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They also manufacture to order
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Orders in Town or Country executed with promptness by day or night.
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One superior Wood Planer, nearly new.
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Two Circular Saw Tables, with arbours and saws.
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478 YARDS
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OF CANADA.
(Incorporated by Special Act of Parliament.)
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Six Bottles for $5.00.
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Machinery of all kinds Repaired at short notice.
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12 Barrels now Landing
For sale cheap at the
WHITE LEAD FACTORY
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A complete assortment of Stoves, Grates and Mantle Pieces, Ship Castings and Agricultural Implements, together with all other articles in the Iron Founding Line.
Intending purchases would do will to examine our Stock before giving their orders elsewhere, as we are determined to sell very low for cash, and at prices defying competition.
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New Brunswick Foundry,
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Two and three bowed of Canadian, Penitentiary, Tin Socket, Iron Clasp, &c.
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STONES,
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FORKS,
Two and three towed "Plumpton," "Ely Balch," "Welland Vale," and other makes.
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Is an Indian vegetable compound, composed of the juices of a variety of remarkable medicinal plants and herbs; the various properties of these different ingredients, when combined, is so constituted as to act simultaneously upon the Blood, Lungs, Liver, Kidneys, Digestive Organs, Nervous System, &c., restoring their functions to healthy action, and, being purely vegetable, is as harmless as Nature's own beverage. This medicine is a decided benefit to all, and a permanent cure in a large majority of diseases of the blood, such as Scrofula, Erysipelas, Salt Rheum, Canker, Pimples, &c. In prescribing this medicine, we do not claim that it always performs cures; but this we do say, that it purifies and enriches the blood, permanently curing a large majority of diseases arising from its impurities. It stands far ahead and unequalled among the hundreds of competing medicines of the day. It has stood the test of ten years, and is to-day more popular than ever. As a summer restorative it stands unrivalled; it enables the system to bear up against the common strain to which it is subjected by high temperature. Persons who are subject to Bilious Colic, Dysentery, Indigestion, &c., should take the "Shoshonees Remedy." Price of the Remedy in pint bottles $1; Pills 25 cents a box.
For sale Wholesale by T. B. BARKER & SONS and A. CHIPMAN SMITH, St. John. AVERY, BROWN & Co. and FORSYTH & Co., Halifax.

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FALL MEETING.
OCTOBER 3rd, 4th & 5th.
ENTRIES CLOSE MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th, at 11 P. M.
OCTOBER 3rd—Purse $150 for Three Minute class: $50 to first, $40 to second, and $20.
SAME DAY.—Purse of $200 for 2.38 class; $125, $50 and $25.
OCTOBER 4th.—Purse of $150 for 2.50 class; $90, $40 and $20
SAME DAY.—A Purse of $250, open to all stallions not beaten 2.38; $150, $75 and $25.
OCTOBER 5th.—Purse of $50 for 3-year-old colts and fillies, half mile heats, best 3 in 5; $25 to first, $15 to second.
SAME DAY.—Purse $75 for 4-year-old colts and fillies, mile heats, best 2 in 3; $45 to first, $20 and $10.
SAME DAY.—A Purse of $250 for 2.30 class; $150 to first, $75 and $25.
The above races to be mile heats, best 3 in 5, unless otherwise specified. Four to enter and three to start. Horses which exceed a record in the 5 minute class on the 24th August on the Park will be eligible to compete in the same class at this meeting.
Entrance fee 10 per cent. of purse, and must accompany the entry. All entries must be made strictly according to rule, stating name, color and sex of animal, giving pedigree when known, and if unknown, so stated. A horse distancing the field or any part thereof will receive the first premium only.
Races will be called promptly at 2.30 o'clock, each day. A special Train will leave for the Park each day, returning when Races are over.
Entries will close on MONDAY, 25th September, at Victoria Hotel, at 11 p. m.
All communications must be addressed to
J. B. HAMM, President.
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AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS.
MANUFACTURER OF
COOKING STOVES, SHIP, PARLOR AND OFFICE STOVES, MILL CASTINGS.
Ship Windlasses, Capstans, and Ship Castings of all kinds made to order.
PAYNE & FRAZER'S PATENT SHIP PUMP, with Copper Chambers.
Lead Scuppers and Water Closets, and all Goods in my line for Ships and Steamers.
☞ Work done to order with quick despatch. ☜
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For the Pic Nics!
JUST RECEIVED:—
1 CASE of GENTS' BUCKLE SHOES, at $2.50.
1 CASE Ladies' Goat Newports, at $1.50.
Ladies' Kid Slippers, at 90 cents.
Ladies' Serge Balmorals, at 85 cents.
Ladies' Serge Congress, at 90 cents.
GEO. A. KIMBALL,
(New No.) 71 King street,
Next door below Mr. Wm. Kennedy's grocery store.
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MOFFAT'S HOTEL,
166 Union Street, - - St. John, N. B.,
(Directly opposite Smith's Variety Store.)
Centrally situated. Has modern conveniences.
TERMS ONE DOLLAR PER DAY.
Permanent Boarders at reasonable rates.
R. J. MOFFAT, Proprietor.
☞ CUMULATIVE EXERCISE OR HEALTH LIFT IN THE PARLOR. july 15—1y

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A LARGE and fine assortment of Lamps of all descriptions. ALSO,
American, Canadian and Lubricating Oils.
For sale by
J. R. CAMERON & CO., 73 Prince Wm. street.

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500 BBLS. KILN-DRIED CORNMEAL!
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We propose to give buyers and readers of the paper the best value for their money that they have ever received in the shape of newspaper literature.
To *Advertisers* we guarantee a circulation of 3,000 copies every Saturday, and as Saturday is the best day of the week for publishing advertisements, we have little doubt that THE WATCHMAN will be freely patronized on that day, and that we shall more than make up in advertising what profit we may lose on the sales of the paper. The rapid increase in our advertising patronage leads us to believe that THE WATCHMAN is likely to become a popular advertising medium. Our figures can be obtained on application at the office.
ADDRESS: JOHN LIVINGSTON, PROPRIETOR AND EDITOR, St. John, N. B.
OFFICE: 82 Princess Street, directly opposite entrance to Ritchie's Building.

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The Watchman.
ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, SEPT. 9, 1876.

OUR SATURDAY RAMBLE.

Washington Irving, to whose pen we are indebted for the quaint legends of the Hudson, thus rhapsodises on that noble river:—

I thank God that I was born on the banks of the Hudson. I fancy I can trace much of what is good and pleasant in my own heterogeneous compound to my early companionship with this glorious river. In the warmth of youthful enthusiasm, I used to clothe it with moral attributes, and, as it were, give it a soul. I delighted in its frank, bold, honest character; its noble sincerity and perfect truth. Here was no specious, smiling surface, covering the shifting sand-bar and perfidious rock, but a stream deep as it was broad, and bearing with honorable faith the bark that trusted to its waves. I gloried in its simple, quiet, majestic, epic flow, ever straight forward, or, if forced aside for once by opposing mountains, struggling bravely through them, and resuming its onward march. Behold, thought I, an emblem of a good man's course through life, ever simple, open and direct, or if, overpowered by adverse circumstances, he deviate into error, it is but momentary; he soon resumes his onward and honorable career, and continues it to the end of his pilgrimage.

By the love he bore his native river, its traditions and scenery, we have a faithful portraiture of the man,—modest, retiring, self-communing, tender in his estimate of human frailty, and child-like in all his intercourse with mankind.

Turning into the Adelaide road from Main street, Portland, we are soon in the country, and its appearance in the vicinity is about as wild as can be imagined. We cross a fine new wooden bridge, over a deep and rugged ravine, and by a road which is extremely tortuous, we pass the fine and romantically situated residence of H. T. Ames, Esq., several lime kilns, and finally come in view of Millidgeville, with the broad waters of the Kennebeccasis beyond. I question if any other road leading from the City presents a greater diversity of scenery, or from which more charming views may be obtained. In front of Millidgeville lie the Kennebeccasis, Bald and Indian Islands;—the latter is conceded to the Indians, who sometimes pitch their tents here, but most of the time it is wholly deserted. The principal industry of Millidgeville is lumber, which is chiefly shipped to the United States. A steam ferry-boat plies between Millidgeville and Kennebeccasis Island, Summerville and Milkish, by which we proposed a visit to those places, but the boat was off the route on the day of our ramble in consequence of the high winds that prevailed.

Refreshing ourselves with a cup of tea at the quiet "hostelrie" of Mr. Seely, we brace ourselves for a jaunt up the rugged shore to Sand Point. The distance must be about four or five miles,—so far from the City that the foot-paths, which abound in our nearer suburbs, afford no assistance to the foot of the explorer,—still, we come upon many charming bits of scenery, views that would have delighted the heart of a landscape painter, as well as various points which it is extremely difficult to pass:—immense beaches of gravel suitable for carriages and sidewalks, easily reached by water,—groves of the finest growth of cedar, and nooks shut in by stunted hedges of fir, where one can lie on the fragrant grass and muse undisturbed by any sound except that of the waves as they wash the gravelly shore.

This be my chosen haunt—emancipate
From passion's dreams, a freeman, and alone,
I rise and trace its devious course. O lead,
Lead me to deeper shades and lonelier glooms.
Lo! stealing through the canopy of firs,
How fair the sunshine spots that mossy rock,
Isle of the river, whose disparted waves
Part off member with an angry sound,
How soon to re-unite! And see! they meet,
Each in the other lost and found; and see
Placidens, as spirits, one soft water-sun
Throbbing within them, heart at once and eye!
With its soft neighbourhood of slimy clouds,
The stains and shadings of forgotten tears,
Dimmest drewnum with luster! Such the hour
Of deep enjoyment, following love's brief feuds;
And hark, the noise of a near waterfall!
I pass forth into light—I find myself
Beneath a weeping birch (most beautiful
Of forest-trees, the lady of the woods,)
Hard by the brink of a tall weedy rock
That overbrows the cataract. How bursts
The,lancepe on my startled ear! Huge hills
Fold in behind each other, and so make
A circular vale, and land-locked, as might seem,
With brook and bridge, and gray stone cottages,
Half hid by rocks and fruit-trees. At my feet,
The whortle-berries are bedewed with spray,
Dashed upwards by the furious waterfall.

We reach Sand Point, somewhat weary, and with lingering steps proceed toward the City. Reaching Glenara, we turn into Highland Park, where, I am glad to see, work has been commenced on the Grand Avenue. A better location for such a park could not be found anywhere in America, unless it be in the vicinity of St. John. At Mount Pleasant we turn to Lily Lake, then through Gilbert's Lane, and our ramble ends. M. D. R.

PROTECTION principles are taking deeper hold of the people of Europe every day. Many English manufacturers and mechanics are calling for Protection, France has adopted it to a large extent, and other continental countries are well satisfied with it. And now Russia, says an exchange, after a lengthy trial of the practice of free trade, has abandoned it, and resolved to pursue an exactly opposite course for the future. A late telegram informs us that the "Russian Government, with the view of encouraging the home production of iron, has decided that the importation of foreign rails shall cease to be authorized; that a clause shall be introduced into the statutes of the railway companies, requiring them to purchase in Russia at least one-half of the rails they require; that premiums shall be accorded to the owners of mines, and that the Minister of Finance may reduce the tariffs for the carriage of coal, ore and iron." Herein is another lesson for our free trade Government, the head of which is a member of the Cobden Club and is claimed by a similar organization in the United States.

—July was the hottest month in New York in sixty-six years. The steamboat captains say it was the hottest on the ocean in all their experience.

MR. FRED HAMILTON'S LETTERS to the Montreal *Gazette* on "The Inter-Colonial Railway," have been read with a good deal of interest. Mr. Hamilton appears to have been a very industrious correspondent. Full mention is made of every town and village along the route; matters of interest to the several localities are dealt with; and the railway, with its stations, bridges, culverts, embankments, curves and admirable road-bed, is very clearly described. Mr. Hamilton has also written a description of St. John City, to which he does ample justice, and is now engaged in serving up "the Mineral Resources of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia." His representation of the Red Granite Works of St. George is calculated to be very useful to those engaged in developing this fine field for capital and industry. Mr. Hamilton's style is good, and improving. The extract given below, headed "St. John Journalists," is a fair sample both of his style and penetration. Excepting a little "extra" flattery bestowed on THE WATCHMAN office, and a rather sharp criticism of friend Stewart, of the *News*, Mr. Hamilton's estimate of the St. John Press and Press-men is quite just. Referring to civic taxation in St. John he remarks:—

If you want gas in your house, you must cut through rock to lay your pipe. It will cost you a small fortune to do this. If you want water you must do likewise. In fact, if you want anything in the way of street improvements, you are met with difficulties at almost every turn. The result is that taxes are about as high as they can go. But St. John folk are a patient people. They always murmur inwardly; and never seem to care about knowing on what basis assessments are made. For instance: a clerk with a salary of $600 per year is taxed on his personal income at $15; another with the same salary has to pay $20. Why this difference exists is an enigma which no one can explain with any degree of satisfaction. The people grumble occasionally at mismanagement; but it never amounts to anything. Once in a while a liberal-hearted citizen will pray for an injunction to restrain the payment of salaries to Aldermen, and defray the law costs out of his own pocket. The people let him do it and nobody seems to mind it, except a few of the Aldermen, and even they admire, in spite of themselves, the public spirit which prompts the action.

The full extent of the burthen of taxation on incomes is somewhat under stated. Since the citizens of St. John allow it there can be no harm in telling the world that people assessed on incomes are here compelled to pay a tax of four per cent.:—even a higher rate has been levied in some instances this year. This fact, at least, ought to be added to the list of notable things to be found in St. John. In this respect—whether creditable or otherwise—we lead the world. No other City of modern times approaches us! We hope Mr. Hamilton will make a note of a circumstance that will startle the readers of the *Gazette*. It ought to go forth and be read by all who will peruse the 10,000 copies of his pamphlet embracing Mr. Hamilton's letters, which the proprietors of the *Gazette* are about to issue.

ST. JOHN JOURNALISTS.

[Correspondence of Montreal Gazette.]

This letter would not be complete without some reference to the Fourth estate. St. John has five political papers—three dailies, one tri-weekly and one weekly. The *Daily Telegraph*, ostensibly a Reform paper, is known throughout the Dominion for its enterprise and vigor. I hope I may be pardoned for intruding upon the "impersonality of journalism," as Mr. Goldwin Smith has it, in crediting those gentlemen connected with the press for their energy in making their journals what they are. W. Elder, Esq., M.P.P., editor and proprietor of the *Telegraph*, spares no expense in making his journal in every way worthy of its high reputation as a newspaper. He is an accomplished scholar and polished writer; a far-seeing politician, with an eye to the present and future requirements of the age. In making the *Telegraph* what it is, he has been ably assisted by Mr. James Hannay, sub-editor, a gentleman who has worked for, and knows more of the history and resources of New Brunswick than any one whom I have met. He has the history of St. John at his fingers' ends. He is not only a clever writer of great research, but also a poet of more than average ability. At present he has in the press a volume upon the "History of Acadia" of some 500 pages. Mr. Hannay's services deserve recognition, and it is to him the St. John people are indebted for the vigorous fight the *Telegraph* made in defence of the Baie Verte Canal scheme. The Evening *Globe* is also another spicy paper, partly owned by Mr. J. V. Ellis, recently appointed Postmaster here. The *Globe* is a reliable paper and you always know what it means, and it is credited with meaning just what it says. In popular parlance, you always know where to find it. The *News*, the avowed organ of the Tory party, (also Reform) owned by Hon. E. Willis, is exceedingly popular with the Orangemen. Mr. J. L. Stewart is sub-editor, a pointed but somewhat reckless writer, whose ability is occasionally marred by sacrificing facts for the sake of making a point. Mr. Stewart is a genial, well educated gentleman possessing extensive information, combined with a shrewd ready aptness for retort. Your correspondent trusts that he will not be massacred for speaking the truth. The *Freeman* (Roman Catholic, Reform), is owned by Mr. Anglin, Speaker of the House of Commons. Mr. Anglin is a hard foe to fight with on paper. His literary ability is unquestioned. A portly gentleman, courteous and conversational, he administers through his journal literary tonics to those of his contemporaries with whose opinions he may differ. His memory is wonderful and it is currently stated that in past years he has printed reports solely from memory, without notes. He is a keen writer, unsparing in sarcasm, so roundly polished and carefully worded, that he is hard to beat in a fair open field for discussion. THE WATCHMAN, owned by John Livingston, Esq., the father of the maritime press, is a staunch Conservative weekly. He has already made his journal known far and wide for the series of very clever papers entitled, "Our Rulers in Council," the authorship of which is, so far, a mystery. Mr. Livingston is a thorough journalist in the best sense of the word. He is comely in person, ready in conversation, and gentlemanly in tone. Where he gets his information whereon to base his papers referred to, nobody knows. THE WATCHMAN enjoys an extensive circulation, and its typographical appearance is second to no other journal in the Dominion. The staff of THE WATCHMAN has sustained a severe loss in the recent death of Mr. G. B. P. Fielding, of Campbellton, a journalist formerly very connected with the *Grip*, the *National* and other Toronto papers. Your correspondent, who had the pleasure of his intimate confidence, can bear testimony to the excellent qualities of Mr. Fielding's head and heart; qualities which entitle him to the respectful admiration of every literary brother who knew him. Poor fellow, he now lies in the rural cemetery of St. John, dead to the world's remembrances, but his loveable traits of disposition will ever live warm and bright in the hearts of those who recognized in him an ability far above the average of journalists. Had Mr. Fielding ever been permitted to live to the age usually allotted to mankind he would have found his level and not have died in obscurity. Mr. George Stewart, Jr., also contributes to THE WATCHMAN. His name is well known as the former proprietor of *Stewart's Quarterly*, a magazine which ought to have lived, but died for want of an educated public to appreciate its bright pages. No other magazine has yet compared with it for clever and sprightly reading. Mr. H. L. Spencer—a name well known to several Canadian journalists—also contributes to THE WATCHMAN. Mr. Spencer was formerly proprietor of the *Maritime Monthly*, which also came to its death from the same cause.

A PATERNAL GOVERNMENT.—Is there any good reason why the Government of Canada should find quarters for any banking institution? And still they are removing the restaurant at Campbellton from the brick station building, having erected a new wooden building for its use, and are giving Molson's Bank of Montreal the old quarters of the restaurant. Whether the failure to amalgamate the Maritime with Molson's or some other Montreal bank will have any effect on the proposed Branch in Campbellton, remains to be seen. Mr. Brydges probably knows.

WHAT THEY SAY IN ONTARIO.—Says the Guelph *Herald* of a recent communication from Queen's County in THE WATCHMAN:—

"A correspondent of the St. John, New Brunswick, WATCHMAN, signing himself 'A farmer for thirty years,' has recently written that journal with reference to the disadvantages under which the farmers of New Brunswick labor in consequence of the present unfair tariff policy, which allows the importation of American farm produce duty free. The letter is so conclusive in its facts that it will undoubtedly be read with interest. * * * The unfair competition to which this New Brunswicker is subjected is but of a similar nature to that experienced every day in all portions of the Dominion, with reference to some product or other. Ontario, Quebec, British Columbia and Nova Scotia have protested against the continuance of the present unfair and unequal tariff, and now New Brunswick is rapidly following in their wake."

A COMING HORSE.—His name is "Grafton," a gelding owned by Robert Bonner, of New York. He is 9 years old, got by "Waxy," out of a mare by Kavanagh's "Gray Eagle." On Wednesday of last week, on Mr. Bonner's three-quarter exercising track at Tarrytown, N. Y., Grafton trotted a full mile in 2.17½,—the first half in 1.07—said to be "the greatest feat ever performed on a three-quarter track." His performance, says the New York *Sun*, is the more remarkable owing to the condition of health in which the horse had been during all the early part of the season. It is but recently that he was cured of a bad fistula on the withers. In fact, it was only nineteen days since he had been in harness since his recovery. Last year "Grafton," in good condition, made a mile in 2.15½ on the Cleveland track,—quarter-mile 33 sec., half 1.07, three-quarters 1.41. The sporting papers predict a great future for "Grafton."

MORE ECONOMY.—The Montreal *Star* says:—"It is telegraphed from Ottawa that the Government are about to extend the grounds of the Parliament buildings at a cost of half a million dollars. It is to be hoped the Premier can adduce some very good reason for this expenditure. This is not the time for lavish outlay, much less by a 'Reform' Government."

SAD SCENE IN HIGH LIFE.

A hitherto unwritten episode in the life of Richard John Cartwright explains the reason for his having written to Sir John Macdonald in 1869, that he must no longer look to him (Mr. Cartwright) for support. Mr. Cartwright has a brother, who is a clergyman, who has his residence on Amherst Island. During a campaign in that riding, the Conservatives held a meeting in the vicinity of this Rev. Mr. Cartwright's home. The Minister of Finance had no person to represent him at the meeting, and his rev. brother undertook to say a few words in his behalf. During his remarks he referred to the appointment of Sir Francis Hincks to the office of Finance Minister, and said that he (the speaker) was in his brother's—the present Finance Minister's—office, when the news of the appointment of Sir Francis arrived, and that his brother, upon reading it, walked the office, wrung his hands, groaned, and actually shed tears. The appeal: It the electors could have seen the agony, &c. We throw a veil over the heartrending scene. To make mention of it is bad; to have witnessed it would have been infinitely worse. Just to think of the agony of this great and good statesman, at the unfolding of the miserable tale, that cruel Sir John had actually taken that toodle of a Sir Francis Hincks into the coveted office, and left the hightoned heaven-born Cartwright out in the cold. No wonder the delicate hands were severely wrung; no wonder the manly bosom was rent with agonizing sighs, and the o'erflowing orbs were unable to retain their superabundant lachrymal fluid. Even while we write this tale of woe we feel that deep heartsympathy has inspired our pen with eloquence, and we are constrained to say, in the language of some eminent writer, whose name we forget,—Poor man! Is any wonder that under such painful circumstances Richard John should seize his best gold pen and write Sir John, "You may no longer depend upon my support." Sad things sometimes have a ridiculous side to them, and the conversion of the old Tory Cartwright to the Clear Grit Hon. Richard John by this disappointment—and the addition of office—is one of those ridiculous phases of a sad story. By all means let the country know about this weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth.—*West Durham News.*

A CURIOUS FRENCH MURDER TRIAL.

[From the Pall Mall Gazette.]

The assize court of Vaucluse has just dealt with one of the most difficult possible of cases—namely, the trial of a deaf and dumb couple for murder. The man Plantevin and his wife lived in the same house with a M. Eugene Recordon, a watchmaker at Vaison, in the district of Orange. They were excellent friends till M. Recordon, having lent Plantevin a sum of £200, was imprudent enough to ask for it, employing for that purpose the agency of a sheriff's order. Poor Plantevin, by the testimony of those who knew him best, was quite weak enough to have paid the money without making any fuss about it, but also weak enough to aid in committing murder at his wife's request.

At the sight of the sheriff's officer, Mme. Plantevin, a Corsican by birth, swore to be revenged. Next day M. Recordon was found lying dead in the midst of a pool of blood, with a ghastly wound in the head. It appeared that none of his property had been stolen, but two hammers belonging to Plantevin and a white linen apron habitually worn by his wife were missing. Some additional circumstances rendered the presumption against the Plantevins extremely strong; but French justice had the courage to be extremely patient, and to give the accused more than every chance, in consideration of their joint misfortune. The murder was committed on the night of November 13–14 last, but it was not till the 25th of April that the long preliminary examination, that the Plantevins were formally arraigned at the assizes.

They gave their evidence by means of two interpreters, but at the end of the third day they declared that the interpretations given of their thoughts were incorrect, and that the only person on whom they could rely was a certain professor of their language at Marseilles. Thereupon the president informed them that he could not refuse to take their request into consideration, only if it were granted the trial must be postponed until the August assizes. The Plantevins accordingly withdrew their demand, and the case was about to proceed, when the foreman of the jury informed the judge that he and his colleagues had already made up their minds on the verdict, which would be one of acquittal. By such a statement the law had been violated, and the whole trial had to begin again *ab initio*.

The final proceedings were terminated by a verdict of guilty against both prisoners. Plantevin, who had done his best in concert with a dutiful son to throw the blame on his wife, was condemned to eight years' penal servitude. Mme. Plantevin was condemned to twenty years.

BEAUTY AMONG FEMALE AUTHORS.

Very intellectual women are seldom beautiful. Their features, and particularly their foreheads, are more or less masculine, remarks the New Haven *Register*. But there are exceptions to all rules, and Mrs. Landon was an exception to this one. She was exceedingly feminine and pretty. Mrs. Stanton, likewise, was an exceedingly handsome woman; but Miss Anthony and Miss Livermore are both plain. Maria and Jane Porter were women of high brows and irregular features, as was also Miss Sedgwick. Anna Dickenson has a strong, masculine face. Kate Field has a good looking, but by no means a pretty face. Mrs. Burleigh, on the contrary is very fine looking. Alice and Phœbe Cary were very plain in features, though their sweetness of disposition added greatly to their personal appearance. Margaret Fuller had a splendid head; but her features were irregular, and she was anything but handsome—though sometimes, in the glow of conversation, she appeared almost radiant. Charlotte Bronte had wondrously beautiful dark brown eyes and a perfectly shaped head. She was small to diminutiveness, and was as simple in her manners as a child. Julia Ward Howe is a fine looking woman—wearing an aspect of grace and refinement, and of great force of character in her face and carriage. Olive Logan is anything but handsome in person, though gay and attractive in conversation. Laura Holloway resembles Charlotte Bronte, both in personal appearance and in the sad experience of her youthful life. Neither Mary Booth or Marian Harland can lay claim to handsome faces, though they are splendid specimens of culture; while Mary Clemmer Ames is just as pleasing in features as her writings are graceful and popular.

LOOKING BACK.

Where the grasses waved the greenest
And the rills like silver threads
Wound in gleaming curves of beauty
Through the meadow lily beds;
Where the birds sang soft at even
And the zephyrs lightly strayed
Through the cottage window lattice,
There three happy brothers played.