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PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

Bank of New-Brunswick.—Thos. Leavitt, Esq., President.—Discount days, Tuesday and Friday. Hours of business, from 10 to 3.—Notes for Discount must be left at the Bank before 1 o'clock on the days immediately preceding the Discount days. Director next week: Chas. C. Stewart.

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NOTICE.

THE subscribers having this day entered into Co-Partnership, the business heretofore carried on by L. H. Deveber will in future be conducted under the Firm of

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L. H. DEVEBER,
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St. John, 7th May, 1842.

Removal.

DAVID PATERSON has removed his Boot & Shoe Establishment from Prince William street, to the Brick Building lately erected by John Johnston, Esq., west side of Dock street, three doors from the Market square. May 6.

Removal.

THE subscribers have removed their place of business from Water street, to the new Fire proof store, lately erected by them at the foot of Union street, on the property belonging to R. W. Crookshank, Esq.

SANCTON & CROOKSHANK.

April 29, 1842.

Crookshank & Walker have removed their Counting House to the same building.

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St. Andrews & Fredericton.

L. COPELAND begs to inform the Public that he is now under contract to convey H. M. Mail's between St. Andrews and Fredericton, and will convey passengers on said route with the utmost expedition. The Stage will leave the former place immediately after the arrival of the American mail on Wednesday's, and Fredericton on Friday's.—Fare 30s.

EXTRA conveyances furnished at all times, on application at the Hotel.

St. Andrews, April 29, 1842.

For Sale,

AT THE PHENIX FOUNDRY,

A POWERFUL Low Pressure STEAM ENGINE, nearly finished, applicable either for Land or Marine purposes, to be had on reasonable terms, on early application to

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On Hand—A variety of Cooking Stoves, Franklins, Ploughs, and Ship Castings. Mill, Ship, and Engine Work, with every description of Machinery made to order.

☞ Warehouse on the Mill Bridge, corner of Pond street. Jan. 21.

Steamer Nova-Scotia.

Arrangement for 1842.

HAS now commenced plying in the Bay of Fundy, as follows:—Monday—Leaving Saint John for Eastport, Saint Andrews, and Saint Stephen, at 7 a. m., and returning on Tuesday.—Wednesday—For Digby and Annapolis at 7 a. m., and returning on Thursday.

Will leave Saint John every Thursday evening for WINDSOR, two hours before high water, until further notice.

For further information please apply to the master on board, or at the Counting Room of

E. BARLOW & SONS,

St. John, April 22. Dock street.

Post Office,

St. John, 9th July, 1842.

THE Mails for St. Andrews, St. George, St. Stephen and the United States, will in future be made up on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—The return Mails will be received on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays, at 4, P. M.

J. HOWE, Jr. P. M.

Miscellany.

(From the Casquet of Literary Gems.)

JOURNEY IN QUEST OF A WIFE.

Dinner was over, my mother had taken up her knitting apparatus, and I was picking my teeth and amusing myself with building castles in the air, when my attention was roused by the unusual number of the good lady's beams, which I knew to be a prelude to some extraordinary communication. At length, out it came: 'my dear Tom,' said she, 'yesterday was your birthday, you are now twenty and twenty, and it is high time you should be looking out for a good match: a man must marry some time or other, but he should take care he does so ere it is too late, for that is as bad as too soon.' 'Why mother,' answered I, 'I am not much disposed to change my situation, as the phrase goes; but I have never yet been fortunate enough to meet with the girl who would induce me to become a benedict.' While I was speaking, my mamma had opened her comfortable box, and wore a knowing look, held a pinch between her finger and thumb, 'what would you think now,' said she, after a pause, and eyeing me through her spectacles; 'what would you think of miss Doris, the upper forester's daughter? I wonder my head, 'she is well enough to pass away an hour or two occasionally, for she is a good-natured lively thing, but she is like the lilies of the valley, they toil not, neither do they spin.' 'Son she has ten thousand dollars in the bank, and they will set her forms a going. You know our estate is burdened with debt, and as you now think of keeping house for yourself, and won't make use of your friend's influence to procure you a place under government for you—' 'My good mother,' interrupted I: 'once for all, that is out of the question; one who has any pretensions to the character of an honest man, cuts but a sorry figure now-a-days as a man in office; for my own part, I can only go straight forwards and it would not be easy to move now and then treading on the toe of some place-man or other, or giving him a jerk with my elbow, and I should gain nothing but vexation for my pains.' 'Tut' no! I will travel, and endeavour to set myself to my mind.' 'But do you know what the expression "getting settled" means?' I only have heard.' 'Mother' cried I, 'most fully do I appreciate the force of the expression, for I have seen it so completely exemplified in my own family; during my father's life, he and yourself had but one heart, one will. This was touching the right string, and decided the question at once. My mother wiped her spectacles, gave me a blessing, and desired me to travel. My portmanteau was soon packed, and almost before I could bestow a serious thought on the object of my journey, I found myself seated in the diligence for B——. I was school-fellow with a young baronet, who resided in B——, and to him I gave myself up to the guidance of my lucky star. I had several acquaintances at B——, and hoped away some weeks among them, and among what is called the good society of the place. Here there was no lack of pretty maidens, all ready and willing to get married, but their forward manners and total want of feminine delicacy, soon convinced me that this was not the place to get married in, for most part, their ideas of life were gathered from the shelves of the circulating library: and of gentility, from the miserable flounderings of a set of strolling players, who sometimes visited the town; in short, their small accomplishments sat on them with as much grace and propriety, as the glass beads and tinsel of the Europeans do on the necks of savages. One young creature, however, attracted my attention by her naivete and engaging disposition. I determined to make her acquaintance, and found no difficulty in procuring an introduction to her father's house. She was the only child of a rich contractor, who had amassed a considerable fortune during the war, and now lived very comfortably on his fortune. Withal, she played on the harpsichord a little, sang a little, drew a little, and had a smattering of French and Italian; but it was easy to perceive she laid claims to excellence in all these acquirements. Throughout the house there was great splendour, without the slightest particle of taste. Miss was the idol of her parents, over whom she exercised unlimited sway, and the surest and shortest road to the old people's hearts, was by praising their darling. It would have been no very difficult matter for me to have won this damsel's hand, had I been so inclined, for besides, that she showed some sort of penchant for me, the Yen before my name was a powerful recommendation to old square toes; but I felt that she was not at all calculated to make a wife for a domestic man like myself; and a letter, which I soon afterwards received from my mother, wherein she expressed the same opinion, determined me to look elsewhere for a spouse.

I left B—— in company with a fellow collegian, who was going to S——on business, and as I wished to see that town, we agreed to travel together. In the inn at Lunan, where we stopped for the night, we fell in with some strangers: a gentleman from S——, with his son, and a young lady, his ward. We met together at supper, and the conversation took an easy and lively turn; it is true, the elder of the two men spoke seldom, but he smiled often; and, as they say, at the right place; and looked as if he could say a great deal on every subject, if he would. He made up for his silence, however, by keeping the bottle continually on the move. The son was the reverse of his father, his tongue never lay still, although his ideas were not of the most brilliant order. The young lady remained silent, and apparently absorbed in her own thoughts; she had a tall, elegant figure, handsome features, with a mild and somewhat melancholy expression, and she appeared to have recently shed tears: I gathered from what passed at supper, and afterwards from the landlord, that she was called Adeline; that her father, Major Lindenow, had fallen in battle, leaving her to the protection of his friend, Colonel Sternbach, who now lived on his estate near Lunan; that Colonel Sternbach had sent her to be educated at S——, where she resided with his brother in law, the senator, Seldorf, with whom I had supped; that the colonel now lay dangerously ill, and that Seldorf, who expected to inherit his estates, was on his return from visiting him. Although Adeline had never once deigned to look at me, yet there was a something about her, that interested me exceedingly in her favour. Old Seldorf, on learning my intention of remaining a few days at S——, gave me a pressing invitation to visit him and his family; his son drank to our better acquaintance, and swore that one's time might be spent at S—— in the most delightful way in the world, and that even a university life did not surpass it. He offered, as my travelling friend quitted me here, to fill his vacant place in my carriage, to save me, as he said, from the blue devils. On any other occasion, I could willingly have dispensed with the youngster's good intentions; for there is nothing in which I take a greater delight, than when seated snugly in the corner of the vehicle, I can give myself up, undisturbed, to every fancy, and luxuriate in all the delights of castle building; now, however, I determined, for once, to forego my favourite gratification, and accede to his proposal, as I thought it might afford me an opportunity of learning something more of Adeline, into whose opinion I felt a strong inclination to ingratiate myself. Early on the following morning we set out for Lunan, and for several miles my new companion troubled me very little with his remarks, as he almost immediately began to snore; but he soon awoke, and then talked all in a breath about his college adventures, his connections in S——, his two sisters, Adeline, and his prospects of getting a place. 'I shall then,' added he, rubbing his hands, 'marry Adeline! for you know a wife is a necessary appendage to a man, when he becomes of consequence in the state.' This piece of intelligence was not of the most pleasant description: 'But,' said I, doubtless with a sheepish look enough, 'you have confessed that Adeline is perfectly indifferent to you, and yet you mean to marry her; how can you expect happiness from such a union?' 'Pooh, poon,' said he, 'my dear fellow, your ideas of marriage are quite out of date; the husband has only to take care that his wife keeps within proper bounds; that she attends to her family and kitchen concerns, receives the guests, and so forth; the Orientals have far better notions of matrimony, than we in the north: among them the wife is neither more nor less than the principal slave, and that according to my view of the matter, is what she ought to be, and not a She more.' But Adeline, said I, impatiently, 'Adeline,' answered he, 'has ridiculous whims. Like all other girls who have not yet reached a certain age. She has nothing to boast of but her pretty face, and has hitherto lived in complete dependence; my uncle, indeed, lets her want for nothing, but then he is daily expected to set out on his journey for the other world; in which case, she must be glad to get a comfortable settlement. During the last two years, she has taken the charge of our domestic concerns, for my sisters do not trouble their heads about such vulgarities.' I was now enabled to form a tolerable good guess of Adeline's situation, and her misfortunes imparted additional interest to her in my eyes.

On the second day after my arrival at S——, I received an invitation from the elder Seldorf, which I readily accepted. The sisters were a pair of dolls who displayed their accomplishments as if they wished to let them out on hire. The youngest of the two played a few musty waltzes on the piano, and the other sung a bravura in a style that made my very flesh creep; Adeline busied herself about the house, and I was easy to see that the management of every thing was in her hands. She seemed a little more cheerful than when I saw her at Lunan, still her countenance bore evident traces of dejection. Whilst the sisters were acting their parts, she sat down to her needle, from which she seldom looked up; her future lord and master showed her very little attention, and I could almost imagine she treated him with contempt; I felt quite out of humour, and had risen to go away, when it came into the old gentleman's head to ask his daughters to declaim; neither of them needed, however, was fin to give myself up to the guidance of my lucky star. I had several acquaintances at B——, and hoped away some weeks among them, and among what is called the good society of the place. Here there was no lack of pretty maidens, all ready and willing to get married, but their forward manners and total want of feminine delicacy, soon convinced me that this was not the place to get married in, for most part, their ideas of life were gathered from the shelves of the circulating library: and of gentility, from the miserable flounderings of a set of strolling players, who sometimes visited the town; in short, their small accomplishments sat on them with as much grace and propriety, as the glass beads and tinsel of the Europeans do on the necks of savages. One young creature, however, attracted my attention by her naivete and engaging disposition. I determined to make her acquaintance, and found no difficulty in procuring an introduction to her father's house. She was the only child of a rich contractor, who had amassed a considerable fortune during the war, and now lived very comfortably on his fortune. Withal, she played on the harpsichord a little, sang a little, drew a little, and had a smattering of French and Italian; but it was easy to perceive she laid claims to excellence in all these acquirements. Throughout the house there was great splendour, without the slightest particle of taste. Miss was the idol of her parents, over whom she exercised unlimited sway, and the surest and shortest road to the old people's hearts, was by praising their darling. It would have been no very difficult matter for me to have won this damsel's hand, had I been so inclined, for besides, that she showed some sort of penchant for me, the Yen before my name was a powerful recommendation to old square toes; but I felt that she was not at all calculated to make a wife for a domestic man like myself; and a letter, which I soon afterwards received from my mother, wherein she expressed the same opinion, determined me to look elsewhere for a spouse.

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He threw himself into a chair, and covered his face with both his hands. I exhorted him to take courage, and to thank heaven which had prevented his committing a heavy crime. 'Ah!' said he, striking his forehead, 'Adeline is lost to me, as soon as she knows that she is independent, she may choose for herself.' 'Why, what a pitiful fellow you must be, to wish to tread in the dust a noble heart in so base a manner.' I spoke this loud and angrily, and was instantly sorry that I suffered the words to escape me. The scene continued sometime longer, till I set the poor devil somewhat at ease, by promising that the whole transaction should be confined to ourselves. 'But is Adeline acquainted with it?' 'She is, but you must know her well enough to be satisfied, that she will not abuse the confidence which I have placed in her.' 'Yes, yes,' muttered he between his teeth, 'she is much better than I—than my sisters—or than all the young women that I know—she deserves a better lot than I can offer her.' I now really pitied him. His natural roughness might have been softened by better education. With all his faults, his heart was not bad; and what was done about him, arose more from perverted notions of things, than from vicious inclinations. I now attempted to rouse him on the score of pride. 'You wished,' said I, 'not to be under any obligation to your wife, and would rather take her fortune from her by fraud, than receive it at her own hand; but it would be impossible for you ever to overcome the sense of injustice, which you had thus been guilty of, and you would in fact have become more dependent on her, than if she had brought you a million as a portion, for you could never have again looked her in the face as an honest man, even if she were to reciprocate your affection.' He stared at me earnestly, never having been accustomed to reflect on his actions, or to weigh the motives of his conduct, he knew nothing of life, except what he had learnt in taverns. An idea seemed instantly to have struck him, and with the words 'you shall not at least assert that I am vicious,' he hastily quitted the apartment. I was puzzling myself to find out what his meaning might be, when a boy came into the room with a message, to meet him instantly without the town gates. The place where we alighted, there was a sort of hall, the dancing had already begun, and my companions soon joined in the throng, and continued till late in the evening, when as we were preparing to return, we were surprised at the sudden appearance of young Seldorf. He came from the seat of his uncle, who had expired a few hours before. The young man was in the highest spirits, and talked incessantly of his good luck, that Colonel Sternbach had not had time to make his will. 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He called for champagne and claret, and gave loose to his exultation in the most extravagant manner: I was extremely disgusted with his conduct, but as I did not wish to break up the party, I made no objection to remain.

The joviality of Seldorf, however, appeared to have something singular and unnatural about it. He drank beyond all moderation. My companions faithfully followed his example, and I found it impossible to avoid exceeding a little. Seldorf filled a bumper to the health of his bride, as he termed Adeline: I had hold of my glass mechanically, but for my life, I could not swallow a single drop. 'Then it is all settled,' I asked. 'Why not?' he cupped he; 'my uncle is dead without a will, we are his sole heirs. I shall invest my money in the funds—purchase a title; become a great man; live merrily.—Aha, my boy! you shall pass merry a jolly day with me yet.' I became melancholy, and lost in thought. It was midnight before the party broke up. My companions slept till the carriage stopt at the gates of S——, but I had not the smallest inclination to sleep; my feelings had been too much excited, and many an adventurous scheme came into my head. I continued to pace my chamber restlessly up and down; a strange undefined something pervaded my mind, and curdled up my blood in a perfect fever, though to say the truth, I suspect the punch and champagne had not the least share in these extraordinary sensations. By chance, I put my hand into the pocket of my great coat, which I had not pulled off; and was surprised to find papers in it. It was a packet tied round with tape, and on the envelope were written the words 'Last will and testament of Colonel Von Sternbach.' I now first perceived, that Seldorf and I had in the confusion at leaving Lunan, exchanged great coats. The will was open, and I hastily ran my eye over it. It was written in the Colonel's own hand, and with the exception of a legacy to his brother-in-law, Seldorf, Adeline was constituted the sole heiress of all his property.

The object of young Seldorf's journey, and his strange behaviour, were now fully explained. I congratulated myself on the lucky chance which had put it in my power to render an essential service to Adeline; but, after some reflections I could not but be sensible that the matter might involve me in an awkward predicament, for when Seldorf should miss his will, his first suspicion would naturally fall on me. I thought of every expedient of getting rid of the packet without discovery, but nothing else, a straight forward course was the only one that a man of honour could follow. At an early hour on the following morning, therefore, I bent my course to the senator's house, for the purpose of returning the coat, and, if possible, of seeing Adeline alone. I found, as I expected, that the family were still a bed, and that Adeline and a servant only were stirring. While the latter was fetching my great coat, I said to Adeline, that it was absolutely necessary I should see her that morning as I had something of the last importance to communicate. She looked at me with surprise. 'Miss Lindenow,' said I, 'it is on a subject which concerns you nearly; there is an infamous plot on foot to rob you in the most shameful manner; but providence has enabled me to counteract the wicked scheme; tell me where, and at what hour I can see you without danger of interruption.' After a moment's pause—'Come with me,' said she, 'into the garden, all in the house are still asleep.' We accordingly went thither, and I related to her the whole occurrence, giving her, at the same time, the will itself; she was greatly agitated, and could not utter a word, but raised her streaming eyes to heaven. I reminded her that quick decision was above all things indispensable. 'What shall I,' said the trembling girl, 'what can I do?' 'Will you confide in me?' asked I. 'Willingly, most willingly,' she answered in a tone that penetrated my heart. It was then concerted between us, that she should meet me the same evening at the friend's house where we had been the preceding day; and I hastened home, to consider of the measures which it would be most advisable to adopt. I had scarcely reached my own door, when young Seldorf overtook me; he was in the greatest trepidation, and said, 'my friend, we exchanged great coats yesterday by mistake, and I am now come for mine. There are papers in it of the utmost consequence, which I trust have not dropt out, have you by chance seen them?' I quickly collected myself, 'Mr. Seldorf,' said I, taking his hand, 'I think you are too much of an honest man to commit a knavish action; the papers you are so anxious about are in safety.' 'Where, where?' cried he, hurriedly, and looking at me with an air of suspicion. 'Where they ought to be,' returned I. 'Adeline is heiress of Colonel Sternbach.' He threw himself into a chair, and covered his face with both his hands. I exhorted him to take courage, and to thank heaven which had prevented his committing a heavy crime. 'Ah!' said he, striking his forehead, 'Adeline is lost to me, as soon as she knows that she is independent, she may choose for herself.' 'Why, what a pitiful fellow you must be, to wish to tread in the dust a noble heart in so base a manner.' I spoke this loud and angrily, and was instantly sorry that I suffered the words to escape me. The scene continued sometime longer, till I set the poor devil somewhat at ease, by promising that the whole transaction should be confined to ourselves. 'But is Adeline acquainted with it?' 'She is, but you must know her well enough to be satisfied, that she will not abuse the confidence which I have placed in her.' 'Yes, yes,' muttered he between his teeth, 'she is much better than I—than my sisters—or than all the young women that I know—she deserves a better lot than I can offer her.' I now really pitied him. His natural roughness might have been softened by better education. With all his faults, his heart was not bad; and what was wrong about him, arose more from perverted notions of things, than from vicious inclinations. I now attempted to rouse him on the score of pride. 'You wished,' said I, 'not to be under any obligation to your wife, and would rather take her fortune from her by fraud, than receive it at her own hand; but it would be impossible for you ever to overcome the sense of injustice, which you had thus been guilty of, and you would in fact have become more dependent on her, than if she had brought you a million as a portion, for you could never have again looked her in the face as an honest man, even if she were to reciprocate your affection.' He stared at me earnestly, never having been accustomed to reflect on his actions, or to weigh the motives of his conduct, he knew nothing of life, except what he had learnt in taverns. An idea seemed instantly to have struck him, and with

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Where a mother's love its watch shall keep.
"Rest, child, rest" and never more
Wander away from thy father's door."

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"Let me go home—go home to die!"
The traitor who robb'd her of maiden fame
Has cast her forth to the world of shame;
And the gnawing tooth of gaunt despair
Preys on a cheek no longer fair.
Let the erring daughter in:
Oneé gates to the Master.

"Let me go home!"—'tis the exile's prayer—
O what to him is the balmy air
Of the genial south when far away
His fond wife weeps and his children play
Where the snows of the north are on the track
O'er which the look'd for comes not back!
He comes! and brightly the hearth shall burn
To light the joy of that blest return.

"Let me go home!"—from the wanderer's breast
Burst the heaving sigh of the soul's unrest;
Long hath he roam'd through countries strange,
Breaking ties in the love of change;
One, long forgot, hath his pride unmann'd—
He would make his grave in his native land.
Through a ruin'd hall the night winds sweep.
As we lay him down where his fathers slept.

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Hast thou a home?" "Yes, a house of clay—
Wherever my faltering feet shall fail,
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Let me go home—to Him who gave—
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EXTRAORDINARY AND INTERESTING NARRATIVE.

At the last ordination in Auckland Castle one of the successful candidates was Mr. Blythe Hurst, till lately a blacksmith, in the village of Winlaton Durham. How this humble artisan has come to be an ordained clergyman of the Church of England, will be best understood by the perusal of an extract from the Gateshead Observer of last Saturday. Our contemporary reports the proceedings of a dinner given at Stella, on the 12th inst., to M. W. Dixon, Esq. of Ryhope, on his resignation of the office of agent to Peregrine Edward Towneley, Esq., (both gentlemen being members of the Roman Catholic Church) and in the report we find the following:—

Mr. Joseph Laycock of Winlaton, received a warm welcome in rising to propose "The Bishop and Clergy in the Diocese of Durham." After warmly eulogising the Bishop of Durham, who used his revenues as a sacred trust, to be applied in works of charity and religion, Mr. Laycock proceeded to say—"There was now in the village of Winlaton, a striking and interesting proof of the Bishop's benevolence—a man whom the right reverend prelate had raised from the lowest ranks of the workmen of Winlaton, to the station of an ordained clergyman of the Church of England. (Applause.) The individual to whom he referred was a native of Winlaton and was put to trade of a blacksmith at the early age of seven years. At that time he had received little education. He could read the Scriptures, but could write only imperfectly. After he went to trade he attended a Sunday School (Archdeacon Thorp's), where he made some progress. Writing, however, was not taught in the school. When he had entered his teens his mind was directed to the study of languages, beginning with his own. Afterwards he acquired six others, viz. Latin, Greek, Hebrew, Arabic, Syriac, and French. A few years ago a missionary made his appearance in the village, to disseminate the damnable doctrines of Socialism, trusting, no doubt, to the well known readiness of