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USEFUL INFORMATION.

JULY.

S.	M.	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31

Moon's Phases.

Calculated for Mean Time at St. John's, Newfoundland.

First Quarter... 3rd, 2h. 49m., a. m.
Full Moon.....10th, 6h. 31m., p. m.
Last Quarter...17th, Noon.
New Moon.....24th, 5h. 41m., p. m.

Mail Steamers to Depart from St. John's.

For Liverpool.....	Thursday, June 19
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 25
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, July 3
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 9
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 17
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 23
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 31
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, Aug. 6
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 14
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 20
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 28
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, Sept 3
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 11
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 17
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 25
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, Oct. 1
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 9
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 15
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 23
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 29

Wholesale Prices Current, St. John's.

BREAD—Hambro' No 1, 32s. 6d.; No. 2, 28s. 6d.; No. 3, 24s. 6d. Local No. 1, 26s.; No. 2, 23s. 6d.; F. C., 22s. 6d.
FLOUR—Canada Fancy 42s. 6d.; Canada Superfine, 38s.; New York Extra, 38s. to 39s.; New York Superfine, 35s. New York No. 2, 30s. to 32s.
CORN MEAL—White and Yellow, per bbl. 18s. to 20s.
OATMEAL—Canada, per bbl. 30s.; P. E. Is. land, 27s. 6d.
RICE—East India, per cwt. 20s.
PEAS—Round, per bbl. 20s. to 21s.
BUTTER—Canada, good ls. to 1s. 2d. Nova Scotia, good 11d. to 1s. 1d.; American 8d. to 10d.; Hambro' 8d.
CHEESE—9d. to 10d.
HAM—9d. to 10d.
PORK—American mess 95s. to 100s.; prime mess 90s.; extra prime 77s. 6d.
BEEF—Prime, per bbl. 35s.
RUM—per imp. gallon 7s. 10d.
MOLASSES—Muscovado 2s. a 2s. 1d.; Clay-ed 1s. 9d.
SUGAR—Muscovado, 45s. to 47s. 6d.; American Crushed 72s. 6d.
COFFEE—1s. 1d. to 1s. 3d.
TEA—Congou and Souchong, ordinary broken leaf, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d.; fair to good, 2s. to 2s. 6d.
LARD—American and Canadian 7d. to 8d.
LEATHER—American and Canadian 1s. 5d.
TOBACCO—Canadian, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 8d.; American 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.; Nova Scotian, 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.
CORDAGE—per cwt. 65s.
SALT—per hhd. Foreign, Liverpool, 7s. 6d.
KEROSENE OIL—New York manufacture 1s. 9d.; Boston 1s. 9d.
COAL—per ton, North Sydney 30s.

172 WATER STREET, 172

JAMES FALLON,
TIN, COPPER & SHEET
IRON WORKER,

BEGS respectfully to inform the inhabitants of Harbor Grace and outports that he has commenced business in the Shop No. 172 Water Street, Harbor Grace, opposite the premises of Messrs. John Munn & Co., and is prepared to fill all orders in the above lines, with neatness and despatch, hoping by strict attention to business to merit a share of public patronage.

JOBGING
Done at the Cheapest possible Terms.
Dec 13.

NOTICES.

JAMES HOWARD COLLIS

Dealer and Importer of

ENGLISH & AMERICAN

HARDWARE,

Picture Moulding, Glass

Looking Glass, Pictures

Glassware, &c., &c.

TROUTING GEAR,

In great variety and best quality, WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

221 WATER STREET,

St. John's,

Newfoundland.

One door East of P. HUTCHINS, Esq.

N.B.—FRAMES, any size material, made to order.

St. John's, May 10.

FOR SALE.

RESERVEES & GROCERIES!

Just Received and For Sale by the Subscriber—

Fresh Cove OYSTERS

Spiced do.

APPLE

PEACHES

Strawberries—preserved in Syrup

Brambleberries do.

—ALWAYS ON HAND—

A Choice Selection of GROCERIES.

T. M. CAIRNS.

Opposite the Premises of Messrs. C. W. Ross & Co.

Sept. 17.

HARBOR GRACE

BOOK & STATIONERY DEPOT

E. W. LYON, Proprietor.

Importer of British and American

NEWSPAPERS

—AND—

PERIODICALS.

Constantly on hand, a varied selection of

School and Account Books

Prayer and Hymn Books for different denominations

Music, Charts, Log Books, Playing Cards

French Writing Paper, Violins

Concertinas, French Musical Boxes

Albums, Initial Note Paper & Envelopes

Tissue and Drawing Paper

A large selection of Dime & Half Dime

MUSIC, &c., &c.

Lately appointed Agent for the OTTAWA

PRINTING & LITHOGRAPH COMPANY

Also, Agent for J. LINDBERG, Manufacturing Jeweler.

large selection of

CLOCKS, WATCHES

MEERSCHAUM PIPES,

PLATED WARE, and

JEWELRY of every description & style

May 14.

GEORGE BOWDEN,

Repairer of Umbrellas and

Parasols,

No. 1, LION SQUARE,

ST. JOHN'S, N. F.

THE SUBSCRIBER, in tendering

thanks to his friends for the liberal

patronage hitherto extended to him, begs

to state that he may still be found at

his residence, No. 1, Lion Square,

where he is prepared to execute all

work in the above line at the shortest

notice, and at moderate rates.

All work positively finished by the

time promised.

Outport orders punctually attended to.

St. John's, Jan. 4.

POETRY.

Take Courage.

The lopped tree in time may grow again,
Most naked plants renew both fruit
and flower;
The sorriest wight may find release from
pain;
The driest soil sucks in some moisten-
ing shower;
Time goes by turns; and chances change
by course,
From foul to fair, from berter hap to
worse.

The sea of fortune doth not ever flow;
She draws her favors to the lowest ebb;
Her tides have equal times to come and
go;
Her loom doth weave the fine and
coarsest web;
No joy so great but runneth to an end,
No hap so hard but may in time amend.

Not always full of leaf, nor ever spring;
Not endless night, nor yet eternal day;
The saddest birds a season find to sing;
The roughest storm a calm may soon
allay.

Thus with succeeding terms, God tempereth
all
That man may hope to rise, yet feall to fall.

A chance may win what by mischance was
lost;
That net that holds no great takes little
fish;

In some things all, in all things none are
crossed;
Few things all need, and none have
all they wish;
Unmingled joys here to no man befall
Who least have some; who most, hath
never all.

Good-Bye.

We spent glad hours together,
When cloudless seemed life's sky,
In that cottage 'mong the heather,
None blithe as you and I;
But I've met with wintry weather,
So let me say—good-bye!

I thought we'd ne'er be parted,
Till one of us should die;
Yet now, love, lonely-hearted,
I sit alone and sigh,
Hand-in-hand through life we started;
But now—good-bye! good-bye!

There—kiss me, darling—weep not—
I'm hardly worth that sigh;
Remembrance of me, keep not,
If thought is misery.
(Ah! memory will sleep not)
There—daiing—there—good-bye!

This locket—let me wear it—
'Twill cost me many a sigh,
But so I'll better bear it;
And when life's chance I try,
Thank God, thou wilt not share it;
And now—good-bye! good-bye!

EXTRACTS.

Discoveries by the "Challenger."

The *Western Morning News* correspondent on board the *Challenger* sends word that in a direct line between New York and Bermuda, the *Challenger* in sounding, discovered an extensive shoal in the ocean only thirty fathoms from the surface. They remained by it two days, and took careful surveys, with a view to include it in future charts. The *Challenger* also, acting on instructions from the Admiralty, searched for and found a bank, covered by comparatively shallow water, on which hereafter a submarine cable may be laid between New York and Bermuda. The depth on the bank discovered varies from 2000 to 3000 fathoms.

Irish Outrage.

Two county magistrates in Clare, whilst proceeding to the sessions, were fired at on Wednesday by an assassin from behind a roadside hedge, and the shot inflicted a very severe wound on one of them. The injured gentleman saw the man who fired, but as the latter would have been in all probability brought from a distant country to do the job, the chance of his arrest is remote.

A PARISIAN restaurateur has just found in the maw of a salmon a diamond ring of great value. This reminds me of the fortunate rope maker in the 'Arabian Nights'.

New Iron-clads.

Christians in the employ of the Turkish Government will henceforth (the *Turquie* says) be compelled to work on Sundays.

Russia is building iron-clads at Nikolaieff, on the Black Sea, her fleet at present consisting of a few light-armed corvettes, despatch boats and revenue cutters. Her iron-clads are monitors, called the *Novgorod* and *Kief*, the former of which is launched. On these vessels rest the hopes of an efficient Black Sea fleet, but how far they will be successful cannot be estimated owing to their being constructed on an entirely new principle as yet untried. They are designed by Admiral Popoff, and differ from the usual models in having no revolving turrets, but revolving themselves bodily in about their own length. They average twelve hundred tons burthen, and are built with six parallel keels and a system of six sister screws which can be worked separately, if the monitor has to be turned on its own axis; in fighting trim, they have a draught of twelve feet and are expected to make from seven to eight knots an hour with a full head of steam. Each vessel is armed with two heavy Krupp guns protected with wood-backed twelve-inch iron plating. Against an iron-clad frigate these unwieldy tubs would prove of little service and are chiefly relied upon for efficient coast service.

Fatal Accident to a Grandson of the Queen.

We record with much regret that an accident of a fatal nature has befallen one of the grandchildren of her Majesty the Queen, Prince Frederick William, the second son of his Royal Highness the Prince Louis of Hesse and her Royal Highness Louis of Hesse, lost his life on Thursday week by falling from one of the windows of the Royal Castle at Darmstadt. No details of the circumstance of the accident have been received, but as far as can be ascertained it would appear that the child, who was nearly three years of age, and of a rather delicate nature, had, accompanied by his nurse, ascended to the nursery after his breakfast. In that apartment, situated on the top floor of the castle, the young Prince, unobserved by his guardians, managed to climb on to a chair at the window, from which, by some means at present unaccounted for, he fell a depth of forty feet. The shocking occurrence was of course immediately discovered, and every assistance, medical and otherwise, was quickly rendered, but unfortunately without effect, as the child died within two hours after the fall. It is hardly necessary to state that so terrible an occurrence caused the utmost consternation in the Royal household, while it is impossible to say how seriously the shock may affect her Royal Highness (Princess Alice), considering her present delicate condition of health.

The news of the sad circumstance was at once communicated by telegraph to her Majesty at Balmoral and also to their Royal Highness the Prince and Princess of Wales at Marlborough House. The *London Gazette* published in consequence of the accident a supplement ordering the Court to go into mourning on the 1st until the 4th of June inclusive. The Darmstadt correspondent of the *Times*, writing on the 1st inst., says:—"On Thursday morning last, at a quarter to eight, the nurses brought, as usual, the Royal children into Princess Alice's bedroom. On this occasion there were but three—viz, Prince Ernest, Prince Frederick William and the baby, Princess Victoria. Out of the bedroom opens a bath room, into which, shortly after his arrival, Prince Ernest ran. The Princess, knowing the window to be open, as was also the one in her bedroom, hastily got up and followed the child, leaving Prince Frederick William by himself and the baby on the bed. During her short absence Prince Frederick William let a toy with which he was playing fall out of the window, and while trying to recover it, he fell a height of 20 feet (not 40, as first stated) to the ground. The Princess, hearing a noise, rushed back, but only in time to see the unhappy child in the air. Her shrieks soon brought assistance, but all efforts were useless and

the poor little fellow died about 11 o'clock.

The funeral of the young son of the Princess Alice took place at Darmstadt on the 1st ult., and great sympathy was manifested by all classes of the people. Information has been received by Her Majesty the Queen that the Princess Alice and Prince Louis her husband display great resignation and fortitude under the heavy affliction which has befallen them.

Sea Fisheries of the Atlantic Coast.

The proposed investigation to be instituted during the present season by Professor Spenser F. Baird, United States Commissioner of fisheries, along the Atlantic coast, will be commenced during the present month, on the coast of Maine, near Mount Desert Island. The interest now felt by the public in the proposed measures for increasing the supply of food fishes, and for supplying them in waters where certain varieties have been exterminated, extends to the operations conducted under the direction of Professor Baird, and many applications are received here for copies of the Professor's forthcoming report on the "Condition of the Sea Fisheries," in 1871 and 1872. Advance sheets of this volume, which will be ready for issue about August first, contain many matters of general interest, and the subjects are so arranged and treated that the report is generally interesting. These advance sheets state the following, as showing the character and progress of the investigation. The plan adopted for the enquiry was determined upon after careful deliberation. The great contrariety of opinion developed in the State investigations, as to what should have been the best known facts in the life-history of the fishes and their associates in the sea, made it necessary to study the natural history of these species as thoroughly as possible, so as to have a more complete knowledge of the facts and better means of arriving at satisfactory conclusions.

All works already published regarding American fishes proved to contain but little of value as to the objects in view, and the evidence of fishermen and others, whose statements should have been reliable, were found to be so utterly contradictory and useless that a plan of enquiry was therefore drawn up, with the assistance of Professor Gill, which embraced the points necessary in the history of the fishes of which information of a positive character was desirable; with this a series of questions were devised, which if answered satisfactorily and completely, would leave but little room for further inquiry. These questions were printed for the purpose of giving them a wider circulation, and the results show them to have been productive of much good. They included queries in reference to the local names of each kind of fish, its geographical distribution, its abundance at various periods of the year and in different seasons, its size, migrations, and movements, its relationship to its fellows or to other species, its food, and its peculiarities of reproduction; also, questions relative to artificial culture, to protection, diseases, parasites, mode of capture, and economical value and application—eighty eight questions in all, and covering the entire ground. A history of fishes themselves would not be complete without a thorough knowledge of their associates in the sea, especially such as prey upon them, or in turn serve them as food, it was considered necessary to prosecute searching enquiries on these points, especially as one supposed cause of the diminution of the supply of fishes was the alleged decrease or displacement of the objects upon which they subsist. It was thought further, that likely peculiarities in the temperature of the water at different depths, its chemical constituents, the proportion of carbonic acid gas and of ordinary air, currents, &c., might have an important part in the general influences upon the subjects; the enquiries therefore resulted in an investigation of the chemical and physical character of the water, and the natural history of its inhabitants, whether animal or vegetable and it was considered expedient to omit nothing, however trivial or obscure.—*Boston Daily Globe*, June 13.