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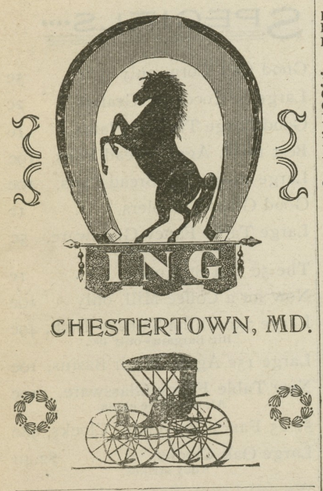

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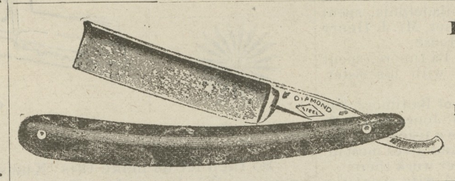

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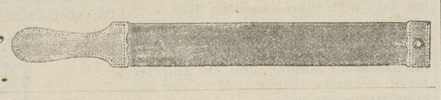

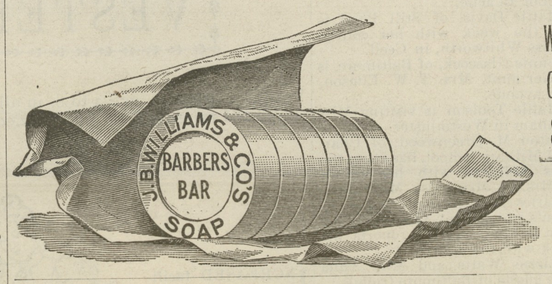

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About 1838, a Mr. Cassiday, grain merchant of Philadelphia, purchased a large tract of land on Sassafras river and planted 50,000 peach trees. This was the first large orchard planted in Maryland. The land was unimproved, but by good cultivation and improving it Mr. Cassiday brought it up to a high state of cultivation and it produced finely for several years. In the early fifties Mr. Cassiday died after which the orchard was very much neglected. In 1856 Mr. Anthony Reybold rented the farm from the Cassiday heirs and with good cultivation he renovated the orchard and he told me that the first crop of Troth's Early Red paid the whole rent of the farm—the next year he purchased the farm and netted $4,000 from the peaches; the orchard produced finely for several years after. About the time Mr Cassidy planted, other persons planted smaller orchards of budded fruit; Mr. Richard Seamans, of Cecilton, planted seven acres and and one year of it netted him $3,000. In Kent county the first large orchards was planted by Major Philip Reybold, in the third district, of Kent county—these orchards were very productive.

In 1856 Col. Edward Wilkins commenced to plant and continued it on until in 1870, he had 1500 acres in cultivation and several times during that interval his sale of peeches in a single year was quite a fortune itself. From 1856 to 1865 was the greatest impetous to peach planting and during that interval peaches were planted along the water courses in the 1st district of Cecil county, and part of Queen Anne's county, until it was a continuous forest of peach trees along those water courses extending back from one to two miles.

The varieties of peaches planted in the early orchards were Early York, Yellow Rare Ripe, Red Rare Ripe, Old Mixon Cling, Morris White, Malecatone, Ward's Late, Heath Cling. The Troth Early Red did not come into prominence until 1840 or later. The Smock and Crawford Late about 1848. The Old Mixon free 1856, the Crawford Early 1860, Reeves' Favorite 1864, Mountain Rose 1867. Troth Early peach was a dry mealy peach, a good carrier. The Early York a large red juicy peach, half cling ran from 65 to 90 to a basket, different from the Early York of today. The Yellow Ripe was a large yellow free peach, very luscious if left to ripen on the tree, but if pulled a little green was a very poor peach. The Morris White was a medium size perfectly white free peach, very sweet and a general favorite in its day. The Old Mixon Cling was a large white peach, red cheek, when trees were not overloaded would grow to an enormous size, have known 45 peaches to fill a basket The only fault was, it was a cling. The Ward's late was a large free peach, a dull red and white. The Heath Cling was a large, white cling peach with a beautiful red blush on its side, would hang on the trees until the 10th of October, very much prized for preserving. In 1853 Mr. Jas. F. Woodland had them on his trees on the 10th of October. he picked 17 baskets, shipped them to Philadelphia and realized $5 per basket. Peach growing has been quite profitable in some cases. My neighbor, Mr. Jas. W. Hurtt, in 1866 sold 7000 boxes off of 35 acres and they netted him $28,000. While they have been very profitable in many cases yet few of the growers are better off than if they had grown grain crops, for a failure of a crop of peaches three or four years in succession will ruin most any grower who depends on the peach crop.

T. J. SHALLCROSS, JR.

[Messrs. Usilton & Son:—I send you this, I had no one to consult and no books to look into for the above information and what I have said is all from recollection from a boy up and there may be some errors in dates but in the whole I think correct. I had but a few days to collect it together.]

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