Dust From the Road of Life.

MRS. LOUIS BEDFORD.

Some of the dust from the road of life
Has fallen upon my hair,
And silver threads from my raven locks
Are gleaming out here and there;
And, oh, these meshes of siver gray
Tell of the moments flown—
Of the day that's drawing to a close,
And the night that's coming on.

But the coming night seems cold and dark
And my heart is filled with fears,
As Thought flies backward on weary wings,
O'er the waste of vanished years;
And in the castle of Memory
Few jewels are treasured there;
But dross and rubbish that tell of earth
Are visible everywhere.

Even on the faithful register
That hangs in Memory's hall
I find that only worthless deeds are traced—
They are dark and blotted all;
Hence, as approaches the eve of life,
My spirit shrinks back with fear,
For threatening clouds o'erspread the sky,
And the night seems very near.

By faith I turn—in the rosy East
A beautiful star I see
Stand o'er the manger in Bethlehem,
And it seems to shine for me;
And from the city of golden spires,
Whose gates just now are ajar,
I catch a radiant beam of light
From the bright and morning star.

And when upon Jordan's restless wave
I shall launch my wayworn bark,
The "dust from the road of life" shall fall
From my tresses long and dark;
And the lines of care upon my brow,
And the pain within my breast,
Shall pass away as my bark draws near
This beautifuld land of rest.

OYSTER FUND.

"The receipts are shown to be $64,-244,02, embraced in which is a loan from the Treasury proper of $15,000, as per Chapter 346 of 1896. This amount, if deducted, leaves the ordinary receipts only $49,244,02, to which must be added the balance on hand September 30, 1895, of $3,583,67, making the actual receipts $52,827,69, a sum less by $15,166,40 than for the same period in 1895. Adding this amount to the temporary loan of $15,000 above mentioned, gives the total receipts as shown $67,817,69. The disbursements are $67,340,86, leaving a balance to the credit of said fund of $485,83.

This balance of September 30, 1895, of $3,583,67 is misleading. At that time had the pay-roll of the officers and men and the bills contracted and then due on account of the Oyster Fishery Force been paid, as was afterwards done, instead of there being this balance on hand of $3,583,67, there would have been a deficit of $3,017,20.

In making this statement, I desire to be perfectly fair and to give the true condition of the Oyster Fund. For several years past the once large balance has become exhausted in building, equipping and maintaining a navy, and the revenue accruing to this fund has greatly diminished, having to depend each year upon that year's revenues solely for support, while the disbursements incidental to the proper care of the State's large interests therein, in keeping it in good repair and equipment, have been in excess of such receipts.

The revenue derived from dredging licenses amounting in 1889 to $57,928,27, in 1890 to $52,945,27, in 1891 to $50,275,-03, dwindled in 1896 to $25,274,33.

The Legislature of 1896 sought to aid this fund by loaning from the Treasury the sum of $15,000 above mentioned, to be returned "from the first moneys received into the Treasury for the purposes of the Oyster Fund." This sum was not quite sufficient for the object desired, hence some bills went over into the next fiscal year, having since been paid as well as the loan.

Permit me to say from the present indications, there can be reasonably anticipated a largely increased revenue to this fund under the operations of the law as enacted by the last Legislature, Chapter 418, the sum of $42,000 being already in the Treasury from dredging licenses alone with largely anticipated receipts from oyster fines, canners and packers, tongs and scraping licenses, which, if realized, should under an economical administration, largely, if not entirely relieve this fund of its embarrassment.

The oyster industry is one of the greatest in the State, yielding thousands of dollars to the city of Baltimore and the tidewater counties, and is too important to be treated save in a broad and liberal way, the very existence of which depends upon an honest and efficient force that should receive such means as to render it effective." — *From the Annual Report of Comptroller Robert P. Graham.*

His Threat.

Dr. Slade—Do you think you can lick Appetite Bill?

Alkali Ike—Mebby I can, an' mebby I can't; but when I git through tryin' his wife will have to refer to his photograph to see how he looked before he met me!

GEORGE LESHER, west of Hagerstown, sold to George Beard for $10 a white oak tree which measured six feet across the stump. The tree was sawed up and yielded 2,400 feet of lumber, 900 barrel staves and six cords of stove wood. Mr. Beard got $65 for his products. His labor cost $17.

Not Necessary.

"I see," said the High Hat to the Bloomers, "that you havn't been turned down yet."

"No," flippantly replied the Bloomers, "I don't interfere with the view like you do."

The Wonderful Mill.

Once upon a time there was a famous mill, called the Wonderful Mill of Apolla, which had the power of grinding people over and making them young again. The oldest men or women, when the miller put them into the hopper, would in a very few moments come out at the spout entirely transformed; the gray hair and wrinkles would have vanished, and glossy tresses and rounded cheeks have taken their place; the bent back would now be straight and supple, and the withered hands young and dimpled, and all this would be accomplished by the wonderful mill without the slightest pain. You would have thonght, would you not, that the miller would be overwhelmed with work? But, strange to say, the mill was not popular; for days and for weeks together the miller, who was himself an old man, would sit still in the sun and look at the motionless wheel. But one day an old woman presented herself; she was bent almost double, and the skin of her face was like parchment, but in her eyes shone the light of expectation.

"I've come for you to grind me over, Mr. Miller," she cried.

"Aye, and that I'll be glad to do," he answered, "but there's a bit of paper here you must sign first; and he handed her a long strip of white paper on which was written all the mistakes and blunders and sins of her life; truly it was a long list.

"And why must I sign that?" she asked.

"To make sure that when you begin your life again, you'll commit all these faults just in the same order."

"Cannot I be young again without that?" she asked anxiously.

"No, indeed," he answered, "you can't have your life over, without going again through the dark days as well as the bright ones."

"Oh, that would be paying too dear," she said, and she turned away sadly, and went back to her old home to live only as long as the Lord willed.

He Came From the Windy West.

The man from Kansas was making a trip across the Atlantic, and during the passage the weather was entremely boisterous. One morning when it was blowing great guns the Kansas man appeared on deck. Nobody was in sight except the captain.

"Go below there," he shouted.

The passenger looked around to see who he was talking to.

"You mean me?" he yelled back when he saw there was no one else in sight.

"Of course I do; go below," and the captain came along side.

"Well, I guess not," protested the Kansan. "I'm here to see how one of your 'mountain high' waves and 'terrific gales' compares with what we have in Kansas in the way of cyclones. This ain't a patching to what I've seen out our way."

Before the captain could offer further objections a big green wave came curling over the place where the passenger stood, and the next thing he knew he was swept off of his feet and carried aft over ropes and boats and all the paraphernalia of a ship's deck and landed in one corner, where he was saved from being washed overboard. When they got him out he had a broken leg, a twisted shoulder, a sprained wrist, his face looked as if it had been dragged backward through a briar patch, and he was unconscious. They carried him to the captain's room and after much effort restored him to consciousness. He gazed around a minute in bewilderment, and his eyes fell on the captain.

"By gravy, cap," he said feebly, "that reminded me of home, only it was a blamed sight wetter."

Sunflower Seed as Cow Feed.

The farmers of this county can get a new wrinkle in farming from Mr. Chas. A. Councilman, of Baltimore. He has in cultivation a field of 14 acres planted to sunflowers. His fourteen acres of sunflowers, he says, will produce about a thousand bushels of seed. When mixed with barley the cows like it. The seed will be ready to gather in September. The heads will then be cut from the stalks and the seed threshed out and stored away like grain and will not become mouldy if properly dried before being placed in the bins. Some of the heads are as large around as a good-sized tub. The milk of cows fed as Mr. Councilman's are produce 22 to 24 per cent. in cream. The stalks left after the heads are cut off, it is being demonstrated, are of decided advantage to the sod, and experiments in that direction are being made at the experiment station connected with the Maryland Agricultural College. Mr. Councilman has been experimenting for some time upon his farm with raising and feeding sunflower seed and is much pleased with the success that has attended his efforts. It is time farmers were looking out for crops which pay better than wheat and corn.

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.
When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.
When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.
When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

WESTCOTT & DODD

The Public Can't Keep Away When They Hear of Such

BARGAINS.

Special for Monday:

10 Bars Super American Bleecher Soap, worth 5c. and 1 bot. Blue to close.....25c.
6 Bars Philadelphia Oline Soap.....25c.
Best and Purest on the market, and no one knows it better than Louisa Chambers. Ask her and you will know the rest.

Tuesday and Saturday:

Enterprise, Leverings, Oriole Coffee...13¾c.
American Granulated Sugar.....5c.
We don't mean that it is Amercan by emptying German Bag Sugar into barrels and thereby Americanizing it. It is the Pure American Sugar.....5c.
6 Bottles 6 oz. Defiance Yeast Powder...25c.
3 Boxes Lye, worth 30c.....25c.
Our 20c. and 25c. Molasses and Syrup, No one questions their value.
35c. Tobacco now.....25c.
It is the greatest hit we have ever made.
R. J. R. Tobacco now.....25c.
Ask Senator Hepbron, J. W. Chapman and Harper McFeely about Cigars they smoke.

Every Day:

Coal Oil, Water white.....9¾c.
Gum Boots worth $3.00, now.....$2.50
Balance of Our Leather Boots we are closing at COST.
White Blankets, Lap Robes and Horse Blankets at COST.
1,000 yards 7c. Muslin.....5c.
This is no humbug.
87 Pair of those Regular Made Hoes, 2 pair for.....25c.
Balance Winter Pants at COST.
Table Linens, Hamburgs Laces all cheaper.
Don't forget OUR TEAS.
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All CORPORATION TAXES for 1896 are now overdue and a PROMPT SETTLEMENT is requested.

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TWO POUNDS FOR 25 CENTS.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Kent county letters of administration on the personal estate in Kent county, Maryland, of

CLARA L. GROVES,

late of Kent county, Maryland, deceased.

All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned on or before the 3d day of August, 1897, otherwise they may be excluded by law, from all benefits in said estate. All indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the subscriber.

Given under my hand this 26th day of January, 1897.

WILLARD MELVIN,
January 30, 1897—4t. Administrator.

No. 1224 Chancery.

Order Nisi.

William W. Beck, Assignee,
versus
William B. Richardson and D.A. Arthur, trading under the firm name of William B. Richardson & Co.

In the Circuit Court for Kent Co., in Equity.

ORDERED, this 29th day of January, 1897, that the sale of the Personal Property of William B. Richardson & Co., made and reported by WILLIAM W. BECK, assignee of a Chattel Mortgage from William B. Richardson and D. A. Arthur, trading as W. B. Richardson & Co., to George H. Kolkett & Co., and dated the 22d day of January, 1896, and recorded in Liber S. G. F., No. 1, Folio 220, &c., a Chattel Record Book for Kent county, Md., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 2d day of March next;—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper, printed and published in Kent County, once in each of two succesive weeks before the 15th day of February next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $200.00.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
True copy—Test:
SAMUEL G. FISHER, Clerk.
Feb. 6. 1897—3t.

Number 1232 Chancery.

Order Nisi.

Joseph W. Price, Mortgagee,
versus
Samuel A. Merritt and Laura S. Merritt.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 22d day of January, 1897, that the sale of the Real Estate of Samuel A. Merritt and Laura S. Merritt, his wife, made and reported by JOSEPH W. PRICE, Mortgagee, under power in the mortgage from Sam'l A. Merritt and Laura S. Merritt, his wife, dated the 29th day of September, 1887, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent county, aforesaid, in Liber S. B., No. 9, folio 574, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 25th day of March next;—Provided, a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of three successive weeks before the 25th day of February next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $6,715.96.

SAMUEL G. FISHER, CLERK.
True copy, Test:
SAMUEL G. FISHER, CLERK.
Jan. 23, 1897—4t.

No. 1,224, Chancery.

Order Nisi.

The Chester Loan Association of Kent County
versus
WILLIAM S. Maslin and wife.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, in Equity.

ORDERED, this 20th day of Jan. 1897, that the sale of the property of Wm. S. Maslin and wife, made and reported by MARION DEK. SMITH, Attorney, uner the power in the mortgage from the said William S. Maslin and wife to the said The Chester Loan Association of Kent county, a body corporate, dated the 10th day of November, 1893, and recorded among the Land Records of Kent oounty, in Liber S. G. F., No. 2, Folio 101, &c., be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown on or before the 25th day of March, next;—Provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent County, once in each of three successive weeks before the 25th day of February next.

The report states the amount of sales to be $630.00.

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1.00	"	81	"	2.60	Boots for $2.19.		
85	"	76	"	2.00	"	1.69.	
3.00	"	2.39	for Men.	1.50	"	1.19.	
2.50	"	2.13	"	1.25	"	99.	
2.25	"	1.98	"				

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Men's Best 50 cent Undershirts.....39 cents.
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" 25 " Pants.....19 "

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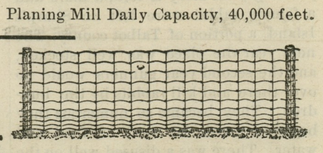

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