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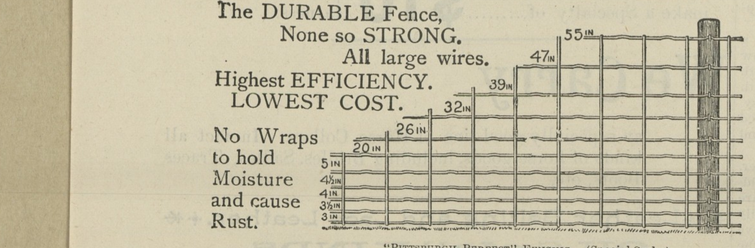
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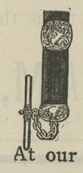
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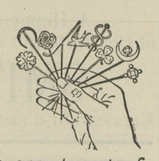
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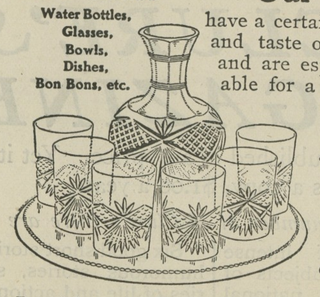
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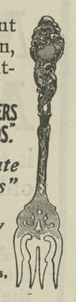
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OPEN-AIR CURE.

Sleeping Out in a Tent in Zero Weather.

During the severe cold weather prevailing the past week Rev. Dr. Charles A. Grise, pastor of Ebenezer Methodist Episcopal Church, Easton, has slept in a tent erected on the back porch of the parsonage, on Dover street. He has been in poor health for some time, caused by an aggravated case of catarrh. In the early part of last summer he consulted an eminent physician, who told him that the best way to effect a cure was to rough it—that is, to stay and sleep out of doors as much as he could. He has followed the advice to the letter. While taking his vacation last summer he commenced to sleep out in the open air, and upon his return home he has slept in a tent every night. Dr. Grise says the remedy has proved effective in his case, as he feels better than he has for 10 years and has gained 20 pounds in weight and is stronger than he has been for years. On one of the cold mornings recently when he awoke he found the mercury clear down in the bulb of the thermometer. He will continue to camp out, zero weather or not.

W. C. T. U.

The first meeting of the new year was held at the M. P. Church on Friday evening, Jan. 8. The programme opened with organ voluntary by Miss Lillie Rowe, after which, with Mrs. Annie Redmile as organist, the choir sang "New Year." After an earnest prayer by Mr. Wm. T. Hague, "The Golden Year" was sung. Mrs. Emma Godwin gave the Scripture reading and two absent members sent texts to be read, one of which was, "The Lord hath done great things for us; wherefore we are glad." The presence of the faithful secretary was missed, but she sent her passage of scripture.

A pretty reading, "The Bright New Year," was given by Miss Hettie Jarrell and Mrs. Bull's selection in "Books in the Home" contained gems of thought. "Christmas Candle" was sweetly sung by Nellie Othoson and Mollie Copper as they stood near a dainty Christmas tree beautifully trimmed and lighted. "The Two Roads," a reading by Miss Florence Powell, was listened to with deep interest. The choir sang "Cheer up, You'll Win the Day." Master Hartley Weer, recited very effectively "The Fir Tree" and Mr. Hague read impressively "The Preacher's Mother." A trio, "What Saw the Shepherds?" was beautifully rendered by Misses Lillie Rowe, Flora Johnston and Mrs. Leonard Lane. The final reading, "Why Women Wage War Against Rum," was given with earnestness by Mrs. Othoson.

The election of officers and superintendents resulted in the continuance of the present incumbents.

The president stated that the first Sunday in March would be observed throughout the land as "pledge-signing day" against tobacco. Announcement was made that a barrel of provisions had been sent to the free kindergarten. Five subscriptions to Union Signal were received. After singing "Sound the Battle Cry," the meeting closed. The Willard Memorial meeting will be held the first Friday in February.

Worton Items.

Miss Mary Sutton is visiting friends in Still Pond.

Mr. Leonard B. Smith, of Washington College, paid a brief visit to Mr. John Sutton.

Mr. Howard Carter has entered Washington College.

Miss Elizabeth Burchinal, our efficient assistant teacher, has been suffering from a severe cold but has returned to her school duties.

Mr. Charles Hurd, Jr., is ill with pneumonia, but is somewhat better at this writing.

The birthday party held at the home of Mr. G. N. Cooper on Tuesday evening was an enjoyable affair socially and a success financially. A large crowd was in attendance and every one seemed to enjoy the occasion. Proceeds for benefit of First Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. Mary E. Sutton is also quite sick.

Mrs. Annie F. Hurd, wife of Mr. Chas. Hurd, died on Wednesday morning of typhoid pneumonia aged about 45 years.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

Mr. J. E. Pennington, who has been merchandizing in Kennedyville for several months past has concluded to discontinue the business and has been disposing of his stock of goods by auction afternoon and evenings. Mr. Charles Hurlock is the auctioneer.

Rev. Charles R. Blades, of the Muskingun Conference of the M. P. Church, and who was pastor of the Kennedyville M. P. Church here in 1886 and 1887, will preach therein on Sunday at 10.30 A. M., Rev. R. S. Rowe, the present pastor, will preach at 7 P. M. Pastor Rowe's subject will be "From the black of the pots to the wings of a dove covered with silver and her feathers with yellow gold." Evangelistic services are being held in this church every Sunday evening.

Mr. D. Urferrer, from Pottstown, Pa., was in town Wednesday on business.

Mr. W. Thos. Jones is visiting friends in Wilmington, Del.

The construction gang is repairing the telegraph line over the railroad.

STILL POND NEWS.

Mrs. S. E. Severson gave a surprise party at her home Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson Crew.

Mr. Wm. M. Medders has been visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Albert Jervis has moved from the farm into our village.

Mr. William Parr and son, Holten, visted Galena this week.

Revival meetings started at our church Tuesday evening.

Miss Elsie Ricards has been visiting friends at Kennedyville.

Mr. William Anderson is visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mr. Joseph Clark is visiting friends in Wilmington.

Misses Rachel and Alict Wood have been spending a few days with Miss Daisy Severson.

Miss Lillie Thompson is visiting friends at Worton.

Be Wise.

COLLEGE NOTES.

Last Saturday evening the Adelphia Literary Society rendered a unique programme. The guests of the evening who enjoy the profound literary work of societies were well pleased, while those who have a desire for jokes or "catchy narratives" were not in the least disappointed. The Society was called to order promptly at 7.30 by Pres. H. O. Stephens. After the roll call and the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting, nominations were in order for the various offices of the Society. The programme was then in order and was as follows:

Declamation, True and False Glory, A. T. Tyler; select reading, A College Freshman, W. L. Nicholson; impromptu talk, Is Half Education Worse than none at all? H. Hopkins; oration, Approximation of Chestertown to an Ideal City, J. R. Brittingham; papers and humorous writings by E. A. Howard; debate, Resolved, That the Attitude of the U. S. towards Columbia is not Justifiable. Affirmative, H. P. Porter, R. F. Gill; Negative, H. O. Stephens, T. S. Patterson; judges, Dr. James W. Cain, Miss A. Cooper and Mr. Thomas Garey. The debate was decided in favor of the affirmative.

Thus ended the regular programme. Miss A. F. Cooper then thanked the Society in the name of the Pieria and Mr. Garey represented the Mt. Vernon in well chosen words.

The speech of Mr. Brittingham afforded a good deal of enjoyment. He spoke in high praise of the electric light plant and informed his audience that his "study" was lighted regularly every eighth night. He pictured a very vivid description of what Chestertown "could be" if—

Mr. E. A. Howard also held his audience. His bright, witty and pointed episodes caught every one. The only general regret was that there was not more of them.

The debate was exceptionly logical on both sides and showed diligent and hard study of the question.

The Hall was beautifully decorated and won the praise of its many admirers. The evening ended with a light repast at Normal Hall.

At the suggestion of Dr. Cain the students formed a Glee and Mandolin Club last Tuesday at 2.30 P. M. After electing the following officiers, Mr. Hitch, Pres., Mr. William Shutz, Vice-Pres., Mr. H. O. Porter, Sect., and Mr. Emmett Bryan, Treas., to frame a constitution, it was then decided to have a public recital some time near Easter. This organization has the cooperation of President Cain, and it is needless to say that Old Kent need not call to John Hopkins when it desires good music.

Mr. Joseph Carey did not return to college. There are many regrets, especially at West Hall.

Miss E. D. Gillespie, of Zion, Md., did not return.

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.

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