

Select Poetry.

THE SEASONS.

"A cup for hope!" she said,
In the spring-time the bloom was old;
The crimson wine was poor and cold
By her mouth's richer red.

"A cup for love!" how low,
How soft the words; and all the while
Her blush was rippling with a smile,
Like summer after snow.

"A cup for memory!" she said,
Cold cup that one must drain alone;
While autumn winds are up and moan
Across the barren sea.

Hope, Memory, Love:
Hope for fair morn, and love for day,
And memory for the evening gray,
And solitary dove.

For the Middletown Transcript.
MAIL AND ITS RATIONALE.

Moist air is vulgarly called heavy, whereas its tendency is to ascend, except when it ceases to exist as air and assumes the form of water or ice. In proportion as air is mingled with vapor of water it is consequently disposed to ascend, but like the flat surface of a wide board at the bottom of an ocean of water, it ascends very slowly, unless one end of the board is elevated so that it may approach the surface "end foremost," instead of its broadside. In that case, as everybody has noticed, it is projected much above the surface by the accumulated momentum or motion and relative weight.

Man lives at the bottom of an aerial ocean, or ocean of air, 45 miles deep, and a "flat board" or stratum of vapor of water constantly covers and spreads out in his atmosphere, powerfully disposed to ascend but held down to the surface of the earth by a weight of air above equal to about thirty-six tons on the roof of every house that covers a lot twenty feet square.

Sometimes, in the providence of God, one end of this board or stratum of vapor gets tilted up and then the whole stratum rushes toward the outlet, precisely as the whole board follows the uppermost end to the surface of a tub of water when filled and suddenly liberated at one end. A spoonful of air compressed or reduced in bulk to the size of a pea gives out heat enough to ignite tinder or set on fire a piece of punk at the end of a piston, consequently if doubled in bulk it absorbs heat or produces cold enough to freeze water, thus expanding as it ascends and is relieved from the enormous weight of our ocean of air. The stratum of vapor expands and not only loses its own temperature but enters the region of perpetual cold in the upper air—the result is the nucleus of hail stones, not only frozen, but reduced perhaps seventy degrees below zero, each capable of freezing a tumbler full of water. Just as a small snow ball, rolled from the top of a hill increases as it descends, so our molecule of ice (or rather snow) increases in size as it falls toward the earth, especially in warm weather, when the lower stratum of air next the earth will preserve seven-fold as much water as invisible vapor than during winter; consequently the size of the hail stone must depend on the heat of the air at the surface of the earth, as the nucleus or original particle in the centre is cold enough to freeze all it meets and cool the air for many miles around. Upon breaking a hail stone this nucleus will be seen as a fibrous mass, and not gradually frozen as the surrounding clear ice.

While beneath the aerial ocean we may recognize this and electricity as "suspended like the sword in the fable by a single hair," and invited by the policy of our Legislators who compel so much swearing and profanity which constantly ascends from every state as another sort of license should to invoke this in greater proportion in order to avert the infinite and inevitable storm.

Port Penn, May 14th, 1870.

WILMINGTON

Commission House.

J. L. HOUSTON,
PROPRIETOR of the Wilmington Tea House, has also opened a COMMISSION HOUSE, adjoining, for the sale of
Cereals, Fruits, all kinds of Berries, Peaches, Apples, Pears,
NEW POTATOES, POULTRY, EGGS, GRAIN, And all the productions of our Farmers, Gardeners, and Nurseries, and flatters himself that he can furnish a market for these nearer home and more advantage than can be had in more distant cities, saving double freightage and two or three commissions to producers, traders and consumers, and a Reliable House, Quick Sales, and Sure Returns.

His House is said to be most eligible, ample accommodations, airy, and finely adapted to the sale of Home Productions, and the preservation of perishable from decay.

As the Peach World will be pressing, and the sale immense, it may be well that those who wish the services of this House should make previous engagements, as engagements will be many; and it is desired, so that they may be prepared for the market; and they will not sell the inferior productions without the good and the best.

Address **J. L. HOUSTON,**
Commission House,
304 Market st. Wilmington, Del.
June 19—y

THOMAS MASSEY, JR.

CLOCK AND WATCH MAKER,
Main Street, nearly opposite Walker's Hotel,
Middletown, Delaware

CLOCKS, Watches, Jewelry, &c. neatly and promptly repaired.
Always on hand and for sale, Clocks, Watches, Plated Ware, Forks, Spoons, Silver Napkin Rings, Silver Thimbles, Salt, Sugar and Tea Spoons, Butter Knives, Gold Breast-Pins, Ear-Rings, Finger-Rings, Silver Buttons, Watch Chains, Watch Keys, Key Rings, Steel Watch Chains, &c.
Dec. 12—tf

Farmers and Horsemen!!!

THE THOROUGHbred STALLION JOE HOLT
Will stand for Mares, the ensuing season at Middletown, and Mr. Anthony Reynolds's town, alternate weeks at Mr. Anthony Reynolds's. Those wishing to improve their stock, would do well to use Joe before he departs elsewhere. For Terms and Pedigree see small bills.
March 19—3m

\$10,000 Wanted on Bond and Mortgage, liberal—apply to
Geo. W. Ingram & Co.

TO THE PUBLIC.

THE subscriber would call the attention of the public to his

Large and Well-Selected Stock of GOODS,
Consisting in part of

DRY GOODS,
NOTIONS, GROCERIES, BOOTS,
Shoes, Hats, Hardware,
Queensware, Wood and Willow Ware, Earthen and Stone Ware.

FISH, MEATS, &c.
And everything usually kept in a

FIRST CLASS COUNTRY STORE,
All of which have been selected with care, and will be

SOLD AT PRICES
IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TIMES.

Give us a call before purchasing elsewhere.

NO CHARGE
FOR SHOWING GOODS.

Charles Tatman, Jr.
MIDDLETOWN, DEL.

apr. 9—tf

BANKING HOUSE OF

John McLeary & Son,
607 Market St. Wilmington, Del.

ESTABLISHED, 1848.

WE are offering for sale the Six per. Cent Bonds of the City of Wilmington, at par, in sums of \$50, \$100, \$500, and \$1000. Interest payable April and October. Registered Certificates.

The City Loans of Wilmington have always been highly esteemed as an investment, and the rapid growth and general prosperity of the city make them more than ever desirable.

We continue to transact a general banking and brokerage business, and are continually enlarging our facilities.

Money received on deposit and returned on demand with interest. Parties keeping accounts with us may draw checks on us payable at sight, precisely as in the case of banks.

Drafts on England, Ireland, Germany and other countries drawn.

Parties desiring to invest money in bond and mortgage, are invited to examine our list of securities of this class.

Government Securities taken in exchange for any other securities at the highest market rates.

JOHN McLEARY & SON.
June 5th, 1869—tf

ODESSA NURSERIES.

THE Proprietors offer for Sale, for Fall planting of 1869 or Spring of 1870,
70,000 Peach Trees
of the leading

Market and Family Varieties.
200,000 SMALL FRUIT PLANTS

consisting of the following varieties:

STRAWBERRIES,
RASPBERRIES,
BLACKBERRIES,
GOOSEBERRIES,
CURRANTS, AND GRAPE VINES.
ASPARAGUS ROOTS.

300,000 OSAGE ORANGE QUICKS.
One and Two Years Old.

ALSO
EARLY ROSE, POTATOES,
And several other leading varieties, for seed.

Apply to **POLK & HYATT**
Oct. 16, 1869. Or to **WM. B. CROFT,**
Odessa, Del.

WARNER, FERREE & ENTWISLE

PRODUCE
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Stand No. 4, opposite 122 West street,
NEW YORK.

Special attention given to the handling of early Southern Fruits and Vegetables.

A. WARNER. T. E. FERREE. Ed. ENTWISLE.

REFERENCES:
Levi Aggar, President North River Bank, N. Y.
S. B. Wyckoff & Co. Wholesale Grocers, 104 Murray street, N. Y.
Hon. A. Hardcastle, Goldsboro, Md.
J. T. Jones, Spring Grove, Va.
W. T. Nichols, Annapolis, Md.
W. T. Paton & Co. Norfolk, Va.
A. S. Larabee, Bricksburg, N. J.
Samuel Penington, Middletown, Delaware.
apr 16—6mos.

WEDDING RINGS.

No. 354 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET,
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA.

March 6—tf

MIDDLETOWN IRON FOUNDRY

AND
MACHINE SHOP.
Plovers and Plover Castings, Machine Castings of all kinds on hand or made to order.
Particular attention given to Repairing Machinery. Cash for old iron.

Jan 4—tf
WM. L. BUCKE & SON,
Founders and Machinists.

A GREAT OFFER.

HORACE WATERS,
No. 481 Broadway, New York.

Will dispose of One Hundred Pianos, Melodians, and Organs, of six first class makers, at extremely low prices for cash during this month, or will take from \$5 to \$25 monthly until paid. New Organs and Pianos for \$275 and upwards. New Organs for \$45 and upwards for cash.

Feb. 5—1y

TO TRAVELLERS.

TICKETS from Odessa to Philadelphia \$1.50. To Wilmington \$1.15. From Philadelphia to Odessa the same price, and from Wilmington to Odessa the same.

25¢ Tickets to be had of **R. N. Long,**
Dec. 18—tf Proprietor of the Stage Line.

2000 BUSHELS OF OLD LAND LIME

for sale at a bargain, by
apr 16—2mos. **E. T. EVANS.**

THE PHILADELPHIA TRUST

SAFE DEPOSIT
AND INSURANCE COMPANY,
Office and Burglar-Proof Vaults in the
PHILADELPHIA BANK BUILDING,
421 Chestnut Street.

CAPITAL \$500,000.

For safe-keeping of Government Bonds and other Securities, Family Plate, Jewelry, and other Valuables, under special guarantees, at the lowest rates.

The Company also offer for Rent at rates varying from \$15 to \$75 per annum, the renter alone holding the key, Small Safes in the Burglar-Proof Vaults, affording absolute security against Fire, Theft, Burglary, and accident.

All fiduciary obligations, such as Trusts, Guardianships, Executorships, etc. will be undertaken and faithfully discharged.

Circulars, giving full details, forwarded on application.

DIRECTORS.

Thomas Robins, Benjamin B. Comegys,
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OFFICERS.

President—Lewis R. Ashhurst.
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Solicitor—Richard L. Ashhurst.

Feb. 12—6m

MIDDLETOWN STOVE HOUSE.

S. W. ROBERTS,
Middletown, Del. Feb. 28, 1868.

TAKES pleasure in announcing to his friends of Middletown and surrounding country, that the liberal patronage he has received has induced him to offer to the public the greatest variety, and best selected stock of Stoves, both Cooking and Heating, ever offered in Middletown, and at prices that cannot fail to please. Among the assortment are the following:

COOK STOVES.

NIAGARA. PARLOR COOK, MONITOR
CORAL COOK, WM. PENK, LEHIGH,
and others made in the city.

PARLOR STOVES.

BRILLIANT, DEW DROP,
GAS BURNING BASE, UNION AIR TIGHT
PARLOR LIGHT, OUR PARLOR.

Also, SEXTON'S PARLOR HEATERS.

Stoves of all kinds suitable for Stores, Offices, Bar-rooms, and School Houses.

Also, the Morning Glory and the Oriental, both unsurpassed in beauty and efficiency. They can be seen in operation at the store of the proprietor.

All sizes of Bar-room Stoves and Ten-plate Stoves repaired at short notice.

Old Stoves taken in exchange.

TIN WARE at wholesale and retail.

As I have practical workmen employed, I think I can give satisfaction to all who have me with their work. Particular attention paid to Roofing and Spouting.

AT HIS BRANCH STORE, GALENA, MD.

He has a large stock of Stoves and Tin Ware on hand, and is prepared to fill all orders for STOVES, TIN WARE, ROOFING, SPOUTING, &c. AC. at the shortest notice and on the best terms.

ORDERS SOLICITED.

S. W. ROBERTS.
Middletown, February 12, 1870—1y

FARMERS!!!

READ this advertisement, and give it your whole attention. The following Trees and Plants are guaranteed to be good and the natural stock, and will be sold in quantities to suit any purchaser.

Hale's Early
Livingston's Large Early
York
Tobacco's Early Red
King of Delaware
Crawford's Early
Crawford's Late
Ward's Late Free
Old Mixture Free
Patterson's Seedling
Moore's Favorite
Smock

GRAPE VINES—Concord, Clinton and other varieties, 2 years old. Hot House Vines.

CURRANTS—Fine Red and White Dutch, 2 years old.

GOOSEBERRIES—American Seedling, 2 yrs. old.

ORANGE—As large as 2 year old plants, fine roots.

PHILADELPHIA RASPBERRIES.
Early Wilson, Kittatiny, and Lawton Blackberries.

STRAWBERRIES—Wilson's Albany, Agriculturalist, Charles Downing, Naomi and Stringer. Rhubarb—Wyatt's Linnaeus.

Always on hand a selected assortment of White Oak split Baskets. Also will supply any quantity of the Clayton Tub or Baskets, being their Agent at this place.

300 bushels of Early Rose Potatoes, of choice quality.

A. T. BRADLEY,
Commission Merchant,
Middletown, Del.
March 5—3mo.

E. B. RICE

WITH
Warner, Dickson & McElrath,
GENERAL PRODUCE
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
338 GREENWICH ST. N. Y.

We make a specialty of
PEACHES, PEARS, APPLES, BERRIES,
GRAPES, and all kinds of Perishable Fruits.

REFERENCES:
Dan'l B. Cummins, Pres. Gerard Bank, Phila.
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Dr. Henry Ridgely, Dover.
Wm. M. Shakespear, Jr.
Gov. G. Saulsbury.
Ex-Gov. Wm. H. Ross, Seaford, Del.
James Under, Esq. Milton, Del.
Dr. Alex. Hardcastle, Caroline county, Md.
John R. Sudler, Queen Ann's
S. S. Wyckoff, 104 Murray street, N. Y.
J. H. Chase, Washington Mills.
E. R. Arnold, Severn River, Md.
B. N. Fox & Co. N. Y.
Feb. 12—6m

TO FARMERS!

The Highest Prices Paid for Grain,
Delivered on the Kent Co. R. R. on order of
ELIHU JEFFERSON,
New Castle, Del.

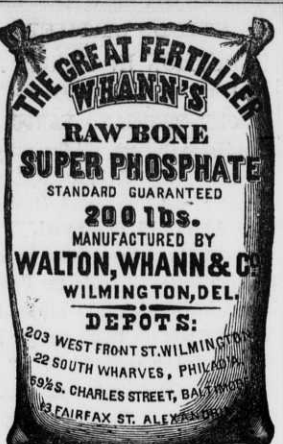
GRAIN bought exclusively on commission, and satisfaction guaranteed. Orders solicited for
RAMBO'S AND WHITE'S LIME,
Whann's and Baugh's Phosphates,
PLASTER, &c. &c.

Orders by Mail Promptly Attended to.

A. T. STOOFS,
Dealer in Grain, Lime, Coal, Fertilizers, &c.
Massey's, Kent County, Md.
apr 23—4tf

OK and PINE WOOD, Sawed and Split, in

quantities to suit, for sale at
Jan. 15—tf **E. T. EVANS**



PROMPT, ACTIVE, RELIABLE,

A Great Crop Producer and Thorough
Renovator of worn out lands.

For Sale by **E. T. EVANS,**
Middletown, Del.

Middletown, Del. Feb. 28, 1868.

MESSES. WALTON, WHANN & Co.—Gentlemen: I

used Whann's Raw Bone Super-Phosphate on my

corn last spring, and on my wheat in the fall.

In each case it produced an excellent crop.

Wishing to determine which of the different phos-

phates would pay me best, I tried several, and

am glad to say the yield was much the best

where I used Whann's. I shall continue to use it,

and cheerfully recommend it to my neighbors.

A. T. STOOFS.

Middletown, Del. March 17, 1868.

MESSES. WALTON, WHANN & Co.—Gentlemen: I

have been using Whann's Phosphate for some

time past alongside of the popular fertilizers, and

have come to the conclusion it is as good as any

other. I am going to use ten tons this spring.

Yours truly, **HENRY CLAYTON,**
March 27—1y

DOUGHTEN'S

PARAGON SHIRTS.
HAYING removed to our new store No. 410

Market street, we are now prepared to

manufacture with greater dispatch our celebrated

PARAGON SHIRTS,
In which are combined neatness, comfort, elegance, and durability.

A number of years of practical experience has

reduced the manufacture of Shirts to a thorough

system, and the wide spread reputation of our

PARAGON SHIRTS
is based solely upon merit.

Descriptive Circulars for
SELF MEASUREMENT
Sent on application to
J. P. Doughten,
410 Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware.
Nov. 6—y

LUMBER & HARDWARE.

J. B. FENIMORE & CO.
OPPOSITE THE DEPOT,
MIDDLETOWN, DELAWARE.

DEALERS IN ALL KINDS OF
Lumber and Hardware,
BRICKS, LIME, HAIR, SASH, DOORS, BLINDS

MOULDINGS, PAINTS, OILS,
GLASS, ETC. ETC.

Constantly on hand all kinds of
Building Material.
January 15—tf

REMOVAL.

THE undersigned having removed to Main

street, opposite the National Hotel, Middle-

town, Del. intends to devote his whole attention

to the

GRAIN AND LIME BUSINESS.
Will pay on order of Messrs. William Lea & Sons,

Brandywine Mills, or Elihu Jefferson, New Castle,

Del. the highest cash price for grain, delivered

at Del. R. R. or on Delaware waters.

Also will fill orders for
Rambo's, White's & Kennedy's Lime
In store and for sale
MORO PHILIPS' BAUGH'S RAWBONE &
RHODES' SUPERPHOSPHATES.
CLOVER AND TIMOTHY SEEDS,
FLOUR, FEED, AND CORN MEAL.

Don't forget—opposite the National Hotel,
Middletown, Del.
January 22—1870 **A. T. BRADLEY.**

H. McCov. Wm. A. RABIN.

McCoy & RAISIN,

General Commission Merchants,
No. 73 SOUTH STREET,
OPPOSITE CORN EXCHANGE,
BALTIMORE.

WE refer to the following among our patrons in

Kent county Maryland:
Judge Jos. A. Wickes, Hon. Samuel Comegys,
William B. Welch, George D. S. Handly,
William B. Wilmer, George T. Holliday,
Jervis Spencer, Dr. Samuel A. Beck.
June 19—y

AMERICAN & SWISS WATCHES.

M. E. DICKSON,
No. 254 SOUTH EIGHTH STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.

ASKS attention to his fine selected stock of
WATCHES AND JEWELRY,
Of the latest Styles and the best Factory make.

Silver Ware.
Sterling Silver Spoons, Forks, and Butter Knives,
which will be sold at a very small advance.

Particular attention paid to repairing
Fine Watches and Jewelry.
March 6—tf

THE DELAWARE

Mutual Life Insurance Company.
Guarantee Capital \$100,000.00

HOME OFFICE—EXCHANGE BUILDING
Cor. 7th & Market Sts.
Wilmington, Delaware.

THIS Pioneer Mutual Company in adopting

Rates of Premiums based on American ex-

perience of mortality and interest.

Premiums lower than any other Mutual Com-