

**PROSPECTUS**  
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In Britain, France, Germany, and the United States, literature has been brought within the reach of all classes of the community in the shape of exceedingly low-priced Magazines, Encyclopedias, and Journals; and while much of it has been of a pernicious kind, yet a considerable portion has consisted of popular information on the arts and sciences, interesting histories and biographies, the wonders of nature and art, the manners and customs of various nations, essays upon common fallacies, and a great variety of interesting and improving topics. Now, while every effort should be made by all good men to keep out the pernicious and trashy portions of the literature in question, yet it is almost impossible to overrate the importance of introducing speedily into general circulation that which is wholesome. Without it a stunted and dwarfish growth of the public mind must ensue as the result of a deficiency of mental food; and in that case the people of Canada must occupy a much lower place in the intellectual scale than other nations. Any effort worthy of the public confidence which may be made to remedy so great a prospective evil, should therefore surely meet with a cordial reception from all who have the welfare of Canada at heart.

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**SELECTIONS.**

**FEMALE VANITY IN THE DISTRICT OF LAKE COMO.**—As I was sitting at my window on the terrace at the inn of Bellaggio, a young girl came to bring me a message, whom I detained in order to question her about her beautiful hair and its ornaments. I suggested that it must take a long time every morning to arrange those *spille* round the head so carefully; but was answered that the event occurred only once a-week, when an artist visited all the damsels who required his aid, and decorated them for the Sunday's fete. I exclaimed in amazement, that they must surely be injured and displaced if they were not removed at night; but my smiling informant assured me that they were very careful and never lay down on them, resting their heads on their hands while they slept. Anything more uncomfortable I could not conceive, and could scarcely after this information look at them without a painful sensation. This is indeed the very triumph of vanity, to sacrifice sleep and ease in a warm climate to appearance! and when one considers that every other part of the dress of these women is slovenly, the fact is more remarkable still.—*Miss Costello's Tour to Venice.*

The bark of a willow tree, burned to ashes, and mixed with strong vinegar, and applied to the parts affected, will remove all warts, corns, or excrescences, on any part of the body.

**LITTLE KINDNESSES.**—Small acts of kindness!—how pleasant and how desirable do they make life. Every dark object is made light by

them, and every tear of sorrow is brushed away. When the heart is sad, and despondency sits at the entrance of the soul, a trifling kindness drives despair away, and makes the path of life cheerful and pleasant. Who will refuse a kind act? It costs the giver nothing, but is invaluable to the sad and sorrowing. It raises from misery and degradation, and throws around the soul those hallowed joys that were lost in Paradise.

**SMUGGLING IN SPAIN.**—Among the passengers who sailed with us from Gibraltar were several persons engaged in the laudable pursuit of extending the commercial greatness of Britain by supplying the Spanish nation with articles of our manufacture in spite of the opposition of the Spanish Government to the contrary. A large steam-vessel had shortly before arrived at Gibraltar from the Clyde, and I have no doubt the articles I allude to formed part of her cargo; at all events, on board our present vessel were large bales of goods along with the owners thereof. Men sometimes get mad, and do mad-looking actions, and when you saw the proprietor of one of these bales suddenly seize hold of it and heave it overboard in the open sea, you might naturally enough have expected to have seen him jump after it. It is also true that there is sometimes method in madness, and so there was here, for the bale did not sink, and not far off appeared a species of ship well known on the Spanish coast as a smuggling craft, which, in due time, rescued the merchandise from the jaws of the deep. It is singular to what expedients men will resort when gain is the motive. This development of commercial genius was quite new, and our captain was not sure if he did right in taking no notice of the transaction. My opinion was, that he was not entitled to prevent me throwing my luggage overboard if I choose to do so; he in no way lent any assistance to the parties in the business, he neither altered his course, nor slackened his speed. At the same time I recommended to him to mention the circumstance on his arrival at Southampton, to his owners, and be guided by their orders in his future conduct. Smuggling, in truth, may be said to be the only trade in which Spain engages. The absolute weakness of her Government prevents any efficient check being put to it, and the open manner in which the custom-house officials are bribed into connivance at wholesale transactions, shows the corruption prevailing in the whole system. During the time we lay in Cadiz harbour, I was informed, on my return from our visit to the town, that a vessel, having a false deck, was brought along side and openly loaded with goods from the steamboat, while the custom-house authorities were looking over the other side of the ship.—*Burn Murdoch's Notes and Remarks.*

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FLOUR, Canada Superfine, per brl.					per brl. 200lbs.	40	0	a	41	3	
196 lbs. ....	00	0	a	00	0	Prime, .....	35	0	a	36	3
Do. Fine, .....	00	0	a	00	0	Prime Mess, per					
Do. Sour, .....	00	0	a	00	0	tierce, 304lbs.	00	0	a	00	0
Do. Middlings, ..					0	PORK, Mess, per brl.					
Indian Meal, 168lb.	15	0	a	00	0	200lbs	00	0	a	57	6
Oatmeal, brl. 224lb.	25	0	a	25	6	Prime Mess, .....	00	0	a	52	6
GRAIN, Wheat U.C.						Prime, .....	46	3	a	47	6
Best, 60lbs. ...	0	0				Cargo, .....	00	0	a	40	0
Do. L.C. per min.	0	0				BUTTER, per lb. ...	0	7	a	0	8
BARLEY, Minot, ...						CHEESE, Am. 100lb	30	0	a	40	0
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