Who is This Love-Sick Swain?

It is hoped the following accommodating and love-sick youngster will not fail of an answer to his earnest epistle:

March 17th 1896.

My dear friend

gives me great pleasure to answer your kind and welcomed letter that i received while i was gone away but i did not no ho it was that sent it to me for there was no name signed to it and i could n't think ho it was that sent it but since I have thought about it you are the only one that lives close to a sertain house and if it was you that wrote to me i beg to be excused for not answerin' it before but if you had a signed your name to it i would have answered it right away and if it was you answer as soon as you get this and let me no and i will come to your house soon as you answer if I had none that you would let me go enny more i would have come very often for i like you very much better than I do Miss —— and if you let me go with you i will not let Miss —— bother my mind no more for i won't go with her eny more and if ever a wife i have hope that it will be you but if you didn't rite to me while i was over the bay i hope that you wont get a fended i ont sine my name either but if you did it you will no who to answer it to this is all i have to say now but if you answer this i will have more to say next time for i will come to your house to see you. From one who loves you dearly this is my name or it stands for it, Miss —— some loves one some loves to but I love one and that is you direct your answer to rock hall or chestertown i will get it both places.

Hollanders Settling in Caroline.

A Move in the Right Direction.

The Prudential Land Company of Talbot county, has purchased on the Choptank river in Caroline county, between Denton and Dover bridge, nearly 2,500 acres of farm lands and during the present spring three hundred Hollanders will settle thereon for the purpose of farming. The Hollanders are expected to arrive in the course of a few weeks. This is a move in the right direction. The Land Company has been greatly assisted by the Baltimore, Chesapeake & Atlantic Railroad Company, which runs through the greater body of the land purchased. The same company also has a line of steamers on the Choptank and has also built wharves for the convenience of the settlers. A boom may be looked for in this county when the Queen Anne's Railroad is completed to Lewis and in operation. There are thousands of acres along the line of the road needing development and can be purchased at reasonable rates. The *American* in commenting on the settlement says: "The plans of enterprising gentlemen to bring to Maryland experienced farmers from Europe will, if wisely managed, be of incalcuable value to this State. It will mean larger values for the lands, and will greatly increase productive wealth. The colony of three hundred from Holland who settle on the Upper Choptank will find a country of excellent fertility, which they will be able to farm with profit. There is not a more beautiful river in this section of the country, and it serves the double purpose of supplying food and affording cheap transportation. The Eastern Shore is progressing, but the progress is mainly in towns. The country districts are not receiving the attention they ought to have. Perhaps it is because the low prices of wheat and corn and the fitfullness of the peach crop have discouraged them. But the future of the Eastern Shore farms in the raising of truck is very hopeful. The fact that much of the truck we get in our market is inferior, while the demand for the best is growing all the time, seems to have influence with those who ought to profit by the opportunity. The coming new methods will have a good effect beyond their own prosperity."

Unconscious Influence.

A Broad street young man is surprised at the prominence he has achieved as a leader of enforced fads. He is simply a manager in a concern, and never anticipated the small commotion he has created in Wall and Broad streets. Last winter one year ago he decided to wear colored shirts during cold weather, with a black tie. He did so, because the shirts fitted him better than his white ones. A few days later he noticed other young men wearing the summer colored shirt, and later, almost the entire street contingent. He merely noticed this, but thought nothing of it.

He next wanted a pair of water-proof shoes, so as not to be bothered with rubber or overshoes. His shoemaker could only fit him with heavy yellow summer water proofs. However, necessity drove him, and he put them on. Almost immediately Wall and Broad streets approved it and soon everybody stamped through snow and slush with bright yellow water-proof shoes. Still he felt unconscious of having set a fashion.

Then the dangers from footpads and "hold-ups" came on. He bought himself a heavy knotted walking stick, with a big curved handle, sufficient in weight to kill a man. Although not the cane of fashion's decree, his followers very soon all had identical walking sticks. He now was forced to observe that his appearance was closely copied. His hats, his overcoats anh his clothes were duplicated as fast as he assumed them. He is very much surprised at all this, being a quiet and modest man. But he is convinced that where necessity works changes in a man's appearance or life of which the public approves, he will have a prompt following. There can be no doubt that in the matter of shirts, shoes and sticks, the timorous only wanted a courageous, self-unconscious man to lead them on to a necessary reform.

GINGER SNAPS GOUP.

The Price Raised from 3 to 7 Cents a Pound.

Great is the Cracker Trust. It has absorbed Skillman, conquered Mason and forced Tyler to surrender. Baltimore could stand this, but now the Trust has put up the price of ginger snaps, which is harder to forgive and impossible to forget. The Cracker Trust is otherwise the New York Biscuit Company. It has been waging war in Baltimore for nearly three years to drive out the local cracker manufacturers. One by one it has compelled them to capitulate. Its method was to cut prices. The local manufacturers had to cut also or lose the business. Prices were cut so low that both the trust and the local firms were losing money. It was a question of who could keep on losing money the longer. The Trust had the money backing it, and the local firms were forced out of business.

The last surrender was Tyler & Bro. of 412 to 418 West German street. This firm has just been taken in by the Trust. It has been in business for 52 years, and when it was started there were no trusts. It has been employing about 75 hands. It is said—just merely rumored—that this establishment will be wiped out of existence and that the Mason firm will become the general agent in Baltimore for the Trust.

Ginger Snaps on a Gold Basis.

Having now secured a monopoly practically, the Trust is proceeding to recoup its losses for the past two years, and people who want to eat crackers will have to pay dearly for the privilege. It wasn't so very long ago that ginger snaps sold at 3c. a lb., and every school boy could have them between meals. Now they are 7 cents a pound, and every bite is taken by the gold standard. The prices went down gradually in cuts made at different times, and they are now going up the same way. Every few days the Trust issues a new price list, the local dealers say, and each new list raises the rates. The customers who buy at the retail grocery stores are feeling the advance to a considerable extent.

Advances in Crackers.

In the cracker line the advances have been as follows: Cream lunch, from 8 to 10 cents a pound. Graham wafers, from 11 to 14 cents. Animal crackers, from 8 to 10 cents. Shrewsbury oyster, from 8 to 10 cents. Soda, from 8 to 10 cents. Royal water, from 8 to 9 cents. Extra water, from 8 to 10 cents. Sultana fruit, from 10 to 12 cents. Salted banquet, from 12 to 14 cents. Cracker dust, from 4 to 7 cents.

These prices may vary slightly at different grocery stores, as the proprietors make leaders of special articles, but they are approximately the retail prices in Baltimore today. The Trust issued its last price list March 10. It contains a card from the Mason firm saying it has consolidated with the New York Biscuit Company because it deemed it best for its own interests as well as for the trade in general.

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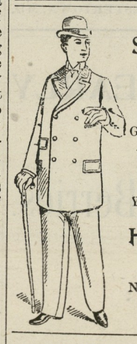

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H. C. WILLIS,
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Will make the season of 1896 in Kent and Queen Anne's counties, from March 15th to June 20th, 1896. Pedigree: Hendrick's Bashaw, foaled Dec. 13, 1885, is 10 years old, 15¼ hands high, weighs 1,000 pounds, dark chestnut sorrel, sired by Bashaw, Jr., known as Fawcett's Bashaw, (51, time 1.24¾. being a great racer in his day; first dam by Hines' Sherman, he by Ticondirago, who was a standard-bred horse. TERMS: $6 for the season; Groom 25 cents. For further information apply to
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BEN. SCOTT, Groom. m21-1m.

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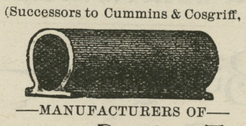

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL NOTICE!

The county Commissioners of Kent County will meet at their office in Chestertown, on TUESDAY, 10th day of March, 1896, at 10½ o'clock A. M., and will continue to meet at the same place and hour EVERY TUESDAY for the purpose of noting transfers and correcting assessments, until the SEVENTH DAY OF MAY NEXT.

All persons who have sold or transferred any assessable property since their last sitting for said purpose, are particularly requested to attend at an early day to have their assessments corrected and adjusted.

Persons making application for transfer of property will be required to comply with the following section of the Code, Article 81.

SEC. 19. They shall also interrogate said person on oath in reference to any acquisition or investment made by him and not already assessed, and the amount of all such acquisitions and investments shall be added to the assessable property, and if he refuses to answer, no allowance or deduction shall be made on his assessment.

AFTER TUESDAY, TWELFTH DAY OF MAY NEXT, no alterations or corrections in the assessments will be made for the present year.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR FOR KENT COUNTY will be appointed on the Second Monday—13th day—of April next.

A KEEPER OF THE STANDARDS OF WEIGHTS and MEASURES will be appointed on Tuesday, 14th day of April next.

☞All persons having accounts against the county are requested to present the same on or before TUESDAY, 28TH DAY OF MAY NEXT, otherwise they may be excluded from the levy this year. All accounts properly chargeable to the county are required to be made out in a clear manner and itemized and rendered under oath.

All applications for pensions must be made in writing, stating the condition and circumstances of the applicant and vouched for by three or more freeholders having knowledge of the facts therein set forth.

N. B.—All persons neglecting to have their assessments corrected are hereby notified that no allowances for taxes paid in error in consequence of such neglect will be made.

DANIEL HILL, PRES'T;
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