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Election Notice.

NOTICE is hereby given to the Judges of Election and to the Qualified Voters of Carroll county, that an Election will be held in the several Election Districts of Carroll county, at the usual places of holding Elections, on

The First Tuesday, after the First Monday, being the 2d day of November, 1880,

FOR THE PURPOSE OF ELECTING

Eight Presidential Electors, to cast the vote of the State of Maryland for one person for President of the United States, and one person for Vice President of the United States, in conformity to the Constitution of the United States and of the State of Maryland:

One person to represent the Second District of Maryland in the Forty-seventh Congress of the United States.

The Polls for said Election will be opened at 9 o'clock, A. M., and close at 6 o'clock, P. M., when the ballots shall be publicly counted.

GEORGE N. FRINGER,
Sheriff of Carroll county.

Notice to Hotel Keepers and all others who Deal in Liquors.

For the information of all persons concerned, the following Act of the Legislature, passed March 24, 1865, is published:

CHAPTER 191.

An Act prohibiting the sale of spirituous or fermented liquors in the several counties of this State on the day of election.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland*, That it shall not be lawful for the keeper of any hotel, tavern, store, drinking establishment, or any other place where liquors are sold, or for any person or persons, directly or indirectly, to sell, barter, give or dispose of any spirituous or fermented liquors, ale or beer, or intoxicating drinks of any kind, on the days of election hereafter to be held in the several counties of this State.

SECTION 2. *And be it enacted*, That any person violating the provisions of this Act shall be liable to indictment by the Grand Jury of the county where the offence is committed, and shall, upon conviction before any Judge of the Circuit Courts of this State, be fined a sum not less than fifty dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every offense—one half the fine shall be paid to the informer, the other half to the County Commissioners for the use of the Public Roads.

BETTING ON ELECTIONS.

The attention of all persons is particularly called to the following sections of Article 5, of the Revised Code of the Public General Laws:

85. No person shall make any bet or wager on the result of any election to take place in this State.

86. Any person offending against the last preceding section, shall be liable to indictment in the Circuit Courts, if the offence be committed in any county, or in the Criminal Court of Baltimore, if the offence be committed in Baltimore; and on conviction, shall be fined not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars, to be paid to the State for the use of the School Fund.

87. Every deposit of money in any part of the State, as a wager or bet upon elections in this State or elsewhere, shall be forfeited and paid over to the County Commissioners of the county where deposited for the use of the county; and if deposited in the city of Baltimore, to the Mayor and City Council.

GEORGE N. FRINGER,
sept 25-ts Sheriff of Carroll county.

STATE MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION OF CARROLL COUNTY.

INCORPORATED 1879.

Home Office, Westminster, Md.

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I have built a Store Room next door to my old stand, Bowers' Hall, and my stock consisting of a full line of good fresh GROCERIES AND PROVISIONS, comprising all kinds of Salt Meats cut to suit, Salt Fish, Coffee, Sugar, Syrups, Spices, Chip Beef, Bologna Sausage, Flour, Corn and Buckwheat Meal, and all articles generally kept in a good Grocery and Provision Store, all of which will be sold low, delivered to any part of the town. With long experience and by strict attention to business, I solicit a liberal share of the public patronage.

june 14 J. H. BOWERS.

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WESTMINSTER, Md., will give especial attention to the sale of Personal Property and Real Estate.

Engagements may be made at this office
feb 9-tf

WHITELOCK'S VEGETATOR!

THIS article has for its base bones finely ground and thoroughly dissolved, and is so rich

IN FERTILIZING PROPERTIES

as to carry the wheat through the severest winter.

While other manures may produce a good crop of straw, there is nothing on the market that will uniformly bring the same quantity of wheat per acre.

Apply three fourths only as much as of other brands.

ALSO FOR SALE:

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PURE DISSOLVED BONES, ACID PHOSPHATE,

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CARROLLTON, MD., July 27, 1880.
W. WHITELOCK & Co., Gentlemen:—I have used your "Vegetator" for the last twelve years; have also used several other kinds. I find yours superior to others, and it has left my farm in a high state of cultivation.
Yours Respectfully, ISAAC GREEN, JR.

SILVER RUN, MD., Aug. 5, 1880.
W. WHITELOCK, & Co., Gentlemen:—I have used your "Vegetator;" sowed 160 lbs. to the acre, which yielded an average of 33 bushels to the acre. I also used several other kinds at the same time and sowed the same quantity to the acre which yielded but 25 bushels to the acre.
Yours Respectfully, GEO. F. BACHMAN.

WESTMINSTER, MD., Aug. 5, 1880.
W. WHITELOCK & Co., Gentlemen:—I have used your "Vegetator" for the last fifteen years, and it has always given good results, and I shall continue to use the same hereafter.
Yours Respectfully, LEWIS GREEN.

WESTMINSTER, MD., Aug. 5, 1880.
W. WHITELOCK & Co., Gentlemen:—In the year 1878 I sowed a 2½ acre lot in wheat and used 300 lbs. of your "Vegetator" to the acre, which, when cut and threshed, yielded 106½ bushels of prime wheat. I also sowed another lot using 250 lbs., of the "Vegetator," which yielded 30 bushels to the acre.
Yours Respectfully, THOMAS TURPLE.

W. WHITELOCK, & CO.,
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aug. 14 may 1-6m

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE

Of Two Valuable Dwellings, and Desirable Warehouse and Store, and Blacksmith & Wheelwright Shops, on the Buffalo Road, in Carroll County, About one-half Mile South from the Baltimore and Frederick Turnpike Road.

UNDER and by virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage from William H. B. Dorsey and Fannie V. E. Dorsey, his wife, to William Whitelock, dated September 4th, 1876, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, in Liber F. T. S., No. 10, folio 32, &c., the undersigned attorney and agent for the said mortgagee, named as such in the mortgage, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 1880,

At 1 o'clock, p. m., in three separate lots as hereinafter mentioned:

All that parcel of fee simple land lying in Carroll county, called "Shiver's Integrity," or whatever the same may be called and described as follows to-wit:—Beginning for the same at a stone now planted on the east side of the Buffalo road and running North thirteen degrees, East sixteen and a-half perches to the outline of Sophia Dorsey's land and binding thereon, South seventy-eight degrees, West seven and a-half perches to the end thereof, still binding on said land, South ten degrees, West thirty-five perches, South thirty-eight degrees east nine perches, and then North thirteen degrees, East twenty-seven and a-half perches to the beginning, containing

1 ACRE & 16 PERCHES OF LAND,

more or less, and being the same land described in said mortgage.

The property will be sold according to the Surveyor's plat, to be exhibited at the sale, by which plat the said land is divided into three lots as follows, and No. 2 will be offered first for sale:

No. 1 is the most northerly portion of said whole tract, containing One Rood and Twenty-eight Square Perches of Ground, more or less, and is improved by a Log and Plaster one story Dwelling with Frame Attic and with one-story Frame Kitchen.

No. 2 is the central portion of said whole tract, contains One Rood and Fifteen Square Perches of Land, more or less, and is improved by a large, commodious and high one-story Frame WAREHOUSE and STORE, with cellar, and with Frame Wheelwright Shop and Frame Blacksmith Shop attached. The warehouse is the one known as "Dorsey's Cheap Cash Warehouse and Store," and will be sold with the counters and shelves that are now within. This lot will be sold subject to the right of the owners of lots No. 1 and 3 to use the well now on it.

No. 3 is the most southerly portion of said whole tract, contains One Rood and Thirteen Square Perches of Land, more or less, and is improved by a Frame one story HOUSE with Attic and with Frame one-story Kitchen attached, and with a one-story Frame Smoke House.

Terms of Sale:—One-third cash, one-third in six and one-third in twelve months, or all cash as the purchaser or purchasers may elect; the credit payments to bear interest from the day of sale, and to be secured by the note or notes of the purchaser or purchasers indorsed to the satisfaction of the undersigned attorney. A deposit of $25 on account of the purchase money of each lot will be required at the sale.

GEORGE WHITELOCK,
Attorney named in Mortgage, 43 Lexington Street, Baltimore.
Wm. P. Anderson, Auctioneer, Mt. Airy, Carroll county, Md. sep 25-ts

Noah Walker & Co.,

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NEW STOCK, NEW PRICES.

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Band Agent.
Prof. T. D. ELLIS, Teacher. july 20-tf

MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF VERY VALUABLE

Real Estate

In Westminster District, near Westminster, Md.

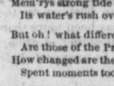
THE undersigned, mortgagee, by virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage from David H. Byers and wife, to him, dated on the 25th day of October, 1873, and recorded among the Real Estate Mortgage Records of Carroll county, in Liber J. B. B., No. 7, folio 464, will sell at Public Sale, on the premises, on

Saturday, the 16th day of October, 1880,

at 1½ o'clock, P. M., that Valuable Real Estate, consisting in cultivated and wood land of

154 ACRES OF LAND,

more or less. The farm under cultivation consists of about 100 acres of the best land in Carroll county. The wood lots lie about one mile from the home residence, back of Shaffer's tannery, and contain about 54 acres of fine Timber Land. This property is now owned and occupied by David H. Byers, and situate about three-quarters to a mile from the city of Westminster, on the Littlestown turnpike, adjoining the lands of Henry Baile, Cyrus Schweigart and others. The improvements are a good Dwelling House, Barn, and the ordinary outbuildings, a ll well adapted to the wants of a first-class farm, with good water and excellent orchard. This is the same land which the said David H. Byers obtained by deed dated 25th of October, 1873, from Michael Byers, and recorded in Liber J. B. B., No. 45, folio 122, &c.



Terms of Sale are:—One-third cash on the day of sale or upon the ratification of the sale by the Circuit Court for Carroll county in Equity; the balance in two equal payments of 12 and 18 months, bearing interest from date of sale and secured to the satisfaction of the mortgagee, or all cash at the option of the purchaser or purchasers.

EMANUEL D. KELLER,
Jas. A. C. Bond, Solicitor. Mortgagee.
sep 18-ts R. C. Matthews, Auctioneer.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF A

DWELLING HOUSE & LOT,

IN THE CITY OF WESTMINSTER.

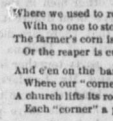
BY virtue of a power of sale contained in a mortgage from Reuben W. Stem and Eliza A. Stem, his wife, to the undersigned, bearing date April 25th, 1876, and recorded among the real estate mortgage records of Carroll county, in Liber F. T. S., No. 9, folio 371, &c., I will sell at Public Sale, to the highest bidder, at the Court House Door, in the city of Westminster, Carroll county, Md., on

Monday, the 18th day of October, A. D. 1880,

At 2 o'clock, p. m., all that parcel of Land situate in the East end of the City of Westminster, now occupied by Mr. P. Quynn, containing

8175 SQUARE FEET

of Land more or less, being the same lot of land which was conveyed to the said Reuben W. Stem by Daniel Mitten, executor, by deed dated April 5, 1869, and recorded among the Land Records of Carroll county, in Liber J. B. B., No. 89, folio 44, &c. The improvements thereon consist of a large and convenient Two-Story Log and Frame Dwelling House, with Back Building attached, well in the yard, garden, &c. This property is desirably situated, and opportunity is here offered to purchase a cheap home.



Terms of Sale, Cash; or if desired by the purchaser, one-half cash on the day of sale, or on the ratification thereof, and the other one-half in nine months from the day of sale, the credit payment to be secured by the note of the purchaser with approved security bearing interest from the day of sale.

CHAS. T. REIFSNIDER, Mortgagee.
sep 25-ts R. C. Matthews, Auctioneer.

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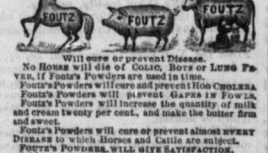

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which they are selling at the Lowest Cash prices. Having had much experience in the business, we now flatter ourselves that we can always exhibit to those wishing to purchase goods in our line not excelled in variety and quality by any other house. Don't mistake the place, OPP. MONTOUR HOUSE,
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HOUSE recently refitted and refurnished. The tables always supplied with the best luxuries in the market, and the bar stocked with the choicest liquors, wines, ale, beer, cigars, &c. Board by the day or week to suit the times.

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Original Poetry.

CHANGING.

Written for the Democratic Advocate
BY C. T. W.

I am thinking to-night while the shadows
Are falling all over the ground,
And darkness, fit emblem of mourning,
Is casting her mantle around.

I am sitting alone in the twilight,
Watching the dying day
With its last faint gleam of brightness
Slowly fading away.

I am filled with a nameless sadness,
For this changing sunset glow,
Brings back the glowing pictures
Of twenty years ago;

And I see in the shifting figures
That move in the gathering night,
Faces and forms of beauty
Passing away with the light.

They move awhile in the darkness,
Their shadows flit over my room,
They pause with the day on the threshold—
They vanish, and leave me in gloom.

Silent I sit where they leave me,
The ev'ning bell utters its dole,
Mem'ry's strong tide bears me backward—
Its water's rush over my soul.

But oh! what different pictures
Are those of the Present and Past!
How changed are the scenes where my boyhood
Spent moments too happy to last.

Remembrance brings back in bright groupings
The children and playmates of yore,
As they gathered in winter and summer
About the old school-house door.

The old schoolhouse in the forest
Has given place to the new,
The merry, loving playmates
Are scattered now, and few.

Where we used to romp in the sunshine,
With no one to stop our play,
The farmer's corn is now growing,
Or the reaper is cutting his hay;

And e'en on the bank by the road-side
Where our "corners" were stationed for ball,
A church lifts its roof to the sunlight—
Each "corner" a point in its wall.

A few of my comrades yet linger,
But many have wandered away;
And an infinite longing to meet them
Is all that is left me to-day.

Death has been here in my absence,
And gathered from hill-top and plain
The springtime's sweetest flowers
And the summer's ripened grain.

The voices then girlish and tender,
Have sterner grown with the years;
The faces then childish and eager,
Are graver now with their cares.

The dear old fathers and mothers
Around whose knees we played,
Are resting now from their labors,
'Neath the graveyard's peaceful shade.

O, Time! what hast thou not altered!
O, Change! where hast thou not been!
Like the fearful sweep of a tempest—
Like the withering touch of a sin.

The ceaseless flow of the river,
The curbless sweep of the wave,
Are types of that restless current
That bears us on to the grave.

We grasp at the fleeting shadows,
We mourn the bright visions fled;
To-day we laugh with the living—
To-morrow we weep o'er the dead.

Our Olio.

The Strength of a Snake.

The elephant driver said it was nothing for a snake (boa) to swallow a deer, and then entertained me with the following:

A herd of wild elephants was roaming through the country once, and after staying some time at a salt spring began to pass on. One, however, a very large animal, stayed a little behind, being, in fact, the last to leave the spring. As he was hastening to join the others, a snake (who had been watching in an adjacent tree,) threw its body out as the elephant passed by, and, keeping hold of the trunk of the tree with its extremity, caught hold of the elephant's hind leg. The monster stopped and turned round to see what was the matter; by this time the snake got a better hold, and wound itself round the elephant's body. Then commenced the tug of war. The elephant saw what was the matter and commenced to pull. But it could not disconnect the snake from the tree. Neither gave way, and the pulling continued with fearful vigor until a creaking was heard. Suddenly the great tree around which the snake had fixed its hold was seen to sway, and gradually its lateral roots began to appear above the earth, the trunk to totter, and finally the topmost branches crashed to the ground. But the most marvelous part was that the trunk, having wide-spreading branches which rested on the ground, was raised a great distance from the earth. The snake, which still maintained its hold both on it and the elephant, was hoisted up with the trunk and took the elephant with it. Next day a party of villagers out for firewood, when a short distance from the tree, saw the novel sight of an elephant suspended (apparently) in mid air. Upon closer inspection they found a snake was the connection with the tree, and one man got through the branches on to the trunk, cut through the snake, which immediately fell to the ground with the elephant and was crushed by the fall.

Snakes do not get on at all where pigs are kept. In fact, the former are almost strangers in the presence of the latter.—Pigs are sometimes bitten, but do not seem to die. They bite at and eat snakes without ado upon coming across them. Whether the sluggish circulation of a swine's blood prevents the poison from taking visible effect, or whether the thick coating of fat which generally finds place upon the frame of a pig prevents the snake poison from reaching the blood vessels, I do not know. At all events, pigs attack snakes with impunity.

An old-fashioned weather indicator in England was a bunch of seaweed hung upon the walls of a house to tell whether fair or wet weather would be the order of the day. I have seen snake skins answer the same purpose, being stiff and dry when the sun was out, and gradually becoming limp upon a storm approaching.

Snakes lay their eggs in clusters of seven or eight. Those I have seen have been rather smaller than the pigeon's eggs, and stuck together as though they had run one into another. I have heard of Sonthalis eating them, but cannot say whether this is so. I should think it highly probable. —*Bradford (England) Observer.*

To Dry Pumpkins.

Take ripe pumpkins, pare, cut into small pieces, stew soft, mash and strain through a colander; as if for making pies. Spread this pulp on plates, in layers some half an inch thick; dry it in a stove oven, which should be kept at so low a temperature as not to scorch it. In about a day it will become dry and crisp. The sheets thus made can then be stowed away in a dry place, and are always ready for use, either for pies or stewing. The quick drying after cooking prevents the souring which is almost always the case when the uncooked pieces are dried, while the flavor is much better preserved and the after cooking dispensed with. On going to use soak portions of the article in a little milk over night, when it will return to as delicious a pulp as if made of a pumpkin when fresh.

Some Famous Feats of Strength.

Among the Greeks the successful athlete was crowned with laurels and loaded down with wealth and honors. When Eccnetus, in the ninety-second Olympiad, triumphant in games, entered Agrigentum, his native home, he was attended by an escort of three hundred chariots, each drawn by two white horses, and followed by the populace, cheering and waving banners.—Milo six times won the palm at both the Olympic and Pythian games. He is said to have run a mile with a four-year old ox upon his shoulders, and afterward killed the animal with one blow of his fist, and ate the entire carcass in one day! So great was his muscular power that he would bind a cord round his head and break it by the swelling and pressure of the veins. An ordinary meal for Milo was twenty pounds of meat, as much bread, and fifteen pints of wine.

Polydamus, of Thessalia, was of colossal height and prodigious strength, and, it is said, alone and without weapons, killed an enormous and enraged lion. One day, it is recorded, he seized a bull by its hind feet, and the animal escaped only by leaving the hoof in the grasp of the athlete.

The Roman Emperor Maximinus was upward of eight feet in height, and like Milo of Crotona, could squeeze to powder the hardest stone with his fingers and break the leg of a horse by a kick. His wife's bracelet served him as a ring, and his every day repast was sixty pounds of meat and an amphora of wine.

While a prisoner in Germany, Richard I. accepted an invitation to a boxing match with the son of his jailor. He received the first blow, which made him stagger, but, recovering, with a blow of his fist he killed his antagonist on the spot. Topham, also an Englishman, born in 1710, was possessed of astouishing strength. His armpits, hollow in the case of ordinary men, were with him full of muscles and tendons. He would take a bar of iron, with its two ends held in his hands, place the middle of the bar behind his neck, and then bend the extremeties by main force until they met together, and bend back the iron straight again. One night, seeing a watchman asleep in his box, he carried both the man and his shell to a great distance, and put them on the wall of a churchyard. Owing to domestic troubles, he committed suicide in the prime of life.

The famous Scanderberg, King of Albania, who was born in 1414, was a man of great stature, and his feats of sword exercise have never been equalled. On one occasion, with a scimitar, he struck his antagonist such a blow that its force cleaved him to the waist. He is said to have cloven in two men who were clad in armor from head to foot. On one occasion the brother and nephew of a certain Ballaban, who had been convicted of cruelties toward the Albanians, were brought to him bound together. Transported with rage, he cut them in two with one stroke of his weapon.

Maurice, Count of Saxony, the hero of Fontenoy, inherited the physical vigor of his father, and was especially noted for the surprising muscular power, or "grip," of his hands. On one occasion, needing a corkscrew, he twisted a long iron nail round into the required shape with his fingers and opened a half a dozen bottles of wine with it. Another time, when stopping at a blacksmith shop to have his horse shod, he picked up a number of new horse shoes, and with his hands snapped them in two as readily as if made of glass, much to the disgust of the smith.

If history is to be believed, Phayllus, of Crotona, could jump a distance of fifty-six feet. The exercise was practised at the Olympic games and formed part of the course of the Pentathlon. Strutt, an English authority on games and amusements, speaks of a Yorkish jumper named Ireland, whose powers were marvellous. He was six feet high, and at the age of eighteen leaped, without the aid of a spring-board, over nine horses ranged side by side He cleared a cord extended fourteen feet from the ground with one bound, crushed with his foot a bladder suspended at a height of sixteen feet; and on another occasion he lightly cleared a large wagon, covered with an awning. [How is that for high?]

Colonel Ironside, who lived in India early in this century, relates that he met in his travels an old white-haired man who with one leap sprang over the back of an enormous elephant flanked by six camels of the largest breed. A curious French work, published in Paris in 1745, entitled "The Tracts Towards the History of Wonders Performed at Fairs," mentioned an Englishman, who at the fair of St. Germain in 1724, leaped over forty people without touching one of them. In our own day we are familiar with many remarkable expositions of strength and endurance. Dr. Winship, with the aid of straps, lifted a weight of 3,500 pounds, and with the little finger of his right hand could raise his body a considerable distance from the ground.

Proportionate Use of Letters.

Brewer's "Dictionary of Phrase and Fable" gives the proportionate use of letters as follows:

E	1,000	M	272
T	770	F	236
A	728	W	190
I	704	Y	184
S	680	P	168
O	672	G	168
N	670	B	158
H	540	V	120
R	528	K	88
D	392	J	55
L	360	Q	50
U	296	X	46
C	280	Z	22

Consonants, 5,977; vowels, 3,400.

As initial letters the order is very different, the proportion being:

S	1,194	R	291
C	937	W	272
P	804	G	266
A	574	U	228
T	571	O	206
D	505	V	172
B	463	N	153
M	439	J	69
F	388	Q	58
L	377	K	47
E	340	Y	23
H	308	Z	18
I	298	X	4

Very few churches of America have a seating capacity of over 1500. The following shows the size of some of the largest churches in Europe: St. Peter's Church at Rome will hold 54,000 persons; Milan Cathedral, 7000; St Paul's at Rome, 32,000; St. Paul's at London, 35,600; St. Petronio at Bologna, 24,000; Florence Cathedral, 24,300; Antwerp Cathedral, 24,000; St. Sophia's, Constantinople, 23,000; St. John Lateran, 22,900; Notre Dame at Paris, 20,000; Pisa Cathedral, 13,000; St. Stephen's at Vienna, 12,400; St Dominic's at Bologna, 12,000; St. Peter's at Bologna, 11,500; Cathedral of Vienna, 11,000; St. Mark's, Venice, 7000; Spurgeon's Tabernacle, 7000.

The man who spends too much of his time building castles in the air is not likely to hold much real estate on the earth.

The Feathers of a Bird.

Of a feather's lightness we may form some idea when we find that the largest quill of a golden eagle weighs only sixty-five grains, and that seven such quills do not weigh more than a copper penny-piece; that the feathers of a common fowl, which weighs thirty-seven ounces, weigh only three ounces; and that the entire plumage of an owl weighs only one ounce and a half. Meant as they are, some for covering and some for strength, we shall find them, on examination, very differently put together. The light downy part, when examined through a microscope, will be found to bear little resemblance to the flat part or blade of the quill. If it were not so, a bird would scarcely be able to fly at all; for when the flat of the wing was pressed down, the air would pass through it, and yield no resistance. The fibres of the downy part, we see, have little connection with each other; they have short and loose side shoots, just sufficient to mat them together when pressed close to the skin; whereas the side shoots of the quill-feather hook and grapple with one another, so as to make one firm and united surface.

But others there are, much stronger and stiffer than the wing quill feathers; as those, for instance, forming the tails of the wood-pecker tribe. And the reason would be evident to any person who watched a wood-pecker on the stem of a tree feeding. Its food consists of grubs, usually concealed in the wood. In order to get them, he must therefore remain fixed on the bark, and make a hole with his beak, a tedious, if not impracticable operation, were it not for the wiry stiffness of the tail feathers, which press against a tree and act like an additional limb. The tail, however, has another use, applicable more or less to all birds; it is to them what a rudder is to a boat, and in many cases acts like a third wing. If we look at a hawk hovering in the air, when he remains at one spot we shall see that the tail is spread out like a fan, and it is in a constant state of quivering motion, balancing the bird, while the wings are keeping it afloat.

It is clear that if water could soak into the soft feathery covering of a bird, every shower of rain would be the death of thousands, inasmuch as it would increase their weight considerably, and, at the same time, by destroying the fine elastic nature of their feathers, entirely disable them from flying, and they must remain in a helpless state upon the ground, either to perish from hunger, or become the prey to men or animals, who would catch them without trouble. But against such a possibility they are guarded by an abundant oily covering, which is constantly renewed; so that the rain, instead of sinking in, runs off, without remaining an instant; and we all know that if we take up a duck, or any swimming bird, we shall find, though it might have been diving just before, that it is perfectly dry and free from all damp. But this principle of life, if it may be so called, in a feather, ceases with the life of a bird; for if we were to throw a dead duck into the water, we should find that its coat had lost all power of resisting water, and become a spongy mass of moisture.

The growth of feathers in young birds in hot and favorable weather is very remarkable. It has been ascertained by attending to nestlings, that in eight days after their appearing from the egg in a helpless, naked state, they have acquired the first part of their feathers.—*Stanley's History of Birds.*

A BIG SEWING MACHINE.—The largest sewing machine in the world has lately been finished. It is of the Singer type.—The machine weighs over four tons, and is in some respects of new design, uniting much simplicity of construction with great strength of parts. It is adapted for general manufacturing purposes of the heavier sort, although specially made for stitching cotton belting, an article which is just now taking the market as a cheap and serviceable institution for gearing and the ordinary leather belting. The material used is of great strength and toughness, and is sewed together in piles or layers up to an inch in thickness. The belting in being sewed together is passed through heavy feed rollers some nine inches in diameter and more than eight feet in length, getting stretched and pressed in the process.—There are two needles at work with two shuttles, and the shuttles can be removed from the bottom without disturbing the overlying piles of belting. The rollers between which the work passes are actuated by reversible worm and cam motions, and the machine has, in addition to these roller feeds, what is known as a top feed motion, suitable for a lighter class of work. The stitch, as in the ordinary sewing machine, can be adjusted from one-eighth inch upward, and the pressure of the rollers on the work passing through the machine can be regulated at the will of the operator.—The machine, which is driven by steam, has been made for a manufacturing firm in Liverpool.—*Scientific American.*

An Interesting Statement.

The following statement will doubtless be interesting reading to those of our readers who are now watching the fluctuations of the wheat market. During the ten years past wheat has sold in Chicago as follows:

In November, 1869, wheat sold at 85c