

## MATHEWS COUNTY DENSELY POPULATED

Not as Large as Many in the  
State But Contains Many  
Wealthy Families.

### P. O. INTERESTED IN BIVALVES

Land Lies Low and But Shallow Wells  
Give the People a Poor Water  
Supply—Geological Survey Sends  
Out Interesting Review of That Sec-  
tion of Virginia.

Mathews county, Va., though not  
very large, is more densely populated  
than some other counties in the State  
and ranks high in wealth per capita.

Its thrifty inhabitants are largely  
interested in the oyster trade and  
many of them follow the sea. Though  
they are well able to provide them-  
selves with the necessities of life one  
of these—a bountiful supply of good  
water—has been denied them.

The country lies low, the surface  
sloping gradually from the moderate  
elevation of about 50 feet along Pian-  
katank river to the marshy tracts  
that front Chesapeake Bay or extend  
along its narrow, irregular inlets, or  
"rivers."

Probably most of the country has  
an elevation of less than 20 feet.  
Shallow wells get plenty of water, but  
most of it is poor, and many of these  
wells are unprotected from contami-  
nation by surface drainage. The  
driven wells are safer, but many are  
unsatisfactory because the fine sand  
and salt in which the water is found  
make trouble by clogging the pipes  
or wearing out the valves, so that  
some of these wells are abandoned  
after a few years use.

Along the coast, where the water  
derived from shallow wells is brack-  
ish, cisterns are used to impound  
rain water. Attempts to get artesian  
flows of the excellent waters that  
have been developed on the west side  
of Chesapeake Bay north of York  
river have not been successful, al-  
though several deep borings have  
been made.

The deepest of these holes is at the  
counthouse. This boring went to a  
depth of 817 feet and now yields a  
small flow that, according to the hy-  
drographers of the United States Ge-  
ological Survey, is very unlike the  
usual type of artesian water obtained

In the neighboring counties, since it  
contains more iron and more lime.  
The head is very low, the water ris-  
ing barely five feet above the level  
of high tide. The possibility of ob-  
taining better water with stronger  
head from greater depth is now under  
consideration by the Survey.

Mr. Samuel Sanford, of the Hydro-  
graphic branch of the Survey who  
has just completed an investigation of  
the deep wells that have been drilled  
in or near the city of Richmond,  
and of the noted mineral springs just  
west of the city is now investigating  
the artesian conditions in the valleys  
of Mattaponi and Pamunkey rivers,  
where there seem to be possibilities  
of obtaining flows of good water.

Mr. Sanford will next make an ex-  
amination of ground-water conditions  
along the James and York rivers and  
in the peninsula between them, with  
a view to obtaining data to account  
for the unsatisfactory results of deep  
drilling for water in the Norfolk re-  
gion.

"Auntie," said Polly, ruefully rub-  
bing her forehead, "that big photo-  
graph of you is a striking likeness, isn't  
it?"

"Do you think so, dearie?"

"Yes," said Polly. "It just fell off  
the mantelpiece and hit me on the  
forehead."

"Good Substitute,"

"George," she said, after she had ac-  
cepted him, "tell me, am I your first  
and only love?"

"Why—er—no, dear," replied the drug  
clerk dreamily, "but you are something  
just as good."

Beauty is a short lived tyranny—  
Socrates.

Be sure you are right. Then consult  
your wife. Then go ahead.—St. Louis  
Republic.

Human Blood Marks.

A tale of horror was told by marks  
of human blood in the home of J. W.  
Williams, a well known merchant of  
Bae, Ky. He writes: "Twenty years  
ago I had severe hemorrhages of the  
lungs, and was near death when I be-  
gan taking Dr. King's New Discovery.  
It completely cured me and I have  
remained well ever since." It cures  
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bottle free.

## EDISON'S ODD START

THE BATTLE OF PITTSBURG LANDING  
INFLUENCED HIS CAREER.

He Was a Train Newsboy at the  
Time, and the Incidents of One Day  
Opened His Eyes to the Importance  
and Possibilities of Telegraphy.

"When the battle of Pittsburg Land-  
ing was fought the first report which  
reached Detroit was that there were  
60,000 killed and wounded. I was a  
train newsboy then, and I told the  
telegraph operator at the Detroit sta-  
tion that if he would wire the main  
facts of the battle along the line, so  
that announcements could be put up  
at the station bulletin boards, I would  
give Harper's Weekly to him for six  
months free of cost.

"I used to sell about forty newspa-  
pers on the trip, but that day I bought  
1,000. At the first station the crowd  
was so big that I thought it was an  
excursion crowd. But, no, when the  
people caught sight of me they began  
to yell for papers. I just doubled the  
price on the spot and charged 10 cents  
instead of 5 cents a copy. When I  
got to the last station I jumped the  
price up to 25 cents a copy and sold  
all I had left. I made \$75 or \$100 on  
that one trip, and, I tell you, I felt  
mighty good.

"That called my attention to what a  
telegraph operator could do, and I  
made up my mind to become an op-  
erator as soon as possible.

"Then I joined hands with a man  
named Callahan, and we got up sever-  
al improved types of stock tickers.  
These improvements were a success.

"When the day of settlement for my  
inventions approached I began to won-  
der how much money I would get. I  
was pretty raw and knew nothing  
about business, but I hoped that I  
might get \$5,000. I dreamed of what  
I could do with big money like that.  
Of the tools and other things I knew  
I could do with my money like that.

Wall street to be a pretty bad place  
and had a general suspicion that a  
man was apt to get beat out of his  
money there. So I tried to keep my  
hopes down, but the thought of \$5,000  
kept rising in my mind.

"Well, one day I was sent for by the  
president of the Gold and Stock Tele-  
graph company to talk about a settle-  
ment on my improvements. He was  
General Marshall Lefferts, colonel of  
the Seventh regiment. I tell you I was  
trembling all over with embarrass-  
ment, and when I got in his presence  
my vision of \$5,000 began to vanish.

When he asked me how much I wanted  
I was afraid to speak. I feared that if  
I mentioned \$5,000 I might get nothing.  
That was one of the most painful and  
exciting moments of my life. My  
how I beat my brains to know what to  
say! Finally I said:

"Suppose you make me an offer?"

"By that time I was scared. I was  
more than scared; I was paralyzed.

"How would \$40,000 do?" asked Gen-  
eral Lefferts.

"It was all I could do to keep my  
face straight and my knees from giv-  
ing way. With a great effort I said  
that I guessed that would be all right.  
He said they would have the contract  
ready in a few days and I could come  
back and sign it. In the meantime I  
scarcely slept. I couldn't believe it.

"When I went back the contract was  
ready, and I signed it in a hurry. I  
don't know even now what was in it.  
A check for \$40,000 was handed me,  
and I went to the bank as fast as my  
feet would carry me. It was the first  
time I was ever inside of a bank. I got  
in line, and when my turn came I  
handed in my check. Of course I had  
not indorsed it.

"The teller looked at it, then pushed  
it back to me and roared out some-  
thing which I could not understand,  
being partly deaf. My heart sank and  
my legs trembled. I handed the check  
back to him, but again he pushed it  
back with the same unintelligible ex-  
plosion of words.

"That settled it. I went out of the  
bank feeling miserable. I was the vic-  
tim of another Wall street 'skin game.'  
I never felt worse in my life. I went  
around to the brother of the treasurer  
who had drawn the check and said,  
'I'm skinned, all right.'

"When I told him my story he burst  
out laughing, and when he went into  
the treasurer's office to explain mat-  
ters there was a loud roar of laughter  
at my expense. They sent somebody  
to the bank with me, and the bank  
officials thought it so great a joke that  
they played a trick on me by paying  
the whole \$40,000 in ten, twenty and  
fifty dollar bills.

"It made an enormous pile of money.  
I stuffed the bills in my inside pocket  
and outside pockets, my trousers  
pockets and everywhere I could put  
them. Then I started for my home in  
Newark. I wouldn't sit on a seat with  
anybody on the train or let anybody  
approach me. When I got to my room  
I couldn't sleep for fear of being rob-  
bed. So the next day I took it back  
to General Lefferts and told him I  
didn't know where to keep it. He had  
it placed in a bank to my credit, and  
that was my first bank account. With  
that money I opened a new shop and  
worked out new apparatus."—Pear-  
son's Magazine.

A Call Down.

The Tenant—Say, last night the rain  
came through the roof and gave me a  
regular shower bath. You ought to  
do something. The Landlord—What do  
you expect me to do? Give you soap  
and towels?—Brooklyn Eagle.

Lucky.

Dentist (prodding a patient's gum in  
search of a fragment of root)—Funny,  
I don't seem to feel it. Patient (iron-  
ical in spite of the pain)—You're in  
luck!

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handsomely embroidered, tucked  
on sides and back,  
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and white, can be adjusted to side  
or front, a  
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ber loop and felt cotton,  
a pair ..... 22c

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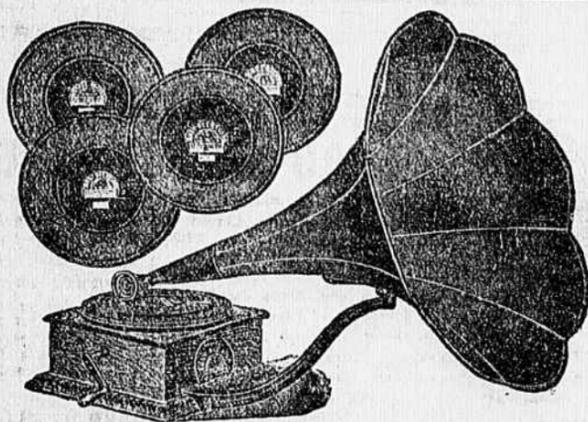
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Protective Colors of Animals.  
I seem to trace a faint clew to the  
connection between the protective col-  
oring and the mind in the intense de-  
sire of the fox to remain concealed  
and unseen. That this is a possible  
theory we infer from the fact that a  
blind animal does not change color.  
Put a dozen minnows into an ordinary  
white wash hand basin and they will  
in a very short time be of a pale color.  
If over one no change passes we may  
be tolerably certain that it is blind.—  
From Dale's "The Fox."

Guess Again.  
"I have a pleasant surprise for you,  
Miss Sharply."  
"Can I guess what it is, Mr. Bore-  
some?"  
"You may try, Miss Sharply."  
"Let me see, I guess you are going  
to tell me that you intended leaving  
the city."  
"Good night, Miss Sharply."  
"Good night, Mr. Bore-some."—Cleve-  
land Plain Dealer.

Monotonous.  
"Wealth has its disadvantages," said  
the philosopher.

"Yes," answered the man with sport-  
ing inclinations. "It must be very mo-  
notonous for a man to be able to bet  
\$5,000 or \$10,000 on a horse race with-  
out caring whether he loses it or not."  
—Washington Star.

Peculiarities of Napoleon.  
Napoleon's father was a toper, a man  
utterly lacking in moral sensibility,  
and his sisters were immodest and hys-  
terical. According to Dr. Cabanas,  
Pauline was particularly so. Napoleon  
himself was exceedingly sensitive to  
atmospheric changes, was headachey  
and had auditory illusions. He had  
twitchings of the arms, the shoulders  
and the lips. He was at times the  
most irritable of men, often being un-  
approachable. His mania for destruc-  
tion was such that he whittled pieces  
of furniture, broke articles presented  
to him, pinched babies while pretend-  
ing to caress them and took keen de-  
light in shooting Josephine's rarest  
birds. The slightest opposition threw  
him into a paroxysm of rage. But in

a campaign all weaknesses vanished.  
His pulse ranged ordinarily between  
thirty and thirty-five beats a minute  
and never went above fifty-five. The  
usual pulse rate is about seventy-two  
a minute.

The Eyes of the Eagle.  
That the eagle has the most wonder-  
ful power of vision is shown from the fact  
that it flies in almost a straight line for  
any object which it desires to secure.  
Haly eagles also possess this farsight-  
edness. Long before human eyes can  
discern them their gaze is fixed on dis-  
tance, and their cries of welcome to  
their parents are shrill and continuous.  
The structure of their eyes makes them  
peculiarly strong. The brightest glare  
of sunlight does not affect them. Eag-  
les do not fly as high in the air as  
some other birds, but their flight is  
very long and steady. A peculiarity  
about eagles is that they are constant  
to their mates, not changing every sea-  
son, as most birds do. Sometimes the  
same pair of eagles will return to the  
same nest year after year. They seem  
to become acquainted with the locality,  
and if they are not disturbed are regu-  
lar tenants.

Could Take His Choice.  
At a recent inquest in a Pennsylvania  
town one of the jurors, after the usual  
swearing in, arose and with much  
dignity protested against service, al-  
leging that he was the general man-  
ager of an important concern and was  
wasting valuable time by sitting as a  
juror at an inquest. The coroner, turn-  
ing to his clerk, said: "Mr. Morgan,  
kindly hand me 'Jervis' (the authority  
on juries)." Then, after consulting the  
book, the coroner observed to the un-  
willing juror:

"Upon reference to 'Jervis,' I find, sir,  
that no persons are exempt from ser-  
vice as jurors except idiots, imbeciles  
and lunatics. Now, under which head-  
ing do you claim exemption?"—Success  
Magazine.

Walnuts in France.  
In some parts of France walnuts  
form a regular article of diet. The  
peasants eat them with bread that has  
often-times been rubbed with garlic.  
The hygienic effects are considered

good, replacing meat to a large extent.  
These nuts are also used to make oil.  
It is much cheaper and similar in taste  
to that pressed from olives and is em-  
ployed to adulterate the latter. The  
prisoners in certain prisons are en-  
gaged in cracking walnuts and picking  
out the kernels, which are pressed into  
oil.

The World's Debt to Flowers.  
I have never known man or woman  
who has not improved in character by  
becoming devoted to the affairs of  
flowers, and I venture to say that the  
world at large is under the deepest  
obligation to pansies, violets, roses and  
lilies, to name but a few of the blos-  
soms that silently help the good angel  
of mankind.—Christian World.

Exercising Dogs.  
Never take your dog out for a run  
directly after he has had a meal. If  
the exercise is at all hard the food will  
remain undigested for hours. It is best  
not to allow a dog to play even directly  
after he has swallowed his dinner. In  
a little time he can do so, but do not  
encourage him to romp about.

Got Him Mixed.  
Miss Backbay—What I like about  
Henry James is the clarity of his style,  
his reserve force and his absolute mas-  
tery in the field of epigram and an-  
tithesis. Mr. Cahokia—Yes, but when  
it comes to the fast ball, you know, I  
think Walsh has got him skinned to  
death.—Chicago Tribune.

Knew the Measure.  
"When you get your groceries today,"  
said the butcher to his wife, "don't go  
to that little grocer next door to my  
shop."  
"Why not?" she demanded.  
"Because he sent in yesterday and  
borrowed an old pair of scales."

BETTER THAN SPANKING.

Spanking does not cure children of bad  
wetting. If it did there would be few children  
that would do it. There is a constitutional  
cause for this. Mrs. M. Summers, Box 424, Notre  
Dame, Ind., will send her home treatment to  
any mother. She asks no money. Write her  
today if your children trouble you in this way.  
Don't let the child. The chances are it can't  
help it.