

with an arch smile, Fanny's failings." Now, as Fanny had before purchased such like trifles for the whole family, this reply, & the air with which it was delivered, served rather to stimulate than to repress the vague suspicion that were darting in the boy's brain. A crowd, however, is no place for impertinent curiosity. Loneliness and ennui are necessary to the growth of that weed. If there had been a fair in Bluebeard's castle, his wives would have kept their hands on their shoulders; the blue chamber and the diamond key would have tempted in vain. So Tom took himself to the enjoyment of the scene before him, applying himself the more earnestly to the business of pleasure, as they were to return to Upton Lea at four o'clock.

Four o'clock arrived, and found our hero, Thomas Stockes, still untired of stuffing and staring. He had eaten more cakes, oranges, and gingerbread, than the gentlest reader would deem credible; and he had seen well nigh all the sights of the fair; the tall man, and the short woman, and the calf with two heads; had attended the in-door horseman-ship, and the out-door play, the dancing dogs and two rare shows; and lastly, had visited and admired the wonders of the manager, scraped acquaintance with a whole legion of parrots and monkeys, poked up a boar-constrictor, patted a lioness, and had the honor of presenting his blandishments to the elephant, although he was not much inclined to boast of this exploit, having been so frightened at his own temerity as to run away out of the booth before the sagacious but deliberate quadruped had found time to fire.

Not a whit tired was Tom. He could have wished the fair to last a week. Nevertheless, he obeyed his brother's summons; and the little party set out on their return, the two elder ones again linked arm-in-arm, and apparently forgetting that the world contained any human being except their own two selves.—Poor Tom trudged after, beginning to feel, in the absence of other excitement, a severe relapse of his undefined curiosity respecting Fanny's failings. On tripped William and Fanny, and after trudged Tom, until a string of unruly horses passing rapidly by, threw the whole group into confusion; no one was hurt, but the pretty Londoner was so much alarmed as to afford her companion ample employment in placing her on a bank, soothing her fears, and railing at the misconduct of the horse-people. As the cavalcade disappeared, the fair damsel recovered her spirits, and began to enquire for the basket, which she had dropped in her terror, and for Tom, who was also missing. They were not far to seek.—Perched in the opposite hedge, sat Master Tom, in the very act of satisfying his curiosity by examining her basket, smiling and holding it up to extract and unfold: first a roll of white satin ribbon—"ho! ho!"—then a pair of white cambric gloves—"ho! ho!"—again—then a rich-looking, dark-coloured, small plum-cake, nicely frosted with white sugar—"ho! ho!" Miss Fanny—"last of all a plain gold ring, wrapped in three papers, silver, white, and brown—"ho, ho!" once more shouted the boy, twirling the wedding-ring on his own finger, the fourth of the left hand—"so these are Fanny's failings! Ho! ho! ho! ho!"

UPPER CANADA.

THE STATE PRISONERS

The Special Commission resumed its sittings on Wednesday last, and was closed on Saturday evening. After what we have already published it is quite unnecessary to give any report of the trials. Erastus Warner pleaded guilty; John H. Brown was tried and found guilty, as was also Jacob Beamer, the last mentioned prisoner commanded a division at the Short Hills, and it was proved was present at the robbery of Abram Overholt, on a subsequent trial one witness swore that Beamer had promised to reward him if he would give evidence in his favour. The Solicitor General abandoned the charge against Duncan Wilson; no evidence was offered in the case of Eber Rice, who was of course acquitted. Solomon Kemp, Clark Bowers, James Hayslip, Alexander Brady, Freeman Brady, and Street Chase, were found Not Guilty. On Saturday, Brown, Beamer, and Warner were sentenced for execution on the 11th instant. Brown and Warner were informed that their sentence would most probably be commuted, but the learned Judge held out no hope of mercy to Beamer.

On Monday evening the following state

prisoners left here for Kingston in the St. George steamer, in custody of Mr. Sheriff Hamilton and a guard of regulars; Murdoch McFadden and George Buck, sentenced to three years imprisonment in the Penitentiary, Lynus W. Miller, George Cooley, Wm. Reynolds, John Grant, Norman Mallory, James Gamble, John J. McNulty, David Taylor, Garret Van Camp, and James Waggoner, to be transported for life to one of Her Majesty's penal settlements.—Niagara Chronicle.

William Thompson, John Hamill, J. Moore Wm. Webb, Charles Chaplin, and Calvin Austin, were liberated from jail on Saturday last, in commemoration of the coronation, on giving security in £200 individually, and 1 to others in £100 each. Sir Allan N. Macnab attended to receive the bail, whose conduct we heard those pardoned rebels extol most highly; they certainly appeared very grateful for the unexpected boon.

Ephraim Cook, under sentence of death, to be banished for life, and to leave the Province in three days. Jacob Beamer, of Short Hills notoriety, has been tried and convicted at Niagara, and ordered for execution on the 31st instant. He has written his last letter to a brother Patriot, now confined in our jail, in which he states, that it being his second offence, he has no hopes of mercy being extended to him, and that he shall soon meet his late companions in arms, Lount and Matthews, in that land where treasons and rebellions are unknown. —Hamilton Gazette.

David Taylor, one of the prisoners lately brought from Niagara, died yesterday morning in Fort Henry, having been ill since his confinement from inflammation of the lungs.

THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, TUESDAY, 4TH SEPT. 1838.

LATEST DATES.

London, - - July 23. New-York, - - Aug 29
Liverpool, - - July 24. Halifax, - - Aug 22
Havre, - - - July 21. Toronto, - - Aug 23

The packet ship Mediator, Capt. Champlin arrived at New York on Tuesday morning, from London and Pottsmouth, whence she sailed on the 23d July. The packet ship Geo. Washington also arrived on Wednesday. By these vessels, papers from London to the 23d, and from Liverpool to the 25th, have been received.

Among the passengers by the Mediator, are Mrs. Turton and child, and B. F. Powell, Esq. of London.

In the House of Lords on the 20th July, Lord Warcliffe, with his usual desire to find out something on which to disturb the bright dawn of a prospect of tranquillity in these Colonies, presented a petition on the subject of the state of the Church in Canada. The Bishop of Exeter censured the government for leaving the province of Canada so destitute of religious instruction, complaining that the Protestant Bishop received only £1000 from the government, while the same amount was received by the Catholic Bishop. Lord Glenelg said that his powers did not enable him to give more extensive aid to the Canada Church than he had given hitherto—that ample spiritual instruction was provided for his Protestant fellow subjects in the colonies. The Bishop of Exeter enquired of Lord Glenelg if the instructions to the Earl of Durham touching the treatment of Catholics and the Established Church in Canada were the same as in his predecessors. He replied they were, and he had no objections in making them known. Mr. Rush is a passenger in the Mediator, and brings over in gold the Smithsonian bequest, amounting to above half a million of dollars.

A further creation of knights of the Bath was made on the 16th of July, but the only names we observe among the parties thus honored, in which any of our readers are likely to take any interest, are those of Sir Sydney Smith, Lord Gosford, and the Hon. Charles Gore, deputy quartermaster in Canada; the former being appointed extra knight grand cross, and the latter a companion of the order.

Great dissatisfaction prevails in France at the recall of Gen. Negrier from Constantine. It is rumored from Bona the 25th June, that all the Kabiles were about submitting to the French.

The Turkish fleet, as we learn from Con-

stantinople to June 29th was in great force and about to proceed to the Mediterranean. It is rumored Nicholas had sent word of his displeasure to Mehmet Ali. Admiral Le Galois had arrived with three liners, &c. at Smyrna from Athens. The fire at Cairo had been suppressed. A great overflow of the Nile was expected.

Marshal Soult had arrived at Birmingham from London in a special train of rail road cars, coming in five hours, and proceeded immediately on to Liverpool.

Thunder-storms have been general and destructive in France.

The Dublin Mail says that Sir Edward Blicaney is to succeed Sir John Colborne in Canada.

Sir John Keane has requested to be recalled from his command at Bombay, his health being indifferent.

The naval service will hear with great regret that Admiral Sir Pultney Malcolm, G.C.B. died yesterday at Enfield, in Middlesex, in the 71st year of his age. Sir Pultney was an officer who was looked on in the service as a rallying point—as a pivot man in an extreme case, and possessed, in a greater degree, the confidence of his blue-coated brethren, than any other officer we are aware of.

QUEBEC RACES—FIRST DAY.

Yesterday being the day appointed by the Stewards for the commencement of the Races, shortly after noon the road leading to the Course was crowded with vehicles and pedestrians, and as the day was remarkably fine a large concourse of spectators were attracted to the spot. About one o'clock the Countess of Durham, Lady Lampton, the Hon. Misses Lamptons, and Lord Lampton, arrived on the ground, in a carriage and four, with out-riders, and occupied a stand adjoining the winning post, erected for the occasion, and upon which was displayed the arms of the Governor General. His Excellency was prevented by indisposition from being present. Immediately after the arrival of the Countess and family the first race commenced, being a MATCH—100 Dollars each—Half a mile. Mr. Viller's ch. g. Partner, 3 s. 10. 1/2. Mr. Mote's b. h. Huron, 3 s. 10. 1/2. This was well contested, and was won by Huron by about a neck.

HER MAJESTY'S PLATE OF 50 GUINEAS.

Entrance £5; horses, 2 miles and a distance.—Open to all horses bred in the Province of Lower Canada, that never won match, plate or sweepstakes.—Weights, 3 years old, 8 st. 2 lb.; 4 years, 9 st. 3 lb.; 5 years, 9 st. 9 lb.; 6 years and aged, 10 st. Capt. Danell's c. g. Veteran, aged, 4 1/2 dr. Col. Guy's b. g. Trump, aged, 3 1/2 dr. Hon. R. F. Harwood's b. h. Reynard, 2 1/2 dr. Mr. Anderson's b. m. Maria, 5 years, 1 1/2 dr. Mr. Anderson's Maria was the favourite, and on coming to the starting post her condition and appearance was much admired, and odds freely offered. On starting she took the lead, and kept it throughout both heats—winning the race with great ease.

LADIES' PURSE.

Entrance 5 dollars, to which the Stewards will add \$100.—Free for all horses.—Weight for age—aged horses, 10 st. 7 lb. Each year under allowed 7 lb. Mile heats, starting from the distance. Gentleman riders. Lieut. Guy's b. h. Regt. c. g. Richmond, 5 1/2 dr. Col. Guy's c. g. Trump, 4 1/2 dr. Capt. Conroy's b. h. Tomblow, 2 1/2 dr. Mr. Motz's b. h. Huron, (late Charley,) 1 1/2 dr. Col. Guy's b. h. Beau, 3 1/2 dr.

TRIAL STAKES.

Five dollars entrance, to which the Stewards will add \$100.—For all horses bred in the Colonies, which have never won a Race in Quebec, Montreal, or Three Rivers. Weight for age—4 years, 8 st. 7 lb.; 5 years, 9 st.; 6 years, and aged, 9 st. 7 lb. Heats, once round the Course and a distance. Capt. Danell's c. g. Veteran, 4 1/2 dr. Col. Guy's c. g. Trump, 4 1/2 dr. Mr. Hamilton's b. g. Pompey, 3 dr. Mr. P. Cunningham's b. g. Darse, 1 1/2 dr.

SECURITY STAKES.

Five dollars entrance, to which the Stewards will add \$60. Catch weights. One-third of a mile. Gentleman riders. Winner to be sold for \$250. Hon. Capt. Boyle's bk. g. Black Hawk, 3 dr. Capt. Conroy's bk. g. Black Prince, 3 dr. Capt. Lindsay's br. m. The Nom, 1 dr. Mr. A. Baird's c. h. Sir Charles, 1 dr. Mr. Richard's b. m. Flying Childers, 2 dr.

BONNET ROUGE—20 DOLLARS.

Entrance \$1. For all horses proved to the satisfaction of the Stewards to be of thorough Canadian blood. One mile, starting from the distance post. Habitant riders.

This was the last race, and it afforded considerable amusement. Four horses started, and two or three others were offered, but were objected to by the Stewards as not being the real "Simon Pur." The stakes were carried off by Mr. Gosselin, of St. Gervais, who distanced two of the horses, and the third threw his rider when about half round the course, coming in second notwithstanding, minus however his "bonnet-rouge."

A detachment of the Guards were stationed on the Course to keep it clear, and the whole proceedings passed off without any accident or disturbance, which is to be attributed to the judicious arrangements of the Stewards, and the forbearing manner the soldiers of the Guards performed their duty.

THE REGATTA.

The Regatta will take place to-morrow. The hour of starting will be ten, a. m. or one p. m., as the wind may suit. The following boats have been entered for the first-class prizes:—

Six-Oared Boats.

Captain Viller's Death.

Rowing Club's Trial.

Mr. John Gordon's Quill Driver.

Four-Oared Boats.

Mr. H. E. Scott's Water Witch.

Rowing Club's St. Lawrence.

Thist Regiment's Father Thames.

Sailing Boats.

Mr. Usborne's Algerine.

Mr. D. Burnett's Battlesnake.

Mr. Sharples' Crusader.

Mr. Gilmore's Victoria.

Mr. Hunter's Midge.

Andromache's Astynox.

Mr. Parke's Shamrock.

Colonel Gore's Red Bird.

Mr. H. N. Jones's Falcon.

Mr. Metcalf's Jemsetjee.

THEATRE ROYAL.—This place of entertainment was opened last night, for a short season, with the comedy of "Perfection," the "Loan of a Lover," and the "Innkeeper's Bride." We were happy to observe that the house was attended by a numerous and fashionable audience, who appeared highly gratified with the evening's entertainment. Mr. Latham made his first appearance before a Quebec audience as "Sam," in "Perfection," and in his personification of that character gave evidence of his superior ability as an actor in that line of comedy.

Miss Melton appeared as "Gertrude," in the "Loan of a Lover," and from the time of her entrance seemed to be a great favourite,—playing the character with much archness and *sauteffe*. She possesses a very fine voice, and sung several beautiful ballads with great effect.

Mr. Edwin, we are sorry to say, was so much indisposed as to prevent him appearing during the evening, and the afterpiece was with the consent of the audience, changed to the "Innkeeper's Bride."

Miss Ellen Tree appears to-night as "Mrs. Haller," in the "Stranger;" and we have no doubt that the reputation of this talented actress, and the exertions of the spirited managers, will ensure a bumper house.

We perceive by late English papers that Colonel McDougall, formerly Lieutenant Colonel of the 79th Highlanders, and latterly in the service of the Queen of Spain, has been created a Baronet by Her Majesty Queen Victoria.

The last number of the Kingston *British Whig*, received by this morning's post, states that the publication of that paper is suspended.

His Excellency the Governor General has appointed the reverend George Cowell, Chaplain to the Forces, to perform Divine Service to His Excellency and his family at Government House.—*Mercury*.

We are authorised to state that the Commissioners of Crown Lands and Emigrations have nearly concluded their inquiries in the Province. Under the Commissions issued for New Brunswick and Nova Scotia, Major Head has been appointed an Assistant Commissioner and despatched to those Colonies for the purpose of taking evidence. He is instructed to return to the Seat of General Government by the beginning of October. Mr. Hanson, the other Assistant Commissioner, with the Secretary of the Commission, are on their way to Toronto, for the purpose of making the necessary inquiries in Upper Canada. It is expected that the Commissioners will have concluded their investigation by

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