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LANDS WANTED. THE MARYLAND REAL ESTATE AND HOME-SEEKER'S ASSOCIATION is now making up its Catalogue of Farms and Lands for 1898.

HOTEL LAWRENCE, Leonardtown, Late Union Hotel. n first-class order. Good table and accommodations. Meals 40 cents. \$1.50 per day. Special prices by the week or month.

THE PARTING. We think the following lines applicable to a great many of our St. Mary's boys. Many sons have set and risen, Many lads have ebbed and flowed.

THERE'S MANY A SLIP. 'I am very sorry to have to cause you this disappointment, Mr. Neal. I esteem and thank you for your offer, but my pledge is already given to another.'

'Accept my sincere congratulations, Miss Lawrence.' Then with the pressure of the hand he was gone. Once outside of the house, however, the mask fell from his countenance.

At Neal's urgent suggestion, Mr. Lawrence's absence was prolonged from three months to five, by which time he felt they could be safely recalled, he having learned that Farnham was preparing for a business trip to Europe, expecting to be absent two years.

Rennie had listened without word or sign, but now she raised her beautiful head proudly. 'I will do this,' she answered quietly. 'I will send him a letter by James this very night, and by his own answer will I judge him.'

Presently a serving man emerged from the lower part of Mr. Lawrence's house, followed by a rosy cheeked chambermaid. 'It is too bad, sending you all the way down there tonight,' the girl was saying.

'He moved reluctantly off notwithstanding, and in another moment Neal touched him on the shoulder. 'Is that you, James?' he called cheerily.

Where were doubt, mistrust, suspicion now? Gone, before the whispering of that truer voice, whose accents no heart could mistake or disbelieve—that voice that bade him welcome to her side.

For awhile he used his influence to keep her from society, for the purpose of avoiding any chance meeting with Farnham, who was still in the city, but at last he decided upon attending a concert at which some celebrities were to appear, having been informed that the ship on which Roscoe had taken passage would sail early in the afternoon.

It required considerable importuning on his part to induce Rennie to accept his escort or indulge in any recreation of the kind, but she yielded at last, and Neal felt that he had scored his second move in the game he was playing.

And not less deeply concerned, but in a widely different sense, was William Neal. He saw that the whole tendency of the programme thus far was to lead her thoughts further away from him and back to that past from which he wished to draw her entirely, and he watched her intent face with a furtive uneasiness and perturbation.

He turned away without waiting for an answer, and Rennie was sitting with her head bowed, and her eyes full of tears, when a step sounded near her, and a voice—vibrating with earnest pathos, sincerity and grief—said: 'May I sit here and talk with you for a few moments?'

A glance at the address brought an expression of astonishment to her face. Then, taking out the enclosed sheet, she read it to the end. 'The writing is not mine,' she said, trembling violently.

For answer Rennie related briefly as possible what she knew of the whole matter. Neal knew that I was called from the city by a telegram that very evening,' said Roscoe. 'He accompanied me to the cars and received a message for you, with the promise to write in a day or two, I expecting to be absent for about three weeks. He evidently thought that I would give him time for his sinister work, and having heard you make

a declaration that you would send a letter and let me witness for myself, he doubtless contrived, by bribing the servant or in some other way, to obtain possession of the letter and imitated your handwriting in preparing this one—a very clever forgery.

'I will just add that I would have been on the ocean tonight but for an accident to the machinery of the vessel, and having nothing better to do I concluded to attend this concert, which proved, after all, the very best thing I could have done. My sailing will be delayed for a week, and a great deal can be done in that time. Tomorrow I will call upon your father and invite him to accompany us—you and I, Rennie—when we go on our wedding journey. May I?'

Without a comment Neal obeyed. The carriage was called, and a short time later Rennie was at her own home. 'Good night!' she said quietly, without offering her hand, and the next moment William Neal was standing outside the door alone, in a very bewildered frame of mind and inwardly cursing the imprudence that permitted him to leave her for a single moment unguarded in a public place.

His enlightenment came very soon in the form of a brief note from Rennie, informing him that their acquaintance was at an end absolutely and forever. Roscoe Farnham called the next day, had a long interview with Mr. Lawrence and a longer one with his daughter, at the close of which Rennie whispered as he kissed her for a brief good-by: 'Let us forgive him, Roscoe, for he did us one good turn in prevailing upon me to go to that concert. If I had remained at home, as I wanted to, you would have left the city without an opportunity for an explanation, and we should have missed our life's happiness forever.'

J. W. Baggett, of Oak Grove, Florida, had an attack of the measles, nearly three years ago, and the disease left him with very severe pains in the chest. 'I thought I would die,' he writes: 'but to my great joy, I was saved by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.' Pains in the chest nearly always indicate the approach of pneumonia, and by promptly applying this liniment on a flannel cloth which should be bound on the chest, an attack of pneumonia may be prevented. It is always prompt and effectual. For sale at 25 and 50 cents per bottle by Wm. F. Greenwell & Son, Leonardtown; Jos. S. Matthews, Valley Lee.

QUEER SIGNBOARDS.

In the days of the commonwealth we can imagine Prætor God Harbours and his cronies quaffing their daily tankards of ale at the impudently named 'God Encompieth Us,' or at the sign of the 'Alpha Beta.' Yet, remarks Lippincott's Magazine, it was not long ere both of these had fallen from their high estate, the one being known far and wide as 'The Goat and the Compasses,' with a prancing beast and mathematical instrument conscientiously depicted on the sign boards, and the other as the 'Alphabet,' with all the letters from A to Z printed above the door.

WHY KEROSENE LAMPS EXPLODE.

Prof. Kedzie, of Michigan, in explaining the manner in which kerosene lamps usually explode, said: 'Where the vapor of kerosene is mixed in proper proportion with air, a true explosive mixture is formed which will explode with the force of a gunshot when fired by flame.'

A CURIOUS TRANSFORMATION.

A fashionable audience in Paris recently listened to a lecture on chemistry by a celebrated chemist. At the conclusion of the lecture a lady and gentleman who were among the first to leave the hall and reached the open air, when the lady caught her escort staring at her. 'What is the matter?' said the madame, in surprise. 'Gardon me, but you are quite blue!' The lady returned to the hall and approached a mirror. She started back in horror. The rouge upon her cheeks had been converted into a beautiful blue by the chemical decomposition which had taken place under the influence of the gases which had been generated during the lecture.

REGARDLESS OF COST.

—Clerk to employer: 'What shall I mark that new lot of black silk at?' Employer: 'Mark the selling price seventy-five cents a yard.' Clerk: 'But it only cost twenty-five cents a yard.' Employer: 'I don't care what it cost. I'm selling off regardless of cost.'