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By order,
E. F. E. ROY,
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Ottawa, 21st Feb 1898. }

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NOTICE OF SALE.

To be sold at public Auction on Tuesday the sixth day of September next at 12 o'clock noon in front of the Post Office in the Town of Chatham, in the county of Northumberland, for payment of the debts of the late John O'Keeffe of Chatham aforesaid, deceased, in consequence, of a deficiency of the personal estate of the deceased for that purpose, pursuant to a licence obtained from the Probate Court in and for the said County of Northumberland, the lands and premises following viz:—all that piece or parcel of land and premises situate in the Town of Chatham aforesaid, being part of Lot No. 35 bounded as follows: Beginning on the east side of Henderson Lane, so-called, at the southerly side line of the piece of land conveyed by Gurge Kerr to John Rue, thence southerly along the easterly side line of said lane 50 feet, or to the northerly side line of the piece of said Lot sold by the said Geo. Kerr to Geo. B. Bell, thence easterly along the northerly side line of the land so sold to Bell 50 feet or to the Westerly side line of the part of the said land conveyed by the said Kerr to said Rue, thence northerly on the last mentioned westerly side line 50 feet or to the southerly side line of the piece of land first above described and conveyed by Kerr to Rue, thence westerly along the last mentioned southerly side line 50 feet or to the east side of said Henderson Lane being the place of beginning, which said lands and premises were conveyed by the said George Kerr to the said John O'Keeffe by deed dated the 13th August 1870.

Also all that piece of land situate in the Parish of Chatham, in the said County, on the west side of the Great Road leading from Chatham to Richibucto bounded as follows, to wit:—Commencing at the southeasterly angle of the three acre plot No. 38, thence southerly along the west side of the said Highway to the rear line of plot No. 40, thence westerly along the rear line, to the west side of the lands formerly owned by the Chatham Joint Stock Company, thence northerly along the said westerly side line to the southwest angle of said plot No. 38, thence easterly along the southerly side of last mentioned plot to the place of beginning containing three acres more or less and was conveyed to the said John O'Keeffe by Jabez B. Snowball by deed dated the 10th December A. D. 1897.

Dated the 2nd day, of August A. D. 1898.

W. J. LOGGIE, Proctor. MARY O'KEEFFE, Administratrix.

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SEALED TENDERS addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed, "Tenders for Stocks" will be received at my office, Millerton, until 18th May next, 1898, for the whole or part of the stocks of the late Robt. Swim, Doaktown, consisting in part of Dress Fabrics, Prints, Cottons, Cottonades Ready-made Clothing, Shelf-Hardware, Crockery, Smallwares, Groceries, Window Frames, Doors, Sashes, Lumber, &c.

Stock list can be seen at the office of E. P. Williston, Esq., Newcastle.

Terms: Cash, or approved joint note at 3 months. The undersigned does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any tender.

JAMES ROBINSON,
Executor of R Swim estate.
Millerton, April 21, 1898, 5-12-98.

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All persons having just claims against said estate are hereby requested to file same duly attested with either of the undersigned within one month from date hereof, all persons indebted are required to make immediate payment to either of the Executors

Dated at Chatham, 25th May, A.D. 1898.

EDWARD GALLIVAN, }
JAS. F. CONNORS, } Executors

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ONE MONTH ONLY.

Before opening Fall Goods I will sell all remaining summer suitings at WHOLESALE PRICES, for CASH.

As my goods are of the best, it will be well to take advantage of this offer.

Persons owing me will kindly TAKE NOTICE and settle their accounts before the 15th OF SEPTEMBER after which date my books will go to the Collector.

F. O. PETTERSON.
Chatham, August 15th, 1898.

M. S N. CO'Y.
On and after
Wednesday, the 13th Instant
The Steamer "MIRAMICHI"
on every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, until further notice, will carry excursion parties on Monday from 5 to 10 persons, at the rate of 40 cents each, and parties of 10 persons and over, at 35 cents each for the return trip. Children under 14 years, 25 cents

Tickets issued at above rates will be good for day of issue only.

J. ARCH'D HAVILAND,
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July 11, 1898.

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CHATHAM, N. B., - - SEPTEMBER 8, 1898.

Transplanting Muscles.

The wonders of surgery will, it seems, never cease. Among the most important achievements is the transplanting of muscles. This has been successfully done in the case of a patient who had for half a lifetime been unable to use one leg on account of paralysis occurring in early childhood. The operation is thus described: "A six inch longitudinal incision is made on the inner side of the thigh, with the middle opposite the top of the patella. The sartorius is dissected out, cut off at its insertion, brought forward and attached to the muscular fascia just above and a little to the inner side of the patella.

"The attachment must be made firmly by splitting the fascia and drawing the muscle through, so that it becomes adherent to both inner and outer surfaces. Kangaroo tendon is used for sutures, being the best material. The wound is then closed, and the whole thigh is bandaged, and finally a plaster of paris bandage, or a long splint, is applied. The patient is kept recumbent for two weeks at least, gentle motion is commenced at the end of three weeks, and the plaster is entirely omitted at the end of from five to six weeks. This operation has been performed several times with great success, the only failures occurring where the muscles were imperfectly attached. This state of things was entirely remedied, however, in the later operations."—New York Ledger.

Guatemala.

Guatemala might easily sustain ten times its present population. The soil is rich and easily cultivated, and, unlike the other Central American republics, there is plenty of labor. Some parts of the country are quite thickly populated, but the others are covered with dense forests and a variety of timber, which might be easily made marketable if means of transportation were provided. But, although Guatemala is much further advanced than the rest of Central America, her railway system does not exceed 250 miles; there is no internal navigation, and the wagon roads are in a deplorable condition. The mineral wealth of the country is supposed to be large, but it is only slightly developed. The mines are inaccessible, and, in the absence of modern machinery, which at present cannot be conveyed to them, cannot be worked with profit.

The government offers generous inducements to immigrants. The land laws are liberal, and efforts have been made from time to time to secure the establishment of colonies and the preemption of public lands by private settlers. But all the accessible area is at present occupied, and no foreigner can expect to prosper in Guatemala unless he has abundant capital which will enable him to purchase at high prices plantations already developed.—Forum.

His Own Composition.

A recent article in Le Figaro of Paris is devoted to the American colony in that city. It says that the colony has always played the important and brilliant role in society chiefly because most of the Americans were "Americaines." "It is certain," continues Le Figaro, "that out of ten 'Americaines' residing in Paris there is but one American. Affairs—'business,' as they say over there—absorbs the sterner sex in the United States. In that country the men have neither the inclination nor the opportunity for much leisure, and only pay us very short visits.

"While their wives install themselves here the 'good' husband only makes flying visits and is very seldom referred to in the elegant salons of the wives." The writer continues: "I was at an official ball not long ago, where one of them was the hero of a curious 'histoire.' He wore on the lapel of his coat a brilliant star, which struck me as original and somewhat curious in form. Although very artistic, the order was unknown to me. Some indiscreet person interrogated the Yankee as to what order it was. The Yankee replied in a phlegmatic tone, 'It is my own composition.'"

Superstitious Bonapartes.

The Bonapartes always were superstitious, especially the mother of Napoleon. She always had a presentiment that the rise and fall of her family would occur in the same century, that the glory which was prophesied for them would be followed by disaster. And the prediction was verified. She died in her eighty-seventh year, having lived long enough to see the downfall of all her children.

Napoleon I always feared Dec. 2 as an unlucky day, and it is related of him that before every important battle he would throw dice to ascertain if he were to lose or win. The "red men" whom he always saw going to battle with him was a delusion that caused him much suffering.—Toronto Saturday Night.

Not Worried About That.

Her Father—Well, if you are determined to marry my daughter, I shall offer no objections, but before you take this irrevocable step I think it is only right to let you know that I have decided to leave all my money to educational and charitable institutions.

Glib Suitor—Oh, that's all right. I've got proof that you bet on a bicycle road race once. It'll be easy enough to show that you're of unsound mind.—Chicago News.

Naval Impudence.

Fifty years ago the allowance of paint in the British navy was very small, and sometimes the officers had to pay large sums in order that their ships might maintain a decent appearance. One of them resorted to a humorous expedient, either to soften the heart of the navy board, or if that proved impossible, to express his opinion.

Sir John Phillimore painted one side of his old yellow frigate black and white and used the rest of the black paint in printing on the other side in large letters, "No more paint."

The navy board wrote to call his attention to the impropriety of his conduct and signed themselves, as they did officially, "Your affectionate friends."

To this Sir John replied that he could not obliterate the objectionable letters unless he was given more paint and signed himself in turn, "Your affectionate friend, John Phillimore."

The navy board then called his attention to the impropriety of the signature, to which Sir John replied, acknowledging the letter, stating that he regretted that the paint had not been sent and ending: "I am no longer your affectionate friend, John Phillimore."

His frigate was allowed to retain her original yellow, and perhaps the navy board did right thus to punish Sir John's impertinence.—Youth's Companion.

Beneficial Effects of Coffee.

A woman writer who gave up coffee recently found that she was unable to continue her writing with any success until she had resorted again to the stimulating beverage. Without it her mind was logy and heavy. The Medical Times quotes an authority on the subject of prescribing coffee as a medicine in certain states of great debility and adds:

"Tea and coffee seem to be much alike in many respects, but the latter is greatly preferable as to its sustaining power. It would be a great advantage to our working classes and a great help toward the further development of social sobriety if coffee were to come into greatly increased use and if the ability to make it well could be acquired. As an example of the difference of effect of tea and coffee upon the nerves the writer notes what he believes many sportsmen will confirm—that it is far better to drink coffee than tea when shooting. Tea, if strong or in any quantity, especially if the individual be not in very robust health, will induce a sort of nervousness which is very prejudicial to steady shooting. Under its influence one is apt to shoot too quickly, whereas coffee steadies the hand and gives quiet nerves."

Thought Him One of the Queer Ones.

Mr. Quiller-Couch tells this story in the Pall Mall Magazine: "Hicks, governor of the Cornwall County Lunatic asylum, had a great many friends—extramural friends, I mean—and among them an accomplished landscape painter. This artist, captivated by the beauty of the little seaport town of East Looe, took lodgings there, chose his 'subject' and started to make some drawings of it on the rocks at low tide.

"A few days later Hicks drove over to see him, and arrived at West Looe to be taken across the harbor in a boat. To his surprise, he found a boatman waiting for him. Still more to his surprise, the boatman hailed him thus:

"'Arw, Mr. Hicks, I've a-been looking out for 'ee the last day or two. I knowed you'd come. He's over there now. He's been hollering and screeching. He sits at low water down among the weed, a-painting at a bit of board, and he calls out, "Come into the garden, Maud." A pretty garden he've a-got there! "I'm here by the gate alone." Not a gate within a mile of 'un! You can take 'un; he's quiet.'"

Presence of Mind.

Although it is not given to everybody to know exactly what to do at the right moment, one woman at least can lay claim to a presence of mind which may, without undue exaggeration, be considered phenomenal.

This woman's little boy was ailing from some trivial childish complaint, and the doctor ordered him some medicine. He had just taken his daily dose when his mother said, with some excitement:

"I quite forgot to shake that bottle afore giein ye't, Johnnie. Come here."

Johnnie obeyed, and, much to his astonishment and disgust, was subjected to a vigorous shaking from the strong arms of the parent, at the conclusion of which he was laid down with the remark:

"There, my laddie, that'll dae. It should be gey weel mixed up noo, I'm thinkin, but don't let me forget again."

Johnnie promised.—Pearson's Weekly.

Information From a Boatswain's Mate.

An American vessel lying at Naples was visited by the king and his suite. One of the latter, with cocked hat, mustache, sword, etc., was exploring the ship and mistook the main hatch wind sail for a mast and leaned against it. The officer of the deck was promptly advised of the accident by the boatswain's mate, who said:

"Excuse me, sir, but I think one of them 'ere kings has fell down the main hatch, sir."—"On a Man-of-War."

Seaweed.

The longest plants in the world are seaweed. One tropical and subtropical variety is known which, when it reaches its full development, is at least 600 feet in length. Seaweeds do not receive any nourishment from the sediment at the bottom or borders of the sea, but only from air and mineral matters held in solution in the sea water.

The most offensive thing you can say to a Tuscan is that he is ignorante, or ill bred. You may call him a fool, or a thief, or a liar, and he will only grin at you, but every peasant considers himself a gentleman and desires to run a knife into any one who questions his manners.

Got a Whole Lot For Nothing.

The man who always wants something for nothing made a discovery last week in a Diamond street restaurant. A waiter upset a glass on the marble topped lunch counter, breaking the edge of the glass. The waiter carelessly tossed it under the counter and got another with a smooth edge for the customer he was serving.

"What do you do with glasses thus slightly damaged?" asked the customer of the restaurant proprietor, relating the circumstance.

"Oh, we give them away; have to get rid of them; can't endanger the lips of customers by serving them in nicked glasses. But why are you interested?"

"Why, I thought if you would give me a few of the old glasses my wife might use them for jellies."

"Give me your address and I'll send you some," volunteered the restaurant keeper.

The man with a longing for articles without price went away gleefully, calculating mentally on how much he had saved on jelly glasses. Two days later, when he went home from business, he found 13 barrels in his back yard. His wife said she supposed he had sent them, and she paid the man $4.75 for delivering them. When opened, the barrels were found to contain broken glassware and china of all sorts. None of it could be used, not even for jelly glasses. An ash hauler charged $2 for taking away the rubbish. The man who wants things for nothing has withdrawn his patronage from a particular restaurant in Diamond street.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

Questioning Is Not Conversation.

The man who imagines that the art of conversation consists in asking questions spoils conversation as much as the man who never asks any. People of this description will interrupt a speaker as frequently as they do in the French chamber, and run anxiously from subject to subject with their interrogatories, like a cackling hen that is going to lay an egg. Horace Walpole, when exiled at Houghton, bemoans the existence of such a pest in the person of an aunt. Writing to his friend Sir Horace Mann, he says: "I have an aunt here, a family piece of goods, an old remnant of inquisitive hospitality and economy. She wore me so down by day and night with interrogations that I dreamed all night she was at my ear with a who's, why's, when's and what's, till at last in my very sleep I cried out, 'For heaven's sake, madam, ask me no more questions.'"

Dr. Johnson's dislike of being questioned is well known, and he gives the classic refutation of the habit in his own inimitable style: "Sir, questioning is not the mode of conversation among gentlemen. It is assuming a superiority, and it is particularly wrong to question a man concerning himself."—Chambers' Journal

Hope Came to Him.

A number of persons were talking about coincidences, when a clergyman gave an instance in his own experience. "When I was a very young man, before I entered the ministry," said he, "I met with a series of misfortunes and was nearly discouraged. One day I was seated on a bench in the park of a foreign city. My head was sunk upon my hands and black despair covered me like a cloud. I had about concluded to struggle no longer when a slight noise attracted my attention, and I glanced up to see standing before me and contemplating me with big, solemn eyes the most beautiful little girl I have ever beheld. 'What is your name, my pretty child?' was my natural inquiry. 'Hope,' she answered in a clear, sweet voice. Then she turned and ran away, and the little earthly form whose lips had brought me a message of comfort disappeared forever, but the white spirit of her name she had left in my heart, and from that day I prospered. My eldest daughter is called Hope."—Exchange.

Corkers.

At a London club there is the most unique pair of curtains in existence. This portiere is formed of hundreds of champagne corks, taken from every known brand of champagne, each of which bears the tin top which adorned it when the cork was in its parent bottle. The corks are made into strings, there being 60 of them to each string. Between every cork there are three big Chinese beads of turquoise blue. Altogether there are 24 strings, and at from 12s. to 16s. a cork, the portiere represents a total expenditure of about £1,000. The corks are tied to a white enameled pole, with fancy ends, and big sashes of blue ribbon adorn the brass knobs. The total effect is distinctly pretty. What makes this unique portiere doubly valuable is the fact that each cork bears the autograph of a famous actor or actress of the present day.—London Standard.

Nothing Plebeian About It.

She was an honored member of one of the hereditary societies and was astonished to learn that she was accused of wire pulling in connection with an election of officers.

"Wire pulling!" she exclaimed. "Such an insult! Why, it is common, positively common. People do that in politics."

"Very true," returned her husband consolingly, "but in politics it is probably just common, ordinary wire, while I have no doubt in your case the reference was to the very highest grade of insulated copper wire."

Naturally that made it seem different.—Chicago Post.

How They Do In Dawson.

"Up at Dawson City," said a returned Klondiker, "the people seem strange to you. Now, while I was at a hotel up there burglars entered and swiped nearly $600,000 in gold nuggets."

"What did the boarders do during all this excitement?" asked the clerk.

"Kept perfectly cool," was the quiet reply.—Denver Times.

Bears' Great Strength.

Yes, the strength of grizzly bears is almost beyond belief. I have read about the powerful muscles in the arms of African gorillas, but none can compare with those in the arms and shoulders of big grizzly bears. I have seen a grizzly bear with one fore paw shot into uselessness pull its own 1,100 pounds of meat and bone up precipices and perform feats of muscle that trained athletes could not do. I have seen grizzly bears carrying the carcasses of pigs that must have weighed 70 pounds several miles across a mountain side to their lair, and I have heard hunters tell of having seen cows knocked down as if by a thunderbolt with one blow of the fore paw of a bear.

Three summers ago I spent the season in the coast mountains up in Monterey county, and one moonlight night I saw a big grizzly bear in the act of carrying a dead cow home to her cub. I had a position on the mountain side where I could see every movement of the bear in the sparsely timbered valley below me. The critter carried the dead cow in her fore paws for at least three miles, across jagged, sharp rocks ten feet high, over fallen logs, around the rocky mountain sides, where even a jackass could not get a foothold, to a narrow trail up the steep mountain. She never stopped to rest for a moment, but went right along. I followed, and just about half a mile from the beast's lair I laid her low. The heifer weighed at least 200 pounds, and the bear would have tipped the beam at about 450 pounds.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

Too Big a Contract.

"Doctor," said a man to his medical attendant, who had just presented a small bill of 35 shillings for treatment during a recent illness, "I have not much ready money. Will you take this out in trade?"

"Oh, yes," cheerfully answered the doctor. "I think we can arrange that, but what is your business?"

"I am a cornet player," was the startling reply.—London Telegraph.

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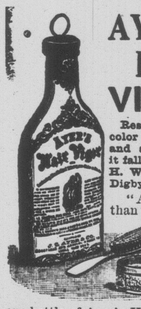
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