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FRIDAY, 21st JUNE, 1839.

[PRICE ONE PENNY.]

SPLENDID BOOKS.

SUBSCRIBERS HAVE JUST RECEIVED AND WILL
SELL FOR CASH THE UNDERMENTIONED

BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED WORKS,

OF THE

WOMEN'S TABLEAU of the Affections, a series of Picturesque Illustrations of the womanly virtues.—1839.

THE GALLERY OF BEAUTY, displayed in a series of 12 highly finished engravings of Spanish subjects, by the first Artists.—1839.

THE PICTURESQUE ANNUAL for 1839, edited by Leitch Ritchie.

THE PORTS AND HARBOURS, Watering Places, Fishing Villages and other picturesque objects on the English Coast.

THE RIVERS OF FRANCE, from drawings by Turner.

TROPICAL IMPROVEMENTS, or London in the nineteenth century, from drawings by T. H. Shepherd.

THE GALLERY OF MODERN BRITISH ARTISTS, consisting of series of engravings from Works of the most eminent Artists.

THE GALLERY OF BRITISH ENGRAVINGS, 2 vols.

W. COWAN & SON.

14th June.

MISS HILL,

Organist of the Saint Patrick's Church in 1839.

Wishes to intimate to her friends and the public, that she is prepared to receive pupils on the

PIANO, HARP, VIOLIN, THOROUGH BASS,

and Italian and English Singing.

As it is the intention of Miss Hill to become permanent resident in Quebec, those pupils entrusted to her will be afforded an opportunity of being thoroughly instructed in either or all the above branches; and from having received instruction under the first masters in proficiency, she feels confident in being able to give entire satisfaction.—Terms known by application at her residence, No. 14, Saint George's Street, Grand Battery.

Quebec, 17th June, 1839.

PAINTING

In Water Colours.

M. DELCOUR, No. 3, St. John Street,

Upper Town, will take a few pupils for instruction in Painting Landscape in Water Colours.

Quebec, 20th May, 1839.

HICRATIO CARWELL,

4, Fabrique Street.

AS JUST OPENED AN EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF CHILDREN'S, MAIDS' LADIES' STRAW BONNETS, RECEIVED FROM LONDON.

NEW LEUTHERIA, FROM LONDON.

14th May.

NEW DRY GOODS STORE.

THE undersigned respectfully announce to their friends and the public, that they commenced business on the premises occupied by Mr. Hobbs, No. 12, St. Street—where they have just received and opened for sale, an importation of

Seasonable Dry Goods,

prising a choice and fashionable assortment, selected by one of the partners from the best sets in England and Scotland.

L. BALLINGALL & CO.

No. 12, St. Street.

Quebec, 27th May, 1839.

FUR AND CAP STORE.

FISCHBLATT, (from Prussia), respectfully announces to the inhabitants of Quebec, that he has opened a Store at

10, Fabrique Street, Upper Town,

where he will constantly have on hand a large and extensive assortment of Furs and Military Caps, made up to the latest London and Parisian fashions.

Fur and Cloth Caps altered to fashionable shapes at short notice.

Quebec, 10th June.

SUPERIOR Arrow Root received direct from BERMUDA;

ALSO:—

A case of genuine

COLOGNE WATER,

Direct from the house of JEAN MARIA FARINA, Cologne; for sale by

BEGG & URQUHART, St. John's Street.

14th June, 1839.

SUPERIOR STEAM-MADE SODA WATER, for sale by MUSSON & SAVAGE.

Quebec, 1839.

FRESH SEEDS.

Just received per late arrivals, a supply of

RED AND WHITE CLOVER SEEDS,

—Also, Turnips, Pease, Beans, &c. &c. of various kinds, and warranted of last year's growth.

BEGG & URQUHART, 13 St. John Street, and 8 Notre Dame Street, Lower Town.

Quebec, 1st June.

TURNIP SEEDS.

THE Subscribers have received their usual supply of

YELLOW ABERDEEN,

WHITE GLOBE,

RED NORFOLK,

EARLY STONE,

MALTA, DUTCH, POMERANIAN,

And other kinds of Turnip Seeds.

ALSO, **RED AND WHITE CLOVER.**

MUSSON & SAVAGE.

Quebec, 10th June, 1839.

DRUGS AND MEDICINES.

THE SUBSCRIBERS have received per

Eleutheria and Emmanuel, their usual supplies of ENGLISH and other DRUGS, CHEMICALS, &c., comprising every article generally required, either in Medical Practice, or family use.

ALSO—AN ASSORTMENT OF

SURGONS' INSTRUMENTS AND MATERIALS, MAW'S IMPROVED DOMESTIC INSTRUMENT, FAMILY MEDICINE CHESTS, &c.

With numerous other Articles.

MUSSON & SAVAGE, CHEMISTS, &c.

Quebec, 14th June.

FRESH LEECHES.

A LARGE supply of the GERMAN MEDICINAL LEECH, of large size and superior quality, just received, and for sale low, by

MUSSON & SAVAGE, Chemists & Druggists.

Quebec, 10th June, 1839.

HAVANNAH CIGARS,

Of the following choice brands

REGALIA, Union,

Tacon,

Cassadores,

José Lopez Trigo,

Trabuco,

Ezpelata,

Iberia,

Star,

FOR SALE BY P. LANGLOIS.

20th May, 1839.

10,000 HAVANNAH CIGARS,

best quality, just received by the

Subscriber.

PETER DELCOUR, No. 3, St. John Street.

20th May, 1839.

FOR SALE, at the Store of H. CARWELL,

4, Fabrique-street, a choice assortment of gentlemen's superior black beaver HATS of the newest shapes and best quality, price \$8; also, summer gossamer hats, 12s. 6d. each. A few ladies' riding hats, superior quality, Queen's Own, Adelaide, Durham, and other new shapes.

Quebec, June 4th, 1839.

THE GRACEFUL MAN.

And Miseries and Moralities of Gracefulness.

BY WILLIAM COX.

I am exceedingly sorry for my friend George Pumpkin. He is a worthy, kind-hearted fellow, and deserved a better fate.

In the very prime of life, in the flush and vigour of his faculties, animal and intellectual—in the possession of health, wealth, and leisure—yet has a cloud gathered over his young existence—a fatal idea, a hopeless hope, taken possession of his mind, driving from thence peace, happiness, serenity, and calm content.

He had taken it into his head to become a *Graceful Man!*

I talked to him like a father—I reasoned with him as a friend. I showed him the utter impossibility of the thing coming to pass. I pointed out to him that his hands were large, his feet still larger; I dwelt with force and union upon the angularity and unevenness of his shoulders, the general incoherence and unsymmetrical character of his limbs, the height of his cheek bones, the partial obliquity of vision with which it had pleased nature to endow him, (his left eye, in particular, being especially rebellious, always looking the way he does not want it), and showed plainly and perspicuously the utter incompatibility of those matters with gracefulness.

And what was the result of my honest zeal? How was I repaid? He almost doubted my friendship!

But I had a duty to perform, and I nerved myself for its performance. I took a retrospective view of the case. I avowed my belief that even in the dark abyss of the Past—before Time was so far as he (Pumpkin) was concerned, it had been pre-ordained that he should not be graceful; that Fate must have taken a vow to that effect, and in order to make good her words, had given him a ravaged Vermont farmer for a father, and a woman only one degree removed from pure Dutch descent for a mother.

The perspiration started from his forehead as dark fears of the truth of this forced themselves unwillingly upon his mind.

"When you talk of a graceful Greek or a graceful Italian," said I, "people recognise the propriety of what you say as readily as if the term had been applied to a greyhound, an antelope, a bloodhorse, or a swallow upon the wing; when you say a graceful Persian, a graceful Georgian, or a graceful savage, they demur not; a graceful Turk, or a graceful Pole, they consider and then assent; a graceful Spaniard, or a graceful Frenchman, they consent again, and then dissent, for incongruous ideas of stiffness and pomposity on the one hand, and violent gesticulation on the other, force themselves on the mind; but when you come to the Teutonic family, and such anomalies as graceful Americans, (leaving, of course, in all three cases, the ladies out of the question), sensible people smile incontinently; and when you go so far as to talk of a graceful Scotchman, (the Celtic race excepted,) or a graceful Dutchman, they laugh at the intense absurdity of the thing."

This made an impression, but "oh truth! disguise thyself as thou wilt, still thou art a bitter draught!"

Pumpkin's face assumed that peculiar appearance which is characteristic of those whose owners have just swallowed physic.

Then, as delicately as the subject would allow, drew his attention to the construction of his revered parents, neither of which, he was obliged to admit, would have been selected as models by a statuary—alluded slightly to the hippopotamus, formation of his grandmother, and then appealed to both zoology and physiology, if any like grace could be expected from such a descent—such a rare concatenation of unfavourable circumstances.

He gathered strength from despair. "There are exceptions to every rule," said he, "why may I not be the exception?"

Had we been in a room, I would have led him to the glass for an answer. We were in the street, so I contented myself with tel-

ling him that if he persisted in the pursuit of the graces, and even partially succeeded, he would, under all the circumstances of the case make himself a marvel—a show—an everlasting curiosity—a perpetual subject of speculation.

He said he did not care suppose he did!

We shook hands coolly for the first time and parted; Pumpkin to dress for an evening concert, and I to reflect upon the agreeable results of good advice.

Yet was he my friend, and I could not but turn to look after him. Wrapt in thought—doubtless pondering on what had just passed between us—in attempting to cross the street, he stepped right into the middle of a pool, ran bump against a cart, upset an old woman, and went through a series of the most curious evolutions imaginable, in order to avoid being run over by two omnibuses driving in different directions.

Graceful, thought I, to the last degree.

Pumpkin and I have since renewed our intimacy, for he is of a placable disposition, and I have had ample opportunities of appreciating the miseries of gracefulness as cultivated by my misguided and unhappy friend. All men know what a bore it is daily to go through the disagreeable but certainly necessary operation of putting on their clothes. But what is the simple putting on of garments to the fret, the anxiety, the torture of body and mind endured twice or thrice daily by poor Pumpkin, in order to ensure what he aims especially at—a "graceful negligence?" And yet, after all, he generally appears, as all must who are not "native and to the manner born," stiff, constrained, and uncomfortable. Even I, his gothic friend, succeed better than he does, for though I make no sort of progress in "grace," yet, on all hands, my attainments, as far as negligence is concerned, are undisputed.

The man too, has the self-sacrificing spirit of a martyr. In a better cause, and in more barbarous times, he would assuredly have enjoyed the honour of being put to death. An anecdote, will, in part, illustrate this. Pumpkin has a discriminating palate; as a natural consequence, he is particularly partial to oysters. We were at the theatre together one evening. Mrs.—, who is so fond of playing, fine ladies instead of fine ladies' maids was on the stage at the time with a fan in her hand, which she was using, or rather misusing, most vilely. Carelessly remarked that "she was about as graceful in the use of it, as a man was in the eating of an oyster."

Pumpkin started as if a pistol had been discharged at his ear. The remark sank deep into his mind, and like a barbed and poisoned arrow in the flesh, it lodged and rankled there.

Poor fellow! I never saw him eat an oyster more! From that evil hour he eschewed not only that delicious animal in particular, but had a long, a last adieu to the whole crustaceous tribe!

It has been said that the Americans abstaining from drinking taxed tea, was the greatest sacrifice to liberty ever made by a nation. The cause was nobler, doubtless, and as a long-continued national sacrifice, it was wonderful.

But regarding the nation as a congregation of individuals, was there any single case equal in merit and intensity to that of Pumpkin's. Oh, ye to whom oysters are dear exceedingly, and who rejoice in shrimps, prawns and lobsters, speak!

About this time, too, he brought on a severe illness by swallowing the stone of some cherries after dinner, from the dislike to the unusual manner of getting them out of the mouth. His mind, also, became afflicted with having doubts as to the gracefulness of sucking peaches and oranges.

He told me one day he had serious thoughts of leaving his native land for ever—of quitting for aye the scenes of his childhood, and deared to him by a thousand recollections etc. etc., and of passing the remainder of his existence beneath a far, foreign sky.

I inquired his reason.

He said the chewing of tobacco had got to such a pitch!

He was prevented from carrying his design