A PRISONER'S CHRISTMAS BOX.

WRITTEN FOR THE "NEWS."

'Twas the day before Christmas, right here in this place,
I received a large Xmas gift that filled me full of Grace;
But when it was opened I was greatly surprised
There sat two well dressed chickens awaiting first prize.

And the very next day I raised up the tray.
And found five beautiful mince pies;
When I moved some of the pegs and found a tray full of eggs,
O say, you should have seen my eyes!

But you know it would not do to leave them there, so
I hastened to remove and hide them;
For I was afraid if in the box they stayed
The old hen would come back to get 'em.

I tried to talk, but could only mutter
As I raised the next tray it was filled with print butter;
Then said I to myself, "This is a dandy,"
As I opened a box full of French candy.

The next thing I found, say this is no fake,
Right under the tray was a large jelly cake;
Before I closed up the box to take it upstairs
With the help of a keeper, I went a little deeper,
And fonnd a glass jar of pears.

Just as soon as I recovered my speech.
I unscrewed the top and found it was peach;
Now the question is this, who was the sender?
Oh, yes; now I remember, Old Santa Claus comes
On the 24th of December.

Who could have told him, where and when
That there was a prisoner in the Maryland pen?
I won't say any more, as it might be a bore,
But the box had enough to fill up a store.

It was marked with my name, but that's not all
For in very large letters it read "Rock Hall;"
No more of your time am I going to take,
If I surmise aright 'twas from Harry C. Lake.

A. D. S.

ACROSS THE SASSAFRAS.

Newsy Items from Earlville, Cecilton, Warwick and Bohemia Manor.

CECILTON.

Mrs. E. V. Wills, of Earlville, celebrated her seventy-third birthday on Saturday, the 17th instant.

Mrs. Milcha Lusby, who has been quite sick of la grippe, is slowly getting better.

Mr. Oldham W. Davis, of Elkton, was the guest of his parents last Sunday.

Misses Elsie Karsner, Florence Egee and Mr. Frank Ellison were entertained by Mrs. M. E. Clayton on Sunday.

Miss Ettie Price has returned home, after spending a week with relatives in Middletown, Del.

Mrs. Robert Ferguson has returned home, after spending a week with her mothet, Mrs. Marley, of near Ellicott City.

Miss Daisy Woolleyhan died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Woolleyhan, near Johntown, Monday. Her funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon from her father's residence.

The sad news of the death of Mr. and Mrs. William Foster, of Trainor, was 'phoned here Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Foster was Miss Vergie Price, oldest daughter of Mrs. M. Virginia (Jones) Price. Mr. and Mrs. Foster died within a few hours of each other of small-pox, as noted elsewhere in the NEWS.

EARLEVILLE.

Mr. Johnson, of Smyrna, was the guest of Miss Nora Finley over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Duhamell spent Thursday of last week in Galena.

Mrs. Robert Reilley and two children are visiting her parents, Mrs. George Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Craycroft are the guests of Mrs. E. V. Wills.

Miss Mabel Allen spent a few days with May DeShane last week.

Quite extensive improvements are being made on the house owned and soon to be occupied by Mr. B. B. Craycroft, at his farm Millbury, in Veasey's Neck. When all is completed it will be one of the finest as well as most convenient houses in this vicinity.

Among those from this place who attended the dinner at Mr. Z. P. Lusby's on Tuesday were: Mrs. E. V. Wills, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Craycroft and Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Craycroft.

Wednesday afternoon, January 21st. occurred the funeral of Daisy Wooleyhand, who died Monday morning after a lingering illness from consumption. Deceased was the daughter of Joseph and Mary Wooleyhand, and was in her 25th year. Besides her parents she leaves a number of brothers and sisters, also a large circle of friends to mourn her untimely death. Services were held at her late home. Rev. W. A. Coale officiating with interment at St. Paul's M. E. cemetery. The floral offerings were beautiful. The sympathies of the entire community go out to the sorrowing family.

Worth Its Weight in Gold.

It is a fact, whether confessed or not, that there is more tinsel and glitter and more show and boasting in this world than real merit or true worth. This is true in some cases but not in all. R. S. McCrum, Ohiopyle, Pa., says: "I have sold Victor Remedies under a guarantee and have never had a bottle returned. But every one speaks in the highest terms of them. The Victor Lung Syrup is a Great Remedy, but Victor Liver Syrup is worth its weight in gold. Any ofthe Victor Remedies will do marvels in restoring health." Sold everywhere.

WARWICK.

R. B. Merritt, Sr., is spoken of for candidate for County Treasurer of the first district.

Mrs. William H. Bennett, of near town who has been under treatment at a hospital in Philadelphia, has returned home much improved.

Mrs. R. B. Merritt, who has been quite ill, is much improved.

M. E. Manlove's horse ran a nail in his foot one day last week, causing him to go lame.

Owing to corn taking such a "jump" the majority of the farmers of near town haye shelled and sold, some of them getting 51 cents per bushel.

Miss Helen Eaton, of Odessa, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Miss Mary Jones, of Baltimore, spent a few days of this week with her parents near town.

Miss Jennie Boyles, of near town, was the guest of Mrs. J. H. M. Garner last Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma L. Vinyard, of Cecilton, spent Sunday at home.

Mrs. Amos Wilson, who has been at the bedside of her grandchild, who is ill with pneumonia in Elk Neck, has returned home.

Mark Vinyard, of Cecilton, was in town Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Vinyard spent this week with friends at Wilmington.

Mrs. Wilson Merritt was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Arabella Piser, last week.

Miss Myrtle Stradley spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

BOHEMIA MANOR.

Quite a number from here attended the lectures at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Middletown, by Father Valentine.

Mr. Julian Jones, of Kennedyville, was a Manor visitor this week.

Mr. George Racine is seriously ill at his home, suffering from dropsey and heart disease. We all hope for his speedy recopery.

IN A DEAD MAN'S POCKET.

Stephen Allen Price was a man who was liked and looked up to by all who knew him. He was honest, kind and true, a warm friend and good neighbor. The boys and girls all liked him because he never forgot that he had been young once himself. He was never stiff and cross and bossy with them, but was their good friend. He became rich, was made mayor of New York city, and lived to be very old. He lost his life in a steamboat disaster. Those who found his dead body found a scrap of printed paper in his pocketbook. It was so worn with oft reading that they could scarcely make out the words, but this is what was on the paper:

Keep good company or none. Never be idle.

If your hands cannot be usefully employed, attend to the cultivation of your mind.

Always speak the truth. Make few promises.

Live up to your engagements.

Keep your own secrets, if you have any.

When you speak to a person, look him in the face.

Good company and good conservation are the very sinews of virtue.

Good character is above all things else. Your character cannot be essentially injured except by your own acts.

If anyone speaks evil of you, let your life be so that none will believe him.

Drink no kind of intoxicating liquors.

Ever live (misfortune excepted) within your income.

When you retire to bed, think over what you have been doing through the day.

Make no haste to be rich, if you would prosper.

Small and steady gains give competency with tranquility of mind.

Never play at any game of chance.

Avoid temptation through fear you may not withstand it.

Earn money before you spend it.

Never run into debt, unless you see plainly a way to get out again.

Never borrow, if you can possibly avoid it.

Do not marry until you are able to support a wife.

Never speak evil of anyone. Be just before you are generous.

Keep yourself innocent if you would be happy.

Save when you are young to spend when you are old.

Read over the above maxims at least once a week.

There are as many singers and performers among the negro contributors to the tunefulness and gayety of the vaudeville stage as there are white, almost. They all hang out in Fifty-third street, just as the white vaudeville teams hang out in Fourteenth street, near Third and Fourth avenue.

The neighborhood is full of theatrical boarding houses for colored performers. These boarding houses in themselves would form a sufficient nucleus for a society all their own, with their scandals, their romances and their literary discussions.

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Tax Sale Order Nisi.

John C. Davis, Sheriff,
versus
Thomas Barroll, colored.

In the Circuit Court for Kent County, Maryland.

ORDERED, this 20th day of January, 1903, by the Circuit Court for Kent county, upon the aforegoing petition that the order ratifying the report of sale in this case be and the same is hereby vacated and annulled, and the said report of sales of the real estate of Thomas Barroll, col'd, for taxes, made by John C. Davis, as Sheriff of Kent county collecting taxes, and reported by him in the above case. and the proceedings therein having been read and considered and the same appearing to have been regular and the provisions of law in relation thereto to have been complied with:—It is thereupon this 20th day of January, 1903, by the Circuit Court for Kent county, Maryland, further ordered that all persons interested in the said real estate of Thomas Barroll, col'd, sold by John C. Davis as sheriff, for taxes, and reported as aforesaid, be and they are hereby notified to show cause, if any they have, on or before the 26th day of March, 1903, why said sale should not be ratified and confirmed; provided a copy of this order be inserted in the KENT NEWS and Chestertown Transcript, respectively, two newspapers printed and published in Kent county aforesaid, once in each of three successive weeks before the 26th day of February, 1903.

EDWIN H. BROWN.

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JAMES T. DIXON, Clerk.

Jan. 24, 1903—3t.

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JOSEPH GUEST,
CHESTERTOWN, MD.
Jan. 24, 1903.

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Commencing with December 2, 1902, and ending April 1, 1903, I will distribute among my MANY PATRONS, ABSOLUTELY FREE, every hundredth pair of Shoes. A careful and accurate record will be kept of each sale made for the cash, and after the ninety-ninth pair has been sold, the person desiring to purchase each hundredth pair of Shoes, Boots or Arctics will be presented with the article which he or she desired to purchase, free. It matters not whether it be a pair of twenty-five cent shoes or a five dollar pair of Boots, Shoes or rubber Goods, if it be the hundredth customer, it goes

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Now is the time to buy at
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NOTICE! NOTICE!

Christmas is over and we had a good one too. We intend to build a new store and we don't intend to put any of our goods what we have on hand in it, so now we give all notice to rush in and get a bargain.

Come and JUST SEE Men's and Ladies' Underwear reduced to 40 per cent. on the dollar. Men's Boots and Shoes for winter at reduced prices.

Dry Goods such as Flannelettes, Outing Cloths, all kinds of Canton Flannel, reduced to 2½ per cent. on the yard, lower than it was before Christmas. Blankets, Comforts and Quilts and Horse Blankets reduced to the lowest price imaginable.

Also we are the leaders of low prices on such as

American Sugar	5c	The Best Citron	12½c
Levering Coffee	9c	Magnolia Soap	4c
New Dates	5c	Sea Gull Baking Powder	4c
Seedless Raisins, 1 lb package	8c	Washing Soda, lb	1c

We have so many bargains that we have not the time nor space to mention them. This has been one of the busiest Christmas that we have ever had and certainly that sounds like we got more than our share, but low prices will bring people to us from every section. Wishing everybody a Happy New Year and a prosperous one.

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Plain and Fringed, Start them Linen, 25c, Job, 37½c, 50c, 62½c, 75c, $1.00, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00, $2.50 $3.00 per dozen.

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