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"SIMPLY GRAND!"
IS THE GENERAL EXCLAMATION
of all who visit the
Mammoth One-Price Cash Store.

It is my delight to announce to you a first class line of **FALL and WINTER GOODS.** It is truly a Variety Store. If I cannot save you from 25 to 40 per cent. over any concern south of Baltimore City, I will "throw up the sponge and say nothing more upon the subject."
You can give a few in each department as it would fill every column of this valuable paper to give in detail all its innumerable contents, so will give you a faint idea in the following departments:

SHOE DEPARTMENT.
I call your attention to the **old** **ever-reliable** Tucker, Smith & Co's Shoes, which need no commendation from me. But suffice to say that you can count on them always.

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| Men's fine ties \$1.25, | worth \$1.50, |
| do " button calf, \$1.05, | " 2.00 |
| do " " 1.45, | " 2.25 |
| do " " 1.37, | " 1.75 |
| do " " 2.05, | " 3.00 |
| do " " 3.00, | " 3.50 |
| do " kip English ties, 1.05, | " 2.25 |
| do " split plows, 1.05, | " 1.75 |
| do " " 1.25, | " 1.50 |
| do " extra seamless, 1.65, | " 2.00 |
| Boys' veal calf, 1.30, | " 1.50 |
| do do 1.15, | do 1.25 |
| do do button, 1.37, | do 1.50 |
| Ladies' do do 1.37, | do 1.50 |
| do do bright dogonias, 2.05, | do 3.00 |
| do do kid, \$2.37, 2.50, 2.75 | worth 3.00, |
| | (2.75, 3.00) |
| do grain button \$1.25 to 1.50 | " 1.50 to 1.75 |
| do kid for, 1.50 | " 1.75 |
| do do gloves, 1.20 | " 1.45 |
| Misses p. grain but. 1.25 | " 1.50 |
| do do fine, 1.50 | worth 1.75 |
| Children's fine grain, 1.30 | do 1.50 |
| do do do 1.00 | do 1.25 |
| do do do 1.00 | do 1.25 |
| Men's boots, \$1.90, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.45 | |
| Boys do 75, 1.05, | |
| Child's do \$1.20. | |

Grocery Department. All Standard Goods
Portorico Molasses, 28c worth 35c
Cuba do 25 " 30
Golden Syrup, 40 " 45
Bright Drips, 50 " 60
Granulated Sugar, 9c Light C Sugar, 7c
Coffee, 18, 20 and 32c. Teas, 25, 40, 50 & 90c
Flour—standard family, \$5 80 to \$6 25

Furniture Department.
I have the pleasure to call again your attention to Furniture. To young men as well as old who contemplate beautifying that dearest spot on earth, "HOME," I am right here to gladly serve you. How grand a thing it is for every well thinking young man to have a cosy, though humble little home wherein to rest from his toil. It is a joy to me to be able to say that since my advent here I have been instrumental in making many cheerful homes. I shall be pleased to furnish you in this all important part, at prices "beyond the shadow of a doubt" 25 and 40 per cent. below Baltimore prices. This is a bold assertion, but rest assured they are solid facts or I will forfeit a suit.

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| Chamber Suits, 7 pieces, \$18, | worth \$24 |
| do do do 10 do 25, | " 30 |
| do do do 15 do 35, | " 40 |
| Bureau and Dresser, 6 30, | to 45 |
| Bedsteads 2 75 | to 3 00 |
| Centre and leaf tables, 2 50 | to 3 00 |
| Wood spill chairs, \$2 75 | per half dozen |
| do do low backs, 2 75 | do 3 00 |
| Oak chairs, \$4 00 | to 4 50 |
| Cane Seat " 4 75 | to 5 50 |

Clothing Department.
I have positively the Finest, Cheapest line of Clothing ever shown in Leonardtown, and style that all admire. To see them is to buy them.

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| Men's Suspenders, 8, 12, 14, 16, 17, 30, 24c | |
| do Hostery, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10 to 35c | |
| do Collars, all styles and sizes, 10, 12, 15 | |
| do Dress Shirts, made of N. Y. Mills | |
| do [maulin, 80c worth \$1.25 | |
| do do standard goods, 50, 60, 1.10 | |
| Boys' Shirts, 25, 35, 40 | |
| do under-shirts, 50, 75, 1.00 | |
| adies' Jerseys, 50, 75, 1.00 | |
| do Hostery, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20 | |
| do Bustles, latest styles, 35 and 50c | |
| do Collars, all do 5, 10, 12, 15 | |
| Prints, 44, 5, 7, 8, 10 to 15c | |
| Spool cotton, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c | |
| Asst. hair pins, 10c in box, | |
| Butter Dishes, 10 cents, worth 25 cents | |

TINWARE DEPARTMENT.
1 gallon covered buckets, 9 cents
" " " 15 " 20
Milk pans, 5 to 10
Wash Basins, 5 to 10
Tea Pans, 12, 15, 25 and 35 cents

Ladies' Cloak Department.
Your attention, Ladies, please to these goods, never before brought to Leonardtown in such quantities and styles. These goods are bought direct from the manufacturer, so they are 25 per cent. below anywhere else. All first-class goods and all of the very latest styles. I shall make this line one of my specialties.

Five Cent Counter.
It is a pleasure to say that the 5 and 10 Cent Counter is a perfect wonder in itself. The supplies of all, it contains hardware really worth 10 and 25 cents. Glassware worth 10 to 25 cents. Granite Ware, 5c, 10 and 25 cents. Come often to this novelty as they are swept off as fast as they come in. I shall have them coming steady along.

Terms. Cash on Delivery.
By taking no risks I can serve you at very bottom figures.
Standing upon merit alone, fair and square to all, I ask you to command.
Your faithful servant,
J. W. JOHNSON,
Leonardtown.

ESTABLISHED 1822.
JOSIAH H. D. SMOOT,
DEALER IN
Lumber, Shingles, Laths,
NAILS, LIME, CEMENT, CALCINED
PLASTER, &c., &c., &c.
MANUFACTURER OF
FLOORING, DOORS, SASH, BLINDS
RAMES, MOULDINGS, MANTELS,
BRACKETS AND ALL KIND OF
WOOD WORK.

Office and yard No. 21 North Union St. For
Nov. 13 and 15 North Lee St.,
ALEXANDRIA, VA.

Seasoned Lumber and flooring kept
under cover.
B. R. ABELL, Agent, Leonardtown, is
authorized to sell and collect. Orders left
with him will receive prompt attention.
March 18, 1889—y.

FINE DIAMONDS,
WATCHES,
JEWELRY,
SOLID SILVER AND PLATED WARE,
Wedding and Birthday Presents.
CHARLES A. ROUSH,
42 West Lexington St., NEAR LIBERTY,
Oct. 11—1y. BALTIMORE, MD.

UNDERTAKING.
COFFINS and CASKETS of latest
style finished at shortest notice and at prices
to suit the times.

TWO HEARSES
always at hand.
HORSESHOEING, \$1.00 Cash
(If booked, \$1.25.)
In conjunction with my BLACKSMITH and
WHEELWRIGHT department, I am prepared
to build

CARTS, **WAGONS,** **BUGGIES, &c**
at low prices,
REPAIRING, **PAINTING**
and **TRIMMING**
a specialty.

Having accepted an agency for J.
W. Delaplane's Marble Works, I am pre-
pared to furnish Monuments, etc. at rea-
sonable rates.
J. A. DILLOW,
Leonardtown, Md.
April 21, 87—1y

SAINT MARY'S ACADEMY,
Leonardtown, Md.,
UNDER CHARGE OF THE
Sisters of Charity
OF
NAZARETH, KENTUCKY.

The course of Studies includes Christian
Doctrine, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic,
Book-keeping, Algebra, Geometry, Eng-
lish Grammar, Geography, History, Rhetoric,
the Elements of Botany, Mental and
Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Chemis-
try, Literature, Plain and Ornamental
Needlework, Music on the Piano and Gui-
tar and French.
Boys from the age of 7 to 14 years are
received.
For terms or further information apply to
SISTER MADEIRA,
Leonardtown, Md.

LUMBER.
B. R. ABELL, agent for the large
lumber dealer, J. H. D. SMOOT, of Alexan-
dria, will keep constantly on hand in Leon-
ardtown, Boards, Scantling,
Weather Boarding,
Flooring, Palings,
Dressed Boards, Shingles,
Doors, Sash, &c.
Also, Laths, Lime and Hair, which he will
sell at city prices.
Orders for lumber from the yard in Alex-
andria will be promptly attended to.
Aug 16—1y.

MISS E. S. MILBURN,
719 NORTH EUTAW STREET,
[OLD No. 197.]
BALTIMORE, MD.

Ladies' Underwear,
Children's Costumes,
Children's Dresses,
Children's Bonnets and Caps,
Infants' Wardrobes.
All orders promptly attended to.
O. S. 23, 1889—y.

PROFESSIONAL.
RICHARD B. TIPPETT,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
11 E. Lexington St., near Chas. Ball, Md
Practices in the Courts of Baltimore City,
Court of Appeals of Md., in the counties
Charles and St. Mary's and Washington
city. Special attention given to Admiralty
practice, collection of claims, &c. Being
a member of and counsel for the Real Es-
tate firm of E. J. Chasley & Co., all parties
desiring to sell farms in Maryland can
place them in our hands. Persons desiring
to buy or exchange should call or send for
list of property. Money loaned on first
mortgage. Jan. 20—y.

DANL C. HAMMETT,
STATE'S ATTORNEY,
AND ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
Leonardtown, Md.
Jan 31—1y
JO. F. MORGAN,
Attorney and Counsellor at Law
and Agent for Connecticut Mutual Life In-
surance Company, Mutual Life of New
York and Royal Fire Insurance of Liver-
pool,
LEONARDTOWN, MD.
April 1, 1889—1y

CO-PARTNERSHIP.
THE undersigned have formed a co-
partnership in the practice of law under the
name and style of R. C. COMBS & SON.
ROBT. C. COMBS,
R. FORD COMBS.
Oct 4 1888.

WALTER I. DAWKNS,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
10 E. LEXINGTON ST., BALTIMORE, MD.
Will continue to practice in St. Mary's
and adjoining counties. Nov 8—1y.

ROBERT C. COMBS, R. FORD COMBS,
R. C. COMBS & SON,
ATTORNEYS-AT-LAW,
Leonardtown, Md.

HENRY F. SPALDING,
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW,
No. 26 Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.
Prompt attention given to all business in-
trusted to his care.
Jan 1, 88—1y

GEORGE BLAKSTONE,
Attorney-at-Law,
45 Lexington St., Baltimore, Md.
Will continue to practice in the Courts of
St. Mary's and adjoining counties.
June 6, 1878.

D. S. BRISCOE,
Attorney and Counsellor-at-Law,
41 St. Paul's Street, Baltimore, Md
1873—1y.

B. HARRIS CAMALIER,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
Leonardtown, Md

COACH MANUFACTORY
AND
HORSESHOEING.
THE undersigned begs leave to inform
his friends and the public, that he
has secured the services of a com-
petent and first-class Wheelwright from
Baltimore and that he is at all times ready
to execute orders entrusted him for the
manufacture of
BUGGIES and CARRIAGES
of all descriptions—Horse-shoeing, and
Farming Work of all kinds, Wagons, Carts,
&c., &c. As he has every facility, he is
able to meet the wants of all who may fa-
vor him with their patronage.

**TERMS CASH. All work guaranteed, and
done cheaper than any other place.**
Thankful for past favors I beg a contin-
uance of same.
H. J. POPE,
LEONARDTOWN, MD.
Sept 25—1y.

A CARD.
ESTABLISHED 1873.
J. W. MONTGOMERY
WITH
BULLEN & MCKEEVER.
989 LA AVENUE, WASHINGTON, D. C.

The firm of Burch & Montgomery hav-
ing dissolved by mutual consent, I have
associated myself with the old reliable firm
of **BULLEN & MCKEEVER** for the transac-
tion of a General Commission Business, for
the sale of Cattle, Sheep, Lambs, Veal,
Hogs and all kinds of country produce.
Thankful for the liberal patronage of my
country friends in the past, I respectfully
solicit the same in the future.
Very respectfully,
J. W. MONTGOMERY.
Nov. 18, 1888—y.

Fenwick's Hotel,
Leonardtown, Md.
RATES MODERATE.
The Hotel has large, airy rooms, neatly
furnished and everything first-class. Come
and see.
THE BAR
is stocked with the choicest **LIQUORS** and
the finest **CIGARS.**
I am prepared to substantiate everything
I claim and respectfully invite the public
to give me a call and judge for themselves.
W. M. C. DRURY,
Proprietor.
May 19, 1887—1y

The Mechanic's Club.
We read within your
How a post did come
A little rhyme about
The Club of
Which lately in our
Created such a stir
And said it did not
Some members would
And now we want to
This Club it did
'Twas a most selected
Composed of
The members were
The young folks
But picked and
Over twenty

The constitution and by-laws,
At first seemed very good;
Amendments should we ever need
Of course, was understood.
This Club it was a social thing,
Its membership too soon was full
And many others sought
To gain admission, and they cried,
'Remove your limitations,
And give us outside waiting ones.
A crumb of consolation.
So when we met one stony night,
With hearts all full of love,
Professor Adams rose and said,
'I now will make a move,
And much I hope with one and all
'Twill meet with your approval,
This limitation is not good,
I vote for its removal.'

'Your move finds response in my heart,'
So spoke Professor Simons,
The President gave an approving smile,
It would just the ladies suit.
Then Mr. Barber quickly rose,
He said that members of the Club
Must all sit 'face to face.'
And Mr. Keech, he thought it large,
Indeed, it might be smaller,
So it would please him to meet
In any cozy parlor.
And Mr. Reeder thought it would
The social status mar,
And then proposed when next we meet
'I would be in 'Copsy's Bar.'

And so we put it to the vote,
To some a consolation:
A one-third vote did put it down
And kept the limitation.
Then we smiled and said no more,
The program now rehearse,
And as it was so very late
We voted to disperse.

When next we met in
Our Club of
We went to work with
Like bees within a hive
Professor Adams then arose
With a look of animation,
And still the burden of his prayer,
Remove the limitation.
And turning to Professor Smoot,
'I come for help to you,'
They argued long, they argued well,
But could not get it through.

For when the vote we count we find,
To our utter consternation,
'The vote down, the Bill is lost,
And stands the limitation.
'The victors then for the sake of peace
To the vanquished ones did say,
We'll make it thirty if you'll cease
To cause so much delay.
This olive branch we sadly took,
It seemed our only chance,
To ever get a two-third's vote
Our interests to advance.
But when the vote again we count,
Still stands the limitation;
They laughed and jeered at 'vanquished
To our utmost indignation.'

It was then Professor Smoot arose,
'Like brave Calhoun of yore,'
'I do resign my membership—
I will fight such foes no more.'
Professor Adams next arose,
With solemn tones yet eager,
'I cannot stay within a Club
'Where members are so meagre.'
Then four young ladies quickly rose,
Expressed their firm conviction,
'Twas better to be out of the Club
Where they meet but contradiction.
And so it was this Social Club,
Of members was bereft,
But we never spoke of another field
Until the others left.

And then we said we now will have
A nice Association,
Admitting all the married folks
And leave out limitation,
And will be glad to meet our friends,
Ladies, gentlemen, all,
The fifteenth day, at 5 P. M.,
At the Commercial Hotel Hall.
And now Qui Vive when next you write,
I pray relate a fact,
I'm sure that one and all agree
'Tis you who need the fact.

And if you do not mend your ways,
You know your Club is not
I fear when next we look for you
We'll find you 'In the snow.'
MECHANICVILLE, Feb. 11, 1889.

Babies cry because they suffer,
and the most reliable remedy for the
relief of their discomfort is Dr.
Bull's Baby Syrup. Only 25 cents a
bottle.
You may travel in all climates with-
out fear, if you have a supply of Lex-
ador to guard against malaria and
fever. Price only 25 cents.
Mamma, said Johnnie, still
smarter from a single application,
'is the roof of anything on top of it?'
'Of course it is,' she said, shortly.
'And don't shingles always go on the
roof?' 'Certainly they do,'
Johnnie was silent for quite a while.
Finally he said, in a quavering voice:
'Mamma, ain't my roof upside down?'

(Written for the Beacon.)
A GERMAN TOUR.
BY WM. B. MURPHY.

Feeling that it is necessary for a
person, occasionally, to forsake busi-
ness and enjoy that recreation which
is most pleasing to him, I take ad-
vantage of a quiet season in the Uni-
ted States Consulate, and, in company
with a friend, leave Chamnitz to take
a week's trip through Saxony and
Prussia, intending on the way to
visit the famous Saxon Switzerland
and other places worthy of notice. A
most pleasant ride of less than four
hours brings us to the old and inter-
esting city of Dresden, the capital of
the Kingdom and residence of the
King. On the way we pass within a
few miles of the remarkable old cas-
tle of Augustsburg, finely situated
on a high mountain and commanding
a grand view of the country for miles
around. This place was formerly
owned by August, a brother of one of
the Saxon Kings. He had the misfor-
tune to possess a lovely daughter,
with whom the neighboring Count of
Lichtenwalde was very much in love.
Demanding her hand in marriage, he
was bluntly refused, but remembering
the old adage of "Faint heart never
won fair lady" he immediately
raised an army and laid siege to Au-
gustsburg, determining to have the
fair maiden whether her stern papa
desired it or not. Fearing something
of the kind, the wary old gentleman
had collected a large number of cattle
and had them safely housed within
the inner walls of his castle, but un-
fortunately there was not a drop of
water on the mountain and, conse-
quently, fierce raids had to be made
in order to meet the demand. To
avoid a continuance of this, the old
gentleman immediately commenced to
dig a well, through the solid rock,
which, after reaching a depth of over
six hundred feet, he completed in
seven years. In the meantime, how-
ever, the numerous raids had depriv-
ed him of a large number of his men,
and all of his cattle and other sup-
plies had given out, so most unwill-
ingly he was forced to surrender and
bestow the hand of his lovely daugh-
ter on the gallant Knight of Lichten-
walde. On some other occasion I may
give you a full description of this im-
mense castle, a place which is well
worthy the notice of all travelers in
this section.

Proceeding on our way, the next
place to attract our attention is Frie-
berg, a large town and the centre of
the mining section. This place was
founded in 1171 on account of the dis-
covery of silver. Here is situated the
Mining Academy, from which some of
the most famous mining engineers in
the world are graduated. Among
the objects worthy of notice I will
mention:—the remains of the old
walls, the Rathaus, the Kaufhaus,
which contains a museum of antiqui-
ties, the stone in front of the Rath-
haus, which marks the place where
the famous robber Kunz von Kauf-
fungen was executed in 1455, and the
Cathedral with its fine doorway and
immense organ. A short ride, pass-
ing numerous mines, brings us to
Tharandt, situated in a wild and beau-
tiful gorge. This is quite a famous
Summer resort with fine baths and ro-
mantic walks. On a hill to the left
the picturesque ruins of an ancient
castle, so long a ruin that large
linden trees five feet in circumference
have grown up within its walls. Here,
on a moonlight night, it is pleasant
to sit, and, forgetting all the toils and
'troubles of the present, go back to the
time when these walls were the abode
of beautiful women and brave men.
One can almost hear the sounds of
mirth and revelry in that grand and
lordly hall, when the knights and la-
dies, with their retainers, are gather-
ed at the hospitable board. But hark!
in the midst of the festivities comes
the sentry's warning of approaching
danger. Now all is confusion; the
soldiers buckle on their armor and
hasten to the battlements. All to no
purpose they resist the impetuous at-
tack of the enemy. An opening is
made in the wall; in rush the hostile
forces, and the place is taken. Then
commences the destruction of this fine
old castle, and what has so lately been
a place of revelry and good cheer is
soon a heap of ruins, never to be re-
built. One of the most prominent
buildings in the town is the Forester's
Academy, founded in the early part
of the present century by Heinrich

Otto, the father of German forestry,
which is the most perfect system
known. On his eightieth birthday
Otto set out, with his own hands,
eighty oaks, which now stand as monu-
ments to one who did so much to
beautify his native land.
Leaving Tharandt we soon arrive
at the Altstadt depot in Dresden, a city
containing so many interesting sights
that I will have to leave it for another
article. Here, much to my regret,
my friend leaves me, having decided
to stop for a few days in this famous
place, while I proceed alone.
My way now is up the fine valley
of the river Elbe. On my left lies
the river with high sandstone cliffs
on its further shore; on my right the
beautiful rolling country, so often met
with in Saxony. At Potecha I leave
the train, and taking the ferry-boat,
cross the Elbe to the small village of
Wehler, where the trip really com-
mences, as I intend to take the tour
through Saxon Switzerland on foot,
that being the only way possible if
one wishes to see all the grand points
of this wonderful section of country.
The trip across on the ferry-boat is
worthy of some slight notice, as its
mechanism is something entirely new
to me. The little boat is connected
by a chain with a buoy some distance
up the river, the chain being fastened
to the boat, in such a way, that it
points diagonally across the river.
When we all are seated, the boatman
pushes off from the shore and the ra-
pid current striking against the oblique
side of the boat, carries us, in the arc
of a circle, to the other shore.
Leaving the river I pass through
several of the steep, winding streets
of the village, and at last reach a
beautifully shaded road, which leads
me, in twenty-five minutes, through
the wild and rocky Wehler Grund to
a point where the valley divides; the
branch to the left, called the Utle-
walde Grund, that to the right, the
Zocherre Grund. Throughout nearly
the whole of this walk the sides of the
valley are precipitous, the rocks ris-
ing in massive walls to a height, in
many places, of 100 feet. I decide
to ascend the Utlewalde Grund first
and proceeding on my way find that
the same rock formation continues,
but that the valley is much narrower
and wilder. More and more beauti-
ful grows the valley as we ascend,
nearer and nearer approach its sides.
At last I reach a point where the val-
ley widens, but only for a few yards.
Here I find a cozy little inn, and tak-
ing a seat under a fine linden tree,
enjoy the company of a foaming glass
of Bavarian beer and also of the pre-
tly little mountain maiden who serves
it.

Leaving the inn, the valley rapidly
narrows and in a few minutes I
come to the Felsenhor or Gate of the
Rocks. Here the huge rocky walls
come so close together that masses of
rock, which have fallen from above,
have become wedged, and I find that
I must bend my head to pass under.
A short distance further and the val-
ley comes to an end, so I retrace my
steps through the Felsenhor and
down the Utlewalde Grund to
the entrance of the Zocherre Grund,
which I ascend. I find this valley
hardly so picturesque as the Utle-
walde Grund, but still very beautiful.
A short way up, a narrow valley called
the Holzen branches off to the left,
but as this latter is rather unpromis-
ing, I continue my way up the Zocherre
Grund, which brings me in another
hour to the Bastei, the grandest point
in the whole Saxon Switzerland. Just
before reaching the Bastei, a large
shelving rock, called Wehlstein, to the
left of the path, affords a fine view of
the fearful abyss and the majestic
rocks which, in the gathering dark-
ness, resemble so many giant castles
of the past ages. A few steps further
and the Bastei is reached. Here, as
I am very tired, a good bed in the fine
Summer hotel is more attractive than
even the grand scenery, so I will leave
further description of my trip for an-
other article.
(Continued in our Next.)

Some favor a tariff for revenue
only, some a tariff with incidental
protection, and some a tariff for pro-
tection, per se; but a large majority
favor the free use of Salvation Oil for
cuts and bruises.

An endless chain of certificates verify
the excellence of Dr. Bull's Cough
Syrup. Price 25 cents.

A new story is called "The
Editor's Parse." There is nothing in
it.

CONGRESSMAN ALLEN'S VIEW.
John M. Allen, of Mississippi, was
chatting the other day with a Star
reporter over the results of the late
election, and on being asked whether
he thought the next House was going
to be Democratic or Republican, was
rather shy at first. At last, however,
he said:
"I feel like a converted receiver of
stolen goods. I want to be honest,
but I don't want to give up anything
I've got."
The conversation continued for some
time, but Mr. Allen was still unwill-
ing to say definitely what he thought
about the matter. Finally he was
asked pointedly:
"Will the fifty-first Congress be Re-
publican or Democratic?"
Apparently ignoring the question,
the Mississippian said:
"Down in my town some few years
ago there lived a man who owned a
small two-story house. In the lower
portion of that humble structure he
"kept store," and in the upper room he
slept. One night the house was dis-
covered to be on fire, and it was feared
for a while the owner would perish in
the flames. The fears were not real-
ized, however, for the man awoke to
the situation before the flooring on
which he reposed was destroyed. There
was no time for etiquette nor for mak-
ing any elaborate toilet. He just
dropped out of the window clad only
in a shirt that was more remarkable for
its brevity than its cleanliness. The
divorcing flames made short work of
the house, and the luckless owner
marched excitedly through the crowd,
exclaiming in agonizing tones, as he
fingered his shirt:
"This is all I have in the world; I
am utterly ruined—this is all I have
in the world."
"He repeated this so frequently
that it became wearisome to more than
one of those sensitive people who re-
side in Tupelo and finally one of them
yelled out:
"If that's all you have for heaven's
sake tear it off, throw it into the fire
and start even with the world."
"That," concluded Mr. Allen, "is
about the fix the Democracy is in just
now. The Republicans have every-
thing else, so they may just as well
take our shirt too—it is only a very
short shirt anyhow."—N. Y. Star.

DR. SHAW WRITES A LETTER.
Congressman Frank T. Shaw was
sitting in his room last Saturday busily
answering letters and inquiries from
his constituents. He was interrupted
by one of the colored waiters of the
hotel. He came in timidly, and after
considerable preliminary, the waiter
finally told the doctor that he wanted
to write a letter to a young lady in
St. Mary's, and wouldn't he please
write it for him.
Dr. Shaw is eminently a philanthro-
pist. He put aside a mass of letters,
and after getting all the necessary
data from the waiter, wrote out the
letter. Into it he breathed tender
devotion and coy love, and when at
last he signed the waiter's name, he
felt conscious that he had written a
letter that he might in other days
have been proud of.
He read it to the eager lover. Then
the waiter said: "Would you add
you add one more line, please doctor."
"Certainly," said the good-natured
member.
"Well, sah, please just say: "Ex-
cuse mistakes and bad writing on ac-
count of pen."

The pleasing story of Deacon
Staples parrot is being told in Boston
nowadays, and is worth re-telling.
One day, when the Deacon's wife was
doing up pickles, the parrot, when
her back was turned, stole a pickle
from the dish. Mrs. Staples turned
in time to see the theft, and
threw a knife at the parrot with such
force and accuracy that it took all
the feathers smoothly off the bird's
head. For days the parrot was dis-
consolate at the loss of his topknot,
but in course of time recovered.
Soon afterward a clergyman came to
spend Sunday at Deacon Staples',
and the parrot was in the dining room
when the guest came in to breakfast.
The parson was bald; his head was as
smooth as a door knob. The parrot
looked at him with interest and, then
as heads were bowed while the minis-
ter said grace, the bird screamed with
distinctness, "H! y' durned old
scamp! Been stealing pickles!"