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THE WHITE CLOTHING HOUSE!

WHITE is Symbolical of our system of doing business, that is our clean, fair and square principles, hence we decided to paint our front WHITE to harmonize with the established principles of our inside workings. Hereafter we will be known as the WHITE FRONT. A few of the many bargains we are offering, to begin this week, is a recent invoice, bought for Spot Cash, that cannot be approached by our competitors who bought early in the season. You will say so when you see the goods. Note the quotations, look at the goods and judge for yourself.

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MEN'S SUITS THAT SOLD FOR				$ 6.00	NOW GO FOR	-	$3.75
"	"	"	"	8.50	"	"	"	- -	5.25
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"	"	"	"	12.50	"	"	"	8.00 "	8.50
"	"	"	"	15.00	"	"	"	9.50 "	10.00

these are New, Fresh Goods, bought from manufacturers who now have winter goods on sale and were more anxious for cash than summer goods. Don't fail to see them.

WE ALSO HAVE A LINE OF CHILDREN'S AND BOYS' SUITS!

which we bought likewise and will be sold correspondingly low. Also, MEN'S ODD PANTS in large variety, 90c. and $1 a pair. Look at those hanging outside the White Front, prices marked on. MEN'S HALF-HOSE, 30c. dozen pairs, and at 60c. for a dozen the kind you pay 10c. a pair for generally.

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GOOD CHEVIOT SHIRTS 75 CENTS A PAIR!
GOOD LINEN SHIRTS 90 CENTS A PAIR!
GOOD UNDERSHIRTS 45 CENTS A PAIR!

Especially in these depressed times you cannot afford to neglect an examination of the bona fide offerings, and remember, no competitor who bought his clothing early in the season can approach these prices. Respectfully,

MOODY & LUSBY,

White Front Clothing House. *Chestertown, Md.*

Summer! Summer!

1894.

OUR Spring and Summer Goods have been carefully selected. To say that we are up with the times in this business is only to state a fact well known to the public. The Styles in Shoes are beautiful and all the leading ones have been added to our stock. Our reputation for first class work and material will be maintained and where improvements could be made we have had them attended to. No such a display of Fine Shoes ever seen in this county, and as usual Low Prices prevail.

Shoes. Shoes.

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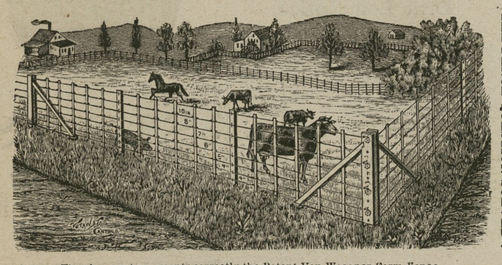
COLORED SHOES.—Speaking of Russians—they are no longer a novelty but are now a necessity The general public have come to the conclusion the Russians are stylish for general wear, and what the people want the dealers will have to handle. There are many good points about these shoes; one is, they give a pleasant sensation to the wearer because they don't heat up the foot. The absence of all oils in the leather makes them just the shoes for tender feet, as there is no burning or rasped feeling to the foot in a Russian Shoe.

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n4-tf. GALENA, MD.

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BUT

WE DO CLAIM TO GIVE TO EVERY CUSTOMER —VALUE RECEIVED.—

Our Dry Goods Stock!

we are selling very much lower than last season, and our line of

SUMMER UNDERWEAR!

can't be excelled, and we especially ask gentlemen to call and see our line of SUMMER SHIRTS. In our Large Line of

Shoes, Slippers and Straw Hats

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We sell the finest grade of TEA in town.

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Schuylkill Lime!

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NATHAN RAMBO LIME

and will guarantee to give the BEST LIME for the LEAST MONEY of any agent in the business.

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WATCHES, CLOCKS,

Solid Silver and Plated Ware,

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DIAMOND WORK TO ORDER.

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Collars, two for 5 cents, and other work proportionately low. All work guaranteed.

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In all the new and nobby styles and fabrics. Every one a beauty at prices to suit. Splendid lines at $8, $10, $12, $15. You pay $3 to $5 more for the same quality elsewhere.

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FURNISHERS,

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NATURE'S OWN REMEDY COMPANY,
P. O. Box 430. Philadelphia, Pa.

MME. VESTRIS' NERVE.

It Saved Her Jewels and Life From Paris' Most Desperate Criminal.

The following episode in the career of the celebrated Mme. Vestris happened in the winter of 1847, when the star of her genius was still in the ascendant, in spite of her fifty years. She had married the famous Charles Matthews, the younger, only a short time before, and was visiting Paris in this company. The chief object of their visit was to secure a ballet troupe for a spectacle, the preparations for which were then in progress at one of the large London theatres, at the time under their united management. But it so chanced that the selection of the ballet fell principally upon Matthews, because his wife was temporarily disabled by an unlucky sprain of the ankle. She was confined to their hotel in the Rue Saint Honore, where of course, she could console herself by giving receptions to her admirers, who were quite as numerous in France as in England.

One evening she was alone in the small but elegant saloon adjoining her apartments. Her waiting maids were within call, and she could now and then hear from one of the further rooms the playful bark of her King Charles spaniels, Flock and Floss, which always accompanied her on her travels. Taking up a newspaper her attention became absorbed by the first article on which her glance alighted, for it was upon a subject that had excited all Paris for a number of days.

A number of robberies had taken place in quick succession, whose perpetrator had not been discovered. It was evident from certain characteristics common to all the crimes, that they were the work of one man. His favorite, and, indeed only method had been to secrete himself in close proximity to some fashionable and wealthy lady's sleeping apartment, and then possess himself of her jewels and other valuables after she had fallen asleep. When his victim happened to awake he had not hesitated to use violence to prevent her giving an alarm. The only clue to the villain as yet lay in the knowledge that he had but two fingers on the left hand.

Mme. Vestris was a woman of exceptionally strong nerve, but she could not restrain a little timorous thrill when, having finished the article, she limped across the saloon to the door of her boudoir, intending to summon her maids and retire for the night. Before entering her boudoir, however she turned to extinguish the wax lights of a candelabrum that had been left burning in addition to the small shaded lamp by which she had been reading. The candelabrum stood upon a bracket, and cast a strong level light upon the floor, throwing out the shadows of the intervening pieces of furniture, especially of the table at which she had been sitting, in pretty strong relief, inasmuch as the shaded reading lamp in the middle of the table shed its lesser lustre in a small, circumscribed circle.

As she cast a final glance over the room she was suddenly filled with fear on perceiving, cast out upon the floor directly across her, the unmistakable shadow of a man crouching under the table at which she had been sitting. She remained perfectly quiet, but her terror was increased a hundredfold as she saw, or thought she saw the image of a hand that possessed but two fingers. She was convinced that the mysterious criminal, whose deeds had so excited the city, was lying concealed there and had so lain probably, in patient watch her dress, the entire evening.

Having come to this conviction through a swift and dreadful train of reasoning, which every woman understands, Mme. Vestris remained for a moment almost petrified. Her jewels were noted for their splendor and costliness, and she was known to have them always in a casket at her bedside when retiring; and since her arrival in Paris it had also become pretty well known that she was in the habit of retiring comparatively early, while her husband's duties kept him away from the hotel until a late hour. Her maids slept at the further end of the outside corridor, and thus, for a considerable time, she was virtually alone upon the third floor of the hotel.

Of course the robber had made himself acquainted with these circumstances, and was waiting his opportunity to enter upon his course of pillage and violence, possibly to end with murder. These thoughts and conclusions flashed through Mme. Vestris' mind with terrible rapadity. Then, by a tremendous effort of will power she not only recovered her intrepidity and coolness but also formed a plan to extricate herself and outwit the villian.

Without extinguishing the lights she began to carol a light operatic air while resuming her seat and touched one of the silver spring bells on the table with which she was in the habit of summoning one or another of her maids. This action alone cost her a great pang of fear, for if the spaniels should accompany the maid they would doubtless at once sniff out the presence of her concealed robber, who might then attack her without delay. Fortunately however, the maid who responded to her call was not accompanied by the dogs, which had romped themselves to sleep in one of the remoter apartments.

"Adele," said Mme. Vestris, "is the establishment of M. Vernac, the jeweler, still open, think you?"

"Oh, yes, madame" replied the maid. "It is Saturday night, when all the shops keep open until 12, and it is now but a little after 10."

"I shall have to get you to take a message to him at once," said the actress. "He has been repairing my costliest diamond necklace and my tiara of sapphires and brilliants, which he promised to return this evening. I shall not sleep without having them at my bed side to night. Whether repaired or not he shall send them with you by one of the clerks. Bring me the writing materials from my boudoir.

Adele did as she was directed, and, still humming her song, Mme. Vestris with a firm hand penned the following, which she sealed and directed to M. Vernac, the then fashionable jeweler of the Rue des Italiens:

"Monsieur: The two fingered villain is concealed under the very table at which I write, unsuspicious of my knowledge of his presence. Summon the police and lose not a moment in hastening to

MME. VESTRIS.

"There," said the heroic actress, handing the missive to her servant, "that, I fancy will bring me back my beloved jewels without an hour's delay and teach M. Vernac a lesson at the same time. Here is some change, Adele. Take the first flacre you can find disengaged, and lose no time in returning."

Adele departed and Mme. Vestris was left alone, save for that terrible presence whom, perchance, an imprudent movement of her foot beneath the table, or even a tell tale quiver of her voice might at any instant awaken into a capacity for evil and murderous purpose the very thought of which caused the blood to curdle in her veins. But she had set herself to play a part such as she had never played before, and nobly did she enact it to the close. She recited the lines of her forthcoming *role* over and over again; she sang, she thrilled, she caroled in a manner that would have ravished the ears of thousands, and all to that single, deadly, lurking auditor, whose suppressed breathing she fancied she could sometimes detect between the pauses of her voice, and whom she felt to be within a hand's breadth of her trembling limbs.

During all this enforced gaiety she was a prey to such secret and mental anguish as can only be imagined by the most sensitive and womanly nature. The seconds crept by like minutes, the minutes seemed hours, and at last when she had pretty thoroughly exhausted her voice, she sank back with a sigh and contented herself with humming musically and in a low voice. Presently, at the end of an hour, though it might well have seemed an eternity to her, her heart gave a great leap as she heard the clatter of wheels in front of the hotel. A moment latter Adele entered the room, but with such a demure look upon her face that her mistress at first feared that her message had miscarried. But Adele was somewhat of an actress herself and there were those lightly following her up the staircase, who brought the assurance of safety and release.

She was almost instantly followed into the saloon by three police officers, who were in turn not only followed by M. Vernac, but also by Mr. Matthews, Mme. Vestris' husband, who had been picked up at one of the theatres on the way.

As soon as the brave lady saw her husband she uttered an hysterical scream and flew into his arms with a forgetfulness of her sprained ankle for which she could never afterward account. At the same instant the officers overturned the table and pounced upon the concealed ruffian underneath. He made a terrible resistance, being a powerful man and armed to the teeth, but was overcome after a short struggle and led to prison, after the heroic lady had briefly related her story of the detection of his presence and the stratagem by which she had caught him in the toils.

The caiminal turned out to be one Dufresne, a galley slave from Toulon, who had made himself notorious in the south of France before breaking loose from prison and entering upon the series of crimes which led to the conclusion of his career. He was a hardened and somewhat original wretch, and he is known to have remarked, with much nonchalance, "I ought to forgive the strategem by which I was ruined. Pardon! for a whole hour I was the sole auditor of the greatest singer and actress in Europe, who gave herself exceptional trouble to entertain me."

KEY WEST BARRACKS, FLORIDA, June 20th, 1894.

MESSRS. EDITORS OF THE KENT NEWS:

Dear Sirs—Being a constant reader of your valuable paper, I desire to say a few words to its many readers about this neglected little isle, and if you will kindly publish the inclosed contents of manuscript it will be greatly appreciated

By yours, respectfully,
OLIVER M. MATTHEWS,
First Sergeant of Battery I Third Artillery, Key West, Florida, U. S. Army.

A Paradise for Lazy Men!

KEY WEST, FLORIDA.

In many respects this is the most remarkable spot in Uncle Sam's domain. There must be a brilliant future in store for Key West, as it has no past and very little present. While the rest of the Union has been up and doing, this coral key has slumbered in the gulf almost unknown to the world, and caring nothing about the world's manners or customs. It is alike peculiar in climate, situation, structure and population.

It is the furthest south of the most southerly State, and is indeed, the very end of the United States. When the sun has traced the highest point of his spiral course on the 21st of June, he is almost directly over Key West, as it lies in latitude 24° 32', and the border of the tropics is only sixty miles south.

On the map you will notice a chain of little dots trailing southwest from the Florida peninsula. They are keys, and at the end is Key West. Speaking strictly there are several keys still further south and west, but they are merely a speck in the water sufficient to hold a lighthouse, with the exception of Tortugas, on which Mr. Jefferson Davis built a fourteen-million dollar fort, now in charge of a garrison of one ordinance sergeant, and somewhat in need of repair.

This is the only city in the United States where neither snow nor frost has ever been seen. The lowest temperature recorded was 41° about thirty-seven or eight years ago, and again in the winter of 1885—6; the lowest in 1884 was 51°. The average temperature for January 1885, was 72°; for the month of July and August it is about 84°. The daily range of temperature is very small, rarely more than 10° and sometimes as low as 2°; and the highest temperature in summer seldom exceeds 94°. During the winter months a temperature of 60° is low enough to shiver the entire community, and overcoats with fur collars are in great demand. During a cold snap when Mount Washington signal station reported 50° below zero, the Key West station was 72° above—a small matter of 122° difference.

Lying in the track of the northeast trades, with the gulf stream a dozen miles to the south, Key West has without exception, the finest climate in the United States. There is always a breeze and rarely a gale, and you may wear a straw hat with propriety every day in the year.

It is solely due to the monumental sluggishness of the population that Key West is almost unknown to the tourist and health-seeker. Key West is reached by steamer from New York, New Orleans and by a mail steamer from Tampa Bay.

The key has about as much shape as a camel, but in a great way lies east and west, and contains about six square miles. It is as flat as a pancake, the highest point being sixteen feet above the mean sea level. To the casual visitor it looks as though the sea, particularly in a storm, would submerge this insignificant rise; but it is a matter of record, it never has.

The city proper covers the western end of the key. It is densely settled, and about as un-American as possible, bearing a close resemblance to a West Indian town. The houses are of wood, plainly built, and with few exceptions, painted white.

There are, I think, only six or seven brick buildings, certainly not more than ten. Piazas abound, and occasionally some lattice work is seen, but there is no display of any decoration whatever.

Many of the business houses have no signs, and there is a general air of I-don't-care-whether-I-sell-or-not about the shops. The houses are of all sizes, jumbled up in the oddest way, and anywhere but on the line of the street.

The interior of each block is filled up with one story shanties, access to which is had by going up alleys, and through fences, or going through somebody else's yard. The population being about 20,000, land is precious. Lots are divided and sub-divided, and houses built in yards and gardens are wedged in here, there and everywhere, facing sixteen ways for Sunday. Where there is no room for a house they build a stable or a pig pen, and sprinkle chickens around in corners.

The richest people do not disdain to thus add from three to six dollars a month to their income, although it destroys their privacy and disfigures their grounds. The streets are of good width, tolerably straight passably clean. The road way is coral rock. There is no soil. What passes for soil is merely trihurated coral, wonderfully rich in phosphates and making an excellent fertilizer, but, by itself, deficient in fat. The gardner uses the pick instead of the hoe. No vegetables are raised on the Key, and the vegetation is confined mainly to the cocoanut tree. Here and there you will find a pine or an oleander, a star of India or a Ponciana; but in the main there is a lack of foliage. The nature of the population is thus shown.

O. M. MATTHEWS,
Key West, Fla.

The Baltimore and Ohio R. R. Co., now has on sale at its offices east of the Ohio River a full line of tourist excursion tickets to all the lake, mountain and seashore resorts in the Eastern and Northern States and in Canada. These tickets are valid for return journey until October 31st. Before deciding upon your summer outing it will be well to consult the B. & O. Book of "Routes and Rates for Summer Tours." All B. & O. Ticket Agents at principal points have them, and they will be sent post paid upon receipt of ten cents, by Chas. O. Scull, General Pass. Agent, B. & O. R. R., Balto., Md.

TEACHERS OF THE STATE.

THEY WILL SOON ASSEMBLE IN ANNUAL CONVENTION.

Which Will Partake Largely of the Character of a Social Reunion—To Be Held at Annapolis next Month—Prof. Wilbur Smith of Baltimore the President—Programme of Exercises and Entertainment—Those Who Will Speak.

To teach the young idea how to shoot is proverbially a hard and difficult task—first, because the idea is slow to come, and secondly, because when it does come it is apt to take lodgment in refractory little minds, requiring untold urging and guidance to insure the budding ideas proper growth and development.

Thus the school-teacher's lot is not always an enviable one, and thus she or he looks with yearning eyes for the dawn of that pleasant summer day which brings the end of the school term and the beginning of vacation. That day of delight is to-day; therefore is it a happy time in the school-teacher's calendar.

For some years past it has been the custom of the school-teachers of the State to give over part of their vacation to the genial task of association one with the other, and, to carry out this idea, have arranged the date of the annual meeting of the Maryland State Teacher's Association at some time during the summer rest.

This idea was uppermost when the association was formed 28 years ago, and it has proved an undoubted benefit not only to the teachers personally in formulating happy and lasting friendships between them, but also to the public school service of the State in bringing about a commingling of ideas and a concentration of methods in teaching.

The meeting, which will celebrate the 38th anniversary of the association will be held on the 10th, 11th and 12th of July next in the hall of the House of Delegates, Annapolis. It will be a gala time for the teachers for the sessions of the three day's meeting will be interspersed with many diversions arranged by the entertainment committee. Trips to be enjoyed after the close of each day's session have been arranged as follows: Boating and fishing on the Severn river, a visit to Bay Ridge, visits to the Naval Academy, St. John's College, the Carroll, Chase and other famous mansions, the statues of DeKalb and Taney the Liberty Tree on St. John's campus, the Executive Mansion and many other places of interest. On Friday, the 13th, the teachers will visit Washington in a body.

The programme of exercises at the sessions will include addresses of welcome by Governor Brown and Prof. E. B. Prettyman of the State Normal School, the inaugural address to be made by Mr. Wilbur F. Smith, president of the association.

Papers by noted educators will be read as follows: "Fundamentals in Education," by Dr. A. J. Rickoff; "History and Chemistry of Fire," Prof. S. Simpson of the Western Maryland College; "Secondary Education in Maryland," Prof. Basil Soller; "Some Aspects of the Shakesperean Drama" Prof John D. Eyes; "Eyes and Ears," Prof. D. W. Maul, Trappe, Md.; "Paidology," Prof. S. E. Forman of Johns Hopkins University; "Artificial Light," Prof. W. J. Humphreys, of Washington College; "Human Documents in the Schoolroom," Prof. E. D. Murdagh, of Elkton, Md., and "Physical Education," Dr. E. O. Janny.

Questions for discussion will be: "The Vertical System of Penmanship," offered by Mr. B. H. Garver, of Hagerstown; "How Can We Enlist and Concentrate Public Opinion for Our Service?" by Hon. Jas. A. Diffenbaugh, Dr. L. L. Bryan, Prof. John D. Worthington and Prof. Thomas W. Carpenter; "Do Our Teachers Practice Accurate Methods in Their Schoolroom Work?" by Mr. E. L. Boblitz, and "Weighed in the Balance, Brain and Brawn," by Mr. E. A. Steele.

The Baltimore City College Glee Club will furnish music every day, and the Naval Academy Band during the evening. Elocutionary recitals will be given by Prof. Austin H. Merrill, of Vanderbilt University. A large attendance is expected, and there will be present at the several sessions many noted educators from distant points who have been invited to attend.

The officers of the association are: president, Prof. Wilbur F. Smith, of Baltimore; vice-presidents, Prof. J. S. Mercer, Upper Marlborough, and Prof. W. H. Sheppard, of Cumberland; secretary, Prof. A. F. Wilkinson, of Baltimore county; corresponding secretary, Miss Elizabeth Dorsey, Annapolis: and treasurer, Alexander Chaplan, of Easton; executive committee: Profs. M. B. Stephens, C. F. Raddats, L. L. Beatty, Samuel Dutrow, John T. Thompson.

What is the County Paper Worth to Farmers?

Some persons, even in such an intelligent county as Kent, are found at times grumbling over the costs of their county paper, and complaining that their bills against the county are too large, &c., &c. forgetful of the fact that almost every one of such local papers are weekly publishing, free of charge, articles wholly and solely for the benefit of the community They sustain every good enterprise—help all the churches and organizations for public benefit, and in a thousand ways expend their time, energy and means for the community.

The Wicomico *News* has a timely article on this point. It says: Very often in our dealings with the farmers and agricultural men we are told that "we are not able to take our county paper," as often we are impressed with the mistaken value some people have of the worth of the local press. We will endeavor to answer these people by asking them a few questions:

First, how are the country people to be kept informed in regard to what is being done by the public officers, such as the county commissioners, school board and orphans' court, except through the local press?

Second, how are they to know how the public moneys are being expended, except through the local press?

Third, how are they to know what is transpiring in their county, except through the local press?

Fourth, how are they to reach the outside world, sell their lands or know what lands are being sold, except through the local press?

Fifth, in what direction do they invariably turn when they want redress from burdens of any kind—taxation, railroads, monopolies? Always to their local papers. Right here let us cite an instance. In our issue of two weeks ago we made an exposition of an order that had been issued by the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk Railroad to the effect that all shippers of watermelons must prepay freight charges. In this article we set fourth the hardships it would work on the growers, and in our last issue we published an article showing that the order had been rescinded. To whose efforts was this change due? Surely not to the farmer; then it must have been due to our own efforts.

Sixth, how are the farmers to be kept posted on the frauds and confidence games that are constantly worked on an unsuspecting public by bunco steerers, except by reading the local papers?

A year's subscription to the local paper is only one dollar; will it not be better for the farmer to cut down expenses in another source and keep posted as to what is going on in his neighborhood and county?

The fellows who write the sweetest songs about "old oaken buckets" never had to draw water for the plow horse on a July morning,

A GREAT deal of time and money is spent in making girls poor singers, when it would require less to make them good conversationalists.

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