'XMAS THOUGHTS.

WE THINK FOR YOU and offer some very valuable suggestions. There is scarcely anyone of you but who want to offer some little tribute of friendship this 'Xmas, and the first thought that you find yourself halting at is—WHAT SHALL I GIVE? Of course you want your offering to be something that will be most appreciated and there is nothing better than to give some article of usefulness. We believe that we are in a position to supply your wants, having made large preparations for the HOLIDAY TRADE. Our different departments are now filled. Our lines of

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

From $3.50 to $15.00.

Are all filled in, and await you in all their attractiveness.

Boys' Long Pants Suits.
Short Pants Suits.
Reefer Overcoats.
Covert Top Coats.
Single Pants.
Late Styles in Hats.
Caps, Neckwear.
Fancy Bosom Shirts.
Silk Handkerchiefs.
Mufflers.
Umbrellas.
Sweaters.
Suspenders,
Complete Line of Gloves.

All of which will make articles of worth to give, and such ones that will meet the high appreciation of your friends. You are invited to look through our large and carefully selected line of goods.

Very truly,

J D. LUCAS,
SUCCESSOR TO
FRIEDMAN & CO.
OPPOSITE STAM'S HALL.

ROCK HALL LOCALS.

A Budget of Newsy Items from the Bay side Town.

The ice embargo continues to be very troublesome to our watermen. The oystermen go out to the oystering grounds whenever it is possible, but are compeled to force their way through large fields of drifting ice; the aplendid fleet of tonging boats, shows many scars of conflict through which they passed. Capt. Taylor sometimes takes out of Swan Creek a large tow of boats, thus making the labor of the tongers less arduous.

The sink-net fishermen have commenced winter operations and some of them are meeting with much success.

The large tug-boat Sydney, succeeded in extricating two vessels from the ice in Chester river, towing them into this harbor. She then proceeded to Swan Creek for the purpose of relieving Capt. James Downey's vessell which is also frozen in the ice, but found the water too shallow to permit of breaking into the point where the schooner lies; the attempt was abandoned and the tug returned to the two boats left below, taking them in tow and proceeded to Baltimore on Saturday night. Capt. Downey's vessel is loaded with grain, and her imprisonment in the ice gorge is a sore disappointment to both the master and the owners of the cargo.

Capt. G. T. Sewell, one of our most extensive oyster buyers, and who says there is no longer a living to be obtained in the business, is seriously considering the advisability of accepting an offer made him by his commission merchant, Mr. Armager, of Baltimore. Mr. A. has a large schooner, which has been commanded by a Capt. Gladden, for a number of years in the oyster and manure trade, which has been very profitable to all concerned. Capt. Gladden recently had the misfortune to have one of his limbs broken, which places him on the retired list. Now Mr. Armager desires Capt. Sewall to take charge of the vessel and during the oyster season run oysters from the lower bay and during the closed season run manure, Capt. S. to receive two-thirds of the proceeds, all expenses of running the vessel to be borne by the owner. Constant work the year through is guaranteed.

Mr. G. A. Schoon, formerly of this place, we understand, is to return very shortly and make his future residence with us. He now receives from $14 to $16 per week at his trade (ship carpentering) at Newport News, but provisions, &c., are so high that it takes absolutely every dollar of his salary to made both ends meet. He thinks that oystering, with odd jobs that he can pick up in dear old Kent, will serve him better than Newport News. There is a cordial welcome awaiting him and his family.

Mr. Charley Harrison ran down a fine, bouncing opossum on Saturday night, while on his way to his home, taking good care of his find. While meandering from place to place and on leaving a neighbor's house the animal slipped from his grasp. He could have easily recaptured the fellow, but was afraid of being bitten, and so let his opossumship scamper off.

Huntingfield Creek is infested with one or more oyster-tong thieves. Who they are, and what they do with the implements, is a mystery. Some time back Messrs. John Colyer and Richard Harrison had their tongs stolen. Recently Mr. George Davis' tongs disappeared from his canoe, then Mr. Besowski had his tongs taken from his "skipjack," which were replaced by a pair taken from Mr. Wm. Hickey's canoe; and last week, or during Sunday, Mr. Davis' boat was again visited and his tongs carried off. All boats in the harbor have been searched in hopes of finding the missing tongs, but no clue has been obtained.

Last Sunday, a beautiful spring-like day, was greatly enjoyed by hosts of our citizens attending Divine service and social visiting.

'Xmas cheer is on in earnest, and in its midst we extend to you, Messrs. Editors, the compliments of the season. May this be the brightest and most joyous Christmas in your experience. May the KENT NEWS enter the new year with the brightest prospects in its long and valuable career.

Honesty is the Best Policy

Honest Goods, Honest Prices and Honest Dealings will surely bring success. Every hour proves it. The last days of the Nineteenth Century show nothing more clearly. We believe this fact and our works demonstrate our belief, Our goods are warranted to be exactly as represented, that is honest; our goods are guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, that is honest. If any article of Jewelry of our manufacture does not give perfect satisfaction we will refund the money paid for such articles; that, too, is honest.

F. H. HARPER & SON, Still Pond, Md.,
And MILLER BROS., Rock Hall, Md.,

have a complete assortment of our goods in their stores for sale at prices that defy competition. These goods are made from rolled gold, gold filled or solid gold stock, and are warranted to give perfect satisfaction or the money will be refunded.

If this notice should reach any one living too far away from these stores, or any other customer of ours, to permit their purchasing the goods of our customers, we will sell the goods at retail to such persons, under the warranty, and deliver by mail. We will also send printed instructions as to the care of the jewelry, how to clean it, etc., on application.

W. F. MAIN CO.
Eastern Factory cor. Friendship and Eddy Sts., Providence, R. I.
Western Factory (largest in the world) under process of construction at East Iowa City, Ia. Over 52,000 ft. of floor space.

A CHRISTMAS LULLABY.

Over the cradle nodding low,
(Sleep, my baby, sleep).
In the fitful light of the chimney's glow,
There comes a dream of the long ago;
(Sleep, my baby, sleep),

Over the far Judean hills,
(Sleep, my baby, sleep),
The angels sing till the heaven fills,
And their song the song of the sheppard stills:
(Sleep, my baby, sleep,

Out on the desert gleams a light,
The Star of Bethlehem shines to-night:
(Sleep, my baby, sleep),
Whence Moab's hills on Jordan frown,
The Wise Men haste where the star looks down
On a lowly hut in a lowly town;
(Sleep, my baby. sleep),

Low in the stable, weary, worn,
(Mother of Jesus, sleep),
Unto the world a Saviour born,
And the angels sing on that Christmas morn!
Sleep, my baby, sleep!

C. F. HARPER.

HANESVILLE NEWS.

We are to have a few removals. Mr. Otho Willis takes the George Reed home farm; Mrs. Younger goes with her mother, Mrs. Lambert, in the Matthiott house; Mr. Harry Taylor goes in the house at St. James' Church.

We gladly welcome Miss Bertie, the pretty and accomplished niece of Mr. Otho Willis, back to our midst.

Mrs. George Reed has been very sick, but under the care of Dr. J. H. Hessey, is improving.

The wedding of Miss Blanch Davis and Mr. Martin Clayton was quietly solemnized Wednesday. We extend congratulations to the happy couple.

We wish you and your readers a merry Christmas and happy New Year.

Miss Amye Russell, our popular school teacher, gave the scholars an elegant treat yesterday.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS!

KRISVILLE, DEC. 22, 1898.

DEAR NEWS:

I have been delighted with the nice letters received from the little folks of Kent and will do the very best I can for all. I have not time now to write you as I usually do but wish you and your host of readers a merry Christmas.

OLD KRIS.

The NEWS received a number of letters this week and of course they failed to reach Santa Claus with the numerous others that were gotten by Old Kris last Friday. But a special mail was sent yesterday with these letters and a bundle of others.

Foster Dill, Chesterville: Please bring me an express wagon, air rifle, sled, ball and lots of candies, nuts, oranges, apples and other things.

Bertha Dill, Chesterville: Please bring me a double slate, pair of storm rubbers and a silk handkerchief with the letter B on it, and lots of candies, nuts, oranges and apples.

Katie Dill, Chesterville: Please bring me a double slate, pair of kid gloves, winter hat, silk handkerchief with the letter K on it and lots of candies, nuts, oranges and bananas.

Blanche Kilbourne, Lankford: Please bring me a doll and coach, a stove and a set of tin dishes, pair of shoes and stockings, a ring for mama, a pair of ear rings, cakes, candy, nuts, oranges, bananas and a pair of skates.

Mary Groom Trew, Lankford: Please bring me a doll and a baby carriage, picture book with stories, some candy, nuts, oranges bananas and a rocking chair.

T. William Trew, Lankford: Please bring me a drum, double slate, rubber ball, shooting crackers, traction engine and cars, some nuts, candy, oranges and bananas.

W. Ringgold Strong, Lankford: Please bring me a drum, train of cars and engine, story book, some candy, nuts, oranges and bananas.

Roy Duyer, Chestertown: Please bring me five packs of shooting crackers, two games, a picture book, some candy, nuts and oranges.

Simon Westcott, Chestertown: I want a foot ball and a bat and that is all.

Joseph N. Wheatley, Jr., Chestertown: I want a horn with keys on it, some fire works and a clown suit. I want some candy. Russell wants a doll carriage and a horn and some candy.

Robert Bradley, Chestertown: I want a pair of gum boots and some nuts and candy, I want a pack of shooting crackers, I want a big orange and I want a kettle drum.

Joe P. Westcott, Chestertown: I want you to bring me an air rifle, nuts, candy and oranges.

Joe Lewis, Chestertown: I want a air rifle and a kettle drum, candies and nuts, pack shooting crackers and orange.

Nellie McWhorter, Chestertown: Christmas will soon be here and I thought I would remind you of what I would like to have. Please bring me a ring, a watch pin, mackintosh, pair of gloves and please bring me some books if you can spare them, and please don't forget mama and papa and my brothers.

Edith Johnson, Chestertown: I am a little girl; I will be seven years old in May. I want you to bring me a new coat, hat, dress and a pair of shoes and all the candy, oranges and nuts you can spare. I have a little brother five years old, please bring him a new pair pants and shoes and a little express wagon, and please don't forget to bring my brother Willie a cake of sweet soap.

Hyland Copper, Chestertown: Please bring me a Christmas book, two packs of shooting crackers, candy, nuts, oranges and apples.

Verumia Bailey, Chestertown: Simon is a good boy, bring him some candy, nuts, apples and some fire crackers.

Maud Walbert, Church Hill: I am six year old. I go to school and I am in the highest first grade. I have two little brothers, they want you to please bring them an express wagon and gun and lots of candy. I want a hoop comb and a book, a doll and a set of dishes. I hope I have not asked for too much. I will be a good girl if you will please bring me these things.

Give to your child
A gift that will pay.
Let it be a young heifer, or
Ewe on 'Xmas Day.
So come along now,

Every one who
Xpects to be supplied.
Christmas is on you, for we
Have either desired.
And we also will buy
Neither ducks, horses nor dogs;
Give us the fat stock,
Either sheep, cattle or hogs.

FOR SALE:

20 PURE PEKIN DUCKS.
Also, Pure Light Brahma and Golden Wyandotte CHICKENS. Order at once and improve your stock. Orders now booked for EGGS. Price $1.50 per 15 Eggs. A pure Cock or pure Drake will improve your common stock.

J. C. SUTTON,
nov26-tf. Blacks, Md.

SPECIAL BARGAINS IN OUR CARPET DEPARTMENT now and the coming week. Special Drives in RUGS.
d17. WESTCOTT & DODD.

LOADED SHELLS AT COST, at WESTCOTT & DODD'S.

May Xmas Joy Abound.

GALENA ITEMS.

During the cold spell about a week ago several filled their ice-houses with ice from three to four inches thick. It was beautiful and clear, without any snow. Generally there is a good deal of snow when the ponds freeze up, but not so this time.

Mr. Kraft lost several head of cattle lately with a peculiar disease; indeed, some thought they were mad. They had to knock a couple of them in the head, for they got alarmed at their antics.

Our stores seem to be doing a good 'Xmas business.

Our public school is giving an entertainment this (Thursday) evening. The admission, we understand, is 15c.

Father McManus is making extra preparations for his big supper and festival, to come off the latter part of next week. There is quite a rivalry between the contestants for the prizes—a grand robe and a beautiful silver watch. There is hardly any doubt but that Mr. C. will be the successful one, as he is a hustler.

The steamer Sassafras has discontinued her trips on account of the ice in the river last week. The steamer Fannie has taken her place in carrying the freight. The Fannie can break through very thick ice.

With the very wet and foggy weather of the past few days the roads are getting very bad, as the frost is nearly out and a good deal of hauling being done by the farmers in trying to get off their grain, cutting the roads up badly.

In consequence of the death of the grandmother of Miss Maggie Hayes, the Weer-Hayes nuptials were quietly solemnized in the presence of the immediate families of the contracting parties, at the bride's home, on Wednesday evening, 21st inst. A great many useful and valuable wedding presents were received.

Father McManus will preach a sermon at the 10.30 service on Christmas day appropriate to the occasion.

Many are complaining of having the grip. The few sick ones here are convalescing.

'Xmas day is about here. To most people it brings joy; to some the remembrance of it brings sadness, as some dear ones will be missed from the family reunion.

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The Greatest Opportunity.....

Ever offered to the people of Kent and Queen Anne's Counties to make glad their Homes, and all that a Happy Home implies, at this the JOYOUS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

Westcott AND Dodd's

Great Department Stores,

OFFERS to the public THE MOST COMPLETE LINE OF SUBSTANTIAL CHRISTMAS GOODS that were ever displayed on this market, and they extend a welcome to all, where you will be welcomed and waited upon by pleasant clerks and proprietors.

Fruits and Nuts
OF EVERY KIND AT ALMOST COST, as their immense sales, which they have made to customers who priced them elsewhere, fully attest.

China Department.
Lamps, Salad Dishes, Dessert Saucers, Chamber Sets and Dinner Sets are just simply a first-class China Store of itself.

Their Tea and Coffee Department
Speaks for itself, and merits the patronage of all that love a First-Class Cup of Coffee or Tea.

Tobacco Department
None can excell, as there are no finer grades kept in Cigars and Tobacco. Special Prices this week and next week, R. J. R. SMOKING TOBACCO, 3 oz. bag, 5c

Underwear Department
Children's Vests start at 10c.
Combination Suits at 25c.
We have every grade at moderate cost.

Dress Goods Department
Never was more complete in all the Newest Styles. Great Bargains in BLACK GOODS, HOMESPUNS and SERGES of every shade.

Linen Department
Table Linens, Towels and Napkins, Stand and Table Covers, of all the latest styles.

Handkerchiefs,
of every kind, from 1c to $1.00.

Shoe and Boot Department
IS A COMPLETE SHOE STORE. Never before have we offered such a Complete Stock at such Low prices—but we are not selling $5.00 Shoes for $3.00—for to believe such would be as ridiculous as to offer you Gold Dollars for 50c. We hope never to practice such deception, for it would be simply LYING—in plain English

Robes and Blankets
NEVER WERE CHEAPER.

Wanted:—
100 TURKEYS.
50 DUCKS.
50 CHICKENS.
For which we will pay the Highest Prices.

Farmer's Wives
BRING YOUR EGGS TO-DAY—We are giving 25c per Doz.—and trade them for Christmas Fruits.
TOWN PEOPLE—Engage your Turkey for Christmas.

We wish you all a MERRY 'XMAS, and to make it so we invite you to spend your Christmas money with us, at the Great Reliable Department Stores.

CHRISTMAS EASY

CHRISTMAS

WHY We Say Easy Is This: Because the purchasing quality of a dollar is greater at Chestertown's Only Cash Merchant than at other places and the reasons are numerous. You all know it and its folly for me to fill the KENT NEWS up with the WHY'S. But he has the right goods and the right prices.

California Raisins, 5c lb.
Citron, the best. 13c lb.
Seeded Raisins, 10c lb.
American Granulated Sugar 5c lb. in 10 lb lot.
Chocolate, the best, 25c lb.
The above is positive proof for the above right goods and right prices.

Doll Carriages for 25c to $5.00.
Dolls, positively unbreakable, 75c.
Doll, Kid Body, with hair sleeper, 25c.
Dressed Dolls from 10c to $3.50.
Velocipedes, $2.00, $2.50, $3.00.
Sleighs from 25c to $1.00.
These goods were all bought last Sept. for the discount sake. Prices right.

Music! Music!

We have bought the entire stock of the EISENBRANDT MUSICAL CO, Baltimore, Md.
Accordion that sold for $5.00, we sell for $2.50.
Accordion that sold for $4.00, we sell for $2.00.
Accordion that sold for $2.50, we sell for $1.25.
Pianos from 25c to $5.00.
Autoharp, 7 bar, $5.00.
Autoharp, 5 bar, $4.00.
Autoharp, 3 bar, $1.60 to $3.00.
Magic Lanterns, $1.25, $2.50, $3.50.
Drums from 10c to $1.50.
Boats, Doll Chairs and a thousand other articles. Simply a store full of Toys and good things.

Here's a Save--Iron Wagons.

These we guarantee to last for season after season, $1, $1.50, $2,00.
The rain, snow, sun or wind don't have any bad effect on them.
Jumbo Wood Express Wagon, iron axle, seat on body, $1.00.
Could not get enough last year to supply the trade.

Christmas Tree Ornaments.

For 1c each, 10c doz.
See OUR Electric Decorated Tree in Window. Glass Balls all colored, Paper Ornaments, Tinsel, or any thing else you want to trim a tree.

Souvenir Department

Gold Band Goblets and Tumblers 10c each.
Blue and gilt Vases 10c.
A hundred different pieces to select from.
Cup and Saucer 10 to 50c.
Novelty Cream Pitcher 5c to 25c.

For the Inner Parts.

Home Made Mince Meat, 10c lb.
Heintz Mince Meat, 12c.
Chester Mince Meat 6c. lb.
Our Best Mince Meat, 4 lb Tin Bucket, all for 50c.

Chocolate! Chocolate!

Chocolate, the best, 25c lb. 2 cakes to the lb.
This is an independent and strictly pure chocolate and the goods are right, also the prices.
Cocoanut in shell 5 to 8c.
Loose Shreaded 20c lb.
Cox Gellatin 15c box.
Coleman's English Mustard 15c. ½lb. can.
4x Pulverized, Brown and Cut Loaf Sugars.
Nuts, all Mixed, 13c lb, 2 lbs for 25c.
Ladies come to Chestertown for your Christmas Goods. Come early and see OUR goods and prices. They are right. Weather is good, come early as you can. Don't put it off and off.

Oh! Here is Our Fort! Candy!

Candy, the sweet, we got the right goods and right prices. Our 10c Candy will be great. Our exhibition next Wednesday. See it. The goods are good, the price right. We hall have as usual Clarke & Jones best goods on sale by the box. We will sell 500 boxes of Our Celebrated 10c Box Candy. See it.
25c Buys Fine Chocolate Asst. and Asst. Bon Bon Boxes,
50c will be our price on Lowneys best goods. 5 lb lots $2.25.
Besides our candy we will havd a stock Bananas, Apples, Oranges, Lemons, Grapes, Fige, Dates, Prunes, California Peaches, &c.

Only a Line on Tobacco!

All during this week, commencing Monday, 12, almost give Schnapps Tobacco away. Price, Tags off 33c.

Flour THE FINEST—THIS YEAR OUT—ALL YOU WANT. $4.00 Bbl.

CHAS. S. SMITH,

CHESTERTOWN'S ONLY CASH MERCHANT.

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