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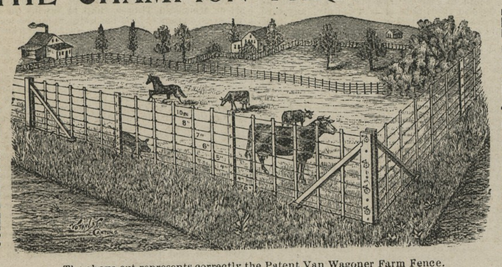

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Testimonials.

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.

JAMES R. MASSEY, of Darlington, Harford, Md., says he grew for the canners. Used our goods alongside of DIS. Animal Bone and Oriole Phos., and that his product netted him $14 more per acre.

CHESTERTOWN, MD., 1893.
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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ACROSS THE BAY IN KENT.

Resources and People of an Important County—The Quaint Old City of Chestertown and the Rising Young Metropolis of Rock Hall—A Railroad in Prospect Which Will Throw the Truck Farms of the Region Open to Baltimore Caterers—Distinguished Citizens.

From the Baltimore News.

Kent county is one of the richest of the Eastern Shore counties. It has been dowered munificently by nature, and when the energy of man, with the modern conveniences of commerce, shall have developed it a little more it will surprise even its best friends.

A halo of interesting historic lore hovers over this county and its ancient county-seat, Chestertown. The first settlement of this section was made in 1630 on Kent Island. In course of time, as it was found more convenient to create a port of entry farther up the Chester river, this settlement was removed again and again, always in a northwesterly direction, until the present site of Chestertown was determined on. The last settlement made before Chestertown was finally created was called New Town, the site of which is almost forgotten. The town lay about five miles southwest of the present county-seat, and of it scarcely a vestige remains.

Kent county, which was organized in 1650, originally embraced the whole of the Eastern Shore and was under the command of an officer styled Commander of the Isle of Kent. Strange as it may now appear, a large part, if not the whole of the present Baltimore county was embraced within its far-reaching boundaries. Today Kent is the smallest county in the State excepting Caroline and Howard. It has an area of only 315 square miles, but by reason of its remarkably prolific soil and the traditional thrift and scientific methods of its farmers Kent county may proudly boast of aiding materially to swell the total of Maryland's annual production of breadstuff.

Its vast peach orchards are famous the world over, millions of packages being shipped from Chestertown each season that conditions are favorable to fruit culture. The fruit here grown is of excellent flavor and color on account of the contiguity of the orchards to salt water, and the fact that there is a large percentage of iron in the soil.

When the early provincial Legislature passed a law requiring all counties in Maryland to plant a stipulated number of acres in wheat and corn, whereas, up to that time tobacco was the great staple of commerce and medium of barter and sale in the State, the counties of Southern Maryland demurred, and were finally excepted from the terms of the mandate. Now that many of them refuse to bear as plentifully as of yore, Kent and the adjoining counties, which submitted to the law, are reaping the benefit of their wisdom and foresight.

First Peach Orchard.

The first peach orchard in Kent county was planted early in the fifties by Major William Reybold, of Delaware City, who purchased about 1000 acres for the purpose from the Hon. George Vickers, the father of Harrison W. Vickers, of Chestertown. Isaac Parsons, Robert Nicholson and James Shuster were also induced by Major Reybold to come to Kent and raise peaches. They succeeded, and became prosperous farmers and prominent men in the county. Mr. Shuster's orchard was at Buck Neck, at which point he built the wharf, which is now such an important point for the shipping of fruit.

Pears are as successfully grown in Kent as peaches, and the farmers of this section will give their culture more attention in future. Capt. R. S. Emory, of near Chestertown has a pear orchard of 18,000 trees. Thomas J. Vickers has about 12,000 trees at Lankford; Dr. William Maxwell and Judge James S. Harris, both of near Still Pond, are also large growers of pears. Naturally most of the fruit grown in Kent is shipped from Chestertown, which picturesquely faces the southwest, fronting on the sinuous Chester river. As originally incorporated in 1706 the town site covered 100 acres. Its former name was Chester Town, and it was for many years a port of entry. The ancient custom-house and counting-room of the port, which belong to the estate of the late Hiram M. Brown, are still to be seen here. The building has been converted into a dwelling, and James Alfred Pearce, the distinguished Kent county lawyer, was born and reared there. Chestertown is 60 miles from Baltimore by boat and 90 by rail.

It is approached via the P. W. & B. R. R. by the B. & D. B. R. R., a 30-mile line, which, when owned by Jay Gould, was leased by him for $1 a year to the late Frederick Gerker "just to keep it going." A stage line runs to the town from Tolchester, and through the boats of the Chester and Sassafras River Steamboat Companies the interesting old place is reached by water. The latter method is the most popular, and a more delightful trip than that to Chestertown up the beautiful Chester river could hardly be imagined.

Betterton is one of the towns of Kent county which has a delightful situation, plenty of hotels, fishing in summer and ducking in winter.

An Ideal Summer Resort.

Rock Hall is the coming metropolis of Kent county. Its natural advantages point to future greatness and give promise of a prosperous growth which it will be difficult for surrounding towns to equal. One of its most prominent advantages is that it is the nearest harbor to Baltimore on the Eastern Shore. It is directly opposite, and the coast line recedes each way, leaving it the nearest point to the city having a good harbor. Its distance is 18 miles. It is reached from Baltimore in an hour and 40 minutes.

An improvement will be made in the transporation facilities the coming summer. Beginning May 1, steamers will be put on to make two round trips a day. They will leave Rock Hall early in the morning for Baltimore, and the last trip in the evening will be from Baltimore back to Rock Hall. Besides making a convenient arrangement for persons from each city who wish to transact business in the other this plan will be of especial accommodation to those who live in Rock Hall, but carry on business in Baltimore. They can get to their offices in Baltimore in good time for the day's business, and can return at the close of the day to their quiet homes across the bay.

Rock Hall will be especially attractive to those who wish pleasant homes on account of its healthfulness. It is one of the few places where hay fever, asthma and lung affections are unknown. The doctors practicing there say a case of consumption attracted much attention, and many came to see the patient from curiosity, having never seen a person ill from this form of lung disease before. It would seem that the climate of this peninsula derives a great deal of its value from its neutral properties; from its being neither too hot nor too cold, and from its possessing neither the irritating qualities of a dry climate nor the depressing ones of an atmosphere surcharged with dampness. The atmosphere of the Eastern Shore is comparatively dry, and there are no fogs or big winds of any consequence. Excessively cold winds are rarely felt on the peninsula, the westerly currents of cold winds from the Blue Ridge mountains being considerably modified by passing over the waters of the Chesapeake bay. The warm winds coming from the Gulf stream, only about 50 miles distant, find uninterrupted admission and exert a permanent and highly beneficial influence, which cannot be overestimated, inasmuch as they serve to dry the soil and constantly bring fresh supplies of pure air, which serves to maintain the atmosphere in a healthy condition. The average number of rainy days on the Eastern Shore is 83, and the average annual rain-fall, south of 39 degrees north latitude, is 34.25 inches.

Oyster Bar at Rock Hall.

Rock Hall has one of the finest oyster bars in the State. It has a land-locked harbor on which the whole navy of the United States could safely ride in the severest storm. It has fine sailing on the bay and quiet boating on the creeks, whose broad mouths are securely land-locked. There are the Swan, the Tavern, the Rock Hall and the Huntingfield, all tributaries of the bay at this point. They afford the safest of boating.

Rock Hall has 1,000 inhabitants. It will receive mail twice a day. It has telephone connections with Western Union Telegraph line and with all the surrounding towns.

The Rock Hall Land and Improvement Company has laid out an addition to the town of beautifully situated and attractive advantages. Its streets are all wide, the narrowest being 60 feet and the others running 80 and 100 feet in width. Trees have been planted for the benefit of future property owners. They were carefully selected by a botanist. The sight of the addition has an excellent drainage. It was surveyed and drained by one of the best engineers in the country.

The Rock Hall Improvement Company is composed of a syndicate of gentlemen living on the Eastern Shore and in Baltimore. Among them are Mayor F. C. Latrobe, George W. Warfield, president of the Chester River Steamboat Company; Mr. George M. Sharp, of Baltimore, and Dr. S. E. Ford, of Queen Anne's county. Rock Hall is the terminus of the proposed electric road which will make Chestertown only two hours from Baltimore, and open the truck farms of Kent county to the caterers of Baltimore. Rock Hall will soon have a first-class hotel where Baltimoreans can find excellent accommodations for the summer.

The Johore Bungalow.

Tolchester the famous pleasure resort, is in Kent county. Preparations have been made to entertain the whole city of Baltimore there this summer. The hotel has been remodeled. The grounds have been put in excellent shape. Baltimoreans will be pleased to learn of the new attractions put in.

Among them are two houses from the World's Fair. They are the Johore Bungalow and the Java House. The bungalow, which occupied the centre of space which was allotted to his Highness the Sultan at the World's Fair, was built in the Province of Muar, the northernmost State of Johore, under the immediate supervision of His Excellency the Prince Governor. Other than the floor, which should be made of crossed strips of bamboo, left open like the spots of a checker board, and the steps, which replace a rude bamboo ladder that can be drawn up at night, the bungalow is as those found in the Malay peninsula. It is raised seven feet from the ground, on posts of the hard Nebong palm.

The Java House is also a great curiosity. Both of these buildings were taken down and shipped to Baltimore at great expense by the Tolchester Company's carpenters. There will be the usual fishing, boating, horseback riding, bathing and other attractions for which Tolchester is famous. A change in the rules gives schools, churches, etc., a chance to make more money than in former years by giving excursions. The season will open June 1. Among the churches which have already made their dates with the company for excursions are the following:

St. Peter's P. E., Grace Methodist, First English Lutheran, Madison Avenue Methodist, Mount Vernon Place Methodist.

The Louise will probably have all she can do this summer. Since last season this popular steamer has been thoroughly overhauled, repainted, etc., which makes the Louise in first-class shape in every particular.

The music is worth special notice. It is furnished both on the boat and on the grounds by the Fifth Regiment Band, under the direction of Prof. Chas. Weber.

Son of a Noted Senator.

One of the handsomest residences in Chestertown is that of James A. Pearce, Esq. Mr. Pearce is a foremost citizen of the county, as well as a leading lawyer at the bar. Mr. Pearce comes of good ancestral stock. His father was the noted statesman, James A. Pearce, who was in the Congress of the United States for 24 years and measured up well with the men of his time. There were giants in those days and in the years the elder Pearce spent in the Senate such men as Webster and Clay were at their full zenith of power and popularity. He was six years in the House and 18 in the Senate. His son, the present James A. Pearce, inherits his father's brilliant qualities and has made a name for himself in his chosen profession.

Honored Son of Kent.

The bar of Kent has some of the strongest lawyers in the State. It has long been noted for the ability of its practitioners. Its reputation has gone out both for that grave dignity becoming a court-room and in court practice and for the depth of legal learning and the skill of legal acumen displayed in the trial of cases before the bar of justice. Among the notable gentlemen who comprise the bar of Kent county there are none who stand higher in the legal profession than Harrison W. Vickers, a well known advocate, a popular public speaker, a respected neighbor and honored citizen. Mr. Vickers has had unusual success at the bar in the conduct of cases. He has brought some of the most important cases ever tried in the county and has used to good advantage for clients the excellent legal education and shrewd sense which have united in such a strong combination in him. The people of Kent county think Mr. Vickers' talents should have a wider opportunity in which to operate, and they are planning to send him to Congress. It is believed that in the National Legislature he would soon win new laurels and improve the larger opportunities for distinguishing himself, as well as add additional lustre to the name of Kent county, which has furnished many of Maryland's best statesmen. Mr. Vickers has one of the finest homes in Chestertown, to which he has given the name "Lauretum." His daily life there is simple and quiet and at his home he dispenses unostentatious hospitality.

Solid Financial Institution.

The financial crisis did not affect Kent county appreciably. While banks were failing all over the country those of old Kent remained solid and reliable, as they always had been and probably always will be. The Chestertown National Bank is the oldest in Kent county. It has a reputation for reliability that is not surpassed on the Eastern Shore. The courtesy with which it treats customers constantly adds new business and retains old. Charles T. Westcott is the president. Thomas W. Eliason is vice-president, Harry Rickey cashier, Walter W. Chapman paying teller and R. Snowden Thomas receiving teller. The bank has a capital of $60,000 and a surplus of $25,000. Under the law requiring a new incorporation every 20 years it was last incorporated in 1885.

Dr. Fisher's Vacation.

Kent county has a sterling citizenship. Her people are active, industrious and friendly to strangers. Among the most prominent men in the county is Dr. Samuel G. Fisher. He is a typical representative of a whole county full like him. He is clerk of the county. Previous to his election he practiced his profession, which occupied every moment of his time and caused him to work so hard that his present position is in the nature of a vacation.

He was born in the Fifth election district 62 years ago. He graduated from Wasnington College in 1850 and from the Medical Department of the University of Maryland four years later. He practiced his profession till he became County Clerk in January, 1881. He was elected on the Democratic ticket.

An Excellent Selection.

Thompson's Line, owned and operated be Captain Joseph W. Thompson, is doing a live business. The packet line with the vessels Samuel H. Travers and Remittance is kept constantly crowded with all it can do. Being largely interested in coal mines Captain Thompson is a large shipper of anthracite and bituminous coal, controlling some of the largest contracts in the State. He is also a large dealer in grain, seeds, oils, lath, lime, cement and plaster. He has been in business since he was 13 years of age. He handles thousands of packages of peaches every season and is using his

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