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Guard your Credit!

How little some men of business appear to appreciate the value of their Credit. These people are, perhaps, doing a flourishing business, and their names in the banks stand well. It may be that abroad they can obtain goods to any proportionable extent, and although their capital may be comparatively small, yet their credit is large—and Credit is Capital. But they at last—for what reason we cannot possibly comprehend—lend their names. They resort to the imprudent practice of endorsing for their friends, or changing notes, and many other financial devices—kiting, &c. Thus the banks most certainly find out in course of time, and suddenly they cease to discount for the unwise merchant—the discovered kiter. The banks, which of yore, treated him with warmth, now turn coldly away from his disappointed gaze. "The cat has got out of the bag," and the mystery is solved.

In nine cases out of ten, after this catastrophe has befallen the unfortunate borrower, he is compelled to call a meeting of his creditors—those creditors who, formerly used to smile pleasantly at him, but, who now, behold him with frowns and gloomy scowls.

Men of business, guard your credit! If you once lose this priceless treasure, you may not find it again.

Six years ago, Fredericton Junction was but a barren field, and apparently of little or no value. It now contains upwards of fifteen buildings; among which, are two large railway buildings, two stores, and two hotels. The Avon House, at this village, has a tidy look. It is kept in "apple pie" order,

Military Strength of the European Powers.

A Dresden correspondent of the *Continental Herald* has been noting the increase that has taken place in the military strength of the European powers since 1859. The forces of Austria have increased by 222,530, and amount at present to 856,930 men; Russia has augmented her armies, which now number 1,519,810, by 295,660; Italy counts 287,520 more soldiers than in 1859, and her present aggregate military strength is 695,310 men; the German Empire can summon to the field 1,261,160 men, an increase of 424,360 since the abolition of the old Federal Constitution; the French army, 977,660 strong, is greater by 337,100 than that maintained by Louis Napoleon, and, under the new army organization, is steadily increasing; Great Britain, including volunteers has added 233,020 to the total of her land forces, which now include 478,820 men; the Swedish army of 224,510 has been augmented by 69,610; the Belgian army of 93,590, by 13,340, and the Dutch army of 64,320 by 5,770 men. The number of soldiers now at the disposal of the different European Governments is 6,110,690.

Quaco has now seven ships on the stocks, giving a combined tonnage of about 6,000 tons, which will all likely be launched by October. There is nothing to prevent the growth of this town, and although several of its residences are very spacious and bear a wealthy appearance: yet, many of the others are sadly in want of the paint brush.

One million two hundred and ninety thousand watches, occupying 12,000 workmen, are said to be annually produced in the Bernese Jura.

Value of Life Policies.

The following instance from the *Post Magazine* will show the value of life policies recently offered for sale in London under circumstances of obligation:

A policy in the Scottish amicable for £1,000 payable in September, 1888, or at previous death, life aged 43 or 44, premium £24 19s. 2d., due 27th of September; office value, £235; auctioneer's value, £280: sold for £265.

A policy in the London Life for £1,000, dated 1862, premiums reduced from £29 12s. 6d. to £4 17s. 9d., life aged 40, sold for £265.

A policy in the Albion for £999, bonus £170 11s. 6d., dated May, 1850, half-yearly premium £32 4s. 2d., due 30th April and October, life aged 79; office value in February last, £628. No bidding.

J. N. WILSON, Esq., has lately issued a little newspaper styled *The Monthly Mercury*. Its advertising columns are filled with advertisements of many of the leading business firms of this city. The other portion of its pages are occupied with interesting and instructive reading matter, among which is the first chapter of "Betsy Piper" a Southern sketch, which promises to be a good one. *The Mercury*, we understand, is to be distributed gratuitously among all the hotels and stores of New Brunswick. As Mr. Wilson is an excellent writer himself, and has a good share of push in him, we have no hesitation in saying that *The Mercury* will please its readers, and afford Mr. Wilson a capital opportunity of making known his business facilities, which, by the way, are well known already.