CHESTER RIVER STEAMBOAT CO.

FALL and WINTER schedule.
Beginning MONDAY, Nov. 1st, 1897.

STEAMER E. A. FORD will leave Chestertown 8 A. M., Monday, Wednesday and Friday, for Baltimore. Stopping at Rolph's, Booker's, Quaker Neck, Bogle's, Queenstown and Kent Island. Leave Baltimore 10.30 A. M., on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, stopping at same landings.

STEAMER GRATITUDE will leave Centreville 8 A. M. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, stopping at the landings on Corsica river, Jackson Creek and Rock Hall. Leave Baltimore 10.30 A. M. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, stopping at the same landings.

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STEAMER CORSICA will leave Crumpton, 12 o'clock noon Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Chestertown 5 P. M. Tuesday and Thursday, and 3 P. M. on Saturday. Stopping at Rolph's, Bookers and Quaker Neck. Leave Baltimore 9 P. M. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for same landings.

GEORGE WARFIELD, President
Oct. 30, 1897.

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FALL SCHEDULE.

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FALL SCHEDULE, 1897.

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To Cure Diphteria.

In the KENT NEWS some weeks since we gave upon the authority of one of our subscribers, who had seen the remedy tried, a remedy for the dread disphtheria. It was powdered sulphur. The following from the Baltimore Sun is the same but is more explanitory, and the importance of the subject will justify its republication:

"Should you or any of your family be attacked with diphtheria," states the article, "be not alarmed, as it is easily and speedily cured without a doctor. When it was raging in Europe a few weeks ago I accompanied Dr. Field on his rounds to witness the so-called 'wonderful cures' he performed, while the patients of others were dropping on all sides. The remedy to be rapid must be simple. All he took with him was powder of sulphur and a quill, and with these he cured every patient without exception. He put a spoonful of flour of brimstone into a wineglass of water and stirred it with his finger, instead of a spoon, as the sulphur does not readily amalgamate with water. When the sulphur was mixed he gave it as a gargle, and in ten minutes the patient was out of danger. Brimstone kills every specie of fungus in man, beast and plant in a few minutes. In extreme cases, in which he had been called just in nick of time, when the fungus was too nearly closed to allow the gargling, he blew the sulphur through a quill into the throat, and after the fungus had shrunk to allow of it, then the gargling. He never lost a patient of diphtheria.

"If a patient cannot gargle, take a live coal, put it on a shovel and sprinkle a spoonful or two of flour of brimstone upon it let the sufferer inhale it and the fungus will die. If plentifully used, the whole room may be filled to suffocation; the patient can walk about in it, inhaling the fumes with doors and windows shut. The mode of fumigating a room with sulphur has often cured most violent attacks of colds in the head, chest, &c., at any time, and is recommended in cases of consumption and asthma."

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Excusable Impenitence.

She—I hope that poor Mr. Janney finally died a converted man.

He—I'm afraid not. He was a bigamist, and had promised both his wives to meet them above.

Pill-Age.—Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills, 10 cents a vial, are planned after the most modern in medical science. They are as great an improvement over the 50 years old strong dose pill formulas as a bicycle is over an oxcart in travel. They never gripe and they never fail. —40 doses, 10 cents.—48. For sale by M. A. Toulson and C. F. Stam.

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March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher M.D.

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SHINGLES.

A CHRISTMAS LULLABY.

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
Here on thy mother's breast,
And, cuddled warm by her loving arm,
Droop down thy head to rest—
Poor, weary head, so filled with doubt
Of life and what it's all about!

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
Curl up in flower wise
Thy rosy feet and white limbs sweet,
My bud of paradise—
Dear, tender limbs, too frail to share
The burden e'en which babes must bear!

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
Let tired eyelids kiss,
And from thy sight shut this world's light
And thy world's light from this—
Love radiant eyes, twin stars that shine
Through darkling doubt with trust divine!

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
So shone the star of love
Long years ago, with guiding glow,
The newborn Christ above
And found an answering heavenly ray
Within the manger where he lay!

Bylow, my babe, bylow,
The star still rains its fire,
And the Master mild in the heart of a child
Bids echoing flame aspire,
And sphere and soul in concord sing,
"The King is born, and love is king!"

MARION MILLS MILLER.

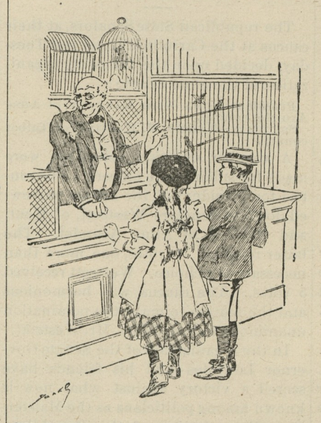
UNCLE WILL'S GIFT.

A TRUE STORY RELATED BY HIS NEPHEW.

On Christmas day Uncle William received a card inscribed as follows:

William Bunting, Esq., debtor to his nephews Alexander and Fred and to his nieces Norah and Dorothea, for money expended in his behalf $0 16

Uncle William paid the money at once, but he wrote to say that he should like to know how it happened that he owed us 16 cents. It was Alexander who had sent the bill in—for a boy of 12 he really is most



WE SPENT THE ODD FOURTEEN CENTS ON A WHITE JAVA MOUSE.

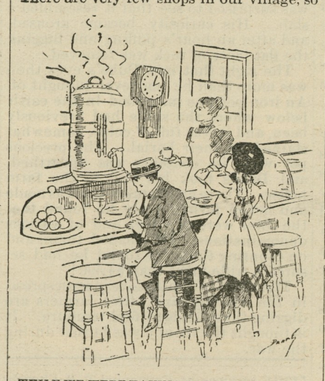
businesslike—and we deputed him to answer Uncle William's letter. He did so. He replied that the 16 cents was the sum spent in excess of the sum subscribed by Alexander, Fred, Norah and Dorothea for the purpose of giving Uncle William a Christmas present. Then Uncle William wanted to know how, if this was the case, it happened he never got the Christmas present from us. Alexander said that he did not feel inclined to go into any further details. He sent Uncle William back the bill properly receipted and a little note to say that the correspondence on this subject must now terminate.

Perhaps the thing does seem a little strange, but the explanation is perfectly simple, and I give it. I am Norah, and Alexander and I are twins. The other two are quite young. It was I who first had the notion that we ought to give Uncle William a Christmas present. When any of us has a notion, she or he calls a meeting of the others. That was what I did.

I said that Uncle William was always giving us presents and yet we never gave him anything. It was true that he had said nothing about it, but I was sure that he must have felt it. Christmas was now near, and it would be a good opportunity for us.

This was agreed. Alexander and I each contributed 30 cents—10 cents more than Fred or Dorothea. Thus the total sum was $1, for which a very good present might have been bought — something which would have shown uncle every time he looked at it that his nephews and nieces thought about him a good deal and tried to please him, even at some personal sacrifice to themselves. We did not decide what the present was to be at once, because Alexander said that would have been grossly irregular. We were to have committee meetings every day about it and discuss it thoroughly. Fred was appointed treasurer of the fund. He put it all in a waistcoat pocket and got me to sew the pocket up for him in case of accidents.

At the next meeting Dorothea suggested that we should buy chocolates (French) in a box. It was objected that Uncle William never ate chocolates. "No," said Dorothea, "he doesn't, but he sometimes gives them away. Then next time he wanted to give anybody any he wouldn't have to buy them." Fred thought that it would be dishonorable to give chocolates, and we agreed with him. We then decided to buy a tobacco pouch, which certainly would have been a suitable present. There are very few shops in our village, so



WHILE WE WERE HAVING BREAKFAST AT THE STATION HE DID HIS ACCOUNTS.

Alexander and I took the train next afternoon to a larger town, in order to buy the pouch. Alexander was to pay everything and to be reimbursed out of the fund.

The two return tickets were 20 cents, and we had refreshments at the station which came to 16 cents. Alexander said that this was usual and committees always had refreshments. We were left with 64 cents to spend on the pouch. However, we found that we could get very good pouches for 50 cents each. I wanted to get a black one and Alexander wanted brown. So we decided not to buy either yet, but to take the votes of the whole committee on it. We spent the odd 14 cents on a white Java mouse. We felt sure Uncle William would like it. The man in the store said that people often came in offering as much as 25 cents each for mice of that particular kind. When we got back—the mouse traveled in Alexander's pocket—we at once held another committee meeting.

Dorothea said that if Alexander and I had refreshments the rest of the committee ought to have them also. So we had chocolates—10 cents' worth. We agreed to purchase the black pouch. Fred suggested that there was just a possibility that Uncle William would not care about the mouse. Alexander said that he would telegraph about it, and did. This was the telegram:

UNCLE WILLIAM—Do you like white Java mouse? Tame. Eats anything.
ALEXANDER.

In about an hour the answer came back: Most certainly not.

This caused us some consternation. It was thought better to go to town again on the morrow and see if the man in the store would take back the mouse. In the meantime Fred's pocket was unpicked and the entire fund handed over to Alexander in order that he might reimburse himself. Alexander said that he would keep accounts, and if there was anything over he would get some very cheap present—perhaps a card. The pouch was, of course, now impossible.

He and I went together as before. While we were having refreshments at the station he did his accounts.

"They don't come out very well," he said rather dolefully, "but perhaps we shall be taking the mouse back just when some one is wanting to give a quarter for a real Java one."

He felt in his coat pocket as he spoke, and then he looked more doleful still. The mouse had escaped during the journey. The accounts were thus:

Expenses of first visit to town	$0 36
White Java mouse	14
Chocolates	10
Telegram	20
Expenses of second visit	36
	$1 16

"We are 16 cents to the bad," I said, "and we haven't got any present. The refreshments have come to so much this time."

"All committees and delegates of committees have refreshments," said Alexander dictatorially. "It doesn't matter. I've paid the deficit so far, but Uncle William will have to make it up. It's all his fault. If he hadn't been there, we shouldn't have wanted to be generous to him."

So we sent Uncle William the bill. He is still rather puzzled about it. Fred and Dorothea think the thing was mismanaged. I don't. No more does Alexander.

CHRISTMAS AND CHESS.

Fiction and Fact Concerning the Origin of the Game.

The oldest game known is associated with the season we now designate as holiday week. According to the Brahmans, chess was invented in the second age of the world, about the time of the shortest day of the year, by the wife of Ravan, king of Lauka, then capital of Ceylon, in order to furnish him with amusement by an imagery of war, it being supposed he was personally unable to participate in its excitements and dangers while his chief city was closely besieged by an enemy.

Similarly the Chinese annals relate that an inventive mandarin, 2,000 years ago, while on a military expedition—when the sun shone the fewest hours—whose laborious effects undermined the endurance and esprit de corps of his soldiers, devised the game of chess as an exercise which would at the same time not only amuse but inspire them with martial ardor.

The oft told story of Palamedes is but a repetition of the mandarin anecdote, only that he was then at the siege of Troy and, presumably, had many "spare moments" during those weary ten years. But it is wholly impossible for chess either to have had its beginning in the manner purported or to have been accepted enthusiastically and intelligently by a camp of ignorant, barbarous soldiery. Like friendship, it must have been "a plant of slow growth," and in its infancy represented the attacks and stratagems of two or three opposing forces. These tales are fables—creations of the fancy—while the veritable history of the game may be divided into three epochs: (1) That of the ancient Hindoo game called chaturanga, which is coeval with the most ancient period of Indian chronology and extends to the beginning of the fifteenth century; (2) that lasting but 100 years, ending in the sixteenth century, up to which time the moves and powers of the chessmen remained principally as in the chaturanga, though the men were ranked in two armies instead of in four and two of the kings were transformed into queens; (3) the modern epoch in which the moves of the queen and of the bishop have been greatly extended and the privilege and practice of "castling" has been introduced. The game has consequently undergone a gradual improvement and extension as skilled exponents have brought to bear upon it their ingenuity and experience.

ALBERT P. SOUTHWICK.

A Christmas Reminiscence.

One of the most remarkable features of the siege of Paris in 1870 was the enormous increase in the appetites of the citizens of that unhappy city. The author of "France In the Nineteenth Century," who was a witness of the scenes she describes, wrote: "Thinking about food stimulated the craving for it, and before the end of the year there were serious apprehensions of famine. Christmas day of that sad year came at last and New Year's day, the great and joyful fete in all French families. A few confectioners kept their stores open and a few boxes of bonbons were sold, but presents of potatoes or small packages of coffee were by this time more acceptable gifts."

Nothing during the holiday season was plentiful in Paris but champagne and Colman's mustard. The rows upon rows of the last named article in the otherwise empty windows of the groceries reminded Englishmen and Americans alike of Grumio's cruel offer to Katherine of the mustard without the beef, since she could not have the beef with the mustard.

The following is the bill of fare of a dinner given at a French restaurant upon that Christmas day:

"Soup from horse meat. Mince of cat. Shoulder of dog, with tomato sauce. Jugged cat, with mushrooms. Roast donkey and potatoes. Rats, peas and celery. Mice on toast. Plum pudding."

It seems most too ridiculous for belief, but the menu is genuine.

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