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nov 24—tf

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aug 19—tf

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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.
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jan 3—y

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sep 29—

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☞ Office hours from 8 A. M., to 2 P. M., and from 3 to 6 P. M.
nov 5—

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☞ 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

ST. MARY'S INSTITUTE,
UNDER CHARGE OF THE
Misses DUGAN & WALLEY,
ROCKVILLE, MD.
THE TWENTY-SIXTH SESSION will commence on *MONDAY, September 2d, 1872.* 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.
For particulars enquire at the Institute, corner of Washington and Commerce streets opposite the Post Office.
aug 2—tf

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.
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oct 7—ly B. F. CARTER.

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,
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GEORGETOWN, D. C.
Manufacturer and Dealer in
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☞ Repairing promptly attended to.
No. 100 High St., GEORGETOWN.
sep 7—1y

Groceries, Liquors, &c.

E. T. LYDDANE,
Corner 3d and Market Streets,
GEORGETOWN, D. C.
Constantly on hand the choicest brands of
GROCERIES, for family use, such as
COFFEES, TEAS,
RAISINS,
FRUITS, CHEESE,
SUGARS.
—ALSO—
PURE BAKER WHISKEY,
WINES, and LIQUORS of all kinds, which he offers at extremely low rates. dec 13—1y

CHAS. A. CARTER.] [WM. P. BRADLEY.
CARTER & BRADLEY,
—WHOLESALE AND RETAIL—
GROCERS,
Cor. Bridge and Congress St.,
GEORGETOWN, D. C.
WE take pleasure in announcing to our friends in Montgomery county that we, the undersigned, have formed a copartnership for the purpose of conducting the GROCERY BUSINESS in all its branches. Our stock consists of
FINE TEAS,
WINES, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC,
CHAMPAGNES, BRANDIES,
PURE BAKER WHISKEY,
AND OTHER BRANDS OF ALL GRADES.
Coffees, Sugars,
SPICES, FRUITS,
CANNED GOODS, FANCY PICKLES,
SAUCES, CRACKERS, &c.,
of all kinds, always in store and for sale at the
VERY LOWEST PRICES.
☞ COUNTRY PRODUCE bought at market rates.
☞ We respectfully invite the public to examine our stock before purchasing elsewhere.
ap 26—1fm CARTER & BRADLEY.

THOMAS M. METZ. THOS. H. HENDERSON.
METZ & HENDERSON,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL
GROCERS,
89 Bridge St., S. W. cor. Congress St.,
GEORGETOWN, D. C.
THE undersigned having leased the old and well-known Grocery House formerly occupied by the late Geo. W. Oaks, take pleasure in announcing to the citizens of Montgomery county, and the public generally, that they will keep on hand at all times a large and general assortment of
GROCERIES,
EMBRACING
TEAS, COFFEES, SUGARS, SPICES, FRUITS,
CANNED GOODS, FANCY CRACKERS,
BACON, LARD, FISH, SALT, &c.
FANCY PICKLES, SAUCES, &c.,
of every variety, constantly in store, and for sale at reasonable prices.
LIQUORS.
We shall always be supplied with a complete stock of Foreign and Domestic Wines and Liquors, &c., of the best brands.
☞ FLOUR, of all brands, CORN MEAL, &c., always for sale at market prices.
☞ Having purchased our stock upon terms that will enable us to sell AS LOW AS THE LOWEST, we respectfully ask an inspection of the same before purchasing.
☞ COUNTRY PRODUCE bought at all times, at the highest market rates, and people from the country will find it to their advantage to give us a call.
METZ & HENDERSON,
89 Bridge Street,
jan 26—y15 Georgetown, D.C.

The Cheapest Tea Store
IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Is at the southeast corner of
Seventh and I Sts., Washington, D. C.
JOHN DOWLING, Proprietor.
THE PEOPLE of Montgomery county are respectfully invited to visit the
American Tea Store,
corner of Seventh and I Streets, and ascertain, for themselves, by experience, the fact that they can here purchase
ALL KINDS OF GROCERIES,
at and even below Baltimore prices.
☞ COFFEE roasted daily, by HYDE'S PATENT COFFEE ROASTER, and ground by steam in presence of the purchaser.
aug 16—

TO GROCERS AND OTHER DEALERS.
THE undersigned begs leave to inform GROCERS AND OTHERS, that he has taken out a
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 the same can be purchased elsewhere.
WM. T. HERRON,
Corner of High and Bridge streets,
June 30—tf Georgetown, D. C.

FOR SALE
JOHNSON'S IRON BEAM
and Castings at a reduced price, by
N. D. O[illegible]

Dry Goods, Millinery, &c.

SPLENDID STOCK
OF
FALL AND WINTER
DRY GOODS,
AT
POPULAR PRICES,
NOW OPEN AT
BENJAMIN MILLER'S,
101 *Bridge Street, Georgetown, D. C.*
THE LARGEST STOCK OF GOODS we have ever offered our customers. Consisting in part of
LADIES' DRESS GOODS
OF ALL THE NEWEST STYLES, such as Black Silks, from $1.25 to 2.00 per yard, Silk and Wool French Poplins all colors, Irish Poplins, French Merinoes, Empress Cloth from 50 cents up, Mohair Poplins all colors, Colored Alpacas from 25 cts. up to 50 cts.
MOURNING GOODS.
Black Bombazines, Henrietta Cloth, Black Satins, Sames' Cloth, Empress Cloth, Black French Merino, Lupin's Black De Laines, Australian Crape Veils, Mourning Shawls, Long and Square.
SHAWLS.
A splendid assortment—embracing 100 of the very popular Striped Shawls in all the newest patterns, and very cheap.
Heavy Long and Square SHAWLS.
Water Proofs from $1.00 to 1.75 in Black Mixed, Blue, Green, and Gold Mixed, Balmoral Skirts, 75 cts to $1.00, 1.25, Hoop Skirts, Embossed Felt Skirts, Ditto for children, Corsets from 50 cts. to $2.00
Goods for Men and Boys' Wear.
Black and Blue French Cloths, Beaver Cloth, Doeskin Cassimers, Cassimers for Suitings, Tweeds, Kerseys, Cshinets from 37½ to 75 cts. Kentucky Jeans, 3-4 and 6-4 Virginia Full Cloths.
Housekeeping Dry Goods
50 Pair of Bed Blankets from 3.00 to $12.00 White Flannel from 25 cts up. Red Flannels, Table Damasks very cheap, Napkins, Towels, White Bedspreads large size $1.25, German Quilts, Bed Comforts, Carriage Robes with figures on them, Bleached and Brown Muslins at greatly REDUCED PRICES, 8-4, 9-4 and 10-4 Sheeting, Good heavy Brown Muslin full yard wide at 12½ cts. Bleached Ditto yard wide an excellent article 12½.
NOTIONS AND SUNDRIES.
Goods of all kinds for Ladies and Gents, a splendid stock of Kid Gloves, colored and black, at $1.00, Ladies' Merino Undervests and Drawers, Childrens' Merino Vests of all sizes, Mens' Merino and Lambs Wool Shirts and Drawers. Hosiery of all kinds, very cheap, Misses Corsets, Bustles, Coats' Clarks' Spool Cotton, all numbers, 6 cents a spool, 12 dos. Shirt Buttons at 5 cents, and a large stock of Notions of all kinds.
Our Goods have all been purchased for cash in the New York and Baltimore markets, and we respectfully solicit all in search of GOOD and CHEAP GOODS, to call and examine our stock, promising them GOOD BARGAINS.
We would respectfully return our thanks to our customers of Montgomery county for the liberal patronage heretofore extended to us.
BENJAMIN MILLER.
oct18—tfo

GOOD NEWS
FOR THE
LADIES OF ROCKVILLE AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY.
MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS,
IN GREAT VARIETY.
I HAVE RETURNED from New York, Philadelphia and Baltimore with a beautiful assortment of LADIES' and CHILDREN'S
Hats and Bonnets,
Trimmed and Untrimmed, Flowers, Silks and Ribbons, and a regular assortment of
Fancy Goods,
Ladies' and Children's Parasols, at reduced prices.
I have on hand also a large assortment of Pompadour Braids, Chignons, Switches, Rolls and Curls. Corsets from 50 cents a pair upward. Hoop Skirts, Bustles, Ladies' and Gents' Cotton and Linen Handkerchiefs. A fine lot of Lace and Linen Collars and Cuffs.
HOOP SKIRTS MADE TO ORDER.
I will also state that by buying at 111 Bridge Street, you can save 20 cents on every dollar of investment. Please give me a call and convince yourself of it.
☞ I have also on hand a large lot of TRIMMED HATS at 50 cents each. You will find an assortment of Goods at 111 Bridge Street which cannot be surpassed.
I have Buttons of every description, Silk, Pearl, Gilt, Bone, Agate and Glass.
Infants' Caps and Bonnets, old ladies' Dress Caps, and a great many other articles too numerous to mention.
☞ Particular attention paid to orders.—Country Stores supplied at Baltimore wholesale prices. Do not forget to go to
M. J. YOUNG,
111 Bridge Street,
apr 26—tf Georgetown, D.C.

AUTUMN AND WINTER
FANCY AND STAPLE
DRY GOODS
STOCK NOW FULL AND
in all Departments
and Appr[illegible]

Educational Cards.

MONTGOMERY FEMALE INSTITUTE.
THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION of the Montgomery Female Institute will commence on Monday, September 16th, 1872, and close June 30th, 1873, the re-opening of the School being postponed from September 2d, on account of the interruption occasioned by the Fair.
THE SCHOLASTIC YEAR is divided into two Terms of TWENTY WEEKS EACH, commencing respectively, Sept. 16th, 1872, and February 14th, 1873. Christmas week, being a holiday, is not included in the SESSION OF FORTY WEEKS.
THE COURSE of Instruction embraces the usual English Branches, Book-keeping, Mathematics, the Natural Sciences, Rhetoric, History and Literature, Mental and Moral Philosophy, Latin, Greek, French, German, Music (vocal and instrumental), Drawing, Composition, Penmanship &c. Special attention will be given to *Reading, Spelling, Arithmetic and English Grammar*, as constituting the *ground-work* of a liberal education, and the Principal alone, gives instruction in the *last two* branches, bestowing that care which they demand. Arithmetical and Geometrical Forms are used for illustration. Regarding the University of Virginia as a model of Southern Educational institutions, the plan of study pursued, will be made to conform to that, as nearly as possible, with such modifications as are necessary in a course for young ladies. The object will be to furnish the advantages of a thorough, practical and accomplished education, and to promote the *moral* as well as the *intellectual* advancement of pupils; and with this in view, the Teachers will ever strive to imbue the minds of those entrusted to their care, with those principles which will secure this end. The great aim will be to teach the pupil *to think, to discipline her mind and to expand its powers. The pernicious Parrot-System whereby the memory alone is exercised, to the utter neglect of other and higher intellectual faculties, we entirely ignore!*
The DISCIPLINE will be sufficiently strict and regular to promote the uninterrupted progress of pupils. The Principal's family, with the resident teachers and pupils, constitute one household, and thus compose a *Home School*. Pupils, *always accompanied by some member of the family*, attend such places of worship as parents and guardians may desire, nothing of a *sectarian* character being introduced in the School. The young ladies boarding with the family are not permitted to pay visits, or to receive visitors except members of their respective families. They are required to walk every afternoon (the weather permitting) with one of the Teachers, and are encouraged to take all healthful exercise that is proper, and consistent with duty and discipline. Every care is taken to promote *physical culture*. The strictest attention is paid to the laws of health, and the results have been marked and gratifying. The number of boarding pupils is limited this year, to six; yet the Principal, who has established this School especially to meet the wants of the people of Montgomery County, confidently hopes, in the course of another year, to perfect plans whereby he can accommodate an increased number. A Graduate of the University of Virginia, he has been engaged in teaching since 1860, *except during the four years of the war*. He will be assisted by Teachers of *successful experience*.
The School, though a private enterprise, is emphatically a *permanent institution*. Being aided by no donation either public or private, it is dependent solely upon the individual efforts of the Principal, and relies upon *merit* for the patronage of a generous, enlightened and unprejudiced public. It aims to be an institution of *sound learning*. It is situated in a quiet part of the village, with no surroundings calculated to interrupt pupils in the prosecution of their studies. The building is large, commodious and well ventilated, and is provided with every thing necessary to insure comfort.
The EXT-BOOKS used, are such as the experience of our most successful educators has found to be the best, and are furnished at city retail prices. Besides the daily examination of classes, there will be two REVIEW EXAMINATIONS, one at the end of each term of twenty weeks.
Monthly reports stating progress, &c., of pupils will be sent to parents and guardians, who are respectfully invited to attend the examinations. No deduction will be made for late entrance, nor for absence, except in cases of protracted illness or of death.
TERMS:
For board, fuel, lights, washing and full course of instruction (*including Language*) for Term of 20 weeks $112.50
Music on Piano 25 00
NO EXTRAS.
Daughters of Ministers are not charged for *Tuition* except in *Music*.
Reference is invited to the following PATRONS:
Hon. W. V. Boyle, Rockville, Md.
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O. Z. Muncaster, " "
James West, " "
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T. H. Peddicord, " "
J. M. Duley, " "
Miss Mary [illegible]
Mrs. [illegible]
Mrs. [illegible]

Poetical.

A PICTURE.

The following sweet poem is from the pen of Shillaber—"Mrs. Partington"—and is a perfect picture of his childhood home. It is touchingly beautiful, and our readers will thank us for publishing it:

There's a little low hut by the river's side,
Within the sound of its rippling tide;
Its wall are grey with the moss of years,
And its roof all crumbled and old appears;
But fairer to me than castle's pride,
Is the little low hut by the river's side.

The little low hut was my natal nest,
Where my childhood passed—Life's Spring time blest;
Where the hopes of ardent youth were formed,
And the sun of promise my young heart warm'd
Ere I threw myself on Life's swift tide,
And left the dear hut by the river's side.

That little low hut, in lowly guise,
Was soft and grand to my youthful eyes,
And fairer trees were ne'er known before
Than the apple trees by the humble door,
That my father loved for their thrifty pride,
Which shadowed the hut by the river's side.

That little low hut had a glad hearthstone,
That echoed of old with a pleasant tone,
And brothers and sisters, a merry crew,
Filled the hours with pleasure as on they flew;
But one by one the loved one's died,
That dwelt in the hut by the river's side.

The father revered and the children gay
The graves of the world have hidden away;
But quietly, all alone, there sits
By the pleasant window in Summer and knits,
An aged woman, long years allied
With the little low hut by the river's side.

That little low hut to the lonely wife
Is the cherished stage of her active life,
Each scene is recalled in memory's beam,
As she sits by the window in pensive dream;
And joys and woes roll back like a tide
In that little low hut by the river's side.

My mother—alone by the river's side,
She waits for the flood of the heavenly tide,
And the voice that shall thrill her heart with its call
To meet once more with the dear ones all,
And forms in a region beautified,
The band that once met by the river's side.

That dear old hut by the river's side,
With the warmest pulse of my heart is allied,
And a glory is over its dark wall thrown,
That statelier fabrics have never known,
And I shall love with a fonder pride,
That little low hut by the river's side.

Selected Miscellany.

THE UMBRELLA GIRL.

A young girl, the only daughter of a poor widow, removed from the country to Philadelphia to earn her living by covering umbrellas. She was very handsome with glossy black hair, large beaming eyes and "lips like wet coral." She was just at that susceptible age when youth is ripening into womanhood—when the soul begins to be pervaded by "that restless principle which impels poor humans to seek perfection in union."

At a hotel near the store for which she worked, an English traveler, called Lord Henry Stuart had taken lodgings. He was a strikingly handsome man, and of princely carriage. As this distinguished stranger passed to and from the hotel he encountered the umbrella girl, and he was attracted by her uncommon beauty. He easily traced her to the store where he soon after went to purchase an umbrella. This was followed up by presents of flowers, chats by the wayside, and invitations to walk or ride all of which was gratefully accepted by the unsuspecting rustic: for she was as ignorant of the dangers of a city as were the squirrels of their native fields.

He was merely playing a game of temporary excitement. She, with a head full of romance, and a heart melting under the influence of love, was unconsciously endangering the happiness of her whole life.

Lord Henry invited her to visit the public gardens on the Fourth of July. In the simplicity of her heart she believed all his flattering professions, and considered herself his bride elect; she therefore accepted the invitations with innocent frankness. But she had no dress fit to wear on such a public occasion with a gentleman of such a high rank, whom she really supposed to be her destined husband. While those thoughts revolved in her mind, her eye was unfortunately attracted by a beautiful piece of silk belonging to her employer. Could she take it without being seen, and pay for it secretly when she had earned money enough? The temptation conquered her in a moment of weakness. She concealed the silk and conveyed it to her lodgings. It was the first thing she had ever [illegible] dishonest

Though reared amid the proudest distinctions of rank, he felt no inclination to smile. He blushed, and was silent. The heartless conventionalities of the world stood rebuked in the presence of affectionate simplicity. He conveyed her to her humble home, and bade her farewell, with a thankful consciousness that he had done no irretrievable injury to her future prospects. The remembrance of her would be to him as the recollection of last year's butterflies.—With her, the wound was deep. In the solitude of her chamber, she wept in bitterness of heart over her ruined air-castles. And that dress, which she had stolen to make an appearance befitting a bride! Oh! what if she should be discovered? Would not the heart of her poor widowed mother break if she should ever know that her child was a thief?

Alas! her wretched foreboding proved too true. The silk was traced to her; she was arrested on her way to the store, and dragged to prison. There she refused all nourishment and wept incessantly. On the fourth day the keeper called on Isaac T. Hopper, and informed him that there was a young girl in prison who appeared to be utterly friendless, and determined to die by starvation.—The kind hearted friend immediately went to her assistance. He found her lying on the floor of her cell with her face buried in her hands, sobbing as if her heart would break. He tried to comfort her, but could obtain no answer.

"Leave us alone," said he to the keeper. "Perhaps she will speak to me, if there is no one to hear." When they were left alone together, he put the hair from her temples, laid his hand kindly on her beautiful head, and said in soothing tones: "My child, consider me as thy father. Tell me all thou hast done. If thou hast taken this silk, let me know all about it. I would do for thee as I would for my own daughter, and I doubt not that I can help thee out of this difficulty."

After a long time spent in affectionate entreaty, she leaned her young head gently on his friendly shoulder, and sobbed out: "Oh! I wish I was dead! What will my poor mother say when she knows of my disgrace?"

"Perhaps we can manage that she never shall know it," replied he. Alluring her by this hope, he gradually obtained from her the whole story of her acquaintance with the nobleman. He bade her be comforted and take nourishment, for he would see that the silk was paid for and the prosecution withdrawn. He went immediately to her employer and told him the story.

"This is the girl's first offence. She is the only child of a poor widow. Give her a chance to retrieve this one false step, and she may be restored to society a useful, honored woman. I will see that thou art paid for the silk."

The man agreed to withdraw the prosecution, and said that he would have dealt otherwise by the girl if he had known all the circumstances.

"Thou shouldest have inquired into the merits of the case," replied friend Hopper. "By this kind of thoughtlessness many a young person is driven into the downward path, who might easily have been saved."

The kind hearted man next proceeded to the hotel, and, with Quaker simplicity of speech, inquired for Henry Stuart. The servant said his lordship had not yet arisen. "Tell him my business is of importance," said Friend Hopper.—The servant soon returned and conducted him to the chamber. The nobleman appeared surprised that a stranger in a plain Quaker costume should thus intrude upon his luxurious privacy. When he heard his errand he blushed deeply, and frankly admitted the truth of the girl's statement. His benevolent visitor took the opportunity to bear testimony against the selfishness and sin of profligacy. He did it in such a kind and fatherly manner that the young man's heart was touched. He excused himself by saying that he would not have tampered with the girl if he had known her to be virtuous. "I have done many wrong things," said he, "but God knows no betrayal of confiding innocence weighs on my conscience. I have always considered it the basest act of which man is capable."

The imprisonment of the poor girl, and the forlorn situation in which she had been found, distressed him greatly. When friend Hopper represented that the silk had been stolen for his sake, that the girl had thereby lost profitable [illegible] was obliged to return [illegible] the danger [illegible] dollar note poor mother's sake." With the money given by Lord Stuart, the silk was paid for, and she was sent home to her mother well provided with clothing. Her name and place of residence forever remained a secret in the breast of her benefactor.

Years after these events transpired a lady called at Friend Hopper's house and asked to see him. When he entered the room he found a handsomely dressed young matron with a blooming boy five or six years old. She rose quickly towards him and her voice choked as she said: "Friend Hopper, do you know me?" He replied that he did not. She fixed her tearful eyes upon him and said: "You once helped me when in great distress." But the good missionary had helped too many in distress to be able to recollect her without more precise information. With a tremulous voice she bade her son go into the next room for a few moments; then dropping on her knees, she hid her face in his lap and sobbed out:

"I am the girl who stole the silk.—Oh! where should I now be if it had not been for you?

When her emotion was somewhat calmed she told him that she had married a highly respectable man, a native of his own State. Being on a visit to friend Hopper's vicinity, she had again and again passed his dwelling, looking wistfully at the windows to catch a sight of him, but when she attempted to enter her courage failed.

"Yes, I must return home to-morrow," said she, "and I could not go away without once more seeing and thanking him who saved me from ruin." She recalled her little boy and said to him: "Look at that gentleman, and remember him well for he was the best friend your mother ever had." With an earnest invitation to visit her happy home, and a fervent "God bless you!" she bade her benefactor farewell.

HOW A MISSING LETTER WAS FOUND.—A certain hardware firm in Providence expected a remittance which had failed to come to hand. Complaint was made to the post office, as there was positive proof that the letter containing the remittance had been mailed in due form. Search was made, but to no effect, and the postmaster at Boston, in whose office the letter had been mailed, was convinced that a theft had been perpetrated somewhere on route. He sent out special agents and detectives, but to no purpose. A year elapsed and a new agent was appointed, and on his first visit to Providence was asked to make diligent inquiry to discover some clue to the lost letter. The agent transacted his other business, and went to call upon the hardware merchants to inquire if they had heard anything of the lost letter. They had not, and while discussing its singular disappearance, a severe rain and wind storm came up, and when he left to go to the depot the agent gladly accepted the loan of an old overcoat found hanging in a closet in the hardware store, and an umbrella; a porter accompanied him to the depot to bring back the borrowed articles. Taking off the overcoat at the depot, the agent's hand felt something in the pocket, and knowing it was a spare coat belonging to the hardware store, and its employers in general, and to no one in particular, he put his hand in and drew out several unopened letters, and among them the one so long sought.—Returning at once to the hardware merchants, to whom the letters were addressed, the mystery was at last explained. One of the firm recollected receiving the mail about the time he had expected the important letter, and that when he wished to read his letters he could find none of them. He also remembered that he had at that time worn that very overcoat.

DICK'S EXCUSE.—A story is told of Dick, a darkey in Kentucky, who was a notorious thief, so vicious in this respect, that all the thefts in the neighborhood were charged to him. On one occasion Mr. Jones, a neighbor of Dick's master, called and said Dick must be sold out of that part of the country for he had stolen all his (Jones') turkeys. Dick's master could not think so. The two however, went into the field where Dick was at work, and accused him of the theft.—"You stole Mr. Jones' turkeys," said the master.

"No, I didn't, massa," responded Dick. The master persisted.

"Well," at length said Dick, "I'll tell you, massa; I didn't steal dem turkeys, but last night I went across Mr. Jones' pasture, and saw one of your rails on de fence, so I brought home de rail, and confound it! when I come to look, [illegible] nine turkeys on de rail."

[illegible] criticise girls' figures—but [illegible] few thousands of her [illegible] think the figures [illegible] correct an[illegible] Why [illegible] you [illegible] fool?"