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Real Estate.
PERSONS having Real Estate to sell or those wishing to purchase, will find it to their advantage to call upon the subscriber.
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AND
AUCTIONEER.
JAMES B. RATTELL, having been appointed Constable in Trappe District, he also offers his services as Auctioneer. Business entrusted to him in either capacity, will receive prompt attention and satisfaction guaranteed. He will be in Easton every
mar 19-1y

N. E. NICOLS,
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Collection of Claims
AND THE SALE OF REAL ESTATE, FERTILIZERS, FARMING MACHINERY, &c.,
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Gen. Eli Slaughter, Dover, Del.
Capt. E. R. Newhard, Allentown, Pa
(mar 28

Pump Making And Well Digging.
JAMES A. CHAPMAN takes this method of informing the public that he has removed to Easton for the purpose of conducting the Pump-making and well-digging business. He has been operating in another part of the county for some time past and feels confident that his work will give satisfaction.—Orders left with F. G. Wright or W. L. Taylor, will be promptly attended to.
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LEWIS' WHITE LEAD, at greatly reduced prices, for cash, at
BATEMAN & TRIPPE'S.

SWEET AND FRESH ORANGES just received and for sale at
Bateman & Trippe's.

PAINTS, OILS AND GLASS, at city prices, for cash, for sale by
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BORDEN'S EXT. OF BEEF—A fresh supply at
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FRESH GROUND BUCKWHEAT at
TRIPPE'S.

TILE! TILE!
FARMERS, if you would improve your farms, and make good crops, without the expense of buying fertilizers for every season, TILE your land, especially your low springy land. It is impossible to make good crops, or to improve land without thorough drainage. This is the season for putting in tile. Every farmer should try a few acres. The expense is trifling in comparison with the advantage gained. Try it.
COD[illegible], EASTON,
Have on hand a large supply of egg shape Tile from 3 to 7 inches, rent, which they are selling cheap.
They also have on hand half a million common and pressed Ornamental BRICK, which they are selling at the lowest market prices.
All necessary information given for putting in tile. Wood taken in trade.
jan 8

SOMETHING NEW—Saunders' Face Powder, a delicate preparation for beautifying the complexion, free from anything which can possibly injure the skin, for sale at Bateman & Trippe's.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Fertilizers.
SOLUBLE PACIFIC GUANO,
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THE above valuable and well known Fertilizers for sale at reduced prices, and delivered at any Steamboat landing in the county at Baltimore prices.—Farmers buying here save drayage in Baltimore. All orders accompanied with the cash promptly filled. Call on or address the undersigned at his Lumber, Coal and Insurance office, on Dover st., Easton, Md. R. B. DIXON,
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COUNTRY PRODUCE—We always give the *highest price* for Country Produce, in exchange for goods.
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EARLY GOODRICH POTATOES—for sale by Wilson & Son.
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Easton, Md. mar 26

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We offer a full line of Goods, embracing English Cassimeres, French do., Scotch do., American do., Black French Cloths, Black French Cassimeres, Fancy Cassimeres, Plain do., Plain Cloths for Spring Overcoats. A full assortment of
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Gentlemen, call and see us. You can't help but be pleased at price, style and quality.
We never neglect
THE LADIES,
but have a full stock of Goods for them, direct from the Philadelphia importers, embracing in part Chintz Poplins, Chene Poplins, Plain and Plaid Poplins, Wool Poplins, Armures, DeLaines, Misses' Plaids, Chene Alpacas, BLACK ALPACAS.
Heretofore, we have had a full line of Black Alpacas, which several of our Easton Dress Makers said were superior to anything in the town, but we now have a different Goods, superior to any thing ever offered by us, which we will put in competition, in price and quality, with anything sold in Philadelphia or Baltimore. We ask but a call. Keep from buying if you can.
PLAIN AND PLAID OPERA FLANNELS, Ladies' Cloakings, fresh and new.
IN NOTIONS
We have a full assortment at city prices. In GROCERIES, we guarantee to sell at city prices, either by package or lb.
It would be impossible, in an advertisement, to tell of the BARGAINS we offer. To all who have not been to see us, we refer you to our customers, we ask no better reference.
The past three seasons we have sold strictly for cash, and it has been to our advantage.
To those who have patronized us and used their influence for us, we return our thanks. We will protect you in all you purchase. All orders will receive our personal attention.
JOHN J. JUMP & CO.,
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MISCELLANEOUS.

OUR MOTTO—SPECIE—Go to the store of J. RASIN, where cheap goods can be bought and SPECIE given in change. J. RASIN

A GREAT OFFER.
Horace Waters,
481 *Broadway, New York,*
will dispose of 100 Pianos, Melodeons, and Organs of six first class makers, including Chickering & Sons, at extremely low prices for cash, during THIS MONTH, or will take from $5 to $35 monthly until paid.
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For Sale.
A Store House And Dwelling
IN EASTON.
THE Storehouse and Dwelling, situated at the corner of Washington and South streets, near the Point Road, in Easton, now occupied by D. R. D. Cheezum, are offered at private sale.—The building is new, and the stand a good one for business. For terms and further particulars apply to the subscriber.
JOHN W. CHEEZUM.
Easton, je 11-tf

NOTICE.
THE safe and fast Schooner 'Way of Wye,' is offered to the farmers of Wye and Miles Rivers to freight grain, lime, or such other articles as they may require, upon most advantageous terms. Having sailed from the above rivers for twenty-five years, successfully, I hope will en title me to a share of the patronage of the public, which, by energy and close attention to business, I hope to merit.
Communications to the care of Col Edward Lloyd, Easton, will be received and promptly attended to.
feb 5 6m WM. H. SEVIER, Master

WANTED
EVERY Farmer, Housekeeper, Carpenter, Blacksmith, Wheelwright, Carriage Maker, Shoemaker and all others to know that NICOLS & TAYLOR have the LARGEST Stock of goods in their line of business ever offered in Easton; and that they offer
Greater Inducements
than have ever before been offered here. To prove what they say is correct in every particular, call and see them at the Old Original Hardware, Implement and Seed and Iron Store, Corner of Dover St. (mar 19
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Cooking Ranges, Warm Air *FURNACES, FIRE PLACE HEATERS,* PARLOR & COOK STOVES, TIN, SHEET-IRON & HOLLOW WARES, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, TIN ROOFING, SPOUTING, ALL KINDS of STOVE REPAIRS, and JOB WORK,
WITH BELL HANGING,
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OLD ESTABLISHED
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Fertilizers,
PARTICULARLY
"Rhodes'" Standard Manure,
"Soluble" South Sea Guano,
"Moro Phillips'" Phosphate,
"Bowers" Complete Manure,
No. 1. Peruvian Guano,
'Orchilla' Guano, &c., &c.
Orders respectfully solicited, promptly executed, and deliveries made at R. R. Depot or any convenient landing without extra expense. (may 7

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BARGAINS IN HARDWARE.
Bartlett & Brother's Store Selling off at Cost.
NOW IS THE TIME TO BUY FARMING IMPLEMENTS.
YOU WILL NEVER GET THEM SO CHEAP AGAIN.
THE Hardware store of Bartlett & Brother, in Easton, is being retailed at cost. All kinds of hardware in stock can now be bought at wholesale prices. Now is the time to buy bargains. The stock is very complete, embracing building hardware, house furnishing goods, blacksmith's materials, carriage and shoe finding, agricultural implements including one Excelsior Wheat Reaper and Mower, wheat rakes, &c. The public are invited to call and see for themselves. Terms cash.
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To Agents to sell the celebrated WILSON SEWING MACHINES. The best machine in the world. Stitch alike on both sides. One Machine without money. For further particulars, address 25 N. 9th St, Philadelphia, Pa.

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LIEBIG'S FOOD for infants and invalids. It is intended to relieve enfeebled constitutions, dyspeptics and children from much of the labor of digestion the food suitable for supplying growth and waste. 50 cents per package. Henry & Goldsborough.

FRESH LEMONS constantly on hand and for sale by Henry & Goldsborough.

FRESH CANDIES—French and plain; for sale by Henry Goldsborough.
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Notice.
ALL persons indebted to the late firm of CAMPBELL & HENRY, must settle their accounts by the *first of September next*, or I shall be compelled to collect them according to law, as longer indulgence cannot be given.
JOHN C. HENRY,
Surviving Partner of Campbell & Henry.
jy 9

$1,000 REWARD!
I will give ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS toward for any case of the following diseases, which the Medical Faculty have pronounced incurable, that Dr. Richau's Golden Remedies will not cure. Dr. Richau's Golden Balsam No. 1, will cure Syphilis in its primary and secondary stages, such as old Ulcers, Ulcerated Sore Throats, Sore Eyes, Skin Eruptions and diseases of the bones, combating disease and mercury thoroughly. Dr. Richau's Golden Balsam No. 2, will cure the third stage, Syphilis and Mercurial Rheumatism; and I defy those who suffer from such disease to obtain a radical cure without the aid of this medicine, which does not prevent the patient from eating and drinking what they like. Price of either No. 1 or 2, $2 per bottle, or two bottles for $3.
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AGENTS WANTED—$10 PER DAY—by the AMERICAN KNITTING MACHINE CO., Boston, Mass., or St. Louis, Mo.

WANTED AGENTS—To sell the OCTAGON SEWING MACHINE. It is licensed, makes the "Elastic Lock Stitch," and is warranted for 5 years. Price $15. All other machines with an under-feed sold for $15 or less are infringements. Address Octagon Sewing Machine Co., St. Louis, Mo., Chicago, Ill., Pittsburg, Pa.; or Boston, Mass.

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VINEGAR BITTERS,
Hundreds of Thousands
Bear testimony to their wonderful Curative Effects.
WHAT ARE THEY?

THEY ARE NOT A VILE
FANCY DRINK,
Made of Poor Rum, Whiskey, Proof Spirits, and Refuse Liquors, doctored, spiced, and sweetened to please the taste, called "Tonics," "Appetizers," "Restorers," &c., that lead the tippler on to drunkenness and ruin, but are a true Medicine, made from the Native Roots and Herbs of California, free from all Alcoholic Stimulants. They are the GREAT BLOOD PURIFIER and LIVER GIVING PRINCIPLE, a perfect Renovator and Invigorator of the System, carrying off all poisonous matter, and restoring the blood to a healthy condition. No person can take these Bitters, according to directions, and remain long unwell.
$100 will be given for an incurable case, provided the bones are not destroyed by mineral poisons or other means, and the vital organs wasted beyond the point of repair.
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Cleanse the Vitiated Blood whenever you find its impurities bursting through the skin in Pimples, Eruptions, or Sores; cleanse it when it is foul, and your feelings will tell you when. Keep the blood pure and the health of the system will follow.
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Druggists and General Agents,
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TO PHYSICIANS.
NEW YORK, August 15th, 1868.
Allow me to call your attention to my
Preparation of Compound Extract Buchu.
The component parts are BUCHU, LONG LEAF, CUBEBS, JUNIPER BERRIES.
MODE OF PREPARATION.—Buchu, in vacuo. Juniper berries, by distillation, to form a fine gin. Cubebs extracted by displacement with spirits obtained from Juniper Berries; very little sugar is used, and a small portion of spirit. It is more palatable than any now in use.
Buchu, as prepared by Druggists, is of a dark color. It is a plant that emits its fragrance; the action of a flame destroys this (its active principle,) leaving a dark and glutinous decoction. Mine is the color of ingredients. The Buchu in my preparation predominates; the smallest quantity of the other ingredients are added, to prevent fermentation; upon inspection, it will be found not to be a Tincture, as made in Pharmacopœa, nor is it a Syrup—and therefore can be used in cases where fever or inflammation exist. In this, you have the knowledge of the ingredients and the mode of preparation.
Hoping that you will favor it with a trial, and that upon inspection it will meet with your approbation,
With a feeling of confidence,
I am, very respectfully,
H. T. HELMBOLD,
Chemist and Druggist, of
16 Years' Experience.

(From the largest Manufacturing Chemists in the World)
NOVEMBER 4, 1854.
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Helmbold's Fluid Extract of Buchu and Improved Rose Wash
Will radically exterminate from the system diseases arising from habits of dissipation, at little expense, little or exposure; completely superceding those unpleasant and dangerous remedies, Copaiva and Mercury, in all these diseases.

Use Helmbold's Fluid Extract of Buchu
In all diseases of these organs, whether existing in male or female, from whatever cause originating, and no matter of how long standing. It is pleasant to taste and order, "immediate" in action, and more strengthing than any of the preparations of Bark and Iron.
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The reader must be aware that, however slight may be the attack of the above diseases, it is certain to effect the bodily health and mental powers.
All the above diseases require the aid of a Diuretic. HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU is the great Diuretic.
Sold by Druggists everywhere. Price $1.25 per bottle, or 6 bottles for $6.50 Delivered to any address. Describe symptoms in all communications.
Address,
H. T. Helmbold,
Drug and Chemical Warehouse,
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NONE ARE GENUINE
Unless done up in a steel-engraved wrapper, with fac-simile of my Chemical Warehouse, and signed
H. T. HELMBOLD.
apr 23

SELECT POETRY.

Thoughts of Loved Ones.

I am sitting, thinking dreaming,
In my room where silence reigns,—
Save the music of the raindrops,
Trickling down the window panes,
And my thoughts are of the loved ones,
Who have moved so far away;
Once they formed a happy circle,
Round this hearth at close of day.

Once she bound us all together,
At the hour of evening prayer;
Mingled then our supplications,
Asked a heavenly Father's care,
Asked his guidance and protection,
Mercy, grace, and constant love,
Freedom from all grief and sorrow,
And a home with Him above.

Home was always bright and happy,
Ever filled with cheerful hearts,
Then our sky was always radiant,
With the light which love imparts,
But they left the scenes of childhood,
Where their brightest suns had shone,
To a stranger's land they wandered,
Wandered and are now alone.

Strange the faces now which meet them,
No familiar voice they hear;
Strange the eyes which look upon them.
Not a single heart to cheer,
When the twilight shadows deepen,
And the work of day is o'er,
Who now listens for their footsteps?
Who stands watching at the door?

Who now fills a mother's office?
No one but a mother can,
And no father's hand to guide them,—
As when life its morn began;
Now no loving sisters, brothers,
Answer to their every call,
They have left us far behind them,
Parents, brothers, sisters, all.

I am sitting, thinking, dreaming
Silence now doth reign supreme,
For the storm has ceased its roaring,
And the storms refulgent beams,
Let my dreams be sweet and pleasant,
Guardian angel pass and bright,
To thy hands I now commit me,
Loved ones I must now say 'good night.'

SELECT READING.

LEGAL STRATEGY.

BY JUDGE CLARK.

Charles Lamb gives a funny account of the origin of roast pig. The owner of a litter of juvenile porkers, roasted to death by the casual burning of the family sty, in picking about among the ruins, and sorrowfully handling the crisp remains, chanced to burn his fingers. Clapping them to his mouth, he tasted a pleasure so exquisite, that it made him at once forget his pain and his loss. Pouncing on the prize, he not only dispatched the whole barbecue at a sitting, but licked his lips for more: The story got wind, and the entire country was ablaze with burning pig-pens, nor was it till many years after, that some adventurous innovator shocked the adherents of conservative cookery, by proposing a new and less expensive process of preparing the favorite dish.

It is not for us lawyers to laugh at this. None have been more prone than we, to roast pigs according to precedent. All of us can remember when, in every action to recover the value of one man's property wrongly appropriated by another, it was necessary to allege a fictitious losing by the former and finding by the latter; and all because the first case of the sort, hundreds of years ago, happened to be one of real losing and finding. Nay, I have even known the loss and finding of a peck of cabbages to be solemnly averred, and no lawyer thought of smiling at it!

In the department of Evidence, we have been especially slow to learn. If you want to know how cramped and artificial its rules are, just get into the witness-box to tell all you know about some case, and see how much you'll be let tell.

Twenty years ago it was worse. No one was then admitted as a witness who was either a 'party to the record,' or interested, to a cent's value, in the controversy. The consequence was a frequent impossibility of proving, by competent witnesses, undoubted facts, which neither of the litigants, had they then suffered to speak, would have thought of denying. The devices to which counsel and clients were driven by a rule so unreasonable, were often amusing enough.

On one occasion a countryman, visiting the city, deposited his money—some two hundred dollars—with his landlord, no one being present at the time. Next day, having occasion to make some purchases, he applied for his money, and was met with a cool denial of its having been ever received. On taking legal counsel, the gentleman was astonished to learn that, being without a witness, as matters stood his case was hopeless.

The lawyer, however, was a man of resources. Dismissing his client with directions to return in a couple of days, he called to his aid a reliable friend, to whom he privately unfolded his plans.

Acting under the lawyer's instructions the friend presented himself at the inn as a guest, and, after securing quarters, deposited three hundred dollars in the landlord's hands, taking good care to have a witness by. Some hours after, he called alone for the money, and the landlord knowing there was proof of the deposit, made no difficulty of handing it over.

The same day Boniface was served with a writ for the three hundred dollars, and on seeking advice, was told that, as there was a witness to his receipt of the money, and none to its return, he had nothing for it but to pay it again. With two hundred dollars of it, the lawyer reimbursed the countryman, and kept the remainder for his fee.

Not less adroit was the stratagem that Lije Loomis stole on the Statute of Limitations.' Lije was the *factotum* of Guy's Neck. He did a miscellaneous business as carpenter, cow doctor and coffin maker, adding to his other functions that of undertaker to the county poor house.—He was, withal, an easy, good-natured fellow, too ready to trust, and a most indulgent creditor.

Among others whom Lije has trusted to his cost was Greg Grimes, without exception the greatest promise maker and breaker in Guy's Neck. I verily believe he would, if possible, have put a creditor off till the last Judgement, and then, on the score of its being a busy day, have begged him to wait till to-morrow.

Greg had wheedled Lije with promises, till the latter's claims was 'outlawed.' Losing patience at last, Lije took his account over to the Squire's, when, to his no small discomfiture, he learned that unless he could get a new promise from his debtor, with a witness to it, he might whistle for his bill.

Such fellows as Greg always know a good deal of law, especially the sharp points of it. Greg would talk as freely, and was as full of promises as ever, when he and Lije were alone, but, before others, would either evade the subject, or else remain provokingly mum.

One day Lije drove up to Greg's door with his old grey mare and spring-wagon, a plain pine coffin—one of those flat-topped affairs deemed good enough for poor folks—being visible behind the seat.

'Mornin', neighbor,' said Lije.

'Same to you,' said Greg. 'Goin' to plant a pauper, I see.'

'Y-e-a-s; old Bope took rather sudden leave last night, and went to try the charity of another world.'

'Which it's no more'n fair,' said Greg, 'seein' how long he's lived on the charity of this.'

'Would you mind gittin' in and comin' along, neighbor?' said Lije; 'it's mighty dull goin' to a funeral all alone by one's self.'

Greg didn't mind, and straightway mounted by Lije's side.

The two chatted away after a sort to prove how cheerful good company can render even a grave occasion.

'I spose you hev'nt forgot that little bill o' mine?' Lije at last took the liberty to hint.

'Not by no means,' said Greg. 'Let's see now—how much did you say it was? I misremember rightly.'

'Even sixty-nine dollars, besides seven years interest.'

'Quite right,' Greg assented, 'I recollect it now.'

'Ef it's at all inconvenient to pay it,' said Lije, 'don't you put yourself out on no account.'

'I've been threatenin' to settle it for a month back,' said Greg; 'but times hev been tight, an'—an'—how would Monday week do?'

'To a dot,' answered Lije.

'I'll send it round,' said Greg.

A curious sound came from the coffin.

The ghost of a chuckle, Durdles would have called it. Greg gave one jump, and 'hi' in an adjacent cow-pasture.—Looking back, he saw Lije's 'peratice, the most mischievous imp in Guy's Neck, but with plenty of sense, and of lawful age to be a witness, sitting up in the coffin laughing like mad.

Greg took in the situation at a glance. He had been duped into committing himself before a witness.

'It's a dirty, nasty, mean trick,' he exclaimed.

'What is?' said Lije.

'Why, trifin' with a body's feelin's about old Bope, makin' b'lieve he's dead.'

'An' so he is,' said Lije, 'only I was goin' arter the buddy, instid o' fetchin' it away.'

Greg turned off in disgust, Lije bawling after him:

'Don't forget Monday week, and perhaps it'll save us both some trouble.'

Greg didn't forget; but he has never more than half enjoyed himself at a funeral since.—*New York Ledger.*

☞ Admiral Farragut was a good man as well as a brave one. On the night before the attack on Fort Morgan, in Mobile Bay, the men of his vessel asked for grog before going into action next day. 'I have no particular objection to your having a little grog,' he said, 'if there is any on board; but I have been to sea a good many years, and seen some fighting, but I have never seen the time when I needed rum to help me on duty.'

☞ The Annalist is responsible for the following equivalent for 'Jardan's a hard road to travel, 'Perambulatory progression is the pedestrian excursion along that far-famed thoroughfare of fortune, cast up by the banks of the sparkling river of Palestine, is indeed attended with a heterogeneous conglomeration of unforseen difficulties.

☞ A rough chap, knee high to a grass hopper, heard one complaining at the table of the quality of butter in market.—Evening came and he knelt, and in repeating the Lord's Prayer, paused after asking for his daily bread, and added in a whisper, 'Mother hadn't I better ask for a little good butter, too?'

A gentleman in conversation with Dr. Johnson, to some of the usual arguments for drinking, added this:

"You know sir, drinking drives away care, and makes us forget whatever is disagreeable. Would you not allow a man to drink for that reason?"

"Yes, sir, if he sits next to you," replied Dr. Johnson.

A Connecticut lady of venerable age received the following telegram from her son, out West, last week: 'Arrise, daughter, and go unto thy daughter, and say to thy daughter that thy daughter's daughter has a son.

'Vill you take something?' said a teetotaler to a friend, while standing near a tavern.

'I don't care if I do,' was the reply.

'Vell, den, let's take a valk.'

'I'm afraid, dear wife, that while I am gone, absence will conquer love.' 'Oh, never fear, dear husband; the longer you stay away the better I shall like you.'

The original Declaration of Independence, now in the Patent Office at Washington, is nearly illegible from the fading of the ink.

A revenue assessor in Ohio, asking the usual questions, inquired, 'Did your wife have any income last year?' 'Yes,' replied the assessed, 'she had twins—both girls.'

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