

## THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Was the night before Christmas, when all  
The world was bright, not even a snow,  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar plums danced thro'  
The master of his tools, and I in my shop,  
And master of his tools, will be faithfully  
Held fast until our brains for a long winter's nap.

When out in the lawn there rose such a clatter

I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter;

Up sprang I to see what it was,

Out over the shutters and threw up the sash,

The moon in the breast of the new-fallen snow,

Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below;

When, what to my wondering eyes should appear!

A miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer;

With a little old driver so black and so sleek;

His eyes how they twinkled! his dimples how gay!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry;

His drill little mouth was drawn up like a bow;

And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow.

The stamp of a pipe he held tight in his teeth;

And the smoke it encircled his dimples like a wreath;

He had a broad face and little round belly,

That shook when he laughed like a bowl full

of jelly;

He was chubby and plump, a jolly old elf,

And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.

A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,

How quick he was to catch something if he saw it;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work;

And filled all the stockings—then turned with a jerk;

And taking his finger aside of his nose,

And giving me a tap on the chimney he rose,

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle;

And away they all flew like the down of a thistle;

But I heard him exclaim, as he drove out of sight,

"A Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good New Year!"

## Miscellaneous Cards.

JOSEPH M. HANEY,  
BUILDER AND CARPENTER,  
Rockville, Md.

I am now prepared to furnish DRAFTS FOR  
BUILDINGS, and execute all kinds of  
CARPENTER'S WORK, in the neatest and  
most workmanlike manner.

My address from this time will be Rockville,  
Md., and I am always at hand to attend to  
any business.

B. TALBOT & SON,  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS  
GEORGETOWN, D. C.

Give personal attention to the SALE  
AND DELIVERY OF ALL KINDS OF GRAIN  
AND FARM PRODUCT.

Office, on Canal, near Market-House

Nov. 4-18.

HAMILTON OLDFIELD,  
PUMP-MAKER,  
Hancock City, Howard Co., Md.

Gives his undivided attention to the pro-  
tection of his business, in all its branches.

PUMPS of the most approved kinds made

to order, and READY-MADE PUMPS FOR

ON HAND.

The charge is 80 Cents per foot.

ALL NEW WORK WARRANTED.

Orders addressed to the subscriber

at Elkton City, Howard County, Md., will

be promptly attended to.

Mar 3-18.

HAMILTON OLDFIELD.

John McDermott & Bros.

COACH MAKERS,  
AND CARRIAGE DEALERS,

435 Pennsylvania Av., near Third St.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CARRIAGE AND HARNESS REPAIRS,  
REPAIRS ON STORAGE AND SOLD ON COMMISSION.

CARRIAGES REPAIRED.

Nov. 18-19.

Turner's EXCELSIOR,

DIRECT ADVERTISING.

Turner's HALF-AND-HALF

PRICE \$100 PER TON.

Made by the Manufacturers of Excelsior,

and sold at the same price.

Turner's AMMONIATED SUP-

ER-PHOSPHATE.

E. FRANK COE'S SUPER-PHOS-

PHATE.

POUDRETTE, PLASTER, &c.

ADRIEL D. CLARK,  
BALTIMORE, MD

Importer and Dealer in Watches,

Jewelry and Silver Ware.

HAS for many years past, Fine GOLD

AND SILVER WATCHES JEWELRY of all

the latest styles. Sterling Silver Forks,

etc., Plated Tea Sets, Urns, Casters, Batter

Dishes, Ice Pitchers, English and American

Table Cutlery, Spectacles and Eye Glasses for

all ages, Laces, Buttons, Etc.

Also, Small Household Articles, etc.

No. 23 South Calvert St., corner of

Water (one square from Baltimore St.), his old

Established Store for 33 years. Watches are

fully repaired and adjusted.

CLAYTON & WARD,  
TIN AND SHEET-IRON  
MANUFACTORY.

Deep Plowing.

It has been truly said that an increase of  
one inch in the average depth of plowing  
throughout the United States, would produce  
a larger amount of product, as compared with  
present results; than all the gold received from

California. We believe the assertion, says

the "Working Farmer"; but we do not be-

lieve that all soils, without being previously

subsoiled, are fit for this immediate increase of  
depth. We know that every soil subsoils, which  
approach within a few inches of the

surface, after being thoroughly subsoiled, will

be more fit for plowing than before.

SECOND-HAND STOVES, bought

and sold, on liberal terms.

Oct. 22-23.

HENRY VIETT.

THE WOMAN'S FRIEND,  
STEAM WASHER!

FIRST, it does its own work, thereby sav-  
ing a large portion of the time usually

taken in a family.

It uses much less soap than is required

by any other method.

It requires no attention whatever while

the washing is going on. A lady

can do her washing while she is eating her

breakfast and doing up the breakfast dishes.

4th. Clothing wears double the time,

washed in this washer, that it will wash

with a machine, or by hand labor, or with

a wash-board.

5th. All fabrics, can be washed perfectly

and easily, without the rubbing-board.

6th. For sale by

JOHN W. HORNER,

May 10-11, 1872, Rockville, Md.

CLAYTON & WARD,  
EXTRAS AND REPAIRS  
For Agricultural Machinery.

I HAVE just received a large stock of Spring

and Summer Goods, bought for cash,

and will be sold to cash or short prompt

paying customers as low as they can be had

in the District of Columbia;

My stock embraces in part the following—

DRY GOODS.

Black French Cloth, Black and Fancy

Cambrics, Tweeds, Kentucky-Jens, Col-

tonader, Linen Drills, Brown French

Linen, Black Alpaca, Mouline, Denim,

Woolen, Lawn, White and Color,

Drab, Dusky, Blue, Green, Yellow and

Black Silk, Twill and Dye.

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