

last half century, the name of "the Island of St. John." A curious entry with reference to this discovery occurs in the privy purse expenses of King Henry VII :

"10th August. 1497. To hym that found the new Isle, 10l."

—*Haszard's Gazette*, June 25th, 1844.



THE LAUNCH OF THE SECOND GULNARE.

On Saturday last, from the Steam-mill Wharf, a beautiful copper-fastened vessel, of 180 tons burthen, called the Gulnare, built by Messrs. Peake & Duncan, for W. Stevenson, Esq., of Quebec. She was christened by Lady Huntley in the usual manner, and slid off the launchway amid the shouts of the spectators in fine style. This splendid vessel is intended for the Surveying Service, and will be immediately placed under the command of Captain Bayfield, R. N. We regret to have to add that by some accident, one of the seamen belonging to the vessel had his left hand badly shattered to pieces in a dreadful manner, and was otherwise badly injured by the discharge of a brass gun, at the minute the vessel began to move off the launchways.

Reviews.

For the man who delights in reading "a magazine of literature, drama, music, art," that is in the fullest sense worthy of its title we recommend the *New York Criterion*. In its pages each month are to be found only what is best. Its different departments are carefully and cleverly looked after, its writers and contributors, are only those who charm. An idea of the value of this fine magazine can only be obtained by seeing and reading a number of it. From a corner of one of its pages we clip the following verses :—

IN COUNTRY LANES.

FLORENCE A. JONES.

Oh, country lanes, white-starred with bloom,
Where wild things nestle, shy and sweet,
Where all your waving grasses laugh
And part before my eager feet.

Could I forever dwell with you,
Letting the mad old world rush by,
And just be glad of wind and sun,
Of rocking nest and brooding sky !

How often, in the crowded streets,
— I dream of you sweet country lane,
And feel once more your soft breeze soothe
My sordid breast and weary brain.