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Forty Years Experience

IF YOU WANT BEST LINES OF
Fire, Life, Accident,
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CALL ON
J. Camillus Howard
LEONARDTOWN, MD.
12-24-14.

E. TRICE & CO.
MECHANICVILLE, MD.

For Best Quality and Latest Styles,
Call At Our

Millinery Department
YOU WILL BE SUITED!
We handle the largest
and most stylish line of

READY TO WEAR CLOTHING
In Southern Maryland!

Endicot-Johnson Shoe
The Best Seller in America. Can be
Had in the Varied Styles Here.

Our Buggies, carts and Wagons
are of standard makes at
LOW PRICES.
Buggies, Flour and Salt Bought
Car-Load Lots.

GROCERIES!
Trice's Special High Grade Coffee
at 25c. lb.
High Grade Rio Coffee, 15c. lb.
Trice's Pin-Head Tea, sells for
60c. in the city stores, at 50c.

We buy right and are satisfied
with a reasonable profit, thus
our prices are moderate.
HIGHEST PRICES PAID FOR EGGS
Special attention
parcel post orders.
1-7-15-1y.

ESTABLISHED 1896.
FOR
QUICKEST SALES, HIGHEST
PRICES AND
IMMEDIATE RETURNS,
SHIP YOUR
POULTRY, EGGS, LAMBS
CALVES, CATTLE, PORK, WOOL
AND HIDES TO

WILLIAM BRAYSHAW
SUCCESSOR TO J. A. ABELL,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.
917-919 La. Ave.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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District National Bank, Washington, D. C.
The Bank of Westmoreland,
Colonial Beach, Va.
The People's National Bank,
Leesburg, Va.
Commercial Agencies,
7-16-14-1y.

Read Here!
Wanted--100 Farms
Large and Small
Waterfronts and
Interior,
BY
Jan. 1, 1916
To supply customers
from North, West and
South due here on and
after that time.

We CAN SELL
And ARE
SELLING Them

Howard & Freeman,
Leonardtown & Great Mills, Md.
12-24-14.

BUCKEY'S CAFE

WINES,
LIQUORS,
CIGARS,
CIGARETTES.

Near Atlantic Hotel,
Washington,
D. C.

11-4-6m.

Atlantic Hotel

11th ST. and PENNA. AVE. N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THIS HOTEL is in the
heart of the business section
of Washington; the most
ideal place in the city to
stop. You will meet here
all of your Southern Mary-
land friends.

St. Mary's County Head-
quarters.

ATLANTIC HOTEL

6th St. and Penna., Ave. N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.
12-18-'13

DREYFUSS BROS.

617 PA. AVE., N. W.,
WASHINGTON, D. C.
OUTFITTERS TO

St. Mary's Good
Dressers
Near Atlantic Hotel.
11-4-6m.

HALL STAR

EVERYWHERE

Hotel Saint
MARY'S
Leonardtown, Md.

HOTEL ST. MARY'S is
new building equipped with
gas, steam heat, hot and cold
water, well furnished rooms,
with telephones and splendid
service.

Since the first of November
the establishment has been
under the management of W.
A. Fenwick, who for the past
12 years has made such a
success of the "Donald" in
Washington.

The meals are excellent
and service is prompt and
courteous.

The management caters
to the county patronage.

There is a grill room and
the Bar is unexcelled.

All in all Hotel St. Mary's is
the most completely equipped
hostelry in Southern Mary-
land.

You can always be ac-
commodated.
Rates moderate.

Wm. A. Fenwick, Prop.
Dec.-19-14.

EVERYTHING FOR BUILDING EXCEPT THE HARDWARE

The proper time to invest your money
is when you can get the greatest value
for each dollar spent.

This means that if you are not taking
advantage of the present conditions to
build and improve you are missing an
opportunity.

When buying Lumber and Mill Work
you should always remember that we can
give splendid values in both the higher
and lower priced grades.

We rarely ever lose an order if the buy-
er will examine our grades when consider-
ing our prices.

W. A. SMOOT & CO., Inc.
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA.

GREAT CLOTHING SALE!

Men's, Boys' and Children's Clothing.

MEN'S SUITS, VALUE \$10.00 FOR \$4.75
" " " " 15.00 " 6.90
" " " " 15.00 " 9.50 AND UP.

BOYS' SUITS, VALUE \$2.50 FOR \$1.15
" " " " 3.50 " 1.75
" " " " 5.00 " 4.75 AND UP.

Special Prices on Men's Pants.

MEN'S PANTS, VALUE \$2.00 FOR \$1.10
" " " " 2.50 " 1.35
" " " " 3.00 " 1.75 AND UP.

Special in Boys' Knee Pants.

BOYS' PANTS, VALUE 50c. FOR 29c.
" " " " 75c. " 39c.
" " " " 1.00 " 59c. AND UP.

Great Reduction in Shoes.

Don't fail to come, as this sale is only for a short time, in order to
make room for spring stock.

L. Gendason, Leonardtown, Md.

SEMME'S MOTOR LINE

Service Started July 1, 1915.
DAILY AND SUNDAY.

Leonardtown and Intermediate Points to Washington
AND RETURN SAME DAY.

Leave Leonardtown 6 A. M. Arrive Washington 10 A. M.
Leave Washington 4 P. M. Arrive Leonardtown 8:30 P. M.

—VIA—

Leonardtown Loveville Morganza Mechanicsville
New Market Charlotte Hall Hughesville Bryantown
Beantown Waldorf T. B. Surratsville
Clinton Redd's Corner Camp Springs Silver Hill

Round Trip Fare from Leonardtown to Washington \$3.00

CHRISTMAS is not so far off that you can afford to wait much longer to have your holiday advertising and printing sub- mitted to the BEACON for prices. Get in line!

SQUARING ACCOUNTS

By KEITH KENYON.

"Oh, Dorothy! What do you think
there's a letter from the Union Realty
company about our mortgage. They
don't want the interest this time.
They're after the entire amount or the
farm. They must know your Uncle
Tom's away and won't be home for a
month. I don't know what to do. He
always attends to these things. Oh,
dear!"

Dorothy's pretty face was sober.
"Don't you see how it is, Aunt Polly?
It's as clear as day. Mr. Wakefield
is at the head of the Realty company
and he is interested in all the oil
leases around us. This is his chance!
Isn't it beautiful?" She stamped her
foot with indignation.

"I guess this's about right, Dor-
othy. It's the oil! I wish Tom was
home to see the man when he comes.
The letter says their representative
will be here tomorrow to check over
the situation. That means, I suppose,
he's to go back and tell them the best
place to put down wells."

"Never mind, auntie. Let me dream
over it and I'll be sure to find a way
out by tomorrow!"

Comforted somewhat by her niece's
assurance, Mrs. Lenhart started to
pare apples for pie. Suddenly Dor-
othy had an inspiration. "Let me
take the pie, auntie, won't you?"

"Certainly, dearie. I'd be glad if
you would. I want to attend to some
other things before our company
comes."

But Dorothy had another inspira-
tion, and it ended by her coaxing her
aunt to spend the day with a relative.
Axious to convey her news to sym-
pathizing listeners, Mrs. Lenhart was
not hard to persuade.

So Mrs. Lenhart drove away and
Dorothy laughed a wicked little laugh
that meant mischief for someone.

When Steward Martin arrived at
the farm the next day he was visibly
pleased at the greeting of Mrs. Len-
hart and her very pretty niece. It
was dinner time and the most delecta-
ble smells came from the kitchen,
which added to his contentment.

"Dorothy cooked the dinner,"
beamed her aunt. "She doesn't often
take a notion, so I hope you'll feel
sufficiently flattered."

He bowed his acknowledgment. "I
am, indeed, Miss Dorothy. If things
taste as good as they look, you are
ready for a diploma."

Dorothy reddened. Then she sud-
denly left the table. "I'm not hungry,
auntie. I—I have a headache. Please
go ahead and eat."

"The first mouthful of food,
Aunt Polly's expression was one of
worry to chagrin. What was
the matter with the chicken? Dorothy
had evidently emptied the salt crock
and pepper box on it. But a hasty
bit of potato proved the contrary. A
goodly portion of salt, pepper and a
suspicion of sugar had also fallen to
their lot. The beefs, peas and even
preserves and the pie had been ruined
with salt.

"I'm sorry, Mr. Martin. Dorothy
has evidently had a little joke at your
expense. If you'll wait, I'll get you
some bread and butter and preserves
and a cup of tea."

But the gentleman had lost his ap-
petite and declined with thanks. "I
think I'll look over the farm a bit, if
you don't mind."

Dorothy did not appear all after-
noon—not at the evening meal, which
her aunt got herself.

But how was his hostess to know
that he slept on the floor all night,
after a vain attempt to clear his bed
of sand and Spanish needles?

At dawn he was dressed and out.
Tired and discouraged, he determined
to leave at the earliest opportunity.

Then he saw the cause of all his trou-
ble milking a cow in the barnyard and
looking like a picture in pink ging-
ham.

He hesitated an instant. Then an
old look came into his eyes. "I've
always been known to get even, Miss
Dorothy," he said, coming up behind
her, and as she turned in surprise he
stepped, caught her face in his hands
and kissed her first on one cheek and
then the other.

She sprang up furious. "You coward!
He smiled tolerantly. "When peo-
ple act like children they should be
treated as such. It's no crime surely
to kiss a child."

"What do you mean?"
"That I'm so full of sand I could
ground a ship and so full of water
after the salty dinner I could float it
off again."

She had to laugh. Then she bit her
lip, provoked. But it was too late for
dignity.

"But you're so mean to come here
and try to steal uncle's farm when
he's away!"

"You're in wrong somehow, Miss
Dorothy. Your uncle sent me here to
spring and cut it in thoroughly with a
disk harrow. The thicker the clover
grows the better, for this will keep
the weeds out and the soil will be rich
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national revenue is common to many
countries. There are ten countries
in the world, namely, Austria-Hun-
gary, China, Greece, India, Italy,
Japan, Roumania, Serbia, Switzerland
and Turkey where government salt
monopoly prevails.

Test of Bananas.
Bananas are fit to eat as soon as
they have lost all their green color,
and remain fit, no matter how black
they may be, as long as the skin is un-
broken.

HOME TOWN HELPS

CLEAN MINDS; CLEAN CITIES

People Must Be Educated to the
Necessity of Proper Appearance
of Municipality.

"I'm as good as you are," said the
dirty man to the well-dressed gen-
tleman in the street car who had drawn
away from him a bit.

"You may be right," answered the
clean one, "but you certainly don't
smell as good."

"Lord!" exclaimed a visitor to one
of the most populous sections of Bos-
ton. "What smells there are here."

"Yes," agreed the social worker of
the party, "we've got to clean out a
lot of minds before we'll get rid of
this dirt."

"You have to clean minds!"
"Surely. Dirty minds make dirty
people, and dirty people make a dirty
town. The idea of cleanliness must
be put in the minds of those whose
present standards of cleanliness are
elemental."

"The woman who will tolerate cob-
webs in the corner of her ceiling has
cobwebs in the corners of her mind.
Disorder in a home is evidence of the
presence of minds that are disorderly.
Our surroundings always reflect what
we are within. To make these streets
clean we must create in the people
who live here a desire for clean
streets."

"Do you mean to say that the peo-
ple here are content with all this dirt
around them?" the visitor asked with
surprise.

"The majority of them are. What
the majority really and truly wants,
the majority can have." The speaker
was silent for a few moments. When
they reached the next corner, he said,
"If there was on this street one man
or woman who wanted more than any-
thing else to have this street cleaned
and made sweet-smelling, the work
would be done."

"The old story of Sodom and Gomo-
rah, eh?" observed the cynic.—Ford
Hall Folks.

ADD TO CITY'S APPEARANCE
Form of Street Lamp That is Coming
Into General Use Throughout
the Country.

Besides forming a very attractive
support for a street lamp, this re-
forced concrete post also offers a con-
venient place for
displaying a street
sign. At the top
of the pole is a 12-
inch frosted-glass
globe in which there
is a high-wattage
electric lamp.
Surrounding the
globe is a square
framework in which
four strips of blue
glass, carrying the
street names in
white letters, are
held. During either
the day or night,
the name of the
street and its in-
tersecting thorough-
fare are thus plainly
visible when the
pole is placed at a
corner.—Popular Mechanics.

Making the Rock Garden.
The rock garden, to be successful,
must be along the lines approved by
nature. It must not, in any point,
resemble a piece of masonry or other
formal construction, says a writer in
the *Mississippi Journal*. The most
satisfactory location for it is at the
foot of a gentle slope, where it can
climb the declivity and the rocks be
given the appearance of jutting out
from the hillside. But very excellent
results may be achieved on flat sur-
faces if it is remembered to let the
rocks appear to crop out on the sur-
face rather than appear to be placed
there for a purpose. The rock garden
should have its highest point or be-
ginning at some natural or artificial
boundary—a wall, or better still, a
clump of trees and shrubbery which
will serve to mask its origin. From
this vantage point it may extend in
a natural way to the limits marked
out for it; here an isolated boulder,
here a group of pretentious stones
and again a group of large stones
may find room in their pockets for a
small tree. The extent may be two
or three rods in width at one end and
gradually narrow until at the other it
becomes an occasional rock on the
lawn.

Many Factors Affect Cost.
Certain preliminary estimates given
in connection with this series of house
plans are necessarily subject to
change. For instance, digging a cellar
in rocky, hilly ground would cost more
than the same job might cost else-
where. Materials vary in cost as in-
dividual tastes differ. Most of the
houses shown in this series have
been built about Boston. The esti-
mates given, therefore, are of actual
costs. Do not neglect, however, to
allow for the inevitable "extras" that
crop up in the course of any building
operation.

Consider Value of Time.
But don't thou love life? Then do
not squander time, for that is the stuff
life is made of.—Benjamin Franklin.

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FRIEND OR AN ENEMY?

Robin is One of Best Helpers of
Farmer and Orchardist.

Damage Done by Little Feathered
Songsters, if Any, May Be Re-
duced to Minimum—Useful in
Reducing Insect Life.

(By F. L. BEALL.)
Few native American birds are more
universally cherished than are the
robins. On esthetic grounds alone
they receive free protection, partly
from the romance that clusters about
them in story and legend and partly
because of their graceful shape and
movement, bright color and pleasing
song, and close association with man
and his works.

Investigation discloses that in addi-
tion to their pleasing qualities robins
perform a very useful function in
reducing the hordes of insect life con-
stantly prying upon the crops of the
farmer in the work a large part of
their food consists of insects and they
feed their young upon them almost
exclusively. It is recognized that
birds are one of the necessary checks
provided by nature upon the increase
of the vast number of insects pro-
duced each year; that without them
there would be a greater destruction
of vegetation, and that certain crops
of the farmer regularly matured
would, if raised at all, be raised only

with increased difficulty and added la-
bor.

The robin is found throughout the
greater portion of the United States,
the range of the species extending
into Canada and even Alaska.

While for the most part migratory
in the northern half of the country,
individuals remain all winter in many
localities where shelter and food are
assured. In eastern Massachusetts
and at some places farther west there
are cedar swamps which offer an
abundant supply of wild fruit, and
robins remain throughout the winter
in large numbers. Most of the spec-
ies, however, spend the winter from
latitude 40 degrees northward as soon
as snow disappears. They arrive in
New England in the latter part of
March or early in April, and in the
northern states of the Mississippi val-
ley somewhat earlier. It is difficult
to say just when fall migration begins,
as the first birds to leave are replaced
by others from farther north.

Reports of depredations upon fruit
by birds come principally from the
prairie regions of the West. This is
just what might be expected, for but
few prairie shrubs produce the wild
berries that the birds prefer and for
lack of these the birds naturally feed
upon the cultivated varieties avail-
able. Reports of fruit losses caused
by birds in the East are usually from
the immediate vicinity of villages and
towns where there is no natural fruit
bearing shrubbery. From this it fol-
lows that an effective remedy for the
ravages of birds upon cultivated fruits
is to plant the preferred wild varie-
ties. Of the number of plants which
bear fruit preferred by the robin, many
are ornamental and are easily ob-
tained. A few of these are listed below.
The plants the robins are fond of:
Blackberries and raspberries, cherries,
wild black cherries, china berries, show-
ering dogwood, blueberries, persim-
mons, Mississippi blackberries, western
blackberries, mulberries, cat brier,
green brier, red cedar, pokeberry,
smooth sumac, pepper berries, Ameri-
can holly, woodbine, black gum, and
others.

Investigation of the food of 1,236
robins from 42 states, D. C., and one
Canadian province, showed that 42.66
per cent of their food was animal mat-
ter, and 57.34 per cent vegetable. Of
the latter more than 60 per cent con-
sisted of fruit, more than four-fifths
of which were wild species.

While the robin probably is
doing much more good than harm, a
bird whose diet consists of so large a
percentage of fruit, may at any time
become a pest where its natural food
falls and cultivated varieties are ac-
cessible. The birds must have food
and it is decidedly preferable to sup-
ply the food they desire, and for which
they will amply pay, in the destruction
of harmful insects, instead of killing
the birds.

On Thin Fields.
It sometimes happens that a clover
field will run out, so to speak, or get
thin, and when such is the case a plan
is to sow more clover seed in early
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WHAT WILL JACK SAY?

By ELLIS GRAY.

Bob Hale's head was so full of pain
that in his delirium he was afraid it
would burst and scatter his brains
over the snowy uniform of his nurse.
That would have been dreadful, for
not for the world would he have any-
thing happen to the dainty, immacu-
late bit of femininity who was taking
care of him.

One other thing worried him besides
his head. It was the diamond ring
his nurse wore on her left hand. To
his distorted senses it seemed to be
intolerably in the way. If she would
only put it on the other hand it
wouldn't bother him so much.

"What you tell me who the lucky
man is?" he asked one day as he lay
back weakly among his pillows,
watching her make out a report for
the doctor.

"What do you mean?" she asked,
looking up startled from her writing.
Then, seeing his eyes on her hand, she
colored. "Not—not now," she faltered.
"Some day, perhaps. Don't you think
you had better have your nap now
Mr. Hale?"

Bob got better. And Violet, one
dreary day, exchanged her uniform
for a blue broadcloth suit and de-
parted, taking with her all that life
held dear for him.

For weeks Bob thought of every ex-
cess under the sun he set her. But
he always gave up in despair. There
was no honorable way he could think
of. Besides, what was the use when
she was not, and never could be his.