The Daily Tribune.

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Western Extension Railway.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Excursion Return Tickets.

FROM SATURDAY, 23rd inst., until MONDAY, Jan. 1st, 1872, inclusive, Excursion Return Tickets, at ONE SINGLE FARE, will be issued to all Stations between St. John and Fredericton, Woodstock, Houlton, St. Stephen and St. Andrews and BANGOR.

These Excursion Tickets will be good to return upon until Tuesday, 2nd Jan.

On Saturday, 23rd inst., on Christmas Day, and on Saturday 30th inst., a SPECIAL TRAIN for FREDERICTON will leave St. John Ferry Landing, Princess St., at 5.15 p. m.

FARES—St. John to Fredericton $2.00, Woodstock and Houlton $3.50, St. Stephen and St. Andrews $3.00, Bangor $6.00.

E. B. BURPEE, MANAGER.

St. John, N. B., 16th Dec. dec 21

Government Railways.

EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS will be issued at all Ticket Stations on these Railways, at

One First-Class Fare,

from SATURDAY, 23rd instant, until MONDAY, 1st January next, inclusive.

These Tickets will be good to return not later than TUESDAY, 2nd January next.

LEWIS CARVELL,
General Superintendent.

Railway Office, St. John, N. B., 19th December, 1871. dec 21

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS!

1871-2. Winter Arrangement. 1871-2.

On and after MONDAY, 4th December next. Trains will run as follows:—

GOING EAST.

No. 2 Will leave Saint John for Shediac at 9 a. m.
No. 4 Will leave Saint John for Petitcodiac at 7 a. m.
No. 6 Will leave Saint John for Sussex at 4.45 p. m.
No. 8 Will leave Painsec Junction for Amherst at 3 p. m.

GOING WEST.

No. 1 Will leave Sussex for Saint John at 6.30 a. m.
No. 3 Will leave Shediac for Saint John at 9.15 a. m.
No. 5 Will leave Petitcodiac for Saint John at 1 p. m.
No. 7 Will leave Amherst for Painsec Junction at 7.10 a. m.

Nos. 1, 6, 7 and 8 are Mixed Trains.
Nos. 2 and 3 will carry freight *only*, between Petitcodiac and stations East of that place.
Nos. 4 and 5 will be *exclusively* for Freight.
Freight for transportation must be delivered at *St. John* Station before 5 p. m., daily; at *Sussex* at least *one hour*, and at other stations than St. John, at least *half an hour* before the advertised departure of any Freight Train.

LEWIS CARVELL,
General Superintendent.

Railway Office, St. John, N. B., 23rd November, 1871. dec 21

European & North American Railway,

FOR EXTENSION

From St. John Westward.

ON and after FRIDAY, 1st December, 1871, and until further notice, trains will run as follows:

Leave St. John at 8 a. m. for Fredericton, McAdam and Bangor, and at 11.30 a. m. for Fredericton and McAdam.

Leave Bangor at 8 a. m., and McAdam at 6.15 a. m. and 2 10 p. m. for Fredericton and Saint John.

Leave Fredericton at 8.15 a. m for St. John, McAdam and Bangor, and at 2.45 p. m, for St. John and McAdam.

Connections are made at McAdam by the Through Trains with Trains of the N. B. and C. Railway. After above date the daily sale of Excursion Tickets between St. John and Welsford will be discontinued. The passenger fares will be: Saint John to Saint Andrews and Saint Stephen, $3; to Houlton and Woodstock, $3 50; Fredericton, single, $2; return ticket, good for third day, $3.

E. R. BURPEE,
MANAGER.

dec 21

Regular Line of

STEAMSHIPS.

London to Halifax, N. S., & St. John, N. B.

CONVEYING GOODS AT THROUGH RATES TO

Charlottetown, P. E. I.

THE fine new powerful Screw Steamer "MILBANKE," A 1, 20 years, 1296 tons register, 500 horse power, will be despatched, punctually,

On the 15th March,

receiving cargo (unless previously full) until 25th March. TO LOAD IN LONDON DOCKS.

These Steamers will be followed by others of equal class, as the trade demands.

For freight apply to Neil, Harrison & Co., 75 Aldermanbury street, London; T. & E. DeWolf & Co., Halifax, N. S.; Fenton T. Newberry, Charlottetown, P. E. I.; or

MELICK & JORDAN,
dec 21 tf St. John, N. B.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

New Tenders, addressed to the undersigned, will be received at this office until noon of TUESDAY, the 16th day of JANUARY next, for the construction of a Breakwater at Little Hope Island, on the South-west coast of Nova Scotia.

Plans and Specifications can be seen at this office, at Dr. J. F. Forbes, M. P., Liverpool, N. S., and at the N. S. Railway Office, Halifax, where printed forms of tender can also be obtained.

The signatures of two solvent and responsible persons, willing to become sureties for the due fulfilment of the contract, must be attached to each tender.

This Department does not, however, bind itself to accept the lowest, or any tender.

By order,
F. BRAUN,
Department of Public Works, Ottawa, 30th Nov. 1871. } Secretary. dec 21

CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT,
Ottawa, Dec. 10th, 1871.

Authorized discount on AMERICAN INVOICES until further notice: 10 per cent.

R. S. M. BOUCHETTE,
dec 21 3i Commissioner of Customs.

Model Livery Stable.

THE Subscriber begs to return thanks to all who have patronised him during the past twelve years, and to inform his friends and the public generally that he has opened his new Model BOARDING, SALE AND LIVERY STABLES, in the rear of Mr. Thos. Furlong's Brick building, Charlotte Street, where, with increased facilities, he will be happy to accommodate all his patrons.

Coaches always on hand.

Horses boarded on reasonable terms.

dec 21—1 y J. B. HAMM.

D. E. LEACH & CO.,

Wine and Spirit Merchants,

ST. STEPHEN'S BUILDING,

No. 2 King Square,

ST. JOHN, N. B.

dec 21 3i

SUFFREN,

No. 80 KING STREET.

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Call and See our Prices.

dec 21 3i

$1.00 STORE,

No. 28 Germain Street,

Three Doors North of Chalmer's Corner.

J. McCLURE.

dec 21 3i

SCOTTISH

IMPERIAL

FIRE

Insurance Company.

W. C. PERLEY, Agent,

Canterbury Street.

dec 21

HAVANA CIGARS.—5000 very fine Havana Cigars: 10,000 German Cigars. For sale by
dec 21 R. E. PUDDINGTON.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES.—All orders received by the Subscribers for Christmas Groceries will be promptly filled with as fresh goods as can be found in this market.

R. E. PUDDINGTON,
dec 21 Charlotte street.

CRANBERRIES AND PICKLES.—4 barrels Cranberries; 3 do. Spiced Pickles. For sale by (dec 21) R. E. PUDDINGTON.

Fall Shad and Labrador Herring.

50 HALF Barrels Fall Shad; 25 do. do. Labrador Herring.

GEO. S. DeFOREST.
dec 21 11 South Wharf.

Refined Sugar.

70 HHDS. Refined Sugar, for sale low to close consignment.

GEO. S. DeFOREST.
dec 21

Flour. Flour.

200 BARRELS Howland's Flour; 100 do Tea Rose; 50 do Snow Flake Extra, now landing.

GEO. S. DeFOREST.

Cod Liver Oil.

3 CASKS Medicinal Cod Liver Oil, manufactured by John Bard, Newfoundland.

For sale (by the cask only) by
dec 21 3i C. E. L. JARVIS.

NAPKIN RINGS.

A VERY large assortment in SOLID SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATE.

PAGE BROTHERS,
dec 21 41 King street.

Ladies' Gold Watches.

WE have now in Stock the largest and finest assortment we have ever offered, in ENGINE TURNED, RICHLY ENGRAVED, ENAMEL and DIAMOND SET, HUNTING and OPEN FACE CASES, KEYLESS and KEY WINDERS.

CHEAP WATCHES IN GREAT VARIETY.

PAGE BROTHERS,
dec 21 41 King street.

Pork, Lard, Butter, &c.

THE Subscribers have in Store, and offer at lowest rates—

40 bbls Heavy Mess, } P. E. Island
75 " Prime Mess, } PORK;
10 " PATES and SHANKS;
35 tubs LARD;
30 tinnets Ontario BUTTER;
45 tubs P. E. Island do;
40 bbls and hlfs MACKEREL;
100 " No. 1 OATMEAL;
50 " CORNMEAL.

HANFORD BROTHERS,
dec 21 3i 11 North Wharf.

SPICES, PICKLES AND SAUCES.—Spices Pickles and Sauces of every kind. For sale by (dec 21) R. E. PUDDINGTON.

ORANGES AND LEMONS.—Fresh Oranges and Lemons. For sale by
dec 21 R. E. PUDDINGTON.

NUTS! NUTS!—A full assortment of Nuts, including a recent arrival of Fresh Hickory Nuts. For sale by
dec 21 R. E. PUDDINGTON.

CANNED FRUITS.—A great variety of Canned Fruits. For sale by
dec 21 R. E. PUDDINGTON.

MALAGA GRAPES.—10 kegs Grapes; 10 boxes finest London Layer Raisins. For sale by (dec 21) R. E. PUDDINGTON.

RAISINS AND CURRANTS.—150 boxes, qr. & halves New Raisins; 5 barrels Zante Currants. For sale by
dec 21 R. E. PUDDINGTON.

APPLES! APPLES!—In Store—200 brls. very fine Table Apples, in Baldwins, Spitzenburgs, Bishop Pippins, Rhode Island Greenings, Golden Pippins, Talmon Sweets, &c., &c. For sale by R. E. PUDDINGTON,
dec 21 Charlotte street.

Bank of British North America.

Incorporated by Royal Charter.

THE Court of Directors hereby give notice that a half yearly dividend, at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, on the Capital of the Bank, will be payable on the 5th day of January, 1872, to the Proprietors of Shares registered in the Colonies. The dividend is declared in sterling money, and will be payable at the rate of Exchange current on the 5th day of January, 1872, to be fixed by the Local Boards.

No transfers can be made between the 23rd instant and the 5th prox mo, as the books must be closed during that period.

By order of the Court.

R. W. BRADFORD,
Secretary.

No. 124 Bishopgate street, within London, 5th December, 1871. } dec 21 2w

Money to Loan.

$800, AND SMALLER AMOUNTS, to Loan on Freehold or Leasehold security.

J. R. ARMSTRONG,
BARRISTER,
dec 21 3i Canterbury street.

BOY WANTED,

TO LEARN THE PRINTING BUSINESS.

APPLY TO

GEO. W. DAY,
dec 21 46 Charlotte street.

Christmas Stock

OF

PIANO-FORTES,

From the most Celebrated Manufacturers of

BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

C. FLOOD'S WAREROOMS,

75 Prince Wm. Street.

☞ Special inducements to purchasers during the Holidays. dec 21

THE LOCKMAN

FAMILY

Sewing Machine.

THE best and most useful CHRISTMAS BOX or NEW YEAR'S GIFT is a LOCKMAN SEWING MACHINE.

Special Discount for the Holidays.

79 KING STREET.

Hoop Skirt Factory,

DAVID MILLAR.

dec 21

FOR A

CHRISTMAS PRESENT,

There could be nothing more useful and appropriate than

A BOOK.

J. & A. McMILLAN,

Booksellers, Stationers, &c.,

78 PRINCE WM. STREET,

Have a very large stock of BOOKS, the greater portion being ENTIRELY NEW, comprising

ELEGANTLY ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, in fine Bindings.

THE WORKS OF STANDARD AUTHORS, in History, Fiction, Poetry, &c.

THE POETS in various Editions, with and without ILLUSTRATIONS, from the most expensive to the cheapest editions.

BOOKS FOR GIRLS OF ALL AGES.

BOOKS OF TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES FOR BOYS.

BOOKS FOR YOUNG LADIES.

BOOKS FOR YOUNG MEN.

Books for Children of all ages,

including a fine assortment of

PICTURE BOOKS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

IN FACT,

Books adapted to the Ages and Tastes of all Persons.

And a large assortment of

CHOICE FANCY GOODS.

PLEASE CALL AND EXAMINE.

dec 21

CHRISTMAS, 1871.

WE WILL OFFER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The balance of our

FANCY GOODS,

AT ABOUT HALF PRICE,

AS WE ARE GIVING UP THE RETAIL PART OF OUR BUSINESS.

A Call will Convince.

EVERITT & BUTLER,

King Street.

dec 21

SAINT JOHN

TOBACCO MANUFACTORY!

SOUTHWARK STREET.

The Subscriber begs to call the attention of the trade to his varied stock of

PLUG TOBACCOS,

Comprising—CAVENDISH, 12's;
BRIGHT & HALF BRIGHT, 8's;
GOLD BARS and NAVY, ½ lbs.

These Tobaccos are made from the best American Leaf, and equal in quality to anything imported.

nov. 18—1m JOHN D. ROBERTSON.

"THE DAILY TRIBUNE," the opening number of which we present to our readers to day, is intended to be a journal worthy of the patronage of all respectable classes of our community. It shall be the Editor's aim to so conduct it that the commercial, industrial and social interests of the Dominion may be advanced, while its management shall know neither party, nationality nor sect. THE DAILY TRIBUNE will support all sound legislative measures, wherever they may originate, and oppose every scheme prejudicial to the public good, by whatever political party it may be upheld. While Dominion and Provincial affairs will thus be fully and impartially treated, special attention will be given to matters relating to the City and County of St. John. That our City may retain its present pre-eminence as a commercial centre, greater ability and energy must enter into its corporate management. Its Harbor interests require the most vigilant scrutiny; and not less, but more, important are those guarantees which should be, but unfortunately have not been, taken for securing the Public Health. The Construction and Lighting of our Streets, the Water Supply, the Sewerage question, the proper distribution of Taxation, the support and management of the Public Schools, are also matters of great moment and are intimately related to our City's commercial prosperity. With such questions we shall deal faithfully, although we do not propose that their discussion shall wholly overshadow the many interesting topics that will engage the attention of the inhabitants of other Provincial towns, whose more important local news will be chronicled, from day to day, in these columns.

Special Correspondence, from leading Political and Commercial centres, will be laid before our readers, as circumstances may require; and Letters from the People when brief, dignified and "to the point," will be welcomed. (Contributions from long-winded and prosy letter writers will be respectfully declined.)

Arrangements are progressing for a full and regular supply of Telegraphic News; and when exciting and important Foreign News may be expected, ample Special Telegrams will be forthcoming in THE DAILY TRIBUNE.

The Shipping Reports of THE DAILY TRIBUNE will be found, after the present issue, unusually full and reliable, and such as to secure for the paper a place in the offices of the thousands in the Province who are interested in this important element of our commercial prosperity. A weekly financial Report will also be published—one we trust, that our Merchants will find valuable for reference at home, and for the information of their correspondents abroad.

To Advertisers we offer a sheet whose circulation we propose to extend by all honorable means. We shall not rest satisfied until THE DAILY TRIBUNE finds a place and a welcome in every counting room, and in the home of every newspaper reader, in the City. With Editorials treating of a variety of subjects; with Foreign and Domestic News intended to interest most of the numerous classes of which the reading community is composed; with copious Telegrams, bringing under view the latest intelligence from all parts of the world; and with those other elements that enter into the management of a live newspaper, and which need not here be more particularly referred to, THE DAILY TRIBUNE anticipates a favorable reception at the hands of the Public; and this favor can best be shown by rapid sales and well filled advertising columns.

WHERE SOLD.

The Subscription price of THE DAILY TRIBUNE is $5 per annum, *invariably in advance.* Carriers will deliver early in the evening at the houses of City Subscribers, and Country Subscribers will be served by the first mails leaving after the hour of publication—say 4 P. M. Postage (except when the paper leaves the Dominion) must be paid at the office of the Subscriber.

That THE DAILY TRIBUNE may be placed within the reach of all who may desire to read it, it has been decided that, in addition to sales by the street News-boys, and on the Railroads, and delivery by our Carriers, the paper shall be offered for sale at the following central points in and near St. John:—

IN ST. JOHN:—At the Book-stores of Messrs. T. H. Hall, W. K. Crawford, J. D. Landry, H. S. Beek, J. & A. McMillan, H. Chubb & Co.

At Roberts' Variety Store, King street.

At Roger Hunter's, Dock street.

At W. Hawker's Drug Store, Reed's Point.

At J. D. McAvity's Grocery, Bustin's Corner.

At James Adams' Grocery, cor. Orange and Carmarthen.

At Mr. Lorimer's Grocery, corner Duke and Sydney.

At Mrs. Bowen's, Princess street, (above Carmarthen.)

At C. F. Burns's, corner Wentworth and Main.

At James Lemon's, corner St. James and Carmarthen.

At James McKenny's, Main street, near Carmarthen.

At Miss Campbell's Pitt street, near King.

At John Smith's, corner Union and Coburg.

At R. E. Puddington's Grocery, 44 Charlotte St.

At John McArthur's, Charlotte street.

At Geo. Williams's, Coburg street.

At J. B. Fenwick's, Railway Station.

At C. Manaton's, City Road.

At W. J. McGowan's, Marsh Bridge.

At L. Currey's, Waterloo street.

At H. C. Frost's, Brussells street.

At Emery & Sons, Golden Ball corner.

At John Morey's, Union street.

IN PORTLAND:—By Mr. Shields, druggist, Main street.

Capt. Speight, Main street.

W. G. Brown, P. M., Indiantown.

R. S. Matthews, Indiantown.

IN CARLETON:—At the Agency of H. Chubb & Co., and on the street.

IN FAIRVILLE:—At C. F. Tilton's, Post Office.

The DAILY TRIBUNE may also be obtained at the Stations of the E. & N. A. Railway. We have only space to add the names of a few of our country agents, such as Mr. A. H. Clewley, St. Stephen, Mr. J. S. Magee, St. Andrews, McLauchlan & Sons, Fredericton, Mr. W. Everitt, Woodstock, Mr. J. W. Pitfield, Moncton, Mr. Ovid Chapman, Shediac, Mr. T. G. Burnes, Osscekeag. A complete list, however, will be given in another issue.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

THE DAILY TRIBUNE will unite, when requested, with the other City Newspapers in treating all Advertising as "transient:" that is, it will regard with favor the abolition of agreements for advertising "by the year." The latter practice has gone out of fashion in all well managed newspaper offices; and being a most unjust arrangement, both for the Newspaper and a majority of the Advertisers, should have ceased to exist in this City many years ago. Such a step might place the TRIBUNE at a disadvantage, for a time, in the race with its older and more vigorous Daily competitors, such as the *Telegraph and Journal, Globe,* and *Morning News;* but it would establish a just principle, and, in the end, prove advantageous both to the Advertising Public and the Press. Until a change of the character proposed, however, be consummated, the rates for Advertisements in THE DAILY TRIBUNE will be as follows:—

A limited number of yearly contracts will be made on the basis of $30 for one inch of space,—	
several changes being allowed, say,	$30
Two inches, with changes,	$50
For a Card of 5 lines, 1 year, *unchanged,*	$12
For Advertisements of Governments, Corporations, Railway and Steamboat Co.'s, and other public bodies,—for Theatres, Concerts, Lectures and other public entertainments, say first insertion,	80 cts
Each subsequent do.	40 cts
For ordinary mercantile transient advertising, say, first insertion,	60 cts
Each subsequent do.	30 cts
For condensed advertisements, to occupy 5 lines, such as Wants, each and every insertion,	25 cts.

A few special agreements, having reference to position and extra space, will be made at paying rates.

OTHER MATTERS.

We shall be pleased to receive from any of the friends of the TRIBUNE Local News for its columns, and suggestions in reference to subjects requiring journalistic treatment. The news items should be reliable, and the remarks of a practical character. Special contributions will be received, and, when their public value appears to warrant, will be paid for. Extracts from the business letters of Merchants, which in many instances, contain valuable facts and statistics, might frequently be supplied to Editors with advantage to the public. A corner in the DAILY TRIBUNE will be reserved for such Correspondence.

In conclusion, the subscriber would ask for this new enterprise the countenance and practical support of the reading and advertising community. If, in the past, he has been so fortunate as to assist, even to a limited extent, in furthering those interests which the great majority of our citizens have at heart; if he has been instrumental, in any way, in assisting our good City in that grand career of prosperity and influence which appears to lie before her, he has been amply rewarded for the labor of many years. For the promise of the future he can only refer his readers and friends to the performance of the past.

JOHN LIVINGSTON.

"THE DAILY TRIBUNE" Office, St. John, Dec. 21, 1871.

Business Arrangements.

The fact that this journal is issued nearly a fortnight earlier than was anticipated, with a view to participating in the Holiday advertising, which the merchants of St John deal out so liberally, will probably be accepted as reason sufficient for any imperfection that may appear in the initial number. The printing paper is not as heavy and bright as we propose to use; types now *en route* to us will improve its mechanical appearance; and the Editorial and business staff will be fully organized by the first of January. Offices, centrally located, have been secured in Prince William St. The southern half of Mr. George Philps' office has been taken for a business office, and the *Globe's* former editorial rooms, and offices adjacent, will be occupied by the TRIBUNE Editor and Reporters. These, however, are at present undergoing renovation, and cannot be used for a few weeks to come. In the meantime, parties having business to transact with THE DAILY TRIBUNE will find us in the same building but in the third story.

THE REFORM VOTE.

"Henry Potter, Henry Potter, will you vote
with me to-day?"
Henry Potter locked up mildly, as a voter who
should say,
"About what's the compensation that you propose to pay?"

"Henry Potter, Henry Potter, there's corruption in the land,
Every voter in New Guinea this election firm
should stand
In the ranks of the opposers of the daring robber-band.

"Here's a dollar, Henry Potter, for your influence in the cause
Of sustaining constitutions and upholding
righteous laws,
Must I say a dollar fifty?—that's the reason why
you pause."

"I've been offered fourteen shillings," Henry
Potter then replied,
"All in cash, to vote the ticket on the opposition side.
I'll be blowed if I cut under!" Henry Potter
calmly cried.

"The corruption at election, Henry Potter,
makes me sigh,
I fear the elective franchise soon will go up
high and dry.
Here's two dollars, Henry Potter, now then,
'How is that for high?'"

Henry Potter took the lucre, scanned it closely
o'er
(He'd been sold with a bad counterfeit in 1864),
"I'll be down right after dinner—I never vote
before."

Long and anxiously I waited, Henry Potter
didn't come:
So at length I sought the poll-list, found he'd
voted and gone home.
And the fourteen-shilling fellow stood there,
smiling at me some.

Dr. Semple's Opportunity.

BY THE AUTHOR OF "VALERIE AYLMER," "MORTON HOUSE," ETC.

(Continued.)

In a moment Semple understood it all, though a suspicion of this had never come to him before. He had trusted his betrothed, and trusted his friend, as only a simple, loyal nature knows how to trust; and his eyes had been blinded, not only by circumstances, but by his singleness of purpose and honesty of nature. Now, all of a sudden, they were opened. The October sunshine fell athwart that sweet idyllic scene set in the framework of the blooming greenhouse and the man standing outside saw every thing—saw, not only the present, but the past and the future. He gazed for a moment in startled, wistful, almost pitiful amaze—gazed as one might who had been rudely waked from dreams to reality—then turned without a word, and slowly walked away.

He was stunned into dumb quiescence. The blow was so sudden that he did not realize it; and, though he was careful to step lightly, so that no crackling leaf should betray his presence, yet after he had gone a little way he swung his stick as he had done before, and tried to whistle, only the whistle broke down in something like a gasp. The glory of the golden afternoon suddenly annoyed him, and he pulled his hat down over his eyes, striding straight on, almost running over Louey, who was playing a solitary game of marbles at the gate.

With a half apology, he passed out, went along the broad, sunlit road into the shaded streets of the quiet little town, and forward, without pause or hesitation, until he found himself before his own office-door. There he turned in and sat down. How melancholy the yellow sunshine was! How blank and empty the streets looked! How still and lifeless the air felt! Ho grasped his limbs, and shook himself to see if he was awake.

"It is all over, and it has not hurt me," he thought, with a sort of surprise. "In fact, I don't feel it; I am as well as ever."

Then he wondered a little at the strange dulness of his head, and, taking up a medical journal which lay on the table, tried to read. In a few minutes it dropped from his hand, and he was gazing blankly out of the door at the row of burnished elms in the street beyond.

"It is all over," he kept on saying; but, say it as often as he would, he could not make himself realize it.

He had been sitting there several hours, and the golden sunshine had faded and given place to the frosty, purple dusk of early autumn, when a ringing step on the pavement outside made him start, and the next moment a tall, broad figure darkened the door-way.

"Hallo, Semple!" said a familiar voice, "are you sitting here all in the dark? My dear fellow, why don't you strike a light? It is confoundedly chilly. Hasn't that scape-the-gallows made a fire yet?"

"I—is it chilly?" said Semple, rousing up suddenly. "Jim came, I believe, but I sent him away. Take a seat, Barry, and I will have some fire kindled at once."

"Not on my account, I beg," said Barry, subsiding into a seat. "Why didn't you come out to the Randolphs this afternoon?" he went on, abruptly. "I told them you were coming, and they were amazingly disappointed that you failed to make your appearance. The colonel asked no end of questions about your new inheritance; and Miss Mona turned her pretty eyes toward town until they might have drawn you out by sheer magnetism.

Semple rose hastily and walked to the window. Nobody could have told how Barry's light tone jarred upon him, or how the sound of her name spoken in that light way irked him almost beyond endurance. He stood quite still for a moment, looking out at the gathering dusk and the gaslights that were flashing and gleaming from many windows up and down the street. Then he suddenly turned and came back.

"I did go out to the Randolphs," he said, as he sat down again, "but I was told that you and Miss Mona were gone to the conservatory: so, as I remembered some business in town, I thought that I might as well come back again."

"There was no need of that," said Barry, carelessly, "I believe we were in the conservatory for a little while; but we would have been very glad to see you there. For my part, I must confess that I made the move to escape the prosiness of your future mother-in-law. I give you joy of her, Semple!"

"Thank you," said Semple, absently. "She is a very good woman, Barry," he went on, with an abrupt change of tone and manner, "Barry, were you ever in love?"

"Who?—I?" asked Barry, with a start and a laugh. "What a queer question, George! Of course, I have been in love—dozens of times. Why do you ask such a thing?"

"I was wondering how it would affect you," answered George, in a dreamy sort of way. "It is very different with different people, you know. Some men are made selfish by it, and are willing to sacrifice everything and everybody to their own passion. Others love well enough to forget themselves, and are able to surrender even the woman they love for her own happiness."

"You are talking of something quite beyond my comprehension," said Barry, lightly. "You couldn't possibly find a man who feels less heroic than I do. I don't know to which of your classes I belong; but I do know that I like to enjoy a pleasant flirtation with a pretty woman, just as I like to smoke a good cigar; and, when I grow tired, I like to be free to go away, just as I like to throw aside the cigar when it has burned to a stump."

"Don't you think there are some women fit for better use than that?"

"Who knows?—who cares? Not I. It has never been my lot to meet such women, and I don't suppose I should appreciate them if I did. Some of them—the pretty ones—are pleasant enough in their way; but, honestly, George, a good fellow, like yourself, is worth the whole of them. By-the-by, I am sorry to say it, but I believe I must be off to-morrow."

"To-morrow!"

Semple could not help echoing the word; and, as he echoed it, there came back to him that scene in the greenhouse—Mona's face and Barry's attitude. He thought he had surrendered all hope, yet now his heart sank with a strange, dead feeling. "It was all true," he thought. "My instincts did not play me false."

Meanwhile, Barry was going on with rather suspicious haste. "Short warning, isn't it? But I can't help it. I got a letter to-day—pshaw! I mean I ought to have got a letter, and, since I didn't, I must be off. You've been a very pleasant host, Semple, and I shall never forget you or Dornethorpe either. When will you come to see me, and let me pay you back in kind?"

"When you have a settled home, rover," rising and laying his hand on the broad shoulder barely visible in the dusk. "You are a good fellow, Phil—a better fellow even than I thought," he went on. "We'll talk of your going when to-morrow comes. Let us get home now, and have some supper. I must walk out to the Randolphs after a while."

The stars were shining brightly overhead, and filling the whole night with their quivering radiance, when Semple tramped along the frosty road an hour or two later, on his way to the Randolphs. As he went, he debated, with almost feverish energy, a question on which depended not only his own future life, but also the life of the girl whom he was going to meet. "I could do it for her happiness—God knows I could do it if it were for her happiness," he said, quickening his pace, and looking up at the stars which beamed down upon him with such serene indifference. Nothing answered him; nothing gave him a clew out of his uncertainty. The quiet night lay all around him; its glittering hosts marched steadily on overhead, and the battle was left for him alone to fight—for him alone to decide. It was still at its heat when he entered the broad Randolph gates, and came within sight of the hospitable lights shining from the Randolph windows. "I could do it if it were for her happiness," was the last thing he thought as he crossed the piazza and entered the open hall, passed to a room the door of which was also open, and from which the ruddy blaze and cheerful crackling of a large wood-fire came with a very home-like effect.

The room thus brightened was a pleasant one at all times, for the habitual presence of genial, well-bred people leaves an impress even on inanimate furniture, and this was the family sitting room. Semple was as well acquainted with it as with the aspect of his own chamber; but to-night it had a sort of vague indistinctness to him. He saw