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PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

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Particular attention paid to the sale of Real Estate. [jan 27—tf

THOMAS ANDERSON. W. VEIRS BOUIC, JR.
ANDERSON & BOUIC, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, aug 5—tfu Rockville, Md.

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Will practice in the Courts of Montgomery and Frederick counties.
Office, directly opposite the old Washington Hotel. [june 12—tf

WILLIAM BREWER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Rockville, Md.
Particular attention paid to conveyancing and the sale of Real Estate.
Office, on the N. W. corner of Commerce and Washington Streets, opposite St. Mary's Female Institute. [aug 19—tfu

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Will practice in the Courts of Montgomery and Frederick counties.
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Strict attention given to all business entrusted to them.
Office, directly opposite the Court House. [sept 2—y

GEO. PETER. JAS. B. HENDERSON
PETER & HENDERSON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW
Will practice in the Circuit Court for Montgomery county, and in the Court of Appeals of Maryland.
Special attention given to examination of Title to Lands, Collection of Debts, &c. oct 29—yn

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Practice in the Courts of this, the Sixth, Judicial Circuit of Maryland, and in the Court of Appeals. All business committed to them will be promptly and carefully attended to.
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BERRY & ROBERTS, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Upper Marlboro', Md.
Will practice in the Courts of Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, St. Mary's, and Calvert counties. Prompt attention given to all business entrusted to them.
Will attend particularly the trial of causes in the Court of Appeals. jan 3—yn

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DR. F. H. MANNAKEE, Surgeon Dentist, Rockville, Md.
Office on the north-west corner of Commerce and Washington streets. sep 29—y

DR. T. SOLLERS WATERS, DENTIST,
No. 43 Hanover Street, BALTIMORE, Md.
Office hours from 8 A. M., to 2 P. M., and from 3 to 6 P. M. nov 5—tf

ALEX. DADE, LICENSED AUCTIONEER.
Letters addressed to him, at Poolesville, Md., on business, will receive prompt attention. [mar 10—tf

JAMES W. BOSWELL, LICENSED AUCTIONEER, Rockville, Md.
Will attend to sales in any part of the county, and his terms will be such as cannot fail to please. All orders addressed to him, at Rockville, Darnestown, or Poolesville, will be promptly attended to. [dec 14—tf

BROOKEVILLE CARRIAGE FACTORY, ESTABLISHED 1868.
THE SUBSCRIBER, grateful for the liberal patronage extended to him for the past three years, respectfully informs the public that he still continues, at his old stand, to
Make and Repair Carriages,
of every description, with experienced workmen, moderate charges and good work.
OLD CARRIAGES taken in exchange for new.
FARM WORK of all kinds, either of Wood or Iron, will receive particular attention. ORDERS filled with dispatch.

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HAVING provided himself with a First-Class HEARSE, and a large stock of Mahogany, Walnut and Cherry Plank, he will also carry on the *UNDERTAKING BUSINESS.* He will attend Funerals in any portion of the county. All orders addressed to him at Brookeville, Md., will receive prompt attention.
WM. MILSTEAD, mar 31—tf Brookeville, Md.

WOOL! WOOL!! WOOL!!!
HIGHEST CASH PRICES PAID FOR WOOL. JNO. A. BAKER, Agricultural Warehouse, between 9th and 10th Streets, June 2—tfa Washington, D. C.

CANDIES, CANNED FRUIT, &c.
Superior Canned Peaches, Tomatoes, Corn, &c.
Lemons, Oranges, French Candies, Figs, Raisins, Cocoa Nuts, &c.
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We have a full supply of Castings for White & Brod' Iron Beam Plow, also Castings for Minor & Horton's Peekskill Plows.
aug 11—tfa BOUIC BROS.

BUSINESS CARDS.

ST. MARY'S INSTITUTE, UNDER CHARGE OF THE Misses DUGAN & WALLEY, ROCKVILLE, MD.
THE TWENTY-FOURTH SESSION will commence on *MONDAY, September 4th,* 1871. Parents are particularly requested to enter their children at the commencement of the session. No deduction is made for absence or withdrawal from the Institute, except in cases of protracted illness. aug 4—tf

MONTGOMERY FEMALE INSTITUTE.
THE FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION will commence **Monday, September 4th,** 1871, at the New Hall now in course of erection.
THE COURSE OF STUDY is *full,* and the instruction *thorough.*
TERMS per quarter, (*payable one-half in advance,*) same as heretofore.
No deduction for absence, except in cases of protracted illness. Apply for Circular to COOKE D. LUCKETT, July 7—3m Principal.

ROCKVILLE ACADEMY,
A Classical and Mathematical School for Young Gentlemen.
J. D. ABRAHAMS, Principal. MELVILLE MARBURY, Assistant.
THE SIXTY-SECOND SESSION of this Institution will commence August 15th, 1871, and close the last Friday in June. Arrangements have been made to accommodate Boarders in private families.
Terms same as heretofore. Charges made from date of entrance.
For further particulars address THE PRINCIPAL. sep 22—tf Rockville, Md.

SADDLES AND HARNESS.
LARGE ASSORTMENT JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE AT LOW PRICES, BY A. T. DAVIS, ROCKVILLE, MD.
New Work done at short notice, and Repairing promptly attended to. oct 13—tf

WEBB & BEVERIDGE, IMPORTERS,
Wholesale and Retail Dealers in CHINA, GLASS, AND CROCKERY, FINE CUTLERY AND PLATED WARE.
No. 421 ODD FELLOWS HALL, Seventh St., Washington, D. C.
Parties visiting our City are respectfully invited to examine our Stock and Prices. sep 8—3m

DAVID H. BOUIC. BENJ. A. BOUIC.
Established, June 1865.
BOUIC BROS, MERCHANTS, ROCKVILLE, MD., DEALERS IN
Dry Goods, Groceries, Hardware, Queensware, Tinware, Boots & Shoes, Hats, Notions, Drugs, &c.
October 21, 1870.

HENRY KING, JR., MASONIC TEMPLE OF FASHION!
No. 600 NINTH STREET, 901, 903 F STREET,
Corner 9th and F Streets, Washington, D. C.
Fancy and Millinery Goods,
Ladies and Gents' Furnishing Goods,
REAL LACES AND TRIMMINGS.
Goods received daily from Auction. oct 6—y15

TIN AND SHEET-IRON MANUFACTORY.
THE subscriber, having just taken rooms in the building, in ROCKVILLE, occupied by Mr. Louis Sadtler, informs the citizens of Rockville and Montgomery county generally, that he is prepared to do all kinds of Tin, Copper and Sheet-Iron Work, Roofing, Guttering and Spouting, Repairing Stoves, &c. &c.
Being a practical workman, he feels confident that he can give satisfaction to all who may favor him with their patronage, a liberal share of which he respectfully solicits. jan 27—3m HENRY VIETT.

BOOT AND SHOE MAKING.
HAVING purchased F. HENLIN'S Boot and Shoe establishment, the business, as heretofore, will be conducted by the undersigned, in all its branches, at the old stand, next door to the Store of BOUIC BROTHERS.
He is prepared to make up, at short notice and on the most liberal terms, Gentlemen's and Boys' Stitched, Sewed and Pegged BOOTS & SHOES, and all kinds of Ladies' SHOES & SLIPPERS.
He hopes, by attention to business, to merit and receive a share of the public patronage. may 12—tf LEWIS SADTLER.

Fine Watch Repairs, AT TRADE PRICES.
JOHN R. HARE, English Watchmaker, (for 3 years with Larmour & Co.,) under the Mansion House, corner of Fayette and St. Paul streets, BALTIMORE, Maryland.
Cleaning, $1.50; Main Spring, $1.25. warranted for one year. apr 28—tf

FOR SALE
JOHNSON'S IRON BEAM PLOWS and Castings at a reduced price, by N. D. OFFUTT, mar 10—tfa Rockville, Md.

BUSINESS CARDS.

R. A. BOGLEY, Wheelwright and Undertaker, ROCKVILLE, MD.
All orders promptly and expeditiously attended to, at moderate charges. may 15—y

LUMBER, LUMBER.
WILLET & LIBBEY, Cor. 6th & K Sts., Washington, D. C.
A LARGE STOCK OF SIMMONS & DAVIS' CYPRESS SHINGLES, constantly on hand, at a LOWER PRICE than they can bought anywhere else in the city. [may 5—tf

B. TALBOTT & SON, COMMISSION MERCHANTS GEORGETOWN D. C.
Give personal attention to the *SALE AND DELIVERY of all kinds of GRAIN AND FARM PRODUCE.*
Office, on Canal, near Market-House. nov 4—y

JOHN McDERMOTT & BROS.
COACH MAKERS AND CARRIAGE DEALERS, 455 Pennsylvania Av., near Third St., WASHINGTON, D. C.
CARRIAGE AND HARNESS received on Storage and sold on Commission. CARRIAGES REPAIRED. nov 10—1y

CHAS. W. NICHOLS,
HOUSE CARPENTER & BUILDER, will furnish Plans and Specifications and EXECUTE ALL WORK in any style or finish persons may desire.
My experience in both city and country building, warrant me in saying to all persons wishing a good house, either dwelling or outbuilding, that I am prepared to execute it, either by contract or otherwise, in the best manner for durability and style of finish, and secure the entire satisfaction of all persons favoring me with their patronage.
Communications addressed to me at Norbeck P. O., will be promptly attended to. CHAS. W. NICHOLS.
SCAN'T STONE, of the best quality for fireplaces, furnished to order. [jun 13—1y

UNDERTAKING.
THE undersigned would respectfully inform the citizens of Rockville and vicinity, that he has bought the right, title, interest and good will of his father, in the UNDERTAKING BUSINESS, together with the Hearse, Wagon, &c. necessary for conducting the same, and that he will be prepared hereafter, upon the shortest notice, to accommodate all who may require his services. A liberal share of patronage is solicited.
W. REUBEN PUMPHREY, Washington Street, June 10—tf Rockville, Md.

MANTUA MAKING AND TAILORING.
THE undersigned having removed to the house next door west of Mr. John H. Higgins' Store, in the town of Rockville, is now prepared to
Cut and Make Up Ladies' Dresses,
and MAKE CLOTHING of all kinds for gentlemen and children, and attend to MACHINE STITCHING, &c.
All work entrusted to us will be done in the best manner, and at reasonable terms.
MRS. MARTHA HARDESTY and DAUGHTERS. jun 17—tf

LUMBER! LUMBER!
WILLET & LIBBEY, COR SIXTH AND K STS., WASHINGTON, D. C.,
KEEP ALL VARIETIES OF LUMBER, and sell at the *LOWEST MARKET RATES.* We are selling
Y. P. INCH FLOORING, per 100 feet, from $2 50 to $3 50;
WHITE PINE SIDING, per 100 feet, from $2 50 to $3 50;
WHITE PINE 4-4 CULLS, per 100 feet, from $2 50 to $2 75.
Lumber delivered, if wanted, to wagons, FREE OF CHARGE. may 5—tf

TO GROCERS AND OTHER DEALERS.
THE undersigned begs leave to inform *GROCERS AND OTHERS,* that he has taken out
Wholesale Liquor Dealer's License,
and is now prepared to furnish all who may favor him with a call, with all kinds of
LIQUORS, GROCERIES, &c.
IN ANY QUANTITY, and as cheap as they can be purchased elsewhere.
WM. T. HERRON, Corner of High and Bridge streets, June 30—tf Georgetown, D. C.

JOHN SINCLAIR. J. P. MILLARD.
SINCLAIR & MILLARD, DEALERS IN
LIGHTNING RODS, Corner of 20th and M Streets, WASHINGTON, D. C.
LIGHTNING RODS MANUFACTURED & ERECTED in the best manner.
Johnson's Patent Copper Rod, and Galvanized Refined Iron Rods, always on hand.
REPAIRING done promptly, and all work warranted to give satisfaction.
Our Copper Rod is worth 50 per cent. more than any other copper rod made.
ORDERS left at the SENTINEL Office, will be promptly attended to. sep 9—tf

WOOL WANTED,
For which the highest market price will be paid, and as much as can be obtained for it in Baltimore. mar 31—tf S. D. HIGGINS.
for the transaction of business.

BUSINESS CARDS.

WM. OLDFIELD, PUMP-MAKER, FOUNTAIN GREEN, Harford county, Md.
Gives his undivided attention to the prosecution of his business, in all its branches.
PUMPS of the most approved kind made to order, and READY-MADE PUMPS always on hand. TERMS—50 Cents per foot.
ALL NEW WORK WARRANTED.
ORDERS addressed to the subscriber, at Fountain Green, Harford county, Md., will receive prompt attention. June 3—3m WM. OLDFIELD.

HAMILTON OLDFIELD, PUMP-MAKER, ELLICOTT CITY, Howard Co., Md.
Gives his undivided attention to the prosecution of his business, in all its branches.
PUMPS of the most approved kinds made to order, and READY-MADE PUMPS always on hand. The charge is **50 Cents** per foot.
ALL NEW WORK WARRANTED.
Orders addressed to the subscriber at Ellicott City, Howard county, Md., will be promptly attended to. mar 3—tf HAMILTON OLDFIELD.

B. F. CARTER, (LATE PARTNER WITH WM. OLDFIELD, ESQ.) PUMP-MAKER, FOUNTAIN GREEN, Harford Co., Md.
Will attend promptly to DIGGING AND WALLING WELLS, PUTTING IN NEW PUMPS and REPAIRING OLD ONES.
NEW PUMPS kept always on hand. Price **50 cents** per foot.
ALL NEW WORK WARRANTED.
All letters addressed to B. F. CARTER, Fountain Green, Harford county, Md., or to HOOD MILLS, Poolesville, Md., will be promptly attended to. oct 7—3m. B. F. CARTER.

SLATE ROOFS!
THE SUBSCRIBER is prepared to put on **SLATE ROOFS,** PLAIN OR ORNAMENTAL, at any time.
Having increased my force at the QUARRY, I have a good stock on hand, at REDUCED PRICES.
Thankful for the patronage extended to him for the past seventeen years, he hopes to merit a continuance of the same.
Address WM. WILLIAMS, Slate, Hyattstown, Montgomery Co., Md. april 7—1y

BOOT AND SHOE MAKING.

THE undersigned having located in GAITHERSBURG, for the purpose of carrying on the *SHOE MAKING BUSINESS,* in all its branches, would respectfully inform the citizens of Montgomery county, that he is prepared to *MAKE TO ORDER* all work in his line, in the most fashionable and substantial style, at short notice and on the most reasonable terms.
He solicits a share of the public patronage and guarantees satisfaction to all who may favor him with their work.
REPAIRING done. Orders from a distance promptly filled. J. A. BLUNDON, June 24—y Gaithersburg, Md.

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DEALER IN FINE FANCY & MILLINERY GOODS,
Real Laces, Trimmings, EMBROIDERIES, BUTTONS, &c. &c.
STOCK ALWAYS COMPLETE.
GOODS sold at LOWEST MARKET PRICES.
NEW GOODS RECEIVED DAILY.
ALL GOODS WARRANTED as represented.
At Davis'
801 Market Space, cor. 8th Street, WASHINGTON, D. C.
N. B.—Having just returned from New York with an elegant and extensive assortment of all kinds of Fancy and Millinery Goods, embracing all the latest Parisian Novelties, I am prepared to offer superior inducements to buyers. sep 30—tfn E. G. DAVIS.

READ! READ! READ!
BOOTS AND SHOES!

THE undersigned takes pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Poolesville and vicinity, that he has fitted up a New Shop, adjoining his Dwelling House, near the Baptist Church, in Poolesville, Md., for the purpose of carrying on the manufactory of BOOTS AND SHOES, in all its various branches.
He will keep constantly on hand a prime stock of Leather, and good workmen, which will enable him to fill all orders in his line of business with promptness and dispatch. His prices will be as low as any other establishment in the county.
He feels under many obligations to the public for their liberal patronage at his old stand, and pledges himself to do all in his power to give general satisfaction to all who may patronize him at his new place of business.
He hopes he will continue to receive a liberal share of public patronage, as he is determined to turn off *Good Work, at Moderate Prices.* JOHN R. GRIMES, June 2—tf Poolesville, Md.

Libbey's Lumber Yard.
JOS. LIBBEY. Established 1830. J. E. LIBBEY.
CONSTANTLY ON HAND, AND FOR SALE, a full assortment of all kinds of
BUILDING LUMBER,
SEASONED, including in part:
White Pine, from 5-8 to 3 in. thick;
Yellow Pine Joist;
Scantling, all lengths.
DRESSED FLOORING,
Virginia and Carolina Pine, of best quality.
N. Carolina Cypress Shingles, all grades,
Laths, Pickets, &c. Also,
Seasoned Hardwoods,
SUCH AS ASH, OAK, POPLAR and INDIANA WALNUT.
All for sale at the lowest market rates, by JOS. & J. E. LIBBEY, (Successors to Jos. Libbey,) No. 27 Water Street, may 12—tf Georgetown, D. C.

DRY GOODS, &c.

BOUIC & BROTHER
HAVE JUST RECEIVED A LARGE STOCK OF DRY GOODS, Groceries, &c. &c. WHICH THEY ARE SELLING AT
The Very Lowest Prices.
oct 13—tf

PER STEAMER OHIO.
Imported to Order.
CHOICE "Oxford Mixed" COATINGS, Cloths, Cheviots and Cassimeres.
English and French Blue and Fancy Colored Cassimeres of select qualities and styles.
Lyons Silk finish Velveteens and English Corduroys. (new patterns in white.)
"Housewife" and Family Irish Linens, extra durable.
Full lines of White and Colored Woolen Flannels and Canton Flannels of the very best brands produced.
Novelties in Autumn Shawls.
Unusual bargains in plain Black and Fancy Colored Silks.
Alpacas, Mohairs, Bombazines, English Crapes, Crape Veils, and all other kinds of Black Goods of better qualities and values than usually found in this market.
Our usual ample stock of Table Linens, Blankets, Sheetings, and all other kinds of Dry Goods for the wants of families and housekeepers.
Our buyers are now at the North, and send us new supplies daily.
Subscribers and strangers will inspect our Stock at their pleasure.
ONE PRICE ONLY, MARKED IN PLAIN FIGURES.
FERRY & BROTHER, PENN. AVENUE AND NINTH STREET, WASHINGTON, D. C. (Established 1840.)
CARPETS, CURTAINS, MATTINGS OIL-CLOTHS, RUGS, &c. UP STAIRS. sep 15—tf

NEW FALL AND WINTER GOODS.
I HAVE just received a very large Stock of FALL and WINTER GOODS, bought entirely for Cash, and will sell at the lowest CASH PRICES for Cash or short and prompt payment, comprising in part as follows:
Black and Colored Alpacas
Poplins and Lustred Delaines
Plaid and Striped Poplins
Plaid and Plaid Gingham
White, Red, and Plaid Flannel
Cloth, Cassimere and Cloth
Plaid and Striped Cottons
Bleached and Brown Do
Bleached and Brown 5-4 and 10-4 Sheeting
Cretons
P. K. Linsey, Linsey
Black and Fancy Cassimeres
Black French Cloth
Linen Linen, Kentucky Jeans
Tweeds, Gray Cloth, Cazinet
New Stock Calicoes, from 6¼ up, best makes 12½
Linen Crash, Blue, Brown, and Green Berege, &c.
Notions in Great Variety
Ladies and Gents Linen Collars and Cuffs
Do do Paper do do
Do do Kid, Thread, and Cotton Gloves
English and American Hosiery, in great variety
Gents Riding Gloves, Merino Shirts
Fine Linen do White, Blue, and Fancy Yarn
Needles, Pins, Tape, Whalebones, Hooks and Eyes
Spool Cotton, Spool Silk, Knitting Cotton
Corsets, Plain and Fancy Ribbons
Paper Envelopes, &c.
A Large Stock of Boots and Shoes.
Ladies' Button and Laced Listing Gaiters
Misses' do do do do
Ladies' Morocco and Calf Shoes
Boys' Calfskin and Heavy do
Mens' Fine and Heavy do
Children's Shoes in variety
Large Stock of QUEENSWARE, TIN WARE, HARDWARE, &c.
Groceries.
White and Brown Sugars, Java, Laguira, Rio, and Ground Coffee
Gunpowder, Imperial, and Black Tea
Lard, Flour, Corn Meal, Stone Jars
Molasses, Syrup, Rice
Herrings, Mackrel, Salt
Whiskey, Brandy, Wines, Rum, &c.
Lubricating Oil, Coal Oil, and Lamps
Rope, Nails, Spikes, Horse Shoes
Horse-shoe Nails, Forks, Spades, Shovels, Hoes, Plow Points, Trace Chains, Harness, &c.
All of which I promise to sell at the very lowest prices. An examination of my Stock is earnestly solicited, as we do not consider it any trouble to show Goods, and do not want any one to buy unless perfectly satisfied.
WILLIAM JONES, Jr. sep 22—tf Rockville, Md.

7-30 Northern Pacific Railroad Bonds.
Principal and Interest payable in Gold.
THESE BONDS are now offered by JAY COOKE & Co., as a perfectly reliable and profitable investment, and they strongly recommend *the conversion* of U. S. 5-20's, which have been called in, (or probably will be soon called in,) for redemption, into this safe and profitable investment.
The holder of a $1000 Five-Twenty Bond, who exchanges it now for Northern Pacific's, thereby increases his principal by 14 per cent. receiving $1140 in Northern Pacific's for $1000 in Five Twenties. He also permanently increases the yearly interest income on his investment more than 38 per cent, or from $60, in gold, to $83 22, in gold.
These Bonds may be purchased or exchanged, *without cost* to the purchaser, through B. RUSH ROBERTS, At Sandy Spring, in this county. oct 13—3mn10

Black Rock Mills Family Flour AND CORN MEAL, for sale, by N. D. OFFUTT, mar 25—tf Rockville, Md.

Poetical.

[PUBLISHED BY REQUEST.]

The Maidens Story.

One cold, dark, cheerless wintry night,
Gathered around a fire bright,
Five maidens old—we would divine
The youngest then was thirty-nine;
The eldest maid, and most sedate,
Had numbered all of forty eight;
Each maid her knitting had in hand—
Each maiden's face was bright and bland:
Right busily their fingers flew,
Right merrily their tongues ran too.
At length one dropped her worsted ball,
And rose to catch it, maidens all;
But, luckless thing, it reached the fire;
Its owner then, with nimble tire,
Caught up her ball, and tartly said—
"The sparks had seared her worsted thread,
That sparks had ever her horror been,
Were they of fire, or were they men."
Then opened the maidens wide their eyes,
And raised their hands in much surprise,
For they had often heard it said
The maid had once engaged to wed,
And why a maiden she should be,
To them was still a mystery.
Then spoke the eldest maid, and said—
"Pray tell us why you never have wed;
Sparks seem to have your worsted ball,
Have sparks never gained your heart at all?"
The maiden turned her head away,
And for a moment to sight did stay.
At length, "it is not fair," said she,
"For you to ask my history,
Unless you will frankly tell
Why you, like me, unmarried dwell—
Will all say was you to single state?"
Then answered they, "we will! we will!
We will tell our history,
And tend our selves to secresy."
Now closer to the fire they drew,
And stirred the blazing brands anew,
And then between them it was agreed
The eldest should the rest precede.
A few slight coughs, and then began
The maiden's tale, and thus it ran:
"While yet in early maidenhood,
One sought my love to gain;
He was the noblest of his sex,
Nor did he love in vain.
I loved him most devotedly,
He was my hope, my pride,
For him I would have laughed at want—
For him I could have died.
He ever was most eloquent,
When speaking of the home,
The peace, the real happiness
That home should be our own.
I trusted, and my sky seemed bright
As summer sky at noon,
But sable clouds soon intervened,
My bright sun sat in gloom.
For ill disease had laid his hand
On him I held so dear,
And ere a month had passed away,
They laid him on his bier.
I watched him till his spirit fled
Its tenement of clay,
I cared not for the sneering lip,
Or what the world might say.
Since then my hand has oft been sought,
But I have answered—no!
I deem it sin to yield a hand
Where heart can never go."
Each maid wiped something from her eye—
Each maid drew something like a sigh;
And then another maid began
Her narrative, and thus it ran:
"Man is deceitful, and love can decay—
This I had proven in life's early day;
Never a maiden more trusting than I,
Ere falsehood of man had taught me to sigh.
One vowed that he loved; I listened, believed;
He seemed most sincere, and I was deceived;
He asked for the heart which he has abused,
He said for my hand, and it was not refused.
Our wedding eve came, friends crowded each room,
The bride was all ready, but missing the groom.
They searched, but in vain, gave up in despair;
Guests soon departed with wondering stare.
My heart it beat lightly, I felt—almost knew
That trouble detained him—he surely was true.
Came then a message, which told me that he
Had married another, and that I was free.
Then I despised him; my soul rose above
Such weakness as tears—such folly as love.
Since then I have yielded no faith unto man,
Have hated the sex, and blame me who can."
The maiden paused. None wondered now
The name of spark should cloud her brow;
And then a voice, sweet and low,
Related what we write below:
"Ere yet in childhood's early day,
Those careless days of mirth were gone,
I saw that man, when dealing with our sex,
Oft sought but to deceive, to wrong.
I saw that many, honest deemed
In all their intercourse with men,
Blushed not to play the part of hypocrite
With us, to seek our love, and then—
Boast of their triumph o'er the heart—
Boast of the falsehoods they have used
To win, without quite asking for the heart
Which they said would be refused.
I had a sister once. Poor thing!
She gave her hand, without a sigh,
To one she deemed most excellent; but soon,
Heart-broken, she came home to die.
She told me man but seldom proved
All that he appeared to be;
She said that woman, if she wed at all,
Had care and little liberty.
And as I had enough of wealth
To banish want while life should last,
I said I would not yield to man the heart
Or hand, which he might scorn at last.
Many have urged me to believe
That all were not alike, and said
That they at least were most sincere and true
As they would prove if I would wed.
But I had no desire to risk
My little happiness below;
Therefore, to all who sought my hand, I said
Kindly, but with firmness—No!
So ladies I am single still,
Nor am I in the least afraid
To say that I am happier far than most
Who shudder at the name 'old maid.'"
None ventured to gainsay a word,
And so another tale was heard.
"A beauty and a village pet,
I said I will not marry yet,
But will a little while coquet;
And so
I flirted with each beau awhile,
On no one would frown, on one would smile,
But sought to hold them all the while,
Each beau.
A beauty and a village belle, I thought
Should surely marry well,
And which to take I could not tell,
And so,
As better offers soon might come,
I thought I would not change my home,
And would give answers unto none
But no.
Years swiftly fled, and beauty too,
My cheeks soon lost their roseate hue,
And lovers they were very few,
And so,
Extremely plain and poor, that I
To marry would not even try,
And now an old maid *I shall die*—
Heigh ho!!"
The listeners smiled, and now began
The youngest of that maiden band.
"Well, ladies, as I live, I never had
An offer in my life;
Nay, do not stare, each word I speak is truth;
Am I to blame, then, I am not a wife?
My earlier days were spent on bed of pain,
And when my sickness fled,
It left me almost crippled, and none wished
To ask a sickened one like me to wed.
One there was who seemed to love me well—
Only as a brother;
For me he gathered flowers, and read long tales;
He is married now; I never loved another.
And ladies, I your histories have heard,
And think they plainly show
You know no more of happiness than I,
Who never had a beau!"
The maiden ceased. Now all agreed
That they from many cares were freed;
And were contented with their lot,
Should any say that they were not.
Such slanderous words should be resented,
For certainly they were contented.
And reader, from our tale you see,
But few are from necessity
Obliged to lead a single life;
And we opine that many a wife,
To speak our minds we're not afraid,
Had better far been an old maid.

Drinking.

Since my early childhood, the subject of dissipation has caused me to ponder whenever it has come before my mind, either from seeing some one under the influence of intoxication, or from being present when the subject was under discussion. The thing I most wonder at, in connection with the subject, is the fact that though all agree that it is perfectly terrible to behold this horror and its effects, none seem inclined to take up the pen, and dig away as if they were trying to eradicate the vile and loathsome pestilence that it is from our midst, until the public mind is thoroughly awakened to the importance that a due consideration of this matter is to society—our fathers, our sons, and our brothers. Is it not perfectly awful to think of the number of agencies that the devil has upon the fate of our bright and beautiful land in the shape of groggeries and groceries, whose whole support is the sale of *hell fire* by the pint or drink? And how perfectly the individuals who keep these dreadful places verify the old saying, "that the devil takes care of his own," for how often we see characters who begin this trade, of purchasing souls for satan, with the smallest imaginable stock-in-trade—perhaps a five gallon runlet of *keen edge,* half dozen common glasses, a pack of cards, and a box of cigars (whose shape alone entitles them to the name) from branch out, buy houses, horses and buggies, and indulge in all the luxury and exceeding delight that common ambition aims at, and in a space so brief that it would seem to have been effected by the genii of the "magical lamp." These things honest plodding industry cannot attain, and, therefore, the rum seller is a terrible drawback and stumbling block for the mechanic, in two ways—first by selling them the slugs which poison the heart, making them a source of sorrow and sadness to their wives and children; and secondly, by alluring them from their honest labor, by the thought that their toil cannot accomplish so much brightness as seems to surround him, whom they should consider the *devil's own.* There is not the least use whatever in appealing to the good sense and virtue of persons addicted to drinking to abstain from the hellward course of destruction to themselves and precious families, because no matter how much sense and virtue they may have in other respects, upon this they are beyond all human persuasion, and the only way in the wide, wide world to reach their disease, is to cut off the supply of malaria, by recovering the ground from whence it came, as we would plow through and fill up a stagnant pool near our house, which was dealing fever amongst our darling children. This is, undoubtedly, the acceptable theory to all, but how is it ever to be put into practice, when our very laws, made for the protection of virtue, actually afford protection to the greatest drawback to virtue in the known world, by enabling persons to purchase a license to sell intoxicating liquors in small quantities? This license is a positive disgrace to the country, for it is palpably not the purpose of the law to restrain crime, but simply to preserve it as a source of heavy revenue. If the laws of our land made it a penitentiary act for any person to sell under a gallon of whiskey, gin, brandy, or rum, except for purposes strictly medicinal, it would have the effect to cause a large class of persons to benefit society with their labors on the farm and on the sea, and in other pursuits; and this would be infinitely better and truer to the purposes of our creation, I think, than their present work of dealing out death and destruction to their fellow creatures. R. W.

GEMS OF THOUGHT.—Truth is violated by falsehood, and it may be equally outraged by silence.

Debt is a horse that is always trying to throw his rider. Fools ride him bare-backed, and without a bridle.

The memory of good actions is the starlight of the soul.

He that avoids temptation always avoids sin.

WHEN you have anything to communicate that will distress the heart of the person whom it concerns, be silent, in order that he may hear from some one else. O, nightingale, bring thou the glad tidings of spring, and leave bad news to the owl.

MISS KATE, of Baltimore, set out to write a list of the wrongs of women, but found so many of them that she was driven to the conclusion that women suffer a wrong in being born at all. This disposes of the whole question in a nutshell.

THE treasurer of a Georgia colored school pocketed the funds, and reported that he had "run'd away wid all the money."