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We are too busy just now arranging our big stock of fine

HOLIDAY GOODS

to write much of an advertisement, but to all who will come in and look at this grand Christmas Store, we promise a rare treat in variety, and styles that have never been equaled on the Eeasern Shore. Indeed, never before have we been able to quote to you such astonishing Low Prices.

We ransacked the best markets of the country for goods that were new and novel, and as we buy only for spot cash, we were enabled to gath'er in some bargains, and all for our customers' benefit.

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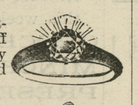

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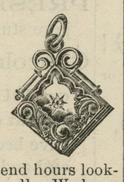

we want to say we have them by the hundreds, and can suit the old and young, married or sngle. In fact, our stock is so large that you cannot fail to be suited. You might spend hours looking through our stock of Sterling Silver Novelties and then not see all. We have almost everything made in silver.

OUR sales of *SPOONS, KNIVES, FORKS and SILVERWARES* have more than doubled in the past year. WHY? Because people have found out that our prices are lower than they can buy the same class of goods for in the cities. We have almost a house full of Beautiful *CLOCKS*, and no one can sell them Lower than we will. We have lots other nice things we would like to tell you about, but we haven't the space or time. Every article filled through and through with attraction, merit and worth. Nothing now to hinder you from having a Merry Xmas, as you can get the present you want for the person you wish at a price you can afford to pay. Look at our goods, price them, examine them—it will cost you nothing. We cordially invite you, and shall be disappointed if you don't come.

J. H. SIDES,

THE WIDE AWAKE JEWELER, - - - 221 HIGH ST., CHESTERTOWN, MD.

POULTRY FARMING.

What Kinds of Fowls are Best for Layers—How to Feed, Breed, Etc.

Prof. Rice is one of the brightest talkers ever in town, and his address on Poultry, delivered at the Institute last week, is derived from practical experience. We give it here :

Mr. Rice urged that fowls be kept more particularly for egg production. He said : The demand for fresh eggs in all the cities and towns is practically unlimited at good prices. The thing that is easy to do everybody is doing, and there is not much profit in it. If one will observe the habits of hens he will see that in the spring every fool hen in the country is laying because she can't help it.

All the conditions are favorable for egg production. To get eggs during the fall and winter we must make the conditions as near like spring as possible. You are wonderfully blessed here in Maryland with a mild, sunny climate. You have naturally what we in the State of New York have to build—expensive poultry houses—to get, namely, warmth.

The Poultry House.

Always build the poultry house in a spot sheltered from the wind, either by trees or buildings, or behind a hill and facing toward the south. There is often a difference of several degrees in the temperature of a house thus located as compared with one on a bleak northern exposure.

It is relatively cheaper to build a wide house than a narrow one, especially if the building is to be a long one, because the sides in either case would be the same, the only extra lumber being a little on the ends and roof. I would prefer to have a house 15 feet wide

A board or cement floor is far dryer and easier to keep clean than dirt. In either case dust and plenty of straw should be provided, the former to keep the floor dry and the latter to keep the hens busy hunting for their food.

Feeding Poultry.

We should begin with the chicken to make a good laying hen. Give them all they can eat of food that will make them grow large frames rather than put on fat. The first food should be rolled oats, milk and bread. Also some fine oyster shell for grit. Then feed a custard made by mixing 2 eggs in a quart of skim milk. Stirring well and left in the oven until it forms a custard ; into this put a little finely chopped onion and corn bread. Feed in a crumbly condition. Cracked corn and wheat should be given freely at night. Water and a plenty of green food should always be provided. The common mistake in feeding hens is to feed too much corn, which makes fowls too fat to lay and even so fat that they die of apoplexy.

Wheat at 60—75 cents per bushel is the best all round grain for hens but at $1 per bushel it is too expensive to feed much.

Always provide water and oyster shells. Nearly 75 per cent. of every egg is water, so if a hen is to manufacture eggs she must have plenty of pure water whenever she wants it. Oyster shells or some form of lime are necessary to make the egg shell. The shells also serve as grit for the fowls to do their grinding.

The color of the yolk and the flavor of eggs is quite perceptibly changed by the food which hens eat. Green food and yellow corn tend to make them deep yellow, while wheat, oats and buckwheat have the opposite effect.

BREEDS AND BREEDING.

The Leghorn, Minorcas and Hamburgs have been bred for the special purpose of egg production.

So much so that the material instinct to raise chickens has been almost bred out of them. Therefore if they are to be kept, another will have to be called upon to do the hatching or an incubator and brooder will have to be used. The socalled artificial means is decidedly to be preferred where several hundred chickens are to be raised each season. Ordinarily on the farm where only a few chickens are to be grown it is less trouble to let the hens do it in their 'good old way."

The Minorcas lay the largest and finest white eggs of any breed, and are splendid layers, but their awful large combs and black plumage are against them. The Hamburgs lay too small eggs. All things considered, I believe that the single-combed white Leghorn that has been bred large and strong is the best egg producer. They, of course, are not real good for eating fowls, but will do pretty well when properly fed. Where a good large, clean-legged, yellow skinned, handsome, hardy fowl is wanted ; one that will make a good layer and is splendid to eat as a chicken or an older fowl, no better can be found than the good old American barred Plymouth Rock. The White Wyandottes are also good general purpose fowls, and have the advantage of white plumage, making them easier to prepare for market, but in my experience with them they have not been quite as satisfactory as prolific layers as the Plymouth Rocks. One test of a breed never will prove anything, however, because there is quite as much difference between different strains of the same breeds themselves. It is always well to inquire when buying stock if the fowls are kept and bred for egg production and not for fancy points alone. It will usually pay better to have thorough-bred fowls, because a person will, as a rule, take better care of stock in which he takes pride. However, it is foolish to invest money in high-priced eggs until we are in good shape to take care of them. Often it will prove far more satisfactory to pick out the best hens in the flock at home and grade up with a white Leghorn male. You would be surprised to see what a fine producive flock of high-grade Leghorns will be obtained the first year. They will produce more eggs with the same care and feed than would be possible to get from the ordinary mongrel fowls upon the farm.

A Good Name.

—BY ELIZABETH S.—

There is something that's better than rubies,
And nobler than riches and fame ;
It will strew all the future with roses,
'Twill work to keep bright a good name.

It will give you a seat beside princes,
Will save you from harm and from shame ;
No man can c'er meet you with scorning,
If yours be the crown—a good name.

Then work with a will strong and manful,
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But be sure : no misfortune can rob you
Of that gift of all gifts—a good name.

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Men's Suits. Every man and boy ought to know the goodness of Oehm-made clothing. The finest suits and overcoats, as perfect fitting as a tailor could make, are here at prices that seem a mockery in their lowness. You can save from three to ten dollars on every suit or overcoat you buy here.

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Inspect this grand assortment of Christmas Presents early, while its attractiveness is complete, and do not delay till the last moment, as that would be your misfortune, not ours. If you are puzzled what to present to some loved one or friend, just walk in the store and look around. You don't have to buy, but you will see the very article that will suit you.

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J. F. THOMPSON.

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All Taxpayers in Chestertown are hereby notified that their Taxes are OVERDUE for the present year and the money is needed at once. I must proceed by law to collect all taxes not promptly paid.

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in Dress Goods, Vicuga Cloths, Teazel Down Cloths, Handkerchiefs, Gloves and Hosiery, Table Linens, Stand Covers, Blankets, Lap Robes, Underwear, Boots and Shoes, Gum Shoes, Ladies 25c per pair, Storm Rubbers 25c., Lamps and a

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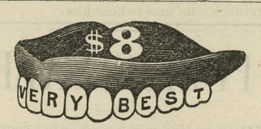

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Look at his Big Line of

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