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**APPRECIATION SALE OF Men's Walking Gloves, 39c.**  
Men's Heavy Dogskin Walking Gloves, with snap clasps—Reds, Tans, and Brown. Good 60c. grade. Appreciation price 39c.

**APPRECIATION SALE OF Black Satin Ties, 10c.**  
Men's and Ladies' Black Satin Club Ties, full length and width, the 25c. kind. Appreciation price 10c.

**APPRECIATION SALE OF Ladies' Black Hose, 12c.**  
Ladies' Absolutely Fast-Black Hose, high spliced heels and toes, actual 12c. grade. Appreciation price 12c.

**APPRECIATION SALE OF Children's Black Hose, 6c.**  
Children's Fast-Black Ribbed Hose, double knee, heels and toes, splendid value at 12c. Appreciation price 6c.



**KING GEORGE LETTER**  
INTERESTING NEWS FROM THE NORTHERN NECK AND VICINITY.  
**STRANGE CASE OF MURDER.**  
The Attorneys Who Figured Therein Have Nearly All Been Disqualified by Unforeseen Circumstances—Agricultural and Personal Notes.

(Correspondence of the Dispatch.)  
**COMORN, KING GEORGE COUNTY, VA.,** March 5.—Stafford, the county adjoining to the west, has long been proverbial for producing extraordinary things. Not satisfied with bringing into evidence 600-pound hogs, the most monstrous melons and potatoes, 400-pound men, a pair of sisters weighing 800 pounds, and curiosities "too numerous to mention," besides some of the best people in the world (except King Georgeans), she now comes to the front with a case which, by turns of circumstances, is, perhaps, without a parallel. In the fall of that county is a man charged with murder. He has been tried twice, and is now awaiting a third trial. When first arraigned he was prosecuted by Hon. W. S. White, Commonwealth's Attorney for Stafford, who has since died. His new trial, soon to take place, was granted by Judge W. S. Barton, who has since died. Judge C. H. Ashton, who presided over the County Court which twice tried the man, has since been defeated for the judgeship, and is no longer judge. Hon. R. H. L. Chichister, who prosecuted the prisoner at his second trial, is now Judge of the trial court. Hon. John E. Mason, who assisted Commonwealth's Attorney Chichister in the prosecution, has since been made Judge of the Circuit Court, and now occupies the late Judge Barton's place. Hon. T. Weldon Berrey, who was counsel for and defended the prisoner at the former trials, has since been made Commonwealth's Attorney (prosecutor) for that county. Seven lawyers, including Judges Barton and Ashton, have figured in the trials of this prisoner, two of whom have died, and of those living, Hon. W. A. Little, Jr., of counsel for defence, is the only one who has not been disqualified by peculiar circumstances, and all services connected with the case. News came from Stafford, unofficially, that the case will have to be removed for trial to some other county, or else a Judge from another county will have to preside over the Stafford Court when the matter comes up, and a prosecuting attorney will have to be "imported," too, if the case is not removed. There is some talk of the case among many of our people, but not a word has been said in the press, and it is not clear how the case will be handled.

**A CRAZE ABOUT RAILROAD TIES.**  
The demand here for railroad ties, and the craze among many of our people to derive something from the business, do not cease when the suitable timber for making them becomes exhausted. Almost every tree out of the woods is cut down with a broad-axe having been utilized, several steam saw-mills have been placed in the woods here for sawing the huge old forest white-oaks into cross-ties. Trees of such enormous diameters diameter, before they are cut, are being converted into railroad ties. The work of sawing grass-seed has begun, and a number of the farmers in this and adjoining counties sowed their clover

this week, which is ten days earlier than this variety of seed is usually sown. Wheat and winter oats responded gratefully to the pleasant sunny weather the latter part of last week, and are now looking much better than they were a week or so ago, but both crops are backward and unpromising for March, there being but very few fields where they have attained sufficient growth to "hide the ground."

Judge John E. Mason, ex-State Attorney, who has been appointed to succeed Mr. Chichister as presiding judge, Judge Mason will be exceedingly busy nearly every hour of the week-day from now until the Northern Neck Circuit Court, when he will hold his first court, which will be at Bowling Green, Caroline county.

William M. King, of King George Courthouse, is very ill with pneumonia. His little daughter is also in a critical condition with the same disease.

Dr. Charles Whitestone, Lancaster county, spent several days this week with his mother, Mrs. John T. Minor, at the latter's home at White Stone, accompanied Dr. Bruce up the Rappahannock and spent a few days at his home in Williamsburg.

Captain J. T. Emmertizer, of Baltimore, paid a brief visit to King George last week to see his wife, who has been with her father here since December.

**MACHINERY BROKE DOWN.**  
Some of the big machinery in the Alto grist-mill, of this county, broke down the other day, and Mr. E. R. Grymes, the proprietor, has been called to the mill to repair the damage. This is the largest and best-equipped meal- and flour-mill in King George, and an accident of this kind is a serious loss to hundreds of people for many miles around.

Mr. Hillier of Pennsylvania, who recently purchased the King George Courthouse, this county, and who arrived and took charge about Christmas, is making many improvements to the beautiful mansion and its surroundings. The Bell Grove residence stands only a few steps from the birthplace of President Madison, and is one of the most attractive and picturesque homes in the Rappahannock Valley.

The Northern Neck base-ball team will be reorganized very soon for the season of 1898. A majority of the clubs are well ordered, and in some cases all the players are new. There will be no material changes in the "make up" of them. The absence of John Taylor, who is now residing in California, will necessitate some changes in the line-up of the club of King George. Messrs. Frank Taylor and Edward Deacon, of this county, are considered the best rural players in Virginia, and they will be missed by the club. Messrs. Taylor and Deacon are casting about for the "best material."

Besides these gentlemen, King George has half a dozen or more "Boys' Clubs," and others—young men who have won more than a local reputation as ball-players. These, with a number of other players, will be called upon to fill this section two or three of the best-equipped teams to be found in the county districts. More interest is manifested in the game here now than ever before, and present indications are that it will attract more attention and be more generally participated in by county people this year than at any former period.

**MRS. ELLIS IMPROVING.**  
The condition of Mrs. Wesley Ellis, of this county, who has been extremely ill for some time, is so much improved that she is considered entirely out of danger, and her recovery is regarded as the most remarkable one ever known here, with possibly one single exception. Some two weeks ago her physician, an eminent doctor, gave her up, and left her apparently dead, and without further prescribing, said that her death was a question of days. A little later in the day she was considered dead, and her pastor and church were notified that the funeral would take place on the following Monday evening. In the course of twelve hours after the doctor left her, without any hope, she manifested signs of life; and, to the surprise and wonder of all, she was gradually improved, and is now sitting up. By many the recovery of Mrs. Ellis is regarded as next to a miracle.

Mr. E. S. Dickson, a well-known and highly-respected citizen, recently died very suddenly on Wednesday. He had been sick but twenty-four hours, and his illness was not regarded as at all serious. A young wife and one little child survive him.

Mr. Winter B. Miffleton, of Washington, D. C., visited his mother, in this county, several days ago.

Mr. Roy Mason and Mr. Richard

**CATTLE TRADE IN SCOTT COUNTY.**  
Much Stock Has Been Sold—Agricultural Notes.

GATE CITY, VA., March 4.—(Special.)—There is unusual activity in the cattle trade in this part of the State. The good prices which cattle have been commanding have caused the supply to run short. Many of the larger farmers complain that they cannot find stock sufficient to consume their feed, and that much of their grass this spring will go to waste. Many dealers from the blue-grass section of Russell and Tazewell counties have been through here buying up all the calves they could get at high prices, and they claim that their supply of cattle will be short. Hard times force the smaller farmers to sell anything they have that will bring them a few dollars. Very little of the small farms of Scott county are in grass. The result is, few of the small farmers are able to hold their cattle till they could realize something substantial from them. This makes the money in circulation much scarcer than it would be if the opposite conditions existed.

This brings up a chain of reflection. Some of the people say the population here is becoming too great, and advise young men to seek homes in the West, where the land is going to waste, and being swept away by reason of snow piling and a want of grass to hold the soil and keep it fertile and productive. Much labor is needed to reclaim the land that is going to waste. The soil here could easily be made to yield at least double the amount it does yield. Besides, in many sections, enough land has been permitted to overgrow with thickets to supply food for the present population.

Every year more land is being thrown out, the guilts are getting deeper, and the country's capability to sustain a large population is diminishing. The young men, who are seeking employment in other States, are needed here.

**AGRICULTURAL GOSSIP.**  
Scientific farmers maintain that five acres of land, properly improved and cultivated will support an average family. The truthfulness of this claim is being proved in many sections. If the land in Southwest Virginia was properly cared for, it would more than sustain the present population scattered, and at least half of it could be allowed for grazing, which would keep an abundance of money in circulation. These are things which our farmers should think about seriously before so much of the land is gone to irremediable ruin. There is no part of Southwest Virginia that could not, with a little of the right kind of enterprise, export a large surplus annually.

Dealers who have been South with horses and mules report fair sales, and prices looking up some, owing to a slight advance in the price of cotton. Low prices have lowered the grade of horses and mules greatly in this section.

The wheat crop in this vicinity looks quite promising. It is noticeable that the farmers took more care than usual in putting in the crop last fall.

The special road law for Scott and Lee counties recently passed by the Legislature seems to give general satisfaction here. Our roads are, as a rule, in a deplorable condition, and the new law, it is believed, will put them in good shape.

**CHARGED WITH COUNTERFEITING.**  
J. W. Price Now in the Gloucester Jail Awaiting Trial.

GLoucester COURTHOUSE, VA., March 5.—(Special.)—Mr. Benedict, Deputy United States Marshal, and Mr. Elliott, of the United States Secret Service, arrived here this morning to look after the case of J. W. Price, who is in the county jail, charged with counterfeiting coin. The impression is that these officers think they can make out a case against Price. It has been arranged that a special grand jury shall be empanelled on Monday, in order that Price may be indicted. The Commonwealth's Attorney

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those bearing well-known southern tickets or put up under special tickets, and hardly a piece not bought directly from the mills themselves, and these covered all grades from standards to fine browns. In course, colored cottons, only here and there was an eastern ticket to be seen, and those were confined to one or two of the best-known makes. In plaids southern products alone were handled, checks and stripes, and tickets were almost entirely of the South. Cottonades were southern to a piece. "I used to buy 150 cases of cottonades a year in New York," said one jobber, "to-day I don't buy a piece, every yard you see is made in the South and all bought direct, and so on through the heavy goods stock." For prints and for bleached cottons northern makes have to be resorted to for full supplies, and for all but the lower grades of ginghams northern productions are favored. In woollen goods, so-called, southern makes were also frequently seen, although perhaps it would be more correct to call them southwestern. There is another branch of manufacturing which has made more progress South than most people do not directly interested realize—that is, in cheap hosiery. It is hardly an exaggeration to say that the majority of southern jobbing houses rarely go to the North now for hosiery costing under 70 cents or 65 cents per dozen. In both the houses resorted to special attention was drawn to this fact, and there is no singular reason why Atlanta should be singular in this respect. After such an inspection as here referred to, there was strong temptation to put the question: "Well, outside of printed goods, bleached muslins, and fine-grade merchandises, what northern goods do you sell, anyhow, in regular lines?"

The gist of this is a wider lesson than the correspondent means to teach. He not only shows that Atlanta's factories are prosperous, as we knew before, but that the citizens of Atlanta patronize their home institutions. No wonder the city is growing so rapidly. The fact that believes in home enterprises all ways flourishes. It ought to be true of

**Rock That Changes Color.**  
(Louisville Post.)  
"While doing some work up in Eastern Kentucky and Southwestern Virginia about nine years ago I saw a remarkable natural wonder," said an old civil engineer yesterday.  
"You have, of course, seen the chameleon, that wonderful little lizard whose color changes as do the views in a kaleidoscope, but I doubt if you ever saw a large limestone rock that exhibited an infinite variety of different colors with the coming of every new season. Such a curiosity I viewed in the Kentucky mountains, and I have never been able to satisfactorily explain the phenomenon.  
"I first noticed the pinkish-looking limestone rock while surveying a proposed railroad line almost on top of the mountain near Cumberland Gap, and asked one of the men from the Virginia side what caused the rock to have such an unusual color. He said it hunting he had seen the rock yellowish, blue, brown, almost black, a dark red, nearly white, and pink. He said he didn't know what caused the rock to change its color, but his father, an old woodsman, had attributed it to the changes in the weather. I was in the neighborhood about three weeks. One morning, a week after I had first noticed the stone and just after a hard rain, I went to look at it again and found it a dark blue. The next time I saw the wonder its top was black almost all over, and looked as if it had been dyed, while the sides were of a greenish hue."  
"It makes a man better every time he sees it," he said, "even if it does because he wants money it leaves him less to waste on himself."—Chicago Record.