





THE WESTERN FOREST FIRES.

The Baltimore Sun, speaking editorially of the great forest fires in the west, which have been prevailing for some time, and taking the lives of hundreds of persons, destroying many towns and causing an almost incalculable damage to property, says: "The destruction of life and property caused by forest fires between St. Paul, Minnesota, and Duluth has been on an enormous scale, reaching the proportions of a great calamity. A vast area has been swept by flames, six towns have been consumed and some 500 persons are known to have been destroyed. The suddenness of the approach of the fire and the impossibility of resisting it seem to have appalled the inhabitants of the devastated region. To persons accustomed to forest fires it will seem, indeed, incomprehensible that the progress of the flames is not arrested by clearings, by open fields, by rivers, by the grounds about residences and other breaks in the continuity of combustible material. The green leaves, sappy bark of summer growths ought, one would think, to enfeeble the advancing fire and cause it to succumb readily to the efforts of farmers to put it out.

"In an article on forest fires by F. L. Oswald, in a recent number of Lippincott, the irresistibility of such conflagrations is graphically illustrated and explained. A fierce furnace heat, it is shown, precedes the forest fire and prepares all vegetable matter for the flames by drying them till they are as susceptible as tinder. 'At a distance,' says Mr. Oswald, 'of 300 yards from the actual flames of a forest fire near Rockwood, Tennessee, a Fahrenheit thermometer quickly rose to the top of the scale.' 'Sparks fell all around us,' says a witness of a recent fire in Oregon, 'and the air felt like a flame, though the distance to the next burning trees was about a quarter of a mile.' The futility of resistance is illustrated by the experience of a farmer during the Saginaw Bay fire of 1876: 'He had surrounded his farm,' says the author, 'with a clearing from 60 to 80 yards wide, in the hope of saving at least the main building, but the conflagration overleaped that barrier in the first attempt. The dwelling house, barn and several stables caught fire almost simultaneously from a shower of flying sparks that swept ahead.'

"No exhibition of the elemental forces of nature so impresses man with an absolute sense of helplessness. The fire's advance is heralded first by a parching wind. The air is stifling. Wild animals, driven from their hiding-places, scurry by, seeking the open fields. Then there is an incessant crash of falling trees, mingled with a wide spread crackling of the dry underbrush and the roar of the flames. The heat is most intense and searching. 'In Allegany county, Maryland,' says Mr. Oswald, 'after a recent fire, dog wood roots were found scorched to a depth of eighteen inches and a little ground squirrel was found dead in its burrow at a vertical depth of about two feet.' In Brazil, where the surface vegetation is abundant, the surface is so charred by forest fires that an entirely new flora often occupies it in lieu of the plants by which it was originally covered.

"The manner in which the great forest fire limits its ravages is not a little curious. According to the prevailing theory, the air over a burning area, rarified by the intense heat, is pushed upward by the colder and heavier air of the surrounding area. This in-draught of cold air, rushing in from all sides and becoming more and more powerful, at length drives the flames back upon the centre of the burnt district, where the conflagration ends from lack of fuel."

"Trust Those Who Have Tried."

Catarrh caused hoarseness and difficulty in speaking. I also to a great extent lost hearing. By the use of Ely's Cream Balm dropping of mucous has ceased, voice and hearing have greatly improved.—J. W. Davidson, Att'y at Law, Monmouth, Ill.

I used Ely's Cream Balm for catarrh and have received great benefit. I believe it is safe and certain cure. Very pleasant to take.—Wm. Frazer, Rochester, N. Y.

Peach-Tree Yellows.

The peach-tree commission, composed of Robert H. Jackson, R. H. Taylor and Walter J. Hoffman, recently appointed to investigate the extent of the "yellows" in the orchards of Greensboro and Ridgely districts, of Caroline county, has completed its work. These gentlemen say that comparatively little yellows prevails; enough, however, to create some alarm. Diseased trees were marked by them and the owners thereof notified to destroy them without delay. As a rule the orchards in Greensboro district, although the trees are good, have not been well cultivated this year. This is due probably to the fact that there is no fruit. In Ridgely district the trees have been better cared for and consequently are in better condition. It is the opinion of the commission and fruit-growers generally that at least one-fifth of the trees in cultivation are on land that is not at all adapted to the growth of peaches. The result is that many trees have been and are being uprooted. The planting of new orchards is almost suspended.

Killed by a Threshing Machine.

John Davis, aged nineteen years, while working on a threshing machine on the farm of St. Vincent's Infant Asylum, near Mount Hope, Saturday, had his left leg caught in the cylinder of the machine and wrenched from his body. The work of the thresher had been temporarily completed and Davis was cleaning it, when he slipped and fell into the cylinder. It was only by a great effort on his part that his whole body did not go through the machine. Drs. Charles G. Hill, E. E. Jones and W. P. E. Wyse were sent for, but the victim of the accident died three hours after it occurred. His home was at The Caves, Baltimore county.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years, and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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An Old Man Dies in the Mountains.

The body of Dr. Seymour, the aged and eccentric whose unexplained disappearance while hunting for medicinal herbs in the mountains near New Market, caused so much excitement among the people of that town, where he had been living for months, was found Tuesday morning about a mile from Valley View Springs in a mountain hollow. His foot became tightly caught between the rocks, and as he was found lying upon his back, with his hands under him, it is supposed that he was too feeble to extract himself and perished from exhaustion. A diligent search had been made for him. His gold watch and a small sum of money were found in his clothes.

Convicted of Bigamy.

J. Henry King, of Baltimore, was tried at Chambersburg and found guilty of bigamy. His wives from Washington, Iagerstown and Baltimore were present and testified against him. King was tried once before on a similar charge, but got a verdict of not guilty on account of the indictment being defective. Judge Stuart sentenced King to one year in the penitentiary.

MR. THOMAS MITCHELL, of near Ridgely, has in cultivation three acres of tomatoes, the product of which is estimated at from fifty to sixty tons. This is conceded to be the best crop of tomatoes ever grown in Caroline county.

LATER reports from the forest fires in the West confirm the loss of life in Minnesota Sunday and show that fires also prevail in Wisconsin and Michigan. Forest fires in Western Pennsylvania threaten to cause great damage in the oil region.

Unknown Man Found Drowned.

A coroner's inquest was held last Thursday on the body of a white man found on the bay shore above Plum Point. A verdict of death from causes unknown was rendered by the jury. The body was clothed in striped pants, wool knit shirt, flannel underclothing, and one shoe. In the pockets of the pants was found a bunch of small keys attached to a ring with two tags. One was a plain, square tag; the other was oval, inscribed "N. Watson, 111 Hughes street, Baltimore, Md." He measured five feet, eight inches in height and weighed about 150 pounds. He was evidently a sailor. The remains were interred on the beach.

There has been no person named N. Watson living in 111 East North West Hughes street.—American.

Thrown Out the Window.

A thrilling scene was witnessed early Monday at a fire in the five-story building at the corner of Forty-third street and Park avenue, New York. The fire started in the lower part of the building and out of the escape of Mrs. John Donohue, who, with her two little children, lived on the fourth floor. After the flames had gained great headway Mrs. Donohue appeared at the window of her flat with her children in her arms. The people in the street saw her kiss each child, and then with a shriek let them drop, one after the other. The little ones struck on a canvas awning, from which they bounded into the arms of those who stood below. Mrs. Donohue was preparing to jump, when firemen succeeded in reaching her with a ladder, down which she was carried.

A Fight With Catamounts.

An old hunter by the name Joseph Fisher, who lives in Cacapon Mountain, about five miles from Berkeley Springs, W. Va., had a narrow escape from death Saturday morning. While hunting pheasants he was attacked by four large catamounts, one of which jumped on his shoulder, and tore his coat and lacerated his flesh. After a bloody fight, he succeeded in killing two of the largest of the animals, and the other two made their escape. Joe says he has killed many a "bar," but this fight was the worst he ever had.—Zephyr.

Poets to Be Pitied.

Pity the poets who get stuck in their efforts to make words rhyme. Fancy a man hunting for a rhyme for the word "Pellets." If it were only in the singular—"Pellet" he might praise the "Pellet" and bid you smell it, tell it, yell it, sell it and what not. But "Pellets" is hard to match. At least Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are matchless as a cure for bilious attacks, indigestion, constipation and sick headache. They are preventive as well as curative. Hardly larger than mustard seeds. They work wonders.

SAMUEL J. KIRKWOOD, governor of Iowa during the civil war, died in Iowa city last Saturday. He was born December 20, 1813.

LAST Friday night six negroes arrested on the charge of incendiarism, were shot by a mob near Millington, Tenn.



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Brings comfort and improvement and tends to personal enjoyment when rightly used. The many, who live better than others and enjoy life more, with less expenditure, by more promptly adapting the world's best products to the needs of physical being, will attest the value to health of the pure liquid laxative principles embraced in the remedy, Syrup of Figs. Its excellence is due to its presenting in the form most acceptable and pleasant to the taste, the refreshing and truly beneficial properties of a perfect laxative; effectually cleansing the system, dispelling colds, headaches and fevers and permanently curing constipation. It has given satisfaction to millions and met with the approval of the medical profession, because it acts on the Kidneys, Liver and Bowels without weakening them and it is perfectly free from every objectionable substance. Syrup of Figs is for sale by all druggists in 50c and \$1 bottles, but it is manufactured by the California Fig Syrup Co. only, whose name is printed on every package, also the name, Syrup of Figs, and being well informed, you will not accept any substitute if offered.

Rode to Frederick by Mistake.

A short time ago a section of the Lexington, Va., Cycling Club made a start on a tour to Washington and Baltimore, under the leadership of a young man who thought he knew the route. The guide led the van, and at some point in Jefferson county, W. Va., turned to the left instead of the right, and the whole party rode up into Frederick, Md., thinking they were in the suburbs of Washington, but they could not account for those familiar landmarks, the Capitol and the Washington monument, failing to appear on the horizon. The party returned home.

WM. L. WILSON, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, and author of the new tariff bill, has secured passage on American liner Paris for Liverpool.

GEN. NATHANIEL P. BANKS, the soldier and ex-congressman, died last Saturday at his home, in Waltham, Mass., aged seventy-eight years.

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Notice to Creditors.

THIS is to give notice that the Subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Frederick County, Maryland, letters of administration on the estate of MARY ADELIA ELDER, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same with the vouchers thereof to the subscriber on or before the 8th day of March, 1895, they may otherwise by law be excluded from participation in said estate. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under my hand this 27th day of September, 1894.

REGINA S. MADDEN, Administratrix.

WM. R. SWEENEY, Agent.

Notice to Creditors.

THIS is to give notice that the subscribers have obtained from the Orphans' Court of Frederick County, Maryland, letters testamentary on the estate of SARAH HOCKENSMITH, late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscribers on or before the 8th day of March, 1895; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of said estate. Those indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment.

Given under our hands this seventh day of September, 1894.

ROBERT H. MAXELL, ROBERT E. HOCKENSMITH, Executors.

PUBLIC SALE.

BY VIRTUE of an order of sale from the Orphan's Court of Frederick county, the undersigned Executors of the last will and testament of Sarah Hockensmith, late of Frederick county, Md., deceased, will sell at public sale, at the late residence of the said deceased, at the east end of Emmitsburg, Md., on Saturday, September 20, 1894, at 2 o'clock, p.m., the following real estate of which the said Sarah Hockensmith, died, seized and possessed: The house and land, situated on the east end of Main street, in Emmitsburg, Md., adjoining the properties of Mrs. M. J. Shockey and Jos. T. Gelwick, known as half of lot No. 110 on the plat of Emmitsburg, Md. The improvements consist of a good frame dwelling house, good stable, coal or wood shed. The house is in good repair and is a desirable residence.

Terms of Sale as prescribed. By the Orphan's Court:—One-half cash on the day of sale or the ratification thereof by the Orphan's Court, the balance in six months from day of sale, the purchaser giving his, her or their notes, for the deferred payment, bearing interest from the day of sale, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the executors for the deferred payment or all cash at the option of the purchaser.

ALBERT H. MAXELL, ROBERT E. HOCKENSMITH, H. F. MAXELL, Aucts. Executors.

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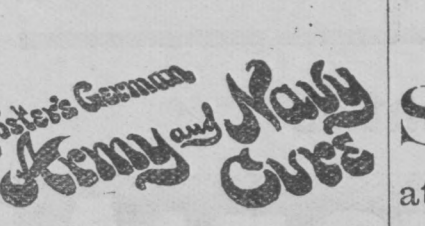
The head, nose and throat soon experience the benefit of this matchless scientific treatment. The unhealthy secretions are effectually removed, a soothing sensation ensues and by its application the results are prompt, satisfactory and perfect.

Not a Salve or Snuff,

but a complete home treatment that will enable you to cure Catarrh of the Nose, Throat and Lungs.

Catarrh Is Common.

Few realize just how common it is. Very many people have Catarrh, or at least Catarrhal symptoms, who would laugh at the idea. It is an unpleasant disease—one of those which make others uncomfortable as well as the one who has it. The first symptoms are: A heavy feeling between the eyes, profuse and offensive mucous discharge from the nostrils, headache and foul breath.



is recommended for both slight and aggravated cases. It will cure the worst case of CATARRH, and is good for a mere Cold—an inflamed condition of the nasal passages is the cause of both. It is also good for HAY FEVER. It is a sure cure. There is nothing marvelous about it. It is not an accidental, magical discovery, but a perfectly sensible, scientific preparation, intended to do just exactly the thing it does, and nothing else.

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Order Nisi on Sales.

N. O. 6161 EQUITY.

In the Circuit Court for Frederick County, sitting in Equity.

JULY TERM, 1894.

In the matter of the report of sales filed the 20th day of August, 1894.

John Welty vs. George W. Welty and wife et al.

ORDERED, That on the 15th day of September 1894, the Court will proceed to act upon the Report of Sales of Real Estate, reported to said Court by Eugene L. Rowe, trustee, in the above cause, and filed therein as aforesaid, and finally ratify and confirm the same, unless cause to the contrary thereof be shown before said day; provided a copy of this order be inserted in some newspaper published in Frederick County, for three successive weeks prior to said day. The Report states the amount of sales to be \$115.00.

Dated this 20th day of August, 1894.

JOHN L. JORDAN, Clerk of the Circuit Court for Frederick Co. True Copy.—JULY 24, 1894.

JOHN L. JORDAN, Clerk.

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## Emmitsburg Chronicle.

Entered as Second-Class Matter at the Emmitsburg Postoffice.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 1894.

## Emmitsburg Rail Road.

### TIME TABLE.

On and after July 1, 1894, trains on this road will run as follows:

#### TRAINS SOUTH.

Leave Emmitsburg, daily, except Sundays, at 7.10 and 10.00 a. m. and 2.50 and 5.50 p. m., arriving at Rocky Ridge at 7.40 and 10.30 a. m. and 3.20 and 6.20 p. m.

#### TRAINS NORTH.

Leave Rocky Ridge, daily, except Sundays, at 8.30 and 10.40 a. m. and 3.30 and 6.36 p. m., arriving at Emmitsburg at 9.00 and 11.10 a. m. and 4.00 and 6.54 p. m.

WM. H. BIGGS, Pres't.

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The value of exports from Baltimore in August was \$4,357,895.

Two of the oldest buildings at Fort McHenry are being rebuilt.

Oyster tonging began in Maryland waters Saturday, September 1.

Baltimore has six public parks, the area of which aggregates 850 acres.

Boonsboro, Washington county is now connected with the outside world by telegraph.

A pressbox has been issued to George Dieffenbacher, Edgemont, Washington county.

SAMUEL M. KEFAVER, of Middletown Valley, won 128 prizes on poultry at the Leesburg, Va., fair.

DAVID T. HOFF will sell a lot of personal property at his shop in this place, on Saturday, Sept. 22, at 1 o'clock.

THE C. B. Association of Mt. St. Mary's will hold a festival at their hall, on Sept. 12, 13, 14 and 15.

THE smoke or haze which was so dense in this section for about eight days disappeared Wednesday.

FIRE destroyed the barn, stables and other property, valued at \$10,000, belonging to the Ilchester college, Howard county.

THE thirteenth annual convention of the National Association of Stationary Engineers was held in Baltimore this week.

DENTAL NOTICE.—Dr. Geo. D. Fouke will visit Emmitsburg, professionally, September 12th, 13th and 14th, inst. Office at the residence of Mr. Philip Lawrence.

JAMES CLARK WHEELING, L. L. D., president of the Columbian college, Washington, died suddenly at his summer home at Hartford, Conn.

MR. GEORGE SELLERS, of near Manchester, Carroll county, was kicked by a horse last Saturday, and died Sunday morning from the effects.

REV. JOHN OWEN, of Waynesboro, Pa., has been appointed assistant pastor of the United Brethren church, at Frederick, and has accepted.

THE store opened a few months ago, in the Spaulding building at the square in this place, by Mrs. S. A. McDannel, is closed, and Mrs. McDannel has moved from town.

LOYD VERMILION was killed in Prince George's county last Saturday night, and several persons are held for court charged with being responsible for his death.

THE grand stand, exhibition building and other frame structures at the Pimlico Race Track were destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. The loss will approximate \$50,000.

IN Calvert county, on competitive examination, Walter Gibson was awarded the St. John's College scholarship and George Peterson the Maryland Agricultural scholarship.

Wm. MYRTLE, a well known citizen of Uniontown district, Carroll county, fell dead at Weist's mill, Wednesday. He was forty years old, and leaves a widow and two children.

THE photograph entertainment at Gelwicks' Hall, last Saturday evening, was greatly enjoyed by those present. The instrument spoke loud and was audible in any part of the hall.

A GERMAN statistician figures that in three thousand years there will be but one man to over 250 women. There should be much sympathy for the poor fellow who will have to face such a fate.

A CHICAGO lawyer was in Hancock, Md., looking up heirs of the late Mr. McCaffery, of Chicago, who died at the age of eighty-four, leaving a large estate and unable to recall the names of some of his children.

MR. JOSEPH E. HOKK is having a cold storage house built, on the lot in the rear of his father's store. The house will be made air tight and the cold air will be received from the ice house, which adjoins the building.

#### The Modern Beauty.

Thrives on good food and sunshine, with plenty of exercise in the open air. Her face glows with health and her hair blooms with its beauty. If her system needs the cleansing action of a laxative remedy, she uses the gentle and pleasant liquid laxative Syrup of Figs.

### A Twelve Pound Cantaloupe.

It is reported that Mr. Wm. Hanley, gardener at St. Joseph's Academy, near town, raised a cantaloupe that weighed twelve pounds and four ounces.

HENRY ADAMS, who was a Republican county commissioner about twenty-five years ago, was found dead in bed at his home near Beaver Creek, Washington county, Sunday. He was seventy-four years of age, and was widely known.

MR. EDWARD S. TANEY, Registrar, will sit at the Western Maryland Hotel, in this place, on September 17, 18 and 19, for the purpose of registering all persons who may be qualified to vote at the coming election.

#### Contract Awarded.

The contract for building the new public school house in this place, has been awarded to Mr. Calvin Walters, of near Motter's Station. Mr. Walters will receive \$1,688 for erecting the building.

The Frederick correspondent to the *Baltimore American* says: "C. S. Klein, of Braddock, this county, has ten acres of yellow field corn on his farm, some ears of which measure fifteen inches long. The ears average about thirteen inches."

The Board of Aldermen of Frederick have amicably adjusted the difficulties they have recently experienced in obtaining a water supply, and are pumping water from Lakin's spring, near the city. They have a surplus in the new reservoir of four million gallons.

On Friday last the Monterey Museum and Library was opened in its new building, which is situated on the turnpike in a grove of trees opposite the Monterey Hotel, and is an attractive structure, with one wing for the library and the other for the museum, connected by a central hall.

#### Fifty Ears.

Mr. James Keilholtz, of near town, exhibited at this office, on Monday, a peculiar freak of nature in the shape of corn. Among the tassel were fifty small ears of corn, each ear containing a full grain of fully developed corn. This beats anything we have seen in this line for quite a long time.

HELMAN is offering inducements in all lines of goods. Dress goods reduced from 50 to 40, 35 to 25, 25 to 20. Gingham from 8 to 5 cts. Boots and shoes very cheap. Tea sets from \$5 to \$4. Nails 2 1/2 cts. pound. Stone pots and glass jars. A cloth bound book to every purchaser of \$5, or more. sept 7-3ts

#### Real Estate Transfers.

The following property in this place, changed ownership this week. Lewis D. Cook and wife to Sophia Horner, real estate, \$650. John C. Motter and Robert Biggs, committee, to Jacob L. and Francis P. Topper, 1 acre and 20 perches, more or less, \$1,250. A. Laura Hann and husband, to Wm. Tyson Linsinger, lot and improvements, \$175.

#### A Dwelling and Contents Burned.

The dwelling house of John Eyer, in Cragersburg district, this county, was burned down recently, with all its contents. The members of the family were at dinner at the time the fire broke out, and the flames spread so rapidly that very little property could be saved. The house was insured, but not sufficient to cover the loss.

#### Key Monument Society.

Articles of incorporation of the Key Monument Association of Frederick City were filed in the clerk's office Saturday. The incorporators are Wm. C. Birely, Lewis A. Rice, Henry Williams, W. I. Parsons and Baker Johnson. The purpose of the association is to collect a fund not to exceed \$15,000 for the erection of a monument to Francis Scott Key.

#### Severe Gunning Accident.

Martin L. Bain, son of John Bain, Timber Ridge, Hancock district, tore the muscles and ligaments from the fleshy portion of the right forearm by the accidental discharge of a gun while hunting, near Davis, W. Va. He is now at the home of his uncle, John Myers, Timber Ridge, and it was thought for awhile that gangrene would set in.

#### Superior of St. Joseph's House.

REV. PATRICK McHALE, of Baltimore, has been chosen president of Niagara University, in the diocese of Buffalo, N. Y. Very Rev. P. V. Kavanagh, whom Father McHale succeeds as president of Niagara University, will be superior of St. Joseph's House, in this place, and it is supposed that he will become pastor of St. Joseph's Catholic Church.

Mrs. SARAH HILTBREYDLE, of Cheesville, Washington county, was held in \$500 bail, which she gave, last Thursday, by United States Commissioner Alex. R. Hagner, at Hagerstown, for the action of the United States grand jury, which meets in Baltimore, to answer the charge of writing an improper letter to Mrs. Hattie Brown, at McKeesport, Pa.

#### Mother's Influence.

Who can overestimate it? For good or evil it is far-reaching. Her name, the first that falls from the lips of the prattling babe, is often the last whisper of the dying age. God bless our mothers! How important then that they be shielded from those weakening diseases which too often wreck their constitutions and render them wearied, feeble invalids, prematurely aged and ambitious. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription has done much to emancipate woman from this thralldom and may be taken by the most delicate with absolute certainty of benefit. For nursing mothers and all debilitated, or "run-down" women, it is the most effective restorative tonic to build them up. To those about to become mothers it is a priceless boon. It lessens the pains and perils of childbirth, shortens labor, promotes the secretion of an abundance of nourishment for the child and shortens the period of confinement.

### A Big Tomato.

Mr. Singleton Dorsey, of near town, has our thanks for a big tomato. Several tomatoes from some cause or other had grown together, forming one large tomato, and it was almost a semi-circle in shape. It weighed three pounds and one ounce. When we went to get the tomato on Sunday morning, we were somewhat surprised to find that during the night a rat had introduced itself to the tomato and greatly spoiled its shape.

#### Labor Day.

By virtue of a recent act of Congress, Labor Day was celebrated Monday for the first time as a national holiday, by observances in all parts of the United States. In Baltimore a street parade took place and was followed by a picnic under the management of the Federation of Labor at Darley Park. Speeches were made by Lucien Smith, of New York, and Rev. Walter Vrooman, of Boston.

#### Go to Friends Creek.

We have been reliably informed that the waters of Friends creek, are full of large fish, and that the mere walking on the banks of the stream cause the fish to go into their hiding places, and to capture them is believed to be a difficult task. Our fishermen are experts, and capable of capturing any kind of fish that swim in the waters. Boys, go to Friends creek, try your luck, and report.

The grand jury for the August term of court completed its work last Friday afternoon, and after reporting to the court was discharged. The grand jury convened on August 20 and was in session eleven days. 250 witnesses were examined, considered and passed on 99 cases, found 52 presentments and indictments and dismissed 47 cases. The jail and Montevue Hospital were visited by the grand jury and both found to be in good condition.

#### Home and Abroad.

It is the duty of everyone, whether at home or travelling for pleasure or business, to equip himself with the remedy which will keep up strength and prevent illness, and cure such ills as are liable to come upon all every day life. Hood's Sarsaparilla keeps the blood pure and less liable to the germs of disease.

Hood's PILLS are hand made, and perfect in proportion and appearance. 25c. per box.

#### Primary Meeting.

The Democratic District primary meeting to select delegates to represent the district at the county convention to be held at Frederick, tomorrow, was held at the Opera House in this place last Saturday evening. The following were appointed delegates: Wm. Morrison, Dr. Jno. W. Reigle, Joshua S. Motter, Joseph Byers, Daniel Lawrence, Vincent Sebald, Dr. Jno. B. Bawner, James W. Troxell, Geo. S. Valentine, J. Henry Stokes, J. Hiram Taylor, Jos. C. Rosensteel, Jno. F. Peddicord, Wm. E. Myer and Rowe K. Shriver.

Editor Harp Admitted to the Bar. Editor Reno S. Harp, of the Examiner, was examined by the examining committee of the Frederick bar Friday afternoon and duly admitted to practice. His examination was the severest that has been given any applicant in recent years and his success therefore all the more creditable.

At the conclusion of his examination Mr. Harp was heartily congratulated by the Court, Judge Lynch, and many members of the bar upon the ability he had displayed throughout the trying ordeal.—News.

#### Several Wrecks on the Western Maryland Railroad.

On Saturday evening when the W. M. train which is due in Waynesboro at 7:53, was nearing Shockey's Station the engine broke loose from the cars and caused a delay of about one half hour. The coupling was fixed and the train proceeded with very slight damage.

Sunday morning about 9 o'clock the freight drawn by engine 41 going west, parted about a mile west of Edgemont, the two parts of the train came together and mashed up several cars. The wrecking crew was hastily summoned and the track was cleared about 4 p. m., causing a delay to freight on both branches of the road. No one was injured.—Zephyr.

#### Hard at Work.

Studies were resumed at the public schools in this place, on Monday morning, and the young knowledge seekers are again hard at work trying to master the difficult questions presented to them each day. The school is under the principalship of Mr. L. D. Crawford, of Sabillasville, and is ably assisted by Miss Fannie Fraley, who has had charge of the primary department for several years. The number of scholars in attendance at the opening of school was eighty, being an increase of seven over the enrolment at the beginning of last year's term.

St. Euphemia's school opened on Monday with a large attendance.

#### Brunswick Town Officers.

The newly elected city officers of Brunswick were sworn in at a special meeting of the council on Saturday night. They are: J. T. Martin, mayor; L. E. McBride, John R. Ball, C. H. Edmonston, S. J. Bratt, H. P. Bilson and E. H. Thompson, councilmen. Bailiff W. E. Orrison resigned, and ex-Postmaster Wm. A. Barnard was elected bailiff for the ensuing year. An order was passed for a general inspection of the town by the joint councils on Thursday for the purpose of deciding where the street improvement should be begun. The first issue of street improvement bonds, amounting to \$2,500, has been disposed of to a Frederick capitalist at par. The bonds are in denomination of \$100 each, and bear interest at 5 per cent.

### PERSONALS.

Miss Marie Jackson has gone to Baltimore.

Miss Alice Baker, made a visit to Pen Mar.

Mrs. M. E. Adelsberger has returned to Baltimore.

Mr. Harry Harner and wife are visiting in Hagerstown.

Mrs. E. J. Cashmyer has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Capt. George T. Eyster made a trip to Baltimore Wednesday.

Mr. Geo. Ginzell has returned home from McSherrystown.

Mrs. Michael Kearney has returned to her home in Baltimore.

Miss Nettie Humerick, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives in this place.

D. Wingerd, Esq., is visiting the Misses Louise and Hallie Motter.

Prof. and Mrs. James Mitchell have returned home from a visit to Virginia.

Miss Adie Quick, of Washington, D. C., is visiting the Messrs. Gilson Brothers.

Misses Mamie and Teresa Keller, of Philadelphia, are visiting at Dr. J. T. Bond's.

Messrs. John and Ernest Adelsberger, of Baltimore, are stopping at Miss Kate Sweeney's.

Mrs. Cornelius Zimmerman, Frederick, is visiting her brothers, Messrs. Basil and Wm. Gilson, near town.

Messrs. Lewis, Howard and George Leisinger, of Waynesboro, made a visit to their aunt, Mrs. John Jackson, of this place.

Mr. Chas. C. Kretzer spent Sunday in Westminster. His little daughter, Miss Gussie, who has been visiting in that place for some time, accompanied him home.

Miss Annie Kelley, who has been visiting friends in Kansas city and other points in the west, has returned home much pleased with that section of the country.

We had a pleasant call on Monday from Mr. Wm. J. Gallery, editor of the *Catholic Mirror*, and Mr. Thos. E. McCaffrey, of Baltimore. These gentlemen have been travelling for about two weeks on bicycles, and are now on their homeward journey.

Rev. Luther DeYoe and wife, of Harrisburg spent last Sunday in town. Mr. DeYoe preached in the Lutheran Church on Sunday morning and in the evening Rev. W. J. D. Scherer, of Fairfield, filled the pulpit. Rev. Charles Reinwald, preached in the Lutheran church, at Fairfield, last Sunday, having exchanged pulpits with Mr. Scherer.

#### Held in \$300 Bail.

Charles Craig, colored, of this place, was arrested last Friday night, charged with shooting Ross Richardson, colored, daughter, of Leck Richardson, who resides at the mountain a short distance from town. Constable Hann kept Craig in custody until Saturday morning, when he was given a hearing before Justice M. F. Shuff. The prisoner was placed under \$300 bail for carrying concealed weapons and assault and battery, and in default of bail was taken to the Frederick jail to await the action of the grand jury. It appears from the evidence given at the hearing, that Ross Richardson, who is only a young girl, was in town, and Charles Craig, who is about 17 years of age, and his younger brother, accompanied the girl to the foot log over Tom's Creek, where the shooting took place. The ball entered the girl's leg near the knee. After the shot was fired Craig's brother in trying to take the pistol from him was shot on the wrist, the skin being slightly burned. Craig claimed that the shooting was accidental and that he would not have purposely injured the girl under any circumstance. The girl testified that he told a party who passed a few minutes before the shooting occurred, that he was going to shoot her. The testimony given in the case was somewhat conflicting.

#### Shot Himself Accidentally.

On Thursday morning, Messrs. Wm. Ulrich and William D. Morrison, of this place, started out on a gunning trip. They went to the residence of Mr. Morrison's grandmother, Mrs. Wm. Morrison, who resides about five miles southeast of this place, where they intended leaving the team. Shortly after arriving at Mrs. Morrison's, Mr. Morrison, who is a son of County Commissioner Wm. Morrison, took his gun from the buggy, threw back the breech and loaded it. When in the act of putting the breech in place, one of the shells accidentally exploded. The load striking Mr. Morrison on the right leg, between the knee and foot, tearing the flesh from the bone about three inches in length, and passed down the leg, lacerating the ankle, and then went through the shoe. Dr. R. L. Annan was summoned and after bringing the young man to town, dressed the wounded leg. The accident, though quite painful, is not considered serious.

#### An Employee Grows Violent.

The little village of Brookhill, in the mountain west of Frederick, was thrown into a state of excitement Monday evening by the action of a well-known colored character of that vicinity named "Bud" Zedricks, who has been working for some time past at the saw mill of David Shankle. Monday, he struck the ten-year-old granddaughter of Mr. Shankle and hurt her severely. Mr. Shankle took him to task for the act, when he became abusive, procured a shotgun and threatened anybody who should attempt to interfere with him. Mr. Dennis Shankle went to Frederick, and procured a writ for the arrest of Zedricks, and started with two deputies to serve it, but the negro fled to the mountains, where he is still in hiding.

#### When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria.

When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria.

When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria.

When she had Children, she gave them Castoria.

### FAIRFIELD ITEMS.

FAIRFIELD, PA., Sept. 4.—The school directors of Hamilton township, are having the west Fairfield school house painted, which was badly needed.

Mr. Wm. Heyser, who was engaged in business in Washington, D. C., is spending some time at this place.

Rev. Chas. Reinwald, of Emmitsburg, preached in the Lutheran church in Fairfield on last Sunday morning.

Mr. Daniel Swope, of this place, bought Mrs. Nick Miller's farm, on last Saturday at public sale, for \$2,300. The farm lies in Highland township.

Mr. Henry Cool, of Liberty township, was relieved of 65 young chickens one night last week either by night hucksters or vermin of some kind.

Mr. R. C. Swope is improving his property by weatherboarding the whole house which will make a noticeable improvement.

Mr. George Gelbach, of this place, has rented the machine shop in Fairfield, and will run the saw mill, chopping mill and also the planer. Any persons wanting anything done in his line should give him a call, as he is accommodating and will guarantee satisfaction.

Rev. Mackley, of this place, has a horse that is sick and is under medical treatment. Dr. W. D. Dubs has the horse in his care.

The Fairfield Band took in nearly \$100 at the fair. Fairfield is never left for entertainments.

Mr. Harry Myers, of this place, has resigned his position at the station, hauling freight, &c. Mr. Marshall Brown has taken his place.

Since the late rains, the corn fields are looking very promising. There will be a large yield in this section of the country.

Mr. Bert Moore, of Emmitsburg, was a visitor to this place.

Miss Mary Benner, of this place, gave a soiree on last Saturday. The following young ladies were present: Misses Alice Musselman, of Gettysburg; Clara Musselman, Fannie Lott, Ruth Marshall, Alice Musselman, Lottie M. Shuff, of this place. They had quite an enjoyable time. Miss Mary Benner expects to attend college next week.

Mrs. D. B. Martin is the guest of Mrs. F. Shulley, of this place.

Mrs. A. Grove, of this place, is visiting her parents at Hanover, Md. and Mrs. Krug.

The farmers have commenced seeding in this locality. The ground being in good condition.

Mr. H. D. Lott, of North Carolina, is running Mr. Peter Diehl's mill, in Liberty township. Mr. Lott was born and raised near Gettysburg, and went to North Carolina thirty years ago. He guarantees first-class burr flour to any person who will give him a trial.

Mr. E. Sanders, of Illinois, is spending some time in this county. He is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Sanders, of this place.

Mr. Andrew Sefton, of Newport, Pa., is a visitor to this place.

Mrs. F. Shulley and son, Parke, are visiting Mrs. Shulley's daughter, Mrs. H. M. Hafer, of Womelsdorf, Pa.

### LITTLETON, PA. ITEMS.

LITTLETON, PA., Sept. 5.—Miss Belle Hann, of Emmitsburg, has been the guest of her friend, Miss Anna Shorb the past week.

Messrs. Monroe and Wilson, who have been visiting at Rev. E. E. Blint's, returned to their home in Lockhaven last Wednesday morning.

Miss Emma Slagenhup is visiting friends near Taneytown.

Mr. Nevin B. Lefevre spent a few days in Washington, D. C., the past week.

Miss Lillie Harniss, of Baltimore, is visiting Miss Emma Crouse, of Lumber St.

Mrs. R. C. Dutera has returned from a pleasant visit to relatives in Philadelphia.

Messrs. Wm. Humbergh and Bart Corrigan accompanied by Misses Sallie Martin and Belle Hann, spent Sunday in Taneytown.

An enjoyable dance was given in the Engine Hall on Monday evening. The music was furnished by the Littleton Brass Orchestra.

A game of base ball was played at Lefevre's near town, between a club from there and the Rainbows, of this place, which resulted in a victory for the Rainbows by a score of 29 to 14.

Fletcher Forest, of N. Queen street is undergoing a siege of typhoid fever.

Miss Sallie Robinson, is visiting Miss Jennie Huff.

Miss Missouri Wine, of Hanover, is the guest of Miss Leoma Weaver, of East King street.

Mr. Tom Fink, of Baltimore, was among his friends in town several days last week.

Mr. Harry Hoke from Emmitsburg, paid a flying visit to his lady friend in this place.

Mrs. Dr. Leon Smith and children joined her husband, who has been here with his Medicine Company, at the Central, Tuesday last week.

Miss Lottie Zercher, of N. Queen street spent a few days with friends in New Oxford, during the past week.

Miss Carrie Patterson, of N. Queen street, who has been absent some weeks visiting, has returned home.

Miss Lou Kainer, of Taneytown, and Miss Blehl of Ladiesburg, spent several days this week with Miss Kate Erb, of this place.

Mrs. Laura Reineldollar, of Taneytown, accompanied by her little son and daughter, Wallace and Mary, spent a few days with friends in this place.

Miss Ida Crouse has returned home from a two weeks' visit to friends in Baltimore and Hamstead.

Misses Helen and Rose Fink left Tuesday evening for their home in Baltimore, after spending a very pleasant visit to Miss Tudie Starr, of South King St.

Miss Bertha Chapman, after spending a very pleasant time for several weeks with her friend, Miss Emma Hesson, of Lumber street, left for her home in Baltimore, Tuesday morning.

Mr. Quigley Rhoadt, of Shepherds-town, W. Va., is spending a week with his uncle, Dr. Quigley, of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Eckenrode spent Sunday with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Eline.

Miss Mary Eline, of Taneytown, is the guest of Miss Mollie Eline, of E. King street.

Mr. Jacob Byerly and wife of Frederick, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Feizer, of South Queen street.

Prof. Chas. H. Lefevre, son of Rev. W. D. Lefevre, left last Wednesday, for Hyndman, Bedford county, where he will resume his duties as principal of the schools of that place.

Mr. Chas. Eckenrode spent Sunday in town.

Mrs. McDonnell, who has been spending the summer months with the family of Dr. E. K. Foreman, has returned to her home in Philadelphia.

Miss Mary Liver, of Pittsburg, is visiting the family of Mr. Jos. A. Liver, at Lockport, during the past week.

Mr. J. Bart Corrigan, of McSherrystown was in town Tuesday.

Mr. John Cooper, who has been visiting friends in this place, returned to his home in Baltimore.

Two LITTLE GIRLS IN BLUE.

### ROCKY RIDGE NEWS.

ROCKY RIDGE, Sept. 3.—Miss Allie Diffendall, of Danville, Va., who has been spending the summer at the home of her grand-father, Mr. G. W. Barrick, returned to her home this week.

Miss Mary Late, of Hagerstown, is visiting relatives in this section.

Mrs. Jennie Eichenberger and son, Charlie, of Uvilla, W. Virginia, returned home Saturday last, having spent the past month with relatives at Rocky Ridge.

Miss Grace Keitholtz entertained her friends on Thursday evening, September 6th with a lawn party at her home, north of Rocky Ridge.

Miss Etta Miller, who has been sick for the past two weeks, is no better.

The Harvest Home Service by Rev. G. W. Whitmore, last Sunday, was well attended.



WHAT ONE BOY THINKS.

A stick is always dropping in the everlasting knitting.  
And the needles that I threaded, no, you couldn't count today.  
And I've hunted for the glasses till I thought my head was splitting.  
When there upon my forehead as calm as clocks they lay.

I've read to till I was hoarse the Psalms and the Epistles  
When the other boys were burning tar barrels down the street.  
And I've staid and learned my verses when I heard their wailing wail.  
And I've staid and said my chapter with fire in my little feet.

And I've had to walk beside her when she used to come to evening meeting.  
When I wanted to be kissing, to be kissing, to be kissing.  
And I've waited while she gave the folks a word or two of greeting.  
First on one foot and the other, and 'most strangled with a cough.

"You can talk of Young America," I say, "till you are carleat."  
It's Old America that has the inside of the track."  
Then she raps me with her thimble and calls me a young reed.  
And then she looks so woebecone I have to take it back.

But there always is a peppermint or a penny in her pocket—  
There never was a pocket that was half so big and deep—  
And she lets the candle in my room burn 'way down to the socket,  
While she sits and patters round about till I am sound asleep.

There's always somebody at home when every one is away.  
She spreads the jam upon your bread in a way to make you grow.  
She always takes a fellow's side when every one is bawling.  
And when I tear my jacket I know just where to go.

And when I've been in swimming after father said I shouldn't,  
And mother had her slipper off according to the rule,  
It sounds as sweet as silver, the voice that says "I wouldn't."  
The boy that won't go swimming such a day would be a fool!"

Sometimes there's something in her voice, as if she gave a blessing.  
And I look at her a moment, and I keep still as a mouse—  
And who also by this time there's no need of guessing.  
For there's nothing like a grandmother to have about the house.

—Harriet Prescott Spofford.

A PALACE OF GHOSTS.

Haunted by Spirits of Women Who Poisoned One Another.

In the midst of the old ruins and palaces of Italy, stained with count less deeds of blood, it remains for one modern structure to be known particularly as the home of ghosts. This interesting building is described by Marion Crawford in an article in The Century devoted to the wonderful Italian coast between Sorrento and Salerno.

Above Aggerola, which itself is almost directly above Prajano, on the southern side of the peninsula, stands an enormous palace, visible from the sea at a great distance. It is known as the Palazzo degli Spiriti (the palace of the ghosts), and it once told the trouble to climb up from Prajano and go all over it. It is entirely deserted and has neither doors nor windows, a building almost royal in proportions and plan, standing on a vast terrace overlooking the sea, by no means ancient, and in some parts decorated with frescoes and stucco work, which are fast falling a prey to the weather.

It was built by a personage known as General Avitabile, who came to a tragic end before he had completed his magnificent residence and whose heirs are, I believe, still quarreling about the division of the property, while the building itself is allowed to fall into ruins. It would be hopeless to attempt to disentangle the tales told about the family by the simple hillfolk. There were women in the case who poisoned one another and the general and whose spirits, venomous still, are believed to haunt the vast halls and corridors and staircases and underground regions of the palace.

Whether they do or not, a more appropriate place for hobgoblins, banshees, ghouls and vampires could scarcely have been created by a diseased imagination in a nightmare. Even at midday, under the southern sun, the whole place seems as uncanny as a graveyard on St. John's eve. Bits of staircase lead abruptly into blank walls, passages end suddenly in the high air, without window railing or parapet. Lonely balconies lead around dizzy corners to dismal watchtowers whence a human voice could hardly find its way to the halls within. The most undaunted explorers of the Society for Psychical Research might learn what "goose flesh" means in such a place as this.

A Murderer May Inherit From His Victim.

After six years' litigation the supreme court has decided the case of Ransom versus Shellenbarger, involving the point of whether or not a murderer can inherit property from his victim.

Seven years ago Lee Shellenbarger murdered his daughter in order that he might inherit some valuable property left her by her mother. He was convicted and sentenced to be hanged, but while the case was pending in the supreme court he was lynched. Before this tragic episode had deduced his interest in the dead girl's estate to his attorneys, Frank Ransom and John C. Watson.

The other heirs contested the attorneys' rights, asserting that the law would not allow a murderer to profit by his crime. The attorneys contended that in this country crime worked no corruption of blood and no forfeiture of property and that Nebraska's statutes contained nothing to prevent Shellenbarger's transfer.

The trial court found for the attorneys, but the supreme court reversed this holding. Since then the personnel of this tribunal has entirely changed, and when the case came up the second time the court upheld the attorneys' contention.—Lincoln (Neb.) Dispatch to St. Louis Republic.

THE GREAT "WAR COMET."

Its Tail Was Fifty Million Miles Long and Ten Million Miles Wide.

The wonderful "war comet" of 1861 sprang so suddenly into view and blazed with such unexampled brilliancy as to astonish the astronomers and frighten those unlearned in cometary lore half out of their wits. The unlearned declared that the civil war, which was just getting well under headway, must have something to do with it. However this may be, it burst forth, unheralded and uninvited, shining with greater brilliancy and magnitude than any phenomena of a similar nature which that generation had ever seen.

On the night of July 3 of that year it exhibited a most wonderful spectacle. In the evening the nucleus did not appear to be larger than a star in the first or second magnitude. As the small hours of the morning approached, however, the nucleus visibly increased in both magnitude and brilliancy. The tail waved back and forth over our little world in a most threatening manner, at times sending rays almost to the zenith. On the morning of July 5 the astronomers announced through the daily papers that the head of the great comet was only separated from the earth by a distance of 12,000,000 miles. According to the report sent out from the Cambridge observatory, the comet appears to have passed its ascending node between the 27th and the 29th of June in longitude 279 degrees, the longitude of the earth being 277 degrees at the same time.

On Oct. 10 its tail extended over a space of 50,000,000 miles and at several points was not less than 10,000,000 miles in width.

At first it was generally conceded that it was the famous comet of 1556, the one which caused the Emperor Charles V of France to resign his imperial throne, he taking it to be a warning from God. All surmises were subsequently set at rest by the discovery that it was the famous "Tutcher" comet, discovered by Professor A. F. Thatcher at the Rutherford observatory in New York city.—St. Louis Republic.

Utility of the Squatting Mule.

"Did you ever hear of a squatting mule?" asked a prominent coal operator. "Well, I don't blame you for not knowing what I mean, for after 15 years' experience in the coal business I did not know of such a mule until recently. One of our men sent me word that on one of the workings there was a steep incline over which it was difficult for the men to push the cars. I told him to try a mule, and in reply he stated that he had purchased a 'squatting mule.' In mines it means a great deal of money to get a mule that can do the work and at the same time small enough to walk through the low workings of the mine. Sometimes for hundreds of feet the tunnels will be high enough to allow a mule to walk through them; then at some points the ceiling may get so low that the mule cannot crawl under it. Now, to make the passage-way high enough for the mule would entail a great expense, yet we have often had to do this. But a 'squatting mule' obviates this by crouching down when it gets to the low places, adapting itself to the height of the tunnel as much as possible. So a 'squatting mule' to miners is much more expensive than one that is not so trained."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Limitations of Julius Caesar.

Julius Caesar was considered a great man, and so he was. But he had his limitations. We may give a few illustrations: He never rode on a bus in his life; he never spoke into a telephone; he never sent a telegram; he never entered a railway train; he never read a newspaper; he never viewed his troops through a field-glass; he never read an advertisement; he never cornered the wheat market; he never crossed the Atlantic; he never was in a machine shop; he never went to a roller skate rink; he never controlled a manufacturing establishment; he never was a member of a stock company; he never dictated a letter to a typewriter girl; he never invested in railway stock; he never played a game of billiards; he never smoked a cigar; he never saw an electric light; he never listened to a phonograph; he never posted a letter; he never had his photograph taken.—London Tit-Bits.

He Knew the Game.

The following comedy was performed in New York city recently: Scene—The Tombs police court. Police Justice to witness from the country)—What is your name?

Witness From the Country—I won't tell you, b'gosh. I know your game. You'll get my name, an as soon as I go out o' here some other blamed rascal'll come up an ask me how 'Mandy an the children is an when I saw my son, the cashier in our bank down at the Corners. I know your game, green goods. I won't tell you my name, b'gosh.—New York Journal.

Children.

Children are injuriously influenced both by the hope that they will be enabled to live without labor and by the fulfillment of that hope. There can be no truly healthful life if benefits are dissociated from efforts.—Herbert Spencer.

A Wretched Monarch.

The most wretched man on earth is said to be a monarch. Norodom, king of Cambodia. He has a gorgeous palace, furnished according to the most expensive ideas, but he adheres to the customs of his ancestors and sleeps on an ancient carpet in a kind of shed that has not been cleaned since the creation. He is a miserable victim of hypochondria, and all day long he heaves long sighs of utter wretchedness. This monarch is a short fat person with one eye.—London Correspondent.

DISPERSED BY SAUERKRAUT.

The Peculiar Cause of All the Children Quitting the Old Home.

They were talking about the desertion of farms by the younger generations of the althuring charms of the cities; how young men and women left the home nest in the country as soon as they felt any confidence in themselves and flocked to the paved streets and brick walls of urban life in the hope that work would not be so hard and money would come easier. "Our family furnishes a case in point," said a young German. "We're all in the city now except the old folks, who stick to the farm, and are doing pretty well. Our reasons for abandoning the farm, however, were not these usually given, and I doubt if a parallel case can be found." Then he told his story.

With two brothers and three sisters he lived on a farm 100 miles from Chicago, and they all aided a phlegmatic old father in operating the place. It was a fine piece of land, and the family was happy and prosperous. But dark disaster came one day in the shape of a cabbage crop. The Chicago market showed a strong demand for sauerkraut, and the farmer decided to go in for a profitable crop. With the two boys he planted several acres in cabbage, with excellent results. The crop was cut up and packed, and there were 350 barrels of the finest sauerkraut made.

Communicating with a friend in the grocery business on the North Side, the farmer received an order for 10 barrels. A few days later the grocer announced that the best he could offer was 65 cents a barrel, the top market price. The old man could not stand such a drop as that, so he had the shipment returned, paying freight charges both ways. Purchasing 40 fine pigs, he began fattening them on his high grade sauerkraut. All went well for a few days, but the porkers soon tired of the diet and began to run from it. The pile grew high, and a few of the strongest pigs jumped the fence and ran away, while others sickened and grew weak from starvation.

It was a puzzle for the old man, but he was determined to derive some benefit, and the boys lugged the stuff up to the orchard near the house, where it was spread about as a fertilizer. By this time the entire family grew turbulent at the mere mention of sauerkraut, and when the sun poured its hot rays on the pickled cabbage the girls rebelled. The farmer was old, and the three girls packed their effects and came to the city. The kraut became so powerful that even the old man could not stand it, and the boys were instructed to cart it down to a distant field and spread it.

The boys had been on the verge of mutiny several times, and this settled it. They all 'lit out' for Chicago and have been here ever since. The girls are in service, and once in a great while they all meet with the lonely and disappointed old Teuton on the farm. When it was all over, the Chicago sauerkraut market went booming again.—Chicago Tribune.

Easily Satisfied.

Eight-year-old Fred was the youngest member of a large family, and unlike many boys of that age, was accustomed to regard himself as a person of little importance. At the table he ate what was given him with a thankful heart and a vigorous appetite. He was not consulted as to his personal likes or dislikes as far as food was concerned.

Naturally enough, therefore, his ideas were much confused when, on the occasion of his first dining out at the home of one of his schoolboy friends, he was asked whether he would like his slice of beef rare or well done.

"Why—I think," stammered Fred bashfully, and then with his usual bright smile he said:

"It doesn't make any difference, Mrs. Brown. All one thing will do nicely for me!"—Youth's Companion.

The Best Inheritance.

The lands and houses, stocks and mortgages which in the hour of death a parent bequeaths to his children are liable soon to be scattered or wasted, but the inheritance of a sound religious education, good bodily health, noble aspirations and pure, stimulating parental memories is of imperishable nature and of priceless value. A thorough moral and intellectual training, with a personal example of fidelity to Christ, is a bequest of the fiercest storms of life is likely to yield the richest fruit.—Selected.

Quite Sociable. Gentleman—You ask me for a small gift and do not even take off your hat from your head. Is that the way to act?

Beggar—Excuse me, most honorable sir, I dare not, for yonder stands a policeman. If he should see me take my hat off, it will occur to him at once that I am a beggar, and he will arrest me. At present, as we are now, he merely supposes we are two old acquaintances having a friendly chat.—London Answers.

How Vandalia Got Its Name.

Some of the names of towns are arrived at in a peculiar way—for example, the town of Vandalia in Illinois, which was named in a singular manner. The man who owned the land on which the present town of Vandalia is situated was a man without a great deal of education and wanted a lawyer friend of his, who was a wag, to give him a name for his new town. The wag suggested that the Vandals were a very noted people, and that he should name the town "Vandalia," or the "home of the Vandals." It was at that time the coming metropolis of Illinois and subsequently the capital of that state and was named "Vandalia," the home of the Vandals, according to the wit's suggestion.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

A Judge of Music.

A concert was given at a German court in honor of some foreign prince. At its close the illustrious guest asked for a repetition of the first item on the programme. The first piece was accordingly played over again, but the visitor failed to recognize it as the one he had liked best. Suddenly the musicians fell to tuning their instruments, during which process all the company stopped their ears with the exception of the foreign monarch, who exclaimed in a rapture of delight, "That is my favorite piece!"—Fliegende Blätter.

SHERMAN'S DISPATCHES.

How He Got Them From the Carolinas to Grant in Virginia.

While we were eating a whist game, it was from a little tugboat that had steamed its way up the swollen and dangerous river from Wilmington. It passed the enemy hidden on either bank. It was the first sound from the north heard since the army left the ocean. No one in all the north knew where Sherman's army was. Rumors brought from the south said it was "blundering and perishing in the swamps of the Carolinas." That day the general directed me to board this tugboat, run down the river in the night and carry dispatches to General Grant in front of Richmond and to President Lincoln at Washington.

"Don't say much about how we are doing down here," said the general as he put his arm about me and said farewell that evening down in the river bank. "Don't tell them in the north we are cutting any great swath here. Just say we are taking care of whatever is getting in front of us. Be careful your boat doesn't get knocked to the bottom of the river before day light."

Our little craft was covered nearly all over with cotton bales. The river was very wide and out of its banks everywhere; the night was dark. Whatever the enemy may have thought of the little puff of steam far out on the dark, rapid water, we got down to the sea unharmed. A fleet ocean steamer at once carried the log cabin at City Point, and when an officer was announced with dispatches from Sherman he was delighted. He took me into a back room, read the letters I ripped out of my clothing and asked me many questions. Then General Ord entered.

"Look here," said General Grant, delighted as a child. "Look here, Ord, at the news from Sherman. He has beaten even the swamps of the Carolinas."

"I am so glad," said Ord, rattling his big spurs. "I am so glad. I was getting a little uneasy." "I knew Sherman. I knew my man," he gravely continued almost to himself. Rawlins, the adjutant general, was called in to rejoice with the others. Then a leave of absence was made out for me to go north to my home, where I had been but eight days during the whole war, and now my months of painful imprisonment had undermined my health. "Some Personal Recollections of General Sherman," by S. H. M. Byers in McClure's Magazine.

The Raccoon.

Any person who has had an opportunity of observing the habits of life of the raccoon may have seen that he invariably treats his food by soaking it before devouring it. If one should give a raccoon a piece of bread or cracker, he will immediately throw it in the water. The raccoon is extremely fond of water, drinking largely and immersing his food so as to moisten it as much as possible. When the raccoon in captivity is offered a morsel of cracker, it takes it in both paws, and waddling off to the little pond in its cage dips its prize into the water, and when it is well soaked proceeds to eat it. Except in the case of meat, which the animal seems to consider moist enough, its food has always to undergo this soaking process before it is eaten. It is from this curious habit that the raccoon has been given its scientific name of *lutra*, meaning washer. German naturalists term it *wasch bar*, or washing bear. It examines every object within its reach, whether animate or inanimate, and if the latter is apt to carry off and wash the object of its investigation.—Brooklyn Eagle.

Interesting Mementos.

An Irish contractor who had acquired considerable wealth invited an old friend, a companion of former days, to visit his house and see his bric-a-brac. The visitor was taken to the library and shown a three corner piece of brick, around which was a wreath of immortelles.

"Phew's that, Mike?" asked the visitor.

"That's the brick that med this hole," said the contractor, pointing to his head.

"But what's the ring of flowers for?"

"Oh, they come off the coffin of the fellow that trowed the brick," said Mike.—Philadelphia Call.

Curious Effects of Frost.

An egg expands when it is frozen so much that the increased bulk breaks the shell. Apples, on the contrary, contract to such an extent that a full barrel will shrink until the top layer will be a foot below the chime. When the frost has been slowly and carefully drawn out, they again assume their normal size and appearance. Apples can be transported when the mercury is 20 degrees below zero. Potatoes once touched by frost are ruined.—St. Louis Republic.

Real Distress of Mind.

Dora—I'm in such distress of mind, and I want your advice. I am loved by three men, and I don't know which to accept.

Clara—Which one has the most money?

Dora—If I knew that, do you suppose I'd waste precious time running around for advice?—Boston Home Journal.

The Three Leaders.

The three great leaders in the emancipation of woman are the sewing machine, the typewriting machine and the bicycle.—Rochester Post-Express.

FOSSIL BOTANY IN PENNSYLVANIA.

One Hundred and Fifty Specimens of Plant Deposits Found Under Coal.

Underneath the great bed of coal, making the floor of the coal mentioned, is one of the most varied paleobotanical deposits known to science. No other single locality in this or any other country has ever contributed such a collection and such a variety of the preglacial, or it may be said, the carboniferous, botanical flora as has come from this coal floor.

The material in which these remarkable fossil imprints occur is a dark, sandy shale, and to say that the stratum is filled with plant remains is giving the fact only mild expression. The richness and rareness of this plant deposit will be understood when it is stated that more than 150 varieties of specimens have been found, some entirely new to science and such as have never been found elsewhere, and all this on an area of only from two to three feet in thickness, from which the superabundance of this early flora may at once be inferred. The first vegetable form that is undeniably that of a mushroom was here discovered, and so anomalous was this to the associated formations that it was made the subject of a paper read before the American Philosophical society.

This remarkable locality is not content only in vying with the world in the richness and rareness of botanical finds, but a crustacean of a rare type is also in the collection from these shales. This is a form allied to eurypterids, and in honor to I. F. Mansfield, the owner and enthusiastic and indefatigable collector of these specimens, the new fossil creature has been called *Dolichopterus mansfieldi*. A matter of scientific interest as related to this shale is the fact that the material that entered into this canal coal formation was not produced from the bed on which it rests, the myriads of plant specimens affording an abundance of negative testimony. Dr. Newberry, a former Ohio state geologist, has suggested that the canal coal owes its origin probably to the drifting of a carboniferous mud into some quiet lagoon. Probably a quiet settling of sedimentary matter would better express the process, for it must have had a most quiescent action that so evenly and gently pressed down the delicate plant life so as to preserve all the fine minute in the imprint. This Darlington district will become a botanical Mecca for students of paleobotanical science.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

A Hardy Magnolia.

On account of early flowering and sweet odor the Magnolia conspicua is one of the most popular of all magnolias. In England it doesn't seem to thrive as well as in America, the summers of that region not seeming to be sufficient to properly ripen its wood. Even in comparatively mild climates, they have to plant against high walls or buildings in order to get the additional summer heat for this purpose. Foreigners are therefore surprised when they come to America and find trees 50 or 60 feet high covered with thousands of its large, white, cuplike blossoms. It is one of the earliest to bloom, coming out before the winter is scarcely over. In fact, not unfrequently blossoms are destroyed by late frosts. Although a tree, it has the advantage of flowering quite young—2 or 3 year old plants frequently bearing one or two blossoms. Some people object to having a tree covered with bloom without any leaves and criticize it as unnatural, but for all this it is generally popular in spite of these criticisms.—Meehan's Monthly.

George—I have been invited to a flower party at the Pinkies. What's it about?

Jack—That's one of the notions new this season. It is a modern form of birthday party. Each guest must send Miss Pinkies a bouquet containing as many flowers as she is years old, and the flowers must have a meaning. Study up on the language of flowers before ordering.

Florist's Boy (a few hours later)—A gentleman's left an order for 20 of these flowers, to be sent to the Pinkies with his card.

Florist—He's one of my best customers. Add 8 or 10 more for good measure.—London Tit-Bits.

Diplomatic Reticence. The social reformer was paying a visit to the convicts in the penitentiary and asking them various questions.

"And what are you doing here, my friend?" he said to a good looking man in the shoeshop.

"Making shoes," was the reply that discouraged any further inquiry in that direction.—Detroit Free Press.

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PRICES OF SEVRES.

Some of the Finest Figures Sold For This Much Coveted Ware.

A set of three oval tall jardiniere of the largest model, green ground, painted with birds and flowers by Alonde, which sold in Lord Dudley's sale in 1886 for 1,668 guineas—they cost him £1,995—dropped to 1,470 guineas when they appeared in Lord Revelstoke's sale in 1893. At the latest named collector's sale also a Rose du Barri jardiniere of the largest model, with white and gold scroll handles, sold for 1,050 guineas; a pair of green even tall jardiniere, each painted with tropical birds and flowers on white ground, went for 480 guineas, and a pair of Rose du Barri square jardiniere, 6½ inches high, fetched 210 guineas!

Among the Cassobury Park treasures, collected in France soon after the great French revolution by the fifth Earl of Essex and sold in 1893, an oviform vase and cover on grose blue ground, and painted with a seaport and marine trophy in colors in medallions by Morin, 15 inches high, realized the extraordinary sum of 1,900 guineas or close on £2,000. A garniture of five sea green vases, with birds and plants in dark blue and colors, each about 14½ inches high, realized 1,400 guineas, and many other items sold for equally extravagant amounts. At the Hodgson sale at Christie's in 1893, among the old Sevres porcelain were 76 white plates, with blue lines and gilt edges. These plates realized over 3 guineas apiece, but much more artistic articles may be had from any dealer in modern china at less than as many shillings each. Even as far back as 1855 certain examples of old Sevres ware well into three figures, for at the dispersal of the Bernal collection in that year a pair of vases of the Rose du Barri pattern, 14½ inches high, with plinths, sold for £1,492 10s., and a pair of vases, turquoise, for £1,417 10s., the purchaser in each case being Lord Hertford.

But probably neither before nor since did Sevres porcelain realize such absurd prices as at the Hamilton palace sale in 1882. Collectors were simply carried away by the great fame of this extraordinary collection, and their enthusiasm outran their discretion, as doubtless many have realized to their sorrow since. So far as regards examples of old Sevres in this collection, we have only room to mention two illustrative examples—a vase and cover, turquoise ground, with white and gold bands and festoons of foliage 13½ inches high, £1,565, and an oval plume, gros bleu festoons and medallions, imitating mosaic, 11½ inches by 8½ inches, £430. An interesting item in Sevres occurred in the collection of Dr. Patrick Sinclair Laing, sold at Sotheby's in February, 1893, a pair of vases and covers in rich blue ground, painted with portraits of the Empress Catherine of Russia and interlaced letters forming monograms of the king of France and the empress, with crowns of gold above. This lot sold for £295.—Fortnightly Review.

A Death Test.

"I was talking to a prominent physician in Chicago the other day," said Mark Ellsmith, a Boston drummer, "and he told me of a way to determine whether a person supposed to be dead is so in reality that I never heard of before, but which he claimed to be an infallible test. He said to tie a tight ligature around one of the fingers of the supposed corpse. If life be not extinct, the extremity of the finger soon becomes red, the depth of the color gradually increasing to a dark crimson, while the skin above the ligature remains white. He said that he has tried the test on a number of occasions, and that in one instance it had been the means of saving a young lady whom everybody supposed was dead from being buried alive."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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