YELLOW Trading Stamps.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

We desire to announce to the public and our friends especially, that the HEADQUARTERS of the ever popular YELLOW TRADING STAMPS has been removed from the store of Westcott & Dodd to the store of

SPARKS & JEFFERSON.

We announce further that within a very few days we shall have in a fine line of additional Premiums for the holiday trade and wants. Our Premiums make the nicest kind of Presents. They cost you absolutely NOTHING. We want you to have them.

You can get the YELLOW STAMPS absolutely FREE on all Cash Sales at the stores of the following merchants of Chestertown:

SPARKS & JEFFERSON, Dry Goods, Notions, Millinery, etc.
W. AMBROSE CARROLL, Boots, Shoes, etc.
JACOB F. THOMPSON, Groceries, Provisions, etc.
HARRY B. NICHOLSON, Meats.
JAMES D. LUCAS, Clothing, Gents' Furnishings, etc.
J. H. SIDES, Jewelry, Optical Goods, etc.
W. S. McDONNELL, Books, Stationery, Confectionery, Tobacco, etc.

Remember the Premiums are kept, and all Stamps redeemed at store of

SPARKS & JEFFERSON.

AFTER ALL OTHERS FAIL CONSULT
The Reliable Optical Specialist,

E. I. ALPER.

Middletown, Delaware.

Nervous Headaches promptly relieved. Poor Eye Sight restored to its normal condition with the aid of proper glasses. I am particularly pleased when I get a case that had been tried by a number of others without results. Most of such cases I can improve and benefit. Will gladly examine your eyes Free of Charge. If I find you need glasses you will get the best, and charges are the lowest.

☞ Will be at Pippin's Hotel, Chestertown, Md., two days of each month. Next visit will be Thursday and Friday, February 4th and 5th, 1904. Office Hours—Thursday, 12.30 to 9:00 P. M. Fridays, 8.00 A. M. to 9.00 P. M. You are cordially invited to call.

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Headquarters for Skates,
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Ranges,

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year to all my customers and friends.

I take this opportunity to thank the public generally for their generous patronage during the year past, and trust that I may continue to secure a share of their trade during the year 1904.

A. Levine,

Jeweler and Optician.

Rough Weather

will come, and unless you have your horse shod you will not be prepared for it. You can have him shod at our place and get comfort and safety for him. We make this line of work a specialty, and you run no risk in bringing your horses to us; our experience has taught us to take care of the foot and you save the horse from many evils caused from improper shoeing. No foot, no horse is as true today as when first uttered. Try us when you want your horse shod.

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Blacksmithing and Shoeing Parlors,

Still Pond, Md.

BETTERTON BRIEFS.

Our little village is as wide-awake now as any town can be with transportation cut off. Ice is all you can see in the bay and ice-houses being dug and filled is the main work at present. We have nearly twenty-five houses in which ice is packed, so you see we will manage to keep cool in the summer months.

A few strangers have moved into our town at the beginning of the year, but none have moved out.

Miss Myrtle Mann has returned home after a pleasant visit in Baltimore.

Miss Gulia Heathers has gone to Philadelphia for the purpose of having her voice cultivated. The young people will miss Miss Gulia.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Brice are spending a few weeks with Mrs. Brice's parents in Baltimore.

Miss Bessie Hipsley is still a guest at the Chesapeake House.

The good people of Betterton gave a donation to their pastor some time ago. All report a pleasant evening and left the pantry well filled.

Skating, coasting and sleighing is much enjoyed by old and young. No accidents have been met with and all are having a jolly good time. The ice has been so solid that four of our young people, two ladies among them, skated clear across to Grove Point, Cecil county. This is a feat that has never before been accomplished by a lady.

The Epworth League of Betterton Church is certainly progressing. The ladies are getting up a "Silk Sock Social" to be held shortly, also a fine entertainment to be given in the hall in early spring.

We are sorry to state that Mr. James Brice isn't out yet. There are also several other confined to the house with severe colds.

Arrangements have been completed for the laying of a board walk from the wharf to the church and school house. A much-needed improvement. Get together, citizens of the back road, extend it on around the square to the Ericcson pier.

Horace F. Brice and W. H. Wheeler visited Annapolis last week to witness the inauguration.

Our fishermen are mending and rigging up their nets for the coming spring. As soon as the ice is out of the way a number of them will leave for Poole's Island and vicinity to try the rock fish.

Mr. Arthur L. Harris, who is an applicant for justice of the peace from the third district, is a thoroughly capable and desirable person. We hope our new Governor will favor him with the appointment.

Mrs. Geo. R. Crew, who was operated on at the Church Home and Infirmary, is doing nicely.

W. B. Price has bought the Captain Heather property, and will open it for boarders the coming season.

We expect two more hotels to be built in the near future.

STILL POND NEWS.

Miss Mabel Rasin left Friday to see her sister, Mrs. Walter Lockar, who is ill at the hospital in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Walter and children who have been spending several weeks with her mother in Brooklyn have returned home.

Mrs. Samuel Coleman has been spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. John Atwell.

Mrs. James Hepburn and daughter, Miss Alyce, who have been living near our village for many years, have moved to Wilmington.

One of our young men who got tired of staying home left about two weeks ago to attend a school in Pennsylvania but has returned home again and says there is no place like home, sweet home.

Although the weather has been very cold since the revival meetings started at our church, the people do not seem to mind it at all as we have a very large number present each night. Bro. Beauchamp is also holding meetings in the afternoon. Our stores have closed every night at 8 o'clock giving all a chance to attend the meetings.

Mrs. Chas. Hague, who has been sick all winter, is no better at this writing.

Mrs. Wm. Medders gave a birthday dinner Friday in honor of her little daughter, Miss Dortha, several of her little friends being present.

Miss Edna Wroth, the saleslady in the store of F. H. Harper, while fixing goods on shelf the ladder slipped, throwing Miss Wroth to the floor, and now she is suffering with a sprained ankle.

Miss Lucille Parr, who has been ill with the pueumonia at her garndfather's, in Galena, is able to return home. We are all glad to see her home again.

LYNCH'S ITEMS.

Quite a good many weddings are being held in Worton district but we hope the matrimonial fever will not extend this far up the county for we are not quite ready to part with our best girls yet for like the grim monster, he always takes the fairest first, for we have quite a bevy of pretty girls yet in spite of the chinning Cupid has done for us in the past two years. Dame Rumor says, that one of the Queens of the Rosebud garden of girls is to leave us in the near future but we hope not, as we have not even one to spare, but as she is not to go far away we shall not miss her so much after all.

Lunch parties are the fashion again and quite a very nice one was held at Casey brothers last Wednesday evening, Jan. 20th; and a nice little sum realized for Lynch's M. P. Church.

Mr. J. W. Copper, one of our most prominent members of Lynch's church, met with a sad mishap. He was on his way from the Casey Bros. Lunch, when he slipped on the ice hurting his head very badly, while Mr. Ernest Cornelius slipped and fell, spraining his arm badly.

Miss Lillian Cornelius has returned from Chestertown, where she has been nursing Mrs. J. K. Aldridge. Miss Cornelius is a most excellent professional nurse, second to none, graduating with high honors. She recently nursed Dr. Will Maxwell and it may be attributed to her knowledge and skill that he got out so soon.

Mrs. Charlie Hague has been suffering with rheumatism but we hear she is better. The young folks have been enjoying the sleighing.

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.

ITEMS FROM CECILTON.

"Pit" is the latest craze in town.

Miss M. Etta Ferguson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Byron Bouchelle, of Chesapeake City.

Miss Nellie Lusby is visiting at the home of her brother, James Lusby, of near town.

Mr. George McCullough and sister, Miss Harriett McCullough, of Port Deposit, are visiting their niece, Mrs. Alexander Wilson.

Miss Elizabeth Anderson visited Miss Frances Griffith on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. Porter Lusby are spending sometime in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Watts visited Mr. and Mrs. T. Polk Steele, of Chesapeake City, last week.

Miss Martha T. Vandegrift is visiting Mrs. Harry Clark, near Earleville.

Miss Emma Lusby is entertaining Miss Helen Schrack, of Germantown, Pa.

Miss Julia DuShane visited Miss A. T. Jones, two days of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Griffith entertained a few friends on Saturday evening.

Urie Clark Freeman, lovingly known to his friends as "Kindy," died on Monday of last week of diptheria. He was the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Freeman, of this town, and although but a little fellow, deserves to be specially mentioned, for his politeness, cute ways and sayings made him a general favorite. The hearts of those near to him will, no doubt, remain sore for a long time, but we would say to them, "Weep not for little 'Kindy;' he is happy now, for Jesus says 'Suffer little children to come unto me, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."

Mrs. Clara R. Jervis, wife of Charles Jervis, died on Wednesday of last week of consumption. Mrs. Jervis was a young woman of remarkable brightness always laughing, with a cheerful manner and pleasant word for all, and her death is very sad. But very recently she had inherited a considerable fortune from an uncle, and shortly before the Christmas holidays moved into a new house—her new home—in the planning and erection of which she greatly interested herself. The funeral services were held from her residence on Friday at 1.30 o'clock P. M., Rev. Father Crawlay, of St. Francis Xavier Church, officiating. Messrs. W. H. DeShane, John H. Black, William B. Davis, John Anderson, Robert and Noble P. Ferguson acted as bearers. Interment was made at the Georgetown Presbyterian Cemetery. Besides her husband, Mrs. Jervis leaves four little children, India, Marie, Charles and Louise.

GALENA NEWS.

Esther, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. J. P. Cochran, fell and broke her arm on Tuesday of last week. She is improving slowly.

Among the fast teams on the snow last week we noticed Messrs. F. P. Cochran, Keith Cochran, R. T. Cochran, Edmund Hurtt, Andrew McCauley, Herman McCauley, Edward Walters, John McGugan, Samuel Caldwell, J. P. Cochran, J. E. Ireland and Dr. E. A. Scott.

Mr. Hanson Horsey returned from Charlotte Hall on Monday on account of illness. He expects to return in two weeks.

Master Roland Pennington has been assisting Mr. Matthews, express agent at Chestertown during the past week.

Mr. Clarence Clark drove his fine roadster to Crumpton on Sunday returning Sunday night.

Mr. J. N. Vansant has been quite ill with pneumonia but is improving now.

The "Reaper Death" entered our community on Tuesday night and took from us our esteemed friend, Mr. George McGuire. He had only been ill a short time with pneumonia. He was a member of the I. O. H. and leaves a wife and three children.

Mr. Christopher Conner has been quite ill at his home near Chesterville.

Mrs. William Spry is able to be out again.

Mrs. James R. Hicks has been visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Helena Woodall spent last week with her niece, Miss Lizzie Woodall, near Lambsons.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Pennington are on the sick list.

Mr. Unit R. Horsey attended the leap year dance at Middletown on Friday night last.

The young men of Galena will give their 13th annual dance in the I. O. O. F. Hall on Thursday night, Jan. 28th. Music will be furnished by Albert's orchestra, of Wilmington. Committee on arrngements: W. A. Hyland, Jr., James E. Woodall, Jr., A. W. McCauley, S. H. McCauley, J. E. Ireland, E. S. Hurtt, Dr. E. A. Scott, F. K. Cochran.

KENNEDYVILLE NEWS.

Mr. T. Shafer and Mr. R. Haggerty made a business trip to Chester and Wilmington Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Morgan are visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Clendaniel are visiting friends in Baltimore.

Mrs. S. E. Barwick and daughter, Miss Nellie, visited relatives in Elkton last Friday and Saturday.

Mr. S. E. Pennington's sales were very well attended and prices ranged very good. Mr. C. H. Hurlock, auctioneer.

Mr. William King and Mr. W. W. Black from Philadelphia, Pa., are visiting friends in town.

Mr. K. M. Bull and daughter made a business trip to Philadelphia this week.

Mrs. Jennie D. Wallis is visiting relatives in Wheeling, W. Va.

Roads are very icy and only those who have very sharp shod horses dare venture out.

Cards are out for the wedding of Miss Josepeine Jones and Mr. William Clark.

Mr. Kinsey has two sick children with the pueumonia, Mr. Kinsey has the sympathy of all.

Mr. W. Money was taken very ill Thursday morning, and is not any better at this writing.

Mr. James Robinson has a position at Annapolis.

*†*The celebrated Guy Minstrels are booked to appear in Stam's Hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 13th. One of the features of this show will be a fine electrical display, consisting of 200 sixteen candle power lights. This show is under the local management of Mr. John S. Vandergrift.

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