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Call or send for circulars explaining our plan of selling Carpets, which is done through the medium of a most wonderful invention—

By the aid of this device we are enabled to show you, before purchasing, precisely how your carpet will look when made up and laid upon your floor. Don't fail to call and see it before buying, as you can surely save money by buying in this way.

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And everything found in a first-class Grocery Store. Everything is fresh.

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FALL GOODS, A FULL STOCK OF READY-MADE CLOTHING, Shirts and Drawers, Gent's Furnishing Goods Generally, Boots, Shoes and Hats.

PRICES GUARANTEED AS LOW AS ANY HOUSE IN THE COUNTY.

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Has been repaired and refurbished throughout and is now open to the public. All the FURNITURE IS ENTIRELY NEW.

The Table will be supplied with the BEST MARKET AFFORDS.

The Bar is stocked with CHOICE LIQUORS AND CIGARS. BILLIARD AND POOL ROOM in the House, also BARBER SHOP.

AMPLE STALLING with polite and reliable hostlers.

The public is invited to try the Montgomer under the new management, and especially the citizens of Carroll county. dec 16-17

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We would advise you to visit FRANK RAYMO'S HAT EMPORIUM, 221 North Gay Street, 2 doors south of Market, Baltimore, Md.

A VALUABLE FARM NEAR WESTMINSTER, AT PRIVATE SALE.

The subscriber, desiring to decline farming, will sell the farm on which he now resides, situated within a mile of Westminster, near the turnpike. It contains about 185 ACRES OF LAND, MORE OR LESS, which is in a high state of cultivation. The improvements consist of commodious and substantial buildings of all necessary kinds, and in complete order. The farm is well watered, and has an abundance of excellent fruit upon it. To any person desiring a well equipped property, in good condition in every respect, and at a situation unsurpassed for healthfulness and convenience, will do well to examine this property. Terms will be made easy. Call upon or address L. C. TRUMBO, Westminster, Md. dec-17

A GREAT REDUCTION

A LEAP YEAR VISION.

Esop's Fable in Heart of Thine. Can I forget that winter night in eighteen eighty-four.

When Nellie, charming little sprite, Came tapping at the door? "Good evening, miss," I blushing said, "For in my heart I knew— And, knowing, being my pretty head— That Nellie came to woo."

She clasped my big red hand and fell Adown upon her knees, And cried: "You know I love you well, So be my husband, please."

And then she swore she'd never be A tender wife and true— Ah, what delight it gave to me That Nellie came to woo!

She'd lace my shoes and darn my hose, And mend my shirts, she said, And grease my combs and Roman nose, Each night on going to bed; She'd build the fires and fetch the coal, And split the kindlings, too, And every evening wash my feet, When Nellie came to woo.

And I, blushing, gave no check, To her advances such, She twined her arms about my neck, And toyed with my moustache; Then she placed her lips, While I—what could I do! But only yield me to that bliss When Nellie came to woo?

I am engaged, and proudly wear A gorgeous diamond ring, And I shall wed my lover fair, Some time in gentle spring; I face my doom without a sigh— And so, forsooth, would you, If you but loved a fond as I, And Nellie came to woo?

Will Commence JANUARY 21, 1884.

CLOTHING!

In this department all Winter Goods will be sold REGARDLESS OF COST.

MEN'S AND BOYS' SUITS. MEN'S AND BOYS' OVERCOATS.

LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S COATS, SHAWLS, SKIRTS. CHILDREN'S WOOLEN SACQUES AND HOODS.

A LOT OF Dress Goods and Remnants AT HALF PRICE.

WHITE AND GRAY BLANKETS, LAP ROBES, BUFFALO AND GOAT ROBES.

All heavy and Winter Goods will be sold at a big reduction.

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8 CAR-LOADS OF PARLOR AND CHAMBER FURNITURE.

Part Finished and Part Unfinished.

Those wishing to select the Finish and Upholstering can have it done under the supervision of Mr. S. V. BANKARD.

Inducements to those Beginning Housekeeping.

Stock will be opened and ready for inspection SECOND WEEK IN FEBRUARY.

ANNUAL ELECTION. Office of the Westminster Cemetery Co., Westminster, Md., Jan. 11, 1884.

Notice is hereby given to the Shareholders and Lot-holders of the Westminster Cemetery Company that the annual election for a President and Board of Six Managers of said Company, to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at the office of the Company (Firemen's Hall) on Tuesday Evening, February 5, 1884, between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock, p. m. J. N. J. REESE, Secretary.

P. S.—Notice is also given that the stated monthly meeting of the present Board will be held at 7 o'clock, p. m., on the same day, at which time a full report of the operations of the Company for the past year will be given to the Shareholders and Lot-holders. J. N. J. REESE, Secretary. jan 19-21

NO. 2128 EQUITY. In the Circuit Court for Carroll county. Ezekiel Hahn, Trustee, vs. Lydia Hahn and others.

Notice is hereby given to the creditors of Samuel Hahn, late of Carroll county, deceased, having claims against said deceased, unsatisfied out of his personal estate, to file their said claims, properly proven and authenticated, with the Clerk of said court, in the above cause, on or before the 17th day of March, 1884.

By order of said Court. J. N. J. BAUMGARTNER, Jr., Auditor. jan12-4

A BBS, the best in the market, for sale by A. N. STEPHAN.

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searched for the Rev. Mark Avery's name. He found it duly recorded, and learned that the young man was curate of St. Blaise's church, one of the largest and poorest parishes in the east of London.

The parson made his appearance at dinner, and created a favorable impression. He won Mr. Bittleston's heart by taking an immense interest in the house and grounds, and insisted on being shown over them.

His own story of the suffering poor of his parish, and his modest references to his own arduous life, elicited the sympathy of the ladies, and, in fact, the evening passed off so well that on his raising to leave old Mr. Bittleston pressed him to remain a day in the neighborhood so as to visit the church and other objects of local interest.

"No, thank you, I'm afraid we must not linger," he said, shaking his host warmly by the hand; "we have our work out to row to Oxford and back to town by Saturday. I must think of my companions."

"Well, at all events, come and have breakfast with us to-morrow," said the old gentleman.

"We must be several stages on our road before your breakfast hour," he said, as he added the ladies in turn: "bye-bye," he addressed Mr. Bittleston, "there is one small favor I venture to ask of you. May I leave a portmanteau here, and fetch it on my way down on Friday or Saturday?"

"Certainly," said the old gentleman promptly.

"I find we have a good many things we shan't need, now that the weather has set in fair," he explained; "there are always some cooking utensils we can dispense with. It is desirable to lighten our boat, and by leaving the portmanteau here I shall have an excuse for calling on our way back."

"We shall be delighted to see you," said Mr. Bittleston; "and if you leave the portmanteau at the house to-morrow morning it shall be taken care of."

The Rev. Mark then took his departure. Next morning the party had left when the family came down to breakfast, but the parson had entrusted the portmanteau to one of the servants. The following day he wrote a few lines to Mr. Bittleston from Reading, sending a piece of music which he had recommended one of the young ladies to get, and begging that she would accept it, as he happened to come across it in a music shop in the town. The little act of kindness excited less attention than it might otherwise have done, because the letter arrived while everyone was in a great state of excitement. The discovery had just been made that a large quantity of jewelry, plate and other articles had been abstracted from a safe in Mr. Bittleston's dressing-room. The loss was so considerable that Mr. Bittleston immediately telegraphed to Scotland Yard, not caring to entertain the matter to the local police. In response a detective appeared upon the scene and made a careful inspection of the premises. The safe was uninjured, and the lock had not been tampered with.

"It was cleverly done, but there was no magic in it," said the inspector, a sharp-eyed little man named Hardiss. "The lock is a very ordinary one and has evidently been opened with a key."

"But who could have done it? I am about the house and grounds all day, and nobody could have gone in and out without being observed," said Mr. Bittleston, in a great flutter.

"It is a case of burglary," answered the inspector; "there are no signs of a forcible entrance having been effected, but some of the windows on the ground floor have no shutters, and may have been unlocked."

"Then you don't suspect any of the servants," said Mr. Bittleston; "indeed I can answer for them all."

"Well," said the inspector, shrugging his shoulders, "I can't express an opinion at present. Have you had any stranger in the house lately?"

"No," said Mr. Bittleston, adding, as he remembered the Rev. Mark Avery, "by-the-by, a clergyman dined here a night or two ago—a curate of a London parish. He was the only visitor before Christmas, and the other is a pupil teacher at our school, and the other is assistant in the night school. They have both earned a holiday, and I wish to do all I can to promote their enjoyment."

"You will find plenty of accommodation at Marlow, at all events," said Mr. Bittleston.

"Undoubtedly; but the fact is, we cannot afford to part for it," returned the Rev. Mark, candidly; "our companions have no money, and my own purse is, unfortunately, very narrow."

"Oh! then you are a paymaster?" said the old gentleman, whose kind heart was touched by the parson's artless confession.

"Yes, it is my treat, in fact," answered the Rev. Mark, smiling; "of course, if you like my object to our landing on your island, we must try elsewhere. But it is a convenient spot, and I hoped—"

"Well, for this once I will make an exception," interrupted Mr. Bittleston, unable to resist any longer. "I must ask you to fix your camp on the most remote corner of the island, and to damage the under-wood. When you take your morning bath, please bear in mind that the windows of my house overlook the island."

"We will do nothing that can possibly offend you," returned the young man, offering his hand to Mr. Bittleston, who grasped it in a friendly fashion; "I am exceedingly obliged to you for your kindness."

"Don't mention it," said the old gentleman, walking by the parson's side across the lawn; "any little thing we can do for you, or supply you with, do not hesitate to ask. It is a commodity which is generally in request."

"Thank you. We won't trespass further on your kindness," returned the Rev. Mark, hesitatingly; "we have our provisions."

"Would you and your companions come and dine at the house with me to-night?" inquired Mr. Bittleston, who was a hospitable old gentleman, and had taken rather a fancy to the young man; "my wife and daughters would be pleased."

"You are extremely kind, but the fact is my companions, though excellent young men, are not quite refined enough to sit at your table," said the Rev. Mark, cautiously lowering his voice, so that the occupants of the boat should not hear him; "for myself," he added aloud, "I should only be too pleased, but, unfortunately, I have no clothes but these I stand up in. We are only away for the inside of a week, and must be back on Sunday."

"Never mind your clothes," said the old Mr. Bittleston; "we shall be quite alone to-night, and my wife and daughters are accustomed to see guests in boating costume."

"In this case, I shall be only too happy," said the Rev. Mark, as he stepped into the boat; "what time do you dine?"

"At 7 you will hear the gong," answered Mr. Bittleston from the bank, as he glanced at the young parson's companions. The latter were very unimpressive young men, and were evidently have been out of place in a gentleman's dining-room. On seeing them, it occurred to Mr. Bittleston that he had been a little too precipitate with his invitations, and it was partly owing to this reflection that he took down the clergy list on reaching the house, and

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Hardiss, divesting himself of his coat in a very business like manner.

The party started down stream in pursuit, Mr. Bittleston steering and frequently bobbing up and down in his excitement to try and catch sight of the boat ahead. In spite of their efforts, however, they found the lock-gates closed against them and the parson's boat out of sight. What was more startling, the lock had been emptied by the time they got there, and was awaiting a boat which was coming up stream. An abrupt turn in the river at a short distance already hid from view the boat just relieved of the lock.

"What a nuisance!" exclaimed Mr. Bittleston, mopping his forehead as he stood on the bank of the river, having taken in a glance the position of affairs. "Boat with three gentlemen just gone through, Smithers?" he added to the lock-keeper.

"Yes, sir, but they are coming back. They pulled their boat round by the back-water and went ashore, after asking me to keep an eye on all till they returned," said the man.

"Oh! that is all right," said Mr. Bittleston in a tone of satisfaction; "we will get back, inspector, to attend to business. Hi! Bring up that portmanteau, Robert. Smithers, will you take charge of it and give it to the Rev. Mr. Avery, who is one of the gentlemen at his expense, and he was about to resent the impertinence in very forcible language, when the inspector, who had been standing by touched him on the arm.

"That is Mr. Avery, sure enough," said the officer; "I've seen him before. That being so, I think we had better see what is inside the portmanteau. It's precious heavy," he added, seizing hold of it with both hands, and immediately telegraphed to Scotland Yard, not caring to entertain the matter to the local police. In response a detective appeared upon the scene and made a careful inspection of the premises. The safe was uninjured, and the lock had not been tampered with.

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Our Olio.

History of the Alphabet.

From the Philadelphia Ledger.

How many of the millions that daily use the alphabet ever stop to think of its origin and long history? In the true spirit of a student, we have written a well known English writer on philosophical and philological subjects, has recently written and published in London, two stout volumes under the title