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THE TIMES.

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of Kent County.

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of Prince George's County.

INDEPENDENT.

For Commissioner of Public Works.
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of Montgomery County.
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of Montgomery County.

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of Howard County.

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Independent.
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FOR COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS.

ALLEN B. DAVIS, Esq., of Montgomery county, is an Independent Whig Candidate for Commissioner of Public Works in this district.
oct 25

FOR LEGISLATURE.

MR. WELLS: Please announce Messrs. SAMUEL COX and BARNES COMPTON, as candidates for the next House of Delegates of Maryland. As it is well known that these gentlemen endorse and approve the Resolutions read by Gen. CHAPMAN in the Whig Convention, which met in Port Tobacco on the 27th of August last, and which were published in the *Times* of the 20th instant, they will be supported by
sep 27—te VERY MANY VOTERS.

FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.

To the Editor of the Port Tobacco Times:

SIR:—You will please announce RICHARD H. EDELEN, Esq., a candidate for State's Attorney for Charles county. He will make a faithful and able prosecutor, and will be supported throughout the county by MANY VOTERS.

We are authorized to announce ROBERT S. REEDER as a candidate for re-election to the office of State's Attorney. au 23

FOR THE ORPHANS' COURT.

MR. EDITOR: You are authorized to announce RICHARD BARNES as a candidate for a Judgeship in the Orphans' Court of Charles County.
oct 18—te

MR. EDITOR: You are requested to announce Messrs. THOMAS A. MILLAR and GEORGE DENT, as candidates for Judges of the Orphans' Court. These gentlemen will receive the warm support of MANY VOTERS.

We are requested to announce FRANCIS B. F. BURGESS as a candidate for Judge of the Orphans' Court of Charles county. oct 11

We are authorized by the friends of ROBERT DIGGES to announce him as a candidate for Judge of the Orphans' Court of this county.

We are authorized to announce as a candidate for re-election RICHARD T. TUBMAN, for Judge of the Orphans' Court. au 2

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

We are authorized to announce DAVID MIDDLETON as a candidate for County Commissioner. oct 18

Messrs. RODERICK G. WATSON, JEREMIAH T. MUDD, and EDMUND PERRY, the present Board of County Commissioners, are recommended to the People of Charles for re-election, and will be supported by
oct 11 MANY VOTERS.

MR. WELLS: The following gentlemen are recommended to the People of Charles county as suitable persons to constitute the next Board of County Commissioners:
RICHARD PRICE, } First District;
GEORGE TAYLOR, }
Dr. FRANCIS R. WILLS, Second District;
THOMAS R. HALLEY, Third District;
JOHN W. HAWKINS, Fourth District.
They will be supported by MANY VOTERS.

We are authorised to announce GEORGE W. BERRY as a candidate for County Commissioner.

We are authorised to announce GEORGE S. WILLETT as a candidate for County Commissioner oct 11

SHERIFFALTY.

To the Voters of Charles County:

At the solicitation of many of my friends of the several districts of Charles county, I have consented to become a candidate for the Sheriffalty of Charles county, and if I am elected I shall reside in Port Pobacco, where I could be found at all times for the transaction of business.
je 28—tf ELKANAH WARE.

MR. WELLS: You will please present the name of HEZEKIAH WILLIAMS, of Bryantown district, as a suitable candidate for the next Sheriffalty of Charles county. He will be cheerfully supported by a large number of friends throughout the county. BRYANTOWN.

Fellow-Citizens of Charles County:

At the solicitation of friends, I most respectfully announce myself to you as a Candidate for the next Sheriffalty, and most respectfully ask your suffrages. NATHANIEL HALLEY.

MR. WELLS:
Please announce GEORGE W. SMITH as a Candidate for the next Sheriffalty of this county.
dec 28—te MANY VOTERS.

FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.

We are authorized to announce JAMES L. BRAWNER as a candidate for County Surveyor.
oct 18—te

FOR JUSTICES OF THE PEACE.

FIRST DISTRICT.

We are authorised to announce WILLIAM P. FLOWERS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the first election district. oct 11

We are authorized to announce GEORGE N. ROWE as a candidate for re-election for Justice of the Peace for the first election district. sep6

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM SIMMONS as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the first election district. oct 25

SECOND DISTRICT.

We are authorized to announce Mr. JOHN F. SEMMES as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in the second election district. sep 13—te

MR. EDITOR: You will please announce Capt. ELIJAH W. DAY, of Port Tobacco, as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the second election district. Should he be elected the duties of the office will be faithfully and promptly discharged by him. MANY VOTERS.

We are authorized to announce JAMES H. M. DUTTON as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in the second election district. au 16

We are authorized to announce JEREMIAH HERBERT as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in the second election district. au 16

We are authorized to announce Mr. JOHN H. EDELEN, as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in the second election district.

Agreeably to the wish of some friends, I announce myself as a candidate for Justice of the Peace in and for the second election district of Charles county, and will be very much obliged to the Electors of said district for their support. If elected, I will attend to courts in Cobb Neck, Piccawaxen and Allen's Fresh regularly, and, if required, one day in each week at Newport. I shall reside permanently about three miles directly below Allen's Fresh. JOHN T. MADDOX.

Fellow-Citizens of the Second Election District:

In announcing myself a candidate for re-election, I have only to refer you to my official acts, and to the imperious necessity of an appeal to your sympathies. If you, in the plenitude of your wisdom and sovereignty, should decide that another is more competent, I shall bow with submission. If otherwise, I shall most implicitly rely upon your support. Gentlemen, I am before you, and most respectfully solicit your suffrages at the approaching election.
oct 4 H. D. DYSON, J. P.

THIRD DISTRICT.

MR. WELLS: Please announce J. B SHERIFF as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the third election district. He will be warmly supported.
oct 11 FRIENDS.

MR. WELLS: Please announce JOHN W. GUY as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the third election district. MANY FRIENDS.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

MR. EDITOR:—Please announce JOHN H. HOWELL as a candidate for Justice of the Peace for the fourth election district of Charles county.
oct 25*

FOR CONSTABLES.

FIRST DISTRICT.

We are authorized to announce RICHARD F. NELSON, as a candidate for Constable for the first election district. sep 20—te*

We are authorized to announce JOHN HANSON POSEY, of the first election district, as a candidate for Constable. au 30—te*

To the Voters of the First Election District:

I present myself as a candidate for Constable, believing my friends have not yet lost confidence in me. If elected I shall discharge my duty impartially, promptly, faithfully and with humanity.
jy 19—tf PETER WHEELER.

MR. WELLS,—Please to announce JAMES GARRETT as a candidate for Constable in the first election district of Charles county.
mh 1 MANY VOTERS.

SECOND DISTRICT.

We are authorized to announce JAMES T. WILLETT, as a candidate for Constable for the second election district. sep 27

We are authorized to announce Mr. JAMES ADAMS as a candidate for re-election for Constable in the second election district. To reside in Port Tobacco. au 30—1m*

MR. WELLS:—You will please announce Mr FRANKLIN L. BATEMAN as a candidate for Constab'e in the second election district.

We are requested to announce Mr. GEORGE BAILEY as a candidate for Constable in the second election district. au 30—te

We are authorized to announce JOHN F. THOMPSON, Jr., as a candidate for Constable in the second election district. je 28—tf

We are authorized to announce Mr. PHILIP A. SIMPSON as a candidate for Constable in the second election district.

We are authorized to announce Mr. WILLIAM W. FRANKS, as a cnndidate for Constable in the second election district. may 10—te

We are authorized to announce JOHN D. COVELL, as a candidate for Constable in the second election district. may 31tf

THIRD DISTRICT.

We are authorized to announce Mr. JAMES RICHARDSON as a candidate for Constable in the third election district. oct 25

We are authorised to announce WILLIAM F. M. GARNER as a candidate for Constable in the third election district. oct 11

We are authorised to announce JUDSON WEDDING as a candidate for Constable in the third election district. oct 11

We are authorized to announce GEORGE W. ROBEY, as a candidate for Constable in the 3d election district. may 24—tf

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for Constable in the third election district of Charles county. If elected I will endeavor faithfully and promptly to discharge the duties of the office. (feb 15—te) PETER D. TUBMAN.

FOR ROAD SUPERVISORS.

FIRST DISTRICT.

MR. EDITOR: You will please announce JAS. S. POSEY as a candidate for Road Supervisor for the first election district. oct 18—te*

We are authorised to announce WILLIAM COX, of the first election district, as a candidate for Road Supervisor. oct 11*

We are authorized to announce JOHN MURDOCK as a candidate for Road Supervisor for the first election district. oct 4

We are authorized to announce THOMAS S. DENT, as a candidate for re-election for Road Supervisor of the first election district.

SECOND DISTRICT.

We are authorized to announce EDWARD S. WARE, as a candidate for Road Supervisor in the second election district. may 24—tf

We are authorized to announce Mr. JOHN W. LOMAX as a candidate for Road Supervisor in the second election district.

We are authorized to announce Mr. JAMES W. T. SIMPSON, as a candidate for Road Supervisor for the second election district.

We are authorized to announce Mr. CHARLES H. OLIVER as a candidate for Road Supervisor for the second district. mh1tf

THIRD DISTRICT.

MR. WELLS, will please announce SAMUEL D. DAVIS as a candidate for Road Supervisor in the third election district of Charles county.

We are authorized to announce ALFRED R. A. MURRAY, as a candidate for Road Supervisor in the third election district. may 31tf

We are authorized to announce Mr. WM. E. DEMENT, of the third election district, as a candidate for Road Supervisor for that district.

We are authorized to announce WILLIAM GETTINGS, as a candidate for Road Supervisor in the third election district.

To the Voters of the Third Election District:

I respectfully announce myself as a candidate for Road Supervisor for this district, and if elected will endeavor to discharge my duty faithfully.
feb 8—tf RICHARD WADE.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

MR. WELLS,—Please to announce BENJAMIN SWANN as a candidate for Road Supervisor in the fourth election district of Charles county.
feb 15—tf MANY VOTERS.

MR. EDITOR:—You will please announce NATHAN P. COOKSEY as a candidate for the office of Supervisor in the 4th election district of Charles county, and oblige his numerous friends throughout the district. MANY VOTERS.

ELECTION NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an Election will be held on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of NOVEMBER next, in the several Districts of Charles County, at the usual places of holding elections, for the purpose of electing a Comptroller of the Treasury; a Lottery Commissioner; a member of Congress for the Sixth Congressional District; a Commissioner of Public Works for the Second District; two Delegates to the General Assembly of Maryland; a States's Attorney for Charles County; five County Commissioners; a Sheriff; a County Surveyor; and three Judges of the Orphans' Court for Charles County. Also, by each Election District, Justices of the Peace and Constables, as follows:

For the First District—four Justices of the Peace, and four Constables;

For the Second District—four Justices of the Peace, and four Constables;

For the Third District—four Justices of the Peace, and three Constables.

For the Fourth District—four Justices of the Peace, and three Constables.

Also, one Supervisor of Public Roads for each Election District.

JOSEPH R. HUNTT, Sheriff
oct 4—te of Charles County.

In the Circuit Court for Charles County, as a Court of Equity.

George Bender and Wife, and others,
vs.
Mary Briscoe, and others.

ORDERED, that the sale made and reported by John W. Mitchell, Trustee for the sale of the real estate in the proceedings in the above cause mentioned, be ratified and confirmed unless cause to the contrary be shewn on or before the first Monday of December next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper printed in Charles county once in each of three successive weeks before the first Monday of December next. The report states the amount of sales to be about $2,631 36, being at $9 25 per acre, and supposed to contain 284 acres, 2 roods and 6 perches.

True copy—Test,
oct 18 JOSEPH STEWART, Clerk.

In the Circuit Court for Charles County, sitting as a Court of Equity.

Elizabeth H. M. Hodges
vs.
Margaret J. Hodges, and others.

ORDERED, that the sales made and reported by John W. Mitchell and Frederick Stone, Trustees in this cause, be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shewn on or before the first Monday in December next; provided a copy of this order be inserted in the Port Tobacco Times newspaper once in each of three successive weeks before said first Monday in December next. The report states the amount of sales to be $3,600.

True copy—Test,
oct 18 JOSEPH STEWART, Clerk.

POETRY.

HEBREW REQUIEM.

'Go thou in peace,' we would not have thee linger
In the low mazes of this tainted earth,
Where every joy is touched with sorrow's finger,
And tears succeed the brightest hours of truth.
Thine upward gaze is fixed upon the dwelling,
Where sin and sorrow never more are known,
And seraph lips the loud Hosanna swelling,
Have caught the music of celestial tone.

'Go thou in peace!' thy home on earth now leaving,
In the lone chambers of the dead to dwell;
Thou hast no portion in the sorrow heaving
The heart, whose anguish tears too feebly tell.
A path of light and gladness is before thee;
The hope of Israel in fruition thine;
And thou hast gazed upon the beams of glory
Around the throne of Israel's God that shine.

'Go thou in peace!' temptation cannot sever
The tie that now unites thee to thy God;
The voice of sin, of unbelief, can never
Enter the mazes of thy low abode.
We leave thee here, in mingled joy and sadness,
Our hearts are weak, our hopes are faint and dim,
But to the Lord we turn with chastened gladness,
And yield our friend, our brother, up to him.

MISCELLANEOUS.

THE RAVEN.

The cunning ravens inhabit all Europe, and a large portion of Asia, and in ancient and modern times have been considered as omens, rather of evil than of good. I once saw a letter from a gentlman to his wife, who on a visit from home, which informed her that the cook of their family was ill, and that, although not considered in danger by the doctor, he was sure she would die, for he had three times seen a raven perch upon the top of the kitchen chimney; and he entreated the lady to return home as soon as possible.

These voracious birds eat everything that has, or has had, animal life in it; and they, as well as crows, attack young lambs, or weak quadrupeds, and pick out their eyes. They live chiefly on rocky precipices, or tall trees; are very combative, and overcome the fiercest game-cocks. They will, however, become very tame and familiar, and are even capable of strong attachment; but their acquisitive and secretive propensities, although amusing, sometimes cause much annoyance. A large raven used to frequent a coach-stand, not far from the street in which I lived, and was the terror of almost all the women and children of the neighborhood, some of whom gave him many a sly thump. These thumps were occasionally and liberally bestowed by still more powerful arms; but he appeared to have a charmed life, and to rise us again as if he had never been knocked down. I have seen him prostrate and to all appearance, dead, but in a few hours a sharp bite on my heels, as I quitted a shop, convinced me he was still living.—On one occasion I beheld him, as I imagined, drowned; for he was lying perfectly still on the pavement, to all appearance breathless, and every feather so drenched, that the stem of it was visible. When I turned him over with my parasol he was not roused; and knowing that ravens cannot endure water, I felt justified in announcing his death to the rejoicing ears of my children, who said they could now walk peaceably along the street which he frequented. They accordingly went the next day; but the foremost of them rushed back to their nurse, who was not less alarmed than herself, for there was Jack, strutting about as if he had never been soused in all his life.

Ravens live to a great age, talk very well, are bold and sagacious, and defend their nests against all intruders, even vultures.—They often attach themselves to other animals, and one which had been accustomed to receive food from a window every morning, in company with a dog, when the dog was ill and could not leave his kennel, always carried his breakfast to his sick friend.

Mr. Waterton's pet "Marco," is much too interesting a bird to be left out of this work, and I here abridge the account which that gentleman has given in his Essays: "Marco could do everything, was as playful as a kitten, showed vast aptitude in learning to talk, and was fond of seeing a carriage approach the house. He would attend company on their arrival at the bridge and wait near the gate until their return; and then he would go part of the way back with them. He was a universal favorite, notwithstanding that at times his evil genius prompted him to commit almost unpardonable excesses. One day he took a sudden dislike to an old duck, with which, until then he had been upon the best terms; and he killed her in an instant. The coachman and Marco were inseperable companions; but at last they had a serious and fatal quarrel. Marco bit him in the thumb; upon which, this ferocious son of the whip seized the bird by the throat, and deliberately strangled it."

"Dr Stanley says, that "a gentleman's butler, having missed a great many silver spoons and other articles, without a suspicion as to who might be the thief, at last observed a tame raven with one in his mouth: watching him to his hiding-place, discovered more than a dozen."

The landlord of an inn was in possession of a raven, which frequently went hunting with a dog that had been bred up with him. On their arrival at a cover the dog entered, and drove the hares and rabbits from the thicket, the raven posted on the outside of the cover, seized every one that came in his way, when the dog hastened to his assistance, and by their joint efforts nothing escaped.

Another history of a raven's preference for a canine companion is thus given. "The latter was a large otter-dog, and was kept chained up in a stable yard, where the raven began by occasionally snatching a morsel from the dog's feeding pan, before he had finished his meal. As this was not resented, the raven always attended at meal times, and would occasionally take away a scrap in his beak, beyond the reach of the dog's chain, and then return with it, play about, and hang it on the dog's nose, and when the poor beast was in the act of snapping it up, dart off with it. At other times he hid the morsel under a stone, beyond the length of his chain, and then with a cunning look, mounted upon the dog's head. He, however, always ended by giving the dog the largest portion, or the whole of the scrap thus played with. The life of this raven was saved by the dog; who, seeing the poor bird nearly drowned in a tub of water, dragged his heavy kennel till he could put his head over the tub, when he took the raven up in his mouth, and laid him gently upon the ground, where he soon recovered.

BEAUTIFUL SENTIMENTS.—The beautiful extract below is from the pen of George S. Hilliard;

"I confess that increasing years bring with them an increasing respect for those who do not succeed upon earth; and it is surely true that celestial graces do not best thrive and bloom in the hot blaze of worldly prosperity. Ill success sometimes rises from a superabundance of qualities in themselves good; from a conscience too sensitive, a taste too fastidious, a self forgetfulness too romantic, a modesty too retiring. I will not go so far as to say, with a living poet, "that the world knows nothing of its greatest men," but there are forms of greatness, or at least excellence, which "die and make no sign; there are martyrs that miss the palm, but not the stake; there are heroes without laurels, and conquerors without the triumph."

THE IDLER.—The idle man is an annoyance—a nuisance. He is of no benefit to anybody. He is an intruder in the busy thoroughfare of every-day life. He stands in our path, and we push him contemptuously aside. He is of no advantage to anybody. He annoys busy men. He makes them unhappy. He is an unit in society. He may have an income to support him in idleness, or may "sponge" on his good-natured friends. But in either case he is despised. Young men do *something* in this busy, bustling, wide-awake world! Move about for the benefit of mankind, if not for yourself. Do not be idle. God's law is, that by the sweat of our brow we shall earn our bread. That law is a good one, and the bread we earn is sweet. Do not be idle. Minutes are too precious to be squandered thoughtlessly. Every man and every woman, however exalted, or however humble, can do good in this short life if so inclined; therefore do not idle.

ELOQUENCE.—Eloquence consists in feeling a truth yourself, and in making those who hear you feel it. Oratory is not vociferation; it is not stamping a hole in the platform, not beating all the dust out of the cushion of the pulpit; nor tearing off your coat tail in the violence of your gesticulations, a la Gavazzi; it is not holding the breath until the face is purple and the eyes blood shot; it is not hissing through the teeth like the fizze of a squib, nor crouching down, then bounding upwards like a wild cat springing on a 'possum, nor ranting about from one side of the rostrum to another until the skin is drenched into prespiration, and the body weakened into helplessness; you are not eloquent in all this, unless it be for the grave, for it is suicidal.

STATISTICS OF DANCING.—An ingenious French arithmetician has calculated that the space which a young Parisian belle, who is fond of the exercise of dancing, traverses in the gay saloons of Paris, amounts, in the course of one dancing season to 434 1-2 miles. He has also calculated that a French lady, fond of performing the functions of a teetotum, will spin round in a waltz in one night as many times as the wheels of a steam-boat revolve while running the distance between Dover and Calais.

FEELING HIS WAY.—"Uncle," said a young man, who thought that his guardian supplied him rather seldom with pocket-money, and felt a little hesitation in beginning to make an assault on his relative's generosity, "is the Queen's head still on the shilling piece?" "Of course it is, you stupid lad! why do you ask that?" "Because it is now such a length of time since I saw one."

A traveller found a buffalo robe belonging to a hotel-keeper, who, on receiving it, thanked the finder, remarking that a "Thank you" was worth twenty-five cents, and "Thank you kindly" was worth thirty-seven and a half cents. Soon after, the traveller called for a dinner, ate it and asked the landlord what was to pay. "Twenty-five cents," was the reply. "I thank you kindly," said the traveller, and walked off.

A RESOLUTE VOCALIST.

Some two years ago, when the gallant Col. Magruder commanded the United States forces at the Mission of San Diego, it entered into that officer's head to execute a serenade for the behoof of certain fair ladies then honoring New Town with their presence. Accordingly, all the officers of the mess who could sing, play or beat time, were pressed into the service, and one night about 12 o'clock, a jolly crowd left the Mission for New Town, in a large wagon plentifully furnished with guitars, flutes, and other arrangements of a musical nature.—Among the rest, a jovial young surgeon, attached to the command, had established himself on the back seat with his instrument, which happened on this occasion to be a bottle of whiskey, and on which he played during the ride with such effect as to have raised his spirits on the arrival at New Town considerably above the fifth ledger line. You may remember a Bowery song, rather popular in those days, the chorus of which ran:

"Oh, my name is Jake Keyser, I was born in
Spring Garden,
To make me a preacher my father did try:
But it's no use a blowing, for I am a hard one,
And I'm bound to be a butcher, by Heavens, or
die."

This unfortunate song had somehow or other occurred to the Doctor; he couldn't get rid of it; he could not help singing it; and accordingly when the whole party were duly ranged beneath the window, and with flutes and voices upraised were solemnly bleating forth

"Oft in the stilly night."

the entertainments were disagreeably varied; for far louder than the 'stilly night,' rang the wild medical chant, only varied by an occasional hic.

"Oh, my name is Jake Keyser, &c."

This was not to be borne; so turning fiercely on the delinquent Esculapius, Col. Magruder commanded him to desist from the interruption, and to "thenceforth hold his peace."

With admirable strategy the Doctor backed up against an adjacent fence, where he could deliver himself safely and to advantage, and with most immense dignity replied: "Col. Magruder, I'm roffliser of the arry; 'when I'm ath' Mission, I'm under your orrers; sonsider sef so—and—obey im; *but*, when I'm down here, Sir! serrerading—'Oh, I'm bound to be a butcher, by heavens or die!'—whoop!" and after performing an extempore dance of a frantic description, during which he fell to the earth, the Doctor was borne by main force to the wagon, where he slept at intervals during the remainder of the serenade, occasionally waking as some flourish of extra shrillness or power occurred, to mutter incoherently, that his "name was Jake Keyser."

A FINE STREAM.—A good story is told of a Philadelphia judge, well known for his love of jokes. He had advertised a farm for sale, with a fine stream of water running through it. A few days afterwards a gentleman called on him to speak about it.

"Well, Judge," said he, "I have been over that farm you advertised for sale the other day, and find all right except the "fine stream of water, you mentioned."

"It runs through the piece of woods in in the lower part of the meadow," said the Judge.

"What, that little brook! Why it does not hold much more than a spoonful. I am sure if you empty a bowl of water into it, it would overflow. You don't call that a fine stream, do you?"

"Why, if it were much finer you couldn't see it at all," said the Judge blandly.

We never heard whether the gentleman bought the farm, but we rather suspect he didn't.

PATRICK'S WARDROBE.—At a sales of furniture which took place in a country town, among the lookers on were a few Irish laborers, and upon a trunk being put up for sale, one of them said to his neighbor:

"Pat, I think you should buy that trunk."

"An' what should I do with it?" said Pat, with some degree of astonishment.

"Put your clothes in it," was his adviser's reply.

Pat gazed upon him with a look of surprise, and then with that laconic eloquence which is peculiar to a son of the Emerald Isle, exclaimed, "An' go naked."

CONSIDERATE.—A man being awakened by the captain of a boat with the announcement that he must not occupy his birth with his boots on, very considerately replied:—"Oh the bugs won't hurt 'em, I guess; they're an old pair. Let 'em rip."

When Jack Jones discovered that he had polished his bedmate's boots instead of his own, he called it an aggravated instance of "laboring—and confoundedly hard, too—under a mistake."

Persons of active minds, whose action is well occupied, sleep much less than the listless and indolent.

Nat, what are you leaning over that empty cask for?" "I'm mourning over departed spirits."