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MONDAY, 6TH MAY, 1839.

[PRICE ONE PENNY.]

GARDEN SEEDS.

THE Subscribers beg to inform their customers and the public, that they have received their usual extensive assortment of

English and American

GARDEN, FIELD & FLOWER SEEDS,

which they can WARRANT of the growth of 1838; detailed Catalogues of which can be obtained at their store.

MUSSON & SAUSAGE,
Chemists & Druggists,
Quebec, 12th April, 1839.

MOFFAT'S

THE PILLS & PHENIX BITTERS,
FOR SALE BY
MUSSON & SAUSAGE.

CALEDONIA SPRINGS.

THE favorable opinion I formerly entertained of the waters of the Caledonia Springs is MORE THAN CONFIRMED, as well in the benefits I personally derived from their use as from what I observed of their effects on others. The water should be drunk in moderate quantities before breakfast, and persevered for some weeks at least.

(Signed) WILLIAM ROBINSON, M.D.

THE Subscribers have just received a large supply of the following celebrated Medicines, viz:

DRIDGE'S BALM OF COLUMBIA,
RAY'S LINIMENT for Piles, Rheumatism, &c.
REACHE REMEDY.

ALSO.....
fresh supply of MOFFAT'S LIFE PILLS
PHENIX BITTERS,
BEGG & URQUHART,
13, St. John Street, and
8, Notre Dame St., L.

October.

SUBSCRIBER OFFERS FOR SALE

DO Boxes fresh Digby Herrings,
20 Tierces East India Rice,
30 Pipes Cognac Brandy,
30 Barrels American Pitch,
30 do. do. bright Varnish,
10 do. Brewers' Bunges,
50 Kegs fresh U. C. Butter,
100 do. Hog's Lard,
15 Cases Ladies' Twist and Cavendish Tobacco
2 do. James River Tobacco in tins,
1 do. Cassia,
5 do. Port Wine, each 5 doz.
1 do. Glazed Hafs,
15 Bales American Hops,
1 do. striped Cotton and Calico Shirts
2 do. assorted sewing Thread,
A small Lot of Prime Pork.
ALSO,
Whale and Seal Oil, in hhd. and bbls.
Squills, assorted qualities,
Principe Cigars.

Hy. J. NOAD,
Hunt's Wharf.

Quebec, 2nd March, 1839.

INDIA RUBBER SHOES.

JUST RECEIVED, AND FOR SALE,
LADIES', Gentlemen's, and Children's
INDIA RUBBER SHOES, of the
quality.

FREDK. WYSE,

No. 3, Palace Street, opposite the Albion
Hotel, Upper Town, and the foot of Mountain
Street, near the Neptune Inn, Lower
Town.
Quebec, 25th Nov. 1838.

CUSTOM HOUSE BLANKS.

FORMS, comprising all the different
Forms used at the Custom-House,
ARE OFFERED AT
VERY REDUCED, or 2s. 3d. PER QUINCE.

APPLY AT THE
of The Transcript, 13, St. John Street.

MADEIRA WINE.

FEW CASES Howard, March & Co.'s
MADEIRA WINE—price £70 per pipe
of gallons—for sale by
JOHN GORDON & CO.,
St. Paul Street.

Quebec, May 1839.

TO PROPRIETORS AND LESSEES OF SAW MILLS.

THE Subscribers respectfully inform the gentlemen connected with Saw-Mills, that in the fall of the last year they received a very large assortment of

MILL SAWS,

4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 feet,
MANUFACTURED OF
THE BEST REFINED CAST STEEL.

Having been at considerable pains to obtain a good article, they are gratified in being able to state that success has followed their endeavours; to support which assertion, reference can be had to several establishments in Lower Canada, or to the fact, that of SOME HUNDREDS of their SAWS, that were in use during the last summer, NOT ONE HAS BEEN RETURNED, although the parties were at liberty to do so if they had proved bad.

Orders punctually executed, and forwarded to any part of British North America.

JOHN SHAW & CO.,

Saw Manufacturers and Importers of Hardware,
QUEBEC.

NOTE: J. S. & Co. would remark that all their saws are marked thus—'J. Shaw & Co. Quebec—warranted cast steel'; and if any of them should be found bad, on their being returned, others will be given in lieu thereof.
Quebec, 2nd March, 1839.

R. C. TODD,
HERALD PAINTER,
No. 16, St. Nicholas Street,

WINES.

GILLESPIE, JAMIESON & Co.
HAVE FOR SALE,
The following description of WINES, of a very superior quality—

CHAMPAGNE, sparkling, in cases of 3
Claret, Lafite, Sauterne, 1 doz. each.
Old Port, in pipes and hogheads,
Sherry, pale and brown, in butts, hhd. and
qr. casks,
Madeira, in pipes and hhd.
Mascleu, in hhd.
Quebec, 20th April, 1839.

THE SUBSCRIBERS OFFER FOR SALE—

300 KEGS London WHITE LEAD,
100 Kegs do. do. genuine No. 1,
15 Casks English LINSEED OIL, double
boiled,
5 do. Raw do.
100 Boxes superior English YELLOW SOAP
100 Casks fine Canada ROSE NAILS 3/4
3 lb.
10 doz. SHOVELS,
10 Cwt. best English GLUE,

WITH A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
HARDWARE.

JOHN SHAW & CO.
IMPORTERS, QUEBEC.

2nd March, 1839.

SPLendid

FRENCH SILKS, VEILS, &c.,
FOR BONNETS AND DRESSES.

ALSO,

The NEW SHAPES in TUSCAN BONNETS,
imported by the way of New-York.

And, just opened,
SEVEN CASES of LONDON MADE BEAVER
HATS, to be sold cheap for cash.

BROWN'S CHEAP CLOTHING STORE,

Corner of Rue du Fort and Duade Streets,
Upper Town.
Quebec, 17th April, 1839.

QUEBEC BANK.

EXCHANGE on London bought and sold.
NOAH FREER,
Cashier.

Quebec, 27th Feb., 1839.

Porter.

THE OATH OF THE CANADIAN VOLUNTEERS.

BY MRS. MOODIE.

Huzza for England!—may she claim,
Our fond devotion ever;
And by the glory of her name,
Our brave forefathers' honest fame,
We swear—no foe shall never,
Mer children from their parents' side;
Though parted by the war—
No west or east—what'er betide.

We swear to die or save,
Her honor from the robber hand,
Whose crimes pollute our injured land.

Let the foe come—we will not shrink,
To meet them if they dare;
Well must they fight, ere rashly think,
To rend apart one sacred link,

That binds our country fair,
To tie dear isle from whence we sprang,
Which gave our fathers' birth;

What glorious deeds our bards have sung,
The arrival of the earth—
The highest privilege we claim,
To see her way—to bear her name!

Then courage, loyal volunteers!
God will defend the right;
That thought will banish slavish fears,
That blessed consciousness still cheers,

The soldier in the fight—
The stars for us shall never burn,
The stripes—may frighten slaves,
The British's eye still proudly turns

Where Britain's standard waves;
Beneath its folds, if heaven requires,
We'll die as did old our sires!

Melsetter, Douro, U.C.

PARISIAN FORTUNE-TELLERS.

The following account of a Parisian Fortune-teller appeared a short time ago in various newspapers:—

"A Clerk in one of the French offices of police was some years ago appointed to superintend the legal proceedings instituted against a fortune-teller. The inquiry furnished him with some curious information concerning the general principles on which the art is founded; he discovered that upon the whole it was merely a calculation of probabilities, which, managed adroitly, might become susceptible of successful application; and he thought it would be an excellent thing to turn conjuror himself. He began by dividing the workable matter, namely, public credulity, into its two sexes, its four ages, into married and unmarried, masters and servants, clergy and lay, nobles and commoners, &c. He then set down the general accidents common to all classes, the special accidents more common in each, and, finally, the more rare and individual accidents. He thus acquired a mass of about four thousand of the accidents of human life, which are constantly occurring—it must be confessed, a tolerably good foundation to tell fortunes on.

Whilst he was thus studying the theory of the art, he devoted himself to the practice of a branch no less important; he observed phisgnomy, fixed names in his recollection, introduced himself to parties of every description, endeavoured to sift into the secrets of families, and assumed every possible disguise; finally, when he found himself sufficiently rich in materials, and powerful in means, he opened a cabinet of necromancy. His success was prodigious; his door was besieged by females, noblemen, tradesmen, ecclesiastics, and even high prelates eagerly thronged to consult him; and with the exception of some few mischances, our conjuror had no cause to regret the resignation of his lucrative post in the police."

Fortune-telling appears to have been long a lucrative profession in Paris. Mr. Walker, in his Original, gives the following anecdote and description of a person who was success-

ful in carrying on the trade in the French metropolis:—"A little more than sixty years since, a fortune-teller in Paris was aroused from his bed at the dead of night by a loud knocking at his door. On opening it, he perceived standing before him a man muffled up in an ample cloak, with a large hat slouched over his face. 'What do you want?' said the fortune-teller, somewhat alarmed. The stranger answered sternly, 'If you are what you profess to be, you can tell me that.' 'I can tell nothing without my cards,' replied the other. They both walked in, and the fortune-teller having shuffled his cards and laid them out, after a pause observed with a tone of deference, 'I perceive I am in the presence of an illustrious person.' 'You are right,' said the stranger; and now tell me what it is I wish to know. The fortune-teller, again consulting his cards, answered, 'You wish to know whether a certain lady will have a son or a daughter.' 'Right again,' said the stranger. 'After another pause, the fortune-teller pronounced that the lady would have a son. On which the stranger replied, 'If that prove true, you shall receive fifty pieces of gold—if false, a good cougelling.' A few weeks after, about the same hour and in the same manner, the stranger reappeared, and before he could speak, the fortune-teller exclaimed, 'You find I was right.' 'I do,' said the stranger; 'and I am come to keep my promise.' So saying, he produced a purse of fifty louis, and departed.

The stranger's mode of proceeding seems to have been designed to put the fortune-teller's skill to the severest test: The circumstance of his coming alone, and at such an hour, makes it probable he had not communicated his intention to any one; whilst his carefulness in concealing his person and face, and his extreme caution to afford no clue to the discovery of himself or his object by conversation, were admirably calculated to render imposition impossible. The history of the case in fact, I heard it about seventeen years since from a gentleman in Paris who learned it from Volney, the celebrated traveller in the East. Volney, had it from the fortune-teller himself, who applied to him for some Syriac expressions. On being asked for what purpose he wanted them, he confessed his trade; and Volney finding him a remarkably shrewd person, inquired of him the story of his life. He said that when he was young, he had a great turn for expense, very slender means, and an inveterate repugnance to any thing like drudgery. After long puzzling himself to discover some mode of life, by which he could unite certain profit with continual amusement, he determined to set up as a fortune-teller. He commenced by taking lodging in the obscure quarter of the Marais, and practicing in a small way in that neighbourhood, where the blunders of a beginner would not be of much consequence. At the same time he never failed to be in daily attendance about the court, and spared no pains to make himself familiar with the personal appearance and private history of every person of the least note there. After two years of practice amongst the great, he thought himself qualified to begin business on a grand scale, and having by bribery of a servant procured a proper customer, he tried his art in his sphere with great success. His fame, and of course his gains, increased rapidly, and it was when he was in his zenith, that the adventure above related happened. He explained it thus. Whilst shuffling his cards, he purposely let two or three fall, and in picking them up, he contrived so catch a sufficient glimpse of the stranger's countenance to discover that he was no less a person than the Duke of Orleans, and afterwards Philip Egalite, and the father of the present king of the French, who was actually the child in question. He took not the least notice of the discovery he had made, but pretended to ascertain the fact from the contemplation of his cards. Having overcome this difficulty, his practised acuteness made the rest easy to him. It was publicly known that the duchess was near her confinement, and he had heard the duke was anxious to have a son; he therefore confidently guessed the