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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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Plastic Slate Roofing.
THE attention of Carpenters, and those contemplating building new houses or putting new roofs on old ones, is particularly called to the Plastic Slate Roofing, the greatest Roofing Material of the age. For flat roof there is nothing to equal it. It is cheap, light and flexible, non-expanding, non-contracting fire proof, weather proof and everlasting roofing.
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feb 15 1m

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THE consumers of coal will remember that the summer season is the time to buy coal the cheapest. I am now receiving at my coal yard at Easton Point the various sizes of best quality of Anthracite Coal, and am preparing to deliver the same at any place in Easton or vicinity, *very cheap*, for CASH.
Persons on any of the Talbot rivers or Creeks can have their coal delivered on their premises.
Cooking coal, smithing coal, and Cumberland Lump Coal, for grates, always on hand at the lowest market rates.
The quality of the coal is the best; it is clean and in good order; and will be sold at 2240 lbs. to the ton.
Persons would do well to send in their orders while the price of coal is down.
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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 springyand*, 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.
COOPER & WHITE, EASTON.

Have on hand a large supply of egg shape TILE from 2 to 7 inches, vent, which they are offering cheap.
They also have on hand half a million common and pressed *handmade* BRICK, which they are selling at the lowest market prices.
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jan 8 1

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.

GLASS FRUIT JARS—Quarts & half gallons of Hero, Dexter Selchworth & Willoughby patterns—24 dozen of the above in store and for sale low by J Basin

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Have Glass Fruit Jars.
WE have just received another supply of the "Glass Top" Self sealing Fruit Jars, which are acknowledged by all to be the best. Come and see them at
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A LARGE lot of *BLEACHED and UNBLEACHED MUSLINS*, received this 31st of August, with a full line of
CALICOES BED TICKING,
Hosiery, Gloves, Handkerchiefs, and a full line of all goods usually kept in a first class store.
Ask your neighbor who sells the cheapest goods in Easton, and see if he doesn't tell you JOHN J. JUMP & CO.,
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NEW
FALL AND WINTER GOODS.
Thompson & Kersey
HAVE just returned from the cities of PHILADELPHIA and BALTIMORE with a stock of new
Fall AND Winter Goods,
which they feel willing to put in fair competition with any stock in the county.
They invite their numerous friends and customers, and the public geneeally, to call and examine for themselves. (oct 8

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Steam Biscuit, Cracker and Cake Bakery
Nos. 258, 260 & 262 N. 22nd Street,
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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.
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WINES, GINS, &c.,
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All Goods delivered to Baltimore Steamer FREE of charge—after said delivery, at the risk of the purchaser. [oct 1-1y

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A Book Invaluable TO EVERY GROCER, Every Produce Dealer, Every Dairyman, Every Farmer, Every Manufacturer, Everybody. You cannot afford to be without it
IT CONTAINS, The surest and only certain method to keep Eggs fresh and sweet for at least one year. The cost is less than half a cent per dozen, and by this method Eggs bought at eight and ten cents a dozen during the summer, can be kept and sold during the winter for from thirty to fifty cents.—When once known this method will take the place of all others: It does not tarnish the Egg or give it the appearance of age.
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These Two Receipts Alone are Worth Hundreds of Dollars!
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It tells how to Clarify Honey so as to sell for nearly twice the common sort.
It tells the latest and best mode of salting and curing Hams and all kinds of meat.
It tells how to Dye Clothes of all shade and in fast colors.
It gives valuable Receipts for curing Burns Sores, Cuts, Felons, Frost Bites, Cancer, Ear Ache, Tooth Ache, Ring Worm, with hundreds of other new and valuable methods with full directions, so that any one can use them.
It tells how to take out Fruit Stains, Ink Stains, Iron Rust Stains, and Paint Stains from Cloth and Silk Dresses.
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It tells how to make the best Curling Fluid for making the hair grow in beautiful flowing ringlets.
It tells how to Feed Hens so as to make them lay all the year round,
It gives over five hundred rare and valuable Receipts, and a complete guide to the manufacture of hundreds of useful and saleable articles, including Patent Medicines, Perfumery, Toilet and Dental Articles, and many others easily made, at trifling cost, and selling readily at large profits, with many manufacturers' secrets, &c.
It is valuable to every one—be sure to get it.
Sent by mail, free of postage, for ONE DOLLAR, For sale by Wm. H. BISHOP
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FRUIT JARS—We are selling the PROTECTOR Fruit Jar—the best in the market.
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$1,000 REWARD
For any case of Blind, Bleeding or Itching PILES that DR RING'S PILE REMEDY fails to cure. It has cured cases of 20 years standing. Try it, and get rid of the most troublesome disease flesh is heir to. Sold by all Druggists.
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The Magic Comb will change any colored hair or beard to a permanent black or brown It contains no poison. Any one can use it. One sent by mail for $1. Address MAGIC COMB CO., Springfield, Mass.
aug 20-3m

MESCELLANEOUS.

NICOLS & TAYLOR,
Dealers in
Hardware, Cutlery, Guns, &c.
Now offer the finest and most complete assortment of Hardware, Pocket and Table Cutlery, Guns and Gunning Equipments ever before offered on the Shore.
Single and Double Barrel Guns, Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Game Bags, Powder, Shot, Caps, Wads, &c., Pocket Cutlery of all prices. Table Cutlery, in Ivory, Buck, Gutta Percha, Bone, Cocoa, and other Handles.
Mechanics' Tools in great variety, Plows and Castings of all kinds. Corn Shellers, Wheat Fans, &c. Iron, Steel, Lime, Hair, Cement, Plaster, Bowers' Complete Manure, Rhodes' Standard Manure, Orchilla Guano, &c.
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sept 17

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THE LARGEST AND BEST assortment of
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of all kinds ever before offered in Easton, now on sale by NICOLS & TAYLOR.

Double Guns,
SINGLE GUNS,
REVOLVERS,
Cartridges,
Powder, Shot, Caps, Wads, Game Bags, Shot Pouches, Powder Flasks, Pocket Cutlery, common and fine, Table Cutlery, common and fine, Scissors, of all grades, Razors, Straps, &c.
The finest assortment of above goods ever before offered in Easton.
NICOLS & TAYLOR.

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JNO. W. CHEEZUM & CO,
FALL GOODS!
FALL GOODS!
FALL GOODS!
DARK CALICOES,
MEDIUM CALICOES.
J. W. CHEEZUM & Co.

BROWN MUSLINS,
BLEACHED MUSLINS.
J. W. Cheezum & Co.

Flannels! Flannels!
Canton Flannels, Brown & Bleached, Domett Flannel, State Flannels, All Wool Flannels, Red Flannel, Twed & Plain.
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THE BEST SUBSCRIPTION BOOK out. Address, O. D. CASE & CO., Hartford, Conn. 4w

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I WISH to call the attention of a new article—made on a new principle—being the lightest, cheapest and best Baskets in the market. Call or send for a sample. Baskets of any size or weight made to order. Address,
C. B. ROGERS,
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Also, Berry Baskets and Crates of the most approved patterns. (ju 4

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oct 15 3m

MISCELLANEOUS.

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Forrester & Townsend
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SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
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oct 15-1y

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The attention of cash buyers is specially called to a stock of cheap goods at
oct 22 J. RASIN'S.

To Sportsmen.
AT THE HARDWARE STORE
WILL now be found the LARGEST and MOST COMPLETE assortment of Guns,
Pistols
Powder,
Shot
Caps and Wads,
Ever before offered in Easton.
We have just received an Invoice of the best quality of Ammunition from New York, and offer the best quality of Caps, Wads, &c, at lower prices than the same goods can be bought at elsewhere in the State.
Call at the "Hardware" store and examine. nov 5-tf

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CHEAPER THAN THE CHEAPEST
FALL & WINTER STOCK!
MOSES HERZ has the pleasure to inform the public that he has just returned from the city with a splendid new stock of READY MADE CLOTHES, consisting of
OVER-COATS,
SACK-COATS,
DRESS-COATS,
PANTS, VESTS
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Also a fine assortment of
HATS,
CAPS,
AND TRUNKS
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nov 5

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Opposite Easton Post Office,
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A fine assortment of TRAVELING TRUNKS, also a fine assortment of CARRIAGE AND GENTLEMEN'S WHIPS.
I am prepared to manufacture Wagon Harness at various prices. The above articles will be sold at the lowest possible price.. Repairing done at the shortest notice and on the most reasonable terms.
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FALL & WINTER DRESS MAKING.
Mrs. Georgiana Hughes
HAS just returned from the city with the latest styles of patterns, and is prepared to make all kinds of
LADIES' GARMENTS
in the latest and most fashionable style.
She has a Lady to conduct the business for her who has had a long experience in the city, and all work done by her is
Warranted to Give Satisfaction.
She hopes by strict attention to business to merit and receive a share of public patronage, and invites her friends and the public to give her a call. (sept 24

OPENING OF NEW
Fall & Winter Goods *AT THE CHEAP CASH STORE of*
Covington & Mason.
WE have just returned from the city with a larger and finer assortment of goods than we have ever before offered in this market, among which may be found Plain and Plaid Poplins, Surges, Red Poplins, French De-Laines, Alpacas, &c.
English, French and American
Cassimeres.
Black Doeskins and Cloths, Beaver Cloths for Overcoats, etc.
FLANNELS—Our stock of Flannels is now complete, consisting of Blue and Scarlet Opera Flannel, Shaker, Plain and Twilled White, and plain and twilled Red.
KERSEYS—We are selling Murphy's, Dean's and other makes of Kerseys very low.
BLACK ALPACAS—We are now offering a new make of Black Alpacas which cannot be beat.
All of the above goods have been bought for cash, and selected with care, and all we ask is a call and an examination of the same, knowing that they cannot fail to please.
COVINGTON & MASON.

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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, 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.
"I am acquainted with Mr. H. T. Helmbold; he occupied the Drug Store opposite my residence, and was successful in conducting the business where others had not been equally so before him. I have been favorably impressed with his character and enterprise."
WILLIAM WEIGHTMAN,
Firm of Powers & Weightman,
Manufacturing Chemists,
9th & Brown St., Philadelphia.

Helmbold's Fluid Extract Buchu
is the great specific for Universal Lassitude, Prostration, &c.
The constitution, once affected with Organic Weakness, requires the aid of Medicine to strengthen and invigorate the system, which HELMBOLD'S EXTRACT BUCHU invariably does. If no treatment is submitted to, Consumption or insanity ensues.

Helmbold's Fluid Extract of Buchu,
In affections peculiar to Females, is unequalled by any other preparation, as in Chlorosis, or Retention, Painfulness, or Suppression of Customary Evacuations, Ulcerated or Schirrus State of the Uterus, and all complaints incident to the sex, or the decline or change of life.

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 no exchange in diet, no inconvenience or exposure; completely superceding those un pleasant and dangerous remedies, Cold iva and Mercury, in all these diseases.

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Those suffering from broken-down or delicate constitutions, procure the remedy at once.
The reader must be aware that, how ever slight may be the attack of the above diseases, it is certain to effect the bodily health and mental powers.
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Sold by Druggists everywhere. Price $1.25 per bottle, or 6 bottles for $6.50 Delivered to any address. Describe symptoms in all communications.
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Unless done up in a steel-engraved wrapper, with fac-simile of my Chemical Warehouse, and signed
H T. HELMBOLD.
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SELECT READING.

THE MYSTERY.

Dr. Winter, sitting at his breakfast table, was drying the morning paper, still damp, and exhaling the odor of the press before the fire, while his eyes rested now and then on a number of letters brought in by the postman.

The doctor was a middle-aged bachelor, well-to-do in the world, and having a comfortable practice. Life had gone on smoothly enough for him with scarcely a break worth recording. He had no mournful memories of the past; his affections had never been blighted; his youth he had spent in getting rich, and now he was satisfied with his worldly accumulations, but in no haste to secure aid to dissipate them:

But the dead levels of life get strangely stirred now and then; and as Dr. Winter unfolded the paper, his eye fell on a paragraph headed:

'Sudden death.—Our readers will regret to learn of the sudden demise of the talented young artist, Edgar Percy. He was found dead in his apartment last evening. His disease was probably some organic affection of the heart. We are yet unable to give further particulars.'

'Edgar Percy dead! Why, it was only yesterday afternoon that I met him in perfect health.'

He took up his hat and gloves with the intention of visiting Percey's lodgings, and was carelessly putting the letters away when he suddenly exclaimed. Percy's hand! Sealed with black too. I wonder I did not notice it before. Can it be possible that he writes to tell me of his death?'

Dr. Winter sat down again, and opened the sombre missive. It was dated the evening before, and sure enough Edgar Percey's name was signed to it. Dr Winter read:

"MY DEAR FRIEND:—'It is now time for us to part—for me to die, for you to live; and which of us meets the best fate, God only knows.' Do you remember those words of Socrates, doctor? While you are reading this I shall be cold enough, and quite enough, too. The darkened glass withdrawn. You will stand over me and wonder that one so young should recoil down so suddenly. The world will arise uplifted hands of astonishment, and then rush on and forget as ere a single morn has waxed and waned. And yet it is the fear of this same cold, indifferent world that compels us to rush unbidden from its haunts To you the secret is revealed. Remember, it is the secret of the dead; betray it not. I have taken subtle and deadly poison; so subtle that it leaves no trace to betray its presence—so deadly that in one half hour I shall be a corpse—one half hour! Then the unwailing of eternity. To you, I repeat, I bequeath this secret. To you I bequeath the task of finding out why I took my life in my own hands, and went out in the world dreading its power. I might tell you.—They say the deeds of all men shall one day be known. Ah, my God! I had rather throw myself upon thy mercy who knowest my sins already, than live to be at the mercy of man. My lips shall never frame the confession—my pen never wrote it. My death alone ends all. With me the secret dies. If I lived, it must become known, dare not betray the trust of a dead man. Come and look at me after you have read this. Farewell.
EDGER PERCY.

Dr Winter's astonishment was too vast to find an immmediate utterence. He put the letter carefully in his pocket, and went forth to obey the dead man's summons. 'Come and look at me after you have read this.'' Ay, that he would.

Standing over the dead in the darkened parlor, the doctor learned all that the world was ever to know of Edgar Percy's flitting. The servant had taken him in some warm water the evening before and he had given her a letter to post.—Going to his room two hours later to close the shutters, she found him lying on the sofa quiet enough, as he himself had said. The room was in its usual order. He had evidently dropped off without a struggle. She did not know to whom the letter was addressed, as she was unable to read writing; but noticed that the seal was black. Mr. Percy used that kind of envelope always.

That was all she had to say, and the Doctor told her she might go and leave him with the dead.

Very pathetick was the dead face. A mournful beauty veiled the chiseled features; a sad smile wreathed his exquisite mouth. The profiled turned slightly aside, gave the head a listening look.—Marvelous enough, doubtless, were the sounds now ringing in those ears. What was the mystery upon which those eyes so feared to look that they must needs put on the veil of death?

No answer—no stirring of those lips—no lifting of those heavy lids with death for coin-weights.

A tear fell upon the marble brow of the dead; the doctor's hand fell caressingly upon the damp locks.

'Poor boy,'' he murmured.

But there came a time when the sad beauty of that face was hid away to await the awful change already commenced; when the sad smile seemed like a sneer wherewith the dead mock their own decay, and Edgar Percy was forgotton by all save one.

He had no clue as yet. Percy had been for two years a resident of the place had been sucessful as an artist, but had no relation that any one knew. It was known that he came from the country, but that was all. Who were his friends no one could tell. It seemed that he han none save these he had in town.—He was not in debt. He left behind him sufficient to pay the expense of his funeral. Among his effects, orderly and common-place, there was no sign of mystery, nor a scrap of writing, not even an unfinished sketch to point a clue. One thing the Doctor felt sure of. Edgar Percy, mentally or phisically, was the personation of his own mystery.—His death destroyed its power, put an end to its threatenings, swallowed it up in internal oblivion. It might be guilt it might be misfortune—it might be fate. Whatever it was concerned the dead man alone. It lay between him and the world. God might pardon and overlook it if it were sin, but the world he knew never could.

But was it sin? The world, we know forgives that easily enough when it is sanctified by success and beyond the reach of law. If it was something the world could not forgive, what could it have been?

It must not, however, be supposed that Winter thought of nothing else than Edgar Percey's suicide. Man is seldom faithful to a memory; and having his hands upon the good things of this life. Winter believed in enjoying them, and after puzzling his brain on a hundred possible solutions to the riddle, he gave it up; so that when Edgar Percy had been dead for a yeay, the thing was precisely where it was when first he read the suicides letter.

Another year dimmed the memory of the tragedy; the third effaced it entirely from his mind, to return only by fits and starts.

It was during the close of the third year that Dr. Winter made the acquaintance of a young surgeon belonging to one of the principal hospitals. Young Wm. Dunning took a great fancy to the middle-aged, jolly practioneer, a *pendchant* reciprocated by the Doctor; and when off duty the two were always together.

One day Dr. Winter, accompanied Dunning at the hospital, and went the rounds with him. There were many sad sights there, moans of pain and thin palid faces, on which death was plainly stamped.

Dunning stopped at one of the pallets which lay the slender form of a man yet in his early youth, whose pale, regular features and dusky eyes, sent a thrill of remembrance through Dr. Winters soul. Where had he seen that face and when?

'Who is he?' was the question that rose to his lips.

'It is hard to tell who he is,' replied Dunning. "He was found wandering in the street, wild with delirium. He had been robbed, it seemed, and turned out of a sick bed by some treacherous fiend, doubtless hoping that he would perish in the street. Poor creature?—His hour is near at hand!'

'Is he conscious?'

'He has not been hitherto; but I think he will recover his reason before he dies.

Ah! there is sanity in his eyes even now. Speak to him Doctor.'

'My good man,' said Winter, 'do you see me?'

'Doctor Winter,' uttered a feeble voice.

'You know me!' he cried with astonishment. 'Who are you?'

A feeble smile curved his thin lips.

'If you will sit down beside me I have a long story to tell you. Yet, no, it shall not be long.'

The sick man streatched his hand for a cordial. It was given him, and again the duskey eyes were turned upon Winter's face, and the low voice began:

'Five years ago I met you first. For two years you were my friend. I died, bequeathing you a strange task. For three years I was dead to you and all the world.'

'You, then, are Edgar Percy?'

'What is left of him.'

'You were not dead then? In what manner were you rescued from the grave?'

'No, I was not dead,' he said. 'Dying has been my profession. I have lived upon the proceeds of my deaths at various times; but I am not dead yet.

To say that Dr. Winter was astounded would but feebly express the state of the good man's mind, while Dunning watched the two with distended eyes.

'But what' demanded the Doctor, with difficulty forcing himself to speak, 'was the disgrace to which you alluded in that letter?'

'A blind, my friend; a blind; merely to throw you off the track: You saw—to Dunning—that I am going to die?'

'You certainly are beyond all skill.'

'Well, what matters it? I have been a great rascal, and no one has ever suspected it. 'Twill be a sort of relief to spak the truth for once in my life. Listen, both of you.

The processes of converting a warm young heart to villainy and dishonesty are various. It matters not how I became a hypocrite I always was; I think it was born in me, and mismanagement strengthened the natural propensity. Well, Doctor. I am going to make the story short, to give the frame work, as it were, which you can fill out at your leisure; for already I feel the death clutch at my vitals. Three seperate times have I, with the aid of an accomplice, feigned death successfully. Each time my life was insured to a large amount: each time I bore a different name, was buried or supposed to have been, by my accomplice, who, of course was the person in whose favor my insurance was drawn. I have had in all $5,000 within the space of five years, obtained in this way. The last time I undertook it, my accomplice; after drawing the money refused to give my usual share, two thirds. Knowing that I was in his power I dared not proceed to extremities with him; so I let him depart with his ill-gotton gains. But the disappointment of my last effort was too much for me, and here I am defeated at last and brought to a bed which is really a couch of death.'

'Then' said Dr. Winter, by silence, dreading least I betrayed the dishonor of a dead friend, I connived at a felony, and helped two scoundrels to prey upon society. Oh, Edgar Percy I would not have believed it of you.'

'Can't you see responded the dying man, with a feeble sneer,' that is the reason why I was so successful?—My face stamped me not only pure, but above suspicion. So much for faces.'

Dr. Winter turned abruptly away, shocked, disgusted, and angry. Dunning sent for a magistrate, who took the confession of the imposter, who, however refused to give the name of his confederate in crime. He died at last, repenting at the eleventh hour, as is often the custom with such men.

Dr. Winter says that he would rather have gone on fretting now and then over a mystery he could not solve, than to have it solved as this was, and that he can never forgive himself for being duped by Percy's lying epistle.

Sawdust pills, says an old physician, would effectly cure most of the diseases with which mankind is affected if every patient would make his own sawdust.

There are two reasons why some people don't mind their own business. One is that they haven't any business, and the second is that they have no brains.