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THE STEAMER PLANTER will resume her regular trips to the Patuxent River, (via Fair Haven,) on WEDNESDAY, the 23d 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.

PASSAGE 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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Also a superior assortment of imported and domestic liquors, the quality of which we guarantee equal to any in our Market. Oct. 23, 1852.

A LOT of Inch Plank, just received and for sale by SPALDING & GREENWELL, April 2th. February, 17th 1853.—2w.

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L. H. MILLER & CO. WHOLESALE WATCH & JEWELRY HOUSE No. 227 Baltimore St., E. cor. of Charles St. IMPORTERS of English and Swiss Watches and Tools of every description. Watch Cases, Makers and Manufacturers of Fine Gold Jewelry. We call attention to our Watches, Jewelry and Goods, which are of the most superior quality, and pass us, either in quantity or quality, at low prices. We are the only Wholesale House in this branch of trade in Baltimore, and shall use every 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 8, 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 books of the proceedings of the said Orphan's Court of St. Mary's county, 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.

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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 a competency, and that without denying themselves any of the real necessities and comforts of life."

Second.—To industry and economy add self-reliance. "Do not take too much advice. 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, should be continually on the watch for information and ideas 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 potato 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.