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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company is prepared to receive applications for Insurance against FIRE upon Buildings and other Property, at the Office of the subscriber. I. WOODWARD.
St. John, Nov. 11, 1846. *Secretary.*

UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Of Boston.

No connection with Fire, Marine, or Health Insurance.

PERSONS Insured in this Company on the *Mutual* plan,—"the only plan" says Chambers's Edinburgh Journal, "which the *Public at large* are concerned to support,"—will have returned to them *all the Profits*, instead of a *portion only*, as in the *Stock* or mixed Companies.

The *advantages* offered by this Company are, *Annual Dividends* of 80 per cent. paid during the life of the party, in the order of rotation from the excess of a capital of profits of $200,000.

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This Office insures from the *nearest* birthday, instead of the *next*, as in other offices. The Charter makes it "*an lawful to loan any sum of money to any Director or Officer of said Company upon any security whatever*." In no case is the person insured liable beyond the amount of premium.

The Board of Finance (who are among the most reliable financiers of the country,) viz: Franklin Haven, President Merchant's Bank, Boston; Thomas Thacher, Merchant, Boston; and Ruel Williams, President Kennebec Rail Road, *superintent all investments* of the Company; 12 Directors, Hon. David Henshaw, and others.

—LOCAL REFEREES—

Boston.—Hon. Abbot Lawrence, Hon. David Henshaw, Hon. Robert G. Shaw, Hon. William Sturgis, and Hon. Charles Sumner.

Saint John.—Benjamin Smith, Levi H. Waterhouse, Thomas G. Hatheway, Nathan S. DeMill, and Samuel L. Tilley, Esquires.

☞ See Pamphlets and statements of Company's affairs at the subscriber's office, who will receive applications and give further information.

W. H. HATHEWAY, *Barrister at Law*, St. John, AGENT FOR NEW-BRUNSWICK.
9th December, 1851.

LIVERPOOL & LONDON Fire & Life Insurance Company,

(Established in 1836.)

Capital £2,000,000—in Shares of Twenty Pounds.

THE Stockholders of this Company are responsible to the full extent of their property for the liabilities of the Company.

The undersigned hereby notifies the Public of New Brunswick, that the above named Company have empowered him, by a full and ample Power of Attorney, to open an Office in the City of Saint John, for the Insurance of PROPERTY against loss or damage by FIRE, in any part of the Province, and to sign and issue Policies in the name of the Company; and that in virtue of the power vested in him by the said Power of Attorney, he has appointed Mr. ADAM JACK to act as Agent for the said Company, in the receiving of proposals for Insurance, and the inspection of premises proposed for Insurance, and all other the usual duties of an Agent; and to collect and receive the amount of premium on any policy issued by the undersigned in the name of the said Company, or for the renewal of the same.

The Deed of settlement, and the supplemental Deed of settlement, lies with Mr. JACK, at the Office of the *New-Brunswick Marine Assurance Company*, also the pamphlets issued by the Office at Liverpool, affording ample details of the mode of transacting business by the Company.

The rates of premium will be as low as any other respectable Company, and the undersigned trusts a fair portion of public patronage will be accorded to the Company.

Losses not exceeding £500, will be settled without referring to the head Office at Liverpool.

EDWARD ALLISON.
Dated at St. John, N. B 4th August, 1851.

DOMESTIC. Vulcan Foundry Manufactures.

THE attention of the Public is respectfully requested to the inspection of a large and extensive assortment of

COOKING STOVES,
FRANKLINS, REGISTER GRATES,
WOOD STOVES, AND PLOUGHS,

of the newest and most approved Patterns, to be seen at the Brick Warehouse in *Prince William Street*, late in the occupation of Messrs. Ranney, Sturdee & Co.

☞ Orders for CASTINGS, and all other Work, left as above, will have immediate attention. JOHN V. THURGAR.
St. John N. B., 27th Sept., 1851.

HARDWARE. W. Tisdale & Son

Are receiving ex 'Speed,' 'John S DeWolf,' 'Highland Mary,' and 'Sterling'—

CASKS Horse and Ox Shoe NAILS;
Do. Horse TRACES and Ox CHAINES
Do. Vicker's Mill, Cut, and other FILES,
50 Boxes best Charcoal TIN PLATES, IC. DC.;
Hoole, Staniforth & Co's 5, 5½, 6, 6, and 7 feet MILL SAWS,
Do. do. 4½, 5, 5½, and 6 feet CUT SAWS;
One Ton Iron WIRE, all sizes,
One Crate COAL SCOOPS;
135 Boxes English GLASS, from 9x7 to 20x14,
65 Bags NAILS, assorted sizes,
10 Casks Boiled and Raw PAINT OIL,
2 Tons Brandram's No. 1 White LEAD,
100 Kegs GUNPOWDER, C, E, FF, and Canister,
75 Cistern and Well PUMPS;
2 Tons LEAD PIPE, ½ inch to 1½ inch,
6 Sheets LEAD,
2 Cases Newspaper Holders, Letter Clips, &c.—these are quite new styles, and much approved all which will be sold at low rates.

N.N.—Remainder of Stock expected in the '*Algerne*' and '*Themis*.'

JAMES BURREL.

Corner of King and Germain Streets,

Has received per *Highland Mary* from London, *Olive* and *Themis* from Liverpool, and *Henry Holland* from Glasgow, an excellent assortment of DRY GOODS, suitable for the season.

Dress Materials,

In Coburgs, Orleans, DeLaines and Cashmeres; Gala Plaid CLOAKINGS,
4-4, 5-4 PRINTED COTTONS, newest styles;
Grey and White COTTONS;
9-4 Sheetings, Bed Tick, Twilled Stripes;
Red and White FLANNELS;
BLANKETS;
Cotton Warps, Cotton Batting, Wadding.

LONG AND SQUARE SHAWLS.

Black and Col'd Velvets;
Ladies' and Children's Woollen Hoods & Polkas
Pelerines and Comforters;
HOSIERY and GLOVES, in great variety;
Sewed Muslin, Trimming and Insertions;
Thread and Cotton Laces, Edgings & Insertions
Infant's Frock Bodices and Caps;
Ladies' Berlin Wool Sleeves;
ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS;
Sewed Muslin, Habit Shirts, Chemizetts and Collars.
FRENCH AND ENGLISH RIBBONS.
Purses,
Whalebone,
Brushes, Braces,
Umbrellas, Stocks,
Hair Nets, Plaits, Gimps,
Unions, Lawns, Diapers,
Gentlemen's Linen Shirt Fronts, and Collars, Silk Pocket H'dkfs.
Neck Ties, Black and Col'd
Veils, Stays, Combs,
Pound Cottons;
APRONS,
Reels,
MILLINERY, &c. &c.

The subscriber invites the attention of purchasers to his present well-selected stock of FANCY and USEFUL GOODS, which will be sold at the lowest prices. Oct. 28.

Great Reduction in Prices.

SMELLIE & ABERCROMBY.

Prince William street,

IN order to make room for their Fall Importations, (now daily expected) have reduced the price of their present Stock, and would call the particular attention of Purchasers to the prices of their GENT'S. CLOTHS—in Tweeds, Cassimeres Cachmerettes, Gambroon, Russell Cords, &c.

Ladies DRESS Materials,

In Silk and Wool Barege, Sylphine Silks, Silk Checks, spun Silks, (plain and plaided); Crape de Soi, Coburgs, Orleans, Chameleon Cloths, &c. &c.

LONG & SQUARE SHAWLS,

In French Broche, Paisley Filled, Black Satin Plain, Watered and Ottoman, Black and Drab Indians, Printed Cachmere, Barege, &c. &c.

Together with a large assortment of Printed COTTONS, Mourning ditto ditto, and other Staple and Fancy articles.

S. K. FOSTER'S Ladies Fashionable Shoe Store,

Germain Street, Foster's Corner.

New Cloth Boots, &c. &c.

Just received per Ships "Highland Mary," from London, and "Speed," from Liverpool:—

21 CASES of Ladies, Misses and Children's CLOTH BOOTS,
Ladies Cashmere, Merino and Pruniella Boots;
Do. White and Black Satin SLIPPERS,
Do. Bronze and Black Kid and Enamelled Dancing SLIPPERS;
Do. Patent Russia Kid and Morocco Walking SHOES,
Do. Carpet and House SHOES, in great variety,
Misses CLOTH BOOTS, of every quality;
Do. Prunella and Cashmere BOOTS, assorted;
Do. Black and Bronze Kid and Satin Dancing SLIPPERS,
Do. Walking Shoes of every style and quality
Children's Cloth BOOTS, and every other variety:
Cheap Shoes and Boots *of all sorts.*
Sept. 30 S. K. FOSTER.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
CHEAP

Hat, Cap, & Fur Store,

BRICK BUILDING, No. 1, Prince William Street.

THE Subscribers have completed their FALL IMPORTATIONS of 112 Packages by the *Fenside* and *Highland Mary*, from London; *Montrose*, *John S. DeWolfe*, *Speed*, and *Boadicea*, from Liverpool; *Henry Holland*, from Glasgow; *Richard Cobden*, from New York: *Portland* and *Creole*, from Boston. They now offer their splendid Stock of FASHIONABLE GOODS, personally selected by one of the Firm from the various Markets, at reduced prices, viz:—

40 doz. Gents. beautiful SATIN HATS;
Prize Exhibition, Cork body Hats, from 17s. 6d.;
Also—Patent Sweat Hat, which resists the perspiration. The above are worth a call
30 dozen Gents. Satin Hats, a fine article; 10s. to 12s. 6d. *Astonishing cheap.*
60 dozen Gents. Satin Hats, from 6s. 3d. to 8s. 9d.
60 dozen Gents, Men's and Youths' Drab, Brown, Green, California, and Scarlet Sporting Hats, from 7½d. upwards;
40 dozen Men's and Youths' Pearl, Tampico and Farmer's Hats, from 1s. 3d. upwards;
40 dozen Men's and Youths' CLOTH CAPS every style, from 1s. 3d. upwards;
30 dozen Men's and Youths' Glazed Caps, every style, from 7½d. upwards;
60 dozen Glengarry Caps, Thistled;
10 dozen Balmoral Caps, new style, at 2s. 6d.
100 dozen Gents. and Youths' FUR CAPS, in rich Furs, and new style, from 2s. 6d. upwards.
Ladies' Muffs, Boas, Victorines, and Gauntlets in rich FURS, latest fashions; a large and varied assortment, cheap.
Gents. and Ladies' Fur Gloves and Mitts;
Gents. CLOTH GLOVES, lined with Chamois, Lambskin and Scarlet Wool, very fine.
Gents. French Kid Gloves, best, at 3s. 9d.;
2 Cases very large Gingham Umbrellas, expressly made for this climate.
Gents. Seal, Lamb, Wolf and Buffalo COATS, in dispensable to Travellers.
Gents. Furnishing Goods in Fine Shirts, Collars, Stocks, Silk Hdkfs, Braces, &c. &c.
Gold and Silver Laces, Trunks, Valises, Carpet Bags, Peaks, Straps, Children's Belts, Table Oil Cloth, Brushes, Mourning Hat Bands, Goodyear's Patent India Rubber Coats, and 100 Buffalo Skins, from 12s. 6d.

☞ A large discount for Wholesale Trade.

LOCKHART & CO.
Oct. 21.—6i.

LONDON HOUSE,

MARKET SQUARE.

NEW GOODS!

Per Europa, Speed, Olive, Fenside, Highland Mary Henry Holland, Portland, Eliza Jane, & Admiral.

THE Stock of WINTER GOODS is now received by the above vessels, comprising the most extensive and varied assortment ever offered at this establishment.

In addition to the usual Stock, there will be opened this day a very beautiful lot of

Ladies' & Misses' Mantles,

in all the New Styles.

In the Stock of CLOTHS and WOOLLENS of every make, purchased for Cash in the Manufacturing Houses of Leeds, decided advantages are offered to Purchasers.

Wholesale and Retail.
St. John, Oct. 11. T. W. DANIEL.

VICTORIA HOUSE,

Prince William Street,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

November 1st.

JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

British and French Importers,

Have just received per Steamers "Europa," "Canada" and "America," 10 Days from England and per Ships "Speed," "Fenside," Boadicea," and "Themis"—

EXTENSIVE IMPORTATIONS OF
Fall and Winter Goods,
—COMPRISING—

BRITISH and FRENCH SILKS and SATINS best quality, Newest Colourings and Patterns, in Figure Glacie Silk, Waticed, &c.
Union SILK BRILLIANTS,
Plaid POPLINS and Cassedi Cloths,
French MERINOS, in newest shades, and best quality,
EMBROIDERED DRESSES, in French Merinos,
FRENCH COBURGS, Paramattas and Crapes,
DELAINES, Alpacas, COBURG and Orleans Cloths;

Ladies' Fancy Dress Goods

in every novelty;

SHAWLS,

Long and Square, of every new style, in Foreign Plaid, Wool, Cash, Ermine, &c.

CLOAKINGS,

Of the most fashionable kinds, in Ermine, Esquimaux Nepaulese, and Ladies' CLOTHS, Tweeds, and Plaids with *newest trimmings to suit.*
Paris and London made CLOAKS, *latest* designs.

FURS,

Of every description, in Queen's new Boas, Long and Flat Boas, Victorines, Muffs, Gauntlets, and Cuffs, in Royal Ermine, Chinchilla, Minkrel, Stone Marten, and French Martin, Sable, Fitch, Squirrel, British Ermine, Mink, Lynx, Mexican and British Sable
TRIMMING FURS, &c.
SILK VELVETS, in Black and Fancy colours;
TERRY Velvets, and Plushes, in Black, and Colours, with Ribbons, and Feathers to match;
Bonnet and Cap RIBBONS, in French and British,
Velvet and Satin NECK TIES,
GLOVES and HOSIERY of every descriptions,
LACES, in thread, wove thread, Egyptian, Honiton, &c.
Illusion and Brussels Nets, white and coloured for Ladies' Dresses, &c.
Plain and Fancy Robbinetts, Blonds, Quillings, &c.
Black and coloured LACE VEILS, of every kind,
French and British Embroideries in Collars, Chemizettes Habit Shirts, Sleeves, &c.
Infants' Embroidered Robes and Caps,
Ladies' Embroidered Evening Dresses,
Ladies' French Cambric Pocket Handkerchiefs, in Plain and Embroidered.
White and Coloured STAYS,
White Muslins, in Jaconet, Checked, Striped, Book, Mull Tarlatan, &c. &c.
Fancy Window Muslins, in white and coloured,
French and English Garment and Furniture Prints,
Earston and Power Loom Heavy GINGHAMS,
Twilled and Cord Regatta Shirts, Checks, &c.,
BROAD CLOTHS,
PILOT and BEAVER CLOTHS,
Velvet, Satin, and Cashmere VESTINGS,
Fancy Trouserings, in Kerseymeres, Cassimeres Tweeds,
Gent's Silk and Satin Neck Ties, in Squares, Scarfs Opera Ties, Stocks, &c.,
Gent's India Silk and French Cambric Pocket Hdkfs.
White FLANNELS, in Saxony, Welch, Swanskin, &c.
Red, Blue, and Yellow FLANNELS,
BLANKETS, QUILTS, &c.
Moleskins, Cantoons, Drills, Tickings, &c.
Irish LINENS, Damasks, Diapers, Huckaby, &c.
Damask Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, &c.
Osnaburgs, Canvas, &c. &c.
Superior make in White SHIRTING Cottons,
Grey Cottons, Sheetings and Warps,
Furniture Trimmings and Small Wares, &c. &c.

☞ The above Goods having been purchased exclusively for the best European Markets, with the time and ship claim to compare with the best, most varied, & seasonably best stock ever offered for sale at the Victoria House, and shall be sold at the very lowest possible rates for Cash and One Price only.

JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

Buffalo Robes!

FUR CAPS, &c.

THE Subscribers have just received from New York, a lot of No. 1 BUFFALO ROBES, which they will dispose of at a very small advance on cost, *for Cash only.*

—ALSO—

Part of our supply of Fur, Sealette, Glengary and Plush CAPS, in various fashionable styles, good and cheap. Constantly making up—Satin and Fur HATS of every description; Fur, Plush, Cloth and Glazed CAPS—articles which we can WARRANT and sell much lower than can possibly be imported.

C. D. EVERETT & SON,
East side Market Square & North side King
31st October.

London Tract Society.

300 VOLUMES of excellent Publications of this Society, suitable for the present season, nicely bound, from 6d. to 1s. each.—Also,—Tracts in parcels of sixty (five different numbers.) at JOHN KINNEAR'S.
Dec. 27. Prince Wm. Street

GOODS.

Just Landing from Boston:—

41 CASES Strong LEATHER BOOTS,
10 do. Fine do. do.
4 ditto Men's best India Rubber BOOTS,
8 ditto Men's do. do. do. Over SHOES
18 ditto Women's do. do. do.
4 ditto do. do. do. BUSKINS,
8 ditto do. common OVER SHOES
120 bundles Warranted CHAIRS,
25 barrels ONIONS,
5 boxes Warranted AXES—*in Bond;*
30 dozen CORN BROOMS,
25 bales cleaned common FEATHERS,
With a variety WOOD-WARE; Bird Cords; Clothes Lines; Baskets; Brushes, &c. &c.

JOHN KINNEAR,
Dec. 2. Prince Wm. Street.

Lines and Twines.

200 BUNDLES Seine TWINE; 500 do. SALMON, SHAD, HERRING and GILLING TWINES; 400 dozen 12, 15 and 18 thread COD LINES; 100 dozen 12 thread POLLOCK LINES—Lately imported and for Sale on their usual terms, by W. TISDALE & SON
Jan. 13. No. 1, South Market Wharf

POETRY.

THE GREY HAIR.

Come, let me pluck that silver hair
Which laid thy clustering curls I see;
The withering type of Time or Care
Hath nothing, sure, to do with thee.

Years have not yet impaired the grace
That charmed me once, that chains me now;
And Envy's self, love, cannot trace
One wrinkle on thy placid brow.

The features have not lost the bloom
That brightened them when first we met;
The rays of softest light illume
Their unambitious beauty yet.

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Have cast their shadows o'er thy face,
They have but left, triumphant, there
A holier charm—more witching grace.

And if thy voice hath sunk a tone
And sounds more sadly than of yore,
It hath a sweetness, all its own,
Methinks I never marked before.

Thus, young, and fair, and happy too,—
If bliss indeed may here be won,—
In spite of all that Care can do,
In spite of all that Time hath done.

Is yon white hair a boon of love;
To thee in mildest mercy given?
A sign, a token from above,
To lead thy thoughts from earth to heaven?

To speak to thee of life's decay;
Of beauty, hastening to the tomb;
Of hopes, that cannot fade away;
Of joys, that never lose their bloom?

Or springs the thread of timeless snow
With those dark, glossy locks entwined,
'Mid Youth's and Beauty's morning glow,
To emblem thy maturer mind?

It does, it does;—then let it stay;
Even Wisdom's self were welcome now;
Who'd wish her soberer tints away,
When thus they beam from Beauty's brow!

INDIANS AT A SOIREE.—The deputation of Indians which has recently visited Washington, were entertained at a Soiree on Wednesday night last at the house of Mr. Hugh Campbell, in Girard street. A correspondent of the *Philadelphia Bulletin* gives a lively description of their appearance and demeanor. The deputation, it will be recollected, consists of delegates from various tribes, who range the wilds of the far west, beyond the most distant settlements of the whites, bordered by the Rocky Mountains at the head waters of Red River and Kansas. Among them are Iowas, Chiennes, Sioux and Arapahoes. The writer says:—

"The Indians had evidently made an effort, and a very successful one, to array themselves in high toilet. They were in accordance with their ultra fanciful tastes, decked with all that paint, feathers, beads, ear-rings, bracelets, and bears-claws could do for them. Entering the parlors about 7 o'clock, the four squaws were seated on a rich crimson sofa, and the rest of the party on other sofas and chairs placed around the front of the apartment. A young lady of the host's family seated herself at the piano, and played dances, in which the white juveniles engaged. After this prelude, which the Indians, however much pleased, looked upon as if unmoved, they thought the time was come for them to do something towards helping on the entertainment, and now commenced one of the wildest and most exciting exhibitions ever beheld—a treat never to be forgotten by those present. Whilst all the rest of the Indians remained seated, about six of the principal chiefs, including the Arapahoes, commenced a kind of wild, monotonous chant, closing several times with their peculiar whooping chorus. Then one of their number began striking a kind of drum, shaped something like a tambourine, and in succession five or six rose and went through a dance, keeping time in the most admirable manner with the single strokes of the drum, assisted by the wild whistle of a rude little flageolet, which one of them held to his mouth. They brought their feet to the floor as though belonging to but one man, and although the dance seemed monstrous, it was so animated as to make every part of their frames quiver, and produce on the white spectators a high degree of sympathetic excitement, manifested by hearty signals of approbation.

Several dances were thus successively performed with the same contagious effect, and at the end of each a chief remained on the floor who related in his native language accompanied with wild and significant gesticulation, and exhibiting of the favorite tomahawk, some of his warlike acchievements technically styled *coups*, each heroic feat being signalized by a single tap on the drum to denote its unquestionable truth. The theme of all their stories was the destruction of their enemies, the principal aim of savage life. One related how at a certain time and place he had killed three of the Crow tribe. Another told of having destroyed five Pawnees. A third, and greater hero than them all, stated that on one occasion he had killed and scalped eleven of his enemies, seven men and four women—an awful savage this, to make a cool confession in the face of civilized ladies! At the close of each speech, the orator sat down, and the interpreter proceeded solemnly to announce its subject.

It was amusing to see the bashfulness displayed by one of the young braves when it came to his turn to stand up and tell of his heroic acchievements. He held his head aside, then looked down, placed his hands over his face, and displayed his *mauvais honte* in a most ludicrous manner. He evidently belonged to the numerous party of the "unaccustomed to speak in public"—but finally succeeded in winding up sufficient courage to tell in few words of his good luck in the killing way. The only touch of natural eloquence I noticed was where one of the old chiefs got up and said, "When I was young as much bigger than the lad before me," pointing to one of the white youths, "I went to war and killed three of the enemies of my tribe. At that day I never expected to be as old as I am now!"

The scene at the supper table is thus described:—

"About an hour and a half passed off quickly in this way, when it was announced that supper was ready in another apartment. There the red men repaired, while most of the whites remained in the parlors. About the sumptuous table some selected themselves an entire, for the largest number squatted on the floor, where they had plates and knives and forks placed in their hands, and were helped to such things as they liked best. Oysters and all kinds of salted meats they refused, but partake most kindly of turkey, and poultry of every description. Chicken salad appeared to take with them exceedingly well. Ice creams they did not seem to understand, or wish to try. Not so, however, with the oranges, apples, Malaga grapes, and raisins. Champagne and other wines were quaffed with much gout, and in short, they did ample justice to both substantials and delicacies, with the few exceptions mentioned."

At first several seemed disposed to proceed in the most approved style observed among the whites. But their experiments with silver forks proved so unsuccessful that they found it a losing game, and were fain to lay them aside and avail themselves of the more satisfactory aid of fingers. One old chief, the Black Elk, appeared very sedate, and eat little or nothing. When a glass of champagne was offered to him he waved it off with much dignity. Whether he was sick or sullen, I cannot say. At the close of the feast, Red Plume, an eloquent chieftain, rose and returned thanks to the host and hostess for their hospitality. Throughout the entertainment, which ended about 9 o'clock, every proceeding on the part of the Indians was marked by the most perfect decorum and propriety. At leaving, each of the Redmen, [illegible] shook the whites, whom they [illegible] "good night."

HOBBS BEFORE THE LONDON SOCIETY OF ARTS.

Mr. Hobbs in a lecture before the Society of Arts in London, gave the following statement of the manner in which he picked the Bramah lock:

"He said that his first step had been to take an impression of the hole in wax. He had originally supposed that each slide had a spring, but he found himself mistaken in that surmise. Having contrived the necessary implements, he pressed down the disc, which left him at liberty to work on the slides; introduced a lever to the key-hole, and applied pressure to the cylinder; felt the slides successively, pressed them in the false notches, and succeeded in loosening the cylinder, and the lock was picked. He had never seen the inside of a Bramah lock before his experiments—had never tried to pick one; and he entertains no doubt that, with his present experience, he could repeat the process in an hour's time."

In conclusion, Mr. Hobbs said he had never made a lock, and never practised picking a great deal; and he astonished his English auditors by saying that he knew more expert lock-pickers than himself.

Love at first sight was exemplified in Raphael. His window overlooked the garden of the adjoining house, and there he saw the lovely girl who amused herself among her flowers; he saw her have her beautiful feet in the lake; he fell passionately in love. He soon made his feelings known; his love was not rejected, and she became his wife. He is said to have been so passionately enamoured of her beauty that he never could paint if she were not by his side. The lineaments of that fair face still live in some of his sublime productions; and tains, while she gave inspiration, he conferred immortality.—*Ladies' Companion.*

A FALLING COMET.

A writer in the Boston Traveller, giving an account of Encke's comet, which has recently made its re-appearance, says that it has the striking peculiarity that its orbit and periodic times are gradually decreasing. This comet, it is said, "is certainly falling towards the central luminary;" not theoretically falling, as the earth and other planets are supposed to fall towards the sun, as their orbits bend around the centre of revolution, but *actually falling, actually drawing nearer* at every revolution. Sir John Herschel believes "that it will ultimately fall into the sun," provided it is not "dissipated" before that time.

UPAS TREE ON THE ISTHMUS.

The Panama *Star* states that a man named James Linn, while hunting on the Gorgona Road, grew tired and lay down to sleep under a tree. On waking he found his limbs and body swelling, and death soon ensued. The Star says that a tree grows on the Isthmus under which cattle avoid eating or ruminating.

PUMPING OUT THE HARLAEM LAKE.

The pumping out of Harlaem Lake in Holland, is approaching its end; already the water is so low that ditches have to be dug in the bottom to lead it under the pumps, by which the three large steam engines suck it out: 30,000 acres of good land will be made by the operation.

HURLGATE.

The whirlpool at Hurlgate, on the Long Island Sound, has ceased to be a whirlpool. The rock which caused the whirl of boiling waters has been blasted, and the debris of it has filled up the yawning gulf around it. Monsieur Maillefert has done this by inserting a shaft in some crevice, attaching a canister of powder to it to rest on the rock, and then discharging the powder by the electric spark. The water answers for a lever to make the powder act upon the rock. The discovery of this principle of blasting is a valuable one. We do not know who claims to have discovered it; the invention, we know, is five years old, at least, and was used to tear up the concrete shoal in the Thames, in 1847 or '48.—*Scientific American.*

GLASS COFFINS.

The Philadelphia Ledger records the invention, by Mr. T. B. Rapp, of that city, of glass coffins. They are made air-tight, and of sufficient strength to prevent bulging. The durability of glass is well known, and the remains of the departed being entirely protected, decomposition goes on very slowly.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF CHARING CROSS.

It is not generally known that the name of "Charing-cross" originated from the fond epithet bestowed by Edward I. on his beloved Queen, to whom no less than nineteen crosses were erected, and from the prevalence of the French language at that time, Charing being no more than a corruption of *chere Reyne*, often applied by Edward to his Queen; of course, the cross gave the name of the spot.

MALAGA RAISINS.—As soon as the grapes begin to ripen, the vine dressers pass through the vineyard and cut the clusters off from the vines, and leave them on the naked ground, turning them over daily, until the heat of the sun above and the warmth of the earth upon which they lie, have baked and dried them, when they are gathered up, put into boxes, and are ready for use. Care has to be taken however, that the fruit does not get wet while undergoing this process.

SHIP FEVER IN NEW YORK.—Great fears are entertained in New York, lest the ship fever, which is raging fearfully among the persons congregated at the office of the Commissioner of Emigration, should spread over the City. A memorial has been presented to the Mayor, signed by Judge Betts, the United States Marshal, and the United States District Attorney, requiring the removal of the immigrants from the basement of the building in the Park, lest the ship fever should be communicated to the persons whose official duties require them to attend to the United States Courts daily.—*Boston Journal.*

ARRIVAL OF THE FRANKLIN!

FIVE DAYS LATER FROM ENGLAND.

The steamship *Franklin*, with five days later news from England, arrived at New York last Tuesday Morning.

The London Times hints that some great movement may be expected on the 22d Feb., and that orders had been given to the various Generals to be prepared.

The alarm created by the threatening attitude of France was becoming very great.

Recruiting was going on throughout Great Britain.

In the House of Commons on the 16th ult., Lord John Russell brought forward his measure t[illegible]e for the national defences. It is proposed to add to the Army about as many men as have been sent to the Cape, which is about 5000, and for the Militia to enroll by ballot one-fifth of all the men in Great Britain between the ages of 20 and 23. They are to be liable to only 14 to 18 days service in the first year, and 14 days in the three succeeding years. Except in case of invasion they cannot be called to serve beyond the limits of their respective counties. In large towns the Police are to be armed and organized as militia. The proposed measure is not to apply to Ireland.

Lord Palmerston supported the measure, while Mr. Hume opposed it; and it is not likely to pass without strong opposition and much debate.

The Government have commenced prosecuting the Irish Press for publishing wicked and malicious libels against the Government.

The Overland mail with dates from Hong Kong to Dec. 26th, and Bombay to Jany. 17th, arrived on the 15th Feby. The Burmese have acceded to the demand of the British Government. About 500 houses in Hong Kong had been destroyed by fire. The Commercial advices are considered more favourable than any received for several months.

Accounts from the Australian gold-diggings to Nov. 1st had been received and state that the excitement had very much increased. The yield of gold was immense.

FRANCE.—Trade in Paris was in a more depressed condition, and discontent is rapidly swelling. The order from M. Presigny to the various Prefects required to act at the approaching election, is a document alongside of which a Russian Ukase or a Chinese Edict would appear as an honest and dignified Despatch. The new Press laws have not been published in detail, but it is understood they will be such as effectually to suppress all liberty: offences are to be dealt with solely by the Government Police.—The delay in the proclamation of the Empire is now understood to be caused by Russia. It is however asserted that active preparations are making for the Coup d'Etat, and that it is fixed for the 22d. The initiation it is said will be taken by the troops at Lyons. The Marquis of Normanby presented to the French President on 19th ult his letters of recall.

Gen. Arnaud is about to place himself at the head of the army in Africa.

It is still affirmed that Louis Napoleon has designs on Belgium, and has made peremptory demands on Switzerland, against which the Swiss have claimed the intervention of Great Britain. The French Ministry had demanded the suppression of all Clubs and all political Associations, and a strict surveillance over all Newspapers. The Federal Council had determined to stand on the defensive.

PORTUGAL.—The British experimental Squadron, under Commodore Martin, had left the Tagus, having been recalled by the Home Government. These ships will form part of a powerful fleet which will cruize in the Channel.

Two Days Later—Arrival of the America.

RESIGNATION OF THE RUSSELL MINISTRY.

The Cunard steamship America arrived at Halifax yesterday morning, bringing dates from Liverpool to the 21st ult., being two days later than the Franklin.

The most important items by this arrival is the resignation of the Russell Ministry. This event was caused by the narrow escape which the Ministry had on the motion to enrol the Militia of the Country—the majority in favor of Ministers being so very small as to be almost tantamount to a defeat.

It is reported that the Earl of Derby, the late Lord Stanley, would succeed Lord John Russell, but at the time of the departure of the steamer, it was difficult to form any idea of how the Cabinet would be made up. It was said that the Queen had made objections to Lord Palmerston holding any office in the new Government.

Commercial matters were improving.

The news from Ireland represents that country in a very unsettled state, both in the north and south.

In France, affairs have not assumed a much more alarming aspect.

The news from China is more cheering in a commercial point of view. The fire at Hong Kong destroyed the finest portion of the city. Two British officers lost their lives in the conflagration.

LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

The steamship *Prometheus* arrived at New York on Saturday last, from San Juan, bringing California dates to February 2d. She brings $440,000 in gold and has 334 passengers.

A rumor had reached San Francisco, Feb. 1st, that a revolution had occurred among the Mormons at Great Salt Lake. The Mormons were arming and fortifying themselves, and had published a declaration of independence, in which they asserted their full determination to set up a Republic for themselves.

A ledge of marble and lime-tone has been discovered near Sacramento City.

The difficulty at Carson's Mill was yet unsettled, and quartz miners had almost entirely suspended operations.

THE WORLD'S FAIR.—Mortimer Livingston, F. W. Edmands, Auguste Belmont, Watts Sherman, and Alfred Pell have been appointed trustees to obtain subscriptions to the amount of $200,000, for the purpose of erecting a building for the World's Fair to be held in New York city.