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Pastor.—Rev. E. S. Johnston. Services every other Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, a. m., and 7 o'clock, p. m., respectively. Wednesday evening lectures 7 o'clock, p. m., Sunday School at 2 o'clock, p. m., Infants School at 10 o'clock, p. m.

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Pastor.—Rev. Wm. Shumton. Services every other Sunday morning at 10 o'clock, a. m., and 7 o'clock, p. m., respectively. Wednesday evening lectures 7 o'clock, p. m., Sunday School at 2 o'clock, p. m., Infants School at 10 o'clock, p. m.

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PASSENGER TRAINS RUNNING WEST.

Daily except Sundays.

STATIONS. Mail, Acc. Exp. Acc. Mail.

Hillens Station..... 7:50 10:05 4:00 6:40

Union depot..... 7:55 10:10 4:05 6:45

Penn'a ave..... 8:00 10:15 4:10 6:50

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THE CLOSING YEAR.

Faster than petals fall on windy days.
From ruined roses,
Hope after hope falls fluttering, and days
Ere the year closes.

For little hopes, that open but to die,
And little pleasures,
Divide the long, sad year, that labors by,
Into short measures.

Yea, let them go; our day-lived hopes
Are not
The life we cherish;
Love lives till disappointments are forgot,
And sorrow perish.

On withered boughs, where still the old
leaf clings,
New leaves come never;
And in the heart, where hope hangs faded,
No new endeavor.

"MERRY CHRISTMAS."

Ring, ring, ring, ye merry bells,
Ring your Christmas story,
"Peace on earth, good will to men,"
Give to Christ all glory.

Ring, ring out from steeples high,
Send your message to the sky.

Ring, ring, ring, ye Christmas bells,
Ring a kindly greeting
To all mankind, for on this day
Warm hearts and hands are meeting.

"Peace on earth, good will toward men,"
Ring it once, and once again!

Happy be the Christmas songs
Which our hearts are singing,
Keeping time to merry bells
From tower and steeple ringing.

"Merry Christmas!" through the land,
Love and peace go hand in hand.

THE LOST DAGUERROTYPE.

A CHRISTMAS STORY.

[Written for the Emmitsburg Chronicle.]

CHAPTER I.

It was Christmas Eve, bitter piercing cold, and the drifting snow found entrance into every cranny; but the city streets were brilliantly lighted, and the crowds of people hurrying along, seemed too intent on the business, or pleasure, that had called them forth, to have a thought about the weather; whilst the shops, with their tempting displays, seemed like the wonderful creations of some of the Genii in "The Arabian Nights." Can it be, that misery, want and crime have lurking places amid this brightness? That there are sad hearts, and suffering bodies within sound of all this hilarity?

A tall, fine looking man, somewhat past middle age, sauntered leisurely among the hurrying crowd, with no excitement in his manner, and no genial smile lighting up his stern, world hardened face, which scarcely changed its expression, except to reflect the annoyance he felt, when jostled unceremoniously by those around him. The contemptuous sneer with which he regarded those entering the Toy-shops and Confectionaries, showed how little sympathy he had with children and their surroundings; yet it was not a bad face, it was simply, so hard in expression, so stern and cold, that it was difficult to realize the owner had ever been a little child or known a mother's kiss.

After walking for many squares through the noisy, crowded streets, he found himself in a neighborhood comparatively quiet, where the stores were few and very unpretentious, and those who patronized them of the poorer class; but there is something in the merry Christmas tide, that even poverty cannot chill, so even here, the expectant face, the mirthful voice and hurried movement, met him on every side.

"What silly fools make up this world," he muttered, as he looked in vain for a face that showed a spirit above the influence of all this nonsense. Presently his foot struck against something on the pavement, and looking carelessly down, he saw what seemed to be a pocket-book, but which, on picking it up, he found to be nothing but an old-fashioned likeness case, one of those in which the daguerrotypes of years ago, were always placed. He held it in his hand a moment, thinking how things had changed, since these old-fashioned pictures were so highly prized, then as he stood there, under that wintry sky, the years that had intervened, since last he held a picture-case like that in his hand, were thrust aside, by the mighty power of memory, and he stood once more, a little boy within his father's house; not alone, brother

and sisters were around him, and a mother's voice was heard, directing and controlling the boisterous mirth, which made the old house ring. How plainly he saw the Christmas merry-makings, the stockings hung by the chimney with un-questioning faith in the mysterious visits of Santa Claus, and the hurry ing off to bed, lest the good old saint, coming before they were asleep, should go away without filling the waiting stockings. Then on Christmas morning, how the house resounded with merry voices, long before daylight, as the restless feet of boys and girls, went scampering from room to room, and glad voices shouted "Merry Christmas," not only to one another, but even to the old cat and dog.

Slowly he moved onward as one in a dream, noting not whether his footsteps led, till startled by the sound of music, stopping suddenly, he found himself before the open doorway of a church, in which the choir was practicing Christmas Anthems for the morrow's service; and obeying an impulse which he could neither understand nor resist, he entered the sacred place, and stood with bowed, uncovered head, listening to the music of the choir, whilst it floated through the festooned arches seemed to fill the air with melody, even as of old, when listening shepherds heard the angels' song of "Peace on earth, good will to men," and scarcely when the music had ceased and the singers were preparing to leave, could he shake off the spell which seemed to surround him.

CHAPTER II.

In the plainly furnished sitting room of a small house, were seated three young girls, the eldest, scarcely eighteen, unmistakably ladies, refined and intelligent; but in dress and surroundings, giving evidence of that poverty which seems doubly sad when associated with the delicacy of feeling belonging to better days. Clara, Ellen and Margie Mason were the daughters of a widow, who, reared in affluence, had during her married life been mistress of a home, remarkable for elegance as well as comfort, but who, on the death of her husband, some six or seven years before, had found herself suddenly deprived of nearly all her means, and with three young children dependent on her care.

Forced thus to give up her cherished home, with all its comforts, she took up her residence in the modest tenement where we find her daughters on this Christmas eve; and she had struggled bravely, whilst they were too young to assist her, against the many obstacles that bar the way of woman's efforts to earn a livelihood; but now, as her girls were nearing womanhood, she was ready to sink down, discouraged, at the prospect of the life of toil and deprivation before them. None of the pleasures and privileges of her own girlhood, seemed possible to them, and more than that, she was painfully aware of the fact, that all they could earn, was inadequate to their necessarily increasing wants.

Many were the weary days, when her burden seemed greater than she could bear, yet grace and strength were still vouchsafed, and sometimes, Hope, spite of all discouragements, would promise brighter days. And now as these fair young girls sat there discussing, half sadly, half humorously, the hopes, disappointments and wishes, suggested by the festive season, they almost forgot their poverty, for the elasticity of youth can rise beyond any ordinary pressure. Margie, the youngest, as she was still a child in years, could not repress the excitement belonging to childhood at this season, and amused her more serious sisters by enumerating the many things Santa Claus ought to bring them, if he were the good Saint he is represented to be. "Do you remember, girls," she said, "how we used to write to him for the things we wanted as Christmas gifts? and we always got them too, which proved conclusively that he received our letters. I've a mind to write to him to-night, and make out a list of our needs at this time."

"What shall be the first thing, Clara?" "I think," said her eldest sister, "you had better ask for a

shawl and bonnet for mother, as she needs them sadly." "Well, what next? you would like an organ would you not, so that you could practice more regularly, and fit yourself for a position in some church where you would be better paid than you are now? And Ellen you would want paints and all sort of fancy material, I suppose, but I shall not ask him for them, as your work in that line does not pay, and you might starve or freeze while waiting for appreciative customers, so I shall ask for a new dress for you, and lots of candies and good things for myself, besides a turkey for to-morrow's dinner."

"Well," said Ellen, I suppose you will hardly hang up our stockings, to receive the wonderful gifts? but as it is time for Clara to go over to the church to practice, you had better leave Santa Claus to settle his own business, and accompany her, as a protector, you are equal to that, you know even if you can't take part in the music; I, in the meantime, will try to arrange the ever greens you brought from the church to day, to make our little parlor look as festive as possible on Christmas morning." The two girls, leaving their sister to her humble efforts at decoration, were soon in the gallery of the little church, where Clara was employed as organist; and for an hour or so, troubles, disappointments and poverty were forgotten as the voices of this little band of singers, rang out, in happy carols or triumphant anthems, welcoming the new born Saviour.

The practicing over, Clara and Margie lingered to arrange some thing about the organ, until the others had all left, when, descending the steps as the sexton was about to turn off the lights, they reached the outer door, just as the stranger who had been listening so reverently within the shadow of the church was leaving. As they stepped outside, they were startled by the scream of a child, who being chased by a crowd of rough boys, stumbled and fell in front of the church.

The boys ran on without stopping to see whether their victim was hurt or not, and the gentleman, as well as Clara and her sister, sprang forward to the child's assistance. It proved to be a delicate looking little boy, about six or seven years old, and on lifting him to his feet he screamed faintly and fell forward unconscious: "What shall we do? the child seems to be seriously hurt," said the gentleman, "we can't take him home, until he is able to tell us where he lives."

"We live a short distance from here," said Clara, "and if you will carry the child, we will do the best we can for him, till his friends are found." "Thank you," was the reply, as he lifted the little fellow carefully, and followed the young girl in silence.

Ellen having finished her decorations to the satisfaction of even her artistic taste, had just summoned her mother, to admire the effect, when she was started by the hurried entrance of her sisters followed by a serious, dignified looking gentleman, carrying a child, whom he deposited gently and carefully on the lounge. A few words sufficed to explain the situation to Mrs. Mason, when the gentleman, enquiring where the nearest physician could be found, left at once, promising to return as soon as possible, with the necessary assistance.

Mrs. Mason, in the mean time, by the use of such restoratives as her experience suggested, soon had the satisfaction of seeing the eyes open, while the little fellow exclaimed, "O mama! I couldn't find it, mama, I hunted for it till I got so cold, and then the boys, they chased me, and I don't know,—O where am I? where is mama?" "Hush my child," said Mrs. Mason, gently, "mama will be here after awhile, you must be quite still till the doctor comes, you feel down and hurt yourself but you will soon be well enough to get up, and we will send for mama to come to you." "And Frank too," he cried, "don't let Frank stay at home by himself, if mama comes away."

He was interrupted by the entrance of the stranger accompanied by a physician, who, on examining the

child, found that nothing more serious than a dislocated ankle, had resulted from his fall, though the fright and exposure had brought on an excited and feverish condition that would render careful and judicious nursing necessary for some time.

"Now my little man," said the stranger kindly, as the doctor took his leave, "if you will tell me your name, and where you live, I will go at once and bring mama to you."

"My name is Charley Butler, and I live with mama and Frank; he is my brother and earns money selling papers, in South street near Fifteenth. I don't think its very far from where I fell down, but I was out so long looking for the picture, I lost, that I don't know how far I went."

"What kind of picture was it? and how did you happen to lose it?" asked the gentleman.

"It belonged to mama; it was a likeness of grandma and it was so old and faded that we could hardly see any face on it, but mama loved it because it was all she had left of grandma, and she used to let me play with it sometimes. This afternoon when I saw all the children going through the streets with books, and toys and boxes and pictures, they looked so pleased; I just took the picture in my hand and went out, without asking mama, so I could walk about carrying something like the rest. I was so glad, and I held it tight, but I stopped at a toyshop to look in the window, there was a great crowd, and they pushed me about till I was scared, and I got through and ran home as fast as I could, but when I got there the picture was gone and I didn't know where I dropped it. I didn't like to tell mama, for I knew she would cry and be so sorry; and she has so much trouble, so I went back to try to find it, and I walked about till I got so cold and hungry, and then it got dark and I began to cry, and the boys ran after me, calling me names then I fell down."

"I found a picture this evening," said the gentleman, "I wonder if it is the one you lost," and taking it from his pocket, he held it toward the child, who grasped it with a cry of eager delight, and then burst into a paroxysm of tears. "Let me look at the picture," said Mrs. Mason, it seems indeed like a dream of old times to see a picture like this: it is so faded that the face is indistinguishable, but see, is not that a name on the back? it is nearly obliterated but it must be a name."

"Oh yes," exclaimed Charley, that is grandma's name, Mary Conner. With a sudden cry, Mrs. Mason dropped on her knees beside the lounge on which little Charley lay, and exclaimed, "tell me your mother's name, what is it?"

"Agnes," was the reply, "Agnes Butler and it used to be Agnes Conner."

"O my sister my poor lost sister!" she exclaimed, as she bowed her head and sobbed aloud beside the astonished boy.

Clara, as soon as she could sufficiently control herself to do so; turned to the stranger, to explain as far as she was able, the scene he had just witnessed, but before she could speak, he was at her mother's side and grasping her hands he exclaimed, "Mary, Mary, have you no room in heart or memory for a brother who was lost and is found, was dead and is alive again?"

Mrs. Mason looked wildly into his face for a moment then folding her arms around him she sobbed, "oh

LOCALS.

EMMITSBURG RAILROAD.

TIME TABLE

On and after Nov. 12th, 1882, trains on this road will run as follows:

TRAINS SOUTH.

Leave Emmitsburg 8:40 a. m., and 3:25 p. m., arriving at Rocky Ridge at 11:05 a. m., and 4:00 p. m.

TRAINS NORTH.

Leave Rocky Ridge 10:30 a. m., and 6:29 p. m., arriving at Emmitsburg at 11:05 a. m., and 7:00 p. m.

JAS A. ELDER, Pres.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

FULL moon the night before Christmas.

THURSDAY was the shortest day of the year.

Encourage newspaper reading among your children.

Look out for burglars. Keep your gun loaded, and hold it level.

Get your painting done by John F. Adelsberger, Emmitsburg.

The skating sports have been well maintained this week, *Tom's Creek* has been the point of attraction.

We are pleased to learn that our friends Mr. Blair of the *Waynesboro Record* is able to be about again.

The shops, that failed to advertise their holiday goods, can reflect whilst they pack them away for next year.

The cheering intelligence comes from the West that beef cattle, and hogs are declining in price in all of the Western cities.

We have advanced our office work that all hands may observe Christmas, and thus we anticipate our usual day of publication.

ENCOURAGE the children to read the newspapers. The *EMMITSBURG CHRONICLE* commends itself as a paper for the family circle.

The next best thing to giving an editor a Christmas present is to pay your subscriptions, and then he can make others happy.

We have not seen that Mr. Vennor's prediction of 20 degrees below zero was realized anywhere, and yet he is still quoted, failure or not.

It is a good thing to broaden the surface of the coals in the cylinder of a stove. Breadth of surface and not depth is what radiates the most heat.

FREQUENT changes from the indoor to the outer air, prudently made at this time, are the best regulators of bodily warmth and conducive to health.

It will not be long before the W. M. R. R., will be an entire steel rail route, and iron bridges are taking the place of the wooden ones all along the road.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—Before you buy your holiday presents, call and examine the large stock of silver-ware, watches, clocks, rings, spectacles, &c., at G. T. Eyster's.

FROM TO-DAY (Saturday) the W. M. R. R. company will issue Excursion tickets from all points along the road at 2 cts. a mile, good for return, until January 2nd.

Why don't you try Carter's Little Liver Pills? They are a positive cure for sick headache, and all the ills produced by a disordered liver. Only one pill a dose.

It is a vulgar conception of the proprieties of the season to say to a person, "my Christmas gift," wish them happiness, &c., that is not properly a gift which needs to be solicited.

BEST EVER MADE, Emory's Little Cathartic Pills, pleasant to take, sugar-coated; no griping; only 15 cents a box, of Druggists or by mail. Standard Cure Co., 114 Nassau Street, New York.

A three months old child of Mr. A. C. Huffer was terribly scalded, Friday, last by a tin of boiling milk being accidentally knocked from the stove and spilling the contents over the child.—*Boonsboro Times.*

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It is a self-imposed discipline of doubtful expediency, to sleep in a cold room unless necessity compels it. It is the fruitful source of influenza, rheumatism, bronchitis, catarrh, etc. The temperature of a sleeping apartment should not be below 50 degrees.

MONEY TO LOAN in Sums to Suit. Notes cashed and collections made at Reasonable Rates. *Checks Cashed and Accommodation Checks given free of charge.* Call at the old established Loan and Broker Office of W. G. Horner, West Main street, opposite Peter Hoke's Store.

In these cold mornings, when a person sticks his head out from under the bed-coverings and takes a sniff of the outer air, and sees his breath turn to vapour, it were cruel to blame him, for imitating the tortoise, and withdrawing from the prospect.

The *Baltimore American Calendar*, for 1883 is a splendid production of typographical skill. It is printed on fine paper, neatly and appropriately illustrated with cuts of prominent buildings in Baltimore city, conspicuous among which is the well known establishment. And the beautiful binding of the colours on the outside, is such a speciality in itself, that it is a pleasure to hold it. The tables for reference, the highest utility, and the elegant design of the home or the counting house, and is worth framing.

Our Christmas Number.

The present issue of this paper, we trust will commend itself, as suited to the happy time in which it appears. To that end we have prepared it, and send it on its mission in accordance with our unpretending aims.

Mr. M. F. SHUFF, furniture dealer, has the choicest lot of fancy chairs, picture frames, work boxes, writing desks, toilet articles and every variety of furniture ever displayed in Emmitsburg. Call and see the beautiful collection—for sale at reasonable prices.

The long sausage that Mr. Ephraim Stoner, of Johnsville, stuffed a couple of weeks ago, 72 feet long and weighing 47 pounds, had a long run, being copied in to every paper we see. Printers have a way of contemplating the good things of life at a distance.

A cool calm crisp atmosphere is not generally repugnant; but when the wind drives in damp chilling gusts through all obstructions, then comes the trouble. Every body went to church last Sunday, through a temperature of 30 degrees, and the attendance was full.

The King of Denmark is truly a paternal monarch. Finding that during the recent severe weather the royal foot guards were suffering greatly from Colds and Coughs, this good old gentleman ordered a supply of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup for them and now the sentries are happy.

The work of Church decoration has proceeded with commendable zeal this week. The prophet of old perjured the idea. "The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious."

My Maryland, a weekly paper published at New Windsor, Carroll county, will hereafter appear as *Thrift* and will be published simultaneously at Washington D. C., and New Windsor. Rev. Dr. A. M. Jelly will continue as Editor, at New Windsor, while the Editor-in-chief will be at Washington.

Mixed Up.

A snow fall of about two inches on Wednesday night was followed by a constant rain pour of several hours, on Thursday. So we have gotten on to the period of intense dampness, and repulsive slush, and next may come mud—such is winter, ever changeful!

For prime Florida oranges, lemons, cranberries, N. Y. Apples, Sweet Potatoes, Hominy, Granulated Corn meal, evaporated Corn, Mince Meat, Pure N. E. Rum, Old Rye, Brandy, Kimmel, &c., &c. A full line of pure fresh Confectionery, Toys, Groceries, Tobacco, Cigars, Stationery, &c., &c. go to Bussey's, N. W. Cor. of the Square.

A Bold Robbery.

HAGERSTOWN, Md., Dec. 15.—A horse and buggy owned by Mr. Harrison Beecher was stolen from in front of Carney's grocery store this evening by three men who jumped into the buggy and drove off. This is the second occurrence of this kind recently.—*Baltimore Sun.*

List of Letters.

The following letters remain in the Post Office, Emmitsburg, Md., Dec. 18, 1882. Persons calling will please say *advertised*, otherwise they may not receive them:

Miss Anne Dirben, Hugh Hughes, (3) Andrew Topper.

O'Donovan Rossa's Opinion. [New York Graphic.]

O'Donovan Rossa, speaking of the Great German Remedy to a friend, said: "Mrs. Rossa has been cured of a very severe attack of neuralgia by St. Jacobs Oil, as she will gladly tell you, if you call on my residence, 879 Bushwick ave., Brooklyn, N. Y."

A Knabe in the White House.

There was seen yesterday at Messrs. Knabe & Co's factory a magnificent grand piano, just finished by them for the presidential mansion. President Arthur, who is a thorough connoisseur of music, selecting a piano for the White House decided in favor of the Knabe Piano as his preference, and ordered accordingly the instrument referred to. It is a concert grand of beautiful finished in a richly carved rosewood case, and of superb tone and action—an instrument worthy in every respect of the place it is to occupy. It was shipped to its destination yesterday.—*Baltimore American*, 13th inst.

Burned to Death.

On Saturday morning Mrs. Harrison wife of George Harrison, a well-known Baltimore county farmer, living near Fowleberg Station, Baltimore and Harover Railroad, was so severely burned that she died on Sunday evening. Mrs. Harrison was at the stove rendering lard, when her clothing took fire, soon enveloping her in flames. Mr. Harrison immediately tore the clothing from his wife, and she ran from the house and jumped into a spring about 30 yards distant. She was removed to the house and medical aid summoned, but she died about 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Mr. Harrison, in his efforts to save his wife, was severely burned about the hands, arms and face, and it is feared that he will die. Mrs. Harrison, who was about 35 years of age, leaves four children, the oldest being 12 years of age and the youngest an infant of 7 months.—*Herald.*

The Secret Out at Last.

It has long been a source of wonder, as to why Courtney failed to meet Hanlan in a culling contest. The general explanation was, that he feared the little Canadian. This opinion, however, is exploded by the authentic announcement, that on the days fixed for the race, Courtney was unable to sit in his shell, on account of the intense itching and soreness caused by the flies. Having recovered through the use of Sweeney's Ointment, he now announces that he will row Hanlan any time this summer.

That's What's the Matter!

"The Old Man" has been as cross as a bear for a week past. No wonder that bread is heavy enough to kill an ostrich. Go right to Bussey's and get a package of "Dry Hop Yeast," it will cost you but 10 cents for one dozen cakes. Give the "Old Man" some light bread, and he will "smile again."

A Rare Chance.

By reference to our advertising columns it will be seen that the Geiser Manufacturing Company, of Waynesboro Pa., offer a rare opportunity to persons desiring to invest money safely and profitably. Owing to the increased demand for their engines, separators and saw mills, they find it necessary, in order to supply this great demand, to increase their capital stock so as to enlarge their manufacturing capacity. The company now employs upwards of 500 hands, and notwithstanding the great drawback occasioned by the late disastrous fire, they have shipped this season nearly 500 engines, 300 separators, 100 saw mills, and a large number of horse powers, boilers, &c. Had not the fire interfered and could they have filled all orders the number of sales would have been almost double. The company is now erecting magnificent shops, and the present outlook is the most promising in the history. New agencies are being established over the entire country and they are repeatedly receiving inquiries from parties desiring to sell their machinery. The company has been a remarkably prosperous one, having paid, since the establishment of the works in 1869, a dividend of 12 per cent. The business is increasing so fast that the present stockholders are unable to supply the funds to meet the great demand, hence their offer of stock for sale. We consider it by far the finest opening for investment that has presented itself within our knowledge in many years.

Book Table.

In the January number of the *Century Magazine*, we have a likeness of the celebrated Charles Darwin, who is, without rather fine-looking for a man who tried so hard to prove that he was simply a result of ages of improvement in the race of Tadpoles. Washington Gladden's "Christian League of Connecticut" is continued, as is also Mary Hallock Felt's story of "The Led Horse Chain," and Mrs. Burnett's "Through one Administration." "Who are the reeds?" by George W. Cable, will be found exceedingly interesting, while "The Trip on the Mark Twain," and "The Rudder Grange in England," are amusing in the extreme, with many more readable, instructive and entertaining articles, and numerous illustrations. The *Century Co.*, Union Square, New York.

The *Christ as Supplement of The Bible* is a perfect gem in the way of Holiday Publications. The whole display of pictures, both inside and out is not only showy but really artistic, whilst the selections indicate that the whole world of Holiday Literature must have been ransacked to find the most appropriate and beautiful things in that particular line. Poetry and prose, fun and sentiment, all combine to make this supplement a really beautiful Christmas Gift.

The Ladies Floral Cabinet for December is a beautiful specimen of its kind, and a full of interesting information for all interested in floriculture, as well as having a good selection of other reading matter, and also a piece of music. Published by The Ladies Floral Cabinet Company, 22 Vesey Street, New York.

We have received a copy of *The Artistic Almanac* for 1883, and find it what its name implies, therefore cordially recommend it to those not already supplied with such a necessary guide to times and scenes. As a Calendar, it is all that is required, and the pictures, really good ones, are therefore, so much extra. Published by J. A. and R. A. Reid, 245 Cusum Street, Providence, R. I.

Vick's Floral Guide.—The death of James Vick, the well known fruit and seed-man, who contributed so much to promote a love for flowers, and the advancement of horticultural pursuits, leaves the immense business which he built up in the hands of his sons, who are fully prepared for the continuance of his life's work. This is evidenced in the beautiful Floral Guide for 1883, which they have just issued. It is printed on excellent paper, with plates of flowers and vegetables in colours, besides many other illustrations, with full directions for cultivation. Send 10 cents and you will secure a copy. Address, as formerly, James Vick, Rochester, N. Y.

American Agriculturist.—A very good thing to have in every home, by everybody, old and young, in the country or village, and in cities as well; a marvel of condensed information, both useful and trustworthy, with a Thousand or more engravings, illustrating labor saving methods and devices in the field, in the garden, and in the household, Animals, Plants, etc., with many large beautiful Pictures, illustrated Stories for and instructive Talks with Boys and Girls; Plans of Houses, Barns, and Out-Buildings, with Specifications. All these, and much more, will be found in the 42d Volume of the *American Agriculturist*, now beginning, and at less cost than any where else in the world. Its exposures of Humbugs, a most valuable feature, is to be pushed with increased vigilance. To the previous staff of editors and contributors many additions are now made, including the best writers all over the country. In its prime, this journal enters its 42d volume, more vigorous than ever, with new writers, new artists, new dress, etc. Though prepared at larger expense than most \$3 and \$4 magazines it is, owing to its immense circulation, supplied, post-paid, for \$1.50 a year, and to clubs—either English or German edition. Single numbers, 15 cents. One specimen, post-paid, 6 cents. A plate copy of Dupre's last great painting, "In The Meadow," is presented to each yearly subscriber. Address Publishers of *American Agriculturist*, 751 Broadway, New York.

From the Clarion.

Mr. John Rrouzer, farmer, now been ill of congestion of the lungs. His condition, however, is improved.

We are in decided danger of a water famine as several wells have given out upon placing a slightly heavier strain upon them, such as batchering and should the ground remain frozen for a great length of time, we may expect many of wells to fail.

Successful ducking, Messrs. Simon Weller, M. J. Whitmore and W. A. Conner made a trip to Gunpowder River last week. They returned with twenty-two ducks, four of which were canvas-backs.

The Meeting of the Maryland Classis.

This Classis met in the Church of the Incarnation, in this place, on Tuesday afternoon. In the absence of the President and Clerk, Rev. H. Wissler, of Mechanicstown, was elected President *pro tempore*, and Rev. J. B. Kerschner filled the office of Recording Clerk. The dismission of Rev. G. B. Resser from the Classis of Lancaster to this one was then considered, and being found correct, he was received as a member of the Maryland Classis, and his name was directed to be enrolled. The call to the Pastorate of the Emmitsburg Charge was the next item of business, and after due consideration, being approved, a committee, consisting of Revs. J. B. Kerschner, J. G. Noss and J. A. Long, was appointed to install Rev. G. B. Resser, on Saturday, the 6th day of January, next, in the morning. The pastoral relation between Rev. J. G. Noss and the Westminster Charge was dissolved; and at the request of the Licentiate Geo. M. Zachary, he was granted a certificate of dismission from the Maryland to the Somerset Classis, and thereupon the reverend body adjourned.

From the Waynesboro Gazette.

We are glad to state Abram Prutz, the young man who made such a narrow escape from death by falling four stories in Harrisburg recently, and who was brought to his home in this place, was not so seriously hurt as thought by many. His ankles were slightly sprained in the fall, but he is now able to walk out with the use of a cane. We congratulate Abram upon his escape from what might easily have been instant death.

At a recent meeting of the stockholders of Frick & Co., additional stock to the amount of \$200,000 was subscribed, all of which was taken by the old stockholders. The company now has a capital stock of \$900,000, which, together with their great working capacity, will enable them to turn out an immense stock of machinery, sufficient, perhaps, to meet their increased trade next year. The prospects of the company were never brighter than at this time and it is confidently believed that their orders next season for engine engines will number upwards of 2,000. They are now running on full time, each night, and will continue all winter, which is something unusual for an establishment of this kind to do.

The Death of Martin Sweeney.

In the death of Martin Sweeney, Esq., this community has lost a good citizen who was loved and respected by all who knew him. Kind and amiable in disposition, polite in manners, and up right in conduct, his life was passed in a quiet, unobtrusive round of duty, always ready to aid by his counsel and personal efforts, in matters of public interest as well as private benevolence. He served this village for many years, as Burgess and also filled the office of a Justice of the Peace through several terms. Mr. Sweeney was born at the well known "Sweeney's Cold Springs," now called "Caledonian," in Adams County, Pennsylvania, on the 9th of September, 1821, at which place his father resided from 1790, till his death, he being a large landholder in that neighbourhood. When a young man, he learned the cabinet making trade in Gettysburg, removing thence to Baltimore, and subsequently to Wheeling, W. V. He afterward returned to Baltimore, and finally located in Emmitsburg, in the year, 1854. He leaves a wife and five children, five others having preceded him to the grave. His funeral took place on Wednesday morning, at 10 o'clock, from St. Joseph's Catholic Church, his pastor, Rev. Father White officiating in Solemn High Mass.

MALARIA, Chills and Fever, and bilious attacks positively cured with Emory's Standard Cure Pills—an infallible remedy: never fail to cure the most obstinate, long-standing cases where Quinine and all other remedies had failed.—They are prepared expressly for malarious sections, in double boxes, two kinds of Pills, containing a strong cathartic and a chill breaker, sugar-coated; contain no Quinine or Mercury, causing no griping or purging; they are mild and efficient, certain in their action and harmless in all cases; they effectually cleanse the system, and give new life and tone to the body. As a household remedy they are unequalled. For Liver Complaint their equal is not known; one box will have a wonderful effect on the worst case. They are used and prescribed by Physicians, and sold by Druggists everywhere, or sent by mail, 25 and 50 cent boxes. Emory's Little Cathartic Pills, best ever made, only 15 cents.—Standard Cure Co., 114 Nassau Street, New York.

DIED.

SWEENEY.—On the 18th inst., in this place, of consumption, Martin Sweeney, aged 58 years 2 months and 24 days.

ANNAN.—On the evening of December 14th, in Schuyler, Nebraska, Mrs. Eliza Annan, wife of William Annan, formerly of this place, in the seventy first year of her age.

D. ZECK, DEALER IN GROCERIES, HARDWARE, Notions and general Merchandise. Fish, potatoes and produce of all kinds, butter, eggs, chickens, calves, &c., bought and sold. **Flour a Specialty!** The highest grades in the country always on hand and delivered to any part of town without extra charge. Emmitsburg, Md. Jan 17

MARKETS.

EMMITSBURG MARKETS.

Report every Thursday, by D. ZECK.

Wheat—	14
Barley—	12
Oats—	12
Hay—	25
Butter—	25
Eggs—	25
Potatoes—	40-50
Peaches—	12-15
Apples—	14
Cherries—	14
Raspberries—	25
Country soap—	63-65
Beans, bushel—	1 50-2 50
Wool—	20-25
Milk—	20-25
Skim—	20-25
Part white—	10-25
Raccoon—	20-25
Onion—	10-15
Muskrat—	10-15
Horse cat—	10-15
Rabbit—	10-15
Wood fox—	10-15

EMMITSBURG GRAIN MARKETS.

Corrected every Thursday by J. Moller.

Wheat—family—	6 00
Wheat—	5 00
Barley—	45
Oats—	45-50
Hay—	25-30
Butter—	25-30
Eggs—	25-30
Potatoes—	40-50
Peaches—	12-15
Apples—	14
Cherries—	14
Raspberries—	25
Country soap—	63-65

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Have your Watches, Clocks and Jewelry repaired by Geo. T. Eyster & Bro., who warrant the same, and have always on hand a large stock of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry and silverware.

A full stock of fine and coarse city made Boots and Shoes; also Gun shoes and boots. New home made work and mending of all kinds, done with neatness and dispatch, by Jas. A. Rowe. *Feb 4*

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For the Cure of Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Croup, Asthma, Bronchitis, Whooping Cough, Incipient Consumption and for the relief of consumptive persons in advanced stages of the Disease. For Sale by all Druggists.—Price, 25 cents.

IN THE ORPHANS COURT OF FREDERICK COUNTY.

December Term, 1882.

In the matter of the sale of the Real Estate of George Eckendorff, deceased.

Ordered by the Orphan's Court of Frederick County, this 15th day of December, 1882, that the sale of the part of the Real Estate of George Eckendorff, late of Frederick County, deceased, reported by his Executors, and filed in this Court, on the 12th day of December, 1882, be ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown on or before the 15th day of January, 1883, provided a copy of this order be published in some newspaper, published in Frederick County, for three successive weeks prior to said 15th day of January, 1883.

The Executors report the Sale of part of the Real Estate of said deceased situated in Frederick County for the gross sum of nine hundred and ten dollars and sixty six cents (\$910.66).

JOHN T. LOWE, DANIEL CASTLE, of T. AUGUSTUS NICOLAI, Esqs., Judges of the Orphan's Court.

True copy—Test.

JAMES P. PERRY, Register of Wills, for Fred. Co. Md. Dec 23d.

NOTICE.

An opportunity is now offered to those seeking a safe and profitable investment in a business fully established. Owing to an unprecedented demand for our manufactures in the past, and encouraged by the present prospects for the future, it is deemed necessary to further increase our manufacturing capacity, and for the regular order, if possible, the demands for our machinery; we therefore offer a limited amount of stock for sale at par.

The business has paid out to stockholders in dividends an average of 12 per cent per annum since it was established in 1859, the two last paying the highest.

We have not been able with our present capacity to fill all the orders we received for engines and saw mills in the year just closing, and it is this fact which renders this step necessary.

The books for subscription will be opened Nov. 2, 1882, at the office of the Company in Waynesboro. The par value is one hundred dollars per share. Terms: One half to be paid in cash January 1, 1883; balance by note with approved security; due April 1, 1883.

For further information call at the office, or address,

THE GEISER MFG. CO., Waynesboro, Pa. April 1.

Card to the Public.

THANKFUL for the very liberal patronage bestowed upon me in the past, I respectfully solicit a continuance of the same. I shall continue to keep on hand a full line of

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The only place to get the Celebrated "Fairies" brand 2 for 5 cent cigars.

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Where any article needed by the sportsman or the traveling public, if not on hand, can be procured at the shortest notice. All kinds of produce taken in exchange.

After an experience of over three years, I am perfectly satisfied that the "Credit System" is a failure, and from this date forward, shall do an Exclusive CASH business. Persons knowing themselves to be indebted to me will please call at once and close their accounts.

J. T. BUSSEY, Emmitsburg, Md. Sept 20 1882

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FOR CONSUMPTION

A POSITIVE CURE FOR CONSUMPTION IN ALL STAGES.

For Bleeding at the Lungs, Colds, Coughs, Croup, Bronchitis, Influenza, Asthma, and all affections of the lungs it has no equal.

Dr. Rush's Specific for Consumption is recommended by all the leading physicians who are acquainted with its use.

Price, Large Size, \$1.00
Small " " .50

Sold by Druggists everywhere.

Dr. Willoughby, the attending physician at the Sisters Hospital and one of Buffalo's most prominent members of the profession, has used it for years, and says:

BUFFALO, Aug. 17, 1882.

Dr. Rush's Medical Association:

DEAR DOCTORS—I unhesitatingly add my name to the long list of regular practitioners who have recommended your "Specific for Consumption." I have used it for many years in my practice for all pulmonary affections, and in every case more than satisfied with the results. I consider it the best compound known for all lung diseases.

Yours truly,

M. WILLOUGHBY, M. D.

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DEAR DOCTORS—I have used your Specific for Consumption in my practice for years with the best results. I consider it a sure cure for consumption, I taken according to direction.

Yours truly,

C. F. HOWARD, M. D.

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FOR Heart Troubles.

A SURE CURE FOR ALL DISEASES OF THE HEART.

Dr. Rush's "Regulator" has been used successfully for years, in subduing the most stubborn cases of heart difficulties.

Large Size, \$1.00
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Wm. G. Osgoodby, the well-known safe manufacturer of Buffalo, Philadelphia, Pittsburg, Newark, and Atlanta, Ga., says:

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ATLANTA, GA., Oct. 17th, 1881.

Dr. Rush's Medical Association:

DEAR DOCTORS—The three bottles of "Dr. Rush's Regulator" I ordered were received by express last week. I have taken nearly one bottle and am thoroughly satisfied with the result. For over two years I have been troubled with sharp pain in my heart. My physician, upon examination, pronounced it enlargement of the heart, and was unable to give me any relief. The trouble grew worse, until I had become convinced that I could not be cured. While in New York City, last week, I called on one of the most prominent physicians there, who charged me \$25 for an examination and then recommended your "Regulator." Knowing you to be a regular Medical Association, and not a patent medicine scheme, I ordered the three bottles. I have not been troubled since I commenced taking it, but shall continue and take the entire three bottles so as to obtain a permanent cure. You have my sincere thanks. I am gentlemen,

Very respectfully,

WM. G. OSGOODBY.

Dr. Rush's BLOOD ROOT OIL

Gives immediate relief in all cases of

RHEUMATISM,

Neuralgia, Sciatica, Lumbago, Backache, Soreness of the Chest, Gout, Quinsy, Sore Throat, Swellings and Sprains, Burns and Scalds, General Bodily Pains, Tooth, Ear and Headache, Frosted Feet and Ears, and all other Pains and Aches.

Dr. Rush's Blood Root Oil has no equal in the world as a liniment or oil. It is a cheap, safe, simple and sure external remedy for man or beast. It is put up in two sizes. Price 25 and 50 cents. Sold by druggists every where.

Cured of Rheumatism in Two Hours.

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Prevent and Cure Constipation and Pile. A sure remedy for Biliousness, Torpidity of the Liver, Jaundice and Liver Complaints. It gives immediate Relief in Sick and Nervous Headache. They cleanse the stomach and thus remove all bad tastes from the mouth and market breath pure and sweet. Remove all Impurities and Salts from the blood. Pleasant to take and agreeable in their action. Entirely unlike other Pills. Purely vegetable. Price 25 cents. SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS.

The above preparations are prepared by Dr. Rush's Medical Association, in which Dr. Rush is associated with the most prominent specialists of both Europe and America. Special treatment can be obtained for any disease. These medicines are the regular prescriptions for the diseases mentioned, and never fail to give relief. They can be obtained in Baltimore, at Wholesale, of Thomas & Muth, and any druggist will gladly obtain them for you upon application, or they can be obtained of us direct.—Address,

DR. RUSH'S MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y., U. S. A.

OFFICE

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bundle for her. You can put them into his stocking for Santa Claus will hardly come to a place like this. "Why Frank?" said his mother. "I have not seen Charley for two or three hours, he must have gone out of doors to look at the shop windows, do go look for him, it is bitter cold," and she stirred the smouldering fire as she spoke, that the little ones might be warmed when they came in. She listened for the returning footsteps, first eagerly, then anxiously, until a wild fear took possession of her, and sinking on her knees, she prayed aloud, that he whose birth the world was celebrating now, would guard her little ones from harm this night. Presently a slow and weary step ascended the stairs and Frank, pale and trembling, stumbled into the room, and falling into his mother's arms, sobbed out, "oh mama I can't find him! where can he be? he will die this stormy night."

Mrs. Butler stood dumb and bewildered, looking helplessly at the little fellow who tried in vain to comfort her. In a moment he started up exclaiming, "I will go to the police, they will help me to find him, and dating down the stairs, was about to rush into the street, when he was stopped by a lady and gentleman, who inquired if Mrs. Butler lived there? "Yes," was the reply, "but she can't see any one to-night, Charley is lost, and I am going now to see if the police can find him."

"Stop my little man, show us to your mother and we will help you find him," said the gentleman, and Frank turning back led the way to his mother's room.

When they entered, Clara Mason, for it was she who had accompanied her uncle, went at once to Mrs. Butler and taking her by the hand, said, "we have come to take you to Charley," he fell and hurt his ankle, so could not come home, and mama is taking care of him. Mrs. Butler looked from one to the other of her visitors, as though she had not comprehended what was said, and it was not till the words had been repeated that she seemed to take in their meaning, then turning to the gentleman she said beseechingly, "Is it true? Is Charley safe?" He assured her it was true, and that they had come to take her and Frank to spend Christmas with him, as he could not come to them.

Clara then assisted her to gather up such little things as they needed to take with them, and seeing that both were as well wrapped up as they could be, they descended to the street, and getting into a passing car were soon at Mrs. Mason's door, and she eager and excited, rushing out, clasped her long lost sister in her arms, exclaiming, "Agnes, Agnes, don't you know me?"

"Is it, can it be my sister Mary?" said the trembling woman, as they led her into the warmth and light of the snug sitting room, God be praised, I have seen you once again! but where is Charley?" "Here mama," said a glad voice from the corner of the room, and in another moment, Mrs. Butler had her lost darling in her arms.

Eagerly did she and Frank listen to the history of his wanderings and the accident which had resulted thus strangely in bringing the long separated family together and how fully they recognized the leading of The loving Father's hand, when Mrs. Mason, pointing to the stranger who had been the means of bringing about this happy reunion, asked her, if she had no word of greeting for her long lost brother Richard?"

"And now," said Margie, when her uncle had left them for the night, promising to be with them again, early in the morning, "I need not write that letter to Santa Claus, for we are so full of happiness to night, we have no room for anything more, and here," she added, showing a roll of bank bills, "here I have something with which to get, to-morrow, all we shall need to make this Christmas the merriest and the happiest we have ever known."

A few weeks ago a gentleman entered the office of a well-known insurance agent, and tossing a paper on the counter, said to the clerk: "That's run out, and I want to get it renewed." The clerk unfolded the document and then a broad grin unfolded itself over his countenance, and he inquired: "Are you sure that has run out?" "O, yes," said the gentleman; "my wife told me it run out yesterday morning."

"Well, I am sorry for you, but we are not taking that kind of risk now," responded the clerk, as he handed the paper to him—his marriage certificate.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas in Germany.

In Germany communities Christmas is the most strictly observed of all festivals. Every household prepares its "Weihnachtbaum," be it a lily tree, from whose wide spreading and garlanded branches hang trinkets, French bon bons, and ingenious clockwork toys; whose sturdy stem rises out of a little pyramid of cakes, crackers and hot-house flowers, and whose comely proportions are revealed by the light of a thousand star-like tapers; or be it but a humble little shrub boasting but a few krentzers' worth of gingerbread and paper cuttings, lighted by but a tallow dip, and rising modestly out of the neck of an exhausted "schnaps" bottle. Poor, indeed, must be the "paterfamilias," and early desperate his financial prospects, who cannot scrape together the necessary pittance for his "Baum." He would sooner go without his tobacco than have to tell his wife and children that there could be no tree this year. The whole thing may seem trivial, and the pleasure with which even grownup people join in what is nothing less than a household ceremony strikes one as childish; but there is much to be said for it. It serves to repair the almost worn-out family ties of many a household, and brings out the wholesomest and most worthy points in many natures one has up to then been accustomed to look upon as a compound of dissipation and selfishness. Christmas is, again, the recognized time for reconciliations, when old standing quarrels and tiffs can be healed, and when either party can make the first advances without the unworthy fear of seeming servile.

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Christmas Thoughts from Dickens.

I will honor Christmas in my heart and try to keep it all the year. Christmas is the only holiday in the year that brings the whole human family into common communion. It is good to be children sometimes, and never better than at Christmas, when its mighty Founder was a child himself.

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