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searches earnestly until he finds it, and having found it, resolves to conquer it, has already won a victory. Away with the popular doctrine that our environments beset us and mould our characters. The real man moulds environments to make his character, and he is master of his fate who up in his manly strength and rises above the obstacles. Watch the ant, loaded with his plunder. The obstacle he encounters neither turns him back or aside, nor causes him to drop his load. He has a certain goal to attain and forgets all else save that.

DR. SAMUEL BAILY, of Iowa, declares that apple eating destroys the taste for strong drink. He also states that meat eating is responsible for much of the taste for cocktails and such beverages. As meat is pretty much out of sight for the average table, this may account for the decrease in the demand for stimulating drinks.

FISH AND OYSTER NOTES. Chincoteague's oyster business continues good. On Monday and Tuesday before Christmas over 1,600 barrels and packages were sent to market. While fishing in the Chesapeake Bay, off Tolchester, recently, Captain Joshua Thomas, of Rock Hall, caught two shad in a drift net.—Crisfield Times.

SOME WEDDINGS. Jesse Abbott, of Weems, and Miss Pearl Tabor, of Sandy Bottom, were married last week in Baltimore. Miss Eva Bryant and Pete Headley were married Saturday morning at the home of the bride near Rainwood, by Rev. Herbert S. Driscoll.

NOMINI GROVE. We send New Year's greetings to the VIRGINIA CITIZEN, its Editor and readers; wishing them a year of health, prosperity and happiness. As the old year has passed with its record of good or evil deeds, many a good resolution was made and broken, but recorded on the page of the year there to lie until the Great Day when our life's record will be read. Oh! May it be filled with deeds of love and goodness. Now as the clean pure page of a New Year has opened upon us let us strive to have only pure deeds and actions written thereon; let us make new resolutions and keep them unbroken by God's help. As we alone can help us to live lives of purity and goodness.

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THE PRIMARY. In launching his primary bill so early Speaker Byrd is acting in good faith with the public and the press. Some have not failed to pick it to pieces while others have applauded. The details as worked out by Mr. Speaker show great thought and care, and any after-comer that might succeed in getting his bill approved will owe to Mr. Byrd a debt for the framework.

CRISP NEWS. Governor-elect Mann announces the appointment of Col. W. M. Sale, of Norfolk, as Adjutant General. England is building an airship 500 feet long. It will be ready to sail or fly in the spring. Germany has one 984 feet long.

SOME DEATHS. John D. Grant, clerk of the Court of Accomac, died suddenly last week, aged about 65 years. Mrs. Eliza Kent, relict of Mr. D. Kent, of Bluff Point, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Geo. Schwable, Tuesday morning last week, at an advanced age.

JUDGE WILLIAMS AND HIS ACCUSERS. We fail to understand conditions in West Virginia, as they have reference to the case of Attorney-General-elect Williams, who is under indictment in one of her courts, charged with assault, and that assault the outcome of the d-n-his given in open court. We are told that excitement runs high in and about Welch, where the trouble originated, that threats are being made against Judge Williams, that negroes are to serve on the trial, etc.

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W. M. J. MILLER, "BALTIMORE'S JEWELER," 28 E. BALTO. ST., BALTIMORE, MD. Reference, "The Editor." Special Offer to Merchants. In order to add some new accounts on our Ledger for 1910 we are making a special offer of PRINTING as follows:

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Under the above caption the Newport News Press has recently a strong editorial showing that so-called Democrats who cannot line up with their party should step down, or else be put out. It is very pertinent to recent action of our own committee, where persons violating the primary (their pet scheme) pledge were asked to withdraw from party counsels, and we reproduce it in part:

WASTING ONE'S TIME. Cheer up, boys, girls and old rounders—we are bringing our industrial lecture to a close. We, too, have "resolved" to start the New Year better. Have you? We preached a sermon through quotations last issue, the pastors have pounded along that line also (we don't mean the "quotations" part, though in truth lots of stuff poured out by pulpit and press is original only because hooded), and now we are going to wind up with some week-day mottoes entirely original that it would be well to paste on your spectacles or carry in your vest pocket if your think-box is too small to hold them.

TOO MANY OYSTERS NOW FOR SOME FOLKS. Mr. C. E. Daiger, at Tidwells, who is a large and very successful oyster planter, says he hasn't sold an oyster this season and he can't see anything bright or encouraging as to the future demand. He thinks over-production is the cause of the low price and want of orders. We have many more than we need and that is true wherever they grow.—Westmoreland Corr. N. N. News.

A WORK OF ART. The G. & C. Merriam Company, of Springfield, Mass., have just issued Webster's New International Dictionary, based on the International of 1890 and 1900. The revision has been so radical and complete as to constitute a new book. The work has been in active preparation for many years by a large staff of experts, assisted by the contributions of eminent specialists, under the general supervision of Dr. W. T. Harris, recent U. S. Commissioner of Education. The number of words and phrases defined has been greatly increased. The title-words in the vocabulary are more than doubled in comparison with the old International, now exceeding 400,000. The number of illustrations is increased to over 6,000. The book contains more than 2,700 pages. But the publishers desire to emphasize the quality rather than the quantity of the work, calling attention especially to the thorough scholarship in all departments and the fullness of information under important titles.

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TEMPERANCE. Out of a total of 258 votes the "drys" carried Beuna Vista, Va., by a majority of 71 in the local option election held there December 23rd. The "drys" won by seventy-three majority at Berryville in a local option election held last Friday. In the election 152 votes were cast by the "drys" against seventy-nine votes by the "wets."

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