

Local and Personal.

This is meant to be a purely LOCAL NEWS column...

Rev. Ephraim Angell left on Wednesday evening for his Iowa home.

Dr. R. S. Seiss, of Littlestown, paid our town a brief visit on Wednesday.

Mr. Percy Shriver has been appointed postmaster at Trevanion this district.

Mrs. H. Meier is spending some time in Washington, D. C., on a visit to her parents.

Mrs. George Blumenour spent last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. J. Fink.

The first of April came and went, and yet, the bills are not all paid. More people are being "April-fooled" every year.

Many changes of residence have taken place in town and neighborhood this week—too many to notice separately.

If you have been one of the "movers" this spring, have your Insurance Policy indorsed so as to cover in the new location.

Instead of writing to the RECORD, subscribers should write direct to J. Y. Tribune or World when a change in address of either is desired.

The past two weeks have been "growing weather," though very wet and disagreeable for moving. Local crop conditions are generally very promising.

J. Bernard Gardner has returned to New York, to continue his studies. Miss Gertrude Gardner returned from a 10 days trip spent in Baltimore on business and pleasure.

Mrs. Elizabeth Klinger, wife of Prof. O. G. Klinger, of Gettysburg, well known here, died on Sunday afternoon last. She was a sister of Mrs. John A. Swope, of Gettysburg.

Calvin T. Fringer has bought from John Stouffer the land he recently purchased from Robert S. McKinney. If Mr. Fringer never makes any worse investments he will never lose any money.

A delegation of Heptasophs from this place, composed of N. B. Hagan, W. W. Crayster, Chas. A. Elliot and Prof. Henry Meier, participated in the funeral exercises of Harry Gilbert who was buried in Littlestown on Monday.

Mr. C. G. Sauerhammer, formerly of this place, will remove to Piedmont, Virginia, next week, and engage in the cigar manufacturing business. He thinks there is a good opening at the place, as there is not a factory there, or in the immediate section.

Abram Thomson, of Delaware, Ohio, the oldest of the Thomson family of this place, is lying critically ill with slight hope of recovery, owing to his advanced age. Mr. Thomson is the oldest ex-Idiom in Ohio, a brief biography of whom was published in the RECORD a year or more ago.

We are indebted to the gentlemanly agent of the Chamberlain Medicine Company for a bottle each of their Pain Balm, Cough Remedy and Cholera Remedy. Now that we have these excellent preparations at hand, editorial troubles will no doubt lie in disgust and hunt up more vulnerable victims.

The following local was handed in for publication: "Last Sunday, while Mr. and Mrs. Claudius Long and little daughter Ellen were visiting Mrs. Long's father, a little boy called at their home with a basket, and when asked what he wanted, said he had 'Come for Ellen.' Mr. Long had better look out, if the boys are coming already."

Mr. J. H. Taylor, who has been overseer at Trevanion for many years, has returned to his home in Emmitsburg where he will pass the rest of his days. Mr. Taylor conducted the affairs of the McFadden estate with pronounced ability, and leaves many friends in this neighborhood. The best wishes of the RECORD accompany him.

If our friends in Harneytown will offer some inducements, aside from subscribing to several 'phones, we think it highly probable that the Western Maryland Telephone Co., will build a line between that point and this. It is often the case that a town can furnish poles, for instance, at a very small cost, while this cost, if assumed by the Company, would be considerable. If undertaken by Harney influence, no doubt many poles would be contributed gratuitously, which would not be the case should the Company make the effort. This idea is worth working out, as telephonic connections for Harney would be a great benefit to the place.

The Southern Railway Company has closed a contract for the transportation of about 800 Maryland delegates and their friends to the annual convention of the Christian Endeavor Society to be held in Nashville, Tenn., next month. The delegates from all parts of Maryland will go to Baltimore, where they will board a special train, which will be provided with every convenience. The route will be via Ashville, N. C., Chattanooga, Tenn., and other interesting southern points. Stops will be made en route to enable the tourists to see the sights of these places.

COUNTY AND STATE.

News Notes of General Interest from various Sources.

Folger McKinsey, who has been editor of the Frederick Daily News, has accepted a position with the Evening News, of Baltimore.

Edward M. Shindle, democrat, was elected mayor of Hagerstown on Monday, by a majority of 61 over the present incumbent, M. L. Keedy, republican.

Frank Brengle, residing near Frederick had the family horse in the yard grazing, when the animal suddenly turned around and kicked him on the right hip.

A new frame dwelling in Frizellburg built by William Warner, was destroyed by fire last Saturday morning, together with a lot of new furniture.

Mrs. Anna Day, wife of the late Dr. David A. Day, who was for many years director of the Lutheran Mission in Africa, will return to Africa on April 6, to take up the work her husband laid down.

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LATE SOCIAL EVENTS.

A Taneytown Society celebrates its Second Anniversary.

Quite a goodly company gathered at the home of Mrs. Crouse on Baltimore St., last Saturday evening.

Refreshments in the shape of cake, coffee, popped corn, and ice cream were served.

The mite was the smallest of the Jewish coins, and two of these were all the poor widow had, but Christ commended her, saying, "For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

Since its organization two years ago, it has obtained sufficient funds, to put a large memorial window in the beautiful new church, assist in furnishing the required amount for the carpet in one of the class-rooms, have closets put in the parsonage, and purchase new linen for the communion service.

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PRIESTLAND ALUMNI.

Third meeting of this Newly formed Organization.

Agreeable to adjournment, the old students of Priestland met on March 26th, 1898.

The unfinished business of the two prior meetings was taken up and considerable progress made.

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At Least, so says our Versatile Correspondent.

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Correspondence.

Reply to "Constant Reader."

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New Windsor.

Moving between rainy days, seems to be the order now, in and around town.

Among those who leave the town are S. A. Crabbs, who moves to Baltimore, Mrs. Wilson, who returns to Westminster; Jno. D. Frock, who has gone to Gettysburg, Pa., to take charge of a farm, and E. A. Snader, who has moved to Frizellburg.

Mr. James Lambert has sold his town property where he now resides, to Jesse Stevenson, and gives possession on or before the first of October next.

Elmer Hyde, an aged citizen of New Windsor district, died on 24th inst., and was buried at Winter's on Sabbath for some time previous to his death.

Sulphur Spring Lodge I. O. O. F., of this place will run an excursion from Highfield on April 13th, making the usual stops and fare for the round trip.

Your correspondent was wrongly informed in reference to the Carroll County Band's musical entertainment which takes place this Thursday night in Odd Fellows' Hall.

As soon as the weather will permit, the water pipes will be extended when many more property owners in town will avail themselves of the opportunity to get it in their houses.

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ENTERED AT TANEYTOWN, POSTOFFICE AS SECOND CLASS MATTER.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2nd, 1898.

The Hagerstown Mail evidently needs a pair of "spees." In its last issue, in quoting from a recent editorial in the Record, it gives credit to the "Union Bridge Record." Brush the dust of your windows and the cobwebs from your think-box, brother.

The Country Merchant, vs Electric Railroads.

The Frederick News last week attempted to argue, specifically, that the building of the proposed Frederick, Thurmont and Northern electric road will benefit country merchants along the line, and generally, that the "tendency" of such roads is "to build up the business of country merchants and advance the commercial prosperity of the county towns in which they centre. How it is possible for both these interests to be benefited, the News does not explain, but goes on in the same strain, as follows:

"The country merchant with his place of business along the line, or in close proximity to, the railroad, would be benefited in several ways by such an enterprise. He would be able to obtain the advantage of cheap roads for his shipping and more attractive receiving goods, and he would be able to command a trade that now comes to the county seat because there is nothing in the way of a direct trade or satisfactory terms to buy. It is from the country merchant, therefore, that much of the necessary influence and support required for the launching of such an enterprise ought to be derived.

"They should place no obstacle in the way of such an undertaking, merely on the ground that the business would be diverted to the county town. It would, to some extent, but all their own surroundings would be made more prosperous; they would be able to keep better and more attractive stores and they would be able to come into more successful competition for a share of the custom that now passes through the county seat, the larger and more important centers."

The italics in the above paragraphs are ours. The writer is either "talking through his hat," for a purpose, or is densely ignorant of the ethics of business in the country. The whole argument is weak beyond disguise, in every item, and no one knows it better than the country merchant. The idea that "the increased facilities for receiving goods," supplied by an electric railroad, will enable a country store to "command trade that now goes to the county seat," is so silly that one is compelled to admire the writer's audacity. The country merchant has too many "facilities" now, "for receiving" goods, and not enough for selling; the "facilities" he is looking for is the kind which will bring him customers—not goods.

Neither can it be successfully demonstrated that these roads will bring him the customers, because the same argument is used to get the town merchant's subscription to build the roads. It is utterly impossible to benefit both to any appreciable extent, without supplying more people—more consumers. Increased facilities, such as are supplied by electric lines, tend, beyond shadow of a doubt, to carry the people to trade where the greater attractions are—naturally, the larger stores in the larger towns, just as people in such places, are, in turn, drawn to the cities.

The whole question of business, whether it be in city, county town or country, is one of the "survival of the fittest," and railroad excursions and cross-country electric lines are largely schemes in the interest of the business of the places in which they centre. The department stores of a large city, owing to rapid transit and other advantages, are rapidly drying up the "up-town" stores; the county town stores feel the effect of a greater exodus of trade, than formerly, and to these same department stores, and very naturally take to the electric railways as a means of recouping themselves for this loss.

This is a question aside from the one of the general good of electric roads—aside from the question whether they are of advantage to the majority of people. Probably they are, probably not. The cross-roads store-keeper, however, is sure to be the loser, because he can't live on what is for the public good, unless the public buys his ware; he can't pay bills with the sight of people flying past his place to town, any more than he can sell goods faster, because he can have them brought to him faster. Build these roads, if the people want them, but don't persuade country merchants to buy bombs for their own destruction.

Priestland Alumni Association.

The Priestland Alumni Association, recently organized for the special purpose of arranging in chronological order the teachers who have officiated at the school since its inception over fifty years ago, is likely to develop into a permanent association and widen the scope of its usefulness. "Priestland," is simply the title of a public school located on the McKinstrey Mills, this county, therefore this association is a pioneer in a very wide field which we predict will soon be

well filled with like bodies in other communities. Associations of this character are likely to result, not only in the development of much interest and pleasure in the work itself, but will no doubt attach increased importance to public school work generally, which can scarcely be the case without in some way benefitting the present school system, an institution second to none in importance in our scheme of government. The multiplication, therefore, of these associations, is an experiment worthy of trial, particularly as they involve no expense and are sure to develop social and fraternal features in every year-old school in which there are none too many existing—which will doubly repay all for their work.

We suggest that regular organizations should be formed, with officers and a few by-laws, and that meetings should be held monthly in each school house until the history of the school is traced from the earliest date to the present, all of which should be carefully recorded in a suitable book provided for the purpose. After this is once accomplished, meetings might be held, say four times a year, with a basket picnic once a year as an additional feature. Active membership might be limited to those whose first connection with the school, whether as teacher or pupil, dates back twenty years; which provision, in connection with the older schools, at least, would provide a sufficiently large membership to guarantee interesting meetings, which should be held indefinitely, their management being handed down from one generation to another.

This is essentially an age of organization work; individual effort no longer possessing the power sufficient to cope with the situations continually arising, which are more intricate and difficult to handle than they used to be. This is the logical outgrowth, first of all, of the public school system, which is a potent factor in making each succeeding generation more universally intelligent—a matter for sincere congratulation on the part of all good citizens—which naturally produces the more complex questions of the present day, and as naturally suggests the formation of societies for their intelligent solution.

Look where we will, we find trade organizations, insurance companies of various kinds, protective leagues, incorporated enterprises, farmers clubs, professional associations, and the multitude of secret fraternal societies, all having as their prime motive the advancement and protection of certain special interests. The fact that these organizations are becoming so general, not only suggests, but often compels, the formation of others. The world is being operated now largely on the principle that merit wins, and that lagards and ignorants "get left." There seems, therefore, to be something very appropriate connected with the formation of public school Alumni Associations, like the one at Priestland, and their usefulness will no doubt be amply demonstrated in some special line, because an organization having its origin in an educational institution, cannot fail to have an educational effect. The Record will aid, to the extent of its opportunities, in the furtherance of this work, and commends it to the consideration of its readers everywhere.

Rheumatism Cured. My wife has used Chamberlain's Pain Balm for rheumatism with great relief, and I can recommend it as a splendid liniment for rheumatism and other rheumatic troubles for which we have found it valuable.—W. J. Cuyler, Red Creek, N. Y.

Mr. Cuyler is one of the leading merchants of this village and one of our most prominent citizens in this vicinity.—W. G. Phippin, Editor Red Creek Herald. For sale by R. S. McKinney, Druggist, Taneytown, Md.

Our Coast Defense.

At this time the country is absorbed in war talk. And in this connection, no question is of more vital and absorbing public interest than "Our Coast Defense," the subject of an article elaborately illustrated with photographs, maps and drawings in the April issue of The National Magazine of Boston. It is written by one who thoroughly understands the question and Mr. Bates' appeal for more appropriations is unanswerable as far as facts and logic are concerned. The appalling realization of the actual defenselessness of our sea coasts is only equalled by the sense of shame upon such a question. Few periodicals, and no ten-cent magazine, have the enterprise and spirit of The National Magazine in handling live and pertinent questions of moment in such an intelligent and forceful manner. The April number is especially well balanced throughout.

Taxation of Railroads.

Governor Pingree, of Michigan, has called the legislature of the state together in extra session for the purpose of considering the subject of "Taxation of Railroads, Express, Telegraph and Telephone Companies of Michigan." The Governor uses the plainest kind of language in explaining his reasons for the call, and apparently substantiates his side of the case with evidence hard to controvert. The following extracts from his message will no doubt be of general interest, as they contain a ring of genuineness which suggests their application to other states than Michigan.

"I have the honor to acknowledge the letter of the Constitution, laws have been passed from time to time by which railroad companies, express companies, telegraph and telephone companies now owning, according to their sworn returns, at least one-third of the property of this state, are required to pay only about one-twenty-sixth of the taxes levied for state, county and municipal purposes, falling their just proportion of the cost of supporting our schools, asylums and other public institutions, and of defraying the public expenses, to fall upon the farmers, laborers, manufacturers, and other property owners of the state."

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mitted to continue for another year. I have therefore called you together in extraordinary session to consider it and to provide proper remedies. I regret the inconsequence and expense which will not cut; has a Satin face and popular shades, particularly burnt orange and turquoise blue. It fills a long felt want for trimmings and waists. It is non-irresistible and makes it approach in nearness to silk, wool and organdies, is more than the imagination can conceive. The styles are peculiar to this store, they are such as impart the tone and satisfaction to the wearer that is always felt by those who are well dressed.

New Veilings, Laces, and Ribbons. New Carpets and Mattings.

Why is it that we have been doing an immense business in our Carpet and Matting Department? Answer, visit this Department! it talks for itself.

CRESCENT BICYCLES. The price is not the only thing that has made Crescent Bicycles popular. No finer wheels in looks or quality. Crescent beauty speaks for itself. Prices, \$25. \$30. \$35. \$50.

Kitchen Bargains. 2-quart Covered Tin Pail, 5c each. Paring Knife, good quality, 2c each. 10c Anti-rust Tin Cups, 6c each. 15c Brooms, 8c each. Proctor & Gamble's Olive Soap, 4c a cake. 25c Glass Hand Lamps, complete, 15c. Good quality plain Tumbler, 2c each. White-wash Brushes, from 4c up.

F. M. YOUNT, TANEYTOWN, MD. LITTLESTOWN Carriage Works.

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HOME CIRCLE.
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The "Shut-In" Society.
(For the Home Circle.)
I wonder if any of the readers of the Home Circle have ever heard of this society, or know what it means. The idea of the society only originated about twenty years ago, and it was not organized till some eight years later. The object of it is, "To relieve the weariness of the sick room by sending and receiving letters and other tokens by remembrance; to testify of the love and presence of Christ in the hour of suffering and privation; to pray for one another at set times, daily at the twilight hour, and weekly on Tuesday morning at ten o'clock; to stimulate faith, hope, patience and courage in fellow-sufferers by the study and presentation of Bible promises."

There are three classes of members—the "shut-ins" or sick ones, for whose benefit, comfort and cheer the society is carried on—the associates or those who enjoying good health themselves, volunteer to let some of the brightness of their lives shine into the weary, monotonous lives of the shut-ins. Besides these there is also a third class of honorary members, who contribute largely to the support of the work.

A monthly magazine, called *The Open Window* is published in the interest of the society. The associates pay an annual fee of \$1.00, and the shut-ins 50 cts. (those of them who are able) and all members receive the magazine without any further subscription.

The work of the Associates consists in writing letters, sending papers or magazines (which they have finished reading themselves) or any little token which will help to cheer and brighten the weary, monotonous lives of those who are invalids, many of them often life-long sufferers, perhaps entirely helpless, or unable to walk for ten, twenty or thirty years, besides often being needy as well as helpless and suffering. And yet in the letters these shut-ins write to the *Open Window*, they always try to look on the bright side, and by the cheerful spirit which they manifest, put to shame the repining, complaining habit which many who are in health and comfort indulge in, on account of the little discomforts which come into their lives.

Each associate has at least one or two, and sometimes several, shut-ins to whom he or she writes letters, sends papers, &c., regularly, and feels a responsibility for their special cheer and comfort. The invalids are mostly women, but there is also a men's department, and one for children for there are many little sufferers who perhaps have never known a well day during their lives or who have been helpless cripples all, or nearly all, that time. These have been encouraged to form themselves into a "sunshine Circle" to help brighten each others lives. This society is, in no sense an alms-giving organization. All begging by the invalids, or response to such appeals by the associates is constantly discouraged, and it is emphatically and repeatedly stated that such is not the object of the society.

Now are there not some who, out of the fulness of their healthy, happy lives, have something of cheer and brightness to spare for these less fortunate ones—these "shut-ins," spending days and weeks, year weary years of pain, suffering and loneliness, many of them never getting out into the sweet fresh outside world, or being able to enjoy its pleasures as you and I who have our health and the use of our limbs can? Are there not some boys and girls, who—while they enjoy all the pleasures that come to them in their play and games, running and jumping, and their choosers—lend a thought and kindly helping hand to these other boys and girls, and help to send a little sunshine into the lives of those who are utterly shut off from all those enjoyments which you enter into as a matter of course?

Think of these other little ones confined all the time to the house, perhaps to one room, or even to bed, think of them and then put yourself in their place, and consider what a pleasure it would be to you if some well boy or girl would write you a letter occasionally, or send you some pictures or a game, or anything to help you pass away the time which often hangs wearily on your hands.

In these days when there are so many societies and organizations of different kinds, this comparatively small one is doing a Christ-like work, in a very quiet and unobtrusive way. One does not often see any reference to it in the papers or current literature of the day, and yet I am sure that it cannot fail to meet with the notice and approval of the Master, who when He was upon earth, had ever a compassionate heart, and a ready, helping hand for all who had any manner of disease, and who says to each of us, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these, ye have done it unto Me." Send for a sample copy of the *Open Window*, and learn more of this work and then interest yourself in it; or if this should come to the notice of any "shut-in," who would like to become a member of this society, let them send for a sample copy of the magazine, which can be had for 6 cents. Send to the Secretary and Treasurer, Miss M. H. Hadley, 14 Lincoln St., New Haven, Conn., or their names at once to the same address, sending with their application if possible, the name of their pastor or physician, or some Associate of the Society, as introduction. B.

The Lost Lamb.
Some Jingles for the Children.
(For the Home Circle.)
I remember a chilly Spring-time
In the long, long years ago,
When the clouds dropped heavily earthward
And the storm-wind began to blow.
The sun, with his day's work ended,
Had betaken himself to bed,
Mid heaps of vapory billows,
That were edged with a sullen red.
The sheep had been turned out to pasture;
To wander afar and near
To browse on the shrubs and grasses,
Of the hills tops brown and bare,
But they knew a storm was coming
By the distant ocean's moan,
By the shivering of the oses,
And the gale's defiant tone.
And they bleated and called each other
"Come nigh, come Pretty-Face, come,
For the storm is on our side."
And we can't see the pathway home,
There was a patter of little hoof-beats,
And the jar of running feet
And two, small shepherd lassies
Ran out the flock to meet.
"Count the lambs," their mamma told them,
"For this was a holiday.
The first time the sheep have been on the hills
And perhaps one has gone astray."
Sure enough, one tramp lamkin
So innocent, sweet and bright,
Had been left somewhere mid the bleak bare cliffs.
In the hurried, homeward flight,
Away ran the little maidens,
Though the wind was cold and wet
Through the shadows by the side of the hedge.
They must rescue their darling pet.
The gale was angry and churlish,
It meant to be felt and heard,
It lifted and shook their capes about
Like the wings of some enormous bird.
"Oh, pet, oh, dear, white lamkin,"
Was their loving and longing call
"Come to us, or you will freeze to-night
When the rain begins to fall."
O'er knolls and through hollows running,
At last, near a grey, old rock,
A white small form was astride there
It was the lost lamb of the flock.
Then May clasped the tiny truant
To her gentle and loving breast,
And Nettie's ready and tender hand
To rain wet face caressed.
And the joy of the shepherd lassies
Can never be known or told,
When they placed the innocent creature,
Within the sheltering fold.

Nell's Diary.
PART II.
Twelve years old to-day, and I am going to keep a diary again. My brother gave me a blank book much better than my first one. All through the long vacation I have been very busy. I help milk the cows night and morning. The chickens I must feed and they all know me. The soft-eyed bossies must be attended to; the little lambs also. I really love the animals and think this world would be a lonely place if there were only people in it.

Sept. 10th. This winter Mr. Ricks teaches our school. He seems very pleasant, and can draw the most beautiful flowers, and best of all he can sing. I love singing and Oh! how I wish I could, one day, become a great singer. We had a spelling match this afternoon and our side beat. This evening Mr. Ricks brought his bass viol and came to spend the evening. Sister and brother sang while he played.

Sept. 18th. Lil told me to-day that her father had got a lot of money from a rich uncle, and she was going to have fine clothes and was going to Exeter to school. The family were going to move to the city, and perhaps sometime she should travel in foreign lands. These are her plans, I am sure I don't know what mine are, for my father is not very rich. I love the old farm although the work is hard, but I mean to study even if I can't accomplish as much as Lil.

Jan. — I seem to be too busy with my studies to tell you much, my dear old diary, but believe me I am making progress. Reading is my delight, geography a pastime. Spelling, writing, and figures a pleasure. Last evening we had spelling school, and my what fun it was. We are going to have a school exhibition soon and my part is to dress in very torn clothes and go to the tavern after my father while the rest sing, "Father come home." I don't like it very well, because Bob Stone is to be my father.

Jan. 24th. Exhibition is over, everything went all right except that one end of the stage broke down and almost created a panic. I do not expect to see much of you, my Diary, until another winter. The hard work begins early on the farm and there is no respite until cold weather comes. This spring we have built great smokes (for there was not much fire) under the plum trees to destroy the insects.

March — Some few violets are in bloom down by the brook. How long it seems since they were last here, blessed flowers. Summer. Oh! so much to do. Not a moment do I get to read or study. Sister and I talk about our lessons while we are busy. I went with mother to the City to-day and spent my last ten cents for a new harp and every chance I get I slip away to the hedge where there are only the birds to hear me try to play it. Somehow music has charms and lets me forget all disagreeable things. Time does not wear so slowly now as when I wrote my first diary. I do not have to count the days to see when the week will end. And I am interested in so many things that I sometimes forget the work. I heard Aunt Sue tell mother to-day that I would never amount to anything, because I was too lazy. Wait, wait, Aunt Sue! I had to cry about it and my head aches. Don't discourage me, I will amount to something, even if I do seem lazy now. Aunt Sue seems to me to be one of Job's comforters.

Sept. — This winter we have for a teacher a student from a neighboring academy. My brother will teach this winter too, not far from home and he is going to help sister and I with our studies in the evenings. My interest is so awakened in books that I wish there was no work at all to do. And as I have no longer the time to look after Beatrice, I put her and all her belongings into a box, and to-day took her down to Mrs. Stewart's where Lucy has lain sick for a year and gave them all to her. I told her all about Beatrice's burnt face and scorched dress, and she laughed heartily about it. I think I've done my very best for Beatrice.

Dec. — Uncle Ned and Aunt Jane came to spend the holidays with us. Aunt Jane tells us true stories of the first settlers—their trials and privations while they hewed down the savage wilderness and made homes of comfort and peace for their children's children. She is an old lady and is always knitting; really her knitting needles almost play a tune as she tells story after story for our entertainment. She will sometimes say, "Children you don't know the price paid for civilization and the comforts you enjoy." Older people nod their heads, and say she is right. I wonder will I grow old as beautifully as she has done, and have such a fund of useful knowledge? Uncle Ned says when he was a boy, from dawn to dewy eve the sound of his whistle used to enliven the air. He would go to school to the solemn strains of "Uncle Ned," and return to the livelier measure of "O! Susanna," but now, he says the times are out of joint. The small boy has lost his whistle and its "O!" for the sound of a time that's dead, and the note of a pipe that's still.

Dec. 31st. Holidays passed very merrily; all had a fine time and right here on the threshold of another year.

Remarkable Rescue.
Mrs. Michael Curtin, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, she bought a bottle and used it to her delight found herself benefited from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her blood feel as well as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at R. S. McKinney's Drug Store. Large bottles 50 cents and \$1.00.

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Educational Department.
It is the intention to carry on this department during the coming winter, touching at random the different subjects as Arithmetic, Grammar, History, Civil Geography, Simple Spelling, etc.

ARITHMETIC. The answer to problem No. 22 (Receipt of March 25th., should read 69 gallons instead of 624 gallons. The method of solution was correct, a numerical error crept in. H. C. Witt, of Taneytown, furnished a correct solution.
The following questions in Arithmetic, History and Geography are proposed by H. O. Harner, Horney, Md.
Arithmetic: (35) A citizen donated 3 acres of land, which was three-eighths as wide as long, to a school district; what are its dimensions in feet?
(36) A and B have an annual income of \$400. A spends each year \$40 more than B; at the end of 4 years they have equalled their money. What is the income of either. What do they spend annually?
(37) A dam 20 feet high and 100 feet from shore to shore is filled with water. What is the average pressure?
(38) A who can row 6 miles an hour in still water, heads his boat straight across a stream flowing 4 miles an hour. How far and with what velocity does his boat move to reach the opposite shore, if the stream is 4 miles wide?
History: (1) Under what circumstances does the House of Representatives elect the President? How many times, and when did this occur?
(2) Why are insurrections more liable to occur under our government than under a monarchy?
(3) For what is April 19th. notable in the history of the United States?
(4) What general is said never to have lost a battle?
(5) What was the numerical strength of the Union and Confederate armies at the beginning of 1863?
(6) What important decision in reference to civil rights, was rendered by the United States Supreme Court in 1857?
Geography: (1) Name the cities which have been capitals of the United States?
(2) What nations in America are without ports?
(3) What causes the great emigration from Europe to America?
(4) How many and what telegraph cables connect America with Europe?
(5) What three nations control over one-third of the world?
(6) Which is farther from London, a ton of coal, or a ton of iron? Explain your answer?
(7) Name three important cities of the Mississippi Valley having nearly the same standard and local time?
(8) Where is the "Cradle of the Tide"?
(9) Where and what is the greatest annual rainfall?
(10) Under what circumstances would summer and winter be longer than at present?

CUBA. The largest in the West India group of islands was discovered by Columbus in 1492. The island was by the Spaniards in 1511. Twice its capital was destroyed by the French, in 1534 and 1554. In 1624 the Dutch took possession of the island, and in 1763 the British called it their own for about one year; since then it has remained a Spanish colony.
Cuba lies due south from the eastern part of the United States, and about a straight line is distant about 1300 miles from Maryland.
The shortest distance from the United States between Cape Sable, Florida, and a point in the north of Cuba is about 140 miles. The island is about 600 miles long and from 20 to 110 miles wide; its area is about 43000 square miles, (somewhat larger than that of Ireland, and about 28,000, 000 acres.)
The population was until recently about 1,600,000, about one-fifth of whom live in the capital Havana. Cuba would furnish homes for two million people, and then be but little more densely populated than Massachusetts now is. The chief, and very profitable crops are sugar, coffee and tobacco.
The decline of the island's commerce with the United States, as indicated by statistics prepared for the Agricultural Department, shows how ruinous the conflict has been to the Cuban people. The value before the present war began, the trade amounted to \$102,864,204; but for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1896, it was only \$47,884,010, or 46 per cent. of what it was so recently. It is estimated that the close of the year, June 30, 1896, would be only about \$20,000,000, or less than one-fifth of what it was before the revolt.
Of the population, 65 per cent are white. This consists of native Spaniards, known as the peninsular class, about 600,000; and about a million native Cubans. There are probably 50,000 Chinese laborers on the plantations, and the remaining population consists of negroes and mulattoes. In the city of Havana alone, there are about 76,000 blacks. The Spanish government levies a tax, in one form or another, of \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 annually. For the fiscal year ended June 30, 1894, more than \$20,000,000 was collected; but the expenditures for that, when ordinary conditions obtained, were greatly in excess of this, and so it had gone on until Spain's debt on account of Cuba alone was \$150,849,000. Since then it has been increased by some millions. The expenses of the war (which of course the Cuban people do not pay) are reckoned to be about \$120,000,000 yearly.
These figures mark an expenditure of \$154.4 per capita, or 68 per cent of the entire currency per capita of the United States. The paternal government makes no appropriation to educate the masses. It would be harder than it has been to keep the people in bondage if popular education was provided for.

Women in Postal Positions.
The new woman is very much in evidence in Uncle Sam's offices, for in the postoffice she prevails to the extent of 7,670, and in the various departments of the postal service at Washington and throughout the country the call of office has been administered to over 80,000 women to qualify them for service in handling, distributing or otherwise dealing with the mails.—Christian Advocate.

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"How," this man inquired of himself, "did she know that 35 cents would be the correct change? There was no earthly way for her to tell what money I was going to offer her either. How did she come to have the exact change ready without a second's delay or without having to go to the cash register for it?" He could not answer to his own satisfaction.

The next day he bought a 45 cent meal, and she promptly laid a nickel before him, the 5 cent piece being the only coin she held in her hand. It was the correct amount, as he gave her a half dollar. He experimented several times afterward and at last appealed to her for information.
"Why," she said, "didn't you ever notice the tint of your check?" When I see you coming 20 feet away, I know by the slate colored check that you have eaten 20 cents' worth. If you have a red check, that means that 35 cents would be the correct change. A blue one means 30 cents. This yellow one is, of course, for 40 cents. The amount is printed upon the check, but the color is my warning."

"Yes," said the other, somewhat moved, "that seems curious. But still you do not pay for 45 cents either. How do you know what change to have ready? That's mind reading, sure."
"Not at all. When you come with a quarter ticket, you will usually give me the exact change or half a dollar. I have a quarter ready for you in my left hand in case you give me a half. Suppose your ticket is a 35 cent one; you'll either give me the correct amount or a half dollar—or perhaps a dollar. With 15 cents in one hand and 50 cents in the other I'm ready for any demonstration almost."—Chicago Record.

Demise of Costumes.
It has now become the fashion to have what are called demise costumes, and not only gowns, but hats as well. This is a decided innovation, for in olden times it was only considered necessary to provide oneself with thorough outfits for summer and winter, but now spring and autumn require just as careful looking after and apparently just as many clothes. In the early spring and early autumn people formerly did not mind looking a little shabby. Now it is expected that not only should the gowns that have been worn for some time be freshened up, brushed and refurbished, but it is required that entirely new gowns shall appear. Fortunately, while such gowns must be smart and new and give a hint of what the style of the coming season is to be, they are not necessarily expensive.

Light wool goods are greatly in favor for the spring demise. They are a little too light in color as well as in texture to wear in the street until the spring fairly sets in, but they are very charming for house wear. These seen now are mostly in the wood colors and the gray. The hats are all what might be called decorative in effect, quite dainty and as a rule of light felt. Besides these light colored gowns and gaudily trimmed hats there are also many very charming wraps and a few velvet gowns. These last are without exception imported goods and certainly advance couriers of what we are to expect next winter.—Harper's Bazar.

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PERSONAL CHATS.
John Jacob Astor recently had his personal property assessment reduced from \$2,000,000 to \$250,000.
Mr. Thomas A. Edison thinks the reporters in dealing with his achievements invent a good deal faster than he can.

Miss Martha Culver, who lives near St. Paul, is said to have killed more wolves than any woman in the north-west.
Clarence Hawkes, the blind poet, in a personal letter to Current Literature, writes, "Probably the dominating influence in my life has been sorrow."

John E. Fannin, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., recently elected county judge, is the youngest judge in the United States. He is only 21 years old and is the first Republican to occupy that particular office in 16 years.

The pope has become the owner of one of the finest residences in Paris, after a lengthy litigation before the tribunal of Limoges. This hotel was bequeathed to the Vatican by the late Marquis du Plessis-Bellere.

The Rev. James Needham (Methodist) of Surrey county, S. C., who will be 99 years old in May, is still engaged in the active work of the ministry. He has been a minister for more than 75 years and has preached to five generations.

Edwin S. Hunt of Essex, Conn., has a cannon ball which was found where the old Saybrook fort was once located, just north of the Valley railroad station at Saybrook point. The ball was fired from a British ship in the river during the war of 1812.

A Russian nobleman, Count Rambunsky, has written to Mayor Warwick of Philadelphia, saying that he has a good looking son, 24 years of age, who wants to make a Philadelphia woman his wife and a countess. All he requires is beauty and a dot of \$3,000,000.

George Bernard Shaw, in a recent lecture before the Women's Journalistic society of England, made the somewhat sweeping statement that the English people possess no brains, no artistic feeling, few ideas, unbounded egotism and a vast capacity for the assimilation of lies.

Superintendent Charles E. Clark of the Union Printers' home, Colorado Springs, has mailed his resignation to President William B. Prescott of the International Typographical union, to take effect on June 1 next. The reason assigned for Mr. Clark's retirement is the ill health of his wife.

Women in Postal Positions.
The new woman is very much in evidence in Uncle Sam's offices, for in the postoffice she prevails to the extent of 7,670, and in the various departments of the postal service at Washington and throughout the country the call of office has been administered to over 80,000 women to qualify them for service in handling, distributing or otherwise dealing with the mails.—Christian Advocate.

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