F. H. HARPER & SON.

Our Shelves, Our Counters And Our Display Tables

had they tongues would yell Bargains to every customer who enters our store. The chorus would be deafening from every nook and corner of our immense building.

A Fortunate Purchase in Dry Goods.

Recently we found a jobber who had loaded himself too heavy with Lawns and Dimities. The result is we bought largely at 30 per cent. under his former prices. The very latest Spring Styles. We have marked them to our trade at less than merchants usually pay.

6 and 8c. values in Figured Lawns, 5c
10 and 12c. values in Lawns and Dimities 8½c
12½ and 18c. values in very fine Woven Wash Goods 10c

Every yard of these offerings are bargains.



FINE LINE OF SPRING STYLES IN

Shirt Waists.

Special Value in Percale, at . . .39
Many Styles and Kinds, only . .50
White Dimity, trimmed with inserting, .89
Also fine line Chambry Shirt Waists.

Short Lengths in a 6½c. yard wide BLEACHED MUSLIN 5c
8c. Value in Bleached and Unbleached Muslin... 6½c
Remnants in Shirting Prints, per yard only..... 3¾c
$1.25 Ladies' PERCALE WRAPPERS..... 98c
$1.25 Ladies' PERCALE SUITS, Shirt Waist and Skirt, latest spring styles..... 98c



Our Clothing Department

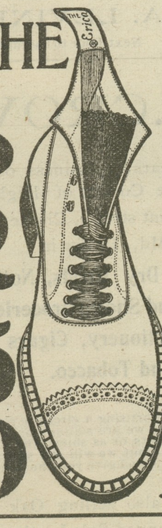


has Thousands of Dollars of Attractive Values in Seasonable Clothing. Our $5.00 SPRING SUITS are the best values to be had for the money. Other prices range from $2.98 to $10.00. Our BOYS' SCHOOL SUITS at $1.75 are bargains. Our Made-to-Order Department can furnish you Suits costing from

$12.50 to $32.00

Fit guaranteed. Four hundred samples to select from. The suits are made by the Largest Tailoring Establishment in America.

THE $2.50 ERICA



Our Shoe Deparment

CLAIMS SPECIAL MENTION because of the extraordinary values of our spring offerings.

The ERICA SHOES for men is one of specials, easily worth $3.00, at a close price yours for only

2.50.

Our All America Shoes for men, has no superior on the market for the price, for only

3.50.

Fine Line of Ladies' Oxfords,
98c, 1.10, 1.25, 1.50, 1.75.

We carry thousands of pairs of shoes in stock, indeed we might be called the shoe store, because of the size of our stock.

F. H. HARPER & SON,

FARMER JOE'S SPEECH.

It Was Short, but It Crushed the Bumptious Youngster.

"You may get the better of an opponent in debate," said an old time orator, "by sheer force of convincing argument—that is to say, you may score and win on points—but if you want to put your man down and out at a single coup just make him ridiculous. Only succeed in doing this, and all the logic of the other side will explode in vacancy like so many blank cartridges.

"Once when I was serving a term up the state in the legislature a bumptious youngster who had just been introduced was laboring through his maiden effort. He was attacking a man who was his senior by at least a score and ten years and thought to make a hit by referring to him as 'that little graybeard from Herkimer.' Rymal of Niagara rose to reply. He was an old timer, who never spoke unless he had something to say and so was always sure of an attentive audience. Farmer Joe, as he was called, got up slowly, gradually expanded himself to his full height of 6 feet 4, thrust his left hand behind the tails of a capacious and somewhat shabby frock coat, held up the index finger of his right hand, cleared his throat ominously and solemnly began:

"'Mr. Speaker, the honorable gentleman who has just spoken has never read Pope's essay. If he had, he would remember that the "soul's the standard of the man." And, sir, fifty such souls as that of the honorable gentleman who preceded me could be put into the skull of a flea and have as much room there as two frogs in Lake Superior.'

"He didn't have to say more. The chamber went into a convulsion of laughter which lasted for several minutes after the tall farmer had resumed his seat. As for the youngster, he did the best he could. He wriggled about, got red in the face, tried to look unconcerned and kept his mouth closed during the balance of the session."—New York News.

FLOWER AND TREE.

Palms never live more than 250 years. Ivy has been known to live 450, chestnut 860, oak 1,600 and yew 2,880 years.

Nothing is better for house plants than to be set out in a gentle, warm rain, but a cold rain and wind are anything but hopeful to them.

In planting trees an important point not to be forgotten is pressing the soil down upon the roots so that they will come in close contact with it.

A pot of flowers in bud should receive all the sunshine possible, but when the buds open keep them in shade, and they will last longer.

The largest apple tree in New England is in Cheshire, Conn. Its trunk measures one foot above all root excrescements, 13 feet 8 inches in circumference.

An orchard, whether young or old, should not be allowed to grow where heavy crops of grass are taken every year. It is weakening to the soil and detrimental to the trees.

In Ashanti there grows a tree resembling in appearance the English oak, which furnishes excellent butter. This vegetable butter keeps in perfect condition all the year round in spite of the heat.

Drinking Through the Nostrils.

The Indian sages do not practice their breathing exercises simply for the sake of repose and sleep. During the inbreathing energy is increased. These Indians are not the only people who believe that with the inbreathing of pure air there comes something still more vital than oxygen. But the Indians have developed the art of breathing more than any other people.

One of their favorite exercises is to inhale through the left nostril, to hold the breath for a time and then exhale through the right nostril.

Another of their exercises is to drink water through the nostrils, and after it has been retained for a short time it is expelled through the nostrils and the mouth. This is said to cool the head.—Chambers' Journal.

Growing Bananas.

Bananas are as a rule planted out systematically in rows, the "suckers" being placed at an average of ten feet apart. The banana plant bears only one bunch at a time, but it is a quick grower, yielding its fruit in twelve to fourteen months. When the plant is about six months old, a second "sucker" or shoot is allowed to spring from the root, a third after the ninth month, and so on, so that after the first year there is a continuous crop being reaped.

Fans In Shakespeare's Time.

Fans in Shakespeare's time seem to have been composed of ostrich and other feathers fastened to handles. Gentlemen carried fans in those days, and in one of the later figures of the german they now carry fans. According to an old manuscript in the Ashmolean museum, Sir Edward Cole rode the circuit with a prodigous fan, which had a long stick, with which he corrected his daughters.

Of More Importance.

"Get my name right," said the proud owner of the 1,175 pound hog. "It's Judson K. Bimm. My father was Colonel Hiram Hotchkiss Bimm of Lexington, Ky. He came to Illinois in the year"—

"Never mind that," interrupted the secretary of the fat stock show. "Give us the pedigree of the hog."—Chicago Tribune.

Occasional Relief.

Visitor to the Prison—I suppose this life of yours in here is a continual torture.

Convict—Oh, no! Not so bad as that. We don't have visitors every day, you

Personal Notes.....

Mr. Gus Howell's son had his foot badly crushed while at work in Chester last week.

Mr. Grover G. Sutton, manager of the electric light plant at Still Pond, has recently completed a course in electrical and mechanical engineering at Boston Correspondence School, and has two scholarships there at his disposal.

Mr. Merritt Beck, Jr., of St. Louis, is the guest of his sister, Mrs. W. W. Beck, Front street.

Mr. J. A. Perkins and family are spending a few days with Mrs. Perkins' mother, Mrs. Thomas, on Washington avenue.

Mrs. J. K. Aldridge, who has been visiting friends in Baltimore, was taken quite sick there this week. She arrived home on Tuesday much improved.

Mr. Howard Davis, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his father, Mr. John C. Davis.

Mrs. Dr. R.F. Gundry, of Cantonsville, is visiting her brother, Dr. W. F. Hines, on Front street.

Messrs. R. D. Hynson, Lewin W. Wickes, W. W. Beck and W. J. Parvis, of Chestertown, spent Sunday with Mr. Lem. Dumbracco, at his home, "Fishingham," near Centreville.—Observer.

Mrs. Claude Parks, of Chestertown, and Miss Helen Dudley, of Church Hill, were the guests of Mrs. Park's parents, Mr. and Mrs Harry McFeeley in Centreville last week.

Mrs. Thomas Jefferson, of Crumpton, is visiting her parents, in Bristol, Pa.

Mrs. George Montgomery and children, of Chester, Pa., are visiting Mrs. Montgomery's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Milbourn in Crumpton.

Miss Ethel Perkins, of Philadelphia, has been visiting the Misses Vickers, at "Lauretum Place," near Chestertown.

Mrs. Thomas Hines, of Baltimore, has been visiting her father, Judge Jos. A. Wickes.

Col, Wm. P. Howard moved his family to Cape Charles, Va., this week. He has an agreeable and lucrative position in the big Pennsylvania car shops at that place.

Master Tom Ruth. of Baltimore, is visiting friends in Chestertown. He delighted the congregation of Emmanuel P. E. church Sunday by singing two pretty soprano solos in an exceptionally fine manner.

Mr. Turbitt Greenwood, who has been employed in Washington, D. C., is at home for a vacation.

Mr. Denroche, of Detroit, Mich., is the guest of his brother, the Rev. C. T. I enroche, at Fairlee. This is the first time for over twenty years that the brothers have seen each other.

Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell Kramer, and children, and Miss Sadie Kramer, of Rock Hall, spent Sunday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. Leyine.

Deputy Treasurer Fred Wilson has disposed of a large track of land in Dakota at a good profit. Mr. Wilson took up 640 acres among the Black Hills many years ago and his friends will be glad to learn of his good luck. He says the price was below $6,000.

Mrs. M. A. I. Stephens, of Baltimore, has returned after a pleasant visit to Mr. and Mrs. Reese Beck in Worton.

Mrs. Ward Smith and little daughter, of Wilmington, Del., are guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Benjamin, on Queen street.

Mrs. Minnie Clark, of Kent county, and Mr. James F. Nelson, of Chester, Pa., were married in Chester April 17, 1902, by Rev. J. W. Sayers.

Supt. Fred. Quantz, of the Strawboard Mill, paid a short visit to his home in Virginia this week.

Millington News.

Personals.—Miss Pearl Ahern, of the Conference Academy, Dover, Del., is spending the week with her parents.

Mr. Walter Greenwood is spending the week with his aunt, Miss Annie Meginnis.

Miss Dorothy Elizabeth Sunfield, of Dover, Del., is the guest of Miss Anna Bailey.

Miss Mary Hazel is visiting relatives in Baltimore, Md.

Miss Annie Power, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her sister, Miss Helen Power.

Prof. Lafayette and Mr. G. C. Parvis, of Dover, were in town Sunday.

Mrs. James Booker and Mrs. Fred. Booker, of Sudlersville, spent Wednesday afternoon with Miss May Green.

Miss Kina Soyinskey, of Philadelphia, is spending the week with her aunt, Miss Vic Power.

Mrs. Henry Hurtt, of Baltimore, spent Tuesday with Miss Fannie Hurtt.

Misses Martha Soyinskey and Emma Gillespie, of Sudlersville, visited friends in town Sunday.

Mrs. McFadden, of New York, is the guest of Miss Vic Power.

Miss Julia Cacy returned to her home Thursday, after an extended visit in Baltimore.

Misses Anna Bailey, Pearl and Ruby Ahern and Dot Sunfield spent Friday with Mrs. Seward Barwick, Sudlersville.

Mrs. Dr. Dudley and daughter, Miss Helen, were the guests of Mrs. Bradford last Thursday.

Misses Annie Blackiston and Ethel Crouch are spending the week in Baltimore.

Mrs. Evelyn Cochran is visiting some friends in Kennedyville.

CASTORIA.
Bears the Signature of The Kind You Have Always Bought

CHARLES S. SMITH.

Our Living List.
YOUR SAVING.

ROLLED OATS, package..... 5c
We pack them and guarantee every ounce.

FINE CALIFORNIA PRUNES..... 5c
or 6 lbs for 25c. They please everybody.

BREAKFAST COCOA, cans..... 10c
Stop paying 12, 13 and 15c by pass-book and time.

WALTER BAKER'S CHOCOLATE, cake..... 20c
You pay 25c for this at other places.

NEW CLEAN RICE, all you want..... 5c
RICE from 5c to 13c.

BAG 12 POUND FINE FAMILY FLOUR..... 25c
Stop and think. Have you not been paying 28c?

A Package 4-ounce SHREDED COCOANUT..... 5c
You have paid 10c for a many one. Try ours.

ROOT BEER (6 bottles for 25c) bottle..... 5c

WHOLE TOMATOES in 3-pound cans..... 10c
You pay 12 and 13c for common ones every day.

A barrel of GOOD FAMILY FLOUR..... $4.00
You pay 4.50 for the same elsewhere.

ICE CREAM TABLE SYRUP, gallon..... 35c

HYLAND PORTO RICO MOLASSES, gallon..... 25c

PURE PORTO RICO MOLASSES, gallon..... 35c

PURE NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES, gallon..... 60c

QUEEN LILL COFFEE..... 15c
Don't pay 25c for the same goods at other places.

1 2 dozen TABLE TUMBLERS, filled with Yeast Powder..... 25c
This is actualy 2 for 1. Try it and you'll use it.

6-ounce Bottle RUMFORD YEAST POWDER..... 10c

GOLD MEDAL BREAD

This bread is manufactured on cite and is fresh every morning at 6 o'clock. If you cannot get it from your grocer call at our store the night before you want it for breakfast and leave your order. Should you want it at any time, simply notify us and up comes the goods, "That's the best." They are Gold Medal Pocket-Book Rolls, every Wednesday morning, but Baked to Order only, and if you want them leave your order before 7 p. m. Tuesday.

Gold Medal Bread==BEST.
Gold Medal Bread Best==TEST.
Gold Medal Greatly Assist==DIGEST
Eat Gold Medal You Eat==BEST.

SPECIAL.==Commencing Saturday Morning
We Will Place on Sale

5 Barrels of Our 10-Cent Crockery Ware.

CHOICE FOR 10 CENTS. Remember you wanted a few of these pieces and you could not get it. Come again.

Also we offer you about 75 Halters for 8c or 2 for 15c. Also Early Bird Tobacco 41c.; Schnnaps Tobacco 42c.; Sweet Tobacco 25c. So we could go on and show you why to buy from us for cash, will and does pay. Try our plan.

CHAS. S. SMITH,
CHESTERTOWN'S ONLY CASH MERCHANT.

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