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G. M. BURNS
AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION MERCHANT
No. 26 South Market Wharf, St. John, N. B.
March 19, 1857

Per Arthur White, from London.

100 CHESTS Souchong TEA;
5 tons Brandram's No. 1 WHITE LEAD;
1 ton Brandram's Coloured PAINTS;
Casks Boiled and Raw OIL;
5 do. PUTTY; 1 cask STARCH;
4 cases INDIGO;
1 case Ladies' BOOTS;
1 do. STATIONERY.
For Sale at the lowest market rates.
June 12. L. H. DEVEBER & SONS.

JUST PUBLISHED—A new Edition of Lennie's English GRAMMAR, strongly bound in linen. Price 5s. 6d. per dozen.
June 5 B. O'BRIEN.

A Few Dozen London made Gents. Vollomen Dress SHIRTS, superior to anything made in the City, as regards style of durability.
August 7. THOMAS R. JONES.

Cordage, Pitch, Tar.
New Landing and in Store
12 TONS Manila CORDAGE, 1 inch to 6 inch;
14 tons Hemp Cordage 6 thd. each;
10 do. London and Liverpool ROPE;
105 Brls. PITCH; 25 do. RESIN;
20 do. Coal TAR.
For Fishermen.
120 Coils 6 and 9 thread BATLINE;
50 Brls. Thin TAR. For sale at low rates by
JOHN WALKER.
St. John, May 8, 1858.

NOTICE.—All persons having legal demands against the Estate of WILLIAM WHITE, Senr., late of Cambridge, (Queen's County,) deceased, are requested to hand in the same, duly attested, within three months from this date, and all persons indebted are requested to make immediate payment to

SAMUEL WHITE,
WM. WIGGINS,
Executors.
Queen's County, May 1, 1858.

Waverly House, No. 69, King street

RUBBERS AT REDUCED PRICES.
LADIES' 2s 6d. Gents' 3s. 6d. Leather Boots and Shoes of every description, together with English felt Cloth BOOTS at first Cost.
The public will please to understand that I will continue these low prices to the 1st of May, and also that I will use no deception or second price.
March 5. B. O'BRIEN.

Earthenware, China & Glass.

F. CLEMENTSON has received per "John Duncan" and "Boadicea":—A general assortment of the above Goods, which are offered at the lowest Market rates, Wholesale and Retail 92, Dock STREET October 30.

JUST RECEIVED:
200 QUINTALS large CODFISH;
400 Boxes Dipper Harbour Smoked HERRINGS, a good article.
JOHN MARVEN,
October 23. Ward-street.

Furniture & Upholstery Ware Rooms.
No. 87, head of King Street.
DRAWING ROOM FURNITURE; DINING Room Furniture; BED ROOM Furniture—of different designs, in Mahogany and Walnut.
—ALSO—
HAIR MATTRESSES, MOSS MATTRESSES, GRASS MATTRESSES, STRAW MATTRESSES.
—ALSO—
Cheap CHAIRS and BEDSTEADS, in great variety. For sale by the subscribers.
March 12. J. & G. LAWRENCE.

Reversible Caps.
IN compliance with the wishes of a number of Customers, we are again manufacturing a quantity of PALO ALTO REVERSIBLE CAPS. This is a style which was in great demand in the United States at the time of the late Mexican War, and is a very convenient Cap for travellers. Call and see.
C. D. EVERETT & SON,
August 7.— 15, King-street.

HOLLANDS.
LANDING ex "Ann Rankine" from London,—150 packages GENEVA, Anchor Brand, which will be sold at 4s. per gallon in Bond from Wharf.
THOS. PARKS,
October 24. 25, Dock-street.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.—The Subscriber having been lately appointed a Licensed AUCTIONEER for Queen's County wants from the Public a Share of Business which shall receive his prompt attention, on most reasonable terms. ARCHIBALD McALLISTER.
Gagetown, August 22.

LUMBER! LUMBER!
THE Subscriber thankful for the past favours offers his Stock for Sale very low for Cash, consisting of all qualities of DRY PINE LUMBER from 5-8 to 4 Inch in thickness, FRAME TIMBER, SCANTLING all sizes, Rough and planed Flooring, LATHS, &c.
Jan 19 R. S. DICKSON.

LIVERPOOL OAKUM.—Landing ex "John Duncan"—5 Tons Liverpool OAKUM. For Sale by JOHN WALKER.

82, *King Street.*
Saint John Hotel Building.
RECEIVED in good order, by last trip of steamer Eastern City, from Boston, a supply of the following Goods;
GREEN APPLES, DRIED APPLES, Oranges, Lemons, Sugar Cured HAMS, ONIONS, CHEESE, and BUTTER.
Which will be sold by the Subscriber cheap for cash. ROBERT STEWART.
April 9, 1858.

New Books.
THE GENIUS OF CHRISTIANITY, by Viscount deChateaubriand;
St. John's Manual; a Guide to the Public Worship and Services of the Catholic Church;
A Vindication of Italy and the Papal States, from the Dublin Review;
John Mitchell's Great Lecture on Thomas Devin Reilly, delivered in the Tabernacle, N. York;
Hendrick Conscience's Tales, complete;
Nos. 1 to 4 of the Complete Works of Gerald Griffin—to be completed in 30 numbers;
Luck is Everything, by W. H. Maxwell;
Charles Lever's Works, 4 vols., octavo, cloth;
Love after Marriage by Caroline Lee Hentz
The Border Rover by Emerson Bennett;
The Rats of the Seine, by Paul Preston;
The Doomed Ship, by Harry Hazel;
Dow's Patent Sermons, new edition;
Reynolds' Complete Works;
Historical Magazine, and Notes and Queries for May, 1857;
Harper, Putnam, the Youths, Household Words New York National, Waverley, and Black wood for May;
The Testimony of the Rocks, by Hugh Miller.
☞ Latest "New York Ledger," &c.
May 8. B. O'BRIEN.

4 CASKS Olive OIL, 300 gallons;
8 tbls. TALLOW, 2,000 lbs.;
LONDON OAKUM.—10 tons London Oakum, on sale low.
One Wood Stock ANCHOR.—For sale by
August 7. JOHN WALKER.

GENTS, SHAWLS.—The Subscriber has received an assortment of Gentlemen's SHAWLS, of superior quality to those usually imported. Also, Gents' MUFFLERS, for sale at reasonable prices, by D. H. HALL,
Nov. 14. 41, King-street.

FRENCH PAPER HANGINGS.—Received per Steamer:—1 case superior French PAPER HANGINGS, all new styles.
☞ For Sale at cost and charges.
July 3 B. O'BRIEN.

NEW GOODS—per Lampedo:
The Subscribers have received by the above packet ship a part of their *Spring Stock of*
Woollen and Cotton Goods.
—ALSO—
10 BRLS. Crushed SUGAR—(McPee's;)
1 Cask Poland STARCH;
Barrels Carbonic SODA;
2 Cases FISHING THREADS;
" HARDWARE, &c. &c. &c.
For sale at the lowest Market rates, by
May 7 L. H. DEVEBER & SONS.

Flour, Pork, and Meal.
RECEIVED ex *Independence* from New York:—40 barrels extra Family FLOUR, (new); 30 bbls. CORN MEAL; 10 bbls. heavy Mess Pork, from Gardiner, Maine; 40 dozen Stone JUGS, 4, 3, 2, 1, 1½, ½, ¼ gallons.
JOHN MARVEN,
July 30. Ward street.

HARD COALS.—Landing ex *Napoleon*, from Philadelphia: 100 tons best Buckmountain COALS. For sale by
July 9. JOHN WALKER.

Spring Style of Hat for 1858
THE subscriber is manufacturing *HATS* of the above style, at 27, North side King street.
April 9. A. MAGEE.

REMOVAL.—The OFFICE of the WATER and SEWERAGE COMMISSIONERS has been removed to Meritt's stone-front Building, No. 77, Prince William street, (up stairs,) last occupied by McGrath, Harding & Co.
☞ The Coupons of Interest on Commissioners' Debentures due 1st May, 1858, will be paid on presentation at the Commissioners' Office, as above, between the hours 10 A. M., and 2 P. M.
JOHN SEARS,
May 1, 1858. Chairman

GOOD CLOTHING,
THE BEST QUALITY, AND AT LOW PRICES,
he Cheapest and largest Stock of Ready-made CLOTHING,
is at Granite Hall, No. 5, Dock-street.
Every article warranted to what it is represented or the money returned.
☞ GARMENTS made to measure at low prices, and in a superior manner.
May 29. THOS. R. JONES.

St. John Coffee House.
The Subscriber would inform his friends and the public that he has taken the commodious building in Church Street, formerly known as the "Hibernia Hotel," which he has refitted and opened under the name of the ST. JOHN COFFEE HOUSE, where he will keep constantly on hand every delicacy of the season. Prime OYSTERS served up in every style required.
Meals at all hours.—Dinner from 12 to 3 o'clock, consisting of Roast Beef, Corned Beef, Boiled Ham, Boiled Salmon, Bass, Baked Fish, Fried Fish, Lamb add Green Peas, &c. For Breakfast, Broiled Steak, Veal Cutlets, Mutton Chops, Roast and Fried Tripe, Lambs' Fries, &c. Supper from 6 to 10 o'clock.
☞ Free Lunch from 11 to 12 o'clock every day.
The Choicest LIQUORS & FANCY DRINKS always on hand. J. KENNEY,
July 15 Proprietor

THE above Company are now prepared to Manufacture from Woodstock Iron SHIPS KNEES and STRAPS, Machine SHAFTING, and CHAINS Ships' ANCORS, &c. and solicit the patronage of the Public to sustain them in this branch of Domestic Manufacture.
☞ Orders received and every information given on application to
T. E. G. TISDALE, *President.*

NOTICE.
RECEIVED per "Athenais"—Two Case London HATS, a superior article, made expressly for this Market; also, Children's HATS in great variety. Expected per steamer from Boston—A large Stock of Leghorn and Panama *HATS*, all of which will be sold Wholesale or Retail, at low prices for Cash or approved paper.
27 North side King street. A. MAGEE.
St. John, May 1.

GREEN WINDOW SHADES.—Just received at the New Paper Store—200 Green SHADES 25, 30, 36, 40 inches wide.
GEO. NIXON,
April 30. 104 Prince William street

REMOVAL.—The Office of the subscriber is removed to the building occupied by Messrs. L. H. Devober & Sons, 33 Prince Wm. street.
May 7. PETER STUBS,
Barrister, Notary Public, Patent Agency

S. K. FOSTER'S,
Fashionable SHOE STORES,
New Goods for Fall!
JUST received per Ship *Boadicea*, a new and excellent variety of Ladies, Misses, and Children's Fall BOOTS and SHOES, of the very best English make.
Those Customers who desire a very Superior Article, and one suitable to the season, can now have their wishes gratified.
S. K. FOSTER.

CHINA!
Per Middleton and Alamode—
THE Subscriber has received by the above Ships, a choice selection of DINNER SETS, Etruscan CHINA TEA SETS, VASES, Stone PITCHERS, and China Toilette SETS.
FRAS. CLEMENTSON.
St. John, June 30, 1857.

Beans and Shad.
40 BUSHELS N. S. White BEANS; 20 half-barrels good SHAD. For Sale
JOHN MARVEN.

HAY RAKES.—100 Dozen HAY RAKES of superior quality, for sale at 10s. and 12s 6d. per dozen.
August 7. THOMAS C. EVERITT.

Rope, Sail Twine, &c.
300 BOLTS Bleached Gourock CANVAS, assorted;
100 Bolts Extra all long Flax, ditto;
100 do. Gourock Boiled ditto;
75 Coils BOLT ROPE;
82 do POINT LINE;
1700 three-thread SAIL TWINE.
JOHN ROOP,
July 10. Wishart's Buildings, Johnston's Wharf.

FIRE "JOHN DUNCAN."—5,000 FIRE BRICKS. For sale by
FRAS. CLEMENTSON,
Sept. 25. 29, Dock-street.

FAIRBANKS'
CELEBRATED

SCALES,
of every variety,
34 Kilby Street, Boston.
GREENLEAF & BROWN, Agents.
A full assortment of all kinds of weighing apparatus and store furniture for sale at low rates Railroad, Hay, and Coal Scales set in any part of the Provinces.
For Sale in St. John by WM. THOMSON.
Aug. 1, 1858. [1yr]

Building Lots for Sale.
AT THE NINE MILES STATION.
THE subscriber has laid out a portion of his farm at the above place in eligible Building Lots, either for places of business or private residences. Early application will ensure a preference, as after a short period they will be offered at auction.
sept 10 JOSHUA SCRIBNER

GLASS—99, Dock Street.
F. CLEMENTSON respectfully solicits the attention of purchasers to his Spring Stock of GLASS.
On the arrival of the *John Duncan*, the assortment of CUT GLASS will be completed, which will be superior in design to any previous importation. (July 10.) FRAS. CLEMENTSON.

FOR Sale at No. 168, Prince William Street,—BEST CUMBERLAND BUTTER.
August 7. WILLIAM PARKS.

FOR Sale at No. 168, Prince William Street,—200 CHEESE from Clarke's Dairy.
August 7. WILLIAM PARKS.

FOR Sale at No. 168, Prince William Street, BEST ISLAY MALT.
WILLIAM PARKS.
St. John, August 7, 1857.

No. Twelve.
A CHOICE LOT OF
FANCY COLORED BROADCLOTHS,
SUITABLE for Gentlemen or Ladies' CLOAKING, RIDING HABITS, &c. &c.
—IN SUPERFINE—
ADELAIDE,
BOTTLE GREEN,
MOSS OLIVES,
MULBERRY,
BROWN,
BLACK,
SCARLET.
☞ The above GOODS have been received per last steamer "Niagara," and for sale from 15s. at No. 12, King street. 1m.

Flour, Pork Meal, Tobacco, Fish.
Received per recent arrivals from New York:
100 BBLS Extra and Family FLOUR;
40 do. K. D. CORN MEAL;
15 bbls. Heavy Mess PORK;
5 Boxes Saunders' TOBACCO.
—ALSO ON HAND—
250 qlts. good CODFISH;
80 " do. POLLOCK;
50 whole and half barrels Gibb'd HERRINGS
100 Boxes Smoked HERRINGS.
For sale by
October 22. JOHN MARVEN,
Ward street.

Mill Privilege for Sale, or to Let
A Good Privilege for a CARDING and Fulling MILL, or other Machinery, and LAND attached to the same.
The STREAM is a good one and the Dam is already built.
For further particulars apply to the subscriber on Salmon River, Queen's County
9th July, 1857. SAMUEL WHITE.

S. K. FOSTER's Shoe Store.
Just received per steamer from Liverpool:
A Large assortment of Ladies, Misses, Boys' Children's, and Infants CLOTH BOOTS, of all qualities, suitable for the season.
A great variety of Men's, Women's, Misses, Children's and Infants FELT BOOTS, Shoes and Slippers of every quality.
ON HAND—A large lot of Women's Prunella BOOTS, suitable for wearing under Rubber Shoes in Winter—for 3s. to 4s. 6d. a pair.
Feb. 7. S. K. FOSTER.

DR. KEATOR
HAS Removed to this City and may be found at his Residence, corner of Union and Dorchester-streets. Special attention paid to GENERAL SURGERY and Diseases of the EYE and EAR.
Also—To Diseases of Women and Children.
May, 18

MR. W. P. DOLE,
Attorney and Barrister-at-Law,
HAS REMOVED to the Office lately occupied by Charles Watters, Esquire, in Messrs Devober's building, Prince William Street.
August 22, 1856.

HEALTH OR SICKNESS!
CHOOSE BETWEEN THEM.
HOLLOWAY'S PILLS
The blood furnishes the material of every bone, muscle, gland and fibre in the human frame. When pure, it secures Health to every organ it necessarily produces disease. HOLLOWAY'S PILLS operate directly upon the elements of the stream of life, neutralizing the principle of disease, and thus radically curing the malady, whether located in the nerves, the stomach, the liver, the bowels, the muscles, the skin, the brain, or any other part of the system.
USED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.
HOLLOWAY'S PILLS are equally efficacious in complaints common to the whole human race and in disorders peculiar to certain climates and localities.
ALARMING DISORDERS.
Dyspepsia, and derangement of the liver, the source of infirmity and suffering, and the cause of innumerable deaths, yield to these curatives, in all cases, however aggravated, acting as a mild purgative, alternative and tonic; they relieve the bowels, purify the fluids, and invigorate the ystem and the constitution at the same time.
GENERAL WEAKNESS—NERVOUS COMPLAINTS.
When all stimulants fail, the renovating and bracing properties of these Pills give firmness to the shaking nerves and enfeebled muscles of the victim of general debility.
DELICATE FEMALES.
Irregularities and ailments incident to the delicate and sensitive organs of the sex are removed or prevented by a few doses of these mild, but infallible alteratives. No mother who regards her own or her children's health should n to have them within her reach.
SCIENTIFIC ENDORSEMENTS.
The London "Lancet," the London "Medical Review," and the most eminent of the faculty in Great Britain, France and Germany, have eulogized the Pills and their inventor.
Holloway's Pills are the best remedy known in the world for the following diseases:

Asthma	Female Complaints	Piles
Bowel Complaints	Fevers	Stone and Gravel
Coughs	Headaches	Secondary Symptoms
Colds	Indigestion	Venereal Affections
Chest Diseases	Influenza	Worms, of all kinds.
Costiveness	Inflamation	
Dyspepsia	Indward Weakness	
Diarrhœa	Liver Complaints	
Dropsy	Lowness of spirits	
Debility		
Fever and Ague		

Sold at the Manufactories of Professor HOLLOWAY, 80, Maiden Lane, New York, and 244 Strand, (near Temple Barr, London,) by all respectable Druggists and Dealers in Medicines throughout the United States and the civilized World, in boxes at 25 cents, 62½ cents, and 1$ each.
☞ There is a considerable saving by taking the larger sizes.
N. B—Directions for the guidance of patients in every disorder are affixed to each Box.
S. L. TILLEY, *Provincial Agent*, No. 2 King-st St. John, N. B.; A. Cox & Son, Fredericton; W. T. Baird, Woodstock; Alex. Lockhart, Quaco; James Beck, Bend of Petitcodiac; O. K. Sayre, Dorchester; John Bell, Shediac; John Lewis, Hillsborough; John Curry, Canning; and Jas. G. White Belleisle.

6, 40, Germain-Street.
JAMES LUPTON,
Tailor and Draper.
WOULD invite the attention of his friends and customers to his present Stock of Goods, which has been completed by recent arrivals per ships *John Duncan, Middleton*, and *Courier*, consisting of West of England CLOTHS, FUR BEAVERS, VELVET CLOTHS, PATENT BEAVERS, BALTIC and EXTRA PILOT CLOTHS; WAIST-COATINGS, in Berlin, Silk and Velvets. TROUSERINGS in endless variety,—these goods he can recommend as being superior to any yet seen in this Market, and in making them up no care shall be spared to sustain the preference he has hitherto received.
To the Officers of H. M. Army.
J. L. would beg to state that having been for years employed in the CUTTING DEPARTMENT of *HART'S Military Tailors*, 26 Pall Mall, he is prepared to execute in a superior style all orders with which he may be entrusted.
St. John, Oct. 31, 1856.

SEE HERE.
ON and after Wednesday the 8th instant, the Subscriber intends to run a DAILY COACH for the accommodation of the Public between the Nine Mile Station and Sussex Vale; leaving the Nine Mile station on the arrival of the two o'clock train, for Sussex Vale, *EVERY DAY*, arriving the same evening at Sussex, and leaving Sussex the following mornings at 6 a. m., to meet the 2 p. m. train. A covered Coach, good Horses, and a careful driver always in attendance.
PETER B. LYON.
Hampton, sept 7.

To Farmers, Travelers, & Citizens
THE Subscriber has refitted and renovated his Hotel to meet the Spring business, and where Travellers will find every comfort desired. He returns thanks for the very liberal share of patronage which has been awarded to him, and assures his numerous customers that every effort will be made as heretofore, to benefit.
His House is No. 15, Charlotte street, and reference is respectfully asked of former visitors.
Experienced Grooms always in attendance to see that Horses are properly attended to.
May 22. WM. YOUNG.

S. K. FOSTER & SON.
FAMILY SHOE STORE,
FOSTER'S CORNER, GERMAIN STREET
LADIES' Cloth Felt Cashmere and Prunell BOOTS;
Ladies' White Satin and Satteen BOOTS and SLIPPERS;
Ladies' White, Black and Bronze Kid Slippers;
Misses' Cloth, Kid, Morocco, Enamelled Calf and Goat BOOTS and SHOES;
Girls' Feet Boots and Over Boots;
Ladies' Fine Dress SLIPPERS, of every sort;
Childrens' Cloth and Felt BOOTS;
Childrens' Leather Boots and Shoes of every description and quality;
Gentlemen's Youths' and Boys' BOOTS and Shoes, of every sort required;
Rubber Boots and Shoes;
For Sale Wholesale Retail.
October 22. S. K. FOSTER & SON.

Received per Steamer America, at the
N. American Clothing Store,
Sears' Brick Building, King Street,
A SPLENDID assortment of Broad CLOTHS; Cassimeres; Doeskins; Tweeds; &c.; will be made up to order in the most Fashionable style, at the shortest notice.
May 9. R. HUNTER.

GRANITE HALL,
5 DOCK STREET.
SPRING and Summer OVER COATS, in Plain Sack, and Raglan Styles.
Good material Fashionable cut, and well made.
April 3, 1858. THOS. R. JONES.

Poetry.

A DOUGLAS TO THE FRAY.

The following verses were addressed to Senator Douglas, by his personal friend and political admirer, John Brougham, Esquire:

When Saxon raid,
With brand and blade,
O'er Scotia's borders came,
And gave the land,
With bloody hand,
To pillage and to flame;
'Twas then rang out
The welcome shout
From mountain and from lea:
"God and our right!
Stand firm and right!
A Douglas to the fray!

Oh! never was
Unworthy cause
Linked with that rallying cry;
To friends a spell,
To foes a knell,
Whene'er it pierced the sky.
And as the shout
Rang fiercely out
Fate owned its conquering sway:
"Stand firm and fight,
For truth and right,
A Douglas to the fray."

On story's page
In every age,
Through every path of fame;
In glory's round
May still be found
Enrolled that deathless name,
Speed as of old,
The chieftain bold
Who bears it at this day;
"Stand firm and fight
For truth and right,
A Douglas to the fray."

Miscellany.

NINE O'CLOCK;
—OR,—
THE LAST GIRONDIN BANQUET.

Conclusion.

"Ridicule, even much sharper than this, would have little effect on me. If I was certain of anything in the world, I was certain that I had seen my brother in the study—nay, more, had touched him—and equally certain that I had seen his double, his exact similitude, in the garden. As far as any man could know that he was in possession of his own senses, I knew myself to be in possession of mine. Left alone to think over what I had beheld, I felt a supernatural terror creeping through me—a terror which increased, when I recollected that on one or two occasions, friends had said they had seen Alfred out of doors, when we all knew him to be at home. These statements, which my father had laughed at, and had taught me to laugh at, either as a trick, or a delusion on the part of others, now recurred to my memory as startling corroborations of what I had just seen myself. The solitude of the study oppressed me in a manner which I cannot describe. I left the apartment to seek Alfred, determined to question him, with all possible caution, on the subject of his strange trance, and his sensations at the moment when I awakened him from it.

"I found him in his bed-room, still pale, and now very thoughtful. As the first words in reference to the scene in the study passed my lips, he startled violently, and entreated me, with very unusual warmth of speech and manner, never to speak to him on the subject again,—never, if I had any love or regard for him! The mystery, however, was not destined to end here.

"About two months after the event which I have just related, we had arranged, one evening, to go to the theatre. My father had insisted that Alfred should be of the party, otherwise he would certainly have declined accompanying us; for he had no inclination whatever, for public amusements of any kind. However, with his usual docility, he prepared to obey my father's desire by going up stairs to put on his evening dress. It was winter time, so he was obliged to take a candle with him.

"We waited in the drawing-room for his return a very long time, so long, that my father was on the point of sending up stairs to remind him of the lateness of the hour, when Alfred re-appeared without the candle which he had taken with him from the room. The ghastly alteration that had passed over his face—the hideous death-look that distorted his features, I shall never forget,—I shall see it to-morrow on the scaffold!

"Before either my father or I could utter a word, my brother said:—"I have been taken suddenly ill; but I am better now. Do you still wish me to go to the theatre?"

"'Certainly not, my dear Alfred,' answered my father; 'we must send for the doctor immediately.'

"Pray do not call in the doctor, sir; he would be of no use. I will tell you why, if you will let me speak to you alone.

"My father, looking seriously alarmed, signed to me to leave the room. For more than half an hour I remained absent, suffering almost unendurable suspense and anxiety on my brother's account. When I was recalled, I observed that Alfred was quite calm, though still deadly pale. My father's manner displayed an agitation which I had never observed in it before. He rose from his chair when I re-entered the room, and left me alone with my brother.

"'Promise me,' said Alfred, in answer to my entreaties to know what had happened, 'promise that you will not ask me to tell you more than my father permitted me to tell. It is his desire that I should keep certain things a secret from you.'

"I gave the required promise, but gave it most unwillingly. Alfred then proceeded:

"'When I left you to go and dress for the theatre, I felt a sense of oppression all over me, which I cannot describe. As soon as I was alone, it seemed as if some part of the life within me was slowly wasting away. I could hardly breathe the air around me. Big drops of perspiration burst out on my forehead, and then a feeling of terror seized me which I was utterly unable to control. Some of those strange fancies of seeing my mother's spirit which used to influence me at the time of her death, came back again to my mind. I ascended the stairs slowly and painfully, not ring to look behind me, for I heard—yes, heard!—something following me. When I had got into my room, and had shut the door, I began to recover my self-possession a little. But the sense of oppression was still as heavy on me as ever, when I approached the wardrobe to get my clothes. Just as I stretched forth my hand to turn the key, I saw to my horror, the two doors of the wardrobe opening of themselves—opening slowly and silently. The candle went out at the same moment, and the whole inside of the wardrobe became to me like a great mirror, with a bright shining in the middle of it. Out of that light there came a figure the exact counter part of myself. Over its breast hung an open scroll, and on that I read the warning of my own death, and a revelation of the destinies of my father and his race. Do not ask me what were the words on the scroll, I have given my promise not to tell you. I may only say that, as soon as I had read all, the room grew dark and the vision disappeared.'

"Forgetful of my promise, I entreated Alfred to repeat to me the words on the scroll. He smiled sadly and refused to speak on the subject any more. I next sought out my father, and begged him to divulge the secret. Still sceptical to the last, he answered that one diseased imagination in the family was enough, and that he would not permit me to be infected by Alfred's mental malady. I passed the whole of that day and the next in a state of agitation and alarm which nothing could tranquillize. The sight I had seen in the study gave a terrible significance to the little that my brother had told me. I was uneasy if he was a moment out of my sight. There was something in his expression,—calm and even cheerful as it was,—which made me dread the worst.

"On the morning of the third day after the occurrence I have just related, I rose very early, after a sleepless night, and went into Alfred's bed-room. He was awake, and welcomed me with more than usual affection and kindness. As I drew a chair to his bedside, he asked me to get pen, ink, and paper, and write down something from his dictation. I obeyed, and found to my terror and distress, that the idea of death was more present to his imagination than ever. He employed me in writing a statement of his wishes in regard to the disposal of all his own little possessions, as keepsakes, to be given, after he was no more, to my father, myself, the house-servants, and one or two of his most intimate friends. Over and over again, I entreated him to tell me whether he really believed that his death was near. He invariably replied that I should soon know, and then led the conversation to indifferent topics. As the morning advanced, he asked to see my father, who came, accompanied by the doctor—the latter having been in attendance for the last two days.

"Alfred took my father's hand, and begged his forgiveness of any offence, and disclosed one which he had ever been guilty. Then, reaching out his other hand, and taking mine, as I stood on the opposite side of the bed, he asked me what the time was. A clock was placed on the mantelpiece of the room, but in a position in which he could not see it, as he now lay. I turned round to look at the dial, and answered that it was on the stroke of nine.

"'Farewell!' said Alfred, calmly; 'in this world, farewell forever!'

"The next instant, the clock struck. I felt his fingers tremble in mine, then grow quite still. The doctor seized a hand-mirror that lay on the table, and lay it over his lips. He was dead—as the last chime of the hour echoed through the awful silence of the room!

"I pass over the first days of our affliction. You, who have suffered the loss of a beloved sister, can well imagine their misery. I pass over these days, and pause for a moment at the time when we could speak with some calmness and resignation on the subject of our bereavement. On the arrival of that period, I ventured, in conversation with my father, to refer to the vision which had been seen by our dear Alfred in his bed-room, and to the prophecy which he described himself as having read upon the supernatural scroll.

"Even yet my father persisted in his scepticism; but as it seemed to me, more because he was afraid than because he was unwilling to believe. I again recalled to his memory what I myself had seen in the study. I asked him to recollect how certain Alfred had been beforehand, and how fatally right, about the day and hour of his death. Still I could get but one answer; my brother had died of a nervous disorder (the doctor said so); his imagination had been diseased from his childhood; there was only one way of treating the vision which he described himself as having seen, and that was, not to speak of it again between ourselves; never to speak of it at all to our friends.

"We were sitting in the study during this conversation. It was evening. As my father uttered the last words of his reply to me, I saw his eye turn suddenly and uneasily towards the further end of the room. In dead silence I looked in the same direction, and saw the door open slowly of itself. The vacant space beyond was filled with a bright, steady glow, which hid all outer objects in the hall, and which I cannot describe to you by likening it to any light that we are accustomed to behold either by day or night. In my terror, I caught my father by the arm, asked him in a whisper, whether he did not see something extraordinary in the direction of the door way?

"'Yes,' he answered, in tones as low as mine, 'I see or fancy I see, a strange light. The subject on which we have been speaking has impressed our feelings as it should not. Our nerves are still unstrung by the shock of the bereavement we have suffered: our senses are deluding us. Let us look away towards the garden.'

"'But the opening of the door, father; remember the opening of the door!'

"'Ours is not the first door which has accidentally flown open of itself.'

"'Then why not shut it again?'

"'Why not, indeed. I will close it at once.' He rose advanced a few paces, then stopped, and came back to his place. 'It is a warm evening,' he said, avoiding my eyes, which were eagerly fixed on him, 'the room will be all the cooler, if the door is suffered to remain open.'

'His face grew quite pale as he spoke. The light lasted for a few minutes longer, then suddenly disappeared. For the rest of the evening m