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I resent also Professor Mitchell's statement that "the Eastern Shore is isolated geographically, and has become backward in its mental and spiritual development." To those who really know the Eastern Shore, who are acquainted with its innate charm and culture and are familiar with its marvelous development in the last 25 years, such statements as this would be utterly absurd if they were not so manifestly malicious. If the Eastern Shore, with its wonderful roads and the finest inland waterways in the world, is isolated, then it is a glorious isolation, which any community on earth might covet. And if the fine-spirited, friendly, hospitable, open hearted folk of the Eastern Shore are "backward in their mental and spiritual development," then may we all be set back to the place where a proper adjustment of relative values may be made.

To speak of the thriving little city of Salisbury, in particular, with its two railroads, beautiful navigable river and network of fine roads running in every direction, and its industries, together with the spirit of its citizens back of it all; to speak of such a town in such a location as "isolated" and "backward" is silly. Some day Salisbury may be the capital of a fine new State.

But let us remember this: That such reckless and unwarranted statements as Professor Mitchell, Mencken, Dr. Ainslie and The Sun have been making about the Eastern Shore in the last few weeks are creating a spiritual gulf between these two sections of this great State, far wider and deeper than that which is created by the sparkling waters of the lovely Chesapeake.

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