We begin our Great Inventory Sale next week. Great bargains.

Our Bankrupt Dep't is being filled with the best values ever offered.

New Year, 1904.

With much appreciation and respect we extend to our many readers, the public and to all of our customers the very best wishes for a prosperous and a Happy New Year.

May your every hope be realized and we trust the New Year will be the very best and happieet in your whole lives.

The many favors shown us during the old year we hope to merit in the New Year, and we trust this business will continue to grow and be of mutual benefit to both buyer and seller.

WM. MEDDERS & CO.

January Selling will be the largest because of the many bargains we will offer.

Write for our new January prices and save money on your purchasing during all of 1904.

STILL POND NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Benson, of Baltimore, are visiting Mrs. Parrott.

Mr. Jack Jones spent a few days with his mother, Mrs. Jones.

The young people of our town gave a surprise party to Miss Daisy Severson Thursday evening.

All the young people have been enjoying the fine skating this week.

Mr. Atkinson, of Philadelphia, visited his family this week.

Miss Macie Sutton is visiting her cousins the Misses Capps.

Mr. H. Anderson, of Philadelphia, has been visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Anderson.

Mr. John Davis and son, Amol, of Philadelphia, spent a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Meeks.

Mrs. Jones entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. John Jones, Mr. Ed. Jervis, of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. Crowding and children, and Mr. Joe Howard.

Mr. A. J. Hackett took charge of our Sunday School Sunday morning.

The Epworth League was led Sunday evening by Mrs. M. W. Medders.

Mrs. S. E. Severson, our milliner, has removed into her new store opposite F. H. Harper. Miss Mae Hackett is her popular saleslady.

Mr. A. Jewell, wife and children, and Mr. Ed. Jervis, of Philadelphia, have been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. William Jewell.

Rev. Tho. Beauchamp has been quite sick. On account of his being sick there was not any preaching at our church Sunday.

Our Sunday school made all feel very sad as we entered it to find it draped in black. All thoughts turned to the beloved superintendent who has crossed the dark river. He is gone but not forgotten.

Mr. Money, of Lynch's, has moved into the Bradley house.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson, of Rock Hall, and Miss Beulah Thompson, of Baltimore, have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. Ricard, Miss Elsie and Mr. Harry spent a few days with friends at Kennedyville. BE WISE.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Tilghman Shafer returned home Wednesday evening after spending the holidays with relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Redmile returned home from Baltimore Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pennington spent Christmas day with Mr. Pennington's mother in Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Walter Hill, from Baltimore, spent last Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. Hill.

Mr. George Jones, of Baltimore Medical College, is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William T. Jones.

Miss Clara Hessner, from Frostburg Normal College, is spending Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. Charles Hessner.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Biggs and son, Paul, spent Christmas day with Mr. Biggs' mother, in Clayton, Del.

Mrs. J. E. Merriken and daughter, Ethel, returned home last Saturday after a three week's visit to Mrs. Merriken's mother, Mrs. S. E. Rhodes, near Queen Anne.

Mrs. L. A. Pennington has been quite sick, but at this writing is much improved.

Rev. C. R. Blades and family, from Byesville, moved to the farm where Mr. Charles Nickerson resided.

Mr. Craig Johnson was appointed constable for this district last Tuesday. We should have peace in this district now as we are supplied with two constables and two Justices of the Peace.

The Misses Knight gave a masquerade party Wednesday evening to their friends. All report a pleasant time.

Worton Items.

Miss Edith Ivens, of Philadelphia, has returned after spending a few days with friends in our town.

Miss Hallie Crew, of Baltimore, spent part of her holiday at the parental home.

Miss Florence Jewell, Betterton, is visiting at Mr. B. F. Rash's.

Miss Anna Matthews, one of the teachers of the Still Pond school, is spending the holiday with her mother, Mrs. H. E. Matthews.

Miss Etta Matthews, of the Conference Academy, is at home for the holidays.

Misses Mabrey and Ethel Rash, and Mr. Marion Rash, have returned after a pleasant visit to Wilmington friends.

Misses Rachel and Alice Wood, of Still Pond, are visiting in Worton.

Mr. Carl Hepbron and brother, of Baltimore, spent part of the week as guests of their grandfather, Rev. J. B. Merritt.

Mr. Claude Hackett, of Still Pond, was entertained for a few days by Mr. Grover C. Sutton.

Miss Mary Capps, of Still Pond, is visiting Miss Mary Sutton.

Mrs. Sallie Carter was quite sick for several days, but has fully recovered.

Mrs. Lydia A. Duyer, who has been ill for some time, is somewhat better.

Mr. Isaac Duyer is very much improved.

The Presbyterian Sunday school held their Christmas entertainment on Monday evening, when a very interesting program was splendidly rendered. Great credit is due the young ladies of the community for the success of the affair.

The Christmas service of the M. E. Church on Wednesday evening was up to the high standard set by the school in former years, and was a great success.

Following is the program of the Christmas service at Presbyterian church, Worton, on Monday evening:

Singing, Ring, Ring the Bells.....School
Welcome.....Sarah Turner
Solo.....Clatra Cooper
Singing, Shout with Gladness.....School
Responsive Reading.....School
Recitation.....Edgar Clark
Solo.....Miss Bessie Ivens
Now I Lay me Down to Sleep.....by five girls
Chorus, Shine Glorious Day-Star.....School
Dialogue.....Daisy and Edgar Clark
Reading.....Miss Reba Tucker
Solo.....Daisy Clark
What boys Know.....by four boys
Chorus, Sing the Joy of Christmas.....School
Recitation.....by two girls
Quartette, Messrs G. Turner, Lester Carter, Miss Macy Sutton, Mrs. K. Cooper.
Recitation.....Mary Hurd
Chorus, Christmas is with us Again.....School
Dialogue.....by four boys
Solo.....Miss Florence Smith
Recitation.....Clarence Newcomb
Collection.....
Visit of Santa Claus.....
Crowning the Cross.....five girls
Chorus, Rejoice Ye People.....School
Benediction.....Rev. K. M. Bull

Mr. Wm. S. Crane, California, Md., suffered for years from rheumatism and lumbago. He was finally advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which he did and it affected a complete cure. For sale by M. A. Toulson, Druggist.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

Canning & Mercantile Company.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Canning & Mercantile company on Saturday last it was decided to enlarge the stock of goods in the Chestertown store, and to introduce many new and up-to-date phases in the business. The store will be run on a much larger scale than heretofore. In order, therefore, to make room for our increased supply of goods by January 1, 1904. we will sell the articles as enumerated below for the next 30 days. These goods must go in order to make room for our enlarged supply. Call and get bargains.

Carriages.

Were	$90.00,	now	$80.00
"	75.00.	now	65.00
"	65.00,	now	57.00
"	55.00	now	50.00

Runabouts.

Were	50.00	now	42.00
Were	45.00	now	37.00
Were	40.00	now	35.00
Were	35.00	now	30.00

EXTENSION TOPS.
Were 130.00 now 100.00

Farm Wagons.

Were	45.00	now	40.00
"	35.00	now	32.50

Dearborns.

Were 42.50 now 35.00

Corn Shellers.

Were 6.50 now 5.75

Grain Fans.

Were $14 now $12.

Long Handle Shovels.

Were 60 cts. now 45 cts.

Short Handle Shovels.

Were 60 cts. now 45 cts.

Churns, were $2.05 now $1.50.
5 gal. Galvanized Oil Cans 40 & 50c. each.
Galvanized Buckets 15, 18 and 20c.
3-Hoop Cedar Buckets, 25c.
2-Hoops 15c.
Sausage Stuffers and Lard Presses.

8 quarts, were	$5.75	now	$5.00
6 quarts, were	4.70	now	4.00
4 quarts, were	4.15	now	3.50

Meat Cutters at cost.

Gunning Coats, Leggins and Guns at or below cost.

Ice Cream Freezers were $2 now $1.60.

STOVES.

Were	$20.00	NOW	$19.
Were	$18.50	NOW	$17.
Were	$14.50	NOW	$13.
Were	$12.00	NOW	$11.

RANGES.

Were	$20	NOW	$18.50
Were	$16	NOW	$15.
Were	$15	NOW	$14.

AIR TIGHTS FROM $2.50 UP.

Saddles, were $5 now $4. $7.50 now $6.
SPEED CART, was 32.00 now 26.00

All kinds of PAINT at half price.
TIN and AGATEWARE at cost.

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QUAKER CITY SELF-FILLING FOUNTAIN PEN.

No Dirt, Blots or Spilled Ink.

Fountain Pen Perfection

The Quaker City Self-Filling Fountain Pen fills itself and thereby fills a long-felt want.

Free Press

Any reliable time saver is eagerly welcomed by the modern business man. Probably the most forceful illustration of this condition of things in recent years was the enthusiasm with which the fountain pen was greeted. It seemed to mean the saving of so much time and annoyance for so many people that its sale was simply phenominal.

But the fountain pen was not by any means perfect and its users soon discovered that the bother was only concentrated, instead of being dispensed with. The finest fountain pen would write indifferently well as long as there was ink in it but, when that gave out our busy man had to stop, unscrew an inky cap, hunt around for the filler and the particular ink recommended by the manufacturers of that particular pen and so on through a long process of annoyance.

The manufacturers of the Quaker City Self-Filling Fountain Pen have overcome all this bother and produced a practical writing tool which is as easy to use as if one were simply writing with the filler needed for the old pen. There is nothing to unscrew, nothing to squirt, nothing to lose or get out of order. Its construction is simple but substantial and the operation of filling it so simple that you wonder nobody thought of it before.

It is merely necessary to dip the pen pressing it slightly, lift up as usual and go on writing. Its capacity is no less than the bothersome kind.

We feel that we are not over-praising the Quaker City Self-Filling Fountain Pen when we say that it represents the acme of fountain pen achievement.

Only fountain pen that never spills ink, never inks the fingers, needs no filler, can be filled from any ink-well, anywhere! Greatest gift of the year, for business men, students, school children---all who use a pen!

A GREAT GIFT.

COSTS $1.00.

Looks as well and works far better than any high-priced pen on the market. Doesn't get out of order, doesn't write by fits and starts. Built simply and well, lasts long and writes perfectly all the time.

It Costs $3700 to Perfect. Protected by Patents.

$1.00 Brings it to Your Door.

Money refunded and no questions asked if you are not ENTIRELY SATISFIED. As far ahead of the old-fashioned fountain pen as the modern one is ahead of the quill. No syringe used.

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Enclosed find one dollar for which send me by return mail one Quaker City Self-Filling Fountain Pen.

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*Address*_____
*City or town*_____
*State*_____

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