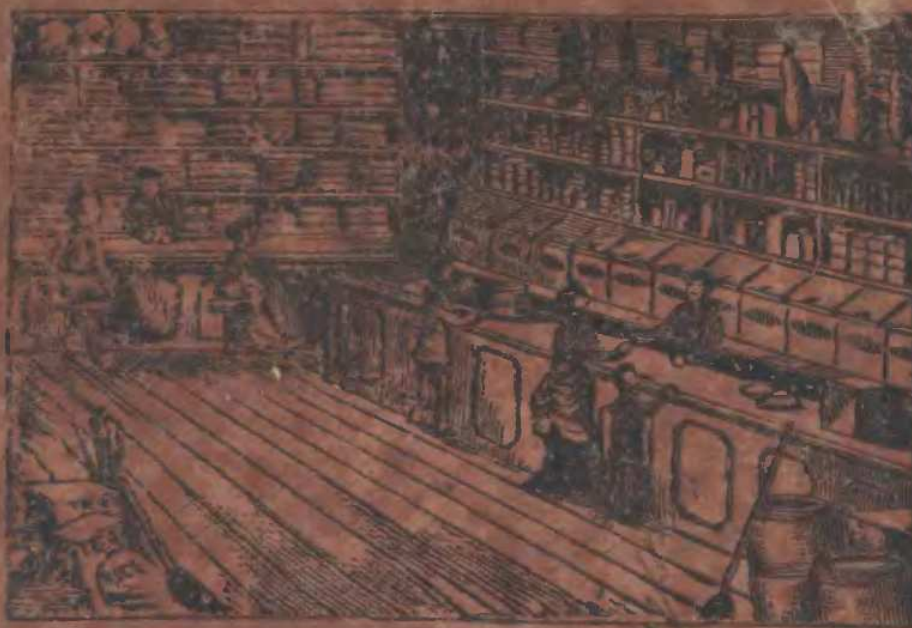


Always Bring this Book.



M. J. ...

IN ACCOUNT WITH

DRY GOODS

AND

GROCERIES,

HARDWARE, CROCKERY,

Hats & Caps, Boots & Shoes,

CLOTHING,

Fancy Goods, Notions, &c.

1888-90

George M. Poulson

Diary Book No 2

Beginning. a.d. April 1889

April George M. Poulson's Book

27th Saturday. Planted our
potatoes the 18th of April. had
8 rows planted nearly 2 bushels

We have our oats in and our
corn ground ploughed and
harrowed twice. Have Mrs. H.

Birds field below the "Orchard" in
with oats, the other is for corn

The field back of the ^{new} shop
is for corn and the lower field
is for ~~corn~~ oats. Papa got

2 red Pigs of Schley's for \$5.00 pair
on the 23rd inst. Yesterday I made

a lot of grafting wax which
cost 30¢ made about 3½ lbs of it

The receipt is ½ lb of bees-wax
over

1889

April.

April 27th

1 pound mutton tallow $2\frac{1}{4}$ lbs
resin
rosin (or rosin). Papa and I
went up to the mill and fished
the tail-race and caught 17
suckers & eels. they also iced
2 lamprey eels. has been
raining hard for 2 days. Bes-
sie has a calf ^{3 weeks} old
(Monday). have peas and lettuce
up and I have corn
and beans planted. Papa
has 21 chickens. I have
caught \$5.26⁹ worth of furs in
my traps this year. "Holand"
who murdered "Race" at
Somerville was sentence to
prison for life. ^{murder 2nd}
^{degree}

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April

whole
no
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30th Went or Set some
barb line poles (8) last
night and caught 2 eels
that would weigh about 10 lbs
Johnnie Amerman of
Ploverhamin died Saturday
is to be buried to day
Osten Oller of Peapack died
yesterday. Grandpa
got two pigs today
of Emanuel Woods.
Have been diggin ^{some} garden
~~some~~ last week. worked
a day for Aunt Henrietta
Huff 75 cents and one
half day for Mr Honnell so
over

1889

May

May 2nd Thursday. Yesterday and to day Grandpa and Papa have been building the fence in front of their (Grandpa's) house. In the morning Papa went to Somerville for a load of ice, and Grandpa went for a load of beef. Sold a ham to ~~David~~ David ^W How weighing 26 lbs at 12¢ a lb: amt to \$3.12 which we will get fish for. Yesterday was celebrated as a Centennial, it being being a hundred years since the first President of Washington was inaugurated.

1889

May

13th Monday. The weather has been very warm for the last week or two the thermometer has stood 91° in the shade & some of the boys have been swimming. We have nearly all our corn planted. 6th inst we turned our heifer out to pasture. Papa and Grandpa have just (nearly) finished building our fence in front of the house and back of the garden. Grandpa finished his fence some time ago. I planted corn to ~~Grandpa~~ Grandpa & Mr. Buckle the Saturday all day.

6 1889 June

20th Monday. Killed Bessie's calf to-day it weighed 136^{lbs} and dressed 83^{lbs} - rained.
22nd Wed. St. Euphemia ^{Burnsville} and Daniel Brown ^{Severe} married Sat. May 18th 1888.
Papa and Mamma went to ^{South} ^{Rich} ^{land}.
24th Friday. Ploughed potatoes ^{late} ^{and}.
8th Saturday. Rich festival last night. Have our corn ploughed nearly twice. Morris Welsh came home last night. Serenaded Daniel Brown and wife night before last.
^{Friday} ^{21st} ^{Friday} ^{21st} ^{our} ^{corn} ploughed the third time. finished today. School stopped for vacation to day.

Hotel 1889 July

1st The hotel was sold for \$2000 this month to some persons in Jersey City.
1st Monday. Rained to day. Have our hay cut and in cocks. What is ready to cut. Will Dan Arsdale cut our grass Friday May 28th.
2nd Had first mess green beans & 7th mlt. Had new potatoes 2 weeks ago. Low-vined black berries are ripe ~~saff~~ raspberries nearly all gone.
11th Thursday. The 4th of July this year was very rainy. We had all our hay out in the rain and it was nearly all spoiled, we had to open all our hay on the fourth to keep it from ^{OVER}.

July
1889

spoiling rotting. have hay
and wheat all gathered
through ploughing corn
quite a while ago. planted
10 qts of beans in the corn.

On the 5th of July C M
Myckoff had a horse shot
in the ^{hind} leg with a ^{ball} ^{shot} ^{Andover}
repeater rifle by some friend
of Eugene Wright (Landlord)
Mr Myckoff had them ~~arrest~~
arrested and fined \$30. and cost
C M asterson was overcome
by the heat the 9th inst and
fainted away, he's better now
West Seals was sued by Dr ^{Tarrow} ^{Fa}
of Popock for \$10.75. the ~~ll~~ got his money
Pahock

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July - July

27 Saturday, Have our
oats crop all gathered.
finished 25th inst. I went
fishing with barl. - lines
last night and caught
3 eel weighing $7\frac{3}{4}$ and 1 ^{shot} ^{weighed}
 $\frac{1}{2}$ pound or shells weighing 5 pound
Last Friday night we had
the highest water I ever ^{saw}
War Schomps mill-dam broke
and washed away 60 feet of the
dam, taking the floor with it,
the water was up to the water
beams of the bridge, or within
a few inches of it, Mr C M
Myckoff lost half his oats crop.
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August

15th Thursday. Since the 27 of July have had but six clear days or rather 6 days that it did not rain in any of the 24 hours of ^{the} day. The other days it has rained some times part of the day and some times all day. We have commenced ploughing and have ^{hauled} ~~hauled~~ a little manure. 17 Saturday. Papa gave "Sport" ~~to~~ our dog a dose of strychnine last night, this morning Grandpa Pulson found him dead between, between the little bridge, the other side of Henry Demunds, and the road

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August. September

that goes to the mountain I went and buried him this morning in H Demunds corn field. He was born May 15 1877 died August 16th 1889 age 12 years 3 months and 1 day. Sept 2nd Monday. My birth-day, 17 years old. School begins. 12th Thursday. Have got our manure hauled and ploughing nearly done. We dug our potatoes about a month ago only had about 14 bu. would have had 20 but the rest rotted. about $\frac{1}{3}$ of the 14 bu. have rotted and the rest are rotting. The wind has

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George M. Poulson

September

a hurricane been a blowing very hard for the last 4 days, in fact ~~there~~ it is nearly a hurricane; along the ^{coast} ~~coasts~~ of Jersey great damage has been done it also has rained a little Monday night (9th) there was an "Uncle Toms Cabin" show here; it ~~was~~ was in Jim Feroliman's field opposite the school house. Admission 25¢. I went. James How son of Phe Enkhert or 'Fulle' How has been very sick for the last 4 weeks with Bright's disease ^{not much} ~~and~~ ^{for him}

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Sept. October.

Saturday 14th Papa and I cut 51 shocks of corn in the field back of the barn. Saturday 21st Finished 78 shocks in one day. commenced cutting corn had 386 shocks Thrashed seed wheat this week 400 sheaves equaled 15 bu. It has rained some every day since last Monday (13 days), the wet weather spoilt all our winter beans. James How is better. It has rained 13 days this month and it rained 17 days in August. ~~11~~ ¹⁴ ~~11~~ ¹⁴ Friday. husked 12 shocks corn yesterday home Killed a beef Wednesday. Papa has been hunting for squirrels & twice got 3 first day and 7 the next.

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October

Oct 4 Friday. First frost this year ^{the} 2nd. (Wednesday night)
24th Thursday. Have our ears all husked but 80 shocks. We had quite a snow squall yesterday morning. Froze ice ^{the money in 30} $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch thick last night.
30th Wednesday. Papa and I finished husking corn and drew the rest of our stalks Tuesday 29th. Had 1696 corn from 148 shocks back of the barn. and 61 from 194 shocks.
Monday 28 I went hunting in our own fields and shot 3 rabbits. Killed 12 daybirds.

1889
November

Nov 2nd Sat. Yesterday Papa Lou and I went hunting shot 15 rabbits, Lou and I each shot 4 apiece. Pop shot 7. I went this afternoon and shot one armory.
8th Friday. Tuesday 5th inst was election. The Democratic candidates for office were ^{Dom.} Hon. Leon Abbott for Governor Jacob Klotz for Assembly, Lewis M. Wodington for Sheriff. the Republican were J B Grubb for Governor. ^{Dutchman} J Ringleman for Sheriff. The Democrats elected all ^{the} these men ^{in all} OVER

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Nov. November

8th Friday Gov Abbott had a
major majority of 7000
Coodington 797. Kilos 108.

Lon Charlie Blaine and I
went hunting election day.

In the morning C B shot 4
rabbits, Lon 1 and I 5. in the
after noon Lon and I went Lon
shot 4 and I 2, making a
total of 16 rabbits C B 4 L 5 I 7.

29th Friday. Thanksgiving (yesterday)

passed of very quietly, rained quite
hard the night before the river was
very high. It thundered and lightning
a little also Wednesday night. It day.

It has been very squally, had quite
a snow squall this afternoon there

Nov. December
1889

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has not been any snow yet
this year (except squalls) it has
rained 15 days this month 12 days
last month 17 days in Sept 11 in Aug.
I have shot 21 rabbits this year so far
(Frank) Russell
William P. Jr. was born 19th inst.
Dec. 15th Friday. I have shot 27 rabbits
this year. Pop Joseph Buck and
Edward Mortman have killed
11 partridge this year Pop
has killed 2 Ed. W. I Joseph
Buck 7. Besides 3 they found after
wards. 2 of which Pop killed and
one Joseph Buck. We killed
our pigs on the 12th. Our biggest
hog weighed 425 2 days after

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December

one died of
chumps about
3 weeks ago.

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George M. Poulsen.

January.

8th ~~Jan~~, he was killed. our other
pig weighed 260. Grandpas weighed
225 & 260 each. We got a pig 5-
weeks old of the ~~stock~~ I the
Noorheer about a week ago. There
fell about $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch of snow
on the 3rd and yesterday it snowed
2 inches. a few sleighs were out today.
Dec. 29th We had a Christmas in
the school-house on Wednesday
evening, had quite a nice time.
Lous time was out Ned and Bert
Friday. ^{he became sane just before he died} John Vandorn is dead & buried.
Papa went to Uncle Stells on the
23rd and got 6 Wyandott pullets &
Bald hens (black) Pullets cost 12¢ hens 10¢.

Sat. 25th. We have had a
few days of cold weather, but
there has been no ice gathered
yet, day before yesterday is
snowed a little, it about ^{now} gone.
Mr William Dakes died ⁶ ^{inst}
(Monday) and was buried on Thur
sday. ⁹ ^{inst} He died of consumpti
and had been sick a long time
I have been sick for the last
three weeks and am not well
yet, the trouble comes from my stomach.
Richard Potter has rented the
house where Charlie Blair lives
S. B. is going to Mrs Tiger & Pete
Blair is coming where R. Potter lives
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25th

January February

'La Grippe' or the grip as it is commonly called has been quite prevalent in this country this winter a large number have been sick around here and some quite dangerous. The disease is a ^{severe} cold and if the Patient don't take care of himself he is likely to get the Pneumonia Peter (Vasa) Arsdoole ~~has~~ is quite bad with it. are large no are sick and 1000 ^{people} ~~have~~ died with it all over the ^{country}.

Feb 2nd Sunday. A change in the weather again. Yesterday as warm as the middle of spring. to day the weather is blustry and

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2nd Sunday

February

squally. There has not been over 2 inches of snow altogether this winter, the river has not been frozen hardly $\frac{1}{2}$ way across and at the present time there is not a ~~particular~~ partical of ice on it. The people have none of them gathered a pound of ice and I don't believe they will. At Lake Hopatcon the ice is hardly 10 inches thick.

The People of Bedminster held a Rail-road meeting on the ^{1st Saturday} school house to build a road from Bernardsville to Peapack. ^{Saturday} Messrs Grant & Don Schley were here and also L.

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2nd Feb. March.

General Supt. of the H L +
W. railroad the meeting was
adjourned till next Sat⁸ week
2nd / 8⁹⁰ ^{Grandpa Pender} ^{Gried} ^{Dall} Sunday. Tomorrow Mrs.
Phebe Oakes has a sale.

Thurs. 27th Feb. Louis went to
Somerville. Bert went 2 wks. ^(1st of Feb)
ago Sat. Papa and Sanford
Junison went fishing Friday
and caught 14 suckers 3 catfish
Papa caught 8 suckers 1 catfish
Junison " 6 " 2 " "

Set our first hen yesterday.
Stopped milking Friday.

I have shot caught and
killed 25 rats in 3 weeks.

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March 23rd
Mrs. Oakes

23 Sunday. Had a hen to come
off to day with 7 chickens
she broke 1 of the eggs and had
5 rotten egg. We have had more
snow this month than all this
winter + last put together.

Wednesday 5th of March we had 5 in.
Tuesday 18th inst. snowed 6 inches

besides other little shifts and
equals

Election was held here on 11th
Geo. Ballentine Freeholder Wilkes
Horton town clerk Peter S

Tiger Judge election Wm D Sutphen

Assessor David Todd. Justice
Oscar Smith collector ect.

Charley Blain moved in with Mrs

Tiger Friday R O Potter moves in ^{over}

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23 Sunday

March

where ~~Barley~~ ^{Barley} lived. Pete Blair
moves in where Potter was. Nick

Ballentine is staying at Peapack
and Dick has a new clerk
James Boyler son of Edward Boyler
Uncle Dave Huff is going to
Bluckamin in the house between
the chapel and the Post Office
a man by the name of Boyler
is coming where he lived. Mrs
Phebe Dakes moved in with her
son - and her R O Potter and John

Albert Albert ~~American~~
^{John} ~~Trather~~ and ^{same} ~~Snates~~ moved in
that house. E Wright-mover to

Potters vill. Louis went to John
Bert and ~~John~~ came home from Somerville 10th of March
Breeses Monday March 17th 1890
him home 24

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April

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Sunday 13th. I went to Somer-
ville Saturday ~~28~~ 28th of
March staid till Tuesday
1st April then went to
South Branch and
staid till Monday 7th
April, then came back to
Somerville and staid
till Thursday 10th when
I came home. I caught
2 suckers and 8 or nine
9 eels while at S. Branch
I bought me a penknife
while at Somerville cost 60¢
Grandpa Paulson
is very sick has been
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April

April 13. 8m

sick over a week, two weeks to-morrow night and is no better to night. He has had a cold and kind of malarial fever the doctor was there once he is over the fever but is so very weak. We commenced ploughing yesterday or struck out the lands rather for oats in the field back of the barn, ploughed a little corner next to Hous & Lances. A week ago today Bessie. C. had a calf it

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Sunday

April 13

April

is a Bullie. A week ago Thursday last a mad dog came through this place biting, Peter Welch ^{Jim Perkins} Peter Blair Martin Wyckoff and Jake Goodheat dogs. The first seen of it was by Dave How back of Peter Welch's next to the woods. Dave was working in the ^{prach} murevery when a big black short haired $\frac{3}{4}$ hound dog came along Dave, not knowing it was mad, tried to scare it, but it scarcely noticed

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April

him, going down to Melcher
a biting his dog back. it
came to Demunds and met
Willeys dog and bit that, then
it came to Jim Jerolimus
and bit his dog it then
followed a wagon to this
place and fought with Peter
Blairs dog and bit that it
then turned and went down
the road (passing Lizzie
Schomp & Minnie Wychoff)
till it came to John Mc Hairs
it then cut across to Goodheart
biting his dog, that was
the last heard of it till

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Sun 13th

April

it was seen in Flemington
^{where} it bit 2 women, and a boy & girl
a 150 lb man and boy chased
it 1 1/2 miles and killed it
the people around Flemington
made up \$100 for one of the
women and sent her to
be doctor'd, the others were
able to doctor them selves
Joseph Buck has shot and
killed Martin Wychoff's P
Blairs Jim Garman & Poley.
Felmley's dogs Pop and J hung
A junkies dog ^{died in about 5 minutes} Jim Jerolimus
killed his dog Aaron Kelly his
like Goodheart his and ^{lost killed} ^{OVER} ^{dog} Breere dog is killed

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13th

11 P.M.

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April

Papa has got 14 chickens from
two hens would have made

Welch still keeps his alive
but I guess he will killed
it before long. 10 dogs have
been killed quite a cleaning
out. Papa and I set some
banklines ⁽⁸⁾ last night a little
while and caught 3 eels and
1 or 2 got off. would catch
about (eell 3) 1 1/2 lbs thermometers
was 85 today. to night ^{it} thunder
and lightning and rained
a little. Jim Boyles has been
sick for about 2 week but
is ^{alright} better now.
Charley Master ^{been sick 3 months} who has been
sick so long was worse last week
too but is better today. Emssie
Master was very sick again too
with a cold.

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27th April

Sunday 27th. It has been
raining for a few days
but that's what the farmers
want. We have our oats
sowed. finished yesterday
morning. The D. & W. R.R.
commenced work last
Monday there is about
200 Italians going to work
on it, part of them are
at work now. They have
hired all the empty houses
along the line. They have
hired Wyckoffs old house on
the Schomp farm for 3
months at \$2 a month
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April-May

Welch has had his dog killed.
there is about 20 of them
at work one there now.
The company expects to
build the 'road' by the
1st of August, 1890
The weather has been very
warm and dry for over
a week so that the farmers
had to stop ploughing untill
day before yesterday when it
rained. The cherry trees have
been out in blossom for week
the peach crop is about ruined

May 25th. (Planted our
corn Last Monday 19th at 10
Planted our potatoes Thursday

built
south

have
done

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May

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22nd (Planted Lima Beans
Friday the 23rd.) Grandpa P.
Got a pig from Emanuel
Wood Thursday 22nd.) Grandpa
calf is 7 weeks old to morrow.
The railroad is nearly $\frac{1}{2}$ graded.
There is a fill in Breecesfield
(on the old David Schomps place)
of 14 or 15 inches. They
intend to cut through Hog back
20 feet deep. They are working
in Schomps quarry now and
at Hog back too. Uncle
Stell and Aunt Ruth came
up to-day. There is about
350 Italians at work on the
Rail Road.
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June

Monday 9th. Papa got a pair of pigs from Samuel Voorhees. At the 31st of May. We expect to plow corn to-day. Yesterday was, Childrens day in the morning and Anniversory in the afternoon. Had a small mess of Straw berries from Your patch for the first. Yesterday.

June 10th. Ploughed or corn 2nd time yesterday. Last night Pop & I went fishing with bankline and caught 9 eels that weighed 8 pounds. The Largest one weighed $1\frac{3}{4}$ ^{9 caught one with hook and line some time ago that weighed 2 pounds.} NEXT

1890
June 11th

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18th ~~14th~~ Wednesday. Ploughed our potatoes for the first time to-day. Grandpa got a pig (or shot rather) from Will Hortens on Monday 16th inst. Have had peas big enough to eat from our garden for more than a week.

E. H. Schlegel raises his barn to-day at one o'clock sharp. Went fishing Tuesday night and caught 9 lbs of eels ¹²⁰⁰ which I sold for \$100. ^{100 for eelers} 4 lbs instonell 5⁰⁰ 50. Went last night and caught 5³ lbs. 8 eels. ~~53~~ OVER.

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George M. Polson

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June. June.

Thursday. 19th This morning
Papa went to Ed. Height
barn raising. Mrs. Winget
is to raise hers this afternoon.
Finished ploughing corn
3rd time this afternoon.
Thursday 26th. Lottie Huff
came home from Illinois.
Last Friday 20th. she expects
to go back in the fall. & spring.
There is no cherry or peach
crop this year. Will Todd
is to cut our grass to-day.
There is a festival to Potters-
ville to-night. School stops
to-morrow. Miss Ada Hughes goes
to Somerville. It has been very rainy
since this summer.

William Parker
our blacksmith
has a young
horse
What
George O. M.
June 26/1890
The Court of Kent

(In debt)

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Johnnie	3
George M. Porter	8
William	9
Johnnie	10
William	13
Johnnie	14
William	15
Johnnie	16
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Johnnie	36