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Chestertown, Md., March 3, 1894.

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Testimonials.

KENNEDYVILLE, MD., Jan. 3, 1894.
T. R. HUBBARD & SON—*Gentlemen*:—I used your Peerless Phosphate on Tomatoes and Corn spring of '93 with gratifying results, notwithstanding the extraordinary drought. Will use it again this spring.
Yours respt., LEWIS C. JUSTIS, JR.

WORTON, Dec. 27, 1893.
Gentlemen:—In answer to your question, will say that I think your Tomato Phosphate can't be beat. Whilst I say it myself, the finest average of Tomatoes I ever saw grow were of my own growing this last season, and that, too, with your Phosphate. They were universally admired as my wagons were hauling to the cannery. I believe it to be a first-class stuff, and expect to use more this coming season. W. H. FRENCH.

MR. WM. R. ALLABAND, of Wyoming, Del., says: I used your Fertilizer on Tomatoes by the side of Green Bone Phosphate and Sun Guano. The Green Bone was cracked so high I put it next to the road to show off big, and the Sun Guano next, and the last, Hubbard's, away back, as its merits were kept quiet; but when visitors came to see my patch of Tomatoes, I always pointed out the ground on which all three kinds were, and Hubbard's got the credit of being far superior to the others. When picking time came it was all and all. I have used it on other crops with the same result, and believe it to be the best Phosphate on the market.

MR. J. B. HANWAY, of Joppa, Harford, Md., used the first year 8 tons; next, 24 tons; next 55 tons; and the next he and his brother used and sold together 98 tons, and it not only gave satisfaction last season, but wherever used.

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CHESTERTOWN, MD., 893.
T. R. HUBBARD & SON—*Gentlemen*:—Yes, the ton of your Tomato Phosphate purchased of you and used last year, did well. I had my Tomatoes in a young pear orchard of one-year-old trees. I applied the Phosphate by sowing broadcast and cultivating it in. The fruit was large, smooth and perfect, and whilst it is almost incredible, feel sure that my yield was 16 tons to the acre, but I know that Lamotte paid me for over 15 tons per acre. I know it did splendidly for me.
Respectfully, R. S. EMORY.

CHESTERTOWN, January 3, 1894.
Gentlemen:—I am frank to say that I consider your Tomato Fertilizer a most excellent article. I happened to have a little of Lister's on hand which cost several dollars more than yours, and when I came to the cannery Mr. Downey asked me why it was that some loads of my tomatoes were better than others. I answered, that is easily explained, the good ones are grown with Hubbard's Phosphate. I will want more the coming season.
Respectfully, JAS. A. FRENCH.

CHESTERTOWN, Jan. 2, 1894.
Gents:—In reply to your question as to my opinion in regard to your Tomato Goods, must say it is a good goods from the fact the finest Tomatoes grown and brought to my cannery were grown with your Phosphate. I remember one of my growers would bring some loads that were particularly fine, while others were not. I asked what made the difference, and he replied Hubbard's was used on the best, while another that cost more money, on the others. I believe your Tomato Phosphate to be an excellent article. JOSEPH DOWNEY.

MR. ROBERT MOFFETT, near Chestertown, says:—Notwithstanding the drouth last year the PEERLESS made him the finest tomatoes he ever saw, and that this can also be vouched for by his neighbors.

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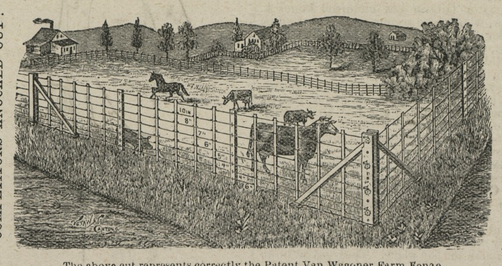

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100 Pair of Boy's Knee Pants, 10 to 90c.;
300 Odd Coats, 75c. to $2.90; Men's Suits, $3.00 to $10;
Boys' Suits, Jackets and Knee Pants, 95c. to $5;
350 Men's and Boys' Overcoats, 95c. to $7;

100 Dozen Men's and Boys' Overalls, 39 to 63 cents; a Large Line of Men's and Boys' Gloves, 25 cents to $1.23; Extra Heavy Floor Oil-Cloth, 25 cents per yard; Best Table Oil-Cloth, 19 cents per yard. TINWARE:—4 Quart Coffee Pots, 18 cents; 3 Quart, 14 cents; 2 Quart, 10 cents; ½ Gallon Tin Cups, 5 cents. HARDWARE:—Cut Nails, 2½ cents per pounds; Man's Axes, 56 cents; Carriage Bolts, 3 and 4x5-16, 8 cts. per dozen; Padlocks, 5 to 18 cts.; Auger Bits, ¾ inch, 5 cents; 5-16 inch, 8 cents; Hand Saws, 25 cents to $1.67; Hatchets, 8 to 42 cents; Saw Handles, 8 cents; Spring Balance, 24 Pound 8 cents; Two-foot Rule, 7 cents; Half Soles, 10 cents; Headlight, 8 cents.

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And strive to win and store;
Stake soul and body, time and health
On this—and nothing more?
Or shall I this with fame unite,
Then hazard o'er and o'er;
In dross and tinsel take delight—
In these—and nothing more?
Or shall I pleasure add thereto,
And rich, as said before,
Enjoy the fleeting hours through—
With these—and nothing more?
Or shall I also comfort choose,
Thus gaining more and more,
Belittling thus all else to lose,
For these—and nothing more?
When this I've done, what then will buy
The hope that once I bore?
What then will buy the soul that I
Lose with all these and more?

Interesting Documents.

Mr. Colin F. Stam in packing some old books Wednesday found the following interesting writings of some of the little folks. One little fellow had composed a letter to Old Chris and directed it to the KENT NEWS, translated as follows:

I want a sled to beat the rest,
As we all slide down the hill,
Jack will teach me how
To make it go, I'm sure he will.

And I want a pony to ride
All summer to grandma's farm
And Jack will go on the old white horse
To keep me safe from harm.

The following composition on Birds was by a scholar in 1-5 grade:

"Birds sing, eat, hop and fly. Birds are very good to eat, there are many different kinds of birds such as Sparrows, Black birds, Robins and so on. Some birds are small and some are large. Canary birds are always kept in cages and some people say that they would die if they would get out."

The third curiosity was a letter dated Rock Hall:—

DEAR MISSOURI:—I thought I would write you a few lines to let you know that we are all well and I hope you are all the same. Green apples is well and bad as ever, and is ready to eat more. Grandmother is down now come down and bring Missouri down, we where coming down this Sunday but uncle Alfred and his children Frank is sick and bad as ever from eat Molases, Onions, Cake, Crabs, Candy. I pased in the fifth grade have you got the fifth grades books to sell and Ada is in the forth grade Frank is in the second grade.

MARYLAND'S OYSTER INTEREST.

The United States Fish Commission has just issued a rather exhaustive work on "The Oyster industry of Maryland," by Mr. Charles H. Stevenson, which is a part of the commission's bulletine for 1892. The facts, figures and matters of history which are contained in the articles will prove somewhat of a surprise to those who have no idea of the extent of the particular industry described. The oyster business in the Chesapeake bay gives especial interest to the statements which are contained in the document referred to.

The most extensive oyster beds are along the coasts of what are known as the "Eastern Shore" counties of the Delaware, Maryland and Virginia oyster beds causes no end of trouble. The work which we have received refers only to the Maryland counties. During the season of 1891-92 there were employed in the Maryland oyster beds 33,338 persons, of whom 10,813 were tongers, 5059 dredgers, 3757 scrapers, 1651 engaged in transporting the oysters, and 12,108 employed as shore and factory hands. To do this work there were employed 6554 boats, valued with their apparatus at $2,618,745. The capital invested in the work of gatherings in the factories, etc., was about $4,650,500, or a total of $7,269,235. The quantity of oysters taken and sold during the season of 1891-92 was 11,632,730 bushels, for which the fishermen received $5,855,120.

The area and location of the grounds is thus described:

The water area within the county limits of Maryland approximates 1025 square miles. Tonging is permitted on all this area except certain small places reserved for private use, yet as scraping is authorized in Somerset, Dorchester and Talbot counties on 112, 117 and 47 square miles, respectively, and as the tongmen do not usually work on grounds frequented by men using more effective apparatus, only 748 square miles of water area are devoted exclusively to their use. Of this the area more or less covered with natural oyster reefs approximate 131 square miles. Of the 1334 square miles of "State grounds" 35 square miles containing some of the best reefs are reserved for the tongmen, 23 miles of this area being covered with natural reefs. This gives a total of 154 square miles of oyster beds on which tonging alone is authorized. The average annual product from this area during the last five seasons has approximated 4,850,000 bushels for which the oystermen have received $2,200,000, an average of 31,493 bushels and $14,296 to the square mile.

The reefs situated within the tonging areas are usually smaller in extent and not so continuous as those in the dredging and scraping areas. The ground is not so level the oysters occurring more in heaps. These reefs are located principally along the Anne Arundel shore, in the Patuxent river, Chester river, Eastern bay and the small tributary waters of the Choptank river and Tangier sound. They all are close in shore where the water is shallow usually not exceeding 25 feet in depth, and averaging from 10 to 29 feet. In a few localities, however, as in the Patuxent river, much greater depths are found; but in those places a form of tongs suitable for deep water is employed to some extent.

The total oyster product of the United States, which includes the oyster beds of twenty States, was, in 1882, 29,786,887 bushels, valued at $16,538,805. Of this total Maryland led all of the other States, with 11,622,730 bushels, valued at $5,855,120, or about one third of the whole business. Nearly all of the Maryland oysters are taken from the Eastern shore waters. The table showing the States which have an interest in the oystea product of the country are Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Texas, Washington, Oregon and California.

In addition to the statistical features of the paper from which we have drawn, it contains minute descriptions of the boats and apparatus used, the methods of packing and a series of engraving showing the various processes followed in securing the oysters and in packing them for shipment.

A VERY singular case is that of a young man in Wisconsin named Chandler. For years his mouth has shown a tendency to grow up. Four years ago it became so small it was feared he would starve, and a fund was raised by neighbors and he was sent to Chicago, where the mouth was cut to the natural size and pieces of flesh grafted into the corners, thus hoping to prevent the closing. This has been overcome, and his mouth is rapidly growing up again, the opening at present not being larger than an ordinary goose quill, through which he takes all his nourishment. It is thought that he must eventually starve to death as there seems no way of preventing the complete closing of the mouth. Otherwise the young man seems healthy, and is capable of doing considerable work.

ALTHOUGH it took more than two weeks to get a voting quorum on the floor of the House to pass Mr. Bland's bill for the coinage of the signiorage the quorum did not stay two days. True, there is no especial need of a quorum to consider the pension appropriation bill, which is now before the House, but that is no good reason why so many members should be absent. They are sent here and paid to attend the sessions of the House and they should either do it or resign and allow some one else to do it.

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Letter No. 5.

FROM CAPT. COLUMBUS A. LEARY.

ALGERCERES, SPAIN,
February 2, 1894.

MESSRS. WILLIAM B. USILTON & SON:

Finding myself alone in this place this morning, balance of party having moved on to Gibraltar, I use the opportunity to learn something of the tree from whose bark all kinds of cork goods are made. Entering the yards and factory of Charles Old & Co., and they are kind enough to summons an interpreter who speaks English very well. Cork timber lands in south of Spain are held as other real estate, but most of the proprietors sell the privilege of gathering the bark, which in the good low lands is done once in 8 years, but in more northern climates or higher elevations, it is only stripped once in 12 or 14 years. Those who strip the bark earn about 50 cents per day, and the factory hands about 65 cents. The men use large knives with great dexterity, quickly cutting a piece of cork into a smooth and almost perfect circular form, after which a number of persons are employed in sorting the different qualities, as it appears that the coarsest and most faulty specimens and the finest and most desirable are obtained from the same slab of original bark. The gentlemen to whom I was indebted for witnessing the whole operation and for information concerning the industry are very decided in their opinions concerning the tariff laws, which entirely exclude manufactured cork, so I could not afford to be very much of a protectionist while in their company.

All about the streets of the town, as in all other towns in this country, the bright uniform of the soldier is as certainly to be seen as is the mule or donkey with his pack, and the impoverished people appear to form the connecting link between the two. At every station, however small, along the line of the railroad, from 4 to 10 of these soldiers are to be seen, and I have not yet seen any of them doing anything but carrying his gun and wearing soldier clothes. On the railroad we are in no dread of accident because they move at a dignified rate of speed, and at the station we have no fear of being left, for first the station-master notifies a man with a bell, then he rings to notify a man with a horn, then he blows, which gives the conductor notice to feel in his pocket for a small shrill whistle, which he blows, and then the engineer whistles, and after looking back to be certain that he is not too hasty, he starts up. I walk out into the country, where I find young Ferdinand, aged about 21. In his right hand he carries a pole about 8 feet in length, on one end of which is a narrow chisel, on the other a very slight pricker; in front of him are two respectable looking cows harnessed by the horns to a yoke which might be much lighter, which in turn is attached to a pole which might be much straighter, and which at its rear end has a natural curl downward until it reaches a straight, round piece of wood, about 4 feet in length, into which it is mortised and additionally strengthened with a small piece of iron; on either side a hole is bored at an angle of about 45° with the horizon, into which two pegs are inserted; on top another hole is bored near the rear end, into which a large piece of wood is inserted, on which a handle, formed by cutting off one of its natural limbs a short distance from the main stock. The plow is not particular which way it throws the furrow, neither are the cows, neither is Ferdinand; he and the cows are not spoiling much ground, and it is a wonder they do this little, for there are only two soldiers sitting down a short distance off looking at him, while in most cases I have seen three or four. I speak to him kindly and politely, admire the cows, which I could honestly do, and show no surprise at the plow, but Ferdinand is reserved and backward; he knows that I am a foreigner and might be a heretic; he stops and clears some rubbish from the plow with the clisel end of the staff, and in this way I learn its use, then draws from his pocket a fine leather tobacco pouch (worth as much as his visible wardrobe), empties some tobacco in his hand, draws from another pocket a piece of paper and deliberately makes a cigarette, while in answer to my inqury he appears to know nothing of any other kind of plow. I heard his answer with unfeigned sorrow. His countrymen has ornamented their fatherland with works of art, which are the objects of my wonder and admiration, and fostered a literature from which we draw instruction; performed prodigies of enterprise and valor, and nursed and defended in theory one of the great moral doctrines to which almost countless millions have adhered, but by some strange infallible law of nature, that good genius of civilization which brings comfort, happiness, manhood and womanhood into every family, stubbornly refuse to follow all or any of these, but marches promptly and beneficently behind the plow. One of the architects promised to make me a drawing of a plow when I should produce one, but, since seeing the Andelusion plow have concluded not to trouble him, as the dreadful thing so much resembles all of my own drawings, no matter what I aim at, that I can produce to order any time. Late in the afternoon I turn my face toward Gibraltar, and my back upon a country where, from many hills, frown gloomy castles, and where an impoverished people trudge along every valley and bridle path.

PRESIDENT CLEVELAND, who has a fine sense of humor, will doubtless smile when he returns from his hunting trip and gets a glimpse of a bill that has been evolved from the brain of Mr. Bailey, the brilliant young Texan, whose devotion to the Constitution has earned him fame in the House. A preamble to the bill recites the charges that have been made of the encroachment of the executive upon the prerogatives of the legislature branch of the government, and the bill provides for a cessation of such encroachment by relieving Senators and Representatives from all participation in making of appointments. It provides further that whenever the President desires information not contained in the papers of applicants for office he must get it from some one who is not a member of either branch of Congress. While Mr. Bailey's bill has some desirable points, the country, to say nothing of Congress, is hardly educated up to such a high standard yet. Congress would to be sure be purer and more patriotic if its members had no dealings with patronage, but until there is a decided change in human nature Congress is not likely to deprive its members of the privilege of trying, if they do not always succeed, to get offices for those who help them to get into Congress.

Specimen Cases.

S. H. Chifford, New Cassel, Wis., was troubled with Neuralgia and Rheumatism, his Stomach was disordered, his Liver was affected to an alarming degree, appetite fell away, and he was terribly reduced in flesh and strength. Three bottles of Electric Bitters cured him.

Edward Shepard, Harrisburg, Ill., had a running sore on his leg of eight years standing. Used three bottles of Electric Bitters and seven boxes of Bucklen's Arnica Salve, and his leg is sound and well. John Speaker, Catavba, O., had five large Fever sores on his leg, doctors said he was incurable. One bottle Electric Bitters and one box Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured him entirely. Sold by M. A. Toulson, Drug Store.

SMYTHE—"I hear you are having a delightful time in the suburbs—raising vegetables and keeping chickens." Tompkins—"Not exactly. I simply keep the chickens; they raze the vegetables."

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