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OFFICE—Over Messrs, Ranney, Sturdee & Co Prince William-street, St. John, N. B.
May 28, 1852.

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

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AND DEALER IN DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES AND HARDWARE,
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GROCER and Provision DEALER,
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Goods sent to all parts of the City free of charge.
September 19, 1856.

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Steam Engine and Machine Shop,
SAINT DAVID AND ALBION STREETS,
Near Messrs. W. & R. Wright's Ship Yard Courtenay Bay.

ALWAYS on hand at the the above Establishment, Patent and Common WINDLASSES for Vessels of all sizes; Capstan Heads; Sheeves and Rollers; Bushes; Pump Chambers; Camboosses; Ploughs; Truck and Barrow Wheels; Waggon Boxes; Oven and Furnace Mouths; Treenail Machines.

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 CASTINGS 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.

No 1 King Street.

WE will take the CENTRAL BANK BILLS at *face*, in exchange for CLOTHING.
dec 8 WHITTEKIR & PURINTON.

'Saint John Hotel 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;
200 lbs Ground Pepper; 5 boxes ground Pimento;
1230 do. green Java Coffee; 1 bag whole do.
10 bladders Scotch Snuff; 3 boxes Yeast Powder;
1 case Olive Oil; 3 boxes Cream of Tartar;
2 boxes Lemon Syrup; 1 do. Sperm Candles
2 casks Trulls 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; 1014 Cocoa Nuts;
5 barrels Porter's Burning Fluid;
5 doz Whip Handles; 2 gross Fluid Wicking;
3 doz Raw Hide Whips; 3 boxes 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 Cora 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 Fawcetts; 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 Hennessy,s Brandy;
6 cases sparkling Champagne;
3 cases Old Jamaica Rum;
3 bbls 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 16. 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.

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

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

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

Oysters. Oysters.

BBLS. Prime Shediac 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. Cask 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. 41, 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, 1856.

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, PATENT BEAVERS, BALTIC and EXT. PILOT 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 exertion 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 *HARTT'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.

North America House,
No. 7 North side of King Square,
ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

IS now kept by the Subscriber, who having recently refitted and furnished the same in a thorough and most comfortable manner, and now is prepared to entertain Residents in this City, Farmers, and Travellers generally, by the day or for any period, in an agreeable style and on satisfactory terms. *Good Stabling* is attached. Experienced Attendants are employed in every department.

The Daily and other Newspapers are regularly taken and fyled. Every information with regard to the Markets, and other business of the City, is promptly afforded. Purchases can be made for Strangers.

EXTRA MEALS, when called for, are provided without delay. In short nothing is wanting at any hour that can be reasonably required.

May 22.—1m. HUGH CHISHOLM.

Ship Chandlery.

LANDING EX "JOHN DUNCAN":—
63 BALES CORDAGE, (assorted;)
4 Bales Spunyarn; Marline; Houseline; Ambroline; Log Lines; Tar Brushes; Wool Mop Heads; Ship Scrapers; Patent Deck Lights; Cork Fenders; Liverpool Oakum.

The above are the Manufacture of that well known firm Hutcheson & Jarvie, of Liverpool, and are warranted to be of a superior quality.

10 bbls. Black Varnish; 1 Bag Carpet Thrumbs
4 kegs Countersunk Nails, (assorted;)
1 case Flags and Bunting; Cod Lines;
Connectings LINKS, (assorted.)

The above, together with the Subscribers Stock of General SHIP CHANDLERY, are for Sale at lowest Market rates.
JOHN WALKER,
May 22. Ward Street

—IN STORE—
350 QUINTALS prime COD FISH;
75 do. do. HAD DOCK;
6 whole and 50 half-barrels prime SHAD;
10 chests Congo TEA; 36 pieces Grind-stones from 15 in. to 45 in.; 20 bbls. Gibb'd Herrings
10 boxes PIPES; 5 do. Pepper Sauce; 20 dozen Bushel BASKETS, 1 brl. Rum Colouring. Am.;
1 pun. Cammelman 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 CARRIOLES, 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 Edition of Lennie's English GRAMMAR, strongly bound in linen. Price 5s. 6d. per dozen.
June 5. B. O'BRIEN.

Per "Boadicea."

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

Per "Boadicea."

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.

London Oakum, Oil and Paint.

20 TONS Best London OAKUM;
17 hhds. Boiled and Raw OIL, Brandram's best;
80 kegs WHITE LEAD, Brandram's best;
Landing ex "Arthur White," and for Sale by
JOHN WALKER.

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. 25, Dock-street.

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

Joshua Tallent,

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 enlarged 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, melting 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 passes into the fevered earth diffusing its cool and fegenerating influence.

SKIN DISEASES & GLANDULAR SWELLINGS.

Every species of exterior irritation is quickly reduced by the anti-inflamatory action of this Ointment. Angry ERUPTIONS, such as SALT RHEUM, ERYSIPELAS, TETTER, RINGWORM, SCALD HEAD, NETTLE RASH, SCABIES (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.

WOUNDS, BRUISES, BURNS, AND SCALDS.

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.

UNDENIABLE TESTIMONY.

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,	Veneral Sores,
Mercurial	Sore Legs,	Wounds of all
Eurptions,	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 ames 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 1-3 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 Whitning; 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 Liqurice;
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 Saltpetre;
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
May 29, 1857. S. L. TILLEY.
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. 36. 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 fully expected by the "*Middleton*." October 20.

Miscellany.

AFFECTING INDIAN LETTERS.—In our estimation the most interesting letters from the seat of war are those which are certain not to be published, at least so long as the present generation survive.—The letters we mean, are those written on the eve of battle, or at the moment when our breaching batteries were first opened on the walls of Delhi—letters which contain no narrative, but are simply an outpouring of the affections in a moment of dread solemnity. Having been favored with a perusal of a considerable number of such letters, we have been deeply impressed with the devoted family affection, the manly purity of mind, and the earnest, unostentatious religious feeling which they show to be the prevailing characteristics of the English officers at present serving in India.—They are filled in a great measure with touching reminiscences of wives and children—with arrangements for their future benefit, and with such exclusively domestic details. And mingled with these are frequent parenthetical remarks, indicating rather than expressing the entire reliance of the writer on Divine protection, and submission to His wise decrees. There is a simplicity, an absence of all emphasis, a conversational tone, in the expressions which bespeak sincerity—which convey the idea of men whose happiness through life has been sought and found in the innocent relations of the family circle; who are capable of attachment as pure as it is enduring; and who can rise on emergencies from mere fathers of families into fearless and energetic christian heroes.—The letters which have suggested these remarks add little or nothing it is true to the progress of events; but they do more—they afford us glimpses into the living spirit which animates and imparts a character to these events. It is from such men and such feelings that the true greatness of England springs.—*London Daily News.*

A LEGAL DECISION.—We clip the following from the Paris correspondent of the Memphis *Daily Appeal*:

The son of a wealthy Jew banker in London became much attached to a young Christian, with whom his father opposed his union. When the son found that the father could not be induced to give his consent to the match, he concluded to marry without it. The father then threatened to withhold every shilling from him, whereupon the son replied that if the father did not intend to give him anything, he would become a Christian, and according to law he would be entitled to one-half of his father's fortune. The father, much alarmed, flew to his lawyer, to inquire whether such law really was in existence. The lawyer's answer was in the affirmative, but adding that if he would hand him over ten guineas, he would give a plan by which he could frustrate his son's plans. The ten guineas were quickly produced. "Now," said the lawyer, quietly pocketing the money, "all that remains for you to do, is to become a Christian also, and the law will not oblige you to leave your son a cent of your money." The jew hurriedly seized his hat, and left the lawyer without any further remark.

RECREATION.—To work hard, man must pay a due proportion of the time; to bear the heaviest burdens, he must have his heart lightened now and then; to think so profoundly, he must not think so steadily. When the world, or any play of prudence, or wisdom, or conscience, has overlooked these principles, religion and morality have suffered. In former times monasteries and nunneries caves and pillars, held the pure fanatics and ultraists, the idiots and hypocrites, whom violated nature sent there. Now insane asylums and hospitals shelter the victims furnished for their cells by the headlong sobriety and mad earnestness of business which knows no pleasure or study, which allows no cessation, or of conscience and piety, which frown on amusement; while the mortality, the thin wisdom, jaundiced affection, the wretched dyspepsia, the wreck and defeat of body and soul, which a community deficient in outdoor sports genial society, or legitimate gaiety, exhibit to the thoughtful eye, are hardly less saddening than the hospital or the mad house.

Amusement, then, is not only defensible, but the want of it is a calamity and an injury to the sober and solid interests of society. None are more truly interested—did they know their own duty and policy—in seeing the community properly amused, than the organized friends of morality and piety. They ought to know that nature avenges herself sooner or later—and better sooner than later—for the violation of the laws of moral and physical health; and that the suppression of the sportive, careless, and pleasure-craving propensities or aptitudes of our nature involve an inevitable derangement and sure decay of the higher organs and faculties.

Instead, therefore, of interfering with business, duty, sobriety, piety, with scholarship, economy, virtue and reverence, amusement, viewed merely as a principle, advances and supports them all. The intellect that plays a part of every day, works more powerfully, and to better results, for the rest of the time; the heart that is gay for an hour is more serious for the other hours of the day; the will that rests is more vigorous than the will that is always strained.

CASTE IN INDIA EXEMPLIFIED.—I was much amused at a story Mrs. C. related to me of one of her uncles, a civilian, who was extremely particular about high caste servants, and who treated them magnificently, dressed them in English broadcloth, &c. This pearl of masters once gave a dinner, and the dinner being delayed long after the guests were assembled, proceeded at once to the kitchen to discover the reason. There he found his servants all standing in a row, each man proving his orthodoxy by solemly spitting on a fine ham which was about to be served up to the company.—*Mackenzie's Six Years in India.*

The virtue of prosperity is temperance—the virtue of adversity is fortitude.

THE CASKET OF ACHMET BEY.

In the winter of 18—while ascending the Nile with a Frenchman, named Gardet, in pursuit of adventure, we had occasion to stop at the town of Ossuit. Gardet was a Frenchmen by birth, and had been my companion for three years, through all my Asiatic wanderings; and a mutual attachment having arisen, he now considered himself as an inseparable constituent of mine. He was a man shrewd by nature, of undaunted courage, but so garrulous that I never breathed to him my plans until they were ready for fulfilment. Of myself all the reader need know is, that I had been travelling in Egypt and Asia; that I spoke the language fluently, and flattered myself that I understood Oriental manners and character petty thoroughly. By birth I am an American. As we always made it a point to pay our respects at head quarters, we at once went to see the Governor, Achmet Bey, a fine looking Oriental, a Turk by nation, although, as he told us, a resident for twenty years of Egypt. We found him at his palace, about half a mile from the river, seated on a divan of beautiful needle-work, before which was one of the finest and most gorgeous of Persian mats. On his right was a long *nargileh*. He rose as we entered, received us with cordiality, and bestowed on us every attention that inherent politeness could devise.

After smoking with him for some time, and conversing on Egyptian topics, he showed us many curiosities, and all his accoutrements; among them was a saddle, richly mounted with silver, which was presented to him by the Pasha of Egypt. While examining its workmanship attentively, I noticed a small pocket on one side, which seemed to be filled with coin. Observing that it had attracted my attention, the Governor, who had worn an anxious countenance throughout our visit notwithstanding his cordiality, remarked that he had lost the key to it, or he would be pleased to show me the contents, which he also valued as being the Pasha's gift. He then handed the saddle to an attendant, and making a sign for my companion to follow with our dragoman, he linked my arm in his, and after glancing at my face, as though to read in it the probability of my being trustworthy, and apparently concluding that I was confided to me that *he had been robbed.*

After pausing to note the effect produced by this announcement, he continued:

"About a week ago my brother, who resides at Stamboul, sent to me a small iron safe, curiously bound with Damascus steel, and studded with brass. It was a gift long promised me, and I prized it as my very beard. I showed it to many persons, but opened it before few, lest they should so envy the contents as to steal it from me."

"And what did the box contain so precious, that you so carefully guarded it?" I asked.

"That which I most valued was a signet-ring, set with the most beautiful opal eye ever beheld; there was also jewels of countless value; some of them I presented to my harem, but far more remained than I gave. There was also the key to the saddle pocket, at which you were just now looking. What was my consternation to find this morning that it was gone!—stolen from beneath my head while I slept! And now he continued, dropping his voice still lower, "I want you, who are famed for your shrewdness," (alluding to an occurrence in Cairo,) "to discover the thief; if you try and fail— But I know you will succeed if you do succeed, one third of the jewels you are the means of restoring to me, shall be your own."

He paused as we reached his palace, and entered. I determined to undertake the recovery for him; the reward would enable us to continue our wanderings for at least another year, in my dearly beloved East.

"I consent," said I, when we were again seated "to try my powers, to have returned to you the treasure you have lost."

Achmet rubbed his hands with delight, and, already congratulating himself on his success, bade me ask anything of him I needed.

"I want," I replied, "a permit to go anywhere through your town I please, and to enter any house through your domain; and, finally, that you say not a word to any one concerning your loss."

He readily promised secrecy; he had been too much chagrined to mention it before, and gave me the paper I wanted. I told Gardet that I should remain at Ossuit for a few days, and requested him to leave with the boat at night for Upper Egypt, and remarked that I would overtake him by horse-back in four or five days at the most. I further requested him to give out that I was on board, and to make any excuse he pleased for my non-appearance. This done, I rejoined Achmet Bey, and desired him to show me the room from which the safe was stolen. It was in the second story, and could only be reached by passing through two smaller chambers. Having reached it, I desired to be left alone, and now began a survey.

The room was sixteen feet square; on the east and west side there were no openings. The walls were wattled and hung with red tapestry; but, for economy, this was stretched tightly across the wall. The ceiling was composed of beams, on the upper side of which planks were fastened.—There was apparently no opening communicating with the loft above. A lounge, covered with damask, occupied one portion of the room, while ottomans of various patterns were disposed in the corners. On the north side was the door of entrance. This I examined carefully, and found upon the wooden bolt, which could be drawn only from within, no mark of violence nor even a fresh scratch. On the south side of the apartment were two windows, small, it is true, but still of size sufficient to admit the ingress of an ordinary sized man. One was latticed, the other had the lattice removed. I examined both the sills; there was no rubbing of the paint, and no sand remained which could have been brought by the foot of an intruder.

I was puzzled. The floor yet remained to be examined. It was of red and blue tile, and appeared solid throughout; there was no marks of footsteps upon it; and in some places the dust had accumulated undisturbed. I now descended, and was met by Achmet. I put on an expression of intelligence, but declined conversation; and to his question: "Any trace yet?" I simply replied: "Wait! Allah will not let wickedness go unpunished."

It was now nearly dark, yet I began to reconnoitre the exterior of the palace. It was of an oblong form, and its greatest length was from east to west. There was but one tree very near it, and