many dollars' worth of clothing in the course of a year.
Very truly yours, C. F. STAM, DRUGGIST.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., July 19, 1892.
MR. JOHN S. VANDEGRIFT:
Dear Sir—I have seen some effects from your Eradicator and I believe it is the best thing of the kind I have ever tried.
Resp'y, M. A. TOULSON, DRUGGIST.

Wedding Presents!
WHAT IS MORE APPROPRIATE?
—THAN—
ARTICLES OF FURNITURE?
Call and see my Stock. New goods constantly coming.
PERCY T. MCFEELY,
j21. Chestertown.

NOTICE:

The Board of County Commissioners for Kent County, give notice that no articles or supplies of any kind for Kent County, purchased by any County Officer, Supervisor or Agent will be recognized by the board unless such purchase or purchases have been made upon the written order of the County Commissioner of the district in which the party purchasing such supplies or goods may reside.
T. J. SHALLCROSS, Pres't.
ROBT. C. MORGAN,
GEO. W. RODENHISER,
JOHN A. GROVES,
HORACE WILLSON,
Commissioners.
Attest:—T. W. RUSSELL, Clerk. dec19-tf.

E. W. F. SIMPERS!
OPPOSITE STAM'S HALL.
SHOES! SHOES! SHOES!
LADIES', MEN'S, BOYS' and CHILDREN'S SHOES.
Dry Goods and Notions, Muslins, Bed Ticking, Shirtings, Dress Ginghams,
COTTONADES, "LOT OF HAMBURG EDGINGS AT COST,"
PLAIN AND FANCY GROCERIES A SPECIALTY.
Canned goods, Teas, Coffees, Pure Spices, Hominy Grits, Rolled Oats, Oat Meal, Corn Starch, Fruit Puddine, New Orleans and Porto Rico Molasses, Gold Dust Washing Powder, and everything in this line, in fact the MOST COMPLETE STOCK in town. New styles in Table Glass, Fancy China and White Ware. "LOWEST PRICES FOR THE CASH."
E. W. F. SIMPERS,
April 22, 1893. CHESTERTOWN, MD.

CLOTHING, HATS, SHOES and Furnishings.
ARE YOU READY NOW FOR YOUR SPRING OUTFIT FOR YOURSELF AND BOYS? WE HAVE PLACED ON OUR COUNTERS
—A HANDSOME LINE OF—
SPRING CLOTHING!
Our $8 and $10 SUITS will knock them all out. You have never seen such value. Just look in our show windows. Twenty-three Styles of BOYS' and CHILDREN'S SUITS from 75 cents to the finest made. Men's and Boys' SHOES, an entire new stock, from 75 cents to hand-made. Beautiful SHIRTS, NEW STIFF and ALPINE HATS, and a complete line of NECKWEAR. Come early, and you will be surprised at our low prices.
Respectfully,
A. FRIEDMAN & CO.,
Opposite Stam's Hall. Chestertown, Maryland.

Our 30th Year!
BRIGHTER THAN EVER!
Carriage Building!
Wheelwrighting!
Blacksmithing!
CHAPMAN & LAMBERT
With ample buildings, spacious grounds, the best materials and first-class workmen, are better fitted for the prosecution of their business than ever before in their history. They are yet in their very prime, but with an experience which is invaluable. They give special attention to the MANUFACTURE of
CARRIAGES!
We make in this line principally light work, consisting of SIDE-BAR BUGGIES, PHAETONS, DAYTONS and FAMILY CARRIAGES of all styles. Our work is all finished first-class. We do no cheap shoddy work. Now is the time to have your Carriages painted and repaired, as we are specially well fixed in that line. We keep on hand a fine line of Carriages of other makes.
—IN OUR—
WAGON DEPARTMENT
we are prepared to build the VERY BEST FARM WAGONS, EXPRESS WAGONS and PEACH DEARBORNS that can be produced.
Call and see our Low-down Platform Work, which is so handy to load
WE HAVE OVER 2,000 VEHICLES NOW IN USE.
All kinds of REPAIRING done in the best manner, at the shortest notice, in our Wheelwright and Carriage Departments.
We also keep Cultivators, Harrows, Plows, &c.
—IN OUR—
Blacksmithing Department!
we are prepared to do all kinds of fine light work, such as Mill, Bridge or boat work. All kinds Job-Work and Forging also attended to.
HORSE-SHOEING.
We have on the BEST HORSE-SHOERS IN THE STATE, and we invite all owners of horses to give us a trial. Bring along your Forgers and Cutters.
We promise to continue to do first-class work as heretofore, and can guarantee that our prices are as low as the lowest and in keeping with the character of our work. We are fully awake to the hard times and the pressing needs of the agricultural community, and promise to give our customers any advantage we can secure in the purchase of our material at cash prices. Call and see us.
Respectfully,
CHAPMAN & LAMBERT,
apr22-6m. CHESTERTOWN, MD

Chestertown Bakery!
MRS. D. GRUBER
Is Still Up Town,
and prepared to furnish the people of Chestertown —and Kent county with—
FRESH BREAD,
BUNS, CAKES, PIES, &c.,
in any quantity.
WE ALSO HAVE A
NICE LINE of CONFECTIONERY
Call and see us.

FIELD CORN!
CHOICE SELECT VARIETIES FROM PENNSYLVANIA.
LEAMING, early;
GOLDEN DENT, very showy,
CHESTER CO. MAMMOTH,
all nice choice stock from the corn growing region of Pennsylvania, and especially adapted for culture in Kent county. TERMS CASH.
COLIN F. STAM,
a8-tf. DRUGGIST.

"OLD KENT."

BY REV. JOHN WORTHMAN.

My first circuit, after graduating at the Methodist Episcopal General Biblical Institute, Concord, N. H., in June 1862, at the foot of my class (alphabetically), I was appointed by the Rev. Thos. J. Quigley, D. D., then presiding elder of Easton district, to Kent circuit, as the third preacher, with Joseph E. Smith, L. L. D., as senior preacher, and the sainted John Brandreth as first junior. The circuit had nine appointments,—Chestertown, Still Pond, Bond Chapel, Walton's, Salem (Old) Union Hynson's, Rock Hall, Piney Neck and Union. The third preacher was to give Chestertown and Still Pond preaching every Sunday; and these were to pay the $122 extra, on account of pastoral support. Out of this sum I was expected to furnish myself with a horse and carriage, books and clothing for the year; and at the close of the year, I had saved $70 cash in hand, out of this allowance. But my father was out of a horse and carriage. This $70 was the first money I saved.

After spending a few weeks in Philadelphia with "the loved ones at home," the most of whom are now in the home of the saved, I left for Still Pond; going by rail to Elkton Md., and thence taking the mail stage for my destination, via Chestertown. On my way down we stopped at Bethel, where I met broter John B. Quigg, then in charge of that circuit. His kind words of cheer, comfort and encouragement to me, I will always gratefully cherish. He has always been the young man's friend; and no one has done more for the young men of the Wilmington Conference than he.

I had been directed by the presiding elder to stay with brother John Wilson. The family consisted of his wife and a nephew Frank. This lad was about thirteen years old, bright and intelligent, and in his first lessons in Latin, I tried to give him some help. In all my ministry I have found but one such a couple as John Wilson and his wife.

Still Pond was the strong church of the circuit, numerically and financially; and I have never seen its equal. It was then the Eden of our Methodism on the Peninsula; and though years have made many changes, it is still a garden spot in Methodism, and I consider it the most desirable appointment within the bounds of the Wilmington Conference. How fresh in my mind are the familiar names of more than thirty years ago! Brother Joshua Clark, whose hospitality knew no limit. He was the father of Rev. Adam Stengle's wife, then a little girl with raven curles, and of a lot of jolly boys that used to make the house ring with their exuberant mirth! Brother James Gale, so true to his Church and country; Brother Jump, whose feelings took him with the South, yet true to our God-given Methodism! Brother Webb, whose princely home was ever open to Methodist preacher! Dr. Hammond, whose pure spirit was like that of the immortal Cookman; both, now in the land of the pure! Brother Roseberry, unassuming, but with a big heart! Brothers George and Joseph Howard, grand young men! Brother Wm. Watt with his little wife, and Polkey, the diamond that sparkled in their home! Brother Harper, a young man just commencing commercial life in a small way, who honored the Lord with his substance, and is now one of the leading men in the church, and a prominent man in the county! Geo. Crosby, an exhorter, whose mind would have equaled Whedon's, had it been as thoroughly cultivated! These are some of the worthies of that charge.

My first Sunday, a beautiful one in July, was at Still Pond; and as I caught a glimpse of the church, I saw not less than twenty-five carriages in front of it and found the audience room was full. I had only preached about five times, and had but three things that I called sermons. It was the trying hour of my life; and to add to my embarrassment, brother James E. Bryan had to put in his appearance. How I got through, I can hardly say.

The afternoon appointment was at Union, about five miles distant, and I flattered, myself that I would have more "liberty" there, as Brother Bryan would not be in my way; but just as I was about to commence, in he came. All was up with me, for I had the same sermon I preached in the morning. How I did plead with him to preach! But he was immovable in his resolution to be a hearer. (I hope yet to get even with him.)

Brother Parks was the leading man at Union; and Chestertown was the headquarter of the circuit.

The brethren at Chestertown had arranged to pay, I think, some $54 for my board in that place, for six weeks; but up to this date I have not boarded it all out. T. W. Eliason, Sir., and his noble wife, (how precious is her name!) and Dr. J. A. Perkins and wife opened their homes to us, and what time I spent in town was beneath their hospitable roofs; the Eliasons taking me into their family as one of their own boys, and making me feel as much at home as their son Thomas and John did. My regard for them has led me to name one of our own boys after their son Thomas.

In all my intercourse with men, I have never met one whose judgement I would rather trust than that of brother Eliason.

Episcopal Methodism in Chestertown owes much to four maiden ladies. In 1828, when the tidal wave of the so-called Reform agitation seemed to be sweeping everything before it, our Church in Chestertown was about to be borne away on the current. But when the hearts of the brethern had almost failed them, these ladies, Miss Temperence Bradshaw, Miss Eliza Smith, 'afterwards Mrs. Thomas Baker,' and the two Misses Perkins stood up as a bulwark against the tide and saved church from the threatened disaster. When Miss Bradshaw died, she left over $5,000 toward building the present church.

Bond chapel in Quaker Neck where Quakerism has been absorbed by Methodism, received its name in honor of Dr. Thomas E. Bond, for twenty years editor of the *Christian Advocate* and *Journal*, a man without a peer in Methodism in the use of the quill, the present editor of the *Advocate*, Dr. J. M. Buckley not excepted.

The leading man here was Hon. Thos. Baker, a man of sterling character; one of whose daughters became the wife of the late Rev. Samuel T. Gardner of the Wilmington Conference, and whose grandson, Rev. T. Baker Gardner, now a member of the Troy Conference, was then a little fellew in frocks. General Lamb's on the Chester River was a choice place of resort for the young preachers. The old general was a typical southern gentleman, with his, many slaves, and his mansion always full of guests. His step-son, Wm. Young, about my age, a congenial companion of mine, is now a prominent citizen of Baltimore. James Baker, then in the Sunday school; was one of the most genial young men I have ever met. He is now the leading man in Bond chapel. The question used to be asked, "What will the chapel do when Thos. Baker dies?" To his honor I can answer; the mantle of the father has fallen upon his sons.

Hynson was at that time the oldest M. E. Church in the county, and Bro. J. Eades was the standard bearer at that ancient citadel of Mehtodism. His grand-daughter is the wife of Rev. J. M. Collins of the Wilmington Conference. Brother Eades' house was the home for the preachers on the lower part of the circuit.

Rock Hall was an afternoon appointment, where we were always sure of big congregration. Here we had an old time local preacher, Brother Ledde who was a kind of local bishop, and used to do about all the marrying and baptizing for this part of the work. He kept a watchful eye on the young preachers, that they did not violate the Dicipline, especially the rule, "Converse sparingly and conduct yourself pruprudently with women." He was a good man, and an excellent preacher. Brother Strong's house was another princely place for Methodist preachers. His good wife knew how to cater to fastidious appetites; and many a chicken had to submit to decapitation, that savory repasts might be served to her appreciative guests.

Piney Neck, though last, was not least. These people always had a good time religiously, for they believed in a high tide of full salvation. I see they are an independent charge now; and I am sure they know how to take good care of a preacher.

This large circuit afforded just the kind of training I needed. It was a capital post-graduate course after leaving the Biblical Institute, preaching three times, leading two classes and riding from fifteen miles every Sunday, and in revival meetings from September to March.

One of my difficulties at first was how to keep my wardrobe together; it being scattered at times all over the circuit, from Still Pond to Piney Neck.

The territory included in Kent circuit in 1862-4, as one charge, is now arranged in six charges, with as many pastors. As one it raised $862 for its three pastors, and was one of the best paying circuits on the Peninsula; the six charges reported $3,446 for ministerial support, in 1892.

Written for the Kent News.

SPRING TIME.

BY MAMIE A. STRONG.

Old winter is gone, he has had his day,
O'er the earth has he held his lordly sway.
March's cold winds have bidden Farewell!
Of naught save great storms does her advent tell,
But April, fair April, though fickle his smile,
Now sunshine, now shadow, yet know we the while,
That when he reluctantly takes his leave,
With glad smiles of welcome sweet May we receive.

Now why do the birds sing so sweetly to-day?
Pouring forth their gay songs on the branches that sway,
And why do the winds blow so softly low?
Rippling the bright little waves as they flow,
'Tis that spring is come, and the earth is green,
No more do the winds blow chill and keen,
But sweet murmuring sighs o'er the landscape fall,
In May, lovely May, the fairest of all.

Fair, fragrant flowers are eager to grow,
That long have been struggling under the snow,
Tall yellow daffodils, and hyacinths white,
Nor loath to present their pure buds to the light,
The trailing arbutus the hills entwine,
Following ever the bright sunshine,
Blossoms in prevalence everywhere,
Refreshing and pure is the odorous air.

In rich profusion fair daisies grow,
And primroses scatter the meadows low,
Bright little buttercups spring into life,
On the high lands and low lands and everywhere rife,
The modest violet, purple and white,
With its freshness and purity gladdens the sight,
The sunshine, the dew, and the flowers meet
And the air is filled with a perfume sweet.

In the early morn when earth's sun doth rise,
To sail at his ease in the asure skies,
Tis then that sweet birds wake to sing all day,
Charming all thoughts sure the brightest away,
The turtle dove from the wood is heard,
Not till now from his snug winterbed has he stirred
Though its song sounds doleful, his heart is gay,
As he thrills it forth all the glad spring day.

When twilight draws near and all seems still,
Then begin the notes of the whippoorwill,
All the air is enchantingly filled with his song,
And the heart the sweetest of memory's throng.
The river near by flows steadily on,
As the night goes by and the day is born,
The sparkling waves in their merry flight,
Dance and whirl in the warm sunlight.

'Tis a sunshiny world full of brightness and pleasure
In spite of the shadows that oft in a measure,
Will darken the brightness and ruffle the calm,
And yet in the thought there is always balm.
That we may lift up our eyes with a heart full of love,
And fervent thanksgiving to the Great One above,
And accept it will He whether in prose or in rhyme,
Who maketh and bringeth our glad Springtime.

DON'T STEAL LIKE WHITE FOLK.

A White Man Robs a Bank, a Negro Steals a Chicken.

BALTIMORE, May 2.—The Baltimore African Methodist Episcopal Conference has adopted resolutions protesting against the use of money raised by taxation to support denominational schools, advocating the use of the Bible in the public schools and protesting against any interference by religious bodies with the public school system.

An error in the printed minutes of the conference made one of the committees apparently $50 short.

Dr. James H. A. Johnson insisted that his accounts were correct, said his honor had been impeached and that he was indignant.

"Oh, brother, sit down, sit down," said Bishop Gaines.

"Nobody doubts your houesty. We don't believe you would take the money. Why, I myself would as soon think of stealing as think you'd steal. And if I was going to steal I wouldn't take less than a million dollars. I would steal like a white man and take a factory or a bank or a railroad; then I'd divvy up with a smart lawyer to get me out of the scrape. Colored folks ain't up to that yet. When they steal they steal a pig or a chicken or some eggs. I know you wouldn't steal, but I want that money locked up; that's all."

In a short time the mistake was discovered and matters quieted down.

Value of a Weak Stomach.

From the Philadelphia Record.

The venerable ex-Judge James Campbell, who died recently, was a great favorite among young lawyers, to whom he never tired of giving advice and with whom he loved to sit and chat of the days when he was prominent among the young men at the Philadelphia bar. Not long ago several of the youthful disciples of Coke and Blackstone were gathered in the Judge's office, and the conversation turned upon longevity. "To what do you attribute your long life?" asked one of the company of the octogenarian. "To a weak stomach," replied Mr. Campbell with his usual kindly smile and a humorous twinkle. "A weak stomach?" "Yes, a weak stomach," reiterated the old gentleman, "You see, I realized forty years ago that I had it, and I started in to take care of it. As a result I established a regimen that has resulted beneficially to not only my stomach but my whole system, and here I am today over eighty. Take care of your stomachs, boys, and your stomachs will take care of you."

A Wise Precaution.

"For years," said a woman the other day, "I have never slept without seeing that a couple of silk handkerchief's hung near my toilet stand, and that the bowl was half full of water. When I was a young woman, not out of my teens, I was in a hotel that took fire. I should have suffocated if my uncle, with whom I was traveling, had not thrown a wet silk handkerchief over my face. Thus protected I followed him through the hall filled with choking smoke, and down the stairs to safety. I have taught the practice to my children, and it has become a habit with us all. You want good big ones, and they must be wetted thoroughly; then you may if forced, endure the thickest smoke for a considerable time.

It Should Be in Every House.

J. B. Wilson, 371 Clay St., Sharpsburg, Pa., says he will not be without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, that it cured his wife who was threatened with Pneumonia after an attack of "La Grippe," when various other remedies and several physicians had done her no good. Robert Barber, of Cooksport, Pa., claims Dr. King's New Discovery has done him more good than anything he ever used for Lung Trouble. Nothing like it. Try it. Free Trial Bottles at M. A. Toulson's Drug Store. Large bottles, 50c. and $1.00.

Distance Traveled in Dancing.

An average waltz takes a dancer over about three-quarters of a mile. A square dance makes him cover half a mile. A girl with a well-filled program travels thus in an evening: twelve waltzs, nine miles; four other dances, at a half-mile apiece, which is hardly a fairly big estimate, two miles more; the intermission stroll and the trips to the dressing room to renovate her gown and complection, half a mile—grand total, eleven and a half miles.

The Van Wagoner
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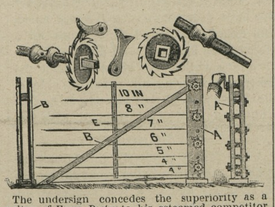
The undersign concedes the superiority as a writer of *Fence Poetry* to his esteemed competitor (the Page Woven Wire Fence Man) as appears in the *Transcript* of April 6, 1893, but cannot concede SUPERIORITY IN FENCE, judging from the appearance of his sample set up just a week from today. It seems that the Spring Coil refuses to *Coil* in Kent county. With his permission I will adopt a few lines of his Most Elegant Peotry on Fence for my fence.
We will furnish the farmer with a Ratchet,
And everything else to match it,
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J. S. VANDEGRIFT,
Cross Street, Chestertown.
P. S.—I will have the assistance of my wife in dressing my lady customers' hair, etc. m28-2m.

LOCAL NEWS.

Prize Frighters at Masseys—Fast Carpenter Wanted—Public School Averages, &c., &c.

Pugilism at Masseys.

It is the opinion of many that the manly art of self defence is on the decline, but it was suddenly revived by two young aspirants in physical culture of Masseys on Thursday, April 27th. In days gone by the first district was noted for its fighters, and although these two young men were former residents of our two adjacent counties they seem to be inspired with the ambition of reviving the spirit of former days. One of the combatants hails from the mountainous district of Cecil, while the other claims as his residence the lowlands of Queen Anne's, representing, as you see, the opposites of physical courage. While it is generally conceded that the mountaineer is more cool and collected under the most trying ordeals, it is also a well known fact that the lowlander is a man of fiery and impulsive temperament. But owing to the fact that the affair in question resulted in a draw, we are unable to inform the public which is the most desirable character for a pugilist, the cool impassiveness of the mountaineer, or the fiery impulsiveness of the lowlander. But should anything occur in the future that will enable us to decide upon this question we promise to duly inform your readers.
Masseys, April 28. CITIZEN.

5,000 Shingles.

Mr. G. to Mr. K. of Fairlee.—I need a new roof on my dwelling, and I am looking for *the carpenter* to nail the shingles on for me. Will you do the work?

Mr. K.—I will be glad to put your roof on as soon as I can.

Mr. G.—Now, that is just what I want to hear you say, "as soon as I can." I hear you are a very fast shingler, in fact a regular flyer; put on 5,000 *shingles* in one day. I do not think more than 10,000 will be required to cover the dwelling, hence only two days to put it on.

K.—You have been misinformed, *I am not the man*, in Fairlee, who puts on 5,000 *shingles* in 10 hours.

G.—Ah indeed! Well, *he is the man I am looking for*, where will I find him, and what is his name?

K.—I will answer that his *name* must be Mr. *Pretense*, and your first query, "where will I find him?" I will answer, not in the United States of America.

G.—Can't put on 5,000 shingles in one day of 10 hours!

K.—No, sir, that would be a little over 8 shingles a minute, and you say the young man had to carry the shingles 20 feet! 5,000 shingles is just 100 bundles, and 5,000 six-penny nails would be required to put them on.

G.—Well, how many can be put on in a day?

K.—Ordinarily, 1,800 sawed shingles is a day's work if they are put on right. I had a young man in my employ last year who put on 2,200 in one day. I recollect upon one occasion, I put on 1,100 from 1 P. M. to 6 P. M. I worked about as fast as I could, and to every advantage. The building was an incubator house. I could stand on the ground and throw the bundles on the roof. Not any scaffolds were needed on the roof, as it was shed, and not very much pitch. Now, you had better be satisfied if your carpenter puts on 1,500 or 1,800, and not want a Cypress forest used in one day.

A School-Master.

Again, Messrs. Editors, we desire to speak through the agency of your widely known and honored NEWS. There was a time when the offices of our land were not so numerous or difficult to secure as they are found to be at the present day. The Presidential chair is said to be the most honorable seat occupied by man, and well do we remember the teachings of history that told us in our boyhood days, how George Washington, the first of all presidents, was elected to the office by the unanimous vote of the people, and well do we remember how the mistake was made by President Jackson, by giving offices to all who gave an affirmative answer to the interrogatories: "Is he honest?" "Is he capable?" "Is he faithful to the constitution?" which is known as the "spoils system." And notwithstanding the energy with which the wisest men of political parties have employed themselves to obliterate the difficulty, the "spoil" still predominates. Now, adhering more closely to our subject, we are of the opinion that there are vocations in life as important, if not more so, than any to which we have referred—that of school-master. It is to him that is committed the moulding and shaping of the minds and characters of our future rulers of the nation, and unlike other possessions of honor, when a suitable man is obtained, we deem it expedient to keep him just so long as he proves his adaptation as a teacher. In the last issue of the NEWS we noticed that another effort has been made to sever the relations of Dr. W. L. Gooding as principal of the Wilmington Conference Academy. We are very glad, however, to learn that it was futile. There is no one as deeply interested in the success of the academy as Dr. Gooding, and we are safe in saying that the success of the past is due to his wisdom. About two years ago a feeling of sadness, second only to that of death, filled the hearts of the students by the announcement that Dr. Gooding "would cease as principal," and judging by the declarations of some of the students, some would have left the school when he did, and many others at the expiration of their term, thereby showing how highly they esteem the doctor. After this feeling had prevailed for several days, time and space would not permit me to describe the joy of the many students who were assembled in academy hall to hear the announcement, "I am continued as your principal," suffice it to say that the hall was made to ring with applause from all, and "amens" from many others. STUDENT.

Averages of Urieville School.

7th grade—Laura McKnett, 91; 2-6 grade—Mary McKnett, 88; 1-6 grade—Bertha Hendrickson, 94. Mattie Stouffer, 85; 5th grade—Kent McKnett, 95; Eddie Stouffer, 82; 4th grade—Thomas Newcomb, 74; Bessie Newcomb, 71; 3rd grade—James Shinn, 89; Blanche Stouffer, 85; Minnie Dillahunt, 84; 1st grade—Florence Melvin, 93; Emma Grantlin, 92; Grace McKnett, 99; Bertha Grantlin, 87; Maud Dillahnut, 87.

In Great Shape.

A gentleman