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PROMPT attention to COLLECTION of CLAIMS and purchase and sale of REAL STATE.
Office with I. C. W. Powell, Esq., Easton, Md. (aug 1

Auctioneering.

JAMS A. ROE,
EASTON, MD.,
OFFERS his services as Auctioneer, and will promptly attend sales whenever called on. [mar 9-1y

A. H. LARRIMORE,
CONSTABLE,
HAVING removed his office to the office of Justice Perry W. Stewart, near the M. E. Church, will promptly and efficiently attend to all business entrusted to his care, both civil and criminal. In his absence on official business, orders can be left with Justice Stewart. [mar 20

Auctioneering!

THE sundersigned returns his thanks to the public for past favors, and respectfully informs them that he is still prepared to give satisfaction to all who may employ him as an auctioneer. He will attend sales in any part of the county, and orders left at either of the Printing offices in Easton, will be promptly attended to.
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ESPECIAL attention to Collection of Claims, purchase and sale of Real Estate, Conveyancing, &c. Also, Surveying in all it branches.
Orders, by mail, from a distance, promptly attended to. [mar 6 6m

Real Estate.

PERSONS having Real Estate to sell, or those wishing to purchase, will find it to their advantage to call upon the subscriber.
A. A. TOWNSEND,
Attorney-at-Law,
jy 11 1y Easton, Md.

PUMPS.

HAVING removed to Easton, notice is heree by given, that the subscriber is prepared to sink new wells or clean out old ones, or make new Pumps, or repair old ones. All orders left with F. G. Wright Esq., or at the Easton Hote promptly attended to. He will also sell down force Iron Pumps. Work guaranteed in Talbot and the adjacent counties.
WM. H. SAULSBURY

WM. B. WHEELER,
JUSTICE OF THE PEACE,
EASTON, Md.
HAVING removed his office *to his old stand*, next door to the Star office, will attend promptly to all business entrusted to his care. mar 20-1y

N. E. NICOLS,
GENERAL AGENT FOR THE
COLLECTION of CLAIMS
AND THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE, FERTILIZERS, FARMING MACHINERY, &c., &c.,
EASTON, MD.

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Hon. Eli Saulsbury,	Dover, Del.
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NEW GOODS.

JNO. W. CHEEZUM & CO., have just returned from Philadelphia and Baltimore with a LARGE and CHOICE stock of GOODS, adapted to the
FALL AND WINTER TRADE,
purchased at the lowest NETT CASH prices, and will be offered at a SMALL ADVANCE for cash or approved credit.
Their stock is large and they propose generally to give them a call and examine their stock and prices before purchasing. oct 9

POWELL & WRIGHT
HAVE just received their stock of
Fall & Winter Dry Goods,
which contains a full assortment of Ladies' and Gentlemen's DRESS GOODS, of latest styles.
PRINTS, DOMESTICS, NOTIONS, &c.
They would call attention to their large and varied stock of
GROCERIES
which for cheapness and quality cannot be surpassed in this market. Call and examine our stock.

Sporting Articles.
Just received a full supply of Eagle Powder, Shot and Caps, for sale cheap, by
sept 18 POWELL & WRIGHT.

FRESH FIGS.
Just received by express and for sale by
Dawson & Bro.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PUMPS.

EVERYBODY who has use for a PUMP should buy
MORRELL'S FIRE ENGINE DEEP WELL FORCE PUMPS.
Send for a Circular.
POOLE & HUNT,
jan 16 Baltimore, Md.

Head Quarters
FOR
Revenue Stamps,
AT
DAWSON & BRO'S.

WM. HEMSLEY,
AGENT FOR
GODFREY KEEBLER,
Steam Biscuit, Cracker and Cake Bakery,
Nos. 258, 260 & 262 N. Twenty Second Street,
PHILADELPHIA.
All orders addressed to Agent will be gratefully received and promptly filled.
☞ All goods delivered to Baltimore Steamers FREE of charge, and after said delivery, at the risk of the purchaser. (jy 17 1y

BOWER'S
COMPLETE MANURE,
MANUFACTURED BY
Henry Bower, Chemist,
PHILADELPHIA.
MADE FROM
Super-Phosphate of Lime, Ammonia & Potash.
WARRANTED FREE FROM ADULTERATION.
This Manure contains all the elements to produce large crops of all kinds, and is highly recommended by all who used it, also by distinguished chemists who have, by analysis, tested its qualities.
Packed in Bags of 200 lbs. each.
DIXON, SHERPLESS & CO.,
AGENTS,
39 South Water & 40 South Delaware Avenue, Philadelphia.
FOR SALE BY
WILLIAM REYNOLDS,
No. 79 South Street, Baltimore Md.
And by dealers generally throughout the country. For information, address Henry Bower Philadelphia. mar 27 1y

Shingles, Shingles.

JUST received direct from North Carolina
95,000 No. 1 Heart N. C., Shingles,
90,000 No. 2 " "
A prime article of the best make, for sale cheap for cash.
ap 27 R. B. DIXON.

1869. 1869.
Easton Hat Institution,
ESTABLISHED 1840.
Fall and Winter Fashions.

BEASTON is receiving his FALL & WINTER stock of HEAD GEAR, which will soon be completed, consisting of choice selections from the best Hat Houses in the United States, which will be sold at less than Baltimore prices for the *CASH*. He will sell on a credit of *thirty* days to *punctual* payers. Five per cent. off on all sums of two dollars or upwards, to *cash* buyers. Give him an early call. THOMAS BEASTON.
Easton, Sept. 4 tf

LADIES'
Dress Goods.

THOMPSON & KERSEY
HAVE just returned from the cities of
Philadelphia and Baltimore,
with the largest and best assorted stock of
Ladies Dress Goods
that can be found in this market.
In this department can be found the new and beautiful

Frosted	Poplin,	All Wool Paris	Delains,
Japanese	"	Beautiful Eng.	Mohair,
Chene	"	Changeable	Lustre,
Satin Stp'd	"	Plaid	Alpacas,
Rich Plaid	"	Plain	"
All Wool Paris	"	Lyones & Coburgs,	&c

For Ladies' Wrappings all the late, new, and beautiful designs. Among them are
Black, Brown and Scarlet Velveteens,
Plain and Plaid Sack Cloths,
Plain and Plaid Josey Flannels, &c.,
all of which they would be pleased to have the ladies of Talbot and adjoining counties to examine.

Gentlemen

We are now prepared to show you the largest stock of the best assorted, and the latest styles of English, French and American
CLOTHS,
CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c.
in the market, and at prices we think will please you. Call and examine them.
THOMPSON & KERSEY.

CARPESS, CARPETS.
Our Carpet Room is again stored with the largest stock of Carpets we have ever offered to this community. Last season we deliberately advertised that we would sell Carpets for a little less money than they could be bought for at retail in the city. We passed through the entire season, and no one ever attempted to refute our assertion, but scores came and testified what we said was true. Now we repeat it again, and hold ourselves in readiness to do all that we promise in an advertisement. We have an elegant assortment of
—English Brussels.
2—Three Ply.
3—Tapestry Ingrain.
4—Extra Superfine Ingrain.
5—Superfine and common Ingrain.
6—Venetian Carpets, all widths.
7—Vienna Carpets.
8—Hemp Carpets.
9—List Carpets.
10—Rag Carpets.
Floor Oil Cloths, all widths. Step Oil Cloths, five eights and three quarters, &c.
We very respectfully and earnestly solicit an early call and an examination of the above, as we feel confident we can please. Yours
oct 9 THOMPSON & KER

MISCELLANEOUS.

FALL AND WINTER FASHIONS.

MRS. M. A. BINDER has just arrived from Paris and London with the latest designs, personally selected from the greatest novelties; also, the most elegant Trimmings to be secured in Baltimore.
LACES, RIBBONS, VELVETS, BRIDAL VEILS, FLOWERS, FINE JEWELRY, and TRIMMED PAPER PATTERNS, DRESS AND MANTLE MAKING.
Exclusive agent for Mrs. M. Work's celebrated system for cutting ladies' dresses, sacques, basques, &c.
N. W. Cor. of 11th & Chestnut Sts. Philadelphia
sept 18 6m

Brick! Bricks! Tile! Tile!!

THE subscribers have for sale at their Brick Yard, near Easton, as pretty a lot of BRICKS and DRAINING TILE as can be seen in any brick yard in the country, which they are selling *below Baltimore prices for cash or Wood.* They can be shipped anywhere accessible to the tributaries of the Chesapeake bay Farmers are especially invited to call and examine the tile. Orders solicited and promptly filled.
sept 26 tf COOPER & WHITE.

LATEST ARRIVAL.

THE subscriber wishes to inform his old customers and the public that he has just returned from the city with a very large stock of
READY-MADE CLOTHING
for *FALL & WINTER* use—such as
Over-Coats,
Sack Coats,
Frock Coats,
Pants, Vests,
Drawers, Shirts,
Under Shirts,
and all the various kinds of goods usually kept by him. He asks the public to give him a call and examine his stock.
I. L. STEINEM,
nov 6 One door from Talbot House.

COAL COAL.

ROBERT B. DIXON has on hand, and is now receiving at his Coal and Lumber Yard at Easton Point, the best quality of anthracite Coal, of No. 1, 2 and 3 egg's size.
Also, Lyken's Valley coal for cooking purposes.
Also, Cumberland coal for smithing and for open grates; all of which will be sold at the lowest market rates; guaranteed to be of the very best quality, and weight, 2240 pounds to the ton.
Persons would do well to hand in their orders for the winter's supply before the price advances. aug 14

Ford & Son,
Wholesale & Retail Dealers in & Manufacturers of
HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS,
TIN & SHEET IRON-WARE,
STOVES, RANGES AND FURNACES,
put up and warranted to give satisfaction.
ROOFING and SPOUTING done in the best manner.
BELL-HANGING and SPEAKING TUBES in their completness
Call and see our new Door Bell.
Repairing in all our branches. All work and goods guaranteed.
Orders thankfully received and promptly attended to. [apr 25-tf

MONITOR

AGUE CURE.
Warranted to cure all cases of
CHILLS AND FEVERS.
Guaranteeing no return of the *SHAKES!*
PRICE $1.00.
Prepared by C. C. HUGHES, S. W. corner of Eighth and Race streets, Philadelphia.
For sale by Dawson & Bro., Easton, Md.
CANBY & GILPIN, Agents, Baltimore, Md.
[mar 20 1y

Terrible Storm at SEA

All Hands Near Being Lost, But Everything Turns up Right.

THE Steamer Highland Light, after a stormy night and a clear sky, and the wind blowing a gale, reached Annapolis harbor. But strange to say, though many were made awfully sick, not a soul was lost. All goods destined for Easton reached here safely about 11 o'clock next day, and created a terrible excitement on the "**Flats.**" Such a rushing of men, women and children, old and young, to the front doors, never was seen before. Windows were thrown up, heads put out, and a general inquiry made as to what had raised the excitement, when, lo! and behold! it was cart loads, and wagon loads, and dray loads of Goods destined **Dave Griffith's Cheap Grocery Store,** where he would be happy to receive a call from the public generally. He challenges the Eastern Shore, and is determined to win the "First Position" among the cheap groceries, and can beat all the "Cheap John's" in St. Michaels, Centreville, Denton and Cambridge.
All articles kept in a No. 1 FAMILY GROCERY. LIQUORS of all kinds, by the gallon or bottle; FLOUR by the barrel or retail. SUGAR, COFFEE, BACON, HAMS, LARD CHEESE, FISH, &c
Also CANNED FRUITS of all kinds, such as Peaches, Pears, Plums, Strawberries, Pin, Apples, Cherries, Blackberries, Whortleberries; and a great variety of Brandy Fruits and Preserves, and canned Lobsters.
Pickles in variety, Sardines, &c.
CONFECTIONERY of all kinds, including Raisins, Currants, Citron, Ginger, Figs, Common and French Candies, and Nuts of all kinds.
Also a splendid assortment of GLASS, CHINA and QUEENSWARE.
Also some splendid TOILET SETS, and fancy Vases, finest ever offered in Easton.—Come, young man, and make your "sweet heart" a handsome and useful present, that you may not "be forgotten a hundred years hence."
The public are invited to call and get the worth of their money, as I defy competitors, and sell everything for Cash or country produce as cheap as any first-class grocery in the city. (dec 19) D. B. GRIFFITH.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Wanted---Agents For Prof. Parson's Laws of Business. With full Directions and Forms for all transactions in every State, by Theophilus Parsons, L. L. D., Professor of Law in Harvard University. A new Book for everybody. Explaining every kind of contract and legal obligation, and showing how to draw and execute them. The highest and best authority in the land. Send for our liberal terms, also for our Patent Bible Prospectus. Sent free.
PARMELEE & CO.,
june 19 Philadelphia, Pa.

MARYLAND STEAMBOAT CO.
Fall Arrangements.

ON and after Wednesday, Sept. 15th, 1869, the Steamer CHAMPION will be withdrawn from the route between Baltimore and Denton, and from and after that date, the steamer MASSACHUSETTS will make three trips a week, between Baltimore, Cambridge, Denton and intermediate landings, leaving Baltimore Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 11 P. M., leaving Denton Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 1 P. M.
The steamer HIGHLAND LIGHT will run as heretofore, leaving Baltimore Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, at 11 P. M., for Easton, Oxford, Cambridge, Lloyds and intermediate landings—and leaving Lloyds on the return Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 2 P. M.
Meals, Berths and State Rooms on board.
sept 11

STEPHEN COX,
GENERAL
Commission Merchant,
No. 236 North Del. Avenue,
PHILADELPHIA, PA.
CONSIGNMENTS SOLICITED OF
FRUIT, VEGETABLES, EGGS, POULTRY, FEATHERS, BEESWAX,
and all kinds of Country Produce, to the sale of which personal attention will be given, and I flatter myself that from my great experience and facilities for business, I shall be enabled to give entire satisfaction. I refer with permission to the following Gentlemen:
Wm. H. Webb, Cashier Consolidation National Bank, Phila, Pa.
Elija Dallett, President Penn. National Bank, Phila., Pa.
T. Tilghman, President Md. & Del. R. R. Easton, Md.
R. C. Carter, Esq., Denton, Md.
(july 10 6m

E. T. LEONARD. EDWARD BLAND. C. R. LEONARD

FARMERS & MERCHANTS LINE.

THE SCHOONERS
Oxford & Tred Haven.
ON and after Saturday, March 7, 1868, one of the above vessels will leave Easton every *Wednesday*, and Baltimore every *Saturday*.—Every effort will be made to make this a sure Line, and all goods delivered in Easton when equired. Let your grain and goods come and very effort will be made to give satisfaction.—Goods and Freight of all kinds will be brought from the city as cheap if not cheaper than by any other line. All freight must be paid on the delivery of the goods. Feeling thankful for past favors, we hope by strict attention to business to merit a continuance of the same.
feb 25-1y LEONARD, BLAND & CO.
P. S.—All orders must be accompanied by the cash and all bills for freight will be presented on the delivery of the goods.
Orders left at Dawson & Bro.'s, Easton, and W. S. Pawson's or U. Lloyd & Bro., No. 95 Smith's Wharf, Baltimore, will be attended to
L., B & Co.
OFFICE—In same room occupied by R. B. Dixon, opposite the residence of Judge H. H Gborougoldsh.

Home Again.

I Would inform my friends and the public generally, that I have just returned from the city with the largest and most complete stock of
BOOTS SHOES & GAITERS
that was ever offered in this market, which I am prepared to sell LOWER for cash, than any of my friends, (my friend south of me not excepted.) I say again, I will sell from five to twenty five per cent. lower than any other store in town, for the same goods. In stock I name in part

FOR MEN

The best boot made—Wm. T. Dixon & Bro., Boot, Heavy Kip Boot, Sporting Boot, heavy and light, the Southern Boot, Bachelder Boot, Red top kip, 3 sole kip, Double sole kip, Scotch bottom Boot, Fine French Calf Sewed Boots, fine American Sewed Boots, fine French Calf Pegged Boots, fine American do., Water-proof Boot; also Heavy Winter Boots, from $2.00 to $7.00. Heavy kip brogans, Poker brogans, fine Poker lace Boots, Calf Sewed lace Boots, plow Shoes, Kip balmorals, fine Calf stitched and pegged, Buffi Gaiters, pegged and stitched.

FOR LADIE.

Fine French Glove Kid Button Gaiters; Glove kid lace boot, Police boot, Russian leather button gaiter, Peeble grain button boot, High cut lasting button gaiter, high cut lace gaiters; high cut dress morocco boot, high cut undress morocco boot, high cut Poker boot, high cut Dixey boot.

FOR BOYS.

Heavy Kip Boot, Dixon boot, Spoffing boot, airar boot, red top boot; Southern boot and heavy pp boot, from $1.12 up to 4 50, long legs, kip oes, poker and every kind of shoe that is made

FOR MI ES:

Fi gh cu kid button boot, high cut Russian oot, high cut dress Morocco boot, high cut undress morocco boot, high cut calf boot high cut buff boot, Copper toed boot, Silver tippe boot and all others in this line.

GUM SHOES

for en, Ladies, Misses, Boys and Children.
I have also a large stock of LEATHER out of which I am prepared to make into all kinds of Boots, Shoes and Gaiters, at the Shortest notice, and in the neatest style.
Feeling thankful for past favors, o e a continuance of the same. Do not forg o call on the OLD MAN at the old stand he sells from five to twenty-five per cent. wer tha can be done elsewhere.
oct 16 ELLIOTT

SELECT POETRY.

"Merry Christmas."

"Merry Christmas, mamma"
Sang sweet Carrie May,
"Merry Christmas, papa,"
At the first peep of day.
"Merry Christmas, soft moon,
Just peeking to rest
Behind the blue hills
Of the magical west.

"Merry Christmas, bright stars,
In the morn growing pale
Shining through the gray light,
Like bright eyes through a veil.
Merry Christmas, old world,
With your snow-covered breast
Merry Christmas, blue sky,
Thou sweet home of the blest."

"Merry Christmas, my darling,"
Responded mamma,
"Merry Christmas, my angel,"
Added fervent papa,
"May earth's choicest blessings
And heaven's sweet rest,
Be the lot of our Carrie,
Our Carrie so blest."

"Merry Christmas, bright sun,"
Shouted Carrie, in glee,
As at last his bright face
Peered up from the sea,
Making wonderful wealth
Of the waves near the strand,
And illumining clouds
Till they seemed fairy land.

"But, Carrie, my dear,"
Said mamma, with sad eyes,
"You're forgotten to greet
One who dwells in the skies;
One, without whose kind care
All your objects of love
Would have never been formed,
Your affections to move."

Carrie's face grew aglow
With a tenderness new,
And a joyful tear
Dimmed her eyes of dark blue,
As she lisped with a smile
And a reverent nod—
While the mother's heart leaped—
"Merry Christmas, dear God."

"Still another," said ma,
"You're neglected to name,
Who long years ago;
In his boundless love came
To banish all sin
From the face of the earth;
And for whose blessed self
The dear day had its birth."

Again the soft eye
Was in moisture immersed,
As a radiant thought
In her young soul was nursed;
"I know, mother dear,
That our souls are all priced;
So I fervently say,
"Merry Christmas, sweet Christ."

Ah, Carrie, thy soul,
When it seeks its abode
In the heavenly land.
And lays down its earth-load;
When it looks back on earth,
And remembers its care—
May it ever repeat
Its sweet infantile prayer!

Miscellaneous.

A GOOD STORY.—"Gus," writing to the Cincinnati Gazette, says:
Here is a little story for you. It happened at a Utica restaurant. A man entered the other day and called for a dinner. His orders were of the most elaborate character, and fairly staggered the resources of even a Utica restaurant keeper. He lingered long at the table, and finely wound up with a bottle of wine.—Then lighting the cigar he had ordered, leisurely sauntered up to the counter and said to the proprietor:
"Very fine dinner, landlord; just charge it to me, I haven't got a cent."
"But I don't know you," said the proprietor indignantly.
"Of course you don't. If you had you would not let me have had the dinner."
"Pay me for the dinner, I say?"
"And I say I can't. Haven't got the blunt."
"I'll see about that," said the proprietor, somewhat furious at the "bilk." Then he snatched a revolver out of the drawer, and leaped over the counter, collaring the man, exclaiming, as he pointed it at his head, "Now see if you'll get away with that dinner, without paying for it, you scoundrel."
"What is that you hold in your hand?" said the getter-away-with-free dinners, drawing back.
"That, sir, is a revolver, sir."
"Oh, that's a revolver, is it? I don't care a d—d for a revolver, *I thought it was a stomach pump!*"

COOKING A LOBSTER.—"Bridget, what did mistress say she would have for dinner?"
"Broil the lobster."
"Broil the lobster? Are you sure Bridget?"
"Entirely. Get the gridiron."
Mary got the gridiron and placed it on the fire. She then placed the live lobster on the gridiron.
Intermission of five minutes, after which the dialogue was resumed, as follows:
"Did you broil the lobster, Mary?"
"Divil a broil. The more I poked the fire, the more he walked off. The baste's haunted, I'll try no more. No good will come from cooking a straddle-bug like that."
"And where is the lobster?"
"Divil a know I know. The last I saw of him, he was going out of the door, his tail at half-mast, like a wild maniac, as he was."
Bridget started in pursuit of the wild maniac, and was still after it when our informant left.

WHAT DID HE MEAN.—Two French friends met
"Ah, good day. How are you?"
"Pretty well."
"And your wife?"
"She is traveling."
"For her health?"
"No, for mine."

Miscellaneous.

[From the Waverley Magazine.]

Christmas Times.

The Christmas times have come at last,
And merry bells I hear;
The old year now is nearly past,
The new one very near.

The stars above are shining bright,
The snow all o'er the ground.
And in each heart a happy light,
While music floats around.

A merry Christmas, one and all,
May each one happy be;
And may no loding sorrow call
You from our revelry.

There are some here whom I have seen
In Christmas times as blest;
And there are others who were then
Strangers instead of guests:

A hearty welcome every one;
We may not meet again
When Christmas times again shall come,
Some may be racked with pain.

Some may have passed the heavenly gate,
Listening to angel bells
If such should chance to be our fate
We'll hear heaven's grander swells.

How a Newspaper Man was "Garroted" by a Landlord's Daughter.

I haven't dated my letter because I don't know where I am. I am about nine miles from Julesburg, at a little settlement on the South Platte River. At daylight to-morrow I am to catch some of the finest salmon you ever saw. They will not bite at any other time of day. I suppose they learned this disagreeable habit of early breakfasting from the "Bull Whackers," who navigate these plains. I am stopping at a hotel about thirty by ten feet. The scarcest thing in this country is lumber, settlers having to pay over so many dollars a foot for all they use besides what they brought in their valises. The landlord is from Pennsylvania and seems to be doing a thriving business. By dint of hard talking and liberal promises, I got a room to myself. It is just large enough for the bed and candle box set on a chair upon which I am writing this letter. It is in one end of the building and seperate from the next room by a bed quilt, which you must crawl under to come in or go out. But it is my room, and after the jolting I have had upon the Indian pony, I expect to have a good night's——

Was ever a poor pilgrim in such a fix?—Just as I had written "night's above, and had sleep on the point of my pen. I heard a knocking on the floor outside of the bed quilt.—"Crawl under," said I.

Enter the landlord's daughter, a buxom young lady, about seventeen years of age, I should judge. She opened her rosy lips and spake as follows:

"Mister don't you take off your clothes to-night when you go to bed."

"Why?"

"Because I am going to sleep with you."

"Well, if you have no better reason than that—"

"Hush! Shet up! You told pa that you would not sleep with a man."

"I had rather sleep with a wet dog."

"Well, I have given my bed to a sick man. I have been hard to work all day and have to work hard all day to morrow, and I can't afford to set up all night. I shall stay on the back side, and if you don't stay on your side you'd better, that's all."

As she said this she raised from her dress pocket an internal jack-knife, such as farmers use in trimming fruit trees, and then let it fall back with a chug. I comprehended the situation in half a moment, and unto this maiden I quoth as follows:

"Miss, young lady, your intentions may, or may not be honorable. I am traveling entirely by myself. My natural protectors are miles and miles away beyond the boundless prairie, ignorant of the perils which may beset their idol. Thus far I have not been insulted by your sex, am a man of a few words, but they are emphatic. I will give you a part of that bed and that's all I will do. If you attempt during the silent watches of the night, anything contrary to this firm determination, by Saint Joseph, my patron saint, I will shoot you right through the midriff."

As I concluded, I laid a Slocum pistol upon the candle box. A low chuckle outside the bed quilt gave evidence that paterfamilias had heard and approved the arrangement.

My antagonist laughed and said, "Mister, I reckon we understand each other," bounced over the back side of the bed. There she is now, pretending to be asleep. I can't finish this letter, I can't do anything. Talk about the trials of the earlier saints—about being boiled over live coals—about being flayed alive—about being boiled in oil. What was all that to this?

Robert Hall did not lose his power of retort, even in madness. A hypocritical coxcomb with his mistress, visited him in the mad house and said, in a whining tone, "What brought you here, Mr. Hall?" Hall significantly ouched his brow with his finger, and replied, "What never will bring you, in—too much brain."

Illegal husbandry—Thrashing a wife.

Counter attractions—Pretty lady clerks.

Another new reading—Men proposes but woman accepts.

A friend at a pinch—One who shares his snuffbox with you.

To get more than one hundred cents for a dollar—Invest it in a bottle of perfumery.

Why is a woman mending her stockings deformed? Because her hands are where her feet belong.

When a lady is said to be of a "certain age," you may take it for granted that her age is very certain. The certainty is that she is forty, if she is a day.

When may a man be said to be thoroughly "sewn up?" When he has pins and needles in his foot and a stitch in his side.