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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company is prepared to receive applications for Insurance against FIRE upon Buildings and other Property, at the Office of the subscriber. I. WOODWARD.

John, Nov. 11, 1846. *Secretary.*

NOTICE.

ALL Persons indebted to JAMES AGNEW, late of the City of Saint John, deceased, Watchmaker, are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned: and those who have demands against his Estate, are requested to leave a statement of the same with her, within Three Months from date, in order to their adjustment. ELIZA AGNEW.

St. John, Dec. 24th, 1850 *Administratrix.*

☞ NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of The Honorable HUGH JOHNSTON, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested; and all those indebted to the same Estate, are required to make immediate payment to JOHN M. ROBINSON, one of the undersigned.

HARRIET M. JOHNSTON, *Executrix.*
HUGH B. JOHNSTON, } *Executors.*
JOHN M. ROBINSON, }

St. John, May 7, 1850.

Agricultural Implements.

THE Subscribers have made arrangements to have manufactured Horse Powers, THRASHING MACHINES, Fanning MILLS, PLOUGHS, CHURNS, FURNACES, and other implements, all on the most approved principles, which will be equal in material and workmanship, and cheaper than the imported implements. For Sale by

Feb. 4, 1851. JARDINE & CO.

Superior Old Pale Brandy.

Just received per ship "Harriott," from Liverpool,—

6 HHDS. very superior quality Pale Cognac BRANDY.—Will be sold low by

JOHN V. THURGAR,

March 4th, 1851. North Mkt. Wharf.

The Great Cough Remedy.

BLISS'S COMPOUND

COD LIVER OIL CANDY,

(The Original and Only Genuine.)

Prepared only by B. K. BLISS, (Sole Proprietor,) Druggist and Apothecary, Springfield, Mass.

A New and Effectual Remedy for Coughs, Common Colds, Cold in the Head, Hoarseness, Bronchites, Asthma, Tickling in the Throat, and all Diseases of the Lungs, and Bronchial Affections.

THE wonderful curative powers of *Cod Liver Oil*, in all cases of COUGHS, COLDS, and CONSUMPTION, have been clearly demonstrated by the experience of the most distinguished physicians of Europe and America, during the last two or three years. It has been used in all parts of this country with great success, by the advice of our most eminent physicians. Dr. Williams, an eminent English Physician, asserts, that during the last two and a half years, he has preserved notes of 231 cases of consumption, where the Cod Liver Oil was used, and that, in 206 of these, the use of the Oil was followed by marked and unequivocal improvement, ranging in degree from the mitigation of the symptoms up to a complete restoration to apparent health. Some of these cases were persons in an advanced stage of this dire disease, and the cures were almost miraculous.

Since the introduction of Cod Liver Oil into general use, a great desideratum has been to furnish an article with the same medicinal virtue, *but free from its disagreeable odor and taste*, which have rendered it a "sealed book" to thousands of persons who are suffering under severe affections of the throat and lungs. After a series of experiments, the proprietor has succeeded in so combining the pure Oil with other *celebrated curatives*, in the form of a most AGREEABLE CANDY, possessing and preserving all the medicinal virtues of *Pure Cod Liver Oil*, without its nauseous and repulsive taste, presenting it in a form by which it can be administered to the most delicate invalid without inconvenience. So pleasant is the taste, that it may be administered to an infant without difficulty.

☞ In Packages, 1s. 3d. each, sold by S. L. TILLEY, King-street, St. John Dec. 3,

NOTICE.

THE Co-partnership hitherto existing between the Subscribers, under the firm of JOHN A. MORRISON & CO., was this day dissolved, by muntual concent.

JOHN A. MORRISON,
ALEXANDER GILCHRIST.

February 8th, 1851.

☞ The Business of JOHN A. MORRISON & CO. will in future be conducted in the same premises, by the Subscriber, under the same Firm, on his own account.

JOHN A. MORRISON.

St John, 10th Feb. 1851.

FOR SALE,

The COTTAGE in the Parish of Simonds, built by the late John O'Toole. —Enquire of

BENJAMIN SMITH.

☞ If not Sold by the first of May, the Cottage and Grounds will be Let for one or more years.—Enquire as above. April 15.

TO LET,

And possession given immediately, if required—

Two FLATS in that pleasantly situated House in Dock street, (formerly known as the CALVERT Property, containing four Rooms, a Kitchen and seven Bedrooms.

ALSO—A SHOP and Flat above.—Apply at the Office of SMITH & HAWS,

Feb. 11, 1851. [Cour.] *Nelson street.*

For Sale or to Let,

And Possession given on 1st May,

THAT pleasantly situated two story HOUSE in St. James' Street, near the residence of Capt. Reed. There are Gas fittings introduced into the front Room, Hall and Kitchen. The house is very comfortable and in good order.—Please enquire of

April 1. W. D. FAULKE.

TO LET,

From the First day of May next,

THE HOUSE at present occupied by Mrs. H. G. Kinnear and family, on the N. E. corner of Queen's Square.—Also, the HOUSE now occupied by Dr. Lester, in Charlotte street, opposite the residence of R. F. Hazen, Esq.

The Store on South side of Market Square, now in possession of Mr. E. Drury—an excellent stand for a Grocery or a Clothier's Store—with or without two Flats over the same.—Enquire of

April 1, 1851. BENJAMIN SMITH.

VICTORIA HOUSE,

Prince William Street, Saint John, N. B.

MARCH 15, 1851.

FIRST SPRING IMPORTATIONS,

Per Steamship "EUROPA"—Thirteen Days from England.

Great Reduction in Prices.

JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

British and French Importers,

Beg leave to inform the public that they have received the first part of their SPRING GOODS—consisting of

SHAWLS.

An IMMENSE STOCK of LONG & SQUARE SHAWLS, Newest and most superb styles, in RICH FILLED PAISLEY, FRENCH BROCHI, CASHMERE, MERINO, THIBET, GALA, and ALL WOOL.

NEWEST STYLES in SPRING BONNETS;
New British and French Bonnet and Cap RIBBONS;
BRITISH and FRENCH RICHEST SATINS and SILKS, in Watered, Brocade Figures, Stripes, Plaids, and Shot, in all new Colourings, Patterns, and Black;
RICH SILK POPLINS, most fashionable colorings;
DRESS GOODS in all new designs;
DE LAINES, French MERINOS and COBURGS,
ALPACCAS, Orleans Cloths and Lustres;
Ladies' French Cambric Pocket HANDKERCHIEFS, Fancy and Plain;
Gent's French Cambric, and India Silk Pocket Handkerchie's and Cravats.
GENT'S PANTS and VESTS.

PRINTS.

An extensive assortment of BRITISH and FRENCH PRINTS, in 5-4, 4-4, and 7-8 widths, richest, newest, and prettiest styles;
White MUSLINS, in Joconetts, Checks, Cords Plaids, Figures, Book, Mulls and Tarlatans, also Window MUSLINS;
New Fancy Printed REGATTA SHIRTING;
WHITE SHIRTINGS, in best make;
GINGHAMS of every description;
FLANNELS of every make and quality, in Scarlet, Blue, Yellow, and Salisbury;
A very large stock of GLOVES, in British and French Kid, Silk, Lisle Thread, Cashmere, and Cotton, of all sizes, colours and qualities;
HOSIERY, in Silk, Cotton, Vegonia, Cashmere, Worsted, and Lambs' Wool, of every description;
Black and White LACE VEILS;
Fancy Coloured do. do.;
Reel Thread, Wove Thread, Sexony, and every description of LACES, EDGINGS, FOOTINGS, and NETTS, made in Cotton and Silk in White Black and Coloured.

As the above Goods have all been purchosed by one of the Firm, under peculiar advantages, in the best Mannfacturing Houses in Europe, they will be sold at extremely low prices, for

CASH ONLY, AND NO SECOND PRICE.

☞ *WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.*

JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Capital $150,000.---Charter unlimited.

No connection with Fire, Marine, or Health Insurance.

POLICIES issued at REDUCED RATES for Mercantile purposes. SPECIAL PERMITS for sea voyages and for California residence at reduced premium.

It is believed that any Parish, or association of ladies, or others, for that special purpose, or any benevolent individual, desirous of securing an amount, to be paid to a Clergyman or other person on attaining the age of 40, 50 or 60 years, or to his family in the event of his death sooner occurring, will find on examination of the prospectus of this Company, (which is always furnished gratis by the Agents, or by mail if written for,) that it offers *greater facilities for the attainment of that object* than any other similar Institution. (See extracts from Charter, and remarks, page 17 of Prospectus.)

Persons insured in this Company on the mutual plan—the "only plan," says Chambers, (see page 10 of Prospectus,) "which the public at large are concerned to support"—will have returned to them *all of the profits*, instead of a portion only, as is proposed by some of the stock or mixed companies.

Late annual dividend, *seventy five per cent.* on the premiums paid by mutual members. On Policies for Life, half the premiums vested in the party's own hands at simple interest.

The Finance Committee (who are among the most reliable financiers in this country,) superintend all investments of the Company.

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FRANKLIN HAVEN, Pres't Merchants' Bank, Boston
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Directors' Office, 68, State Street, Boston.

E. R. PRATT, President.
DANL. SHARP, Jr., Vice President.
HENRY CROCKER, Secretary.

W. H. HATHEWAY, Atty. at Law, Market Square, St. John, Agent for New Brunswick.

St. John, March 18, 1850.

Tea, Sugar, Molasses,

IN BOND.

70 CHESTS Fine Congo TEA, per *Julia Ann*,
14 Hhds. Bright Porto Rico SUGAR, per *Fashion*,
53 Hhds. MOLASSES, Trinidad de Cuba, per *Iola*;
80 Hhds. and 21 Teirces Porto Rico MOLASSES, "Aricho," per *Daring*,
60 Hhds, Porto Rico MOLASSES, "Maguez."

For sale at a very low figure.

JAMES MACFARLANE,

April 15th. *Market Square.*

HARDWARE.

W. H. ADAMS

HAS JUST RECIEVED:

9 DOZ. Square point Iron SHOVELS,
3 do. Cast Steel do.;
4 doz Hay and Manure FORKS,
3 kegs EMERY; Emery and Glass Paper,
Molasses Gates; Spirit Levels and Tubes,
Grain MEASURES; White Door KNOBS
Mortice and Rim LOCKS;
Japan'd Clothes HOOKS;
Sheet ZINC; Lead PIPE; Sheet LEAD;
Counter SCALES and WEIGHTS;
WOOD SCREWS.

—ON HAND—

'Hoole, Staniforth & Co's' Circular and Gang SAWS
CUT NAILS, of every size, domestic manufacture.

With a good assortment of most descriptions of Goods in his line, and which will be Sold as low as at any other establishment in the City.

March 25.

FISHING THREADS.

ust received at the LONDON HOUSE, Market Square,

A LARGE Quantity of FISHING and other THREADS.

March 25 1851 T. W. DANIEL.

COOKING STOVES.

Franklins, Ploughs, &c.

Of Domestic Manufacture, and of superior quality.

A LARGE assortment of COOKING STOVES, FRANKLINS, Register GRATES, *Ploughs*, &c—for sale at very low prices by

JOHN V. THURGAR.

April 8. North Market Wharf.

Market Square, March 29th, 1851.

JUST RECEIVED

AN assortment of English and American GOODS,—consisting of Ivory handle TABLE CUTLERY; Hair Brushes and Combs; Tooth and Nail Brushes; Britannia Metal Spoons; Thermometers; Meerschaum Bowls, Stems, Mouthpieces, Fusees, Repeat Pipes, &c.; splendid lot Portemonnies and Cards, (Game Tivoli; Bohemian Toilette BOTTLES, and Candlesticks; Venetian Letter Weights; Crotchet Needles; Bone Knitting Pins; Steel, Silver, and Gilt BEADS, best quality; a very large assortment Purse Trimmings, Fringes, Tassels, Rugs, &c.; SHAWL PINS; Gold, Silver, Pearl and Steel Slide Buckles; Hair Pins; Back Combs; Fancy FANS; Silk and Cotton PURSES; Hair and Jet Bracelets; Crystal Neck Ribbon BROOCHES; Vegetable Ivory Articles; Transparent Slates; Life Preservers; Walking Canes; Table Mats; Britannia Metal Revolving CASTORS (at prices) &c. &c., with many other articles just opened, which with their large stock of Rich JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CUTLERY, SILVER SPOONS AND FANCY GOODS, are offered at the lowest Market prices, wholesale and retail. An inspection is respectfully invited; a detailed Catalogue of our large variety can be had on application.

☞ A further supply of Cutlery, Electro, Albata and Plated Ware, &c. expected by first Spring Vessels.

ROBINSON & THOMPSON,
PROPRIETORS.

REMOVAL.

MR. G. BLATCH, *Barrister and Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public, &c.*, has removed his Office to the new Building, owned by F. A. Wiggins, Esq., at the corner of Prince William and Princess Streets.

Entrance second door on Princess Street.

April 15.

London Paper Hangings.

Just received by the "Caros" from London:

3000 PIECES new and handsome Patterns, the length of each piece warranted 11½ to 12 Yards, and breadth 21 to 22 Inches. —ALSO—

Books of other Patterns, any of which can be ordered. JOHN KINNEAR.

April 29. *Prince William Street.*

Sugar and Molasses.

Landing ex Brig "*Emma Adeline*," from Porto Rico:

102 HHDS. Bright SUGAR,
102 hhds. Muscovado MOLASSES;
50 Bags COFFEE,

All of very choice quality, and selected expressly for Retail Trade.—For Sale by

May 6, 1851. JARDINE & CO.

GOODS.

Received by the 'Lisbon,' Cluny,' and 'Caros':

3000 PIECES handsome London Paper Hangings; 550 boxes assorted sizes Window GLASS, 5 hhds. Crushed Sugar, 1 hhd. Loaves of Sugar, 20 hhds. Raw and Boiled Linseed OIL, 250 kegs 'Brandram's' White Lead, No. 1 and No. 2; 20 boxes London STARCH, 2 do. Patent do; 25 kegs best MUSTARD, 20 kegs best Ground GINGER, 200 bags assorted SHOT; 12 cases Florence OIL, 2 barrels Malabar Ginger, 5 bags Black PEPPER, 400 gross Bottle CORKS, 2 cases CASTOR OIL, 2 bales SENNA, 1 barrel Blue VITRIOL, 3 barrels Split PEAS, 2 casks Table SALT, 1 hhd. Bath Bricks, 2 cases Servant's Friend, 1 barrel Tartaric Acid, 1 barrel refined BEESWAX, 1 chest CINNAMON, 1 basket Annatto, 1 case Shoe Thread.

St. John, May 6. JOHN KINNEAR.

By Ship 'Onyx':

BALES Shop TWINES and Wrapping PAPER, 6 casks ALUM, Carbonate of SODA, Ground LOGWOOD, &c.—For sale by

April 29. JARDINE & CO.

VICKER'S FILES, &c.

Just received per 'Sarah Millidge':

1 CASK Vicker's Mill and other FILES;
1 cask Rim LOCKS;
7 doz. Ballast and Barn SHOVELS.

April 1. W. H. ADAMS.

Lines and Twine—per 'Speed.'

3 TRUSSES conta'ing COD and POLLOCK LINES, Sail and Wrapping TWINE and SHOE THREAD. W. H. ADAMS.

26th April, 1851.

LINSEED OIL.

By Ship 'Wolfe's Cove'—

10 CASKS Boiled and Raw Linseed OIL. For sale by

April 29. JARDINE & CO.

Fishing Thread! Fishing Thread!

JUST received, a large Supply of the above article, which will be sold low for Cash.

J. & H. FOTHERBY.

Market Square, 25th March, 1851.

COMMISSARIAT.

New Infantry Barracks near Fort Needham, Halifax, N. S.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the Commissariat Office, Halifax, Nova Scotia, until 12 o'clock on TUESDAY, the 10th day of June next, for the erection of OFFICERS' AND SOLDIERS' BARRACKS, HOSPITAL, COMMISSARIAT AND BARRACK STORES, ENCLOSURE WALLS, TANKS, SEWERS, SURFACE DRAINS, &c. &c., on a piece of Ordnance Land situated between the Admiralty House and Fort Needham, near the City of Halifax.

Plans, Specifications, and Conditions of Contract, may be seen, and every information afforded on application at the Commanding Royal Engineer's Office, Halifax, daily, between the hours of 9 A. and 4 P. M., from Monday the 5th of May, until 12 o'clock on Tuesday, the 10th of June, 1851.

Forms of Tenders can be obtained at the Commissariat Office, and none will be noticed unless accompanied with a Guarantee from two responsible persons for the due performance of such Contract as may be founded thereon.

The Tenders to state the rate in sterling, and payment will be made by the Commissariat in Bills of Exchange on the Lords Commissioners of H. M. Treasury at Par, in liquidation of the drafts of the Ordnance Storekeeper, on the work being approved by the Commanding Royal Engineer.

COMMISSARIAT, NOVA-SCOTIA,
Halifax, 19th April, 1851.

PICTURES!

JUST received a choice assortment of ENGRAVINGS in frames, being subjects from the best artists, which are offered at very low rates.

May 6. J. & H. FOTHERBY.

Canvas, Window Glass and Tobacco Pipes.

Landing for the Subscriber ex the Ships "Lisbon" and "Onyx":

250 BOXES Window GLASS, assorted sizes, from 10x8 to 15x11;
50 Boxes Tobacco PIPES, well assorted.

—ALSO—

4 Bales of Superior quality heavy Navy CANVAS. For sale low by

JOHN V. THURGAR.

St. John, May 6, 1851.

Salmon Twine, &c.

W. TISDALE & SON have received per *Onyx* and *Speed*—

2 Bales SALMON TWINE, No. 20,
POTS, BAKEPANS, SPIDERS, GRIDLES, CART BOXES, &c., which will be sold low.

April 29.

WORTH KNOWING,

To those whose Wardrobe wants replenishing.

A. GILMOUR,

Tailor and Draper,

BRAGG'S BUILDING, KING STREET

HAS ON HAND

THE Choicest STOCK of *SPRING CLOTHING* in the City, which for neatness of Style, quality of texture, and lowness of price, cannot fail to continue to this Establishment the very liberal patronage it has hitherto had. Among the Stock now on hand, a considerable portion is of

FRENCH AND GERMAN CLOTH,

the superiority of which is well known; those then that want to lay out their money to the best advantage will do well to give an early call, for they will find Beautiful Black Cloth SACK COATS 25s. to 40s.; Fancy Doe Skin SHOOTING COATS from 20s. to 35s.; *DRESS and FROCK COATS* in great variety, and all got up in the very best style. April 15.

London Groceries, &c.

Now landing ex Brig "Caros," from London.

50 CHESTS fine Congo TEA,
15 hhds. fine Crushed SUGAR,
7 Casks Day & Martin's BLACKING,
100 Kegs White LEAD,
25 Casks fine Blue Poland STARCH,
25 Kegs D. S. F. MUSTARD,
5 Barrels White Wine VINEGAR.

Cases—Old Brown Windsor Soap—Ground Ginger—Indigo—Maccaroni—Vermicelli—Isinglass Salad Oil.

Casks—Lezenby's Pickles and Sauces—Currants—Pearl Sago—fine Table Salt—Scrubbing Brushes, Golden Syrup and Treacle—Copperas—Bales Bed Cords, &c.

100 dozen Griffin Scythes—border Knives—Cattle Ties—Spades—Shovels, &c. &c. &c.

For sale by JARDINE & CO.

St. John, April 26, 1851.

March 25, 1851.

NEW AND EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF

Cheap and Handsome Room Papers.

THE Subscriber has just received per Steamer from Boston, upwards of *Six Thousand Pieces* of New and Cheap ROOM PAPERS, which he will sell cheaper than the same qualities can be bought for at any other Store in the City.

March 25. S. K. FOSTER.

TO FARMERS,

and Agricultural Societies.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS hereby given, that the BONE MILL, about to be erected at the Provincial Penitentiary, will be in operation on the 15th day of April next.

Societies and individuals, desirous of availing themselves of the same, are required to deliver the Bones at the said prison, between the 1st and 30th of that month, and the Bone Dust produced from the material will be returned to the respective parties who may furnish the same, upon the payment of a small charge, sufficient to defray the expense of grinding. By order of the Board,

SAMUEL D. BERTON, *Secretary.*

St. John, 4th February, 1851. 3m.

Oakum, Paint, and Oil.

Landing ex Caros, from London—

50 TONS London OAKUM,
130 kegs *Brandram's* WHITE LEAD,
6 casks Brandram's Raw & Boiled Linseed Oil,
1 cask PUTTY.

Ex John S. DeWolf, *from Liverpool—*

6 cases Cast STEEL, (assorted sizes,)
20 bundles Best Spring STEEL.

For sale by GEORGE THOMAS.

29th April. *South M. Wharf*

Now Landing.

Ex Schooner 'Liverpool,' from Philadelphia:

250 BARRELS CORN MEAL;
151 do. RYE FLOUR.

For Sale by JARDINE & CO.

April 15.

Poetry.

A HYMN FOR ALL NATIONS: 1851.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "PROVERBIAL PHILOSOPHY."

[Translated into Thirty Languages.]

Glorious God! on Thee we call,
Father, Friend, and Judge of all;
Holy Saviour, heavenly King!
Homage to Thy throne we bring!

In the wonders all around,
Ever is Thy Spirit found;
And, of each good thing we see,
All the good is born of Thee!

Thine the beauteous skill that lurks
Everywhere in Nature's works;
Thine is Art, with all its worth;
Thine each masterpiece on earth;

Yea,—and, foremost in the van,
Springs from Thee the Mind of Man;
On its light, for this is Thine,
Shed abroad the Love Divine!

Lo, Our God! Thy Children here
From all realms are gathered near,
Wisely gathered, gathering still,—
For "peace on earth, tow'rds men good will!"

May we, with fraternal mind,
Bless our Brothers of mankind!
May we, through Redeeming Love,
Be the blest of God above.

PURITAN COURTSHIP.—The following pleasant anecdote, indicative of the habits of our Puritan forefathers, is from a work now in press, by Gould & Lincoln, entitled "Plymouth and the Pilgrims," &c. The valiant Capt. Standish, having lost his wife, is desirous of obtaining another.

"A short time after the death of Mrs. Standish, the bereaved Captain found his heart filled with tender interest for Miss Priscilla Mullins, daughter of Mr. William Mullins. He cherished the impression that if she could be persuaded to unite her fortunes with his, the loss which he had experienced would be repaired. He, therefore, according to Puritan custom, made his wishes known to the father, through Mr. John Alden, as his messenger. Mr. Mullins made no objection, although he might reasonably have done so, on account of the decease of Mrs. Standish having been so recent. He gave his consent, but informed Alden that the young lady must be consulted. Priscilla was called into the room, not knowing for what purpose she was wanted. Alden, a man of noble form, of fair, and somewhat florid complexion, and engaging manners, arose and delivered his message for Standish, in befitting language, and in a prepossessing, courteous style. Priscilla listened attentively, heard every word, and then, after a short pause, as if gathering strength to reply, she fixed her eyes upon the messenger and said, with a frank and pleasant countenance, full of meaning, "Prithee, John, why do you not speak for yourself?" John's ruddy countenance became *red*; he took the hint, made a polite bow, bade farewell for the present, and returned to Standish to communicate the result of his negociation. Henceforward he visited for himself, and ere long their nuptials were solemnized in due form, and Miss Priscilla Mullins became Mrs. John Alden. Tradition reports further, that when Alden visited Cape Cod, for the purpose of entering into the conjugal relation with Priscilla, as the Colony then had no horses, he went, mounted on the back of a bull, which he had covered with a piece of handsome broadcloth. After the marriage ceremonies were performed, he relinquished this seat to his new bride. Placing her on the back of the bull he returned home in joyous triumph, leading the ungainly animal by a rope lastened to a ring in his nose. In relation to this event, Thatcher says, "This sample of primitive gallantry, would ill compare with that of Abraham's servant, when, by proxy, he gallanted Rebecca on her journey, with a splendid retinue of damsels and servants seated on camels, Isaac going out to meet her. Had the servant employed bulls instead of camels, it may be doubted whether Rebecca would have been quite so prompt in accepting his proposals. As soon as the question was put, Rebecca said, "I will go."—With equal propriety he might have said, had Mr. Alden taken a camel instead of a bull, Priscilla Mullins might have declined. They both employed the creature in use among their own people.—We are somewhat inclined to the belief, that in each case, the lady was influenced more by the man than the animal; more by the home that was offered her than the conveyance thither."

NICE PEOPLE.—The lady who carried her niceness to such an extent that she scrubbed through the parlor floor and fell into the cellar, is generally supposed to be a fictitious person; but we assure our readers we have more than once met with those who could equal her. There is a lady of our acquaintance, yet living at no great distance from this city, who is worthy to be a member of the same family. Rich and childless, with no great talents or desire for society, her house is her hobby, and cleanliness a monomania. Room by room she has abandoned her luxurious mansion to silence, darkness, and slip-covers, and permits herself the use only of the basement, from the half open door of which she can keep an eye upon the servants, and issue suddenly out upon them in constant little forays, pouncing upon a litter or a speck of dust with the bitterest exultation, and predicating the destruction of the world, and dislocation of social ties upon a discolored dish-cloth. Not long since she discharged a chambermaid, who had lived with her six years, because the dirty wretch did not gather her petticoats around her, coming down stairs; but actually permitted them to brush against the wall in her descent, a course of conduct which must inevitably result, sooner or later, in the paint being utterly disfigured.

The husband, poor fellow, was formerly a florid, hearty, jovial fellow, of a decidedly social turn. To-day he passes you in the street with a nervous half nod of recognation, for fear you may remember where he lives, and *call*; when undoubtedly you would bring mud into the hall, on your boots; or hang your damp hat on the polished hat stand; or lay Mrs. B—— under the necessity of lighting up the 'tabooed' parlor; or commit, or procure to be committed, some other enormity, from which the house would not recover in a year's time.—Poor B. has become thin, he is quite pale, and has a nasty little cough. You can also perceive about him always a faint odor of Castile soap; and what from sitting on recently scrubbed chairs, in rooms the paint of which has just been wiped down with damp cloths, and passing the rest of his time between hearing complaints of the servants, a severe course of bathing to cleanse the outside, and aloes and gamboge to perform the same office for the in, he is rapidly going away to a shadow—the victim of one of the *nicest* women in the world.—*Exchange paper.*

BURNS AND HOGG.—I don't think that any two poets could be more unlike in disposition and temperament than Burns and Hogg. The former was from youth to manhood a prey to alternating fits of excitement and despondency; he wrote for the most part with care and difficulty, and in his productions there was condensed force. Hogg, on the contrary, had his joyous moods, seemingly without any reaction of gloom; with the help of "the slate," he composed with great facility, and had a dislike to corrections afterwards; his temper was sustained and equable; his ambition, though steadfast, was of a quiet character, and though baffled, as it often happened, in his purpose, he was never for a moment cast down. Surely there has never been any instance of the pursuit of literature under circumstances more untoward than those which the Shepherd so cheerfully encountered. Take, for example, the difficulties attending his first attempt at publication. Being appointed to the vastly pleasant and poetical task of driving a herd of cattle from Ettrick to Edinburgh, for All Hallow Fair, in the dreary month of November, he suddenly conceived the notion of getting a volume into print, but having no manuscript in hand, he tried during his walks to remember the verses, and as often as they recurred ran into a shop to borrow a stump of pen and morsel of paper to note them down. In this way copy was provided; luckily for his purpose, he found a good-natured printer, and an octavo volume, or pamphlet, was produced in a week, with which he returned in triumph to the forest.—*Memoirs of a Literary Veteran.*

THE SHIRT TREE OF SOUTH AMERICA.—The numerous and well-known voyages to the South Sea Islands, &c., have made us well acquainted with what is called the *bread tree*, as well as another kind, known under the name of the *butter tree*. But it remained for the indefatigable M. Humboldt, to discover in the wilds of South America, a tree which produces ready made *shirts*. "We saw on the slope of the Cerra Duida," says Humboldt, "shirt trees, fifty feet high." The Indians cut off cylindrical pieces two feet in diameter, from which they peel the red and fibrous bark, without making any longitudinal incision. This bark affords them a sort of garment, which resembles sacks of a very course texture and without a seam. The upper opening serves for the head, and two lateral holes are cut to admit the arms. The natives wear these shirts of marimo in the rainy season; they have the form of ponchos and ruaot of cotton, common in New Grenada, Quito and Peru.—As in these climates the riches and beneficence of nature are regarded as the primary cause of the indolence of the inhabitants, the missionaries do not fail to say, in showing the shirts of marima, "in the forests of the Oronoko, garments are found on the trees." We may add to this tale of the shirts, the *pointed caps*, which the spathes of certain palm trees furnish, and which resemble coarse net work.

CHEERFULNESS.—The best thing about a girl is cheerfulness. We don't care how ruddy her cheeks may be or how velvety her lips, if she wears a scowl, even her friends will consider her ill looking; while the young lady who illumines her countenance with smiles will be regarded as handsome, though her complexion may be course enough to grate nutmegs on. As perfume is to the rose, so is good nature to the lovely.—Girls think of this. —*Knickerbocker.*

ERECTITUDE.—An erect bodily attitude is of vastly more importance to health than people generally imagine. Crooked bodily positions maintained for any length of time, are always injurious, whether in the sitting, standing or lying posture, whether sleeping or waking. To sit with the body leaning forward on the stomach, or to one side, with the heels elevated to a level with the head, is not only in bad taste, but exceedingly detrimental to health. It cramps the stomach, presses the vital organs, interrupts the free motions of the chest, and enfeebles the functions of the abdominal and thoracic organs, and, in fact, unbalances the whole muscular system.—Many children become slightly humpbacked or severely round shouldered, by sleeping with the head raised on a high pillow. When any person finds it easier to sit or stand, or walk or sleep in a crooked position than a straight one, such person may be sure his muscular system is badly deranged, and the more careful he is to preserve a straight or upright position, and get back to nature again, the better.—*Ploughman.*

GREATNESS.—The greatest man is he who chooses the right with invincible resolution, who resists the sorest temptation from within and without, who bears the heaviest burdens cheerfully, who is calmest in storms, and most fearless in menace and frowns, whose reliance on truth, on virtue, on God, is most unfaltering.—*Channing.*

An Enormous Cabbage!—A tailor, living at Middleton, near Manchester, cut out of a Spanish cloak, sufficient to make a complete suit for three boys, a waistcoat for a fourth, a cap for a fifth, a Polka jacket for his wife, and a pair of gaiters for himself! This is the largest cabbage ever known on record.

Of all flatterers the portrait-painter may be said to carry off the brush; for no flatterer understands the art so well as he, of flattering a person *to his very face.*

The best "House of Correction" is the one in which a mother-in-law dwells.