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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.
THIS Company is prepared to receive applica-
tions for Insurance against FIRE upon Build-
ings and other Property, at the Office of the sub-
scriber. I. WOODWARD, Secretary.
St. John, Nov. 11, 1846.

UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.
Capital \$150,000.—Charter unlimited.
No connection with Fire, Marine, or Health Insurance.
POLICIES issued at REDUCED RATES for Mer-
cantile purposes. SPECIAL PERMITS for sea-
voyage and for California residence at reduced
premiums.

It is believed that any Parish, or association of
ladies, or others, for that special purpose, or any
beneficial institution, desiring to secure an ad-
vantage, to be paid to a Clergyman or other person
on attaining the age of 40, 50 or 60 years, or to his
family in the event of his death sooner occurring,
will find on examination of the prospectus of this
Company, (which is always furnished gratis by the
Agents, or by mail if written for,) that it offers
greater facilities for the attainment of that object
than any other Institution. (See extracts from
Charter, and remarks, page 17 of Prospectus.)
Persons insured in this Company on the mutual
plan—the "only plan," says Chambers, (see page
10 of Prospectus,) "which the public at large are
concerned to support"—will have returned to them
all of the profits, instead of a portion only, as is
proposed by some of the stock or mixed companies.
Late annual dividend, *ready for payment*, on the
premiums paid by mutual members. On Policies
for Life, half the premiums vested in the party's
own hands at simple interest.
The Finance Committee, who are among the
most reliable financiers in the country, superintend
all investments of the Company.

Board of Finance:
FRANKLIN HAVEN, Pres.; Mechanics' Bank, Boston.
THOMAS THATCHER, Secy.; Treasurer, do.
REUEL WILLIAMS, President, Kennebec Railroad.

Local Officers:
John I. Palmer, Esq., N. Y. Hon. R. G. Shaw, Boston.
Hosea Taylor, Esq., N. Y. Hon. Wm. Sturgis, do.
Alroy & Chauncey, Esq., Char. Sumner, Esq., do.
Director of Office, 22, State Street, Boston.

W. H. HATHERWAY, Atty. at Law, Market
Square, St. John, Agent for New Brunswick.
St. John, March 18, 1850.

NOTICE
ALL Persons having any demands against the
Estate of The Honorable HUGH JOHN-
STON, deceased, are requested to present the
same, duly attested, and all those indebted to the
same Estate, are requested to make immediate pay-
ment to JOHN M. ROBINSON, one of the under-
signed.

HARRIET M. JOHNSTON, Executrix.
HUGH B. JOHNSTON, Executor.
JOHN M. ROBINSON, Solicitor.
St. John, May 7, 1850.

REMOVAL.
M. G. BLAICH, Barrister and Attorney-at-
Law, Notary Public, &c., has removed his
Office to the new Building, corner of F. A. Wig-
gin's Alley, at the corner of Prince William and
Princess Streets.
Entrance second door on Princess Street.
April 15.

WORTH KNOWING.
To those whose Wardrobe wants replenishing.
A. GILMOUR,
Tailor and Draper,
BRAGG'S BUILDING, KING STREET.

THE Cheapest Stock of **SPRING CLOTH-**
ING in BEANS, which for neatness of Style,
quality of texture, and lowness of price, cannot fail
to continue to this Establishment the very liberal
patronage it has hitherto had. Among the Stock
now on hand, a considerable quantity of the
FRANCE and GERMAN CLOTH,
the superiority of which is well known; those then
that want to lay out their money to the best advan-
tage will do well to give an early call, for they
will find beautiful Black Cloth SACK COATS
25s. to 40s.; Fancy Duck; SHOOTING
COATS from 20s. to 35s.; DRESS and FROCK
COATS in great variety, and all got up in the
very best style.
April 15.

Market Square, March 29th, 1851.

JUST RECEIVED:
AN assortment of English and American GOODS—
including of Ivory handle TABLE CUTLERY;
Hair Brushes and Combs; Tooth and Nail Brushes; Bos-
tonian Metal Spoons; Thermometers; Mercurium Bowls;
Stems, Mouthpieces, Pipes, Recept Pipes, &c.; splendid
lot Potemkin and Carve; Game Froly; Bohemian
Tobacco BOTTLES, and Candelsticks; Venetian Letter
Weights; Crochet Needles; Bone Knitting Pins; Steel,
Silver, and Oil BEANS, best quality; a very large assort-
ment of Pure Trimmings, Fringes, Tassels, Rugs, &c.;
Shawl, Pins; Gold, Silver, Pearl and Shell Bar-
pins; Hair Pins; Bone combs; FANCY FANS; Silk and
Cotton PURSES; Hair and Jet Bracelets; Crystal Neck
Ribbons; BROOKIES; Vegetable Ivory Articles; Trans-
parent SLICES; Life Preservers; Walking Canes; Table
Mats; Britannia Metal Revolving CASTORS, (all prices)
&c. &c.; with many other articles just opened, which with
above large stock of Rich JEWELLERY, WATCHES,
CUTLERY, SILVER SPOONS and FANCY GOODS, are
offered at the lowest Market prices, wholesale and retail.
An inspection is respectfully invited; a detailed Catalogue
of our large variety can be had on application.
A further supply of Cutlery, Electro, Albata and
Wax, &c. expected by first Spring Vessels.
ROBINSON & THOMPSON,
Proprietors.

Agricultural Implements.
THE Subscribers have made arrangements to
have manufactured Horse Powers, Thrash-
ing MACHINES, Panning Mills, Ploughs, Churns,
FERRASSES, and other implements, all on the most
approved principles, which will be equal in ma-
terial and workmanship, and cheaper than the im-
ported implements. For Sale by
Feb. 4, 1851. JARDINE & CO.

Lines and Twine—per 'Speed.'
3 TUBS containing COD and POLLOCK
LINES, Sail and Wrapping TWINE,
and SHOE THREAD. W. H. ADAMS,
26th April, 1851.

LINSEED OIL.
By Ship 'Felix's' Case—
ASKS Hotted and Raw Linseed OIL.
For sale by JARDINE & CO.
29.

No. 1, South Wharf.

W. TISDALE & SON
Have received at Glasgow and from the
Clyde, 'Speed', John S. DeWolf's 'Clang', and
'Titania' from Liverpool, and 'Lisbon' from
London—

3 CASES—'Thomson's' Screw AUGERS,
Long and Short Screws;
450 Pts, 200 Bakepans and Covers, 440 open
Covers, 100 Griddles, 100 Frying Pans, and 60
Spiceries; 5 bundles Long Handle Frying Pans.
Casks Cart Boxes.
7 Sheets LEAD, 1 Ton Lead PIPE, all sizes,
2 Tons SHOT, ass'd; 8 Ingots Block TIN,
5 Bales 'Griffin's' SCYTHES and Sickle,
3 Cases 'Hole & Co's' 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7, Mill
SAWS,
1 Do. ditto, Pin, Hand, Tennon, Buck and other
SAWS,
1 Ton Iron Wire, assorted, No. 4 to 24,
1 Do. Spring Wire, assorted, also Copper and
Brass WIRE,
1 Do. Spring STEEL, 18 Bundles Blister
Steel, 10 do German do,
3 Cases Axe Steel, Octagon and Round Cast
STEEL.

1 Cask 'Ficker's' Mill and other FILES;
10 Blacksmith's ANVILS;
1 Cask Hammers and SLEDGES,
1 Basket Smith's Vices, 7 Smith's BELLOWs,
4 Casks Round Point SHOVELS,
2 Doz. SHOVELS and SPADs,
2 Casks Bar Door HINGES,
2 Casks Clout, Pump, Scupper and Boat Nails,
1 Do. Block Makers RIVETS,
1 Do. SAID IRONS;
2 Casks Block Bushes, 1 cask Iron WRENCHs;
1 Do. Chain Traces, 3 Casks Tea Kettles;
Preserving KETTLES and Saucepans,
2 Casks But and other HINGES,
1 Ton Sparrow-bills, 1 Case Guns and Pistols,
2 Bundles Wire Sieves and RIDDLES,
1 Cask London GLUE, 1 case BORAX,
6 Casks Rye and Boiled OIL,
'Brandram's' WHITE LEAD,
100 Kegs C. F. and Fowling GUN POWDER,
3 Casks containing LOCKS in every variety,
Plants, BRUSHES, Fire Irons, Spoons, Screw
Latches, Rules, Plane Irons, and a very excellent
assortment of BRASS GOODS, &c., &c., together
with the Stock on hand, and a further supply short-
ly expected in the ships 'Janet', 'Tomson',
'Kingston', and 'John Woodall', are offered at
such prices as will make it worthy the attention of
purchasers. May 13th, 1851.

NEW GOODS.
MAY 6th, 1851.
Wholesale & Retail Warehouse
Prince William Street.

J. & J. HEGAN,
Have received per 'Speed', 'Titania', and 'Helena',
from Liverpool; 'Glasgow' and 'Ongy', from
Glasgow; and 'Lisbon' from London.

THE largest and best assortment of BRITISH
and FOREIGN DRY GOODS that they
have ever imported, the whole of which was care-
fully selected by one of the Firm, and purchased
for Cash, in the best markets; and to which they
now respectfully invite the attention of WHOLE-
SALE PURCHASERS, as they are enabled to
sell at the lowest rates, and on the best terms that
can be afforded.

Retail Department.
THE RETAIL STOCK of the above
Establishment being now complete in every de-
partment, the Subscribers would respectfully solicit
a continuance of the very general and liberal
patronage which they have hitherto experienced,
as they are determined to sell at the lowest market
prices, and offer new and such Goods as will give
every satisfaction to purchasers.

Terms, Cash only in the Retail Department.
J. & J. HEGAN,
Prince William Street, May 6, 1851.

French Cloths, Vestings, and Elastic Doeskins.
Via the United States, per Steamer
Admiral.

THE Subscriber has just received a splendid
assortment of the above Goods, which are quite
new in this Market, and he begs to call particular
attention to a make of Cloth for Pallorers, which
will be made in a superior style to any in this City,
at extremely low prices.

Call and examine the Stock of Goods now for
Sale at the *Howard House, North Side King Street.*
MAY 27.
JAMES MYLES.

SHEFFIELD HOUSE,
Market Square, May 6th, 1851.

JUST received, per Ships 'Speed' and 'Ti-
tania', part of their Spring supply of Pocket
and Table CUTLERY, Plated Cutlery and Cake
Baskets, Albata and Electro Plated SPOONS and
FORKS, and Plated on Steel Butter Knives, &c., &c.,
of the *Brabant's Patent* Patent Spiceries, in
light blue steel, single and double frames. Daily
expected—a large assortment of JEWELLERY
and Fancy articles.
MAY 30.
ROBINSON & THOMPSON,
Proprietors.

REMOVAL.
VICTORIA BOOK STORE,
DOCK S. REET.

V. H. NELSON respectfully informs his
French and the Public in general, that he
has removed his Stock of BOOKS and STA-
TIONERY to the Brick Building and DPA-
tently occupied by Mr. BENSON FRANKSON, and
will be happy to receive the patronage of his former
customers. May 30.

ON CONSIGNMENT.
By the *Panama*—
2 CASKS, containing Carpenter's 5 to 8 inch
LOCKS—For sale by the case.
JOHN KINNEAR,
20th May, Prince William Street.

Franklins, Ploughs, &c.
Of Domestic Manufacture, and of superior quality.

LARGE assortment of COOKING STOVES
of various patterns, in Cast Iron, Ploughs,
&c.—for sale at very low prices by
JOHN V. THURGAR,
North Market Wharf
April 8.

Apples, Figs, Corn Starch.
150 B—in good order—the best quality
for Summer use;
2 Casks Dried APPLES;
1000 Dums fresh FIGS—4 lbs. each;
3 Cases of Clark's CORN STARCH, a new
and highly approved article for Puddings, Custards,
Blanc Mange, &c.; for Sale by
JOHN V. THURGAR,
Near the Country Market, Gaslight Street,
May 20—3.

NOTICE.
THE Subscriber having closed his late Busi-
ness, is preparing to leave the Province, and
requests that all persons indebted to him will, with-
out delay, make payment, and all persons having
accounts against him will hand them in.
Office at the present Store of Mr. W. GARNETT,
Prince William Street.
JOSEPH SUMMERS,
St. John, N. B., 7th May, 1851.

Game of Tivoli.
JUST received, a further supply of the above
very interesting Game.—*Sheffield House.*
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PICTURES.
JUST received a choice assortment of ENGRA-
VINGS in frames, being subjects from the best
Artists, which are offered at very low rates.
J. H. FOTIERBY,
MAY 6.

Fishing Twines.
Now Landing ex the 'Felix', from London—
3 CASES of Salmon LINE, Shad and Her-
ring TWINES.—For Sale by
JOHN V. THURGAR,
North Market Wharf,
MAY 6.

For Sale or to Let.
And Possession given on 1st May.
That pleasantly situated two story
HOUSE in St. James' Street, near
the residence of Capt. Reed. There
are Gas fittings introduced into the
room from the Hall and Kitchen, and with
comfortable and in good order.—Please enquire of
W. D. FAULKE,
April 1.

Hall's Clothing Store.
NOW ready for inspection, a choice selection of
West of England Black and Coloured CLOTHS, Best
Suits and Cassimeres, with a large lot of VESTINGS,
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Miscellaneous.

Do a Good Turn when you can.
It needs not great wealth a kind heart to display;
If the hand be not willing it soon will decay;
And the poorest one yet, in the humblest abode,
May help a poor brother a step on the road.

Of whatever the fortune a man may have won,
A kindness depends on the way it is done;
And though poor be our purse, and though narrow our span,
Let us all try to do a good turn when we can.

The fair bloom of pleasure may charm for a while,
But its beauty is frail, and its moment is small;
While the beauty of kindness, immortal in bloom,
Sheds a sweetness o'er life, and a grace o'er the tomb.

Then if we enjoy life, why the next thing to do,
Is to see that another enjoys his life too;
And though poor be our purse, and though narrow our span,
Let us all try to do a good turn when we can.

Time to me this truth has taught.
Time to me this truth has taught,
(That a truth that's worth revealing)
More often from want of wishing,
Than from any want of feeling.

If advice we would convey,
Something we should convey it—
If we've but a word to say,
There's a time in which to say it.

Of unknowingly the tongue
Touches on a chord so aching,
That a word or accent wrong,
Pains the heart almost to breaking.

Many a tear of wounded pride,
Many a fault of human blindness,
Has been soothing or turned aside,
By a quiet voice of kindness.

Many a beautiful flower decays,
Though we tend it o'er so much,
Something secret in it grows,
When no human aid can touch.

So in many a lovely breast
Lies some casket of grief concealed,
That if touched is more oppressed,
Left unto itself is healed!

EXTINGUISHING FIRES BY GAS.
This is a new triumph of science. There can
be no doubt of the practicability of the new inven-
tion for putting out fires in the interior of vessels by
means of carbonic acid formed with chalk and
sulphuric acid (oil of vitriol). We have been pleased
with an account, just arrived, of the putting out
of a fire which has raged in a coal mine near half
a century, destroying some \$2,000,000 worth of
coal. We gave a short history of it about a month
ago, not expecting so soon to hear of its being
extinguished with gas. The operation is thus de-
scribed:—

"The machinery for conducting the experiment
consisted of a high-pressure steam boiler, about
60 feet of inch gas pipe. The shaft was covered
with iron plates, and clayed over so as to render it
air-tight, and the chokelamp was turned on. That
extinguishing gas was made by passing the atmo-
sphere through an apparatus containing a brick
furnace, which deprived it of all its oxygen, or
rather the oxygen combined with the carbon of the
coke and formed carbonic acid, which gas, in mix-
ture with the nitrogen left, was forced through the
furnace along the iron cylinder down the shaft and
into the burning waste; the quantity of coke con-
sumed being a sufficiently accurate measure of the
quantity of air consumed."

"After blowing in about 8,000 cubic feet of
chokelamp (at the rate of about 7,000 cubic feet
per minute), which was calculated to be about the
quantity of the waste, the flame having been made
for full of the roof), they found the upper or high
level shaft or drift was full of it to the mouth, flow-
ing over and ran along the ground, extinguishing
the fire in the upper shaft of the earth, at some
distance from the spot. They found when they
ceased blowing in the gas, that after a time, the
chokelamp receded in the upward, and that when
they were near the downward it poured out
of the upper in volumes, being thus the perfect me-
asure of the quantity of chokelamp in the mine, and
giving them a proof that it had passed completely
through the fire. After this success, they found
they blew in chokelamp at a lower temperature,
and by this process gradually succeeded in cooling
the atmosphere of the mine, so that after a month's
operation the temperature was discovered to be
about 82°."

The expense of the operation is not given, though
it could not have been large. Certainly such a
triumph over the fiery element speaks highly in
favor of science. In America, when mines
are full of gas, they are often blown out by
means of a large scale of about to be established
in France, to place the use of this Fire Annihilator
within the reach of the community, by sub-
stituting, through the agency of fire insurances,
the new mode of extinguishing fire, instead of the
old one by fire engines, &c. Phillips' portable
machines are distributing daily from the office of
the English company in Leadenhall Street, to all
parts of the empire, and their use is attended with
almost universal success. Her Majesty's Palace
at Windsor, St. James's, and Buckingham House,
are supplied with the 'Annihilator,' and so are
the residences of the principal nobility and gentry.
The 'Che' manufacturing establishments in Man-
chester, &c., have adopted them. A large number
of them are distributed through the Crystal Palace,
and they inspire a general feeling of security. The
leading public journals speak unanimously in their
praise and efficacy. Mr. Chas. Dickens has dedi-
cated nearly an entire number of his *Household
Words* to a description of their importance, and
Lord Brougham lately said that 'he hoped by the
long vessel would be allowed to put to sea with-
out having Phillips' Fire Annihilators on board.'
We regard it as one of the principal discoveries
of the age, and the greatest blessing of this age, and
progress and improvement—an age which has wit-
nessed the subjugation of steam to the locomotive
wheels of man, and the employment of the electric
fluid to communicate his desires, and went with
the rapidity of thought. We have employed two
invisible agents to annihilate time and space, and
we have now harnessed a third to the car of science
to protect us from the ravages of fire."

EARLY RISERS AND RESULTS.
Whatever may be the quantity of sleep re-
quired, early rising is essential to health, and
promotes longevity. Almost all men who have
distinguished themselves in science, literature
and the arts, have been, as Mr. Mackintosh
states, early risers. The industrious, the ac-
tive-minded, the enthusiasts in pursuit of knowl-
edge or gain, are up betimes at their respective
occupations, whilst the sluggish wastes
the most beautiful period of life in a pernici-
ous slumber. Homer, Virgil and Horace are
all represented as early risers; the same was
the case with Paley, Franklin, Priestley, Park-
hurst and Buffon; the last of whom ordered
his servant to awaken him every morning, and
compel him to get up by force if he evinced
any reluctance, for which service he was re-
warded with a crown each day, which recom-
pense he forfeited if he did not oblige his mas-
ter to get out of bed before the clock struck
six. Bishops Jewel and Burnett rose every
morning at four o'clock. Sir Thomas More
did the same thing. Napoleon was an early
riser, so were Frederick the Great and Charles
the Twelfth; so is Her present Majesty; and
so are almost all the nobility in attendance
upon the court. That early rising tends to
prolong life, appears to be clearly proved.—
One of our most eminent judges, Lord Mans-
field, was at the pains of collecting some curi-
ous evidence on this subject. When he
questioned in his judicial capacity over the court,
he questioned every very old person who ap-
peared at the bar, respecting his habits. "What
age are you?" "What sort of life have you
led—often drunk?" "Please God," answered
a venerable man upwards of ninety, "I have
seldom gone to bed sober," and in fact, it
turned out that some of these veterans placed
guilty to habitual intemperance, and others,
on the contrary, attested their uniform sobriety,
all agreed on one point—that of having
risen early risers. Nevertheless, the morning
snore has, we confess, its temptations. Our
readers will remember Burns' pleasant song:
"Up in the morning, so for me,
Up in the morning early;
When the hills are covered with snow,
I'm sure it's winter early."

Deaf Swin, we are told, lay in bed until
eleven o'clock every morning, to think of wit
for the day.

Sir Walter Scott observed, "I like to lie
simmering over things for an hour or so before
I get up, and there's the time I am dressing
to overhaul my half-sleeping, half-waking
pre't de Chapitre, and when I get the paper be-
fore me, it commonly runs off pretty easily."

We have always considered the morning
toilette to be gone through very methodically
and very deliberately; it is a ceremony that
should not be too hastily performed; the
operation of shaving, in particular, which
ought always to be performed slowly, may
strange fancies and thoughtful suggestions
may flit across the mind. It should however,
be added, that Sir Walter Scott, during the
greater part of his life, rose by five o'clock,
and that his literary work was chiefly accom-
plished before breakfast.—*Household Words.*

A GOOD SCHOOLMASTER.
The following excellent story is told of a
New York Schoolmaster:—

I heard one of your Committees interfering
with a vengeance, and turning out a School-
master for committing enormities in the way
of illustrating lessons. It appears that he had
enlightened the feelings of his pupils in Natural
Philosophy, but was told to do the teaching and
leave the nonsense. But nothing daunted, he
got some apparatus invented, and told the boys
they would bring him a mouse or two the next
day, he would show them the effects of nitro-
gen gas upon them. The next day came the
committee to reprove him because, forsooth,
he had been in the eagerness to learn, had been up
all night trying to catch mice for their master,
and disturbed the house! He promised to do
better; but when he came to Astronomy, he
committed a more atrocious crime, for, being
deficient in an oratory, he took a boy in the
school and placing him in the sun, told him
how to turn slowly upon his axis as the sun
did, then he placed a little fellow for Mercury
next to him, a girl for Venus; then a repre-
sentation of the Earth, then a fiery little fellow
for Mars, and so on, till he got all the planetary
system arranged, and explained to each one
how fast he was to turn on his heel as it went
round the orbit.

Then giving the signal, the Sun commenced
revolving, and away went the whole team of
planets round him, each boy keeping in his
proper distance from the centre, trotting with
proper velocity in his orbit and whirling round
in due proportion as he performed his revolu-
tions. It must have been a rare sight, and a
lesson which the boys retained; for do you
think, my dear Sir, that John, who represented
Mercury, would ever forget that he had an
easy time walking round the hubber in the
centre, while Will, who personated Herschel, must
have been much out of breath in scampering
round his orbit.

But if the boys did not forget the lesson,
neither did the master; they danced, but he
paid the piper; for horrified, the committee
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