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CHARLES W. WELDON,
Attorney at Law & Notary Public
OFFICE—Over Messrs. Kanne, Sturdee & Co Prince William-street, St. John, N. B
May 28, 1852.

MR. W.
Attorney and
HAS REMOVED to the Office lately occupied by Charles Watters, Esquire, in Messrs Deveber's building, Prince William Street.
August 22, 1856.

GEORGE WHITMAN,
Auctioneer, Commission Merchant.
AND DEALER IN DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES AND HARDWARE.
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September 12, 1855.

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The Subscriber, in returning thanks to his friends and the Public for the very liberal patronage bestowed on him since his commencement in business, solicits a continuance of the same, and would further add, that having served a regular apprenticeship to the Engineering and Millwright business in Great Britain, and having practised the same the last thirty years, continues to manufacture at the above Establishment all kinds of

STEAM ENGINES.

High and low Pressure, For Boats, Saw, or Grist Mills, and for Propelling any kind of machinery.—Steam Engine Boilers for Marine or Land purposes made and repaired; all kinds of Machinery repaired; IRON and BRASS CASTING made to order; BRASS AND IRON TURNING; Blacksmith Work of all kinds executed promptly and on favorable terms. ☞ As cheap or cheaper than any other Establishment in the Province.☜

JOHN SMITH,
St. John, December 1, 1855. ENGINEER.

New Books.

THE GENIUS OF CHRISTIANITY, by Viscount deChateaubriand;
ST. JOHN'S MANUAL; a Guide to the Public Worship and Services of the Catholic Church;
A Vindication of Italy and the Papal States, from the Dublin Review;
John Mitchell's Great Lecture on Thomas Devin Reilly, delivered in the Tabernacle, N. York;
Hendrick Conscience's Tales, complete;
Nos. 1 to 4 of the Complete Works of Gerald Griffin—to be completed in 30 numbers;
Luck is Everything, by W. H. Maxwell;
Charles Lever's Works, 4 vols., octavo, cloth;
Love after Marriage by Caroline Lee Hentz;
The Border Rover by Emerson Bennett;
The Rats of the Seine, by Paul Preston;
The Doomed Ship, by Harry Hazel;
Dow's Patent Sermons, new edition;
Reynolds' Complete Works;
Historical Magazine, and Notes and Queries for May, 1s.;
Harper, Putnam, the Youths, Household Words New York National, Waverley, and Black wood for May;
The Testimony of the Rocks, by Hugh Miller.
☞ Latest "New York Ledger," &c.
May 8. B. O'BRIEN.

SAINT JOHN HOTEL.

ENTRANCE FROM CHARLOTTE STREET

THE Subscriber begs to return thanks to the Public for the very handsome support he has received since opening the ST. JOHN HOTEL, and would respectfully inform his numerous patrons, that having refitted and renovated this well known building, and being determined to keep it in a style not inferior to what it attained in former days, he is now prepared to receive BOARDERS, both permanent and transient, who will receive all the care and attention that can be desired. He would therefore invite travellers to favour him with a call.

☞ BOARD FIVE SHILLINGS PER DAY.

☞ Gentlemen travelling with their own Horses will find good Stabling and attentive hostlers.

W. H. SECORD,
St. John, August 7. Proprietor.

CLOTH CAPS, various styles, qualities and prices, at Wholesale and Retail.
C. D. EVERETT & SON,
Jan. 29. 13 King-street

"Saint John Hat Building,"
82, KING STREET.

JUST RECEIVED by the subscriber, in good order, per the schooner "Mary Jane," "Wren," "Trident," "Caroline," and "Catherine Brown," the following Goods, which he will sell wholesale and retail at moderate rates:—

20 chests superior Breakfast Souchong TEA;
4 boxes Tomato Ketchup; 3 barrels Beans;
260 lbs Ground Pepper; 3 boxes ground Pimento;
12300 do. green Java Coffee; 1 bag whole do.
10 Blubbers Scotch Snuff; 3 boxes Yeast Powder;
1 case Olive Oil; 3 boxes Cream of Tartar;
2 bbls Lemon Syrup; 1 do Sperm Candles
2 casks Trails Saleratus; 4 reams Letter Paper
3 cases American Matches;
30 reams Straw Wrapping Paper;
10 do Crown do do;
4 reams Foolscap Paper; 18 doz Lead Pencils;
5 doz Carpenter's Pencils;
3000 buff, straw, and White Envelopes;
10 gross Leather-headed Tacks;
300 papers Carpet do; 3 bbls Dried Apples;
50 lbs. Cut do; 1011 Cocoa Nuts;
5 barrels Porter's Burning Fluid;
5 doz Whip Handles; 2 gross Fluid Wicking;
3 doz Raw Hide Whips; 1 bales Candle do;
5 boxes Ground Ginger; 2 bales Cotton Batting;
10 " Harper's Diamond 10s. Tobacco, a superior article;
3 " Wine Sap do.; ½ Lumps do., extra quality for chewing;
6 dozen Washboards; 12 doz. Corn Brooms;
2 doz Corn Brushes; 1 do. Patent do;
10 boxes Clothes Pins, No. 1;
1 doz Mincing Trays; 3 doz setts Measures;
10 Children's Willow Basket Carriages, new varieties;
4 gross patent spring'd Clothes Pins;
2 doz Wooden Spoons; 2 doz Butter Ladles;
2 doz Wooden Faucetts; 3 doz Alicant Watts;
5 boxes Sullivan's Blacking.

—IN STORE—

60 drums Fresh Figs; 3 Puncheons Alcohol
2 casks pale and brown Sherry Wine;
1 " Port do;
4 hhds Hollands Gin; 1 pun. Scotch Whiskey;
5 pipes Hennessey's Brandy;
6 cases sparkling Champagne;
3 cases Old Jamaica Rum;
3 hhds Nova Scotia Cider;
10 quintals No. 1 Codfish;
1½ Tons Oatmeal;
250 lbs. No. 1 Starch;

ORANGES and LEMONS;

Bed Cords, Clothes Lines, Shoe and Scrubbing Brushes, Nuts, Castor Oil, London Pickles, Chocolate, Broma, Corn Starch, Tripoli, Digby Herrings, Bird Cages, Citron Peel, together with a general assortment of Groceries too numerous for enumeration.

Hourly expected—5 tierces RICE.
may 15 ROBERT STEWART.

A CARD.

WE would direct the attention of the public to the large variety of HATS and CAPS now on Sale at

HALL'S HAT STORE, 41, King-street.

The largest and doubtless, the best assorted stock in this City; we can only notice a few of the leading articles, viz.

GENTS' DRESS HATS,

In Black Velvet, Satin, Moleskin, and Silk, Drab Beaver, Felt, Silk, and Angola,—English, French, and American make,—every style and quality.

SOFT FELT HATS.

Kossuth, Hungarian, Julian, Magyar, Webster, Senator, Rockland, and Panama styles; Men's and Boys, plain and fancy trimed.

STRAW GOODS.

Panama, Leghorn, Tuscan, Canton, Pedall, Black and White Italian and Senatt, Braids; for Men Boys and Girls,—various trimed.

CLOTH CAPS,

In every style, colour, and quality.

CHILDRENS' HATS & CAPS.

In every Variety of Material and Trimming.

LADIES' RIDING HATS,

In Beaver, Felt, Straw, &c.

GLAZED HATS.

India Rubber, Lawn covered, Painted, Alma, and Patent.

We recommend all who want good fair value for their money to call at

D. H. HALL'S, HAT STORE,
July 10. 41, King street.

DOMESTIC versus FOREIGN.

WE have on hand over 500 of the most approved Railroad BARROW WHEELS, of Domestic Manufacture, and warranted to be of the best material, which (with the different descriptions of Barrow Wheels suitable for any purpose, manufactured by us) will be sold for less than similar articles can be imported for.

HARRIS & ALLAN.
August 7. 17, Water street.

4 CASKS Olive OIL, 300 gallons;
8 bbls. TALLOW, 2,000 lbs.;

LONDON OAKUM.—10 tons London Oakum, on sale low.

One Wood Stock ANCHOR.—For sale by
August 7. JOHN WALKER.

Oysters. Oysters.

4 BBLS. Prime Shediae OYSTERS, which will be served up in any style required.
Also—MEALS and LUNCHEONS served up at the *shortest notice*—Day an Evening—at
JAMES KENNY'S,
Sept. 26 Eating House, Water-street

PER "JOHN DUNCAN."—5,000 FIRE BRICKS. For sale by
FRAS. CLEMENTSON,
Sept. 25. 29, Dock-street.

GENTS, SHAWLS.—The Subscriber has received an assortment of Gentlemen's SHAWLS, of superior quality to those usually imported. Also, Gents' MUFFLERS, for sale at reasonable prices, by D. H. HALL,
Nov. 14. 41, King-street.

Livery Stable,
KING STREET, CARLETON

THE Subscriber in calling the attention of the inhabitants of Saint John and vicinity to his new LIVERY STABLES, begs leave to state that he has fitted up at considerable expense, and is now prepared to furnish parties with Horses and VEHICLES, which for speed and comfort will prove satisfactory.

As the road is good and the country very inviting at this season of the year, parties would not regret taking a drive. Charges very moderate.

JAMES E. HAMM.
August 1, 1857. 3m.

GIN.—Now Landing ex Ship "Arthur White," 20 Hhds. GIN, 50 Gallons each, and 50 Cases And daily expected per Brig "Victor" from Charante:

6 Hhds. BRANDY, and 100 Cases.

—IN BOND—

20 Pipes, Hhds., and Qr. Casks Pale and Dark BRANDY;
10 Puncheons WHISKY, Cameron Bridge;
30 Pipes and Hhds. GIN;
50 Hhds. and Qr. Casks Port and SHERRY WINE;
10 Puns. ALCOHOL For Sale low by
May 29. JOHN KIRK.

BUFFALO ROBES.—A fresh supply received per Steamer *Admiral*, and for sale by
D. H. HALL,
dec. 19. 4, King Street.

NOTICE.

SEASONED PINE, LUMBER of every description, large and small, SCANTLING, REFUSE BOARDS, and DEALS, LATHS and PICKETS. For Sale at No 1 Lumber Yard Jeffery's Hill.
FROST & CO.
St. John, May 12, 1853.

No. 40, Germain-Street.

JAMES LUPTON,
Tailor and Draper,

WOULD invite the attention of his friends and customers to his present Stock of Goods, which has been completed by recent arrivals per ships *John Duncan, Middleton, and Courier*, consisting of West of England CLOTHS, FUR BEAVERS, VELVET CLOTHS, FANCY BEAVERS, WHITE AND EXTRA PRIME CLOTHS; WAISTCOATINGS, in Berlin, Silk and Velvets TROUSERINGS in endless variety.—these goods he can recommend as being superior to any yet seen in this Market, and in making them up no care shall be spared to sustain the preference he has hitherto received.

To the Officers of H. M. Army.

J. L. would beg to state that having been for years employed in the CUTTING DEPARTMENT of *HART'S Military Tailors*, 26 Pall Mall, he is prepared to execute in a superior style all orders with which he may be entrusted.

St. John, Oct. 31, 1856.

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Fire and Life Insurance Company

Established in 1836—Empowered by Special Acts of Parliament.

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Business—Insurance against Loss or damage by FIRE, on every description of Property.
Losses paid promptly on proof of claim.
NEW BRUNSWICK BRANCH: Office 98, Prince William Street, St. John.
(No Charge for Policy.)
April 25. EDWARD ALLISON, *Agent.*

And for Sale.

300 BOLTS Bleached Gourock CANVAS, assorted;
100 Bolts Extra all long Flax, ditto;
100 do. Gourock Boiled ditto;
75 Coils BOLT ROPE;
82 do. POINT LINE;
1700 three-thread SAIL TWINE.

JOHN ROOP,
Wishart's Buildings, Johnston's Slips. Wharf.
July 10.

—IN STORE—

350 QUINTALS CODFISH;
75 do. do. HAD DOCK;
6 whole and 50 half-barrels prime SHAD;
10 chests Congo TEA; 30 pieces Grind-stones from 15 in. to 45 in.; 20 bs. Gibb'd Herrings
10 boxes PIPES; 5 do. Pepper Sauce; 20 dozen Bushel BASKETS, 1 brl. Rum Colouring, Am.;
1 pun. Cammeltun WHISKEY; 1 pun. J. RUM;
3 puns. Am. RUM; Port and Sherry WINE; 1 pipe Cognac BRANDY; 1 do. H. GIN; and a general assortment of good GROCERIES.

—*In Bond (at Walker's)*—

5 puns. ALCOHOL—for sale at lowest Market Rates JOHN MARVEN.

Phœnix Livery STABLE.

THE Subscriber has removed his Livery Stable to the Premises occupied by himself in Charlotte street, (two or three doors north of the country market) and begs to acquaint the public that he has on hand TO LET a number of the best trained HORSES ever offered to the public for kindness, speed and durability together with CARTOLLS, BUGGIES, WAGGONS AND SADDLES, or in any style to suit customers.

The public may rely on being well accommodated and no imposition.

☞ *HORSES bought sold, or Exchanged.*

WM. GABRIEL.
St. John, January, 1857.

LIVERPOOL OAKUM.—Landing ex "John Duncan"—5 Tons Liverpool OAKUM. For Sale by JOHN WALKER,
May 22. Ward-street

MACINTOSH
Reversible Rubber Coats!

GOT up expressly for London Retail trade, in Silk and Alpaca. The same article that gave so much satisfaction to my customers in 1854—Patronised by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Judges of the Supreme Court, &c. &c.

August 7. THOS. R. JONES.

HAY RAKES.—100 Dozen HAY RAKES, of superior quality, for sale at 10s. and 12s. 6d. per dozen.

August 7. THOMAS C. EVERITT.

FOR Sale at No. 168, Prince William Street,—BEST CUMBERLAND BUTTER.

August 7. WILLIAM PARKS.

FOR Sale at No. 168, Prince William Street,—200 CHEESE from Clarke's Dairy.

August 7. WILLIAM PARKS.

FOR Sale at No. 168, Prince William Street,—BEST ISLAY MALT.

WILLIAM PARKS.
St. John, August 7, 1857.

JUST PUBLISHED—A new Editon of Lennie's English GRAMMAR, strongly bound in linen. Price 5s. 6d. per dozen.

June 5. B. O'BRIEN.

Per "Bendigo."

FIRE BRICKS—10,000—For Sale by,
FRAS. CLEMENTSON.
Sept. 25.

Per "Bordieu."

FIRST FALL IMPORTATION of EARTHENWARE; WINDOW GLASS 8x10, 10x12, 10x14, MILK PANS and *Butter Crocks*, white inside.

F. CLEMENTSON.
Sept. 25. 29 Dock Street, St. John.

HOLLANDS.

LANDING ex "Ann Rankine" from London,—150 packages GENEVA, Anchor Brand, which will be sold at 4s. per gallon in Bond from Wharf.
THOS. PARKS,
October 24. 28, Dock-street.

G. M. BURNS
AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION MERCHANT
No. 26 South Market Wharf, St. John, N. B.
March 20, 1857

Joshua Tallant,

IN returning thanks to his numerous friends and the public, for the liberal patronage he has received, for the last six years he has been in the BOOT and SHOE BUSINESS, desires to inform them that he has changed his Establishment, and is now prepared to furnish all articles in his line particularly Waterproof BOOTS, at as low prices as can be found in the City, at his stand, Parish of Portland, near St. Luke's Church.

May, 1856.

A MEDICAL REVOLUTION!

THE WORLD UNANIMOUS.

HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.

THE GREAT COUNTER IRRITANT!

The virus of disease often makes its way to the internal organs through the pores of the skin. This penetrating Ointment, acting under the hand as it is rubbed in, is absorbed through the same channels, and, reaching the seat of inflammation, promptly and invariably subdues it, whether located in the kidneys, the liver, the lungs, or any other important organ. It penetrates the surface to the interior, through the countless tubes that communicate with the skin as summer rain pierces into the fevered earth diffusing its cool and regenerating influence.

SKIN DISEASES & GLANDULAR SWELLINGS.

Every species of external irritation is quickly reduced by the anti-inflammatory action of this Ointment. Angry ERUPTIONS, such as SALT RHEUM, ERYSIPELAS, TETTER, RINGWORM, SCALD HEAD, NETTLE RASH, SCURVY (or ITCH) &c. die out, to return no more under its application. Hospital experience in all parts of the world proves its infallibility in diseases of the skin, the muscles the joints and the glands.

ULCERS, SORES, AND TUMORS.

The effect of this unrivaled external remedy upon Scrofula, and other virulent ulcers and sores, is almost miraculous. It first discharges the poison which produces suppuration and proud flesh, and thus the cures which its healing properties afterward complete are safe as well as permanent.

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In cases of the fracture of the bones, injuries caused by steam explosions, BRUISES, BURNS, SCALDS, RHEUMATISM, STIFFNESS OF THE JOINTS, and contraction of the sinews, it is employed and warmly recommended by the faculty. This marvellous remedy has been introduced by its inventor in person into all the leading Hospitals of Europe, and no private household should be without it.

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The Medical Staff of the French and English Armies in the Crimea have officially signed their approval of Holloway's Ointment, as the most reliable dressing for sabre cuts, stabs, and gun-shot wounds. It is also used by the surgeons of the Allied Navies.

Both the Ointment and Pills should be used in the following cases:

Bunions,	Rheumatism,	Sore Throats,
Burns,	Ringworm,	Sores of all kinds
Capped hands,	Salt Rheum,	Sprains,
Chilblains,	Scalds,	Stiff Joints
Fistula,	Skin Diseases	Tetter,
Gout,	Swelled	Ulcers,
Lumbago,	Glands,	Venereal Sores,
Mercurial	Sore Legs,	Wounds of all
Burptions,	Sore Breasts,	kinds.
Piles,	Sore Heads,	

☞ Sold at the Manufactories of Professer HOLLOWAY, 80, Maiden Lane, New York, and 244 Strand, London, by all respectable Druggists and Dealers in Medicine throughout the United States and the civilized world, in pots, at 25 cents, 62½ cents, and 1$ each.

☞ There is a considerable saving, by taking the larger sizes.

N. B.—Directions for the guidance of patients in every disorder are affixed to each pot.

S. L. TILLEY, *Provincial Agent*, No. 2, King Street, St John, N. B.; A. Coy & Son, Fredericton; W. T. Baird, Woodstock; Alex. Lockhart, Quaco; James Beck, Bend of Petitcodiac; O. K. Sayre, Dorchester; John Bell, Shediac; John Lewis, Hillsborough; John Curry, Canning; and James G. White, Belleisle.

☞ CAUTION!—None are genuine unless the words "HOLLOWAY, NEW YORK & LONDON," are discernible as a WATER-MARK in every leaf of the book of directions around each pot or box; the same may be plainly seen by holding the leaf to the light. A handsome reward will be given to any one rendering such information as may lead to the detection of any party or parties counterfeiting the medicines or vending the same, knowing them to be spurious.

Now landing ex the "Arthur White" from London.

7 TONS Brandram's No. 1 ground WHITE LEAD, in 1, 1-2, 1-4, and 1-8 cwt. kegs.
2 tons Brandrams No. 1 COLOURED PAINTS;
6 cwt. Dry PAINTS, consisting of Red Lead; Rose Pink; Orange & Lemon Chrome Yellow; Prussian Blue; Ultramarine Blue, &c., &c.
1 Tin Brandram's Patent Liquid Dryer
20 Brls. common Whitening; 12 casks PUTTY in Bladders;
6 Casks Raw Linseed Oil; 1 Can White Spirit Varnish.
6 Casks Double Boiled do.; 1 can Superfine Coach do.;
2 Chests INDIGO; 1 Cask Red Chalk;
14 Boxes Lescher's Blue Starch; 1 Cask Cream of Tartar;
10 Kegs Coleman's S. F. Mustard; 1 Cask Blue Vitriol;
2 Casks Mixed Pickles; 1 case Spanish Liquorice;
1 Case Black and Red Currant Jelly; 1 do. Orange Marmalade.
5 Bags Black Pepper; 1 Case Nutmegs;
12 Half chests Florence Oil; 2 Casks Salipetre;
1 Cask Hemp Seed; 1 Case Deep Goldleaf;

And 8 other Packages, containing a large assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Soaps, Perfumery, Brushes, Combs, &c., &c. For Sale, Wholesale and Retail, by S. L. TILLEY.
May 29, 1857. No. 35, King-street.

An entirely New Domestic Manufacture.

THE Enamelled REGISTER GRATES & FIRE FRAMES, with Summer Pieces to match, now manufactured by HARRIS & ALLAN, fully equal in the unique style of ornament and beauty of finish to those imported from the United States. A large assortment of the various patterns constantly on hand at No. 17 Water Street.

Aug. 21. 3i. HARRIS & ALLAN.

L. H. DEVEBER & SONS

Have received by the "*Lampedo*," "*John Duncan*," "*Arthur White*," and "*Georgia*":

PART of their Fall Supply of British MERCHANDISE. ALSO—
104 Chests fine CONGO TEA;
5 Tons White LEAD;
6 Casks PAINT OIL;
3 Tons PUTTY.

☞ Remainder of the Stock daily expected by the "*Middleton*." October 30.

THE DENTIST'S STORY.

It is of no use to ask me for a ghost story; for, though I have stayed in nearly every town in England of any size, I have met with none. Railways have put haunted chambers out of fashion. Fancy a ghost being bold enough to venture into one of our vast hotels! There is not a single white-robed customer that would have the impudence to do it. Ghosts lived in the old coaching days, and dwelt in the quaint wayside inns; and I never was lucky enough to have my bed-curtains disturbed by invisible hands; but I am not ashamed to own that I once got a terrible fright.

In my early days, I (like many of my profession) travelled from place to place, just remaining in each long enough to pocket all the spare cash the inhabitants were willing to expend on dental ornaments. Sometimes I made a large town the centre of my operations, and remained in it for months, visiting the lesser ones in the neighbourhood on stated days. It was in one of our largest manufacturing towns in the West of England that I met with the adventure I am going to give you.

I had been uncommonly successful, and had made a long stay in the place on that account,—indeed I had spent some months there when this happened. I had excellent lodgings, and occupied three apartments—a sitting-room, and sort of reception-room for patients, on the ground floor, and a first-floor bedroom, all facing the street. I always worked in the last-named apartment, and had the necessary tools and materials on a little bench near the window. Here I generally took my station, and spent the time, from six or seven in the evening till midnight, as I was then less liable to interruption.

My apartments were furnished with gas-burners, and before winter set in, I added a gas stove to my bedroom, that my working there might cause no needless trouble or expense to my landlady. One evening, being very busy, I sat later than usual, and when at length my task was done I drew my chair close to the stove, and sat half an hour reading, before extinguishing my light.—You are aware we make use of gold plates and wire in fastening artificial teeth, and, in consequence of my numerous orders, I had been particularly well supplied with the precious metal in this form ever since I came to the town. Moreover, I was by no means deficient in those pieces which bear a likeness of our most gracious Sovereign. Being particularly weary, and intending to re-commence my labors early in the morning, I did not trouble myself to put away my materials. But I was careful to examine the fastenings of my door, and this duty done, I extinguished stove and light, and got into bed.

I fell asleep almost instantly, and had a somewhat ludicrous dream. I fancied myself a keeper in the Zoological Gardens, which I had visited a few days before, and that whilst handing some food to my especial charges, the bears, I overbalanced, and was just tumbling into the pit among the grisly brutes, when the shock awoke me.

Again I dozed off, but only to get amongst the bears once more. I thought a tremendous specimen, a perfect Ursa Major, had just been purchased, and to me was intrusted the task of taming the monster.

No pleasant thing, even in a dream, particularly at that moment, and in the very incomprehensible manner only to be accomplished in sleep; the scene shifted to my bedroom, and I found myself standing *en chemise*, without any means of defence against the precious creature advancing with open mouth. I thought I leaped on my bench, seized the blind-roller, and as he advanced, dealt a tremendous blow at him. But, alas! he eluded it with the dexterity of an accomplished fencer, and I losing my balance, toppled head foremost to the ground. The brute sprang upon me. He tugged and so did I, with might and main. I was getting the worst of it, when suddenly recollecting that any sort of attack is lawful, and that one may be permitted to waive ceremony with a bear, I seized the creature's ears between my teeth, and bit the piece completely out. He dropped me like a hot potatoe. The ludicrously pitiful howl, and the way in which he applied the paw, just taken from my waist, to his wounded ear, was too much. I burst into a perfect roar of laughter, and so much noise did I make, that it awoke me.

I was still laughing at this whimsical vision, and wondering if it had any reference to an apprentice who was to come under my care on the morrow, and who was, truly, as uncouth a looking cub as any gentleman need have to lick into shape, when I heard—not a ghost, they make no noise—but a sort of uneasy grunt, then a yawn, such as a person emits when disturbed from a very sound sleep. I listened attentively, lying perfectly still, and, in a moment, distinctly felt something move below the bed. I knew no one could have entered after I laid down, as I am a light sleeper, and the door was too well secured to be opened without noise. I therefore felt sure they must have been under the bed before I commenced working, and having fallen asleep, been awakened by the boisterous laughter that had also dispelled my own dream.

What was I to do? I feared the moment I set foot on the floor I should be seized, and what could I—a little fellow, almost naked and unarmed, do against one, or perhaps more, doubtless prepared for the struggle?

Oddly enough, the remembrance of my dream gave me courage. I had loaded pistols in the room, and, once out of bed, I should be able to seize them in a moment. I resolved to leap out and secure the weapons before lighting the gas, since I, being as I presumed, better acquainted with the arrangement of the furniture, might manage in the dark to elude my antagonist. These thoughts occupied but a few seconds. In as many more the pistols were in my hand and the gas was lighted. The intruder did not venture to appear, and the delay gave me courage. I boldly commanded that individual to advance, and take the chance of a bullet. Something immediately began to move, and I soon saw the cause of my alarm. What was it think you? You cannot guess. I will tell you; it was a woman! I see you are all beginning to laugh; and I suppose you think that there is some long story in the case; and that a damsel, beautiful as a Houri, or a heroine, which is all the same, whom I had wooed only to betray, had concealed herself there, to reproach me with my broken vows, &c.

All wrong. The dence a bit of romance is there in the whole affair. Had you seen the coarse, sullen, ill-favoured wench who stood before me, wrapped in a dingy plaid shawl, you would not suspect such a thing; especially as you have seen a specimen of my taste in the shape of the lady who bears my name.

After all, the scene was droll enough. There stood I, shivering in my night habiliments, pistol in hand, ready to interrogate my visitor. She looked carving-knives in return; but not seeming the least shocked at my scanty garments, though evidently desirous of turning her back both on them and the wearer. On looking, I thought her features seemed familiar, and I recollected she had lived as servant in the house; but my landlady, suspecting her of dishonesty, discharged her about a week after my arrival.

I was about to question her, but thinking it advisable to have a witness, I commanded her to remain where she was, and insured her obedience by locking the door. I roused the family, and as I was returning to my prisoner, I heard my bedroom window hastily closed. "Ah!" thought I, "you are all right there for staying where you are, for the window is strongly barred." On being interrogated, she said my landlady, Mrs. Wingate, had forbidden her coming to the house; but being friendly with the other servant, she ventured to visit her secretly.

Whilst talking in the kitchen, she heard the mistress approaching, and fearing discovery, stole up stairs, crept into my room, and hid herself below the bed, intending to leave the house when all was quiet. My early entrance cut off her escape, and she supposed she had fallen asleep, as she remembered nothing more till aroused by a loud fit of laughter. This story seemed plausible enough, and but for the sequel would have passed off very well. But as we were about to dismiss her, with a caution not to repeat her visit, the door bell rang, and we found a policeman waiting for admittance. He stated, that passing a short time before, he observed one of the front windows hastily opened; something was thrown out, and then it was as quickly shut. After a short search he found a very large and sharp Spanish knife, which he presumed was the article thrown from the window. He also observed two fellows of suspicious appearance loitering about the place, and discovered them to be father and son—men of bad character, who got a good living, nobody knew how. He had warned them away, and returned to see if anything were amiss in the house.

On being informed of my visitor, and her tale, he expressed a wish to see her, and at once recognised her as the daughter of the older, and sister to the younger man he had dismissed.

Instead of liberating the woman, as we thought of doing, we now deemed it prudent to give her into custody. No one present at her examination entertained the slightest doubt that, during the short time she was in Mrs. Wingate's house, after I became an inmate of it, she had remarked the materials I used, and that a regular plan had been organised to rob, and perhaps murder me.

The other servant also deposed on oath, that her hiding in my room was needless, as she had abundant time to leave the house unperceived, had she chosen; and that the visit to her was made against her will; she having no desire to continue any acquaintance with a person more than suspected of dishonesty. Still, we could charge her with nothing but the concealment, and after being cautioned against placing herself again in such a situation, she was discharged.

The story was much talked of, and I got well quizzed by many ladies of my acquaintance, but after all it might have proved no joke to me. I remained some months longer in the place, and before I left it, I heard many accounts of threats which the woman's male relatives had uttered against me, for casting suspicion on innocent (?) people. I had probably injured their business; for I fancy, after what had occurred, few persons would have been willing to employ my nocturnal visitor in their houses.

Three years elapsed from the date of my adventure, and I had almost forgotten it, when business again called me to the same town. At first I only thought of remaining a few days; but finding I should be detained longer, I sought out my former landlady, as—that one night excepted—I had been particularly comfortable under her roof.—Finding my old apartments vacant, I gladly took possession of them a second time.

During my former stay, I made many agreeable acquaintances, and now—it being near Christmas—I received many invitations to supper parties, &c., which I fancy were not the less numerous because I was still a bachelor.

On Christmas Eve I accepted one to spend it with a friend at his father's house, where there was a very large and charming family of sons and daughters. The father was a fine, jovial old fellow, and the mother just the cheerful, but even tempered, gentle soul, who alone could bring up such girls as her's. We had a glorious evening.

All sorts of joyous Christmas fun was carried on, and I kissed pretty girls under the mistletoe, until either with that pleasant exercise, or with quenching the thirst it excited, I became slightly elevated. I was to dine there next day, and my friends would fain have persuaded me to stay all night, but I was determined to return to my lodgings, as I knew Mrs. Wingate would sit up. It was past midnight when I bid my kind entertainers good night, and with a hasty, but not very steady step, set out on my homeward journey.

I was soon at home and in bed. Mrs. Wingate had more than once laughed about the odd figure I cut on the occasion of my old adventure. She had also informed me that the two men who had played the *street part*, had been since detected in attempting to commit a burglary, and imprisoned for twelve months; but were now at liberty. The good lady manifested no small uneasiness on my account, and cautioned me to be very careful not to give them any opportunity of executing their threats of vengeance against me.

Her evident timidity and anxiety only excited my mirth, but I was, nevertheless, careful to examine the fastenings of my door, and always both locked and bolted it.

When I reached my lodgings on Christmas eve, I was, as I said, *a little elevated*, and, contrary to my usual custom, on getting into bed, I could not sleep.