AN OPEN LETTER

To My Many Friends:

After seventeen years of active business experience in Chestertown, Md., and as many years of pleasant dealing with you all, I am going to remove from your midst, Sept. 1st, 1897, carrying with me fond recollections of your friendliness always manifested and leaving with you my very best wishes for a successful, bright future.

It was by my earnest efforts that I was successful in managing to have the store continued by one who needs no introduction in this community, but who is already well known and has the confidence of all who know him.

I have already extended to you my thanks for your liberal patronage in the past years, not by sensational newspaper expressions, but by supplying your necessary wants this season at a positive saving of not less than 25 per cent. My Motto—"Selling Goods Cheap" and I lived right up to the mark; this is re-echoed by every fellow customer and from now until Sept. 1st I shall sell even closer than before and I trust that all those who have availed themselves of the opportunity will yet take advantage of my offering.

I am, Very Respectfully,

A. FRIEDMAN & CO.

AT PRIVATE SALE:—1 Latrobe Double Heater, 1 Large Mirror, 1 Piano, 1 Parlor Suit and other Household Furniture.

NOTICE:—All persons having accounts with me will please call and settle by cash or note not later than Aug. 28.

FAIRLEE NOTES.

Dr. W. F. Corkran, P. E. Easton district, preached a very instructive sermon at the Fairlee church (Salem) last Sabbath morning, from Luke ix, 23: "And he said to them all, if any man will come after, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me."

A most interesting service was held on the pretty lawn at the Kent county almshouse last Thursday afternoon week. The meeting was addressed by Mrs. Haslup, of W. C. T. U. fame, of Baltimore, and was in charge of Miss Annie Leaverton, who is the appointed superintendent by the W. C. T. U. for this work. Service is held at this institution the third Sunday afternoon of each month.

A very severe electric storm enveloped our community late last Sunday afternoon. The rain descended heavily, the lightning flashed vividly and the thunder rolled heavily. The burning of the stable on the county farm is the only damage we know of resulting from the storm.

Buck Neck is a lively quarter now. A large quantity of fruit is being shipped from this point to Baltimore.

Mr. Wm. Klein is just able to be around, being a great sufferer with something like sciatica.

"Dr." John Brown, Georgetown, manufacturer of brooms, medicines, and a minister widely known in his church (the colored M. E.) is prostrated at his home.

"Mother" Austman, well nigh ninety, is spending a while with Mrs. William Klein, having left the Monumental City a few days ago.

Unanimity of feeling among Republicans due to the result of the work of the convention last Tuesday, and the ticket is conceded to be a strong one.

Miss Jones, of Baltimore, is recreating with Mrs. S. D. Leaverton, her sister, and other friends in the county.

The property rented by the officials of St. Paul's P. E. Church as a rectory, and occupied by Rev. C. T. Denroche for a number of years, by notices posted around is for rent for 1898. If we may infer the removal of Rev. Mr. Denroche from our village to be a fact, the whole community will lose a most excellent citizen, and his family will be sorely missed by the community.

Mr. T. H. M. Bramble, the Republican nominee for Treasurer, has been the recipient of hearty congratulations extended by his many friends. Glad to claim "Morris" as one of our village citizens. He is a man of indomitable energy, strict integrity, firm convictions and a reasonable party man.

Mrs. J. C. Staats and Master Wilbert, her son, started from our town on last Tuesday evening to visit friends and relatives in Middletown, Del., via the trim steamer Sassafras from Buck Neck to Georgetown, thence to their destination by driving.

We hear that some of our village young ladies contemplate a trip via water to Norfolk in the near future.

The great fair at Tolchester is nigh at hand. The company has spared no expense in making necessary arrangements for the comfort of stock, speeding of horses and for the display of handiwork. We predict it will be one of the best fairs ever held in the State.

We have heard that Mr. R. A. Smyth will enter upon duty as Deputy Sheriff next Monday morning, Mr. Whittier Copper desiring a few days recreation before he takes charge of his school when it opens, he only filling the position during the vacation of the schools.

Mr. Simpers Tarr, who has been on the Baltimore police force for 12 years, is visiting friends in Kent county. Simpers is of fine stature and makes a most efficient officer, as the length of his term of service indicates.

Mr. Wm. Clark, who has been employed by Mr. J. Walter Skirven for a number of years, has rented the Gambrill farm, in Swan creek neighborhood, for 1898, so we are informed.

Mr. John Gibson, on the G. D. S. Handy farm, now Mr. W. E. Keyser's, will remove at the end of the year, it is rumored, and tenant Mr. Thos. Hill's farm, on the bay. Mr. Joseph Reed, Broad Neck, will take Mr. K.'s farm.

WEST END.

Lankford Items.

Our little village is still awake and in its quiet way, enjoying the peaceful pleasures of life.

As "Kent county" is the garden spot of "Maryland" for visitors and boarders from the different cities, we still have them in our village and vicinity. We regret, too, that they will soon be obliged to bid us farewell, and return to their homes. The summer is nearly over, and the pleasure of visiting Tolchester, is soon to end. The *sporting* young men and admirable maidens, will have to look elsewhere for their accustomed enjoyment.

Miss Emma Dahl, a very popular young lady of Baltimore, spent Sunday last with her sister, Mrs. Duly Gale, of this place.

The hog cholera seems to have quite a liking for our neighborhood; it is still raging at Mr. Right Robinson's.

Master Alfred Bramble, of near Fairlee, had a most dangerous runaway on Tuesday last while coming from Tolchester. The bit of one of the bridles broke, leaving only one good bridle by which to guide the horses. Alfred seeing that the horses had entire advantage of him, pulled them into the fence; and, was, himself, thrown to the ground. The horses got away, and ran to the wood. Alfred was lucky in getting off with only a few bruises.

Mid all of our enjoyment of Sunday evening last, our village and vicinity was very suddenly aroused by the terrible, and all devouring flames of the "Alms House" farm, now tenanted by Mr. Thomas Blackiston.

Rev. J. F. Bryan, who has deen visiting his father, returned to Baltimore Monday last.

GEM.

Chesterville Items.—Mr. Hunter P. Davis, of the enterprising firm of F. H. Harper & Son has returned after a two weeks' trip to Frederickburg, Va., and adjacent counties.

Mr. Noble E. Pennington, for a number of years a noted resident of the upper district, but now of Westmoreland county, Va., is paying a visit to his friends. He looks as if prosperity's advance column had come along and he was in the procession.

The Rev. W. Sedwick and wife are home again from a visit to their former home down in Calvert.

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GALENA NOTES.

Father Hughes removed from here on Friday, 13th inst. The Catholic picnic, held on the Wednesday evening before Father H. left, was quite a success financially, as there was cleared more than $200 above all expenses. The weather was all that could be wished for, with a beautiful moonlight night. Father Connolly, former pastor of this parish, attended the picnic. All his old friends, and they were many, were glad to see him and gave him a hearty shake of the hand.

The politicians were out in force at the picnic and I presume made good use of the time, for if a person asked for a friend as to where he was, the answer would be, "He is out in the bush talking politics with Mr. —." And so it went. Mr. J. A. Pearce paid Galena a visit of two or three days last week and attended the picnic. The presumption is that he put in good repair any fences that needed it.

Father McManus, the new Roman Catholic priest for this parish, arrived on Saturday evening last and held service on Sunday. He is a young man about 32 years of age, said to be a fine pulpit orator, of commanding presence, and weighs about 250 pounds. He has appointed a new order of service at St. Dennis'; early mass at 7 A. M., mass and sermon at 10 o'clock A. M..

Well, the Republicans have made their ticket and we presume they think it a strong one. The Democrats, in this district especially, talk now with more confidence since they left this district out in the cold. The Democrats think that if R. D. Hynson, Esq., could be induced to run for the Legislature we would elect him by the biggest majority that any one has gotten in Kent county for a long time.

The farmers here are in good heart as their produce is bringing good prices. All they want now is lower taxes which they expect to get shortly.

Our pump maker, Mr. Steele, has made quite an improvement to his property. He has fixed up the Miller property recently purchased of R. D. Hynson, Esq., and beautified it by having it nicely painted, Mr. Leahman did the painting.

OBSERVER.

ROCK HALL ITEMS.

A bolt of lightning entered the chimney of the rear building of Mr. Geo. W. Colyer's residence Sunday in Rock Hall, passing down the chimney to the stove pipe hole in the lower room, thence to the back door and out, dropping down to the porch floor, and passing through the sill and into the ground. The chimney from the ceiling to the floor in the second story was entirely demolished falling upon a bed and smashing the bed-stead into kindling wood, and otherwise damaging the bedding and other furniture in the room. Mrs. Colyer, and her sister, Miss Amanda Porter, Mr. Henry Sharp, a visitor, Mr. Michael, a boarder, and two small children were in the room on the first floor. Mrs. Colyer with her two children were sitting within two feet of the chimney, Messrs. Sharp and Michael were less than four feet from the chimney and Miss Porter was standing in the door when the lightning passed above her head. All were considerably stunned. Michael was the first to recover, and he immediately gave the alarm and neighbors from all directions responded, but by the time they arrived the five persons had recovered, but were in a state of great nervousness from the shock. Blood was trickling from the nose and ears of Mr. Michael, Mr. Sharp and the ladies were walking about in a dazed condition, while the children seemed more dead than alive. Mr. Colyer was not at home until the alarm was given. Mrs. Wm. Apsley sheltered the unfortunate ones. The lightning struck in two other places in the same neighborhood, but no damage was done so far as heard from.

The ticket nominated Tuesday is received here with very little enthusiasm. It is known as the "Independent" ticket, and a movement is on foot for the holding of a *Republican* convention in Rock Hall at an early day. Nearly every district is expected to be represented. Mr. W. Scotten's friends will bring a delegation from the first, Chas. England's from the second, George T. Williams' from the third, J. W. Wright's from the fourth, J. E. Beck's from the fifth. The sixth and seventh got all the offices and of course will support the Independents. A leader yesterday remarked: "When such good men as Col. Wm. J. Vannort and James H. Baker, Esq., are counted *worthless* in the formation of a Republican ticket, as we heard it said in town, then it is time to kick." Some of our Republicans also think that Capt. Burchinal ought to be satisfied with one office.

Mr. Wm. J. Hudson, one of our industrious young farmers, talks of removing to the first district.

We are glad the tonging season is close at hand—Sept. 1st—and are hoping for better times with the oystermen.

A delegation from West Council, J. O. U. A. M., of Baltimore, visited the local council here Thursday.

VENUS.

NIAGARA FALLS.

Special Ten-Day Excursion via. the B. and O.

Everybody has contemplated a trip to Niagara Falls at some time. Why not make that time now? If you wait for the opportunity to turn up you may never see it. Surely you can spare a week or ten days from business, especially when the trip can be made under the most favorable circumstances. The B. & O. has arranged a ten-day tour to Niagara, August 26th. The special train will run through to the Falls, arriving there at night, passing the picturesque portion of the route in daylight. The privilege of stopping off at Watkin's Glen, Glen Onoko, Mauch Chunk, Geneva, Rochester and Buffalo, will crowd into the ten days, attractions that cannot be duplicated on the continent, and all this, too, without any additional cost for railroad fare. A special express with Pullman Parlor Cars attached, in charge of an experienced tourist agent, will leave B. & O. Station, Washington, 8.10 a. m., Baltimore 9.05 a. m., arriving at the Falls 11.00 p. m. Stopping at the following stations:

Leave Washington, D. C.	8.10	A. M.
" Laurel, Md.	8.33	"
" Baltimore, Md	9.05	"
" Havre de Grace	9.55	"
" Newark, Del	10.25	"
" Wilmington, Del	10.45	"
" Chester, Pa.	11.02	"
" Phila., (24th & Chestnut Sts.)	11.28	"
Arriving Niagara Falls	11.00	P. M.

Round trip tickets, good ten days $10.00. Don't forget the date, Thursday, Aug. 26th.

NOTICE!

FOUR REFRIGERATORS and TWO ICE-CHESTS to be sold at Wholesale Prices, at J. K. ALDRIDGE & CO.'S.

IT SEEMS AS

Though Our Last Week's Advertisement Done It, "Hit the Bull's Eye." We have Been VERY, VERY Busy Ever Since. Thanks to You. Come again. To be a good SELLER you must be a good BUYER. Now, what do you think of the prices below?

FLOUR! FLOUR!

We have on hand 150 Barrels of Flour, bought and paid for five weeks ago, that is as good as any Flour ever sold in Kent or Queen Anne's counties, EXCEPT Harter's A No. 1, &c., that we can offer you at **$4.89.** Ask yourself if this is not a Bargain.

We Told U Last Week

That we had 60 Barrels of Sugar and still we offer it to you at **5 Cents** per Pound, REGARDLESS of COST. We are in business for business and we'll prove it to you.

Happy Family Coffee

Is ours, and Happy Family Coffee is a good, yes, very good Coffee at a moderate price. TARIFF OFF. We offer it to you at **20 Cents** per pound. It is making new friends every day. It contains Mocha, Java Rio, Santos and Peaberry—5 grains. Try it.

NEARLY ONE HUNDRED GROSS SOLD OF THE

"True Blue Yeast Powder!"

4 Cents Bottle, 7 Bottles for 25 Cents.

Ice-cream Table Syrup

Contains 5 very fine qualities, PURITY, CLEANLINESS, FLAVOR, STRENGTH and BODY. This syrup comes next to Pure Honey. **PRICE EVERYWHERE 25 Cents per Gallon.** For sale by Joseph Downey, Rock Hall; J. T. Lamb, Sandy Bottom; W. Price, Fairlee; S. Shuster, up-town, Chestertown; and Chas. S. Smith.

Tobacco at Half Price,

And this "No Joke." We have about 200 pounds of Fine Tobacco we sold two weeks ago at 80 cents, and today we offer you Finest Smoking Tobacco, Tin Box, with Perique flavor at 5 cents box; Jumbo Boxes, 10 cents; Half Pound Bag of 80c. Tobacco for **13 Cents.**

DID YOU SEE

Those Basket Bargains

Outside Our Door? Whew, You Ought To!

5 CENTS ONLY!

THINK OF THE PURCHASING POWER OF A FIVE CENT PIECE, IT WILL BUY YOU

A bottle Root Beer, a bottle Yeast Powder and 1 Tea or Coffee Strainer, Halg-gallon White Beans, 2 Tumblers, 3 Pie Pans, 2 pounds Dried Peaches, a Gold-lined Plate, 4 Papers Needles and 7 Darners, a Padlock and Key, a pound of Ginger Snaps, 3 boxes Essence of Coffee, 3 boxes French Blacking, 2 pounds Best Flour, 5 Splendid Cigars, a Nine Inch Bar Tobacco, 6 Pipes with Stems, 3 Tin Cups, 5 cents will pay for 10 cents' worth Chewing Gum, 5 cents will buy a Soup, Dinner or Tea Plate; a Cup and Saucer, a 10c. Tin Box Fine Tobacco, a Half-pound French Candy, Chocolate and Caramels mixed in it; a 5 pound Tin Bucket. Just here, Special for School—5c. will buy 1 Dozen Pens, 2 Bottles Ink, 1 Splendid Writing Tablet, 1 Dozen Lead Pencils, 1 Doz. Slate Pencils, or 1 Dozen Pens. Mothers think of this.

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