ON WATER COURSES!

South Carolina Oysters — Planting the Bivalve — Crabs in Market. — A Stringent Fish Law.

Fresh shad have been served this week at some of the hotels on the Shore.

A small flock of ducks found an opening in the ice on Chester river last Friday and within a few hours eight or ten gunners were after them, but failed to get close enough for a shot.

Quaker Neck oystermen have been supplying Chestertown with oysters during the cold weather. Capt. Robt. Hynson, of Piney Neck, soon disposed of several barrels in town Saturday.

Fishermen of Kent are heard complaining of the fish license but when we are reminded that other States impose heavier fines and more stringent laws we feel no better satisfied but somewhat more charitable. For instance a bill was introduced in North Carolina last week requiring a license of $2,500 to catch fish!

Two boats loaded with North Carolina oysters stopped at Annapolis last Saturday and one discharged its cargo at 40 cents per bushel. The other proceeded to Baltimore in tow. It is the first time this season a North Carolina boat has stopped at Annapolis, and the dissimilarity of the North Carolina oyster with those caught in Maryland waters was remarked. They are quite salty and could be used to advantage, it is thought, if planted in our waters, being very prolific. A packer purchased 1,300 bushels. The experiment of planting North Carolina oysters in Maryland will be tried.

The people of Church Creek, in Dorchester county, are feasting off "deviled crabs." The crabs are said to have been caught on the oyster rocks, where they are this season hibernating in large numbers in a shallow depth of mud. Many of them are "channelers," as crabs of mature growth are locally known, and the general run averages four inches on the shell. Several bushels have been obtained by the oystermen at Martin's Shoal, an oyster bar, and the Little Choptank river. Recently a soft crab was caught in the tongs of a Choptank oysterman near Sharp's Island. This is an unusual case, as the crabs are supposed to retain their one shell throughout the winter.

The general impression prevails that the oystermen are making a mistake in attempting to have the oyster lots above Cambridge vacated. None of these lots now produce more than twenty dollars worth of oysters, at the farthest. If the owners who appropriated them were permitted to spread 5000 bushels of oysters upon each, the oystermen would make from two hundred to three hundred dollars taking them up alone, not to mention the emyloyment that would be given in bedding and cultivating the bivalves. This, of course, is predicted on the thought that the grounds mentioned could be used to advantage for bedding purposes.

The subject that is now coming to the front in this State seems to be "How to preserve the oyster bars of the Chesapeake and tributaries?" The supply is becoming limited so far, at least, as good stock is concerned. There are a number of theories as to how to preserve the oyster beds and very much is written and published upon the subject. The NEWS from time to time has endeavored to keep the readers posted upon the different theories and suggestions. Mr. W. G. L. Lobman, of Baltimore, writes about various theories of the threatened destruction of the oyster trade of Baltimore and the Chesapeake bay by the exhaustion of the oyster beds. Mr. Lobman thinks that the proper way to prevent that catastrophe is to prohibit the shipment of oysters out of the State, just as the State of Minnesotta preserves its game by prohibiting its shipment beyond the boundaries of the State. Mr. Lobman says he has been confronted in many places in the far West by placards announcing fresh Baltimore oysters at 20 cents a quart. He inclosed the bill of fare of a Minneapolis restaurant, showing the price of oysters to be, for a stew, 10 cents; a half-dozen raw, 10 cents; a half-dozen fried, 15 cents. This is a curious suggestion. If with the markets of the continent competing for Chesapeake oysters the prices are low as scarcely to pay for taking them, what would the price be if all competition with Baltimore buyers were destroyed? It is said that some years ago the people in the interior of the country knew nothing of oysters in their natural state and would eat none except canned oysters. The fast trips on the railroads have probably taught them better. It might be of some advantage to Baltimore industry, possibly, to make every body have their oysters tinned at our packing-house before they are permitted to eat them. But if outsiders continued to consume the quantity it would be no relief to the oyster beds. We still hold to the belief that the best plan is to increase the supply rather than restrict the demand. The great and broad Chesapeake can produce, if the politicians would only permit it, enough oysters to give the people of the whole land an occasional stew or fancy roast, and to employ many more people in the trade than have ever been employed.

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In the *Sunday New York Herald.*

Three Steps to Take.

Come unto me, and I will give you rest.—Matthew, xi., 28.

He will give you rest by giving you what will produce rest.

If I cannot understand why my burdens have been placed on my shoulders I naturally feel that I am the victim of an injustice, and such a state of mind doubles the weight of the burden. When one who knows more about these things than I do sits by my side and convinces me that this burden bearing is for a good purpose, and that I shall receive more benefit from it than I could do from ease and comfort and luxury, he not only removes from mind the feeling that I am a victim of injustice, but also the half of the burden's weight which resulted from that thought. He does even more than that, for if I am sure that the burden is profitable to my soul, my mental condition greatly lightens the other half of its weight, because, after all, it is not the burden itself so much as the idea behind the burden which makes it heavy.

The benefactor who has the patience and good will to thus convince me will literally give me rest.

Your best self is just three paces distant from your present self, or, in other words, you are only three paces from God. Take those three steps and you will become what you were intended to be.

The first step may be called information. There is a curious impression abroad that religion will not stand the test of critical examination, while, on the contrary, it courts it. The emotions must always have a reasonable faith under them. The heart and brain should work in double, not in single, harness. The feeling that, like a white cap on a wave crest, a conviction is the divinest thing in the world, but you must have the wave before you can have the crest. No one can possibly hurt himself by honest thinking or questioning.

When a man discovers that God has so made the world that an acorn never produce anything but an oak he is not far from the discovery that an evil course of life cannot produce happiness. When the star is in its orbit it is the symbal of activity and peace combined, but you never saw a comet in the sky without associating with it the idea of unrest. The noblest life, the most productive life, is the religious life. If as the result of careful observations you reach that conclusion you have taken the first step, and there are only two remaining paces between you and God.

The second step may be called Conformation. When you see clearly that the way of the tendency is to conform to it. Man is naturally ambitious and want the best. If he is about to invest himself he will be as thoughtfully careful as when he invests his money, and in both cases he examines the security offered and the returns which may be expected in the way of interest. There is no reason why he should not make as good an investment spiritually as financially.

He cannot walk along the shore of life without seeing some wreck—a poor fellow whose childhood was bright, whose early life was full of promise, but who has gone to pieces, on the rocks; and it is easy to conclude that it would not be well to follow such an example.

If, therefore, he really reasons with himself he sees that it is better to obey God's laws than to defy them, and so the second pace has been covered.

The last step may be called Transformation. The ideas he has accepted, the loyalty to them which he has pledged work on his character chemically and make a rearrangement of the very molecules of his nature. He becomes through the normal action of law a different creature. You notice the change and say that a miracle has been performed. The simple truth is he has followed the injunction to "Come unto me" and has received the promised "rest."

A man's body even becomes different when his ideas becomes different. The old alchemist tried in vain to change a pebble into a nugget of gold. What the alchemist's retorts were unable to achieve can be done, not by man, but in man by the wondrous subtlety of faith. The composure of the mind is rest for the body. Dissipation disturbs the physical functions, and immoral ideas do the same thing; but the consciousness that you belong to God, and that in some subtle sense He belongs to you, is a "Peace, be still," which the physical organs as well as the mental structure recognize.

The sorrows of life is not all done away with, but they are greatly lessened. We need discipline in our maturity as in our childhood, for we are always at school, but the relation of Teacher and Pupil has been changed, and that change marks the difference between a restless and a restful soul.

To get music out of an instrument that is out of tune is impossible. Religion simply recognizes the fact that you are not in tune with the laws of the universe and then takes such steps as are necessary to put you in accord with them. When this consummation has been reached you will still make a dissonance now and then, for our human nature is weak, but you will appreciate the best kind of music, and you will play it more and more frequently every year of your life.

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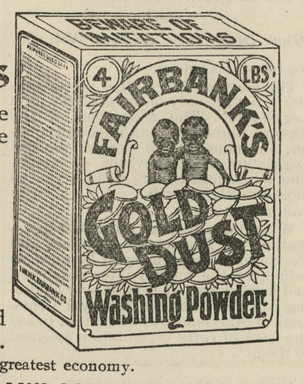

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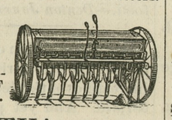

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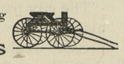

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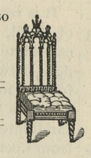

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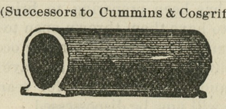

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