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St. John, March 18, 1850.

No. 1, South Wharf.

W. TISDALE & SON

Have received ex 'Glasgow' and 'Onyx,' from the Clyde, 'Speed,' 'John S. DeWolf,' 'Columbia,' 'Albion,' 'Northumberland,' and 'Lisbon,' from London:—

3 CASES "*Thomson's*" Screw AUGERS, Long and Short Screw;
450 Pots, 200 Bakepans and Covers, 440 spare Covers, 100 Griddles, 100 Frying Pans, and 60 Spiders, 5 bundles Long Handle Frying Pans.
Casks Cart Boxes,
7 Sheets LEAD, 1 Ton Lead PIPE, all sizes,
2 Tons SHOT, ass'd; 8 Ingots Block TIN;
5 Bales "*Griffin*" SCYTHES and Sickles,
3 Cases "*Hoole & Co's*" 5½, 6, 6½ and 7, Mill SAWS,
1 Do. ditto, Pit, Hand, Tenon, Buck and other SAWS,
1 Ton Iron Wire, assorted, No. 4 to 24,
1 Do. Spring Wire, assorted, also Copper and Brass WIRE,
1 Do. Spring STEEL, 18 Bundles Blister Steel, 10 do German do,
2 Cases Axe Steel, Octagon and Round Cast STEEL,
1 Cask "*Vicker's*" Mill and other FILES;
10 Blacksmith's ANVILS,
1 Cask Hammers and SLEDGES,
1 Basket Smiths' Vices, 7 Smiths' Bellows,
4 Casks Round Point SHOVELS,
22 Doz. SHOVELS and SPADES,
2 Casks Barn Door HINGES,
2 Casks Clout, Pump, Scupper and Boat Naile
1 Do Block Makers' RIVETS,
1 Do SAD IRONS;
2 Casks Block Bushes, 1 cask Iron Weights;
1 Do Chain Traces, 3 Casks Tea Kettles Preserving KETTLES and Saucepans,
2 Casks Butt and other HINGES,
1 Ton Sparrow-bills, 1 Case Guns and Pistols,
2 Bundles Wire Sieves and RIDDLES,
1 Cask London GLUE, 1 case BORAX,
6 Casks Raw and Boiled OIL,
"*Brandram's*" WHITE LEAD,
100 Kegs C, F, and Fowling GUN POWDER.

Casks containing LOCKS in every variety, Planes, BRUSHES, Fire Irons, Spoons, Screws, Latches, Rules, Plane Irons, and a very excellent assortment of BRASS GOODS, &c., &c., together with the Stock on hand, and a further supply shortly expected in the ships "Janet," "Pomona," "Kingston," and "John Woodal," are offered at such prices as will make it worthy the attention of purchasers. May 13th, 1851.

JOHN KINNEAR,
Prince William Street,

KEEPS on hand for sale, Wholesale and Retail, a stock of the following GOODS:—

A.—Annatto, Roll; Arrowroot, best: Allspice, do. ground; Alum; Acid, Tartaric; Axes and Handles.

B.—Borax, refined; Brimstone, roll; Blue, fig and button; Brick, Bath; Beeswax; Blinds, green; Brooms and Brushes; Boxes, Sugar and Spice; Boards, Wash; Baskets, assorted; Books, Blank; Barley, Pearl and Pot; Beans; Blacking, Paste and Liquid.

C.—Camphor; Copperas, Green and White; Carpeting, Wool; Cords, Bed; Corks Bottle; Cotton Warp; Coffee, Cloves, and Cinnamon, whole and ground; Carraway Seed; Currants, dried; Chocolate; Candles, Mould and Dip; Chairs, cane seat, cane back rocking, wood seat rocking, wood seat common, Childrens'; Chains.

F.—Fluid Washing; Farina; Floor Cloth, 4-4, 6-4, and 8-4, American; do. English, 4-4, 6-4 and 8-4.

G.—Ginger, whole and ground; Glass, 7x9 to 11x20 do. 21x25 to 31x36; Glassware, assorted; Glasses, Looking; Plates and Toilet; Glue, best quality.

I.—Indigo; Ink, black and blue.

L.—Locks, Carpenter's; Lamp Black; Lead, Black; Ledgers.

M.—Mustard.

N.—Nutmegs; Nails, wrought, from 4dy. to 20dy.; do Horse, 6dy. to 10dy.; do. do 4dy. to 5dy.; do. Cut, 3dy. to 12dy.; do. Boat, 1¾ to 3inch; do. Pressed, 6dy. to 12dy.

O.—Oils, boiled and raw Linseed Sea Elephant, Castor, Lard, and Florence; Oatmeal; Ochre, Yellow.

P.—Picture Frames; Pepper, ground and whole; Peas, split; Pipes, Tobacco; Paints, White and Colored; Putty; Pins, Clothes; Paper Hangings; Paper, writing and wrapping.

R.—Rice; Raisins.

S.—Saltpetre; Salts, Epsom; Senna Leaves; Sago, Pearl; Saleratus; Soap; Soda, Bread and Washing; Sugar, Loaf, Crushed, White and Brown; Starch, Common and Patent; Sulphur and Snuff; Slab spelter, or Zinc; Shot, all numbers; Stationery; Stoves, assorted; Show Glasses; Shoes, India Rubber Shoes, 5 to 10 inch. June 17.

MORRISON & CO.

Invite the attention of the Public to their Splendid Stock of

NEW GOODS,

Which they are now receiving per "Glasgow," "Onyx," "Speed," "J. S. DeWolf," "Lisbon," Titania," "Kingston," &c.

TO THE LADIES,

THE RETAIL DEPARTMENT will be found worthy their best consideration, being now conducted exclusively on

THE CASH SYSTEM.

TO WHOLESALE BUYERS—M. & Co. can offer the decided advantages of **A Stock imported expressly for that branch of their Business.**

Prince William-Street, St. John, May 13, 1851.

Corner of King and Germain Streets.

NEW GOODS.

JAMES BURRELL

Has received per "*Lisbon*," from London, "*Glasgow*," from Glasgow, and "*Helena*," from Liverpool, a *Choice Assortment* of

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS

suitable for the present and coming season, viz:—

LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS, in Delains, Printed Cashmeres, Orleans and Coburgs, SILKS, Muslins, and Ginghams,

SHAWLS in great variety.

5-4, 9-8 Printed COTTONS, Striped SHIRTINGS, Grey and White COTTONS; LINENS, LAWNS, DIAPER, HOLLANDS; MUSLINS: SHEETINGS; Table LINEN; TOWELS; TOILETTE COVERS; BED TICKS; CLOTHS, Gambroons, Russell Cord, VESTINGS; *Harness Bordered BOOK MUSLIN*; Parasols, Umbrellas, HOSIERY, GLOVES; BONNETS, newest Fashions;

French and English RIBBONS:

Thread and Cotton LACES, Edgings, and Insertions Black and Coloured Demi VEILS; Sewed Muslin Insertion and Trimming; Infants' FROCK BODIES, Robes, Caps and Crowns HOODS, a beautiful article; Gent's Linen SHIRT FRONTS and COLLARS; Silk Pocket HANDKERCHIEFS and NECK TIES Stocks, Braces, Reels, Gimps and Fringes, Combs Brushes, HAIR NETS and PLAITS, Whalebone Smallwares, &c.

A general Assortment of

MILLINERY, &c. &c.

☞ The Subscriber, in returning thanks to his numerous Friends and the Public generally for the liberal patronage hitherto received, would respectfully invite the attention of purchasers to the present STOCK of FANCY and USEFUL GOODS, which having been selected with the greatest care in the best markets, will be sold at the *lowest possible prices* for *Cash*.

JAMES BURRELL.

May 13th, 1851. *Corner of King and Germain Streets.*

SHEFFIELD HOUSE,
Market Square, Saint John, N. B.

ROBINSON & THOMPSON,

Watch-makers, Jewellers, &c. and Importers of English, French, German and American GOODS---Wholesale and Retail.

Received per steamers Canada and America:

SUPERIOR Gold and Silver WATCHES; Rich Gold JEWELLERY, in Brooches mounted with "Aqua Marine," "Topaz," "Carbuncle," "Amadine," "Turquois," "Scotch Pebble and Agate," "White Cornelian," Enamel, and other settings; Fancy and Signet RINGS set with Diamonds, Rubies, Emeralds, Pearls, Turquois Opals, Onyx, Garnet, Cornelian, and Blood Stones, &c. &c.; GOLD CHAINS; Albert do.; Gold, Hair, Stone, Coral and Steel Watch Keys; Gold Pens; Gold, Silver, Shell and Steel Eye Glasses and Spectacles, Gold and Silver Pencil Cases and Toothpicks, Silver Spoons, Forks, Butter Knives, &c., Silver Boquet Holders, and Rattles, Silver top Smelling Bottles, Silver Thimbles, Caddy Shells and Sugar Spoons; Silver, Pearl, Shell and Papier Machie Card Cases and Portemounais; Silver Scissors, Fruit Knives, Stilletoes and Bodkins, Silver Brooches and Shawl Pins, Horn, Buffalo and Ivory Combs, Telescopes, Handreaders, Ladies' Companions, &c. &c.

Per Steamer *Europa*—Just opening, ex *Charles*, from Halifax:

A splendid assortment of Electro Plate CAKE BASKETS, new patterns; Electro Plate Candlesticks, Snuffers and Trays; Piano Candlesticks; 4 and 6 glass Castors, &c.; Also—Electro and Albata Spoons, Forks, Soup and Sauce Ladles; Fish and Butter Knives, &c. &c.

☞ Braham's Patent Pantascopic SPECTACLES—new article.

Per Ship Gipsey:

A large supply of best Britannia Metal TEA and COFFEE POTS, Hot Water Kettles, Castors, Candlesticks, Snuffer Trays, Communion Services, Children's Mugs, Percolators, &c.

225 dozen 1, 2 and 3 blade Jack Knives; 45 gross Table Cutlery, well assorted; 29 gross B. M. Spoons, Razors, Scissors, Fleams, Sheath Knives, Wilson's Shoe Knives, Children's Knives and Forks; 3 cases containing Fancy Goods, in great variety; Tortoise Shell Back and Side Combs; Purse Trimmings; Accordeons; Tooth, Nail, and Shaving Brushes; Berlin Brooches, very cheap; Steel Beads, best quality; Leather Reticules; Silk and Cotton Purses; Vegetable Ivory Articles; Transparent Slates; Shawl Pins; Dissecting Maps and Games; Fans; Smelling Salts, &c. &c. &c.

Expected shortly per "Harriott":

17 Packages containing a further supply of Ivory Handle TABLE CUTLERY; 350 dozen 1, 2, 3 and 4 blade Jack Knives; 1 cask Papier Machie Goods, in great variety; A large supply of Dressing Combs, Hair Brushes, Ladies' Reticules, Baskets, Ladies' Companions, Gent.'s Dressing Cases, Portemounais, Brass Candlesticks, Fire Irons, Block Tin Goods, Spectacles, Guns, Pistols, &c.; 4 Cases Fancy Goods, too numerous in detail for the limits of an advertisement.

The above GOODS, with the present large STOCK on hand, consist of the largest and best assortment imported by us, and will be found at prices to ensure a quick and ready sale.

ROBINSON & THOMPSON, PROPRIETORS.

July 5, 1851.—[Morn. News & Courier.]

FLEWWELLING & READING,
Prince William Street,

Have just received per *Lisbon* from London:

25 HHDS. HOLLAND GENEVA;
5 quarter-casks superior Old PORT WINE;
50 casks London Brown Stout;
24 do. Indian Pale ALE;
8 hhds. boiled and Raw Linseed OIL;
20 cwt. Brandram's No. 1 White Lead;
20 do. PUTTY, in bladders;
1 cask blue Vitriol; 1 do. Alum;
1 do. Crown Blue; 2 cases Cassia;
1 bag CLOVES; 2 cases INDIGO;
20 cases Coleman's STARCH;
20 kegs do. MUSTARD.

Per "Relief" and "Emily Allison" from New York

55 bxs TOBACCO, various brands and qualities
5 do. 1 lb. lump superior chewing Tobacco;
1 case ½lb. lump do. do.
2 half barrels SCOTCH SNUFF in bladders;

Per "Mary" from Boston,

20 bags Java COFFEE; 5 hhds. dried Apples;
2 cases Castor OIL in tins;
10 bags FILBERTS and Castana NUTS;

--DAILY EXPECTED.--

50 chests Fine CONGO TEA;
20 hhds. Hennessy's BRANDY.

Which with the Stock at present on hand comprising a general assortment of Groceries and Liquors, will be sold at lower market rates.

May 6.

Spring & Summer Clothing.

GENTLEMEN who like a neat Garment, will find the best Cutter, Finest Textures, and as *low prices* as any house in the trade, at HALL'S CLOTHING STORE, *Prince William Street*, nearly opposite Sands' Arcade.

May 6. JAMES T. HALL, *Proprietor.*

VICTORIA HOUSE,

15th JULY, 1851.

Great Reduction in Prices!

JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

British and French Importers,

Have received per Steamship "Canada,"

Ten Days from England,

Richest Watered and Shot

TABINETS & POPLINS,

British and French SATINS and SILKS, of all Colours,
British and French BONNET RIBBONS
French BAREGES of all colours,
Ladies' Embroidered ROBES,
French and British Delaines and Coburgs,
French Printed Cambrics and Muslins,
British Printed CALICOES,
Ladies' BONNETS, of the newest styles, in great variety,
Barege and Paisley SHAWLS, Long and Square, of the newest designs,
Fancy Printed Shirting Cambrics,
White SHIRTING—best makes,
Extra heavy twilled SHIRTINGS,
FLANNELS of all makes,

WITH A LARGE STOCK OF

AMERICAN MANUFACTURED GOODS.

☞ As the Subscribers are determined to *clear off* their PRESENT STOCK to make room for FALL IMPORTATIONS, they will commence from this date to *Sell off, at greatly Reduced Prices, for CASH only.* JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

MAY 1851.

SPRING GOODS.

Per 'Lisbon' and 'Baltic,' from London, 'Glasgow' and 'Onyx,' from the Clyde, 'John S. De Wolf,' 'Speed' and 'Titania,' from Liverpool:

3 PACKAGES Ladies' Visites and Mantles
3 do Parasols and UMBRELLAS;
2 do. SHAWLS, Fancy and Plain;
4 " STRAW BONNETS,
2 - Silks and SATINS,
3 - Laces, Netts and Blonds;
2 - Plain and Fancy RIBBONS,
2 - Muslin Collars, and Haint Shirts;
3 - GLOVES, of every description,
3 - HOSIERY, various kinds,
2 - Fancy DRESSES,
6 - Dress MATERIALS,
5 - BOOTS and SHOES,
2 - Gimps, Fringes and Trimmings,
2 - Artificial FLOWERS,
2 - Gents' Silk Opera Ties,
2 - Woollen CLOTHS and Vestings,
3 - Buttons, Silk and Twist,
2 - CLOTH CAPS,
6 - Gents' HATS; 1 do. Children's do
1 - Printed Oil Cloths,
1 - BLACK CRAPES,
1 - Cambric Handkerchiefs,
1 - Pins and Needles,
8 - CARPETING; 1 do. RUGGS,
2 - Moreens and Damasks,
1 - Worsted FRINGES,
2 - LINENS and LAWNS,
2 - Hollands, Drapers and Damasks,
3 - Canvass and Osnaburgs,
2 - Printed Cotton HDKFS,
2 - Fancy GINGHAMS,
6 - Blue and White Warps,
10 - Grey COTTONS; 6 do. White do.
10 - Printed Cottons; 2 do. do. Muslins,
4 - Jaconet, Book, Mull & Checked Muslins,
2 - Fancy Darogetts; 3 do. Flannels,
2 - Striped SHIRTINGS,
4 - Plain and Twill LININGS
2 - COTTON DRILLS,
2 - Satinetts and Cassinets,
2 - Moleskins; 2 do. Cotton VELVETS
2 - White COUNTERPANES,
2 - Linen THREAD; 2 do. Cotton Ettis
15 " FLOOR CLOTH, comprising 3-4, 4-4, 5-4, 6-4, 7-4, 8-4, 9-4, 10-4, 11-4, 12-4, 14-4
2 - Rubber and Common BRACES,
2 - COTTON CARPETING,
20 - Containing Haberdashery, Small Wares of various kinds.—The whole of which are offered at very low prices, Wholesale or Retail, by

W. G. LAWTON.

DRIED APPLES.—Landing ex *Hemisphere* from Boston—14 Barrels Dried Apples, an excellent article, in good order.

July 8. GEORGE THOMAS.

Miscellaneous.

MULBERRY HILL.

BY ALICE CAREY.

O, sweet was the eve when I came from the mill,
Adown the green windings of Mulberry Hill;
My heart like a bird with its throat all in tune,
That sings in the beautiful bosom of June.

For there, at her spinning beneath a broad tree,
By a rivulet shining and blue as the sea,
First saw I my Mary—her tiny feet bare,
And the buds of the sumach among her black hair.

They called me a bold enough youth, and I would
Have kept the name honestly earned, if I could;
But, somehow, the song I had whistled was hushed,
And, spite of my manhood, I blushed.

I would tell you, but words cannot paint my delight,
When she gave the red buds for a garland of white—
When her cheek with soft blushes—but no, 'tis in vain;
Enough that I loved, and she loved me again.

Three summers have come and gone by with their charms,
And a cherub of purity smiles in my arms,
With lips like the rosebud, and locks softly bright
As the flax which my Mary was spinning that night.

And in the dark shadows of Mulberry Hill,
O'er the grass-covered road where I came from the mill,
And the rivulet shining and blue as the sea,
My Mary lies sleeping beneath the broad tree.

[*Home Journal.*

My own Humble Home.

'Tis a sacred spot,—there's a charm in the name,
A spell that is breath'd in its magical tone;
For my heart is still there, and nothing can claim,
Such love, such respect, as my own "humble home."

What though humble its roof, and though meanly I'm clad,
There's a true heart beats for me, and for me alone,
And a smile that awaits me, that cheers me when sad,
And lights up the hearth of my own "humble home."

The halls of the great ones may dazzle with light,
The drunkard may revel, the thoughtless may roam,
I envy them not, for there no such delight
To me, as the joys of my own "humble home."

There's a mansion of rest,—a place in the sky,
Which the pilgrim on earth may claim as his own,
Where I hope, with my friends, to meet when I die,
And forever be happy in Heaven—our home.

Steam Navigation in Russia.—We are able to communicate the following authentic data relative to steam navigation in Russia. Since the year 1807, when Fulton introduced the first steamer into North America, the discovery was speedily brought into general application, especially for the coasting service. In St. Petersburgh the first steamer was built in 1815 by Charles Nikolajewitsch; it was constructed in our own manufactory, and was at first employed merely for conveying passengers across to Cronstadt, and occasionally for taking ships in tow. From this period steam navigation was more and more developed in Russia, and it is now employed to a large extent in the Baltic, the Caspian, the Sea of Azow, the Black and White Seas, the Pacific, &c. St. Petersburgh alone has thirty-seven steamers, which trade with Cronstadt, Peterhof, Orienbaum, Schlusselburg, Reval, Helsingfors, Abo, Stockholm, Lubeck, Copenhagen, Havre, and London. In that year 1845 [illegible] Aall and St. Petersburgh. In the beginning of the year, fifty-four public and private steamers under the Russian flag traded on the Neva and the coast of Finland; since 1846, the line between Stettin and St. Petersburgh is traversed by the Mail-steamer Wladmer. In that year, 1846, the Steam Navigation Company was formed in St. Petersburgh, and exists there at this time. The steamers Cokeril and Peterhof, built by this Company, first ran in 1850, at which time the number of private steamers had greatly increased. Among these the screw-steamers Henglecht and Bell deserve especial mention. There are now above ninety private steamers under the Russian flag. The Imperial war frigate Villagos has lately made its first trial on the ocean.—*Anzieger Zeitung.*

Railroad Travel in England.—We published the other day, several statistical tables which showed the rise and progress of the railroad system in Great Britain. In looking over those tables, it might have been remarked, that every day the locomotive passes over a space of ground in England equal to four and a half times the circumference of the globe. The following summary gives the present state of things:

Numbers of Engines working on the Railways in 1850.	2,135
Quantity of coke consumed by them within the year. (tons)	627,528
Quantity of coal consumed. (tons.)	336,139
Total distance run within the year. (miles.)	40,142,836
Average distance run per day. (miles.)	110,353

In the year 1850, there were in all 6,461 miles of railway under traffic. On the 1st of January, 1849, when as yet only 5,979 miles of iron road had been opened, there had been of capital expended upon their construction, £235,165,666; and at the same period, the total receipts for the preceding six months amounted to £5,744,965, or 5.6 per cent. on capital expended. Allowing 40 per cent. for working expences, the division of these receipts will stand as 2.2 for expenses, and 3.4 for profits.

Steamship City of Manchester.

This splendid steamship, just added to the Philadelphia line of European packets, was received, on the occasion of her late arrival at the City of Brotherly Love, with extraordinary tokens of joy. She was warmly greeted by a large collection of spectators that lined the wharves. The shipping along the river front were gaily bedecked with flags in honor of the occasion. Throughout the day the huge hulk and beautiful proportions of the Manchester were gazed at with admiration by thousands. Her dimensions are 274 feet on deck, 37 feet 9 inches breadth of beam, her entire length from jib-boom to spanker-boom is 339 feet, and her burthen is 2125 tons. The Philadelphians may well be proud of this splendid steamer, destined to ply between their port and Liverpool. It is one of the most significant tokens of the astonishing growth of the commercial interests of this country, that this line of steamers has been so readily established, and also that it can be made, as the prospect so abundantly promises, to pay those capitalists, embarked in the enterprise from the very outset of the commencement of operations.—*Boston paper.*

The Clipper Yacht America.—The Yankee clipper yacht America is exciting considerable interest among the members of the Royal Yacht Squadron. She is apparently a very fine vessel, but her appearance is somewhat novel. The following are the dimensions of the America:—She is rigged as a fore and aft schooner; length of hull 95 feet; with 22 feet beam; draft of water forward 6 feet; aft 11½ feet; tonnage 170 56.94 American, or about 180 English measurement. The mainmast is 81 feet long, 22 inches diameter; foremast 79½ feet; main boom 56 feet; gaff 20 feet. She carries only four sails, viz., a large staysail, foresail, and mainsail, with a small gaff-topsail at the main. She has no topmast or bowsprit, but in lieu of the latter has a bumpkin about 15 feet long, through the end of which the forestay passes.

The London Chronicle says that Mr. Steers, the builder of the yacht America, has already received orders for three yachts for English gentlemen, and that many of the English yachts are to be lengthened and otherwise Americanized.

Pension to Professor Wilson.—The eminent literary abilities and labours of John Wilson, Professor of Moral Philosophy in the University of Edinburgh, and the world-renowned "Christopher North" of *Blackwood's Magazine*, have been recognised by Government in the shape of a pension of 300*l.* per annum. The Premier's letter, intimating the bestowal of the pension, is dated from Holyrood.—*Scotsman.*

Thomas Moore.—The last accounts of this celebrated poet state that "there is no improvement in his health, and as in the case of Southey, his mind is beyond the repair of medicine or of time." He has for many years resided at Sloperton Cottage, near Chippenham, in Wiltshire.

Count Guicciardini is among the many foreign visiters now in Edinburgh. The Count, who is a descendant of the well-known Italian historian, was guilty of a crime which is now unpardonable in Italy—that of reading the Bible!—and for this he is now in exile.

Better than Guano.—The following, taken from the Paris correspondence of the Boston Atlas, reminds one of the necromancy of the jugglers in China. A valuable water-pot that; wonder if there are any more of them:

A gardener near the Jardin des Plantes, has the good fortune to collect the aristocracy in his greenhouses, this week—you see the gardeners are in full tide to fortune now—for he appears to possess one of Moses' gifts. In the middle of one of the borders of his garden are several dahlia-stalks and rose bushes, covered with leaves, but without a single blossom, or even buds; after you have closely examined these plants, the gardener takes a watering pot, filled with a liquid composition, waters the plants, and then covers them with a glass and asks you to look at them. In a minute you see the plant in travail, a bud is formed, a rose [illegible] hands, it becomes a flower—all in ten minutes. On the morrow and it appears as perfect as if it had been nurtured by the sun. Nor is this all. In an adjoining bed he has cherry trees, covered with leaves; he performs the same operation I have just recounted, and in eight minutes you have a plateful of ripe cherries.

A Female Knight.—At the head of the Legion of Honor, lately created by the President of the French Republic, is a widow by the name of Brulon, who was born in 1771 and is now an officer in the Hotel des Invalides, where she has lived for the last 53 years, enjoying the esteem and veneration of the old companions in arms. She was the daughter, sister and wife of military men, who died in active service in Italy. Her husband died at Ajaccio in 1791, after 7 years service. In 1782, at the age of 21, she entered the 42d Regiment of Infantry, in which her husband had served, and made herself so remarkable, by her honorable conduct that she was permitted to continue in the service, notwithstanding her sex. She was attached to the regiment for years, and performed seven campaigns as private soldier, corporal, sergeant and sergeant-major. She was wounded at the siege of Calvi, and being rendered incapable of service, was admitted into the Hospital des Invalides. In October 1822, she was promoted to the rank of ensign.

Flag of Liberia.—It is announced in the Liberia Herald, that the following flag and seal have been adopted as the insignia of the Republic of Liberia, and ordered to mark its nationality:

Flag—Six white stripes with five red stripes alternately displayed longitudinally. In the upper angle of the flag, next to the spear, a square blue ground covered in depth five stripes. In the centre of the blue, one white star.

Seal.—A dove on the wing, with an open scroll in its claws; a view of the ocean, with a ship under sail; the sun emerging from the waters; a palm tree, and at its base a plough and spade; beneath the emblems the words "Republic of Liberia;" and above the emblems the national motto, "The love of liberty brought us here."

A Large Book Concern.—The Harpers, book concern, already one of the largest in the world, is being further enlarged by an addition of another building, on Pearl street, (connecting in the rear with the principal establishment in Cliff street,) 45 by 100 feet, and five stories high. Among other improvements to be introduced, will be an apparatus for drying paper by steam,—a process hitherto used, we believe, in but one establishment, in Edinburgh, Scotland. There are already employed in the establishment about 400 hands, whose wages exceed $10,000 per month.

In the composing rooms are 40 hands, who are frequently engaged upon eighteen or twenty works at one time. In the stereotype foundry 13 hands are employed, turning out more than 700 plates per week. Between 50,000 and 60,000 lbs. of metal are consumed yearly in this establishment. In the copper and steel-plate printing room, are 9 hands and 8 presses—each of the latter averaging 700 impressions per day. The press-room contains 20 Adams' power presses, and 2 hand presses, which are kept constantly running. Each power press averages 5,000 impressions per day. 45 hands are employed in working them. Eight new power presses are to be put in the new building. 50 girls are employed in the sewing rooms, and 100 girls in folding, pressing, and drying the sheets.—[N. Y. Jedr. of Com.

Good Manners.—If having a hat on one's head has saved the cranium from many a hard thump, there cannot be a doubt that taking off one's hat at the proper times and places has spared the owner a great many more. Good manners are to the intercourse of human life what oil is to machinery,—lubricating the course of social affairs, and making them move smoothly and pleasantly. The influence of little acts of civility, and words of kindness, is more potent in making the world happier than it is easy to estimate. It is a nice question whether mere politeness may not often have more to do with promoting the happiness of its recipients than even the best morality, without it. It is the efficient key to all persons and places. It is acceptable to the highest, and gratifying to the lowest. It is not only one of the most valuable talents, but one of the least expensive, and may be commanded for a little care and cost by all who desire its possession. In short, it is the finest of "the fine arts," (though not commonly ranked among them), and is far more worthy of culture than drawing, music, or poesy. That it should be the most neglected of all of them, is wonderful.—*American Magazine.*

Be Gentle.—A man with an irritable temper is more to be pitied than one bowed down to the earth by poverty. The latter evil can be ameliorated, while the former is a devil that makes havoc with all the finer qualities of the heart and mind, taking the helm from reason, and running the possessor perpetually against rocks and rough corners. A petulant man in a family of children, even of his own, is worse than a case of the small pox, from his influence on their young minds. The old adage, "As the old cock crows the young one learns," is a great truth; and we see it here illustrated. Those old fellows that sputter and growl round their houses are sure to be imitated faithfully by the little watchers for parental squalls, and a nest of hornets is made where peace and harmony alone should dwell. The fractious man should be consigned to valerian and penitence, and kept by force from spreading his contagion. What right has a man to poison the happiness any more than the food of his family! The next might be made to apply to all the relations of life where misery is cultivated and growling made the order of all days. There are communities and parties where the old saw about "dogs with-sore heads" would give but a faint indication of their condition of mind. We need a society for the promotion of good nature more than for any other philanthropic purpose.—*Boston Post.*

The success of Mr. Hobbs, the American Mechanic, in opening the celebrated Bramah Lock, for which a reward of 200 guineas was offered, has caused great excitement among locksmiths, bankers, jewellers, and all persons interested in the manufacture of security locks. Messrs. Bramah dispute, on technical grounds, Hobbs' title to the reward.

ITEMS.

"I see in the papers," said Mrs. Partington, looking over her specs at Sammy, "that the judge says the Fugitive Slave Bill is a statu'. I *know'd* the Greek Slave was a statu', but I thought the Slave Bill was flesh and blood, like other people."

"You ought to marry." "Never." "I know a good girl for you." "Let me alone!" "But, perhaps you don't know her. She is young," "Then she is sly." "Beautiful." "The more dangerous." "Of good family." "Then she is proud." "She is tender hearted." "Then she is jealous." "She has talents." "To kill me." "And one hundred thousand pounds." "*I'll take her.*"

It was a pertinent and forcible saying of the Emperor Napoleon, that a "handsome woman pleases the eye, but a good woman pleases the heart. The one is a jewel, and the other a treasure."

Henry Clay, the distinguished American statesman, says—"Any wife is better than no wife."

Aunt Betsy has said many good things—among the rest, that a newspaper is like a wife, because every man ought to have one of his own.

"I love my wife," said Mr. Caudle, "and for the first few months I felt as if I could eat her up. Ever since I have been sorry I didn't."

Dobs says, there is this advantage about plaid trousers—every time he gets asleep, the boarders roll him over and play chequers on him.

To Morrow.—The day on which idle men work and fools reform.

If the sun is going down, look at the stars; if the earth is dark keep your eyes on heaven. "With God's promises and God's presence a man or child may be cheerful."

When the heart is pure, there is hardly any thing that can mislead the understanding in matters of immediate personal concernment.

Liverpool Timber Market.—Pine Timber—During the month of August many cargoes of Quebec Yellow Pine were sold from the quay, at prices ranging from 12d. to 14d per foot, as in quality—14d being the highest price for the best timber imported, and 13d being the average price of 70 feet average. In the last few days the trade have come forward more liberally, and one cargo of 66 feet average sold at 13½d and two of better quality and average at 14d per foot. St. John Pine of 19½ inch average sold at 17¾d, free from stowage; and one large cargo of new Timber at ¾d per foot under the average girth, with stowage as usual.

Birch—There being a very heavy stock of old birch in the market, the price for the fresh arrivals still keeps low, and sales are made of St. John with cargo at 13d to 13½d per foot.

N. B. and N. S. Pine and Spruce Plank—St. John cargoes of good specification and quality continue to sell at £8 15s. per standard, but not without allowing the buyers a bonus of about 2s. 6d. to 5s. per standard. The above prices for cargoes of dimension Deals, while ordinary cargoes are sold at £8 7s. 6d and £8 8s. per standard. All the Deal cargoes have been sold from the quay, on arrival; and although the import is large, the demand is equally so, and the presumption is that prices will remain steady for some time to come.—*Liverpool, Sept. 3.*