

# SPiRiT OF JEFFERSON.

CHARLES TOWN, JEFFERSON COUNTY, W. VA.  
TUESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 4, 1900.  
GEO. W. HAINES, Editor and Proprietor.  
\$1.50 in Advance; \$3 if not Paid in Advance.

We must have money to pay our bills, and have no resource from whence to obtain it except from those who owe us; and besides must have provision for our household and provender for our stock. Those indebted will please pay at once, and if you have not the money let us have meat, lard, flour, corn, fodder, hay or wood. But let us have SOMETHING, and that IMMEDIATELY.

Congress convened yesterday. Lord Roberts has handed over to Lord Kitchener the command of the British troops in South Africa.

Persons who go away from home to get their job printing done will of course not expect to get puffs and free advertising through by their home papers.

Our former countryman Mr. Geo. W. Johnson, we are pleased to note, has been appointed Referee in Bankruptcy at Parkersburg, by Judge Jackson of the Federal Court.

The Parkersburg Sentinel has installed in its office a fine new Cox duplex printing press. The Sentinel is one of the best dailies in the State—a most excellent paper in every way—and we are pleased to note this new evidence of its continued progressive career.

We return thanks for the compliment of an invitation sent us last week by a genial young friend Mr. John G. Elliott to take our Thanksgiving dinner at the Hotel Hamilton in Hagerstown. The handsome menu card sent us showed a most appetizing bill of fare.

The Pennsylvania Steel Company has caused notice of a 10 per cent. reduction in wages to be posted in all the departments of the big works at Steelton, the order to go into effect January 1. Another bit of McKinley prosperity, for which, doubtless, the Steelton employees voted almost as a unit.

The Town Council last night approved the application of Thos. E. Chamblin for license to sell spirituous liquors in the room formerly occupied by the late Maurice Kain. Permission was granted W. S. Merchant to lay a crossing over Washington street at or near his place of business, under supervision of the Street Committee.

The first of a course of lectures on Physiology and Hygiene, by Dr. R. E. Venn, will be given at Stephenson Seminary next Friday at 12 o'clock. While these lectures are intended primarily for the older pupils of the Seminary, any others, and particularly former pupils, who may feel an interest in these subjects are invited to attend.

What o'clock is it? Answer may soon be "Quarter past twenty-one." It is proposed with the beginning of the new century to designate the hours from 1 to 24. Evening church services, provided the preacher is not too long-winded, will then be concluded about twenty-one o'clock, and theatre carriages may be ordered at half-past twenty-two.

We had special cause for thankfulness on Thanksgiving Day in the reception of a gallon of fine oysters from our generous and enterprising young friends, Messrs. Brown Bros. This firm not only handles the best of the juicy bivalves at all times, but their oyster parlors, for both ladies and gentlemen, are decidedly the most attractive of any in the Valley, and their service all that can be desired. Many thanks, young gentlemen, for another kind token of remembrance.

A movement has been started by President Raymond to secure a portrait in oil of the late William L. Wilson, to be hung in the library of the West Virginia University. Mr. Wilson as President of the University, was most highly esteemed, and the old students and the alumni will be glad to know that his picture is to have a permanent place in the University.

Friends of Mr. Wilson or of the University are invited to send in contributions for this purpose.

Miss Bessie Stuckey, formerly of Berkeley county but now a nurse in Virginia Hospital, Richmond, Va., was shot by C. S. Williamson, of Nottoway, Va., in a fit of jealousy. Miss Bessie was walking through the hospital corridor when Williamson fired two shots at her, one lodging in the side and the other in the arm. It is thought that the wounds are not serious and that she will recover. Williamson was arrested and committed for trial on a hearing is about twenty-four, and was at one time a student at the Virginia Medical College.

The first of the series of Stephenson Seminary entertainments was given in Washington Hall Saturday evening, in presence of a large and appreciative audience. The Metropolitan Quartette—Misses Anna Louise Gillies, Belle Louise Brewster and Geraldine Ellis, the Cellians; Miss Helen Reed, harpist; and Miss Nell Ames Horn, reader—rendered a programme of charming numbers, and afforded Charles Town decidedly the best entertainment of its class since the days of the visits of Sol Smith Russell and the Berger Family.

The two most beautiful women in America are Miss Maudie Coleman Woods, of Charlottesville, Va., and Maxine Elliott, the actress, known in private life as Mrs. "Nat" C. Goodwin. So says a committee appointed to select the two most beautiful women in America, blonde and brunette, to typify North and South America on the official emblem of the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo in 1901. Miss Woods is the daughter of Major Michael Woods and a first cousin of Mrs. James M. Mason, Jr. of this place, and is well known here, having frequently visited Mrs. Mason.

WANTED—ACTIVE MAN OF GOOD CHARACTER to deliver and collect in West Virginia for old established manufacturing wholesale house. \$250 a year, five pay. Honestly more than experience required. Our reference, any bank in any city. Enclose self-addressed stamped envelope Manufacturers, Third Floor, 326 Duane St., Chicago.

# Mr. Rouss and His Old Comrades.

Mr. Charles Broadway Rouss, in response to an invitation from the Independent Fire Company of this place to attend the coming Rouss birthday celebration and reunion of Co. B, 12th Va. Cavalry, (his old command,) in this place on the 11th of February next, writes in part:

New York City, Nov. 28, 1900. Independent Steam Fire Co., No. 1, Charles Town, W. Va.

Gentlemen—Your kind invitation contained in your letter of the 25th inst., to be present at the celebration of the 65th anniversary of my birthday on the 11th of February next is rec'd., and the sentiments therein expressed have touched my heart deeply. To meet my hilly valued friends of your Organization would be sincere gratification, but to be able in addition to greet my old comrades of Company B would be a privilege pleasurable in the extreme. I wish I could look into their faces as of yore when we stood together, a band of brothers, in defense of a sacred cause. But, my dear friends, this pleasure is not for me. To behold the outer world and the faces of friends and loved ones will never be a possibility to me, for the remainder of my days here must be spent in darkness. The inner vision however is still left to me, and in heart and precious memory I would be able to see those gallant heroes perfectly as I would shake the hand of each.

I subscribe myself in the bonds of friendship and comradeship, Gratefully yours,  
C. B. Rouss.

**Wheatland News.**  
Miss Bettie Conrad is visiting relatives in Washington City.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Huyett and daughters, Misses Mary, Ruth and Martha, visited relatives at Clearbrook last Friday.

Miss Mattie Ferguson, of Martinsburg, visited her sister, Miss Mary, at Mr. L. R. Huyett's last week.

Mr. Philip Gordon returned home last week, after a week's visit at Mr. George Gordon's near Berryville.

Miss Stella Bane, of Charles Town, visited Miss Lena Gordon last week.

Miss Laura Butler, of Charles Town, is visiting Miss Fannie Colbert.

Messrs Bird Kenny and Chas. Hirth, of Homestead, Pa., have returned home, after several months' stay at Mr. George Colbert's.

Mr. H. A. Lockhart shot a hawk on his place Saturday that measured six feet from tip to tip of wings.

**From Harpers Ferry.**  
Many a heart this Christmas  
Keeps vigil for the dear ones gone.  
As Thanksgiving Day is a regathering  
of families, in the South Christmas day  
is likewise observed. For the pumpkin  
pie, which is included in our bill of fare  
for dinners on these occasions, we are  
indebted to the Indians of Connecticut,  
who gave the seed to the colonists.

The first snow of the season fell November 9. If an old saying is verified  
we will have twenty more snows this  
winter. The calculation is made that  
there will be as many snows during the  
season as there are days remaining in the  
month, counting from the day of the first  
snowfall.

Judge Maudie Smith and sister, of Baltimore, are visiting their parents, Rev. John N. Smith and wife, at the M. E. parsonage.

Mr. Arthur Littleton, son-in-law of Mr. Colin Nolan, has gone to a hospital in Baltimore for pulmonary trouble.

Mr. Evans, a colored teacher who teaches the school at Middleway, bought the old Reidenour property in Bolivar. He has erected a very comfortable brick dwelling adjoining the old. Prof. Evans is a Jefferson county Democrat.

**Rouss Mausoleum Still Uncompleted.**  
It is reported that C. E. Taylor & Co. of New York attempted to get out another slab of granite to replace the one that cracked before it could be placed on the Rouss Mausoleum. This second slab was finished, but it also cracked, and now another is being cut. With the exception of this one piece to be placed on the roof, the mausoleum is completed, with exception of finishing the decorations on the inside. The broken slab weighs over twenty tons.—Winchester Star.

**Items of Interest.**  
A case of smallpox has been discovered in Piedmont.  
There has been one death from the smallpox at Clarksburg.  
Mr. W. F. Grubb and Miss Nora Everhart, both of Loudoun county, Virginia, were married in this place Tuesday.

Mr. W. L. Erwin, it is said, will contest with Mr. J. R. Grove, the present incumbent, for the Harpers Ferry postmastership.

Mr. Elizabeth Hoffmaster, wife of George Hoffmaster, died at her home near Shepherdstown Nov. 25, aged about 70 years.

Miss Mary Louisa Zeigler, aged 30 years, and Mr. Charles B. Miller, aged 30 years, died in Martinsburg Sunday of typhoid fever, and Mrs. Robt. N. Stewart died yesterday of the same disease.

Miss A. V. Wilson, of this place, Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Baltimore Conference, M. E. Church South, delivered an address in the Braddock street Church, Winchester, Sunday night. Miss Laura Strider read twelve resolutions why the meetings of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society should be attended.

Rev. A. C. Hopkins, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church in Charles Town, is preaching each night this week in the Presbyterian church in this city. Dr. Hopkins is one of the ablest preachers in the Virginia Synod and is generally beloved by the Presbyterian people through the State and especially in the Valley. He was a chaplain in the famous Stone- wall brigade during the Civil war and after the war was pastor of this church for 19 years. Those who hear him will hear a powerful and logical exposition of the Holy Scripture.—Martinsburg Statesman.

The Citizens' Fire Company will hold a Fair in Washington Hall, February 11, 12 and 13. Proceeds will go towards buying uniforms, as the company has increased 40 members so rapidly that we are compelled to have more uniforms. So don't forget the date. Turn out and give us your hearty support. COMMITTEE.

# Warthen—Strider.

A pretty wedding took place at 3 o'clock Thursday evening at 2340 Fourteenth street N. W., Washington City. Miss Ida Miriam Strider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Strider, of this place, was married to Mr. Harry J. Warthen, of Washington City, by Rev. Father McGee, pastor of Sacred Heart Church. The bride was attired in a railroad gown of royal blue broadcloth, appliqued in black tulle, and carried white chrysanthemums. She was attended by her twin sister, Miss Emma Strider. The Misses Warthen, sisters of the groom, were assisted in receiving by Misses Jannie and Katie Strider, sisters of the bride. Many beautiful presents were received, consisting of silver, cut glass, rare china, works of art and furniture. On their return from the north the couple will go to housekeeping in Mount Pleasant, D. C.

**Howard—Hedges.**  
Miss E. Rose Hedges, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Hedges, of Charles Town, W. Va., and Mr. John W. Howard, of Kearneysville, W. Va., were married last night at the parsonage of Keen Memorial Methodist Protestant Church by the Rev. N. T. Megginness. The bride was attired in a gown of navy blue broadcloth, with hat and gloves to correspond. Immediately after the ceremony an informal reception was given at the home of the bride's brother, Mr. William L. Hedges, 2823 Bernard avenue. The future home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard will be at Kearneysville, W. Va.

**Merchant—Schaeffer.**  
The home of Mrs. Annie Schaeffer, near Duffields, was the scene of a quiet, but very pretty wedding on Wednesday afternoon, Nov. 28, at 4 o'clock, when the marriage of her daughter, Miss Deborah, and Mr. Samuel Merchant was solemnized in the presence of a number of admiring friends of the contracting parties. To the sweet strains of Mendelssohn's wedding march, skillfully rendered upon the organ by Miss Sadie Snyder, cousin of the bride, the bridal party entered the parlor in the following order: Miss Fannie Currie and Mr. John M. Osborn, Miss Daisy Snyder and Mr. Robert M. Duke, Miss Olive Snyder and Mr. Robert P. McGarry, (the last four cousins of the bride,) and were met by Rev. Mr. Triplett, pastor of Elk Branch Presbyterian church, who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner, the organist meanwhile rendering soft music, while the nuptial vows were taken, which united

"Two souls with but a single thought,  
Two hearts that beat as one."  
The scene was one of exquisite beauty and loveliness. The fair bride was attired in a handsome gown of white organdy, and wore a tulle veil held in place by sprays of Lilies of the Valley, and carried white carnations. The bridesmaids wore white organdie and carried white chrysanthemums. The groom and groomsmen wore the conventional black, with white buttonholes. After the ceremony a reception was held, at which an elegant collation was served. The table was beautifully adorned with white Japanese chrysanthemums. The happy groom, a thrifty and energetic young farmer, is to be congratulated upon securing one of Jefferson's fair daughters for his bride. The bridal presents were numerous and handsome. Mr. and Mrs. Merchant left on the 9 p. m. train for a visit to the national capital. They will be at home to their friends after December 15, at their home near Duffields.

**Dr. Hugh Nelson Leavell, of Louisville, Ky., and Miss Hattie Rodman, of the same place, were married in this city on Wednesday. Dr. Leavell was a former resident of Jefferson county.**

At the residence of Mrs. A. E. Striling, in Martinsburg, Thursday evening, Mr. Harry E. Trussell and Miss Lena Virginia Engle, both of the vicinity of Duffields, Jefferson county, were united in marriage by Rev. Dr. A. C. Hopkins, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Charles Town.

**Death of J. Allison Eyster.**  
(Special to the Baltimore Sun.)  
Chambersburg, Pa., Dec. 3.—Allison Eyster, senior member of the paper manufacturing firm of Eyster & Son, of Halltown, W. Va., died here this afternoon, aged 77 years, of heart disease and dropsy.

Mr. Eyster was a prominent merchant in this town 50 years ago, but left the dry goods business to engage in the manufacture of paper. He lost a fortune in the business here, but recovered it while in business in Halltown. Two daughters, Mrs. Frank Harrison, of Englewood, N. J., and Mrs. F. S. McGowan, of Philadelphia, and two sons, George S. and J. Allison Eyster, Jr. of Halltown, survive. During the Civil War Mr. Eyster was captured in Hagerstown and was confined for a long time in Southern prisons. He was a brother of the late George Eyster, who was Assistant United States Treasurer under President Grant.

Mr. Eyster and his sons located and have built up an important industry in this county, and as a result of their enterprise have today a thriving village around the seat of their plant at Halltown. Mr. Eyster was well known and greatly beloved among our people, and the news of his death, though not unexpected, is received with a universal feeling of sadness and regret.—U. P. SPIRIT.]

Mr. Josiah Watson, a well-known farmer of Middleway district, died Sunday, Nov. 25, after a long illness, aged 73 years. Mr. Watson is survived by his widow, four sons and four daughters. He had a very large family connection and a wide circle of friends, who esteemed him for his many excellent qualities. The funeral was held in the Southern Methodist church at Middleway on Tuesday, the service being conducted by Rev. Frank A. Strother.

Died, in this place on Friday, November 3, 1900, little Annie, aged 2 years, daughter of Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Jung, with, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Schulte. Funeral services were held at the residence of Mr. Schulte yesterday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Father Massey. Interment in Edge Hill Cemetery.

Thou art gone to the grave, but 'twere wrong to deplore thee,  
When God was thy ransom, thy guardian and guide;  
He gave thee, and took thee, and soon will restore thee,  
Where dust has no sting, since the Savior has died.

# Synopsis of President's Message.

Congress convened on Monday and the President's message was read in both houses. The message entire occupies thirteen columns of the Baltimore Sun. We give a brief synopsis:

After an opening reference to the growing strength and increasing power for good of Republican institutions, which probably is intended to be an assurance supplementary to that given in his Philadelphia speech, the burden of which was that the Republic is safe and there is no danger of an empire, the President goes extensively into the Chinese situation. It is the dominant feature of his treatment of our foreign relations and begins with the inception of the trouble, tracing it step by step up to the present time. The salient passage of this portion of the proceedings, which perhaps refers to the only new feature, is the possibility of China being unable to pay a sufficient money indemnity. The President says: "I am disposed to think that due compensation may be made in part by increased guarantees of security for foreign rights and immunities, and most important of all, by the opening of China to the equal commerce of all the world. These views have been and will be earnestly advocated by our representatives."

In the event of protracted divergence of views in the negotiations the President favors inclines to Russia's suggestion that the matter of indemnities be relegated to the court of arbitration at The Hague.

The message expresses uncertainty as to the future for our trade with Germany. Unless the restrictions imposed by the new meat inspection bill be modified our commerce in this particular may be entirely destroyed.

In view of possible friction in the operation of the modus vivendi, the speedy establishment of a frontier line, to which we are entitled under the Russo-American treaty for the cession of Alaska, is recommended.

With regard to the Nicaraguan canal, the President announces that the Nicaraguan Government shows a disposition to adopt measures to promote the waterway, after having declared these-called Byre-Oragin treaty void. The convention with Great Britain to remove any objections which might arise out of the Clayton-Bulwer treaty to the construction of the canal is commended to the early attention of the Senate. In other words, attention is called to the necessity of ratifying the Hay-Pauncefote treaty.

Only a few lines are consumed in treating of the Turkish relations, the President saying: "We await the fulfillment of the promise of the Sultan to make reparation for the injuries suffered by American citizens in Armenia and elsewhere in the Turkish Empire."

On the subject of national finances the President has an opportunity to treat the matter in some detail. He shows that for year ended June 30 last there was a surplus in the Treasury of \$79,527,060, that during the same period the war cost \$134,774,767.78, or \$55,247,707.72, and that the navy cost \$55,938,077.72, or \$78,980,926.53 less than during 1899. At this point the President makes his only reference to the money question. He says: "It will be the duty, as I am sure it will be the disposition, of the Congress to provide whatever further legislation is needed to insure the continued party under all conditions between our two forms of metallic money, silver and gold."

Touching the disposition of the surplus, the President recommends a reduction of internal revenue war taxes in the sum of \$300,000,000. "This reduction should be secured by the remission of those taxes which experience has shown to be the most burdensome to the industries of the people," the message says. The inclusion in the reduction is specially urged of the legacy tax on bequests for public uses of a literary, educational or charitable character.

The President urges immediate action to promote American shipping and our trade abroad, on which he remarks: "The remarkable growth of our steel industries, the progress of shipbuilding for the domestic trade and our steadily maintained expenditures for the navy have created an opportunity to place the United States in the first rank of commercial maritime powers."

The recommendations as to trusts are almost identical with those made a year ago. Indeed, he calls attention to his previous message, adding: "Restriction upon such combinations as are injurious and which are within Federal jurisdiction should be promptly applied by Congress."

Much of the Philippine chapter is reminiscent, but declares that late report from the Commissioners "show a yet more encouraging advance toward good government in the interest of humanity and with the aim of building up an enduring self-supporting and self-administering community."

After reviewing the circumstances of the constitutional convention in Cuba, the President announces that when the convention concludes its labors he will transmit to Congress the constitution for such action as it may deem advisable.

The necessity for a Pacific cable between the United States and Hawaii, with extension to Manila is urged anew.

As to the army, the President recommends a minimum of 60,000 and a maximum of 100,000 men. "Included in this number authority should be given to raise native troops in the Philippines up to 15,000, which the Taft Commission believes will be more effective in detecting and suppressing guerrillas, assassins and ladrones than our own soldiers."

On the subject of appointment the President says simply: "I recommend that the Congress at its present session will appoint representation among the several States as provided by the Constitution."

Attention is called afresh to the necessity for amendment of the contract law and important features of the right of application of the eight-hour law for the benefit of labor and of the principle of arbitration are commended to Congress.

Additional appropriations are urged for the use of the Civil Service Commission.

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The Gus Sun American Minstrel are scheduled to appear in Washington Hall on Wednesday evening, December 6th. This company enjoys the distinction of being the best, most refined and complete organization of its kind now traveling. The year the organization is composed of fifty people, traveling in their own Pullman Palace Cars, and among the principals we mention Henry V. Yorkey, New York's favorite comedian and monologist; Marion and Pearl, comedians and dancers; E. W. Chipman, the acrobat of minstrelsy; The Great Lynch, the world's greatest high-wire artist; Lambert and Anderson, operatic vocalists, without counting the greatest in their line, The Musical Bells, musical mokes, late of the Primrose & Dostader Minstrels; Nugent Brothers famous buck and wing dancers; Gus Sun, in wonderful feats of juggling and balancing, besides a host of singers, dancers and acrobats. The scenery used by this organization is called a spectacular transformation first part setting and is said to be the most elaborate and costly ever effected, nor for oppression, but for the more effective maintenance of those principles of equality and justice upon which our institutions and happiness depend. Let us keep always in mind that the foundation of our Government is liberty; its superstructure, peace."

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**THE LATE MARSHALL HARDESTY.**  
Clark County.

All that was mortal of Marshall McCormick Hardesty, whose sad death we told of last week as having occurred in Washington on the 15th inst., was laid to rest in Green Hill Cemetery last Wednesday morning.

The funeral cortege was one of the largest ever seen in this county, being over a mile in length. The J. E. B. Stuart Camp, Sons of C. V., of which the deceased was a member, acted as a guard of honor. The funeral services were held from the residence of the young man's father, Mr. Charles R. Hardesty, near Summit Point, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. P. Hyde, of Winchester, and Rev. D. H. Scanlon, of this place. Dr. Hyde spoke feelingly of the life of the deceased and in closing read the following beautiful tribute written by Mrs. Lassie Corbett Pickett, of Conover, Ia., who is an intimate friend of the family:

MARSHALL HARDESTY, whose brief life was filled with loving thoughts and gentle deeds:

Some finger still the setting sun  
Cast shadows on the way,  
Till life its long, long course has run  
From morn till set of day.

Some walk a moment with us here  
Then vanish from our sight,  
And leave the road dark and drear  
That once they filled with light.

Those morn-bright lines so sweet and fair  
Shine not in night away,  
They rise to radiant shores, and there  
Find God's eternal day.

And on our path that morn-ray gleam  
In radiance pure and bright,  
And ever summer fairer grows  
Unto the perfect light.

Life's beautiful and fragrant flowers  
Bloom in that early morn,  
To fill with perfume earth's sad hours  
That shadowed path's adorn.

Then, fare you well, oh gentle soul,  
And as a bird's song onward roll,  
They bear sweet thoughts of you.

**Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that Contain Mercury!**  
As mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering the system through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the result of their use is often fatal to the good you can possibly derive from them.

Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the best remedy, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. It is guaranteed to cure. Be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally, and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co., Sole and Wholesale Dealers.

Sold by Druggists, price 75c. per bottle. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

We are informed that the life insurance policy of the Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, in the Maryland Life of Baltimore, was paid one day after the proof of death was received at the home office. This is but in keeping with the way that this company has always conducted its business with its patrons in this section where it has been doing business for 35 years. In all this time it has never compromised, contested, or even delayed the payment of a death loss. Mr. W. O. Norris represents this company as a general agent for West Virginia and the lower valley counties.

At the N. Y. Racket Show you can buy a heavy plush cap for \$1.45 to \$4.50. For robes heavily lined \$4.50 to \$6.00. They are worth \$5.50 to \$8. If you are looking for a Christmas present for your friends, we have it for you no matter what you want or how much you want to spend. We have everything in our mammoth stock to suit you. We have a full line of all kinds of toys, fancy goods, stationery, watches, clocks, pictures of all kinds, fancy stationery, instruments, dress goods, towels, handkerchiefs, bedspreads, underwear, caps, gloves of all kinds, rugs, carpets, cany, and every other article, granite ware, shoes and millinery goods. We have a perfect set of sewing machines for \$1.50. Other sewing machines \$16 to \$20. Guaranteed for 10 years. They are the same machines as set at \$50 to \$60 for. At the show we sell you 10 to 25 percent off. Just received for all the family for a very little money. Be sure to see our goods before you buy or you will regret it. We have a big stock of ladies' caps and cloaks and cheaper than ever before. Call on us early and get first prices to suit everybody, and we guarantee to save you 10 to 25 percent. We have all the best shoes made to order. Just received another lot of ladies hats. J. W. COFFMAN.

**CUSTOM GARMENT MAKING.**  
I wish to inform my friends and the public generally that I have moved in the new room now being fitted up for me in the Hagley building (a few doors from Racket store) about April 1st. I anticipate a very large spring trade, and will use my best efforts to raise and maintain the standard of custom garment making to the highest level possible, in order to counteract the many spurious imitations of legitimate tailoring that have been foisted upon the public. As to my new samples for the coming season, it is hardly necessary for me to dwell on them. All I can say is that I used the very best ability and matured experience in selecting a complete assortment of styles and qualities. I promise you also in the future, as in the past, the same courteous and liberal treatment, and last, but not least, a perfect fit. Yours, &c., C. E. REININGER.

# Pity and Beauty

The most beautiful thing in the world is the baby, all dimples and joy. The most pitiful thing is that same baby, thin and in pain. And the mother does not know that a little fat makes all the difference.

Dimples and joy have gone, and left hollows and fear; the fat, that was comfort and color and curve—all but pity and love—is gone.

The little one gets no fat from her food. There is something wrong; it is either her food or food-mill. She has had no fat for weeks; is living on what she had stored in that plump little body of hers; and that is gone. She is starving for fat; it is death, be quick!

Scott's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil is the fat she can take; it will save her.

The genuine has this picture on it, take no other. If you have not tried it, send for free sample. Its agreeable taste will surprise you.

SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, 409 Pearl St., N. Y. 50c. and \$1.00 all druggists.

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The funeral cortege was one of the largest ever seen in this county, being over a mile in length. The J. E. B. Stuart Camp, Sons of C. V., of which the deceased was a member, acted as a guard of honor. The funeral services were held from the residence of the young man's father, Mr. Charles R. Hardesty, near Summit Point, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. P. Hyde, of Winchester, and Rev. D. H. Scanlon, of this place. Dr. Hyde spoke feelingly of the life of the deceased and in closing read the following beautiful tribute written by Mrs. Lassie Corbett Pickett, of Conover, Ia., who is an intimate friend of the family:

MARSHALL HARDESTY, whose brief life was filled with loving thoughts and gentle deeds:

Some finger still the setting sun  
Cast shadows on the way,  
Till life its long, long course has run  
From morn till set of day.

Some walk a moment with us here  
Then vanish from our sight,  
And leave the road dark and drear  
That once they filled with light.

Those morn-bright lines so sweet and fair  
Shine not in night away,  
They rise to radiant shores, and there  
Find God's eternal day.

And on our path that morn-ray gleam  
In radiance pure and bright,  
And ever summer fairer grows  
Unto the perfect light.

Life's beautiful and fragrant flowers  
Bloom in that early morn,  
To fill with perfume earth's sad hours  
That shadowed path's adorn.

Then, fare you well, oh gentle soul,  
And as a bird's song onward roll,  
They bear sweet thoughts of you.

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We are informed that the life insurance policy of the Hon. Wm. L. Wilson, in the Maryland Life of Baltimore, was paid one day after the proof of death was received at the