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| Boards, pino, pr M 50s a 60s t | Terrings, No 1 | |
| " hemlock - 30s a 40s | " 2 | |
| Beef, fresh, pr lb 5d a 6d 1 | Mackarel 30s | |
| Butter, tub Sd a 9d 3 | Mutton or lb 33 | |
| " fresh $-9d \approx 10d c$ | Datmeal prewt 114 | |
| Cheese, Ns - 5d a 6d 0 | Dats pr bush 1s 6d a 2s | |
| Coals, at Mines, prehi 1344 | Pork probl 70s | |
| " shipped on board 14s off | Potatoes 24 | |
| " at wharf (Pictou) 1648 | Salt or hhd 10s a 11s | |
| Coke 16-5 | Shingles M 7s a 10s | |
| Codfish pr Qtl 14s a 16sl [| Callow p. ib 7duSd | |
| Eggs pr doz 5d a Gd [1 | l'urnips or bush none | |
| Flour, N s pr cwt 16s a 18:1V | Veal prib 21-2a3d | |
| " Am s E, pr bbl 45s 1 | Wood proord 124 | |
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| Boards, pino, Mr 60s | " 2 12d 6d | |
| Beef, best, 4d pr lb 3 | Hackarel, No 1 35s | |
| " Quebec prime 50s | " 2 30 ₈ | |
| "Nova Scotin 40s a 45s | " 3 25s | |
| Codlish, morch'ble 16s [3 | Holasses Is 7d | |
| Coals, Picton, none it | ork, Irish none | |
| " Sydney, 35s | " Quebec 90s | |
| Coffee 1s 2d | " Nova Scotia Sos | |
| Corn, Indian 5s iP | otatoes Is 3d a ts 6d | |
| Flour Am sup 45s S | ogar, good, 45 a 47s od | |
| " Fine 353 S | almon No I 60s | |

FRESH SEEDS & HEDGE THORNS.

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Just Received.

| Ex Ship HARMONY, from | Liverpool,-viz |
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| 25.000 HEDGE THO | ORNS. |
| 25,000 HEDGE THO Dwart Kidney (French) |) |
| Broad Windsor | BEANS. |
| Searlet Runners | 9 |
| Blue Imperial | } |
| Blue Prussian | i |
| Marrowfut | PEAS. |
| Early Charlton | i |
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| Swedish | ĺ |
| Aberdeen Yellow | j |
| Globe | TURNIP |
| Red Norfolk | SEED. |
| Purple Topped Yellow | |
| Early white Dutch | j |
| WHITE CLOVERS | SEED, |
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[Hemp, Canary, and Rape Seed, &c. JAS DAWSON.

June, 1836.

" Quebec fine

" Nova Scotia

From Paulding's " New Pilgrim's Progress." THE FIRST OF MAY IN NEW-YORK.

Ir being a fine, bright, mild morning, I got up early to take a walk on the Battery, the most glorious place for a morning or evening small in the known world. It is almost worth coming here, to minale the exquisite coolness of the saline nir, and natch the evermoving scenery of little white sails, majestic displays of snowy canvass that look like fleecy clouds against the hills of Jersey and Staten Island, and all the life of nature connected with her beautiful repose on the bosom of the still mirror of the expansive bay. Coming down into the entry I found it clustered up with a specimen of almost every thing that goes to the composition of house keeping, and three or four sturdy fellows with hand barrows, on which they were piling Ossa upon Pelion. I asked what the matter was, but all I could get out of them was, " First of May, sir - please to stand out of the way-first of May, sir." So I passed on into the street, where I ran the gauntlet, among looking glasses, old pictures, backets of crockery, and all other matters and things in general. The side-walks were infested with processions of this sort, and in the middle of the streets where innumerable carts loaded with a general jul delivery of all the trumpery, good, bally in a sufficient, that the carelessness of servants had incompren, or the economy of the housewives preserved: 'Mastopped to contemplate this mexical presence, some male monster was sure to bounce appearing out of a street door, with a feather bed, or a safetime with the corner of a looking glass, or some projection still more belligerent, while all the apology I got was " First of May-take care, su-first of May." Sometimes 1 was beleag lered between two hand-barrows, coming d flerent ways, and giving each other just room enough to spiceze me half to death. At others, I was run full of by a basket of crockery og out glass, with a woman under it, to the imminent risk of demolishing these precious articles so dear to the heart of the sea, and got not only sour looks but words, while my bones were aching with bumps and bruises.

Finding that there was no peace in Israel, I determined to get home without farther delay, and ensconce myself snugly, until this fearful eruption of the household gods, and their peraphernalia, had passed away. But I forgot that " returning were as tedious as go on." There was not an old chair, or a looking-glass, or a picture, or any article cursed with sharp angles, that did not appear to have an irresistible attraction toward some part of my body, especially that porttion which oftenest comes in contact with other bodies. In attempting to steer clear of a wheel-barrow I encountered a looking glass, which the lady-owner was following with pious care, and shattered it into a thousand pieces. The lady fainted, and in my zeal to apologise and assist her, I unfortunately grazed a glass lustre, which caught in my button-hole, and drew after it a little French woman, who luckdy lighted on a feither bed which an Irishman had set down to rest houself. " Mon Dout" cried the little woman; "J-s!" exclaimed the Irishman; the lady of the looking glass wept; the little demoiselle laugh ed; the Irishman stole a kiss of her; and the valient Colonel Culpeper, sagely surmising that the better part of valour was discretion, made a masterly re- custom.

treat into the entry of his domicile: where, by the same token he ran full against my landlady, who in a paroxysm of the disorder, was sallying forth with both hands full, and demolished her spectacles irrevocably. Finding myself thus environce, with petils on all sides, I retreated to my bed chamber, but here I found the madness raging with equal violence. A servant maid was pulling up the carpet, and pulling down the curtains, and making the dust fly in all directions, with a feverish activity that could only have been produced by a degree of excitoment altogether unnatural. There was no living here, so I retreated to the diningroom; mops going in one corner, brooms flourishing in another, side boards standing in the middle of the room, and dining tables flapping their wings, as if partaking in that irrestible propensity to motion which seemed to periade every thing animate and manimate.

Pray, sir, said I to a grave, old gentleman, who sat reading a newspaper, apparently unmoved amid the general confusion,-pray, sir can you tell me what all this confusion means?

O it's only the first of May, he replied, without taking his eyes off the newspaper.

'Alas! he too is mad, thought I. But I'll try it a. gain.

The first of May, what of the first of May.

'Tis moving time.

Moving time! what is that?

The time when every body moves.

But why does everybody move just at this time.

I an't tell, except it be because it is the first of May. But, added he, looking up at last with a droff since, you seem to be a stranger, and perhaps don't know that the first of May is the day, of all others in the year, when the people in this town have one and all agreed to play at the game of more all. They are now at it with all their might. But to-morrow all will be quiet, and we shall be settled in another part of the street.

O, then, the people are not mid.

By no means, they are only complying with an old custata

'Tis an odd one.

It is so, but not more odd than many others in all parts of the world.

Will you be so obliging as to tell me its origin, and the reason for it?

Why, as to the reason, half the old customs we L! Ily follow, are just as deflicult to account for, and apparently as little founded in reason as this. It would be too much to make people give reasons for every thing they do. This custom of moving in a hody on May-day, is said, however to have originated at a very early period in the history of New-York, whon there were but two houses in it. The tenants of these taking it into their heads to change their domicile, and having no others to move to, agreed to start fair at one and the same time with bag and baggage. and thus step into each other's shoes. They did so, and the arrangement was found so convenient that it passed into general practice ever since.

And so the good people take it for granted that a custom which necessity forced upon them when there were but two houses in the city, is calculated for a city with 250,000. A capital pedigree for an eld