

"Would have denied himself to me. Could I think so, I'd disinherit him this minute; I'd—"

Another loud knock at the street-door; Susan answered the call, and was about to assure a lady—the self-same visitor who had so interesting an interview with Mrs. Pigeon—that "her master and mistress were at Brighton," when the new comer inquired "at Mr. and Mrs. Figgings were not in the house?" Another minute, and the lady walked into the parlour.

"Mrs. Blight!" cried Mrs. Figgings, and she rose to welcome the visitor in green spectacles. "Wouldn't have thought to see you?" "I have been to your house, and they told me you were come here," said Mrs. Blight. "How good of you to follow us?" remarked Mrs. Figgings.

"Oh, no! is not my first visit to-day," observed the self-complacent Mrs. Blight. "I heard of the marriage, and came straight from the coach."

"And did you see Pigeon?" asked Captain Albatross.

"Oh, no! he's at Brighton; but I saw a female here," answered Mrs. Blight.

"What, the servant? No? A female—what kind of person?"

"Why, for my own part, I should say rather a plain young woman," replied Mrs. Blight. "A person assuming genteel airs, with no real pretensions to them."

"Be quiet, my dear—pray be quiet," whispered Pigeon to his wife in the cupboard.

"She was a friend, she told me, of Mrs. Pigeon's—his such are her friends, I—well, well, perhaps Henry deserves it."

"Henry?" exclaimed Captain Albatross, "what Henry?"

"Henry Pigeon," answered Mrs. Blight; "he that was a sad affair at Embridge?"

"Why, Henry Pigeon's gone to New Zealand," cried Mrs. Figgings; "it's Samuel."

"Is it, indeed?" asked the serene Mrs. Blight; "however, it's all the same. I thought I'd call to see the couple if at home, and if not to have a peep at the furniture."

"And you saw a lady here?" asked Albatross. "This deepens the mystery," for Tomata, whom Huckleby ran against, has been here this morning, and found a gentleman."

"No, no—I didn't say gentleman," cried Tomata. "D—n it! I hope I know the breed better: it seemed a sort of mixture of the haberdasher and the sheriff's officer."

"Never mind the coxcomb, love," whispered Mrs. Pigeon to her agitated spouse.

"A man in the house?" cried all the ladies.

"And a strange woman!" added Mrs. Blight. "The place will be stripped, and the debt come ruined."

"I had some fun with the fellow, to sound him, for he told me he was Pigeon's friend—if true, poor Charlotte?" said Tomata.

"Somebody got in to the house to rob it?" cried Mrs. Albatross.

"Really, now I recollect," said Tomata, "I think his person did answer a description, lately given of a fellow in a paragraph, beginning, 'Excitation to families.'"

"Where's the maid?" exclaimed Mrs. Figgings; and the maid was loudly summoned to the parlour.

"Now, girl, send the stern Albatross, 'tis useless to deny it—you have somewhere hidden a man in the house?"

"And a woman," shrieked the ladies, evidently wishing to make the inquiry complete.

"Where are they?—Tomata," said Albatross, "step out and get an officer. You wicked, unworthy domestic, where is the man?—where the woman?"

Susan, with unabashed face, raised her forefinger, and pointed steadily towards the corner cupboard.

"Ha! ha! then we've caught 'em!" exclaimed Albatross, and he tore open the door.

"Charlotte?"

"Samuel?"

"Mr. Pigeon?"

Such were the exclamations of the Albatrosses and Figgings, echoed by Mrs. Blight and George Tomata.

"My dear Charlotte, why did you deny yourself?—why hide in such a place?" asked Mrs. Figgings.

"Samuel, what is all this?" inquired Albatross; "why keep your arrival secret from your friends?"

"The fact is, Captain Albatross," answered Pigeon, "we were tired of Brighton, and we felt it wasn't genteel to return before the month; and as we were denied to one, we were compelled to be denied to another; and so we went on until at last, we—we—"

Samuel Pigeon was ashamed to confess the truth—a truth too frequently and too grossly illustrated in the present day; for how often do we see simple Pigeons in search of what they ignorantly consider the genteel, compelled at length to take shelter in—a corner cupboard? "

LATEST EUROPEAN NEWS.

In the House of Lords on the 7th, Earl Grey presented a petition from Tynemouth for the immediate abolition of negro apprenticeship, and declared himself favourable to the prayer of the petition.

Colonel Seale's bill to authorize the grinding of foreign grain in bond for the purpose of exportation was lost in the House of Commons, on the 9th, on the motion for a second reading, by a majority of 220 to 150.

Mr. Hutt, liberal, has been declared duly elected for Hull in the place of Mr. Whiteford, conservative. The Hon. Mr. Scarsell, son of Lord Alington, has abandoned his seat for Norwich.—Sir. Smith, liberal, takes his place.

Lady R. Grosvenor narrowly escaped being burnt to death, on the 13th May; part of her dress caught fire, and her neck and throat were severely scorched.

It is understood that Sir R. W. Horton, late Governor of Ceylon, is going out to Canada, in what capacity is not at present determined.—Globe.

May 11.—Among the petitions presented were one by Lord Francis Egerton, in favour of the Copy-right Bill, signed by Miss Somerville, Miss Bailie, Miss Martineau, Miss Aiken, Miss Porter, Miss Landon, Dr. Southey, Mr. Rodgers, Mr. Leigh Hunt, and others.

The venerable General Sir Frederick Weatherall, formerly Aide-de-Camp to the Duke of Kent, will be elevated to the Peerage at the approaching coronation (Sir Frederick is the father of the gallant Lieut. Colonel of the Royals).

The Aberdeen Bank has been robbed of notes to the extent of £20,000, no clue to the robbers.

On the 10th May, Her Majesty gave her first ball since her accession to the throne; it was also the first grand party given at Buckingham Palace. About 600 invitations were issued, and the preparations which have been making for the last few days were on a scale of unusual splendour and magnificence.

The Court Circular says "Sets for quadrilles were formed, and the ball was opened by the Queen, who had for her partner Prince George of Cambridge in a quadrille entitled 'Verailles.'—During the ball her Majesty danced quadrilles with the following noblemen:—Prince Nicolas Esterhazy, the Marquis of Douro, the Earl of Uxbridge, Lord Morpeth, Lord Fitzalan, Lord Folkestone, and Lord Jocelyn. In the interval of the dances Her Majesty and the royal family sat in a recess at the west side of the room, which was hung with white satin, embroidered in bouquets of flowers, and trimmed with silver fringe, with curtains suspended from the front on each side. The seats of crimson satin and gold were placed on a platform covered with a Persian carpet. Dancing was resumed after supper, and was continued till near four o'clock, her Majesty joining in the last dance."

The following death is announced in the Liverpool Times:—

At Malrow, aged 75, Mrs. O'Callaghan, mother of Dr. O'Callaghan, who figured in the late insurrection in Canada.

Lords Sufield and Gardner, on behalf of the London Mowbray Hunt, have purchased the Melton fox-hounds for 3000 guineas. At this price each hound will cost upwards of 20 guineas.

A Mr. Hancock had made the tour of London streets in his new steam gig. The spectacle caused the liveliest interest.

Great preparations are making for the coronation of the Emperor of Austria at Milan.

Lablanche, the celebrated Bass, is now giving instruction in singing to Queen Victoria.

The Great Montzolfier Balloon to go up in England is to be filled with heated air.

Captain Wilmot, of the 17th lancers, a perfect exquisite, has been arraigned for having three wives.

At the banquet to be given by the Conservative Members of the House of Commons to Sir Robert Peel, on the 12th June, at Merchant Tailors' Hall, it is expected that of the

311 Members who have inserted their names in the list of hosts, 300 will be present personally to take part in the festival. The Marquis of Chandos is appointed Chairman, and Hon. W. S. Lancelles, Vice-Chairman.

UPPER CANADA.

Prescott, [U. C.] June 7.—A report that reached town last evening states that Johnson with his gang of ruffians had left Weir's Island and proceeded in an armed schooner upwards, his destination was not known, and no attempt was made to intercept him.

Sir John Colborne and suite have just arrived on their way to Kingston; His Excellency has expressed his determination to place an effective military force in this place. His Excellency left this evening in the *William*, accompanied by the Prescott band.

The American steamers touch as usual at our port, a circumstance that we are happy to notice;—last evening the *Osage* came in while her musicians played "Rule Britannia," and upon leaving the wharf "God save the Queen" was given in very good style; we do not say there is any hypocrisy in this, or any of Jonathan's well known cunning. At all events it is our duty to put upon the affair a favorable construction.

We have had in town since Friday last a Company of the Glengary Volunteers, under the command of Captain George McDonald; a strong force is shortly looked for.—[Prescott Sentinel.]

[From the Montreal Courier of Monday.]

A gentleman now in this city, who resides in Bath, has favoured us with the perusal of a letter from that place, dated Thursday last, detailing the particulars of a most daring robbery on Amherst Island, situated a few miles from Bath. On the preceding night fourteen or fifteen men, in two boats, landed on the Island, repaired to the house of Mr. Robert Preston, and robbed him of 600 dollars in cash, as well as everything valuable in his house. They were all armed with pistols, and Mr. Preston, while attempting to prevent them from carrying away his property, nearly lost his life, a ball passing through his head. The bandit who fired the shot, then beat him with the pistol till he broke the stock to pieces. The two sons of Mr. Preston were beaten in a similar manner. After the departure of the banditti, a boat was despatched to Bath for Doctors Stewart and Fairfield, the wounds of Preston and his two sons being considered dangerous; and in the course of the day depositions were taken before Messrs. McKay and Hancox, Magistrates, and forwarded by express to Kingston. A man of the name of Patterson, who resides on the Island was robbed the same night. There is no doubt but the banditti, were well aware of the unguarded state of that part of the country.

THE TRANSCRIPT.

QUEBEC, THURSDAY, 14th JUNE, 1838.

LATEST DATES.

London, - - May 11. - - New York, - - June 9.  
Liverpool, - May 15. - - Halifax, - - June 2.  
Havre, - - - May 7. - - Toronto, - - June 4.

Seven days later intelligence from England has been received by the brig *Margaret*, Captain Pue, 16th May from Waterford, which arrived on Monday evening last. Capt. Pue brought a Liverpool paper of the 15th, from which, as well as from papers by the 8th Liverpool packet *St. Andrew*, extracts will be found in another column.

New York papers of the 9th instant were received this morning,—and Montreal papers of Tuesday were brought by the steamer *St. George*, which arrived last night.

Halifax papers of the 2nd instant, were received by mail yesterday. They contain nothing of moment. Some arrivals from Quebec will be found among the shipping intelligence.

The *Crocodile*, 28 guns, Capt. Pullinghorne, with 4 sergeants and 79 rank and file of the 93rd Regt., arrived at Prince Edward's Island on the 21st ult.

H. M. steam-ship *Medea*, returned from Green Island this morning with Admiral Sir Charles Paget, C. B., and was received under a salute from the ships of war in port and from the Citadel.

The ship *Barossa*, a hired transport, 4th, May from Cork arrived in port this morning, with drafts for the 15th, 66th, 71st, 83rd and 85th Regiments, comprising in all, 22 officers and 584 rank and file.

H. M. steam-ship *Medea*, 12th May from Portsmouth, having on board 100 men of the 24th Regt., arrived in port on Tuesday last. The *Medea* experienced very severe weather, and had to put in to Sydney (U. I.) for a supply of coal. On Monday last she passed H. M. S. *Cornwallis*, with Admiral Sir C. Paget on board, off Metis, about 12 leagues below Bic, in tow of the steam-ship *Des. Having* put her troops on board the *Malabar*, the *Medea* proceeded down the river early yesterday morning to assist in towing up the *Cornwallis*.

An official communication from the District Attorney, dated Watertown, 6th June, states that "It is known that some ten or eleven others, with William Johnson at their head, are among the Thousand Islands, in the river St. Lawrence; but report says that they retreated at present is upon British ground. And although some of the citizens of French Creek have seen and conversed with some of these men at a distance, yet they were in no situation to venture upon an arrest"—They bid the officers defiance. They are armed to the teeth, and are desperate. \* \* \* A strong force should and no doubt will be sent at once upon this frontier, for the protection of the commerce of the lakes and river."

W. L. Marcy, the Governor of the State of New York has issued a proclamation effecting a reward of 500 dollars for the apprehension of William Johnson, 250 dollars each for Daniel M'Leod, Samuel Frey, and Robert Smith, and 100 dollars each for all the offenders associated with them in plundering and burning the steam-boat *Sir Robert P. A.*

The Countess of Durham held, a Drawing-Room at the Castle of St. Lewis, yesterday evening, which was very numerous and fashionably attended.

The steam-ship *Great Western* is advertised to sail from Bristol on the 26th ult. If she has a fortunate passage, we should have the news by her this week.

The *Great Western* is appointed to sail from New York for Bristol on her second voyage on 21st inst. and all letters intended to go by her from Quebec, should therefore be despatched by mail to-day.

Sir Francis Head dined with the Duke of Wellington at a large party given by his Grace on the 1st ultimo.

Mr. Buchanan, Her Majesty's Consul at New York arrived here accompanied by his lady, on Tuesday evening in the steamer *Charlevar*. Mr. Buchanan was the bearer of despatches for Lord Durham, brought by the packet-ship *St. Andrew*.

Two seamen, deserters from H. M. S. *Hastings*, were yesterday brought in, under a guard of a sergeant and three privates of the 1st Royals, by the steamer *St. George*, arrived last night from Montreal.

The Governor General has given directions for the removal of the ruins of the old Chateau, and we understand that the work will be proceeded with in a few days.

A general meeting of the St. George's Society is to take place at the Albion Hotel, on Thursday next, at four o'clock, p. m., to receive the report of a special committee appointed to prepare an address to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

(From the Quebec Gazette of yesterday.)  
Extract of a letter, dated

"Saratoga, 6th June, 1838.

"There is not a soul here that I know except Dr Davignon, who is leading Mrs. Papineau about, and most two of her sons."

"Saratoga, 7th June, 1838.

"A gentleman arrived here by an extra railroad car, and said he travelled in company with Papineau,—that Papineau came from Philadelphia. At four o'clock this day I saw the arch rebel Papineau myself, so you see he is not dead. He looks quite altered in face, and seems stouter and more bloated than when I saw him in Quebec. He walked (seemingly in good health and spirits) with Dr. Davignon and two youngsters, arid to be his sons."