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2 BRS Quinces, 1 do Cranberries,
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2 do Marrowfat Squash
1 do Pickled Cucumbers, superior;
1 cask Sugar-cured HAMS;
1 do Porter's Burning FLUID;
2 boxes Grapes, 1 bag Filberts;
1 do Pea Nuts; 1 do Chestnuts;
60 qt bottles Tomato Ketchup at 25 cents per bottle. For sale by
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WATER and Gas Fittings always on hand and Fitted up in the most thorough and substantial manner, and on the most reasonable terms.
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All of which is offered on the most favorable terms.
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RUBBER BELTING, RUBBER PACKING, RUBBER HOSE, } of all sizes;
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ALSO—Colebrook Factory CUT NAILS;
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Cheap picked Hair for Cushions, &c, &c.
These articles are equal, if not superior to any in the market. (nov 29 e d, w, vis ly.)

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THE firm of "HARRIS & ALLAN" having been dissolved by the death of the late Thomas Allan, Esq., the subscribers would inform their friends and the public generally, that they have entered into Co-partnership for the purpose of carrying on the
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are now prepared to furnish to order, at shortest notice, STEAM ENGINES, MILL MACHINERY, and SHIP'S CASTINGS, of every description.
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☞ Stoves and Stove Pipe fitted to order. ☜
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J. J. BURRIDGE, BAKER.
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☞ Private Families and Hotels waited upon daily. All orders left at the bakehouse will be promptly attended to.
Hot Rolls every morning at 8 o'clock.
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IMPORTANT NOTICE.
THE Subscriber in returning thanks to the inhabitants of Saint John and vicinity for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him during the last seven years, takes this opportunity of notifying the public that he has removed to the OLD POST OFFICE BUILDING, Princess-street, which he has fitted up with new and improved Machinery for the manufacture of Brass work in general, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate charges to receive a large share of patronage.
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ALSO—MANUFACTURER OF
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N. B.—An inspection of my Brass Castings and finished work is respectfully solicited, as they are superior to anything in this city. oct 22 d e ly

JOSEPH DITTO & CO.'S
PATENT MICA AND FIBROUS
CEMENT ROOFING.
THE Subscriber has been appointed Agent for the sale of the above ROOFING in this City and Province. This Cement Roofing has been thoroughly tested in New York City, and various parts of the United States, the Canadas and the Island of Cuba, by Architects, Builders, and others, and is pronounced a most valuable improvement on any Cement yet invented. It is a perfectly reliable Fire and Water Proof Article, and has demonstrated the fact that a Composition Roofing can be made, which will successfully resist the action of the Weather and Elements. It is adapted to every climate, and for its beauty, firmness, durability, fire and water-proof qualities and CHEAPNESS is UNEQUALLED. It is adapted to every sort of Roof, and is not in want of constant repairs, as is the case with tin, metal or other roofs.
It is adapted for Railroad Cars, Bridges, Depots, Station Houses, Steamboat Decks, Factories, Foundries, Saw Mills, &c., &c. The subscriber has used it on his own house, King-street, and can speak personally of its qualities; and he is also prepared to shew certificates from numerous parties in the States and elsewhere who have used
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MOLASSES 40 puns bright Cienfuegos Just received by nov 16 LEARTON BROS.

Miscellaneous.

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OF the Latest and most Improved patterns, equal, if not superior, to any in the Market. Thousands can testify to the good quality of the Stoves, manufactured by the Subscribers for the last 12 years.
He is prepared to manufacture Stoves and all other general Work in the Foundry Line. Cheap for Cash. Samples will be kept at No. 47, Germain Street, next door to Steward's Sales Room.
Country Produce taken in exchange for Stoves, Castings, &c.
Thankful for the Patronage that has been so liberally bestowed him, and hopes for a continuance of the same. (nov 28 e pres) GEO. CRAIG.

Encourage Domestic Manufactures.
EXHIBITION PIANOS!
THE subscriber would respectfully intimate to those who wish to encourage NATIVE MECHANICS, that he has now on hand several PIANOS of his own Manufacture, made expressly for the Provincial Exhibition. One of which is of Native Wood, of this Province. They are all of superior Tone, and Workmanship, and new design. Are all 6½ Octaves, and are warranted for three years.
Pianos, Repaired, Regulated, Tuned, and Polished.
JOHN R. COLEMAN,
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N. B.—For Sale—One New Baggatelle Table, at a bargain.

MARBLE WORKS.
THE Subscriber has on hand, and for sale at his Establishment,—Gothic Building, South side King Square, St. John N. B. The largest and most extensive and well selected stock of
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Comprising:—American, Italian Egyptian and Statuary MARBLES ever imported into this Province.
Manufactured work on hand:—Italian Marble Mantles, Circle and Square Fronts; Statuary do. do., do.; Egyptian do. do., do.; Egyptian Penyn do. do., do.; Black and Gold do. do. do.; Brockatella do. do. do.; Green and Black do. do. do.; Spanish do. do. do. Also:—A large variety of Italian and American MARBLE MONUMENTS, together with a great variety of the latest and most modern style, or children.
Also:—A large quantity of Italian and American MARBLE HEADSTONES of different variety of patterns, and most approved style of finish. Tablets or Cenotaphs for Churches or other Public Institutions. Likewise on hand and manufactured to order,—Centre and Pier Table Tops; Wash-stand and Dressing do.; Bureau Side do. do.; Toilet and Work do. do.; Counter Tops, Soda Founts and Pastry Slabs. The above is in connection with my Granite and Freestone Yard, together with which all orders for building stone, &c., will be promptly executed.
Hearth and Stove Pipe Stones, together with Soapstone for lining Stoves always on hand. All orders promptly executed. I invite the attention of all persons wishing to purchase any article in my line of business to give me a call before purchasing elsewhere, as I trust it will prove to their advantage as well as my own.
S. P. OSGOOD,
mar 28 Sole Proprietor.

Sewing Machines
AT PRICES WHICH
BRING THEM WITHIN THE
REACH OF ALL!!
ANOTHER invoice of J. G. FOLSOM'S Celebrated New England Family SEWING MACHINES, just received and for sale by
MAGEE BROTHERS,
Sole Agents for St. John.
Call and see them!! nov 2

FALL GOODS. FALL GOODS.
G. M. C. HOWARD,
NO. 17 KING STREET,
HAS just received per American Steamers:—A large assortment of American Goods, consisting of Satinet, in Black, Blue Brown, Light, and Dark Grey, &c.
Doeskins in Plain and Plaided, in a great variety of colors.
Gray and White Merino Under Shirts, and Drawers; Lumbermens and Sailors heavy Woollen Jackets and Shirts in Blue, Red and Grey.
The above goods will be sold at a very small profit for Cash. (d e) oct 22

NOTICE.
To all Persons wishing to become Landed Proprietors in New Brunswick.
THE NEW BRUNSWICK AND NOVA SCOTIA LAND COMPANY own many thousand acres of well wooded and watered First Quality Settlement Lands, in a tract commencing within four miles of Fredericton, the Seat of Government of New Brunswick; it is intersected by numerous Rivers and Brooks, affording no end of water power; thriving villages and rapidly increasing settlements, connecting by good roads with Fredericton, are within its bounds; Churches, Schools, and Mills are located in different parts of the tract, and the Company, desirous of still further extending their settlements, will sell choice Lots to intending settlers, at the rate of One Dollar and Five Cents per acre, (the five cents for surveying,) subject to reasonable conditions of improvements, and payable by instalments of eight twenty cents per acre, exclusive of survey; the first instalment down, and the residue in two, three, four, and five years.
Several Houses and Town Lots in Stanley, and improved Farms, will be sold at reasonable rates.
References,—WILLIAM J. BERTON, Esq., Company's Agent, Saint John.
JOHN A. BECKWITH,
Commissioner.
Company's Office, No. 8, Brunswick Street, Fredericton. April 24th, 1861. may 6

SPIKES.—5 tons 5, 6, 7, and 8 in. Deck Landing ex E. A. Soullard from Liverpool.
For sale by (oct 28) KINNEAR BROS.

Poetry.

THE STAR SIRIUS.

Mr. Safford has also investigated the proper motion of Sirius in declination, and has obtained an interesting confirmation of Bessel's hypothesis, that this star revolves around an invisible companion in its near vicinity.—*Pres. Felton's Annual Report.*

Pretty doings are these for a well-behaved star!
A very decided and marked "declination;"
Who would have thought in those regions of light
To meet with a case of suppressed conjugation?

To keep a young asteroid, blooming and sweet,
Hid away from our sight in some harem celestial,
Is conduct decidedly churlish and wrong,
Even when tried by a standard terrestrial.

On earth it is true that a long hidden wife
Turns up now and then, to her husbands confusion,
But taste and good morals agree to proclaim
Invisible wives an unlit institution.

The rich ruddy gleam which we see in your face,
Is nought more or less than a flag of confession,
A secular blush that for ages has glowed
On your cheek, at the thought of your secret transgression.

Now, Sirius, think what a Bluebeard you are,
When all the young stars the blue vault are gemming,
To keep that sweet creature imprisoned at home,
Darning a sock, or a handkerchief hemming.

Do not flatter yourself that misconduct like this
Any longer can hope to escape prompt detection,
For Safford and Tuttle are spying about
With glasses that note every starry deflection.

She is young, for a star, and pretty of course,
A star in her teens—soft, blushing and tender.
Lead her forth to our gaze: let the dark see her light,
Enrich the blue vault with her tremulous splendor.

No longer presume as a bachelor orb
Gentle wishes to wake by a stellar flirtation;
Bring out from her cell that invisible girl,
And set her in front of the bright congregation.

Miscellaneous.

The Dark Side of Popular Education.

(Saturday Review.)

"There are few things harder than to convince the world that when we point out the faults, or defects, or weak side of anything, of person, or institution, or system, we do not mean to condemn altogether what we attack. Theoretically, people are very willing to allow that in this world everything, however good, has its drawbacks and shortcomings; but practically, it is always taken as a slur on what is good, and an insult to those who occupy themselves in any good work, to say that the good brings evil with it, and that the work that is done is in some degree mischievous. To say, for instance, that education has the dark side, may be easily misconstructed into a depreciation of education. We think that education—that is, the diffusion through large masses of men of the kind of education which large masses can receive in the present state of the world—has its dark side as well as its bright one. At the same time it would be absurd to call in question the great preponderance of good that education brings with it. We may be quite sure that education will not cease in Europe now that it has once fairly begun; and we may see equally that Europe will gain greatly by the process. We are now, perhaps, paying the penalty of those extravagant promises of rapid improvement which the friends of education held out when popular education was in its infancy. We have learnt that the hard-worked mechanic or ploughman who devotes himself, after a frugal tea, to the study of pure science or high art, is an animal at least as rare as a black swan. There are such creatures, but the run of swans are decidely white, and the run of poor men do not care for much more than a peep at the old newspaper on which they impress the circular mark of their mug of beer. Some degree of ridicule has, therefore been thrown over public education; but, after all idle dreams of a rapid change for the better in any section of mankind are over and gone, there remains such an amount of solid benefit to the poor, and to all those who a few years ago were uneducated, that no one need repent for having done his utmost to diffuse instruction. Nor are we inclined to attach very much weight to the complaint so frequently made, that one result of education has been to unsettle the poor, to make servants fine, and to teach village shopboys and milliners' apprentices to pretend to each other that they are gentlemen and ladies. This is a feature—and certainly it is an unpleasant feature—of an age of transition—of a time when society is entering on a new phase, and the relations that bind men together are daily becoming less, those of personal dependance, and more those of contract and voluntary agreement. Education contributes to produce this change, but it only does so in conjunction with the increase of wealth, the greater facility of locomotion, the direct or indirect dominion of the leading European countries over the world, and a great variety of other causes. The real evils of popular education are of a much more remote and subtle kind than this altered attitude of the poor.

The most obvious of the ill effects which attend the popularisation of knowledge, is the tendency which this accommodation of instruction to unformed minds has to substitute the machinery of education for education itself. In order to produce the result of imparting what is to be known to persons little qualified to receive it, an elaborate apparatus is devised by which time and labour and thought are spared. Everything is popular. There are popular lectures, and popular explanations, and popular pictures, and popular dictionaries, grammars, and histories. A little learning is conveyed in the most simple and most pleasant form possible. It is scarcely, however, true to say that the great bane of this is to puff the learners up, and make them conceited and vain. In the first place, every good thing makes some people vain, and knowledge must take its chance with other good things. Considering that a large number of persons are vain of being religious, we need not trouble ourselves much at finding that vanity can feed on the acquirement of all other forms of success. And, in the next place, the world in general is not vain of knowledge. It cares too little about it, and comes too easily by all of it that it possesses. There are very few shopboys who would not be much more vain of a fine curly head of hair, than of knowing trigonometry. The effect of placing a little when they might get more. It is this premature satisfaction and contentment of the mind which is the real danger. So long as education was open to only a few of the lower classes, and it required great natural gifts and unwearied industry as well as singular good fortune for a boy born in the humbler ranks to get instruction, there was at least this advantage to balance the difficulties—that his ideal of education was not spoiled. He considered knowledge a thing very hard to attain to, and only to be won by sheer force of labour and unbroken courage. Now a poor boy gets a learning so easily, and he has such an abundance of amusing lectures, and diagrams of the steam-engine, and panoramas of the Acropolis offered him, that he feels wafted to the heights of knowledge without having the bore of climbing.

An American Opinion.

An eminent Boston lawyer, George Ticknor Curtis, son-in-law of Judge Story, and brother of Judge Curtis, of the U. S. Supreme Court, has published a letter on the case of the "Trent," which fully bears out the English view of the case. The concluding part of the letter, as to the relations between England and America is interesting, and we therefore reproduce it:

"There are, however, many persons among us, who are disposed to blame our own Government for not having restored, or offered to restore these prisoners, before they heard from England. But let us be just to our own rulers likewise. Let us remember that from the instant of the capture, through the space of five weeks, the Administration were bound fast by a state of public feeling that would not have permitted the smallest concession, while it lasted. Nine men out of every ten pronounced it a perfectly clear case on the law, and whether clear or not on the law, it was to be maintained at every hazard. The very few who thought otherwise could scarcely get a hearing, and even that was conceded with doubt of their patriotism. Men of high consideration led the overwhelming majority, and the majority were resolved. All at once, this mighty edifice of public opinion collapsed into the dust; and then it was seen that our Government had to deal with a very delicate case, involving the national honor and the national safety, without any means at all of saving either, but by a frank and manly admission that a well-meaning officer had made a mistake, and that consequently we could not make a case.

"Mr. Mason may never go up the steps of the Foreign Office in London, and Mr. Slidell may never darken the doors of M. Thournel. At all events, let us hope so. But whatever comes of their mission, let us remember one thing, namely, that our own cause cannot be advanced and must be injured by imputing bad motives to foreign powers without reasonable proof; and especially that proclamation on the floor of Congress, of our purpose to fight with England hereafter, is a very good invitation to her to fight with us now. Peace with all foreign powers is of unspeakable importance to this generation of the American people, and will long continue to be so to our children. Whether our Union is to be restored, or to be finally or irrevocably severed, we have a work to do which far transcends the general conception of its magnitude and relations. We are to decide the question whether our republican institutions and their accompanying systems of civil liberty shall live or die. They are surrounded with perils on every hand. Throughout the loyal States there are those who insist upon overthrowing the Constitution, in order to reach the domestic institutions of the revolted States. In the revolted States there are those who reject the Union, as no longer a thing possible to exist, either under the present or any other common government.

"If we give way to the former, there is no guaranty of any description, no principle in the whole federation, that will not be swept by the board, to give place to the dominant and unchecked power of a democratic majority of a consolidated people. If the revolt of the South is maintained, and the Union is dissevered, the principle of a Federal republic will have to encounter demands upon its energy and vitality, such as it has never known here or anywhere. If the armies of the Union are to triumph, long years of consummate legislation, of administration almost superhuman in wisdom, will be needed to heal the wounds which we are now inflicting upon each other. Peace, therefore, of all things,—peace with the world at large,—is our only safety; and if we could secure that safety, we must not only postpone our grudges, but we must indefinitely postpone our benefit in their existence."

Jan. 13, 1862. G. T. C.

THE GOLD FIELDS OF NOVA SCOTIA.—A pamphlet has just appeared which is likely to excite some interest among persons engaged in mining pursuits with capital. It has been written by Dr. Gesner of New York, who, it appears, was commissioned by gentlemen of science and influence to explore the gold regions of Nova Scotia. After a brief geological description of the country, the sites where gold has been discovered and is now obtained, the writer describes certain peculiarities of the rocks in which the gold is situated, and its combinations with other metals. The gold has

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