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ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of late Thomas Richards, Farmer, King's County, deceased, are hereby requested to hand them in without delay, duly attested, within three months from this date, and all persons indebted to said Estate are requested to make immediate payment to JOSEPH A. RICHARDS,
WILLIAM D. RICHARDS,
Executors.
Parish Greenwich, K. C., } 3mpd.
Dec. 30, 1853.

We have obtained the Victory.

KENNAY & SCHIBNERI,
PIANOFORTE MANUFACTURERS,
South side King Square, St. John, N. B.

HAVING taken the First and Second Prizes, and the Diploma for their instruments, at the Provincial Exhibition, beg leave to inform the public that they can supply Pianofortes at the following prices:

Square Front Mahogany Piccolo,	£30	0	0
Rosewood 71 G. Piccolo,	28	0	0
Do. Elegant 5e.	19	0	0
Cottage,	13	0	0
Semi-Cabinet,	45	10	0
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The whole of the above Instruments are 6 4-3 Octaves to A above.

N. B.—All Instruments manufactured by K. & S. will be warranted for three years.

Every description of English and American Pianofortes tuned and repaired. March 18th.

THOMAS GOW,
Plumber and Gas Fitter,
FIRST ADJOINING MARTIN'S BRICK BUILDING,
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HOUSE and SHIP WATER-CLOSETS; Hot Cold, and Shower BATHS; Forcing, Lifting, Common, and Engine PUMPS; SHIPS' SCUPPERS, &c. &c.—on the most approved principles LEAD PIPE of all sizes, and SHEET LEAD constantly on hand.

LEAD BENDS made to order.
July 2, 1852. THOMAS GOW.

VULCAN FOUNDRY MANUFACTURES.—A large assortment of the manufactures of the Vulcan Foundry, consisting of Bay State and Parlor Stoves, COOKING STOVES, FRANKLINS, Register GRATES, Close Stoves, FLOUGHS, &c., &c., all of the most approved patterns and descriptions. For Sale at the Warehouse of the Subscribers.

The Above Goods can be recommended to the attention of the public.

Orders for Castings or Work required at the Foundry will have attention, if left at the Counting Room of JOHN V. THURGAR.
April 22. North Market Wharf.

Layer Raisins, Geese Feathers.

JUST Received, LAYER RAISINS;
Also, Barrels & Firkins APPLES;
Also, Prime Quality Geese FEATHERS (from the Country);
Also, COTTON WICKING. For sale at
JOHN KINNEAR'S,
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LIVERPOOL AND LONDON
Fire and Life Insurance Company,
Incorporated in 1836.
Incorporated by Special Acts of Parliament.
Capital, Two Millions sterling.
Unlimited Liability of the Stockholders of the Company.
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The Agents are prepared on the part of the Company, to offer a very liberal scale of Premiums, and beg to solicit orders from all parts of the Province.
August 20, 1852.

REMOVAL.

THE Subscriber has removed his STONE CUTTING Establishment from Dock Street, to the Premises formerly occupied by the Hon. R. L. Hazen, Union street, and immediately opposite the residence of Messrs. Isaacson, about twenty rods from his former place of business, and desires of his friends and the public to take notice that he has on hand, in addition to his former Stock, a lot of

MONUMENTS,

varying in price from £3 to £60, suitable for the New Cemetery, or other places of burial in town or country; which he will certainly dispose of at a cheaper rate than any other establishment in the city to parties disposed to make the most of their ready money.

M. FITZGERALD.
St. John, April 28, 1853.

N. B.—All kinds of STONE CUTTING for building and other purposes executed to order at the cheapest possible rates.

New Brunswick Hotel.

Charlotte street, nearly opposite the Country Market, Saint John, N. B.

THE Proprietor of the above Establishment thankful for past favors, would respectfully inform the travelling Public, that having erected a large addition in rear of the main Building, he is now prepared to furnish ample accommodation to 70 or 80 Boarders. The Proprietor is determined to leave no means untried to merit the patronage of the community.

Travellers arriving late at night will find the House always open and ready to serve them.

The Sleeping Rooms are large and well ventilated, and the improvements and conveniences which have been made render it emphatically the House of the stranger.

It has always been a Temperance House and the Proprietor is determined to adhere strictly to the Total Abstinence principle.

This House is centrally located, and is well supplied with well furnished apartments, clean beds, good fare, the best attention, and reasonable charges, which should render it worthy the support of Travellers.

A Large STABLE has been erected on the premises, capable of accommodating 70 Horses.

Good Hostlers are always in attendance.
July 8, 1853. E. W. FLAGLER.

JOHN HARRY,
Silver Smith, Jeweller & Engraver,
North side of King Street, St. John, N. B., a few doors below the *Waverley House.*

MANUFACTURER of all kinds Silver Plate viz: Tea, Table, and Dessert Spoons; Forks Ladles, Fish and Butter Knives, &c. &c. also, Silver Cups of different patterns, which he will furnish *Cheaper* than any other House in the City. The above work is warranted to be made of Sterling Silver, and for neatness of style and superiority of finish challenges competition.

JEWELLERY made to order and repaired.

All Kinds of Engraving neatly executed.

Traders, Pedlers and others furnished with plain Gold Finger RINGS *cheaper* than can be imported. In all cases punctuality may be relied on. Cash and the highest price given for Old Silver.

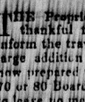
No. 13 King Street, Drugs, Medicines, &c.

THE Subscriber has received per ship *Zodiac* from London, an additional supply of DRUGS, MEDICINES, Patent Medicines, Chemicals, Perfumery, SPICES, Fancy Soaps, Tooth, Nail, Paint Hair, and Clothes BRUSHES.

Also—14 tons Brandram's No. 1. WHITE LEAD and Coloured PAINTS;
2 Cases Imodon Body COPAL VARNISH;
1 Case Gold Leaf; 2 Cases No. 1 Sparkes;
2 Casks Bird Seed; 2 Cases Salad Oil;
5 Casks Painter's Colours;
1 Cask Pumice Stone;
1 Cask Spanish Liquorice.

November 4. S. L. TILLEY.

Valuable Land For Sale.



THE Subscriber offers for Sale that valuable Lot of LAND known as No. 9, in the Douglas Valley, close to the Nerepis Road. It contains 200 acres, is well timbered with good wood, and the soil is of the best quality. It will be sold on accommodating terms, on application to

CHRISTOPHER MALMARD.
Oct. 21, 1852 3m. *Carleton.*

WINDOW GLASS
OF ALL SIZES,

From 8x6 to 24x18 inches in boxes, single and double thick, Crown and Common Sheet and Crown, with all the intermediate sizes.

JOHN KINNEAR, Prince William-street, will furnish in any quantity, from a single or dozen panes to a single or hundred boxes, the above described article; with cash purchases, as uncommonly cheap as the *Waverley House.*

He will also order for those who may require, through that Favorite PLATE GLASS—Cases have now for sale, on hand, six panes Patent Plate 24x36; six panes ditto, 28x30; six panes ditto, 30x40; six panes ditto, 30x44—3-8 inch thick.

St. John, 26 Dec., 1852.

Thomas Gow & Francis Egan.

THE Subscriber will receive per Steamer "Admiral."—A Consignment of FOURTEEN CASES of Ladies', Misses', and Children's Calfskin Prunella and Kidskin BOOTS—which he offers for Sale at Wholesale. S. K. FOSTER.

NEW FALL GOODS.

St. John Clothing Mart,
WATER STREET,
Sign of the GOLDEN LION.
MARKET SQUARE.

RECEIVED per packets ship "Empress," Barque "Boston," and steamer "America," from Liverpool, Eastern City, and Admiral, their Partner, a large and varied assortment of British CLOTHS—consisting of Beaver, Pilot, Petershy, Whitney and superfine West of England Cloths and Cassimeres, figured and plain.

40 Cases of Assorted SATINETTS, Striped and Figured COTTONS, &c. &c.

Ready-made Department.

Made in the Establishment—fashionable shades.

500 Beaver, Whitney, Pilot, Canada, Satinett and Duffield COATS, from 20s. upwards;
300 Reefing Jackets, Pilot and Beaver, double lined from 15s. upwards;
500 Shooting COATS—every shade and texture;
1000 Vests—Silk, Satin, Velvet, Cashmere, Barathea, Valentia and White Marseilles.
A large assortment of Dress FROCKS, Sacks, and Paletots;

Gent's Furnishing Goods.

Men's White SHIRTS, Linen Thrummed, Fancy Regatta and heavy Striped ditto—blue, white and red.

Merino and Lambswool Shirts and drawers.

4 cases Gents' Silk and Satin HATS; 6 cases Kossuths and Leghorn Hats; 8 cases Boys' Cloth and Cassimere Caps.

SEAMEN'S OUTFITS—of every description.

Goodyear's Patent Rubber Coats, Leggings, Sou'-Westers, Sporting Bags, &c.; 100 dozen Braces, Silk, India Rubber and Elastic; 20 boxes French Satin and Silk Neck Ties and Stocks, plain and figured, a beautiful article; Silk Pocket Handkerchiefs of every description; Silk, Cotton and Kid Gloves; Trunks, Valises, travelling Bags, &c.; Silk and Cotton Umbrellas; with every description of goods requisite for a general Outfitting Establishment.

300 Suits of Boy's Clothing, in Beaver, Pilot, Satinett, Tweeds, &c. &c.

4 Cases of Fur, Seal Skin, silk velvet, Tweed and Cloth CAPS;
10 Bales of Buffalo Robes and Coats, Seal Skin, and Reversible, ditto;

N. B. Gents. selecting their Clothe can have their Garments cut in the newest style, and executed by the best of workmen and superintended by experienced foreman—fit or forfeit.

☞ All Goods marked in plain figures, and no second price.

☞ WATER STREET, SIGN OF THE ROYAL ARMS, FRONTING ON THE MARKET SQUARE.
November 11. P. NEILL.

HIBERNIAN HOTEL,
PRINCE WILLIAM STREET,
BOARDERS, BOARDERS, BOARDERS.

THE Subscriber wishes to inform the Public that he is now prepared to receive a number of Permanent or Transient Boarders, on the following terms, viz;

Yearly or Monthly,	£40	0	0 per annum.
Weekly,	0	17	6
Daily,	0	3	6
Breakfast,	0	1	0
Dinner,	0	1	6
Tea,	0	1	3

Cold LUNCHEONS at any hour from 10 a. m. till 10 p.m. SOUPS on Mondays and Thursdays; and by good attendance, Clean Rooms and choice Cordials (including a wee drop of the Creythur,) he hopes to merit a share of public patronage.

N. B.—Choice Shediac OYSTERS always on hand; also, Cold Roast Fowl supplied to private Families, at the shortest notice.

Sept. 30. JAMES NETHERY.

Halifax Tailoring Establishment.

Now opposite Mr. Sears' Residence, and First Shop from the corner of Princess and Germain Streets.

THE Subscriber begs leave to return thanks to his numerous friends, and the public generally, for the handsome support that has been extended to him, and assures them he will ever be ready to attend any order that may be given him for execution. He further wishes the attention of the public to his unrivalled Stock of CLOTH, CASSIMERES, VESTINGS, &c. &c.

Having carried on business in the West of England, he has had extensive experience in Cutting both Military and Naval uniforms as well as every other kind of Fashionable Dress. Subsequently he has been employed as Cutter in the first Establishment in Halifax for seven years, where he took the premium for Cutting Coats; and it was admitted by one of the best Cutters in New York that he is the best Cutter of Spring Bottom Pants in North America.

Persons wishing to learn the most scientific mode of Measuring and Cutting Coats may obtain information at this Establishment.

☞ Garments Made and Trimmed on the most reasonable terms.

August 19, 1853. C. H. BARTLETT.

Furs, Shawls, Robes, Ribbons, &c.

JAMES SMELLIE,

Has received per steamer "Canada"

FURS; MISSONS;
BLACK SILK VELVETS;
Crimson Do;
RIBBON VELVETS;
FERMANS and SARNETS;
Rich Black Watered SILKS;
Black Silk LACES;
Do. Do. FRINGES;
PRINTED CACHMERES.

For Sale "Helen Thomson".

An excellent assortment of LONG & SQUARE WOOLEN SHAWLS;
Handkerchiefs and MUFFLERS;
Rich Filled SHAWLS;
Embroidered Crape, Cobourgh, and French Merino ROBES;
Which will be Sold at very low prices for CASH.
Princess Wm. Street, Dec. 9, 1853.

"Commercial Clothing Hall,"
NORTH SIDE OF KING STREET.

WILL be opened on Thursday the 15th inst.—With a large & well assorted Stock of Clothing, CLOTH, CASSIMERES, DOESKINS Barristers, Vestings, Flannels, BLANKETS, Corduroys, Cords, Tweeds, with a variety of other useful Goods, all of which will be sold at unusually low prices.

The above Goods, being all new Stock, and the Clothing being Cut and Made up in the best Style, the Proprietor respectfully solicits a call and examination from the Public generally.

Oct. 21. JAMES DEAN.

SUPERFOOTED FELT CLOTH.—Just received, from Messrs. Low & Co., Manufacturers, Glen Falls, a large assortment of the above article. A number of the prices is marked on each piece. Cheaper than ever.

JOHN V. THURGAR.

FALL STYLES.

OCKBURN & CO. have received the Fall Style of SATIN HATS, and a variety of new shapes.

☞ A large lot of Summer and Spring GOODS selling Cheap.
Tweed prices. 17, King Street.

Poetry.

THE SOULS OF THE CHILDREN.

BY CHARLES MACKAY.

"Who bids for the little children—
Body, and soul and brain;
Who bids for the little children—
Young and without a stain?"
"We bid," said Vice and Famine,
"We bid for life and limb;
Fever, and pain, and squalor;
Their bright young eyes shall dim.

"I bid," said Beggary, howling,
"I'll buy them one and all,
I'll teach them a thousand lessons—
To lie, to steal, to crawl."
"And I'll bid higher and higher,"
Said crime with a wolfish grin,
"For I love to lead the children,
Through the pleasant paths of sin."

"Oh, shame!" said true religion,
"Oh, shame, that this should be!"
I'll take the little children,
I'll take them all to me.
"I'll raise them up with kindness
From the mire in which they're trod,
I'll teach them words of blessing,
"I'll lead them up to God."

"You're not the true religion,"
Said a Sect with flashing eyes;
"Not then," said another scowling—
"Thou'rt heresy and lies."
"You shall not have the children,"
Said a third with shout and yell;
"You're Antichrist and bigot—
You'd train them up for hell."

And England, sorely puzzled,
To see such battle strong,
Exclaimed with voice of pity—
"Oh, friends! you do me wrong"
Oh, cease your bitter wrangling,
For till you all agree,
I feel the little children—
Will plague both you and me.

But all refused to listen;—
Quoth they—"We bid our time;"
And the bidders seized the children—
Beggary, Filth, and Crime;
And the prisons teemed with victims,
And the gallows rocked on high;
And the thick abomination
Spread rocking to the sky.

Miscellaneous.

WAR AND PESTILENCE.—Some interesting tables have been issued from the Healthoffice, comprising the loss of life by war and pestilence. It appears that in 22 years of war there were 19 796 killed and 79,709 wounded; giving an annual average of 899 killed and 4,623 wounded. In 1848-9 there were no fewer than 72,180 persons killed by cholera and diarrhœa in England and Wales, and 144,360 attacked; 98,397 of the killed were able-bodied persons capable of getting their own living! Besides these deaths from the great epidemic, 115,000 die annually, on an average of preventible diseases; while 11,419 die by violence Comparing the killed in nine great battles, including Waterloo—4,740—with the number killed by cholera in London in 1848-9—14,139—we find a difference of 9,339 in favor of war. In cholera visitations, 12 per cent, sometimes 20 per cent, of the medical men employed died. The London missionaries died as fast those in foreign countries and there are some districts in London which make the Mission Society ask themselves whether they have a right to send men into them. From the returns of 12 unions it is found at 3,565 widows and orphants are chargeable to the cholera of 1848-9, entailing an expenditure of £121,000 in four years only.

CHRONOMETRS.—When we find that in one hospital in London alone, that of St. Bartholomew, more than thirty five thousand persons have been submitted to its full influence, with only one accident of importance—that in Edinburgh more than 400,000 doses have been sold by the druggists to the surgeons of that city, and only one death from its use has resulted—when we reflect how generally it has been used in all parts of the world by persons who had to obtain their knowledge of its effects by experiment, and were, therefore, unskilled in its administration—remembering also that it has very frequently been used in impure state, combined with deleterious substance—the wonder is not that some few deaths may be traced to the use of a new remedy, but that they should have been so few. Considerable doubt still hangs over the few exceptional cases, for death will sometimes occur in the most unexpected, inexplicable manner under the most trivial operations.—*Scottish Review.*

A FAST MARRIAGE.—What odd things the women will sometimes do, to be shure! In the course of true love ever ran rapidly, it was when the following hymeneal performance took place:

A singular marriage took place a few days since, in Highlawn, N. J. The bride had five suitors, to each of whom she had engaged herself, appointing with each the same day for the ceremony. At the time fixed all the lads were on hand, and the magistrate who was to perform the ceremony was present. The maiden had not made up her mind fully as to who should be made her happy lord, when the magistrate requested the couple to stand up. As if driven to desperation, she bounded to her feet, gave one of the "boys" a nudge with her foot, and before the others had recovered from their astonishment, the knot was tied.

A JUDICIOUS CHARITY.—The Valparaiso papers received by steamer Empire City state that Senora Antonia Arevala de Navarro as executrix and trustee of her late husband, Senor Navarro has made over in favour of the hospital of that city the sum of twenty-five thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven dollars and ninety-seven cents. This amount had been devised in Senor Navarro's will to the church in favor of his soul, but his widow, endowed with true philanthropical sentiments, has given it another and more laudable destination, wisely countering that alleviating the distresses of poor suffering humanity is not more praiseworthy in the eyes of the Almighty than thousands upon thousands of masses, however well sung or said.

SEVERAL STOCK.—Robert Scott, Esq., of Woodford county, in Kentucky, who owns one of the finest estates of that region, has a large pond of water upon his domain, by which his lady has built ornamental cots a flock of wild geese. He first procured a pair, and reared their wings which rendered them unable to migrate. They were soon tamed and remain in the pond with their descendants, which are numerous. The stock now numbers over fifty, and it increases annually.—*Louisville Dem.*

A number of farmers, written by Gibbon, the historian, to his aunt, have recently been published. He expresses the utmost contempt of his tenants, that religion is the best guide of punch and the best comfort of old age.

A thorn-stronger inclosure is like the small-pox—he will pick holes in the proties face.

PERVERSION,
OR
Cousin Caroline's Wedding:
A TALE OF MODERN TIMES.

Concluded.

I started back with astonishment, and so trod upon aunt's pet cat, which flew about the room spitting and snarling, making at least a spring out of it, and coming in contact with the startled servant's cheek; for instead of the monkey I had pictured, in walked a splendid man of six or seven-and-twenty, handsome enough to have had his portrait propped up at the "Nationel," or his bust in a group of far-famed sculpture, with a frank beaming eye, and a tongue that might have turned half the girl's head in Christendom. How on earth had Caroline caught *him?*

I might have wanted for the sun to form a conjunction with itself, or a fortune to come to me before alighting on a more agreeable fellow. Not one of your buckram'd, high-flown officers, turning up their noses at everybody beside their own mess-room, but a really well-informed, companionable man, keen and sensible. We became cordial friends at once, and I lost myself in a puzzled reverie as I looked at him. That he should have chosen Caroline for a wife did not surprise me; for if men and women were shaken in a bag, and drawn out in couples, more incongruous matches would not be met with than are met with now; but—his docility to aunt and Father Ignatius! However, said I, rousing myself, he is not the only man, sane and keen in other respects, who has been lured into the snare that is now so fashionable.

Aunt was in high good humor, and proposed that we four should have a quadrille, offering to try her hand at some bygone tune; so down she sat to a piano. But how were we to stand up? Captain Fitzhenry of course advanced to his bride-elect: but it would never do for brother and sister to dance together, so the Captain took Lina, and I crossed over to Caroline.

He danced very well, so did Lina. They looked a handsome couple, and so well suited to each other, that I caught myself wondering, perhaps regretting, that she was not the chosen one. I hoped I was mistaken—indeed I knew I was—but it did not strike me once or twice, that if ever bright blue eyes beamed love, Lina's did when she glanced at him.

Before we had finished the four-legged quadrille—people say four-handed cribbage and four-handed whist, so why not four-legged quadrille?—Dr. Cram, the rector, came in. Aunt had not quite renounced all her Protestant friends with her religion. A fine specimen of a good old English parson; the very quintessence of moderation and humility; held only five livings, and was not paid a farthing more than three thousand a year for the lot. A pleasant, hospitable man, with a rubicund face, and a round about form, quite a second Daniel Lambert; never troubling his head about any earthly care, save what he should eat and drink; interfering with nobody; letting his flock go whatever road they chose, and preaching about five sermons in the year—one at each place. People insinuated at the time, that had he been a little less supine, Dashingly House might not have taken refuge in Rome. He was to have the honour of officiating at Caroline's wedding, that is, so far as the Protestant ceremony went; and Mrs. Dr. Cram—as the country aristocracy called her down there—was going to church in a bird-of-paradise feather. The doctor let this piece of news out to us in the openness of his heart. He came in to gossip about the marriage, and, there being none but the family present, we discussed the programme of the ceremony.

"Have you got the license yet?" asked the doctor.

"No," said Fitzhenry; "it is coming."

"Special?" resumed Dr. Cram.

"Of coutse."

"Why, then you can be married in this drawing room," returned the doctor, "and save the bother of getting in and out of the carriages."

But this suggestion was not relished by either the bridegroom or the bride. She of course thou't what a shame it would be not to show off outside the numerous guests and all the paraphernalia of dress and bridal *cortege*: and he muttered some scruples about religion, and being married in au every day room, I hardly heard what but they both said they would go to church.

The rector's carriage was to lead the van, containing himself and Fitzhenry; the bridegroom's new travelling-chariot was to follow, with Alfred and Mrs. Cram; the Dashingly coach next, the bride, bridesmaid, aunt, and Sir Popperton Jeffs, the family uncle, inside; and a string of several more would follow, conveying the general company. Immediately after the church service, the necessary Catholic rites would performed.

Monday came—the day previous to the wedding—and Mr. Alfred Dashingly made his appearance in the morning. Foppish, and over-dressed as usual, he presented a striking contrast to Fitzhenry. If Lina had ever got worried into marrying him, thought I to myself, she is not the girl of sense I take her for.

Alfred was in raptures with his brother-in-law to be; but so he would have been with any rich man who walked off Caroline, were it only for the hope that he should succeed in doing a little with him in the borrowing line. He was especially affectionate to Lina—wanted to favour her with a chaste salute on his arrival,—whether as a cousin or as a lover he did not intimate—but Lina with a dignified air and haughty gesture, drew away from the profferred honour.

"How can you make up your mind to leave your childhood's home, Carry, and the green fields where you have gambolled?" asked I, putting on a dash of the sentimental.

"A great sacrifice, is it not," bantered Caroline, "to quit this out-of-the-world place, where one is never certain of seeing a soul but the rector and old Cram, for a modern seat in Elmburgh and a mansion in London?

"Do you intend to take pity on any of the poor devils you are leaving behind to break their hearts, and invite us to visit you?"

"I shall see," posted the beauty. "I can make no promises, for the captain's connexions are high as you know, so I must of course be particular. Perhaps I shall invite Lina—that is, if she decides to marry Alfred."

"A gentle hint that I am to be cut, crave it not, I suppose, if I meet you in town, I should not presume to more than a raise of my hat in the distance?"

"You are always talking nonsense," answered Carry, as she moved away.

"What's that?" cried Fitzhenry, coming up.

"Only a rap on the knuckles," I answered, "for my presumption in having asked if a luckless wight might venture to show himself at the house of Mrs. Fitzhenry."

"And Caroline says 'No,'" he rejoined, laughing.

"Caroline intimated as much. It was only asked in jest, Fitzhenry."

"Then I tell you what my boy," he exclaimed, shaking my hands in his usual impetuous pleasant manner, "I'll take it upon myself to give you the invitation before-hand, and a cordial one, too. No one shall be made more welcome than you, if you will only find time to come to us—and the sooner the better."

"And your wife—allowing that I took you at your word?"

"I hope and believe that my wife will start few difficulties of this nature when once she is mine."

He did not know Caroline as I did.

"Fitzhenry," I resumed, "you are a favorite with Mrs. Dashingly—and with the priest."

"Have they been saying so?"

"And have, I believe, some influence over them."

"They over me, you mean."

"I wish you could persuade them to see the monstrosity of this scheme of theirs regarding Lina. Not an argument that I could advance would be even listened to—but with you it is different."

"What scheme?" he inquired.

"The sending her into a convent. Not that the thing ever can, or ever shall, carried out—the very idea is ridiculous. But if they could be persuaded to settle the matter amicably, it would be much more desirable, especially for Lina, than out being obliged to come to a blowing up about it. Will you exert your influence on her behalf?"

"What, and deprive her of the opening prospect of becoming a Roman Catholic!—of dedicating herself to the Virgin?"

I looked at him, and for the life of me could not tell whether he was in jest or in earnest. There was nothing in his tone or countenance to indicate the former.

"No," he continued, after a pause of deliberation, "I will oblige you in any other way that I can, but to remonstrate with Mrs. Dashingly, or with the holy father, about this convent business, is clearly what I have no right to do, and I must decline all interference. You will allow me, however to express a hope that whatever steps may be taken with regard to your sister, they may be the means of securing her happiness."

"I had deemed her a favorite of yours, Fitzhenry."

"She is now—as being nearly connected with my future wife."

Did anybody ever happen to be in a house the day before a wedding? If so, they have *been* in it—that's all. Cutting up wedding-cake: tying and sealing up cards; burning old billet-doux of other suitors, and laughing over the locks of hair; tying on bounets; twisting up wreathes; making up favors; packing up trunks; writting letters for the morrow's post, announcing the happy event which will then have taken place; cooking dishes for the breakfast, till the house smelt like all the restraints of the Palais Royal con densed into one; ejaculating notes of admiration at the arriving presents; over whelming the servants with a confused mass of directions, who in return are running into every corner but where the ought; and happy relations publically lamenting and privately rejoicing at their approaching separation from the interesting bride.

Caroline wrote lots of letters, glad enough to be able to do so at last—she had waited for it for years—her distant friends were numerous—it was believed she had some in every town in the United Kingdom—and all were favoured with an epistle, short and sweet, conveying the glad tidings.

Carry was far from being jealous, that's certain or she would not have liked the conversation between Fitzhenry and Lina all the time she wrote, or that duet in the room. It was nothing to me, but, upon my word, the captain's stolen intercourse with Lina looked deal more like love than his paraded attentions to Caroline. My private opinion was, that he had scented his bridge's flirting propensities, and was playing off a bit of revenge. However, the morrow must end it. I'll be shot, too, if he did not kiss her! To be sure, he kissed Caroline at the same time, and said something about he and Lina being only a few hours off cousinship; but I know this, that if Lina had been my lady love instead of my sister, I should have found my rest disturbed by visions of coffee and pistols.

It was a beautiful day for a wedding. The sun shone, the bells tinkled, and the carriages rattled up the guests. The first arrival was Dr. Cram with his lady, the latter's bird-of-paradise nodding to the wind as she alighted from her chariot, all splendid in a robe that, to unimitated eyes like mine, was composed of sea-green bugles and gold wire. Sir Popperton Jeffs dashed up with outriders. He bore a splendid case of pearls as a present for the bride, and a similar set for Lina. Mrs. Dr. Cram, who liked to have a finger in everybody's pie, told them it was not etiquette to bestow upon the bridesmaid a like present to the bride's. But Sir Popperton, who was a fiery man, observed that Lina was his niece as well as Caroline, and that etiquette might be——we never knew what, for he choked down the conclusion.

Everybody was in high feather—aunt looked like the rising sun. A mass of tea-rose roses, quite daunting to behold, and a white satin bonnet carried off by a scarlet plume. Captain Fitzhenry looked very handsome and very happy—strange that he had not a favorite bride, but everybody has his fad, and a diamond bride, and wreaths for all the bridesmaids were in course reserved for those who chose to make the sacrifice of a hair, but Sir Popperton was in raptures with the pearls.

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