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Every once in a while the Bentztown Bard writes an interesting poem regarding some Eastern Shore town. Poems written by the Bard are always interesting, but as our readers naturally are more interested in the ones pertaining to the Shore, we publish one pertaining to Queenstown, on Chester River, below:

I shall remember Queenstown,
And its Common beneath the trees;
I shall remember the steamboat wharf,
And the scent of the off-shore breeze;
And I shall remember the station,
And the road to the lovely town,
And the rattlety bus that came for me—
I've written the whole thing down:
Queenstown, so old-fashioned,
And part of the charm that strays
Through Maryalnd still against all ill
From the dreams of her yesterdays!

The Hermitage lies off yonder,
And De Coursey Thom's place here—
And the old delightful mansions
Are part of that elder year—
That morning of bloom and beauty
When Maryland shone like a girl
In the radiance of her romance,
Her shoulders decked with a curl:
I shall remember Queenstown,
And the old homes down the street;
And the river and boat, and the tender note
From the wings of the fishing fleet!

Hey, for the homes on Chester,
And hail to the world that dwells
In old Queen Anne's where beauty scans
The fields and the hills and dells!
I shall remember Queenstown,
The wharf and the boat and train,
And the lovely homes beneath the trees
Where the dreams come true again:
Queenstown, so attractive,
Settled and sweet and blest
With the lovely gift of days that drift
On rivers of rune and rest!

Crisfield People Up In Arms

A question involving the living of 2000 people of Crisfield, Md., was taken up this week in the Circuit Court of Wicomico County.

This case is a civil suit being brought by Gustave Fast, of Baltimore, against six representatives of the Protective Association. The purpose of the suit is to establish the ownership to the Cedar Island marsh, a low-lying marsh of something less than 10,000 acres, within sight of Crisfield, Somerset County, and shown on Chart No. 9 of the Maryland State Conservation Committee, to be bounded by the Tangier and Pocomoke Sounds and the Annamessex river.

Since the days of the colony this tract has been common hunting ground for those of Crisfield who gun, crab and fish for a living. It is considered the very best crabbing and oystering ground on the Tangier and has been all these years the main support of those citizens of Crisfield who follow the water.

In 1882 the late Oliver Horsey surveyed the tract and took a patent from the State of Maryland. In 1890 he resurveyed it and eliminated several of the smaller islands and the "fringe" of the main island. It is said his purpose was to escape taxation. Under the ownership of Mr. Horsey, Sr., the men of Crisfield were not interfered with.

Time passed and Mr. Horsey died, bequeathing the tract to his grandson. In 1910 the legatee had papers filed in the Somerset County Court, at Princess Anne, and began paying taxes upon the property. Since then the taxes have not been in arrears upon 2800 acres. Then Mr. Horsey sold his rights to Gustave Fast, of Baltimore, who said he represented a gun club of that city. The Crisfield people say they received Mr. Fast with a welcoming hand, but that he repulsed them and refused them the privileges that had descended to them through many generations.

ROCK HALL

Mr. LeRoy Boyer and wife and son, and Messrs. G. Baldauf and Elroy George Nesbit, all of Looch Raven, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John W. Boyer, Green Lane.

Mr. Henry Eckhardt, nephew of Mrs. James Thomas, Green Lane, and Mr. Wm. Heffner, Baltimore, are her guests for the week.

Mrs. George Hopkins and son, Milton, of Baltimore, were recent guests of Frank H. Mariner, Sharp street.

Mrs. Frank H. Mariner entertained Mr. Arthur Tawney for several days last week. Mr. Tawney was severely wounded during the World War while in France.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brier and daughter were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Orin Downey.

Master Stuart Littlepage, of Baltimore has returned home after spending his summer vacation with his aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sewell.

Mrs. Ellwood Kendall, of Worton, has been visiting her brother, Mr. Russell Sewell.

Mrs. C. H. Jones entertained her daughter, Mrs. C. R. Littlepage., of Baltimore, recently.

Mr. Leonard Leary left recently for Denton to resume his duties as principal of the High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bryers, of Baltimore, spent several days this week with Mr. Oren Downey.

Miss Horace Willson returned to Baltimore recently, where she resumed her position as nurse at Mercy Hospital.

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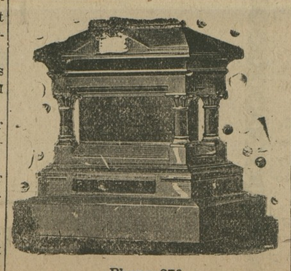
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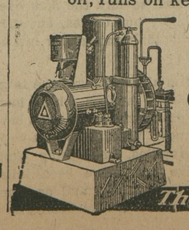
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