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ESSENCE OF SMOKE.

For the Smoking of Hams, Bacon, Fish, &c.

The subscriber begs respectfully to announce to the Public, that the Essence of Smoke has been extensively used throughout the Province during the past season, and that all those who have given it a fair trial, recommend it as decidedly preferable to the old mode of smoking fish and meat.

House-keepers, Provision-dealers, and other consumers of a quantity of meat or fish, without the least inconvenience or loss of time, by attending to the following plain directions.—While the ham, &c. is moist from the pickle, wipe it with a dry towel, then wash it over twice or three times with the Essence of Smoke, allowing six hours to elapse between each washing; hang it up, to dry slowly; it will then keep for years, and in any climate.

No fire or insect will touch any thing prepared with the Essence of Smoke.

Half a pint is sufficient for the largest ham. Meat or Fish that has become tainted will be restored to a wholesome state in a few hours by being washed once or twice with the Essence of Smoke.

For its use in the cure of Rheumatism, Inflammations, Cuts, Burns, Sprains, and many other complaints, and also for its beneficial effects in the removal of diseases, and accidents to which horses and cattle are liable, as Inflammation, sprains, &c. see the pamphlet.

A liberal commission allowed to merchants and traders wishing to become agents.

Sold by Thos. Walker & Son, J. & J. Alexander, Peter & Tilly, and G. Chas. Bell, and many other respectable Dealers in the Province.

Travis, Indian Town; James F. Gale, Fredericton; G. F. Bonnell, Gagetown; J. Baird, Woodville; Jas. Lyons, Long Beach; Thos. Stone, St. Andrews; G. Ruggles, St. Stephen; Gould Peck, Kingston; Samuel Fairweather, Bellisle; David Goringham, Digby, N. S.; G. Bam, Bridgetown; S. Rogers, New Brunswick; J. Runciman, Amherst; E. W. B. Wood, Yarmouth; J. D. Harris, Kentville, and by the subscriber.

JOHN ELLIOTT.
Hampden, 25 July, 1840.

SAINT JOHN HOTEL.

The Subscribers having leased the above named Establishment from the Company, and put the whole in a thorough state of repair, they respectfully beg to intimate that the House will be re-opened on Monday next, the 17th inst.

They are determined that every thing which can conduce to the comfort and convenience of those who may patronize them, shall be strictly attended to on their part, and they confidently hope that their exertions will meet a share of public support.

ET A supply of the finest Wines and Liquors will be constantly on hand at the Hotel.

WILLIAM SCAMMELL,
JOSEPH SCAMMELL,
St. John, Feb. 15, 1840.

NOTICE.

All Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of James Brunlage, late of Carleton Place, City of Saint John, N. B., deceased, are requested to present their accounts, duly attested, within Twelve Months from the date hereof, and those indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to HANNAH A. BRUNDAGE, Adm'rx. WM. OLIVE, Secy. Administrator. Carleton, 20th April, 1840.

J. MILARDY'S New Baking Establishment, near the Post-Office, Princess-st.

WHEAT and RYE BREAD of superior quality, being manufactured on the most improved plan, and warranted free from souring. Victoria Tea Discard fresh every day. Breakfast Rolls every morning at 8 o'clock. Ship Bread made to order, in the best Greenock style.

15th November.

Dr. Poett's Eradicator.

The celebrated medicine, in curing recent cases of Gonorrhoea, generally in 24 hours, and when the disease is of longer standing, there is no medicine so efficacious. There is no case of Gleet, Seminal Weakness, Fluor, Albugo, &c. &c. which any preparation has been uniformly successful in eradicating every vestige from the constitution. Warranted to contain no mineral substance. It is as pleasant as it is certain, and retains its virtues in any climate. For sale by appointment, at the Circulating Library, by Feb. 21, 1840. A. R. TRURO.

Economical EATING HOUSE, CROSS STREET.

ALFRED COLLINS begs leave to intimate to his Friends and the Public, that he has commenced at his Establishment in Cross Street, a regular EATING HOUSE, where gentlemen can be accommodated with Dinners, Lunches, Tea, Coffee, &c. &c.

Hot Dinners every day from 1 to 3 o'clock. Hot Soups at any hour in the day. Tea and Coffee morning and evening.—Private Dining Rooms when required. May 15.

NEW-BRUNSWICK Mutual Fire Insurance Company.

The above Company having been duly organized, is prepared to effect Insurances on Houses and against loss or damage by Fire. Persons wishing to avail themselves of the advantages to be derived from Insuring in becoming Members of the said Company will please make application at the office of CHARLES GALLAGHER, Esq., corner of Market Square and Prince William Street, where the articles of association, bye-laws, rules and regulations may be seen, and the rate of Premium for Insurances ascertained. The Company will attend every day (Sundays excepted) from ten to three o'clock, for the purpose of deciding upon any applications which may be made.

ET A list for the reception of applications will be kept at the office. St. John, Feb. 21, 1840.

KIRKOP & SONS, Architects, Stonecutters, and Builders, from England.

BEING desirous to acquire the Gentlemen of this City and Province, that they have commenced business as above in Saint John. Their experience in some of the best Buildings in the North of England, enables them to furnish plans and specifications on the most improved and approved principles, and are now prepared to construct or otherwise engage to erect buildings of any magnitude or fashion. Persons wishing their services can find them at Mrs. Brook's Boarding house, Church Street. April 9.

Storage.

STORAGE to a moderate extent may be had in the subscriber's Brick Warehouse, which being fitted with Iron Doors and Window shutters, may safely be considered as Fire Proof. Entrance from Prince William Street. Feb. 7.

IMPORTANT TO FARMERS, FLOCK MASTERS, AND BREEDERS OF STOCK.

Horses, Cattle, & Sheep Medicines.

Messrs. HARRIS & CO., London, Proprietors, respectfully solicit the patronage of Noblemen, Farmers, Flock Masters, &c. for their various Medicines, and beg to say that a single trial will at once establish their value. At this season of the year they feel it necessary to direct attention to their various Medicines to relieve the disorders to which young Animals are subject, particularly the Astringent Mixture for the cough or looseness in Calfs, Sheep and Lambs; Drink for staggers in Sheep; Fleoce Preserving Dipping Paste; Tonic Dressing for weak Calves and when weaning; Healing Balm, or Restorative Liniment for premature calving, lambling and foaling;—this is an invaluable preparation, and cannot be too highly appreciated; and many others too numerous for insertion.

Messrs. Harris & Co. beg to inform Farmers and others practicing among Horses in remote districts, that they will find it much to their interest to have a stock of their HORSE MEDICINES by them, comprising Balls, Blisters, Dressings, Liniments, Combs, &c. &c., all of which are of very moderate price, and recommended by the best Druggists that can be procured in London, and under the immediate inspection of an experienced Veterinary Surgeon, carefully packed, and with labelled directions for use, so that the most inexperienced person may administer them.

ET All the above Medicines are for sale at the Circulating Library, German Street, and every information further required on the subject, can be had on application to A. R. TRURO, Their Agents for New-Brunswick. St. John, May 8, 1840.

NOTICE.

THE Proprietors of an extensive and valuable Establishment in New-Scotland, about 50 miles from St. John, comprising a large saw-mill, Store, Blacksmith shop, Dwelling Houses, and other Buildings, with a ship-yard complete and commodious in every respect—also a valuable Herring Fishery, are desirous of associating with themselves, some person or persons who would make a certain advance of Capital and take the personal superintendance of the concerns, becoming interested to a certain extent.—The Buildings have been erected within the last three years, and are, together with the whole Establishment, in a most efficient state, and adapted from the peculiar advantages of situation and construction, to carry on an extensive business in ship-building, lumbering, and other departments. For further particulars apply to JAMES T. HANFORD. St. John, April 24, 1840.

Abandoned.

FROM this Office, on the 10th inst., an Abandoned Apprentice named James Deak, All persons are hereby cautioned against trusting him, and any person found harboring said Apprentice, will be proceeded against in the law direct. Chronicle Office, April 17, 1840.

General.

THE SWALLOWS.

[An American poet, named Sprague, is the author of the following happy poem, suggested by the incident of two swallows having entered a Church during Divine Service. It is a production of great feeling and happy thought. See Poem (xxix).] The Arabian poet Nabegi has some magnificent verses on the same subject. The Churchman, Magazine.

Gay, guileless pair, What seek ye from the fields of heaven? Ye have no need of prayer, Ye have no sin to be forgiven.

Why perch ye here, When mortals to their Maker bend? Can your pure spirits fear The God ye never could offend?

Ye never knew The crimes for which we come to weep? Did Satan in your bright cloud, Blest wanderers of the upper deep.

To you 'tis given To wake sweet nature's midnight lays; Beneath the arch of heaven In yon blue dome no reared with hands.

Or if ye stay, To visit the consecrated hour, Teach me the way, And let me try your envied power.

Alas! the dawn Onward wings could I but fly, 'd I bathe in your bright cloud, And seek the stars that gild the sky.

'T were heaven indeed Through fields of trackless light to soar, On nature's charms to feed, And nature's own great God adore.

THE VICTIMS OF GAMING, &c.

Extracts from the Diary of an American Physician.

ST. GEORGE FALLENBERG.

Soon after his marriage, St. George had the misfortune to lose both of his parents, a loss which he felt very deeply, and the inheritance of a large fortune, which thereby accrued to him, did not for some time seem to alleviate.

About this time, being out on an excursion accompanied by a few friends, he was attracted by the appearance of this spot, and observing at once with the eye of a lover of nature, the capabilities of the place, he purchased the estate. The summer following he planned, and shortly before I was introduced to his acquaintance, he had completed the building here, and occupied.

Immersed in the cares of building and of improving his grounds, constantly surrounded by architects, by painters, and gardeners, St. George had thus far not turned his thoughts to the acquisition of a quiet retirement, he allowed himself every occasional visit to the theatre and now and then a ride into the country. After so much bustle of building and furnishing and moving, he seemed ready to enjoy the quiet management of his estate, the society of his wife, and the prattle of his little girl, who was born the second year of their marriage.

But to return to my visit. The morning was spent in a ramble through the grounds, and in the enjoyment of the charming views to be observed from different parts of Falenberg's estate. After dinner—for which the exercise of the forenoon had given me an unwonted appetite—I took my leave, and prepared to return to town, highly delighted with my visit. Tiger was now allowed to accompany me. Julia and her husband insisted upon remaining to see me, and having the acquaintance of little Julia, he seemed not unwilling to remain behind.

From this time I continued to visit them as opportunity presented, and became an intimate friend of both. They had not many relatives, no near ones at all. They had not many acquaintances. They seemed wrapped up in each other; and living as they did several miles from town, their city friends seldom visited them, and they did not appear to regret it.

The summer had now passed, the autumn leaf had fallen, the snow began to fall. No employment was afforded by the garden or the grounds. All the buildings were complete; and it appeared to me, when I rode out to see them occasionally, that Falenberg began to look tired and weary. Indeed, one day at dinner he complained that the country was very well for summer, "but," said he, "when winter comes with his snowy covering, the country is dreary and dull." Julia looked earnestly at him, and at length exclaimed,

"Oh, how can you say so, dear St. George. The winter is the dearest of all the seasons to me. What can be more beautiful, my more sublime, than the wild and stormy winter, more especially when you contrast the retrospect which rises without with the quiet and repose which prevails within. Winter is peculiarly the time for the enjoyment of home and of social pleasures. The bright, blaz-

ing fire, the cheerful countenances around it, the well-stored library,—with all these sources of happiness, how can the winter be dull?"

"You talk like a woman, dearest," returned he, "whose thoughts are all concentrated in home and home-bred joys."

Julia made no reply; but a sad look seemed reproachfully to say, "Your happiness was once to be found alone at home."

I suggested the convenience of a house in town for the winter. To this proposition Julia objected; and indeed her husband intimated that he had expended so liberally, not to say lavishly, in the purchase of his country house and in the ornament of his grounds, that his fortune, though affluent, would not admit of his keeping two establishments. At the notion of building, both revolted; and after some few remarks upon the difference of town and country living, the conversation subsided.

The weather had been so exceedingly unpleasant and stormy, that for the several following weeks I did not visit the Falenbergs; but one morning in January, the sun rose beautifully; the earth's icy covering glared in its beams; and the temperature was such as to induce me to make an excursion to Reddingham. I found both my friends at home, and was invited to partake of an early dinner, Julia remarking, "St. George has concluded to amuse himself by engaging a little in business since you were here, and we accommodate our hours to his engagements."

"And is it not more convenient," I inquired, "to dine after the business of the day is over, and to feel that the remainder of it is to be devoted to quiet and home?"

"I have often made the same remark to St. George," replied Julia; "but somehow he is more pre-empted than he used to be, and he will have his own way."

This she said half laughing, and yet there was a shade on her brow that showed it was not wholly a jest. We dined, and I then set off for town with Falenberg, who told me where his counting-room was, and rather coolly, as I thought, invited me to call and see him. This at the time I declined; but in the course of the afternoon, being obliged to go in the direction of his place of business, and seeing his little tin sign at the door, I concluded to take an opportunity to look in on him. He was not in, and there was no appearance of his having been there the whole afternoon. It appeared strange to me, after he had discovered so much anxiety to come into town, and seasonally, that he should have left so soon; but supposing that he had accomplished his object sooner than he had expected and returned home, I thought no more of the matter.

After this time, although I occasionally called at Falenberg's counting-room, and once or twice found him there, I saw more of Julia until the following March, when I again visited them, and found that St. George's early dining still continued, and that he spent all his afternoons and evenings away from home, although he generally returned as early as ten or eleven o'clock. Surely, thought I, there must be a great change here, and something mysterious. Here is a man, something of a bon vivant, fond of ease and comfort, engaging in a kind of business which obliges him to hurry through his dinner, and spend all his afternoons and evenings from home. What can this business be so peculiar, which requires no attention in the morning when other people are most busy, and to be transacted when most others are at rest? I did not cease to wonder, although I made no remark.

Everything at home seemed to wear the same appearance. Mutual confidence appeared still to continue between the husband and wife. Falenberg seemed as pleasant and cheerful as ever, and they were both as cordial to me. I did not stay to dine that afternoon, although warmly solicited to do so, having an engagement to meet with a supper party in town, at a house then kept by G***, who is since dead. This was a house, in those days much frequented by clubs, parties, &c. Going to keep my appointment, I was accidentally shown by the servant into the wrong room, where, to my utter astonishment, I discovered what Falenberg's business was.

I there found him engaged, with five other young men of great respectability, with most of whom I was acquainted, playing at vingt un. Apologizing for my mistake, and being about to withdraw, I was urgently requested to remain and join the party. As my number had not yet assembled, and the game was one which almost any number can play at, I sat down for a few moments, prompted principally by curiosity to observe the proceedings of a friend in whom by this time I felt a more than usual interest.

At the moment I came in, Falenberg was dealing. He had divided five times on tens; in other words, he had taken

and was betting on five different hands. Four of the party were betting five dollars each, but one of them I saw had laid on the table a bank-note for one hundred dollars, of the United States bank. This I recognized, because the bills of that denomination were larger than the smaller ones.

The adversary who was betting one hundred dollars had divided twice. Great interest was manifested at the table. The ordinary probability was, under the circumstances, that about one hundred or two hundred dollars would be won by Falenberg. The hands were now made.

Falenberg had shown his hands, which appeared to be remarkably favorable; four of them being twenty each, and the other eighteen, when his antagonist turned over his two hands, and showed twenty-one in each, he having divided on aces and succeeded in filling both, which made them the best hands at the table. He consequently won on each hand double of all the five hands of Falenberg. Winning singly on five hands would have been five hundred dollars; of course winning double twice of the whole five, made two thousand dollars, which was thus lost by St. George in about five minutes by the turning up of a dozen cards. It is to be remarked that one hundred dollars is a very heavy bet on this game, much more heavy than it would be on any ordinary game, as the above incident shows, the chance of doubling occurs so often. The usual bet is from twenty-five cents to one dollar. The company present did not however seem to regard this as anything very unusual with them. One of them, the moment it was over, coolly asking the waiter for a cigar, and another for a glass of brandy and water, while the remainder were busy with their new hands. I wanted no further information as to the nature of St. George's business. It was evident that his afternoons and evenings during the whole winter had been spent in play, with a company consisting in the whole perhaps of a dozen. As the individuals were all well known to each other, being men of all professions, and all of them of very respectable standing in society, they did not consider it or call it gambling, but only an agreeable and pleasant pastime for a winter afternoon and evening. Thus they were in the habit of meeting sometimes every day, always at least three times a week. The meetings usually closed with a supper of delicacies, accompanied by rich and expensive wines, and although sometimes protracted until twelve, generally closed at ten or eleven o'clock in the evening. These particulars I ascertained subsequently; for St. George, finding that the discovery had been made, attempted no concealment, and frequently afterwards invited me to join their party, which I did several times at the same place. The above named sum was the largest I ever saw lost at any one time. Whether they played with more caution when I was with them, or whether in fact this amount was larger than was usually played for, I know not. However, the loss of one or two hundred dollars was a very common occurrence.

In addition to many losses which might be sustained by the players, the charge of the host for their entertainment was at least five dollars each, for every meeting; so that if nothing were eventually lost at play, the expense of one hundred dollars, for they met at least as often as one hundred times in the course of the fall, winter, and spring, would be five hundred dollars each. Certainly one or two of the persons present lived, as I knew, on salaries of one thousand and fifteen hundred dollars, and it is obvious that they could not afford to lose even their proportion of expenses. I became satisfied that one at least of the party did not lose, although I have no reason to suppose he was guilty of any dishonesty. The operation was this. Darkfield, that was his name, was a salary officer with an income of fourteen hundred dollars. When he lost beyond a certain sum, he never paid, but managed to have it played off, as it is called. When he won, it being generally from those among whom I knew he was, he put the money in his pocket. He was the same person who won the two thousand dollars of Falenberg. At another time when they were playing, Darkfield had been betting boldly with the hope of another wind-fall like the former, until he had lost five hundred dollars more than he could pay.

Falenberg again was dealing, and knowing Darkfield's poverty, too generous to wish to distress him, he readily allowed him to bet large sums, under circumstances which rendered it almost certain that he would win them, so that in fact on that very same evening, Darkfield not only paid the five hundred dollars by playing that is played off, but actually won of St. George about one hundred dollars more.

My visits still continued to be frequent at Reddingham, but of course I said no-

thing to Julia of the nature of her husband's business. She, poor soul, had not the slightest suspicion of his character, but seemed rather to rejoice that he had found an employment which appeared to occupy his time agreeably, although I perceived from her conversation after a considerable time from home more than she liked.

Spring at last arrived with all its beauties, and once more it afforded an incessant and healthful employment to Falenberg, who for the time seemed to be wholly engrossed by it. The convivial meetings were suspended during the summer on account of the shortness of the evenings.

Early in the following autumn I sailed for Europe, where I remained during the whole of the winter and spring. On my return to Boston, one of my first visits was to Falenberg's. I found them as usual, although there did not appear to be the same profusion in their housekeeping. Many little contrivances had been introduced obviously for the sake of economy. These I should scarcely have noticed if they had disclosed themselves to me gradually as they were from time to time adopted; but returning after a considerable absence, the change from their old habits of extravagance immediately struck me. Whether this change was the consequence of a loss of property, or only of a more prudent disposition on the part of Falenberg, such as a man frequently acquires after he begins to feel the responsibility of a family, I could not then determine. Everything appeared to have gone well with the family, and Julia was now evidently in a situation which promised to make her husband soon the father of another infant.

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