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TABLE 1.

Age.	Annual. s.	d.	Half-Yearly. s.	d.	Quarterly. s.	d.
25	36	0	18	3	9	2
30	40	8	20	7	10	4
35	46	9	23	9	11	11
40	55	1	28	0	14	1
45	66	3	33	8	17	0
50	81	4	41	5	20	11

TABLE 2.

Age.	First Five Years s.	d.	
25	23	6	This Table increases every Five Years, until the twenty-first year.
30	26	4	
35	30	4	
40	36	1	
45	44	6	
50	56	7	

TABLE 3.

Age.	For One Year. s.	d.	For Seven Years. s.	d.
25	21	6	21	10
30	22	1	22	7
35	22	11	23	11
40	24	9	26	9
45	28	6	32	2
50	35	4	41	5

TABLE 4.

Annual Premiums required for an Assurance on £100, for the whole Term of Life, the rate decreasing at the expiration of every Fifth Year, until the Twentieth, inclusive, after which period no other payment will be required.

Age.	1st 5 Yrs. s.	d.	2nd 5 Yrs. s.	d.	3rd 5 Yrs. s.	d.	Last 5 Yrs. s.	d.
25	72	7	55	6	38	2	19	11
30	78	6	60	10	42	6	22	4
35	85	10	67	8	47	10	25	3
40	95	5	76	4	54	4	28	6
45	108	0	87	4	62	2	32	2
50	124	3	101	1	71	7	36	5

HALF CREDIT RATES OF PREMIUM.

Age.	Half Premium During 7 Years. s.	d.	Whole Premium After 7 Years. s.	d.
25	19	7	39	2
30	21	9	43	6
35	24	11	49	10
40	29	2	58	4
45	34	10	69	8
50	42	6	85	0

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25	44	4	22	0	11	3
30	49	10	25	3	12	8
35	57	0	28	11	14	6
40	66	6	33	8	17	0
45	79	0	40	1	20	2
50	95	6	48	7	24	6

The Assured under this Table are entitled, after Five Years, to an *Annual* Division of the Profits.

TABLE B.

HALF CREDIT TABLE.

Age.	Half Premium First 5 Years. s.	d.	Whole Premium After 5 Years. s.	d.
25	22	3	44	4
30	24	11	49	10
35	28	6	57	0
40	33	3	65	6
45	39	6	79	0
50	47	9	95	6

The Assured under this Table are entitled also to participate in the Profits on certain conditions.

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Who Rolled the Powder In?

A LAY OF THE GUNPOWDER PLOT.

"Upon this the conversation dropped, and soon afterwards Tresham departed. When he found himself alone, he suffered his rage to find vent in words. 'Perdition seize them!' he cried: 'I shall now lose two thousand pounds, in addition to what I have already advanced; and, as Mountegle will not have the disclosure made till the beginning of November, there is no way of avoiding payment. They would not fall into the snare I laid to throw the blame of the discovery, when it takes place, upon their own indiscretion. But I must devise some other plan.'"—*Ainsworth's Life and Times of Guy Fawkes.*

Tehy've done their task, and every cask
Is piled within the cell:
They've heaped the wood in order good,
And hid the powder well.
And Guido Fawkes, who seldom talks,
Remarked with cheerful glee—
"The moon is bright—they'll fly by night!
Now, sirs, let's turn the key."

The wind without blew cold and stout,
As though it smelt of snow—
But wasn't the breeze that made the knees
Of Tresham tremble so?
With ready hand, at Guy's command,
He rolled the powder in;
But what's the cause that Tresham's jaws
Are chattering to the chin?

Nor wine nor beer his heart can cheer,
As in his chamber lone
He walks the plank with heavy clank,
And vents the frequent groan.
"Alack!" quoth he, "that this should be—
Alack, and well-a-day!
I had the hope to bring the Pope,
But in a different way.

"I'd risk a rope to bring the Pope
By gradual means and slow;
But Guido Fawkes, who seldom talks,
Won't let me manage so.
That furious man has hatched a plan
That must undo us all;
He'd blow the Peers into the spheres,
And throne the Cardinal!

"It's time I took from other book
Than his a saving leaf;
I'll do it—yes! I'll even confess,
Like many a conscious thief.
And on the whole, upon my soul,
As Garnet used to teach,
When human schemes are vain as dreams,
'Tis always best to preach!

"My mind's made up!" He drained the cup,
Then straightway sate him down,
Divulged the whole, whitewashed his soul,
And saved the British crown:—
Disclosed the walks of Guido Fawkes,
And swore, with pious aim,
That from the first he thought him cursed,
And still opined the same.

Poor Guido died, and Tresham eyed
His dangling corpse on high;
Yet no one durst reflect at first
On him who played the spy.
Did any want a Protestant,
As stiff as a rattan,
To rail at home 'gainst Priests at Rome—
Why, Tresham was their man!

'Twas nothing though he'd kissed the Toe
Abroad in various ways,
Or managed rather that his wife's father
Should bear the blame and praise.
Yet somehow men, who knew him when
He wooed the Man of Sin,
Would slightly sneer, and whisper near,—
WHO ROLLED THE POWDER IN?

MORAL.

If you, dear youth, are bent on truth
In these degenerate days,
And if you dare one hour to spare
For aught but "Roman Lays!"
If, shunning rhymes, you read the *Times,*
And search its columns through,
You'll find perhaps that Tresham's lapse
Is matched by something new.

Our champion John, with armor on,
Is ready now to stand
(For so we hope) against the Pope,
At least on English land.
'Gainst foreign rule and Roman Bull
He'll fight and surely win,
But—tarry yet—and don't forget
WHO ROLLED THE POWDER IN!

MISCELLANEOUS.

GROWTH OF THE HUMAN NAILS.—I stained the roots of my finger nails on the first of last August, to find out the exact time a healthy nail took form—in other words, to find out how often a man changed his finger nails. On the 14th of this month all the old nails had disappeared; thus it took exactly four months and fifteen days to form new nails. Allowing this period to be the average time for the complete renewal of the human nail, a man who lives to 70 years has had each nail renewed 186 times—in other words, he wears out 1860 finger nails in 70 years. In the four and a half months I could distinguish no difference in the periods of formation—the growth was gradual and systematic, from week to week, without any variation. I stained the nails with corrosive sublimate; the color was tawny, and was not the least affected with all its numerous washings and exposure to the air. My occupation is sedentary; the nails may grow faster on some, and slower on other individuals, according to their constitutions, or the particular occupations in which they may be engaged.—*Scientific American.*

THE MILKY WAY: OUR ACTUAL SYSTEM.—It was first surmised by the ancient philosopher, Democritus, that the faintly white zone which spans the sky under the name of Milky Way might be only a dense collection of stars too remote to be distinguished. This conjecture has been verified by the instruments of modern astronomers, and some speculations of a most remarkable kind have been formed in connexion with it. By the joint labours of the two Herschels the sky has been "gauged" in all directions by the telescope, so as to ascertain the conditions of different parts with respect to the frequency of the stars. The result has been a conviction, that, as the planets are parts of solar systems, so are solar systems parts of what may be called astral systems; that is, systems composed of a multitude of stars, bearing a certain relation to each other. The astral system to which we belong is conceived to be of an oblong, flattish form, with a space wholly or comparatively vacant in the centre, while the extremity in one direction parts into two. The stars are most thickly sown in the outer parts of this vast ring, and these constitute the Milky Way. Our sun is believed to be placed in the southern portion of the ring, near its inner edge, so that we are represented with many more stars and see the Milky Way much more clearly in that direction than towards the north, in which line our eye has to traverse the vacant central space. Nor is this all. Sir William Herschel, so early as 1783, detected a motion in our solar system with respect to the stars, and announced that it was tending towards the star λ in the constellation Hercules. This has been generally verified by recent and more exact calculations, which fix on a point in Hercules, near the star 143 of the 17th hour, according to Piazzi's catalogue, as that towards which our sun is proceeding. It is, therefore, receding from the inner edge of the ring. Motions of this kind, through such vast regions of space, must be long of producing any change sensible to the inhabitants of our planet, and it is not easy to grasp their general character; but grounds have nevertheless been found for supposing that not only our sun, but the other suns of the system pursue a wavy course round the ring *from west to east,* crossing and recrossing the middle of the angular circle. "Some stars will depart more, others less, from either side of the equilibrium, according to the places in which they are situated, and according to the directions and the velocity with which they are put in motion. Our sun is probably one of those which depart farthest from it, and descend furthest into the empty space within the ring." According to this view, a time may come when we shall be much more in the thick of the stars of our astral system than we are now, and have, of course, much more brilliant nocturnal skies, but it may be countless ages before the eyes which are to see this added resplendence shall exist.—*Vestiges of the Natural History of Creation.*

THE BIRTHPLACE OF TASSO.—It seems to me as if I had never before visited Italy—as if now, for the first time, the charm of the country was revealed to me. At every moment, the scene, lapped in delight, whisper—this is Paradise. Here I find the secret of Italian poetry; not of Dante; he belonged to Etruria and Cisalpine Gaul; Tuscany and Lombardy are beautiful—they are an improved France, an abundant, sunshiny England; but here only do we find another earth and sky. Here the poets of Italy tasted the sweets of those enchanted gardens which they describe in their poems—and we wonder at their bright imaginations; but they drew only from reality—the reality of Sorrento. Call to mind those stanzas of Tasso, those passages of Berni and Ariosto, which have most vividly transported you into the gardens of delight, and in them you will find the best description of the charms of this spot. I had visited Naples before, but that was in winter—and beautiful as I thought it, I did not then guess what this land is in all the glory of its summer dress. Here is the house in which Tasso was born, what wonder that the gardens of Armida convey to the mind the feeling that the poet had been carried away by enchantment to an Elysium, whose balmy atmosphere hung about him, and he wrote under its influence. So indeed was it—here he passed his childhood; the fragments of these bowers, the glory of this sky, haunted him in the dark cell of the convent of St. Anna.—*Mrs. Shelly's Rambles.*

The reporter of the Charleston *Sun* has been expelled from the floor of the House of Representatives of South Carolina, for strictures on the Hon. A. W. Thompson, of Union district.

The Savannah *Georgian* says that the first shad caught this season, was sold in the Savannah market on the 18th instant, for five dollars, and forwarded to the Lamar House, at Macon.

A vessel was loading at Musquash, near St. John, a few days since, with deals, for England. It was the same which conveyed General Wolfe to Quebec about the year 1757. It is said to be 106 years old, and was used in the olden times as a British transport.

Rappings similar to those heard at Rochester, Stamford, and other places, are getting to be a frequent phenomenon in Woonsocket, Providence, and other places in Rhode Island. In one case, a gentleman and his wife tried the experiment "for fun," and were instantly answered by a perfect tattoo of raps.

A Mr. Shumans is preparing a box of wine, of his manufacture, from grapes grown in Ohio, for the great London Exhibition. The peculiarity of the wine is, that it is not fermented in the usual way, not adulterated with sugar or brandy, but is the pure juice of the Catawba grape, retaining the aroma and flavor of the fruit in a remarkable degree.

Extensive preparations are making in Philadelphia to receive the first steamer of the new line between Liverpool and that port. The city has appropriated $1,500 for the purpose.

An elegant classical monument has, within a short time, been erected in St. Peter's Church yard, Philadelphia, over the remains of the late Commodore Stephen Decatur.

The artists of Cincinnati are forming an Art Union of their own.

A MONSTER SHIP.—We learn that Jabez Williams & Son, ship builders, of Williamsburg, are to commence early next Spring a clipper ship for a mercantile house in this city, engaged in the Liverpool trade, of the enormous size of 2800 tons! Her length will be 230 feet, or seven feet longer than the United States ship of the line *Pennsylvania.* In this respect, however, her dimensions do not exceed those of the great ship which has just been commenced by Wm. H. Webb for N. L. & G. Griswold; but in consequence of an increased depth and breadth of beam, she will be some 200 tons larger. No merchant vessel has ever been built at all approaching her in point of magnitude. She is to have three decks, and will be able to carry a vast number of passengers.—*Journal of Commerce.*

POWER OVER THE DIRECTION OF BALLOONS.—A respectable political refugee, who was professor in one of the principal universities of Europe, has found, upon mathematical calculations, the solution of the problem of air navigation. A model of his invention has already been constructed, and it will soon be exposed to the public of this city. When executed, his plan, even for the simple material dimensions of the contrivance, will throw into shade all previous attempts of the kind. His flying machine will be eighteen times larger than the celebrated Salomayor's balloon, now in construction at Madrid. We may be able in a few days to give further explanations.—*New York Post.*

A habitant from L'Ange Gardien has been lodged in jail under the following circumstances. A few days ago he came to town, and took from its mother an illegitimate child of his, under the pretence of placing it in charge of a family he named. The child has never since been heard of; and the several parties named by him, in town, as those to whom it had been confided, deny any knowledge of the infant, or of having even seen it.—*Quebec Mercury.*

GAS IN THE CITADEL.—The officers' barracks on Cape Diamond are now lighted with gas, which is conveyed from Champlain Street, up and over the rock chiefly through a gutta percha tube, of about 300 feet in length.—*Ib.*

THE BAR.—The deputation from the Quebec Bar returned to town this morning, and we understand that the Bar at Montreal have passed resolutions declaring the conduct of Chief Justice Bowen, and the Judges at Quebec, in their treatment of the Bar, wanting in dignity, and offensive to them; and, at the same time, expressing their opinion, as to the undoubted right of the Bar of Lower Canada to a communication of the Tariff before its promulgation.—Division 41 to 4; the minority being Messrs. *Montmorency, Dunkin, Bethune,* and *Driscoll.*—*Ib.*

Arrival of the Niagara.

HALIFAX, January 3.

The *Niagara* arrived here at 11 o'clock to-day, she brings passengers for Boston, and eleven for Halifax.

The *Niagara* arrived at Liverpool on the 17th, shortly before 10. At about 11 o'clock, A. M., on Wednesday, the *Pyrenean* arrived off Cowes, and on Thursday, P. M., the exact time not stated, the *Atlantic* arrived at the Bar of Liverpool. Her letter reached the city at six o'clock.

The general and political news is not important.

The German question begins to assume a new aspect, inasmuch as it is now asserted that the Conferences to be held at Dresden, on the 22nd of this month, between Austria and Prussia, bode no good to the smaller German States, which, it is said, are now using energetic measures to form a league of their own.

It is stated confidently at Paris, that General Lahitte and Lord Palmerston have entered into an agreement, that if the approaching Conferences at Dresden attempt to make any territorial changes affecting the arrangements made by the Treaty of Vienna, the French and English Governments will interfere to prevent them.

LIVERPOOL MARKETS.—Cotton has advanced