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MISCELLANEOUS.

(From Harper's Magazine for May.)
A NIGHT AMONG THE WOLVES.
When a settlement was first made in South Kentucky, one of the bravest of the colony was killed by the presence of the wolf in the woods. The large wolf was the only one known to have been killed in the settlement.

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RULES FOR SUCCESS IN BUSINESS.

In the appendix to "Fredley's Practical Treatise on Business," are several letters from men of approved sagacity and success in life. The following from John Grigg, contains many things that are well worthy of regard:—

First.—Be industrious and economical. Waste neither time nor money in small and useless pleasures and indulgences. "If the young can be induced to begin to save, the moment they enter the paths of life the way will ever become easier before them, and they will not fail to attain competency, and that without denying themselves any of the real necessities and comforts of economy."

Second.—Be prudent and take too much care in the business man must keep at the helm, and steer his own ship."

Third.—Avoid large credits. "There are three elements equally beneficial in their use, equally destructive in their abuse. These are Fire, Water and Banks."

Fourth.—Attend to the minutiae of business, small things as well as great. See that the store is opened early, goods brushed up, twine and nails picked up, and all ready for action. "A young man should consider capital, if he have it, or as he may acquire it, merely as a tool with which he is to work, not as a substitute for the necessity of labor."

Fifth.—Marry early. "The man of business should marry as soon as possible, after twenty-two or three years of age. A woman of mind will conform to the necessities of the day of small beginnings; and in choosing a wife a man should look at, 1st. The heart; 2d. The mind; 3d. The person."

Sixth.—Follow duty, and never let truth strike her topsail."

Seventh.—Everything, however remote, that has any bearing upon success, must be taken advantage of. "The business man should be continually on the watch for information and idea that will throw light on his path, and he should be an attentive reader of all practical books, especially those relating to business, trade, &c., as well as a patron of useful and ennobling literature."

Eighth.—Never forget a favor, for ingratitude is the basest trait of man's heart."

SINGULAR HISTORICAL FACT.—Sir Walter Raleigh was the first discoverer of the value of the potatoe as a food for man. One day he ordered a lot of dry weeds to be collected and burnt. Among these was a lot of dried potatoes. After the bonfire, these potatoes were picked up thoroughly roasted. Sir Walter tasted and pronounced them delicious. By this accident was discovered a species of food which has saved millions of the human race from starvation.

House in this branch of trade in Baltimore, and shall use every fair means to induce Southern and Western merchants to open accounts with us. Our terms shall be as liberal and accommodating as can possibly be found in the United States. We will take pleasure in showing our goods to Southern and Western merchants, whether they open accounts with us or not.
L. H. MILLER & CO.,
Importers of Watches, Baltimore.
February 3, 1853.

State of Maryland.

At an Orphan's Court for St. Mary's county, held at the Court House in Leonard Town on the 12th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.
Present, Benedict I. Heard, Esq., Chief Judge, Richard H. Reeder, Esq., Associate Judge, Clarke I. Durant, Sheriff, and G. Combs, Register.

Among other proceedings were the following, to wit: On application of Peter H. Guy, executor of John Guy, late of Saint Mary's county deceased, it is ordered by the Court that the sale of the real estate of the said deceased, made and reported by him, be ratified and confirmed unless cause be shown to the contrary, on or before the 2d Tuesday in June next: provided a copy of this order be published in a newspaper published in Leonard Town once a week for three weeks before the said 2d Tuesday in June next.

In testimony that the foregoing is a true copy taken from one of the records of the Court, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of the said Court this 12th day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three.

GEORGE COMBS, Register of Wills for St. Mary's county.
April 21—td.

Notice to Creditors.

NOTICE is hereby given that the subscriber has obtained from the Orphan's Court of Saint Mary's county, Maryland letters of Administration, w. a. on the personal estate of Jane Rock, late of said county deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 21st day of October next, otherwise they will be excluded by law from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 12th day of April, 1853.

GEO. W. L. BUCKLER,
Administrator with Will annexed.
April 21, 1853.

NOTICE.

THE undersigned, commissioners appointed by the Circuit Court for St. Mary's county, to lay out a public road and landing near the head waters of St. George's River, through the lands of William Watts and John L. Milburn, according to the provisions of the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, do hereby give notice to all concerned that we shall meet on the premises on Monday the 23d day of May next to proceed in the business for which we have been appointed.

JOHN H. BEAN,
JOSHUA WATTS,
JAMES H. MILES,
April 21, 1853.

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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS; ALSO HOUSE-FURNISHING GOODS, Of every description.
Seventh street, 3d door above the Avenue House, and 2d door from Selden, Withers & Co.'s Bank.
April 14, 1853.

Sporting Notice.

THOSE friendly to the organization of a "jockey Club" in this county are requested to meet in Leonard Town on Tuesday the 10th of May.
A LOVER OF SPORT,
April 21st 1853.

armed with a gun, and ready to meet a savage animal at every turn. Still, as the soil was fruitful, the climate pleasant, healthy, and equal, the country rich in productions, and every reward offered to industry, no one cared for these perils, and a settlement rose and prospered in that shady wilderness. Farms were scattered over the plain, and the barnyards were robbed of calves and pigs; belated wayfarers were attacked, and sometimes even a child was carried away.

Gradually there was a population in South Kentucky. There was a town here and there, and there were many plantations, especially a little way below the mouth of the Green River, which pours its waters into the "rolling Ohio." Henderson was one of the most prosperous of these, but it was grievously haunted by wolves.

Henderson took its name—which extended to a whole county—from a family of wealthy planters located there. Now, they had an old black slave, called Dick, who was a skillful fiddler, but good for little else. Nothing did he know, and nothing did he like, but the art of charming music from an old violin. Yet he was an important man—the most important "gentleman of color" in all that country. Nothing, for forty miles round, could go on without his presence. Who could dance in the Juba ring; who could fly round in the festal circle on "corn-striking-day"; who could direct the merry nuptials of the slaves; who could trip it to the moon at "break-down" feasts, unless Dick the fiddler were there? None of these things could be enacted without him; so he was in continual request. His master was wealthy and good-natured, and allowed him to have very much his own way. He called him, indeed, a "necessary nuisance," because he kept the blacks in good-humor by the magic of his old violin.

It is said that all fiddlers have two characteristics; punctiousness and punctuality. These, in the case of Black Dick, filled up, as it were, a sort of supplemental moral code. He would indulge you on other points, but unless you kept your appointment, and unless you behaved with propriety, Dick was not only severe but implacable. It happened once that a grand marriage festival took place among the "colored people" at a plantation about six miles from Henderson. Old Dick, of course, was summoned to act as musician and master of the ceremonies. He dressed himself. He put on his blue coat, with its long tails and flaming gilt buttons. He rolled a brilliant cravat round an immensely high shirt-collar, starched as stiff as Dinah could starch it. He allowed the younger niggers to leave before him, because, though he liked punctuality, he would never demean himself by being late.

It had been a severe winter. The cold bright stars were burning deeply in the clear sky. The snow was crisp and crackled under his feet. His way lay, for the most part, along a narrow path through a forest, where there was not a wagon-road for miles, and where at intervals, a broad glade opened to the eye, half-full of light from the moon, half-full of shadows from the trees. It was a silent and dismal solitude—such a solitude that the very silence seemed full

*This adventure actually happened, and is noticed by Webster, the hunter naturalist.

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TO FARMERS AND Agricultural Dealers.
COTTINGHAM & JOHNSON, Manufacturers of Plovers, Agricultural Implements, &c. No. 121 Pratt Street Wharf, corner of H. Jennings and Pratt streets, Baltimore, keep constantly on hand a general assortment, and are prepared to execute all orders for AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS AND MACHINERY, at the shortest notice and on as favorable terms as can be had in the City. Having recently fitted up a Factory, in Pratt Street, between Ertaw and Packer Streets, for the purpose, where they are prepared to manufacture every article in their line and can assure their friends and the public, that their work will be executed with faithfulness, and the materials of the best quality, and they flatter themselves that all articles sold by them will favorably compare with any to be obtained elsewhere.
The farmers and planters of Maryland and the neighboring States, may find it to their interest to call and examine their stock, and judge for themselves.
Among the machines they keep on hand, will be found COTTINGHAM & WILLIAMS' Improved Fitz & Horse Power, with wrought shafts, and various other levers, stationary and rail way powers, and Thrashers of various sizes and patterns.
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April 1.

FOR THE PATUXENT RIVER, VIA FAIR HAVEN.
THE STEAMER PLANTER will resume her regular trips to the Patuxent River, (via Fair Haven) on WEDNESDAY, the 21st inst., leaving the Maryland State Wharf at 6 o'clock A. M., and at the same hour every succeeding Wednesday. Returning will leave Benedict every SATURDAY at 6 o'clock A. M., stopping as usual at all the Landings on both sides of the river, and at Fair Haven going and returning.
PASSENGE To Fair Haven, \$1.00; Patuxent River, 1.50.
M. L. WEEMS, Master.
Baltimore, Feb 24, 1853.
N. B. The Steamer Patuxent will resume her route in a few days. Due notice will be given.

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30 Hhls New Orleans, Cuba & Porto Rico Sugars.
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Oct. 28, 1852.

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April 7th.
February 17th 1853—3w.