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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company is prepared to receive applications for Insurance against FIRE upon Buildings and other Property, at the Office of the subscriber. I. WOODWARD.

St. John, Nov. 11, 1846. *Secretary.*

UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Of Boston.

No connection with Fire, Marine, or Health Insurance.

PERSONS Insured in this Company on the *Mutual* plan,—"the only plan" says Chamber's Edinburgh Journal, "which the *Public at large* are concerned to support,"—will have returned to them *all the Profits*, instead of a *portion only*, as in the *Stock* or mixed Companies.

The *advantages* offered by this Company are, *Annual Dividends* of 50 per cent., paid during the life of the party, in the order of rotation from the excess of a capital of profits of $200,000.

Parties may insure for 1 year or 7 years, for life, or until they attain the ages of 40, 50 or 60, and *for any sum* from $100 up to $5000, and at *any age* from 14 to 67.

Parties insuring for 1 or 7 years enjoy many advantages of a *mercantile* nature, at a *very small* expense.

Parties insuring for Life, can provide for those *dependent upon them*, notwithstanding *contingencies of trade*, as to which this Company's *Charter offers peculiar facilities*—See Section 9,—and those who insure until they arrive at the age of 40, 50, or 60, make a *sure provision for old age* and their families, in case of death—(the attention of the Public is *earnestly solicited to this*, and this Company's rates therefore.)

Parties may insure for Life *without profits* at a reduction of 30 per cent., from *life rates*.

Parties insuring for Life or until the ages of 40, 50 or 60, when the premiums amount to $40, can have a *credit* for half at interest, *without any increase of premium*—such *credit* for the *whole term* and not merely for the first 5 years. After payment of three premiums on surrender of Life Policy, the holder will receive its *equitable value in cash*.

This Office insures from the *nearest* birth-day, instead of the *next*, as in other offices. The Charter makes it "*unlawful to loan any sum of money to any Director or Officer of said Company upon any security whatever.*" In no case is the person insured liable beyond the amount of premium.

The Board of Finance (who are among the most reliable financiers of the country,) viz: Franklin Haven, President Merchant's Bank, Boston; Thomas Thacher, Merchant, Boston; and Ruel Williams, President Kennebec Rail Road, *superintend all investments* of the Company; 12 Directors, Hon. David Henshaw, and others.

—Local Referees—

Boston.—Hon. Abbot Lawrence, Hon. David Henshaw, Hon. Robert G. Shaw, Hon. William Sturgis, and Hon. Charles Sumner.

Saint John.—Benjamin Smith, Levi H. Waterhouse, Thomas G. Hatheway, Nathan S. DeMill, and Samuel L. Tilley, Esquires.

☞ See Pamphlets and statements of Company's affairs at the subscriber's office, who will receive applications and give further information.

W. H. HATHEWAY, *Barrister at Law*, St. John, Agent for New-Brunswick.

9th December, 1851.

LIVERPOOL & LONDON Fire & Life Insurance Company,

(Established in 1836.)

Capital £2,000,000—in Shares of Twenty Pounds.

THE Stockholders of this Company are responsible to the full extent of their property for the liabilities of the Company.

The undersigned hereby notifies the Public of New Brunswick, that the above named Company have empowered him, by a full and ample Power of Attorney, to open an Office in the City of Saint John, for the Insurance of PROPERTY against loss or damage by FIRE, in any part of the Province, and to sign and issue Policies in the name of the Company; and that in virtue of the power vested in him by the said Power of Attorney, he has appointed Mr. ADAM JACK to act as Agent for the said Company, in the receiving of proposals for Insurance, and the inspection of premises proposed for Insurance, and all other the usual duties of an Agent; and to collect and receive the amount of premium on any policy issued by the undersigned in the name of the said Company, or for the renewal of the same.

The Deed of settlement, and the supplemental Deed of settlement, lies with Mr. Jack, at the Office of the *New-Brunswick Marine Assurance Company*, also the pamphlets issued by the Office at Liverpool, affording ample details of the mode of transacting business by the Company.

The rates of premium will be as low as any other respectable Company, and the undersigned trusts a fair portion of public patronage will be accorded to the Company.

Losses not exceeding £500, will be settled without referring to the head Office at Liverpool.

EDWARD ALLISON.

Dated at St. John, N. B. 4th August, 1851.

DOMESTIC. Vulcan Foundry Manufactures.

THE attention of the Public is respectfully requested to the inspection of a large and extensive assortment of

COOKING STOVES, *FRANKLINS, REGISTER GRATES*, WOOD STOVES, and PLOUGHS,

of the newest and most approved Patterns, to be seen at the Brick Warehouse in *Prince William Street*, late in the occupation of Messrs. Rainney, Sturdee & Co.

☞ Orders for CASTINGS, and all other Work, left as above, will have immediate attention.

JOHN V. THURGAR.

St. John N. B., 27th Sept., 1851.

HARDWARE. W. Tisdale & Son

Are receiving ex 'Speed,' 'John S. DeWolf,' 'Highland Mary,' and 'Sterling'—

CASKS Horse and Ox Shoe NAILS;
Do. Horse Traces and Ox CHAINES
Do. Vicker's Mill, Cut, and other FILES,
50 Boxes best Charcoal Tin Plates, IC. DC.;
Hoole, Staniforth & Co's 5, 5½, 6, 6, and 7 feet MILL SAWS,
Do. do. 4½, 5, 5½, and 6 feet CUT SAWS;
One Ton Iron WIRE, all sizes,
One Crate COAL SCOOPS:
135 Boxes English GLASS, from 9x7 to 20x14,
65 Bags NAILS, assorted sizes,
10 Casks Boiled and Raw PAINT OIL,
2 Tons Brandram's No. 1 White LEAD,
100 Kegs Gunpowder, C, E, FF, and Canister,
75 Cistern and Well PUMPS:
2 Tons LEAD PIPE, ½ inch to 1½ inch,
6 Sheets LEAD,
2 Cases Newspaper Holders, Letter Clips, &c.—these are quite new styles, and much approved

all which will be sold at low rates.

N. N.—Remainder of Stock expected in the 'Algoma' and 'Themis.'

JAMES BURRELL.

Corner of King and Germain Streets,

Has received per *Highland Mary* from London, *Olive* and *Themis* from Liverpool, and *Henry Holland* from Glasgow, an excellent assortment of Dry Goods, suitable for the season.

Dress Materials,

In Coburgs, Orleans, DeLaines and Cashmeres; Gala Plaid CLOAKINGS,
4-4, 5 4 Printed COTTONS, newest styles; Grey and White COTTONS;
9-4 Sheetings, Bed Tick, Twilled Stripes; Red and White FLANNELS:
BLANKETS;
Cotton Warps, Cotton Batting, Wadding.

LONG AND SQUARE SHAWLS,

Black and Col'd Velvets;
Ladies' and Children's Woollen Hoods & Polkas
Pelerines and Comforters:
Hosiery and Gloves, in great variety;
Sewed Muslin, Trimming and Insertions;
Thread and Cotton Laces, Edgings & Insertions
Infant's Frock Bodices and Caps;
Ladies' Berlin Wool Sleeves;
Artificial Flowers;
Sewed Muslin, Habit Shirts, Chemizetts and Collars.
French and English RIBBONS.
Purses,
Whalebone,
Brushes, Braces,
Umbrellas, Stocks,
Hair Nets, Plaits, Gimps,
Unions, Lawns, Diapers,
Gentlemen's Linen Shirt Fronts, and Collars, Silk Pocket H'dkfs.
Neck Ties, Black and Col'd
Veils, Stays, Combs,
Pound Cottons;
APRONS,
Reels,
MILLINERY, &c. &c.

The subscriber invites the attention of purchasers to his present well-selected stock of Fancy and Useful GOODS, which will be sold at the lowest prices. Oct. 28.

Great Reduction in Prices.

SMELLIE & ABERCROMBY, Prince William street,

IN order to make room for their Fall Importations, (now daily expected) have reduced the price of their present Stock, and would call the particular attention of Purchasers to the prices of their GENTS. CLOTHS—in Tweeds, Cassimeres Cachmerettes, Gambroon, Russell Cords, &c.

Ladies DRESS Materials,

In Silk and Wool Bareges, Sylphine Silks, Silk Checks, spun Silks, (plain and plaided); Crape de Soi, Coburgs, Orleans, Chameleon Cloths, &c. &c.

LONG & SQUARE SHAWLS,

In French Broche, Paisley Filled, Black Satin Plain, Watered and Ottoman, Black and Drab Indiana, Printed Cachmere, Barege, &c. &c.

Together with a large assortment of Printed COTTONS, Mourning ditto ditto, and other Staple and Fancy articles.

S. K. FOSTER'S Ladies Fashionable Shoe Store,

Germain Street, Foster's Corner.

New Cloth Boots, &c. &c.

Just received per Ships "Highland Mary," from London, and "Speed," from Liverpool:—

21 CASES of Ladies, Misses and Children's CLOTH BOOTS,
Ladies Cashmere, Merino and Prunella Boots;
Do. White and Black Satin SLIPPERS,
Do. Bronze and Black Kid and Enamelled Dancing Slippers;
Do. Patent Russia Kid and Morocco Walking SHOES,
Do. Carpet and House Shoes, in great variety,
Misses CLOTH BOOTS, of every quality:
Do. Prunella and Cashmere Boots, assorted;
Do. Black and Bronze Kid and Satin Dancing SLIPPERS,
Do. Walking Shoes of every style and quality
Children's Cloth Boots, and every other variety;
Cheap Shoes and Boots *of all sorts.*

Sept. 30 S. K. FOSTER.

WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

CHEAP Hat, Cap, & Fur Store, BRICK BUILDING, No. 1, Prince William Street.

THE Subscribers have completed their FALL IMPORTATIONS of 112 Packages by the *Faside* and *Highland Mary*, from London: *Montrose, John S. DeWolfe, Speed*, and *Boadicea*, from Liverpool; *Henry Holland*, from Glasgow; *Richard Cobden*, from New York: *Portland* and *Creole*, from Boston. They now offer their splendid Stock of FASHIONABLE GOODS, personally selected by one of the Firm from the various Markets, at reduced prices, viz:—

40 doz. Gents. beautiful SATIN HATS;
Prize Exhibition, Cork body Hats, from 17s. 6d.;
Also—Patent Sweat Hat, which resists the perspiration. The above are worth a call.
30 dozen Gents. Satin Hats, a fine article; 10s. to 12s. 6d. *Astonishing cheap.*
60 dozen Gents. Satin Hats, from 6s. 3d. to 8s. 9d.
60 dozen Gents, Men's and Youths' Drab, Brown, Green, California, and Scarlet Sporting Hats, from 7½d. upwards;
40 dozen Men's and Youths' Pearl, Tampico and Farmer's Hats, from 1s. 3d. upwards;
40 dozen Men's and Youths' CLOTH CAPS every style, from 1s. 3d. upwards;
30 dozen Men's and Youths' Glazed Caps, every style, from 7½d. upwards;
60 dozen Glengarry Caps, Thistled;
10 dozen Balmoral Caps, new style, at 2s. 6d.
100 dozen Gents. and Youths' FUR CAPS, in rich Furs, and new style, from 2s. 6d. upwards.
Ladies' Muffs, Boas, Victorines, and Gauntlets in rich FURS, latest fashions; a large and varied assortment, cheap.
Gents. and Ladies' Fur Gloves and Mitts;
Gents. CLOTH GLOVES, lined with Chamois, Lambskin and Scarlet Wool, very fine.
Gents. French Kid Gloves, best, at 3s. 9d.;
2 Cases very large Gingham Umbrellas, expressly made for this climate.
Gents. Seal, Lama, Wolf and Buffalo COATS, in dispensable to Travellers.
Gents. Furnishing Goods in Fine Shirts, Collars, Stocks, Silk Hdkfs, Braces, &c. &c.
Gold and Silver Laces, Trunks, Valisses, Carpet Bags, Peaks, Straps, Children's Belts, Table Oil Cloth, Brushes, Mourning Hat Bands, Goodyear's Patent India Rubber Coats, and 100 Buffalo Skins, from 12s. 6d.

☞ A large discount for Wholesale Trade.

LOCKHART & CO.

Oct. 21.—6i.

W. H. ADAMS

Has just received per ships *Boadicea* and *Them*

9 CASES *Sanderson Brothers & Co.'s* Cast Steel; 1 cask Borax,
2 casks Block Bushes; 5 casks Tea Kettles,
1 cask Saucepans; 3 crates Coal Scoops,
1 cask Socket SHOVELS,
1 cask Hair Seating and Curled Hair;
2 casks Sad Irons; 1 cask Weights,
1 cask Wrought Brads and Tacks,
2 casks Bench and Moulding Planes,
11 bales Iron Wire; 1 bale Wire Riddles,
28 dozen riveted eye Shovels; 4 dozen SPADES
108 bags Board, Boat, Horse, and Ox NAILS;
8 rolls Sheet Lead; 2 casks SHOT;
1 cask LEAD PIPE;
10 dozen long handle Frying Pans,
1 case *Hoole, Staniforth & Co's* Circular SAWS,
1 case do. Pit Saws;
2 cases Percussion GUNS, &c.
15 casks containing Shelf Goods, viz:—LOCKS, Hinges, Latches, Bolts, Bed Castors, Chair Web, Rules, Fire Irons, Whip Thongs, Shoe Hammers and Bills, Brushes, Dish Covers, Tin Tea and Coffee Pots, Steelyards, Brass Cocks, Fish Hooks, Iron Hooks and Hasps and Staples, Percussion Caps, Tea and Table Spoons, Kettle Ears, Coffin Mounting, Counter Scales, Plated Brass and Iron Candlesticks, Copper Coal Scoops, Powder Flasks, Shot Belts, Wove Wire, Brass Wire, and a variety of Small Wares; which, with Goods recently received, comprises a good assortment. Nov. 4.

NEW FRUIT, &c.

The subscribers are now receiving from Boston, ex schooner *Hemisphere*:—

200 BOXES, halves and quarters, New RAISINS; 14 kegs cooking do;
7 boxes ORANGES and LEMONS;
30 drums finest Eleme FIGS; 7 kegs GRAPES
5 drums Sultana RAISINS,
1 barrel Filberts, Castana, Walnut, and Hickory NUTS; 4 boxes Orvis' CORN STARCH,
1 brl. ground RICE, 10 bales WICKING,
2 brls. Hemp and Canary SEED,
5 brls. White BEANS; 30 gross MATCHES,
12 boxes and 5 kegs CREAM TARTAR,—For sale by JARDINE & CO.

Dec. 2, 1851.

Flewwelling & Reading

Are now receiving per ship *Faside*, from London,

30 HHDS. GENEVA; 10 quarter casks Port and Sherry WINE—*superior*;
1 puncheon Jamaica RUM—*very old*;
20 bags Black PEPPER; 1 box MACE,
2 cases CASSIA; 1 cask CREAM TARTAR;
2 tierces Epsom SALTS; 1 cask Saltpetre;
1 cask BLUE VITRIOL;
45 kegs F & FF Gunpowder—Hall & Son's.

DAILY EXPECTED—

20 hhds. Hennessy's best BRANDY—which, together with a large and well selected stock of LIQUORS and GROCERIES, in Store, are offered at lowest market prices. Oct. 6.

New Fruit, Coffee, Grapes, &c.

20 BAGS Laguira COFFEE:
20 kegs Malaga GRAPES
100 boxes Muscatel
50 ditto Layer } New RAISINS
50 half and 50 quarter
5 boxes ORANGES and LEMONS,
3 bbls. New Hickory Nuts;
Apples, Cracked Corn, Buckwheat, Cassia Brazil Nuts.

Just landing, ex Schooner *Franklin*, from Boston.

JAS. MACFARLANE.

Nov. 18. Market Square

LONDON HOUSE, MARKET SQUARE.

NEW GOOD!

Per Europa, Speed, Olive, Faside, Highland Mary Henry Holland, Portland, Eliza Jane, & Admiral.

THE Stock of WINTER GOODS is now received by the above vessels, comprising the most extensive and varied assortment ever offered at this establishment.

In addition to the usual Stock, there will be opened this day a very beautiful lot of

Ladies' & Misses' Mantles,

in all the New Styles.

In the Stock of CLOTHS and WOOLLENS of every make, purchased for Cash in the principal Manufacturing Houses of Leeds, decided advantages are offered to Purchasers.

Wholesale and Retail.

St. John, Oct. 11. T. W. DANIEL.

Buffalo Robes!

FUR CAPS, &c.

THE Subscribers have just received from New York, a Lot of No. 1 BUFFALO ROBES, which they will dispose of at a very small advance on cost, *for Cash only.*

—ALSO—

Part of our supply of Fur, Sealette, Glengary and Plush CAPS, in various fashionable styles, good and cheap. Constantly making up—Satin and Fur HATS of every description; Fur, Plush, Cloth and Glazed CAPS—articles which we can warrant and sell much lower than can possibly be imported.

C. D. EVERETT & SON,

East side Market Square & North side King

31st October.

London Tract Society.

300 VOLUMES of excellent Publications of this Society, suitable for the present season, nicely bound, from 6d. to 1s. each.—Also,—Tracts in parcels of sixty, (five different numbers,) at JOHN KINNEAR'S,

Dec. 27. Prince Wm. Street.

GOODS.

Just Landing from Boston:—

41 CASES Strong LEATHER BOOTS,
10 do. Fine do. do.
4 ditto Men's best India Rubber BOOTS,
8 ditto Men's do. do. do. Over SHOES,
18 ditto Women's do. do. do.
4 ditto do. do. do. BUSKINS,
8 ditto do. common OVER SHOES,
120 bundles Warranted CHAIRS,
25 barrels ONIONS,
5 boxes Warranted AXES—*in Bond*;
30 dozen CORN BROOMS,
25 bales cleaned common FEATHERS,
With a variety Wood-Ware; Bed-Cords; Clothes Lines; Baskets; Brushes, &c. &c.

JOHN KINNEAR,

Dec. 2. Prince Wm. Street.

Lines and Twines.

200 BUNDLES Seine TWINE; 500 do. Salmon, Shad, Herring and Gilling Twines; 400 dozen 12, 15 and 18 thread Cod Lines; 100 dozen 12 thread Pollock Lines—Lately imported and for Sale on their usual low terms, by W. TISDALE & SON,

Jan. 13. No. 1 South Market Wharf

DR. LA'MERT

ON THE SECRET INFIRMITIES OF YOUTH AND MATURITY.

Fortieth Edition, with FIFTY COLORED ENGRAVINGS.

Just Published, and may be had in French and English, in sealed Envelopes, 2s. 6d., or post-free, from the Author, for forty two stamps.

Self-Preservation:

A MEDICAL TREATISE ON THE PHYSIOLOGY OF MARRIAGE, and *Disorders of Youth and Maturity* usually acquired at an early period of life, which enervate the physical and mental powers, diminish and enfeeble the natural feelings, and exhaust the energies of Manhood. With practical observations on the Treatment of Nervous Debility and Indigestion, whether arising from those causes, close study, or the influence of Tropical climates; Local and Constitutional Weakness, Syphilis, Stricture, and all Diseases and Derangements resulting from Indiscretion. With Fifty *Coloured Engravings*, illustrating the *Anatomy, Physiology, and Diseases of the Reproductive Organs*, explaining their structures, uses and functions, and the various injuries that are produced in them, "by solitary habits, excesses and infection."

BY SAMUEL LA'MERT, M. D.

No. 37, BEDFORD-SQUARE, LONDON,

Doctor of Medicine, Matriculated Member of the University of Edinburgh, Licentiate of Apothecaries' Hall, London, Honorary Member of the London Hospital, Medical Society, &c.

CONTENTS OF THE TREATISE.

Chapter I.—On the Philosophy of Marriage, with its Hindrances and Obligations; and on Infelicitous and Unproductive Unions.

Chapter II.—On the Anatomy and Physiology of the Generative Organs, their functions, structures and secretions, proving that great Mental and Physical power are dependent on their healthy action.

Chapter III.—On Solitary Habits; their various effects on the Animal Economy; the concealed cause of Debility of the functions of the Stomach, Lungs, and Brain, and general weakness of the Mental Faculties.

Chapter IV.—On the Secret Disorders of Youth and Maturity, and the Treatment of Nervous and Local Weakness, Mental Debility, and Premature Decay.

Chapter V. and VI.—On the Disorders arising from indiscriminate Excess, Gonorrhœa, Gleet, Strictures, and other Diseases of the Urethra.

REVIEW OF THE WORK.

Marriage requires the fulfilment of several conditions, in order that it may be really the cause of mutual happiness. Could the veil, which covers the origin of domestic wretchedness, be raised, and its true source in every instance be disclosed, in how many could it be traced to physical disqualifications and their attendant disappointments. Excesses are always injurious; the gift, which when used in moderation is fraught with advantage, becomes, when abused, the prolific source of mischief, and of greater or less injury to the constitution and vital powers. The particular excesses, on the nature and consequences of which this Treatise professes to dilate, are productive of greater misery to the human frame than any other to which it is subject.

This work contains an accurate and complete account of the Anatomy and Physiology of the Reproductive Organs, and of their relative conditions in health and disease. Nor are these the sole contents of the work, the means of escape, as well as the nature of the danger, are pointed out in clear and intelligible language. It deservedly requires the closest attention and study, for what subject can be of more importance than the preservation of health, and of the physical capabilities of which every man should be possessed. It unfortunately happens, that the unhappy victim of excessive indulgence and vicious habits, whether acquired in early life, or from the follies of advanced age, while suffering from their invariable consequences, unwisely entertains a fear of applying to a qualified physician for relief. Shame and the dread so frequently but erroneously entertained that these complaints are beyond the reach of art, alike restrict him, and prevent his seeking for assistance where alone it can be procured. In acting thus, he forgets that accurate discrimination in ascertaining the causes of disease, sympathy with the sufferer, and above all, secrecy, invariably characterize the intelligent and practical physician, and he the medical man, who can show by his possession of the requisite legal qualification that he is entitled to esteem and respect in his professional pursuits the utmost confidence should be extended. DR. LA'MERT has obtained the highest medical honours, as his diplomas testify, and the great extent of his practice for many years, is a guarantee for his professional experience, which has reference almost solely to the treatment of these diseases.

☞ The work may be had in St. John, of H. Chubb & Co., price 2s. 6d. Sig.; Halifax, Messrs. Morton & Co.; Quebec, Mr. Neilson.

December 1, 1851.

For the Approaching Season!

CHRISTMAS and NEW-YEAR'S PRESENTS, &c.

SHEFFIELD HOUSE,

Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Parties desirous of purchasing articles suitable for CHRISTMAS and NEW-YEAR'S PRESENTS, will find it to their advantage to pay a visit to the SHEFFIELD HOUSE, Market Square, where will be found a much larger assortment of *Fancy and Staple GOODS* than usual at this season of the year, which have been received by late arrivals, and which are offered at the lowest Cash prices.

Annexed, are enumerated only a few of the leading articles, the assortment being too extensive and varied for the limits of an advertisement.

☞ An early inspection is respectfully solicited.

—*Wholesale and Retail,*—

SUPERIOR JEWELLERY in Gold Mountings, as Brooches, Rings, Chains, Lockets, Bracelets, Ear-rings, Seals, Keys, Straps, &c. &c.; Gold and Silver WATCHES; Silver Spoons; Butter Knives; Bouquet Holders; Card Cases, in Silver, Pearl, Shell and Papier Machie; Portemoncais; Gold and Silver Pencil Cases; Penholders; Silver Thimbles; Ladies' Companions; Work Boxes; Desks; Dressing Cases; Spectacles, in Gold, Silver, and Steel Frames; Eye Glasses; Smelling Bottles and Vinegarettes; Fans; Papier Machie Desks; Tea Caddies; Portfolios; Handscreens; Inkstands; Netting Boxes, &c.; Bronzed Inkstands, Tapers, Candlesticks, Watch Hangers, Rug Stands, Toilet Bottles, Vases, Games, Puzzles, Color Boxes, (large Magic Lanthorn, two boxes Glasses—Astronomical and Comic); Paper Weights, Shell and Horn back and side Combs; Hair, Teeth, Nail, Shaving, Cloth, Hat, and Hearth Brushes; Dressing Combs, Ivory Combs, Fancy Reticules; Electro Plate, and Albata Spoons, Forks, Fish Knives, Soup Ladles, Butter Knives, Sugar Bowls, &c.; Plated Cake and Card Baskets, Castors, Candlesticks, Snuffers and Trays, Toast Racks, Butter Coolers, Coasters Wine Coolers, Liquor Stands, &c. &c.

Britannia Metal and Block Tin Goods in variety; Fire Irons, Fenders, Tea Trays, &c.; Table and Pocket Cutlery, Razors, Scissors, Spoons, Razor Strops, Brass Candlesticks, Shoe and Butchers' Knives, SKATES, &c. &c.

☞ A good assortment of TOYS—Dolls, Games, Alphabets, &c. On hand—One case of TOYS, Wholesale.

A further supply daily expected per ship *Harriott*, from Liverpool.

ROBINSON & THOMPSON,

December 16. Proprietors.

1852. NEW NAIL FACTORY. W. H. ADAMS

BEGS to acquaint his Customers and the public generally, that having lately erected a Steam Cut Nail Manufactory in this City, is prepared to furnish CUT NAILS from 3dy. to 4dy., and Flooring Brads, Finishing Brads, and Sheathing NAILS, as low and equal in quality and shape as can be produced in the Province, and therefore solicits from purchasers an inspection at his Hardware Store, Corner of Dock Street and Market Square. Jan. 27.

Butter! Butter!

A FEW Firkins of Valley and Cumberland BUTTER, put up for family use; for sale by

Jan. 27. JOHN V THURGAR.

POETRY.

The following, says the *Episcopal Recorder* strikes us as being one of the most beautiful passages in the whole compass of English literature:

THE KNELL OF TIME.

Heard you that knell? It was the knell of time!
And is Time dead? I thought Time never died.
I knew him old, 'tis true, and full of years;
And he was bald, except in front—but he
Was strong as Hercules. I saw him grasp
The oak; it fell—the tower; it crumbled—the stone,
The sculptured monuments that mark the grave
Of fallen greatness, ceased their pompous strain
As Time came by. Yes, Time was very strong;
And I had thought too strong for death to grapple.
But I remember now his step was light,
And though he moved at rapid rate, or trod
On adamant, his tread was never heard.
And there was something ghostly in the thought,
That in the silence of the midnight hour
He trod my chamber, and I heard him not.
And I have held my breath, and listened close
To catch one footfall, as he glided by;
But nought awoke the echo slumbering there.
And the thought struck me then that one whose step
Was so much like a spirit's tread; whose acts
Were all so noiseless, like the world unseen,
Would soon be fit for other worlds than this,
Fit for high converse with immortal minds,
Unfettered by the flesh, unchained to earth.

THE PILOT.

BY ALEXANDER COCHRAN.

The waves are high, the night is dark,
Wild roam the foaming tides,
Dashing around the straining barque,
As gallantly she rides,
"Pilot! take heed what course you steer;
Our barque is tempest driven!"
"Stranger be calm, there is no fear
For him who trusts in Heaven!"

"Oh, pilot! mark yon thunder cloud,
The lightning's lurid rivers,
Hark to the wind, 'tis piping loud,
The mainmast bends and quivers!
Stay, pilot, stay, and shorten sail,
Our stormy trysail's riven!"
"Stranger, what matters, storm or gale,
To him who trusts in Heaven!"

Borne by the winds, the vessel flees
Up to the thundering cloud.
Now tottering low, the spray-winged seas
Conceal the topmast shroud.
"Pilot! the waves break o'er us fast,
Vainly our barque has striven!"
"Stranger, the Lord can rule the blast;
Go, put thy trust in Heaven!"

Good hope! good hope! one little star
Gleams o'er the waste of waters;
'Tis like the light reflected far,
Of Beauty's loveliest daughters!
"Stranger, good hope He giveth thee,
As he has often given;
Then learn this truth, whate'er may be,
To put thy trust in Heaven!"

MOUNT ÆTNA.

This is the largest and most extraordinary volcanic mountain in the world. It is 10,864 feet high,—(that of Vesuvius is only 3,979)—and measures 180 miles in circumference at the base, and in its various regions has three separate zones or climates. Over its sides are scattered no less than 77 cities, towns, and villages, occupied by about 115,000 people. To ascend it from Catania is a journey of 24 miles. This journey is one of great fatigue, and very few travellers are disposed to undertake it. This mountain produces all the necessaries and luxuries of life. The first region is the most fertile, and affords corn, oil, wine, silks, spices, and delicious fruits. The second yields beautiful forests and flocks of game, besides tar, cork, and honey; and the third snow and ice; while its caverns are stored with marbles and mineral productions, such as cinnabar, mercury, sulphur, alum, nitre and vitriol. Its timber keeps the Sicilians warm in winter, and its ice cool in summer. The sale of snow and ice collected from its cone averages $10,000 per annum. The *castagno di cento cavilli*, or the chesnut tree of a hundred horse—so called because it is supposed to be capable of sheltering one hundred horses beneath the canopy of its boughs—is situated in one of the spacious fields of the lower circle.—The dense forests are occupied by wild beasts, and the loftier heights by the eagle.

The rays of the rising sun strike the top of the mountain seven or eight minutes before they shine on Catania; at this time the shadow of the mountain extends over the whole island, and even into the sea. The view from the summit of Ætna baffles description. At this elevation the diameter of the horizon commanded by the human eye is estimated at 800 miles, which is equal to a circumference of 2,400 miles. No wonder that the Emperor Adrian and the philosopher Plato were willing to undergo the toil of mounting to this altitude to enjoy the gratification of such a prospect.

A French traveller, speaking of the effect of the rising sun from the heights of Ætna, says that it was as if the universe had been observed suddenly springing from the night of non-existence. The coasts of Africa and Naples, and all the intervening islands, are under the range of observation. The massy body of the mountains is seen entire, and the whole island of Sicily, with its rivers, cities, and hamlets in full relief, including the flowery fields of Enna, and the honied hills of Hybla. In the spring, when the trees begin to flower, the island appears as if powdered with blossoms.—From such a height, the people in the vales below seem but as grasshoppers.

But Ætna is not always passive: it is subject to eruptions and earthquakes, and when they take place, the land and the sea become troubled, and the inhabitants are in despair. When such a mountain *does* speak, it speaks with power. In a calamity of this nature, God is man's only refuge. Of the earthquakes, one of the most remarkable described in history is that which happened in 1693. Its motion was perceived in Germany, France, and England, but Sicily was the chief sufferer. It extended to a circumference of 2,605 leagues, and no fewer than 54 cities, with an incredible number of villages, were either destroyed or greatly damaged. The city of Catania, in particular, was completely overthrown. The sea suddenly began to roar, Mount Ætna to send forth great spires of flame, and soon after a shock ensued, with a noise as if all the artillery in the world had been at once discharged. The birds flew about astonished, the sun was darkened, the beasts ran howling from the hills; and, although the shock did not continue above three minutes, above 60,000 of the inhabitants of Sicily perished in the ruins. When it was over, Catania could not be found.

CATANIA.

Catania is situated in a valley near the foot of Mount Ætna, and contains a population of about 47,000 souls.—The city is built almost entirely of *lava*—even the walls that surround it are built of this material. Shortly after the destruction of the ancient city, (A. D. 1693,) the survivors reared the modern Catania upon its ruins. The streets of this new cityare regularly and handsomely laid out, are straight and wide, and are paved with the lava of Ætna. The attachment of the people to their native soil, and their habituation to the dangers of the volcano, are the reasons assigned for building the new city on the same old site. The edifices are noble and costly, and the university enjoys very high reputation. Catania has very little commerce. The fiery deluge of Ætna has f[illegible] its harbor, and the finances of the Gover[illegible] too scanty to restore it.

St. Agatha is the patroness of t[illegible] every emergency her intercession[illegible]

MESSINA.

The harbor of Messina in form resembles a sickle, and on this account the city was called by the ancients Zancle. According to tradition it was founded 530 years before the siege of the city of Rome. Its harbour has been admired, and is embellish with a range of marble buildings nearly uniform the whole length. The marble fountains, and the churches, convents, and public edifices, are beautiful, and highly creditable. Messina, in its day, has been a flourishing and noble city, but the numerous misfortunes it has experienced have sadly altered its condition. The plague of 1743 swept away half its population, and the terrible earthquakes of 1780 and 1782 occasioned the destruction of a large portion of the place; while in the recent revolution of 1849 its successful struggle against the throne of Naples for independence, inflicted additional losses of incalculable magnitude. Its population once amounted to 100,000—it is now only about 47,000. Owing to the presence of mountains, and the currents of the straits, the air of the city is fresher and more temperate than that of any other portion of the island. The famous eddies of Scylla and Charybdis are not far from the port, and a few miles to the North is Stromboli—a volcano in the sea—always burning, the flames of which reflect their light to such a distance on the waves, that it is named the Faro or the light house of the Mediterranean.

EXECUTION OF THE SPANISH REGICIDE.

On the 7th ult., the execution of Martin Meri[illegible] (for attempting to assassinate the Queen of Spain) took place exactly at a quarter-past one, p. m., on a platform raised on the Campo de Guardi[illegible] The criminal arrived on the ground before o[illegible] He was dressed in a yellow cap, stained here a[illegible] there with blood, and a yellow loose gown, al[illegible] sprinkled with blood. He looked at the cro[illegible] smiling, and with a certain degree of curio[illegible] if trying to recognize acquaintances amor[illegible] as he passed, for about a mile from the [illegible] the scaffold. He ascended the scaffol[illegible] step as firm as if he was going up stairs t[illegible] room. When requested to seat himsel[illegible] bench before the upright piece of woo[illegible] the machinery was fixed to strangle h[illegible] so immediately, attending strictly [illegible] tions of the executioner, who cove[illegible] a white handkerchief, turned the s[illegible] sharp jerk, and launched him instantly [illegible] nity. The head drooped the moment t[illegible] quet was twisted, slight tremulous m[illegible] observable in both knees, and all was ov[illegible] feet were fastened to the legs of the be[illegible] which he was seated, and the arms bound b[illegible] above the elbow. The moment life had fle[illegible] handkerchief was removed from the face, and the body left exposed for an hour. The *garotte* is the most humane and the most rapid of all methods of execution, and Merino did not appear to suffer least. At five o'clock in the afternoon of the s[illegible] day, the body of Merino was burnt in the ce[illegible] tery, outside of the gate of Bilboa, wood and o[illegible] necessary utensils having been prepared. [illegible] body was placed in the flames, after having b[illegible] stripped of the cloak which covered it, and w[illegible] reduced to ashes, they were scattered over [illegible] common burial-ground. At twenty minutes [illegible] seven o'clock the operations were completely [illegible] minated.—*Madrid paper.*

FRANCE.

A great revi w is to take place in the Cham[illegible] Mars on the 20th, which is looked forward to w[illegible] more than ordinary interest, as it is expected [illegible] produce a demonstration in favor of the establ[illegible] ment of the empire even stronger than that at [illegible] famous reviews at Satory. It will be remembe[illegible] that the 20th is the anniversary of the entry of [illegible] great Napoleon into Paris on his return from [illegible] Island of Elba.—The heir of the Emperor has [illegible] ed on that day to review the troops, and to pres[illegible] the different regiments with the eagles which [illegible] has recently restored. It is th[illegible] some say it is hoped—that the troops [illegible] for the gift of the eagles, will confer on the nephew of the Emperor the imperial crown, which he claims as his undoubted right.—Some say that the partizans of Louis Napoleon are endeavoring to induce the officers to be present at the review to seize on the opportunity of not only saluting Louis Napoleon as Emperor, but of inducing him to accept the dignity, and of carrying him in triumph to the palace of the Tuileries.—*London Paper.*

The Jews in Paris, headed by MM. de Rothschild, and other prominent members of the sect, have just established a society at Paris for the study and propagation of the sacred sciences. Rooms have been taken, in which religious instruction is given gratuitously to young men destined for the priesthood, and in which Jews of all classes assemble to pray and hear religious books read. A rabbi is attached to the establishment, and every Sunday M. Albert Cohn, a distinguished Oriental scholar, reads and explains passages from the Fathers of the Synagogue.

Russia.—Russia, in 1852, will celebrate throughout the vast expanse of her empire, the completion of her thousandth year of national existence: which will be kept with all the solemnity due to the importance of the event. The Russian empire was founded in 852, in which year the Russians made their appearance on the shores of the Bosphorus as Warrangiens.

Death of the Queen of Madagascar.—The account of the death of the persecuting Queen of Madagascar, is confirmed by the commander of H. M. S. Pantaloon, direct from the island. The prospect of a re-opening of commercial intercourse which the event affords, has given fresh spirits to the Mauritians. Such advantages are not to be undervalued; but, among the readers of the *Patriot*, the disappearance of this sanguinary Potentate from the scene of her atrocities, will be hailed chiefly as removing the barriers which existed to Missionary operations, and to the open profession of Christianity by the Madagash converts. So far as we know, no [illegible] on this subject has yet reach[illegible] the London Missionary So[illegible] that at no distant day, we sh[illegible] sure of announcing, that [illegible] been able to resume their [illegible] labours.—*London Patriot.*