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PROMPT attention to COLLECTION of CLAIMS and purchase and sale of REAL STATE.
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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 no pains shall be spared 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.
WM. H. BOSTIC, Auctioneer,
sep

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,
jy4-1y Easton, Md.

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 29-1y

CHEAP
PORTABLE GAS,
FOR COUNTRY HOUSES, CHURCHES, &c.
THE subscriber having purchased the agency for the sale of the PEERLESS GAS MACHINE, in this State, is prepared to contract for putting in Machines, Piping, &c., on reasonable terms. The above machine is undoubtedly the cheapest, and most perfect in use and has given great satisfaction wherever used. Persons ordering Machines may return them free of cost, if they do not give satisfaction, after a fair trial.
The public are invited to witness its practical working at the residence of the subscriber. dec 11-6m L. C. COX.

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COLLECTION of CLAIMS
AND THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE, FERTILIZERS, FARMING MACHINERY, &c., &c.,
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(mar 28

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 punctual credit.
They invite their friends and the public 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,
AND LIQUORS,
which for cheapness and quality cannot be surpassed in this market. Call and examine our stock.

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

SILVER PLATED, UNIVERSAL, REFLECTORS for Coal Oil Lamps, throwing the light and concentrating it on any given point for sewing or reading. Price $5, complete, for all lamps. For sale only at
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SPORTING GUNS and AMMUNITION for sale by G. W. MISBICK.

THE XIX CENTURY, a fortnightly magazine, published by the XIX Century Publication Company, Baltimore. For sale by G. W. MISBICK.

MISCELLANEOUS.

PUMPS
EVERYBODY should buy the MOYAMENSING PUMP
PORTABLE FIRE ENGINES,
WELL TUBE PUMPS.
Send for a Circular.
POOLE & HUNT,
jan 16 Baltimore, Md.

Head Quarters
FOR
Revenue Stamps,
AT
aug 28 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 carefully received and promptly filled.
☞ All goods delivered to Baltimore Steamers FREE of charge, and allowed 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.
apr 27 R. B. DIXON.

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

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, Japanese, Chene, Satin Stp'd, Rich Plaid, All Wool Paris Delaines, Beautiful Eng. Mohair, Changeable Lustre, Plaid Alpacas, Poplins & 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 best style 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.

CARPETS, 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 acknowledged that what we said was true. Now we repeat it again, and hold ourselves in readiness to do all that we promised in our advertisement. We have an elegant assortment of
1—English Brussels,
2—Three Ply,
3—Tapestry Ingrain,
4—Extra Superfine Ingrain,
5—Superfine and common Ingrain,
6—Venetian Carpet,
7—Venetian Carpet,
8—Hemp Carpet,
9—List Carpets,
10—Rag Carpets.
Floor Oil Cloths, all widths. Step Oil Cloths, five eights and three quarters, &c.
We now respectfully and earnestly solicit an early call and an examination of the above, as we feel confident we can satisfy. Yours
THOMPSON & KERSEY.

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 Paris.
LACES, RIBBONS, VELVETS, BRIDAL VEILS, FLOWERS, FINE JEWELRY, and TRIMMED PAPER PATTERNS, DRESS AND CLOAK 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

Bricks! 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 this county, 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 completeness.
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 the cause of all this 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 rip 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, Pineapples, 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 other Yankee Notions never offered in Easton.—Come, young and old, and bring your "sweet hearts" 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 competition, and sell everything for Cash or country produce. Remember the Cheap Grocery in the city.
D. B. GRIFFITH.

MISCELLANEOUS.

CASSIMERES.
MALLARIEU & BROTHER'S celebrated Cassimeres & Kerseys, just received from the Manufactory, and for sale by
sep 25 J. W. CHEEZUM & Co.

Wanted---Agents For Prof. Parsons' Laws of Business. With full Directions and Forms for all Transactions in every State, by Theophilus Parsons, B. 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.

BALTIMORE BACON—HAMS SHOULDERS and SIDE BACON, for sale by
M. M. HIGGINS.

GREEN'S DURHAM—Green's 'Genuine' Durham Smoking Tobacco, for sale by
M. M. HIGGINS.

SUGAR—Sea Island, Centrifugal and White Sugars for sale by
M. M. HIGGINS.

BOOTS AND SHOES.
BOOTS AND SHOES,
lower than ever, for sale by
oct 9 M. M. HIGGINS.

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

T. LEONARD. EDWARD BLAND. C. E. 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 required. Let your grain and goods come and every 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.

Furniture!
Furniture!!
JUST received from Philadelphia a large lot of NEW FURNITURE,
Collage Sets,
Bureaus, Bedsteads,
Lounges, Settees,
Mattresses, Tables,
Stands, Cribs, Towel Racks,
Rocking Chairs, Cane Seat and Plain Chairs, Children's Chairs, &c., &c., &c.,
which will be sold at city prices for cash.
The public are invited to call.
S. B. HOPKINS'
General Agency and Commission House,
Dover St., Easton, Md.

Carriages, Carriages.
HARNESS, HARNESS.
TWENTY new and second hand Carriages, and several new and second-hand sets of Harness, single and double. Also, new and second-hand Poles, on hand and for sale at reduced prices, by S. B. HOPKINS,
Gen. Agency and Commission House,
Dover St., Easton, Md.

"Hopkins' Antalgic Liniment,"
FOR the cure of Rheumatism, Neuralgia in all its forms, Headache, Faceache, Toothache, Lumbago, Bronchitis, Sore Throat, Chilblains, Sprains, Bruises, &c. Call and see certificates of wonderful cures from the most respectable citizens of the State. Price 75 cents per bottle. For sale by S. B. HOPKINS,
Proprietor and Manufacturer,
Dover st., Easton, Md.

AGENT FOR THE CELEBRATED
"Florence Sewing Machine,"
the best Machine now in use. Instructions given free. Call and examine the article and specimens of work.
S. B. HOPKINS,
Dover st., Easton, Md.

CONSIGNMENTS respectfully solicited.—Storage free. S. B. HOPKINS,
Gen. Agency and Commission House,
dec 2 Dover st., Easton, Md.

FOR COUGHS and COLDS—Ayer's Cherry Pectoral, Wilbor's Cod Liver Oil and Lime, Juniper Tar, Jayne's Expectorant, Brown's Troches, Wistar's Lozenges and Cough Candy, at the drug store of
HENRY N. GOLDSBOROUGH.
dec 25

SELECT POETRY.

Wouldn't You Like to Know.

BY JOHN G. SAXE.

I know a girl with teeth of pearl,
And shoulders white as snow:
She lives, ah, well,
I must not tell—
Wouldn't you like to know?

Her sunny hair is wonderous fair,
And wavy in its flow;
Who made it less
One little tress—
Wouldn't you like to know?

Her eyes are blue (celestial hue,)
And dazzling in their glow;
On whom they beam
With melting gleam—
Wouldn't you like to know?

Her lips are red and finely wed,
Like roses ere they blow;
What lover sips
These dewy lips—
Wouldn't you like to know?

Her fingers are like lillies fair,
When lillies fairest grow;
Whose hand they press
With fond caress—
Wouldn't you like to know?

Her foot is small and has a fall
Like snow flakes on the snow;
But where it goes
Beneath the rose—
Won'dn't you like to know?

She has a name, the sweetest name
That language can bestow;
'Twould break the spell
If I should tell—
Wouldn't you like to know?

Miscellaneous.

"Twenty Years."

Beg your pardon, old fellow, I think,
I was thinking just now, when you spoke;
The fact is, the musical clink,
Of the ice on your wine-goblet's brink
A chord of my memory awoke.

And I stood in the pasture field, where
Twenty summers ago I had stood;
And I heard in that sound, I declare,
The clinking of bells on the air
Of the cows coming home from the woods.

Then the apple-blossoms shook on the hill;
And mullein stalks timed each lance,
And the sun behind Rapalye's mill
Was my uttermost west and could thrill
Like the ultima thule of romance.

Then my friend was a hero, and thee
My girl was an angel. In fine,
I drank buttermilk, for at ten
Faith asks less to aid her, then when
At thirty we doubt over wine.

Ah, well, it does seem that I must
Have been dreaming just now, when you spoke
Or lost very like in the dust,
Of the years that slow fashioned the crust
On the bottle whose seal you last broke.

Twenty years was its age, did you say?
Twenty years? Ah, my friend, it is true;
All the dreams that have flown since that day,
All the hopes that in time passed away,
Old friend I've been drinking with you!

Who do Great Men Marry?

Women of course. But they show the same diversity of taste that is seen in the lower ranks, and on the whole make worse mistakes. They however, generally show the same sense in choosing wives that they show in managing other people's affairs, whether it be good or bad.

John Howard, the great philanthropist, married his nurse. She was altogether beneath him in social life and intellectual capacity, and besides, this, was fifty-two years old while he was but twenty-five. He would not take "No" for an answer, and they were married, and lived happily together until her death, which occurred two years afterward.

Peter the Great, of Russia, married a peasant girl. She made an excellent wife and a sagacious empress. Humboldt married a poor girl because he loved her. Of course they were happy.

Shakespeare loved and wed a farmers daughter. She was faithful to her vow, but we could hardly say the same of the great bard himself.—Like most of the great poets, he showed too little discrimination in bestowing his affection on the other sex.

Byron married Miss Milbank to get her money to pay his debts. It turned out a bad shift.

Robert Burns married a farm girl with whom he fell in love while they worked together in the plow field. He, too, was irregular in his life and committed the most serious mistakes in conducting his domestic affairs.

Milton married the daughter of a country squire, but lived with her but a short time. He was an austere, exacting, literary recluse; while she was a rosy, romping country lass that could not endure the restraint imposed upon her, and so they separated. Subsequently, however, she returned, and they lived tolerably happy.

Queen Victoria and Prince Albert were cousins, and about the only example in the long line of English monarchs wherein the material vows were sacredly observed and sincere affection existed.

Washington married a widow with two children. It is enough to say of her that she was worthy of him, and that they lived as married folks should, in perfect harmony.

John Adams married the daughter of a Presbyterian clergyman. Her father objected on account of John's being a lawyer; he had a bad opinion of the morals of the profession.

Gen. Sherman married the daughter of Thos. Ewing, of Ohio, who was a member of Gen. Taylor's cabinet. This alone would have been a good start in life for any young man.

JUSTICE IN NEW YORK.—Judge Dowling, of New York, loves a practical joke. The other day a man was before him charged with whipping his wife.

"How come he to beat you?" asked Judge Dowling.

"Underneath where we live, No. 740 Grand street, there is a dance house," explained the wife, "I was told my husband was there, and I took a woman with me, and we went and looked in."

"Was your husband there?" pursued the Judge.

"Yes sir."

"Dancing?"

"Yes, sir."

"Did you go inside?"

"No, sir, but my husband saw me, and soon came up to our room, when he beat me and smashed the furniture."

"It was not the proper place for her to go," spoke up the husband.

"It was a proper place for you, I suppose."

"Any place is proper for men."

"Do you really think so?"

"Yes, sir"

"Well, then, I'll send you to the penitentiary for three months."

HINTS FROM A POSTMASTER.—When you call at the office for your mail, and the postmaster hands it out, ask him if that is all.

If you ask for mail and he tells you there is none, tell him there ought to be, and go home and send the rest of the family around to ask at different times during the day.

Don't bring your mail to the office until the mail closes, then curse the postmaster for not unlocking the mail bag and putting your letter in.

When you want a stamp put on your letter, tell the postmaster to put it on; if he, don't lick it you lick him. In case you put the stamp on yourself, soak it in your mouth long enough to remove all the mucilage. It will then stick till it is dry.

Be sure to ask the postmaster to credit you for stamps, and if he has any accommodation about him at all he will do it.

If you have a box stand and drum on it until the postmaster hands out your mail; it makes him feel good, especially if he is waiting on some one else.

☞ An editor near West Troy, if "time is money," he is willing to exchange a little of his for cash.

☞ A country paper advertises for an "honest boy to make a dollar."

Troubles are like babies; they grow bigger by nursing.

Miscellaneous.

A LOVE STORY.

"Jim," said a young sailor to his cousin, who lived a long way inland, and had never seen the 'big water,' "Jim, did you ever think of going to sea?"

"You mean going to see the gals I suppose. I've been to see the girls lots of times."

"That ain't what I mean," said the sailor.—"But what about going to see the girls? Can you give me an account of any of your adventures?"

"Well," replied Jim, "I never made a practice telling such things. 'Taint a good plan.—But I had a little larkin' scrape last spring, and as we live away off to Boston, and don't get such chances, if you'll agree to keep mum I'll tell you all about it."

"I will keep perfectly dark," said the tar, who was beginning to feel interested, "go on with your story."

"It does make me feel kinder ugly when I think on't, I'd be hanged if it don't, but it's all over now. You see, Suke Baker and I used to take a great shine to one another. Suke was one of your right down, smart, well-looking and good behaving girls.

"She appreciated me, and I appreciated her, and we never should had no trouble if it hadn't been for the old man. He was a darned old snake-in-the-grass, and made us more trouble than all the rest of the family. Suke and I never joyed ourselves, for he was always sneakin' round and thro'a' out hints, and makin' himself as hateful as he was homely. I got sick on't and so did Suke. I suppose the old scamp did't like me, and did't want me there. I don't know what else to make of it, for he told me more than twenty times to leave and not come again.

"Suke's room was in the end of the chamber, and I told her one time to leave her window up, and I'd come in, and we'd have a bit of a visit. I know she wouldn't hesitate to do it, for I am honest and very 'spectful in my behavior. Well, after the folks were all in bed, and the house was still, I goes and gets a ladder and puts it up to the window. I then pulled off boots and crawled up. Suke met me at the window, and a tickelder couple you never saw than we was, but just as I was trying to clamber, the confounded ladder slid, and down it went, thunder to hek, making noise enough to wake up the whole town. It hit one of the lower winders, and knocked it all to smash. I just caught by the tip ends of my fingers on the window sill. Suke seeing me falling, made a grab for me, and got me by the hair of the head, and 'tween us both I just made out to stay, but I thought 'twould been as well if I hadn't been there, for I could neither get in or out.

"Old Baker heard the racket, and out he come in his shirt, to see what was to play. He sees me hanging there, and I suppose the old whelp mistrusted something, for he went and got a hop-pole and began to welt my limbs in real earnest. I tell you, Bill, I was in a very harrisn situation. There I was, spended by the hair—for Suke did the most of the hanging on—and old Baker, as mad as a hoe, just wallopin' me down with a hickory fish pole. What was to be did, If Suke and I should let go, I should fall, perhaps break my neck. If Suke and I hung on, old Baker would lick me to giblets with his infernal fish pole. I was never so unpleasantly situated in all my life. I would give 2 shillins for lightning enough to strike the old whelp dead. But all the lightning I seep was in my eye. I tell you, Bill, there was some there, or something else, for I could see stars of all kinds colors, just as thick as plasters. But, thinks I, I can't stand this, by a jug full, so I took and let go. Suke hung on like a beaver, and saved most half my hair, but down I went. Old Baker wan't expecting me quite so soon, and I hit him on the head and knocked him stiff. I got up and went home, but I feel purty groggy, I tell you."

"Ma, ma, cousin Bill, he's in the parlor with sister Jane, and he keeps biting her."

"What! William bring my Jane?"

"Yes'm. Bit her right on the mouth, and the varmint got didn't holler a bit, mother."

"Ah, never mind Ned, I guess he didn't hurt her much."

"Hurt her, cracky! why, she loves it, she does; cos she kept a letting him, and didn't say nothing, but just smacked her lips as if it was good, she did. I died it all through the keyhole. Bill, do take a run in the next room, see if you can't."