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OFFICE—Over Messrs. Ramsay, Shurdee & Co's Prince William street, St. John, N. B.
May 25, 1852.

THOMAS GOW,
Plumber and Gass Fitter,
NEAR LONDONDERRY BUILDINGS,
WATER STREET.

HOUSE and SHIP WATER CLOSETS; Hot Cold, and Shower BATHS; Forcing, Lifting Common, and Engine PUMPS; SHIPS' SCUPPERS, &c. &c., on the most approved principles. LEAD PIPE of all sizes, and SHEET LEAD constantly on hand.

☞ LEAD BENDS made to order.
July 2, 1852. THOMAS GOW.

SPRING IMPORTATION. *Assorted Crates*—A 250 assorted Crates EARTHENWARE, select ed and packed suitable for country trade, and guaranteed free from Breakage—offered very low for Cash, by FRANCIS CLEMENTSON,
April 26 Dock street.

WASHING POWDERS. Received per Packet W Liberia, and sold at one sixth the usual price, by
April 14. FELLOWS & CO.

English Wrought Nails,
By the John Barbour, 564, for sale,
152 KEGS, consisting of Four, Six, Eight Ten and Twenty-penny Rose and Clasp Head;
Of Five and Six-penny Ox;
Nine and Ten-penny Horse;
Case and 3 1-2 to 2 1-2 inch Boat Nails,
Sheating Nails,
Four and a half inch Spikes;
March 9. JOHN KINNEAR.

JUST RECEIVED and For Sale—In the Cane and Wood Seat CHAIRS.
GEORGE NIXON,
April 27. Prince Wm street.

LAND FOR SALE.

500 ACRES of Land for Sale, 200 Acres of which are reclaimed, and under cultivation, situate on the South side of Hammond River, parish of Hampton, the property of John Cunningham. There are two Good Dwelling Houses on the Lot, as also three Barns, two of which are 30 by 36 feet, and the other 24 by 24, with under Stables.

The above Property will be Sold in the whole, or in Lots, to suit purchasers.

Application to be made to John Campbell, Hampton Parish, Kings County; or to Mr. Whitmore, Solicitor, or Mr. Hubbard, Auctioneer, St. John.
March 30th, 1855.

JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE—400 lbs. of Extra Goose FEATHERS; 500 do.; Russian do.;
3 new and handsome Patterns of Cloth Paper HANGINGS.
April 13. GEORGE NIXON.

More Window Glass and Paper HANGINGS

Just received from New York:

148 BOXES German three sized GLASS, from 12x20 to 36x60 single thick; 20 Boxes Double thick Glass, for shop windows, sizes from 18x21 to 31x42; 5000 rolls of new patterns of PAPER HANGINGS, all prices.

Parties wanting large Glass, not on hand, I will order it at the shortest notice from New York, and cut it to fit the sash. GEORGE NIXON,
April 12, 1855. Prince Wm. street

FASHIONS Spring 1855. Now open ed, ex *Georgiana*, the new Spring Style of French Satin HATS. For Sale by,
March 23. LOCKHART & CO.

WROUGHT NAILS.—Just arrived by the Ship John Barbour—64 Packages, consisting of 6d., 8ds., 10ds., and 20dy. Boat NAILS; Fourpenny, 5dys. and 6dy. Ox NAILS; Ninepenny and 10dy3 House NAILS. For Sale by JOHN KINNEAR,
January 5. Prince Wm. street.

JOHN KINNEAR,—Prince Wm. Street, Is receiving, per landing, and for Sale—50 Kegs Cut NAILS; 4 Bales Taper CORDS; 3 Barrels Crushed SUGAR; 3 Barrels FLUID; 3 Tierces LIME; 13 Dozen Assorted CHAIRS.
March 23.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON and after Tuesday next, the Subscriber will be found at the premises lately occupied by Mr. Henry Austin, next door to Gabel's corner, same as before. GEORGE RIX PRICE.
April 20.

LEECHES. Just received—100 Swedish LEECHES. Also—Dr. Kennedy's Medical Discovery, for the cure of Salt Rheum, Dyspepsia, Rheumatism, and all diseases of the blood—for sale by S. L. TILLEY,
April 20. No. 12 King Street.

We have obtained the Victory.

KENNAY & SCHRINER,
PIANOFORTE MANUFACTURERS
South side King Square, St. John, N. B.

HAVING taken the First and Second Prizes, and the Diplomas for their instruments, at the Provincial Exhibition, beg leave to inform the public that they can supply Pianofortes at the following prices:

Square Front Mahogany Piccolo,	£30	0	0
Rosewood O. G. Piccolo,	35	0	0
Do. Elegant do.	40	0	0
Cottage,	42	0	0
Semi Cabinet,	45	10	0
Full Cabinet,	50	0	0
Elegant, with French front, fine tone	65	0	0
and circular bottom,			

The whole of the above Instruments are 6 1-3 Octaves in Altitude.

N. B.—All Instruments manufactured by K. & S. will be warranted for three years.

Every description of English and American materials tuned and repaired. March 16th.

S. K. FOSTER'S
Ladies Fashionable Shoe Store.
Foster's Corner Germain Street.

NEW SUMMER BOOTS AND SHOES,
Just received per steamer America.

LADIES' Fashionable Enevres—Paris make; Ladies' superior London Boots and Shoes; Misses', Girls, and Children's Boots and Shoes of all the newest and most fashionable styles;
Ladies' Satin, French Kid and Enamelled Boot, Shoes and Slippers;
Gentlemen's, Boys' and Youths' Boots & Shoes of every quality and style;
House Slippers, at 2s. 6d. a pair;
Pannella Boots, at 5s., 6s., and 5s. 6d.;
An almost endless variety of cheap Boots and Shoes.

N.B.—Orders from all parts of the Province will receive prompt attention.
June 15. S. K. FOSTER.

May, 1855.

NEW GOODS.
NORTH AMERICAN
CLOTHING STORE.
STARR'S BRICK BUILDING, NORTH SIDE OF KING STRT.

Wholesale and Retail General outfitting Establishment.

R. HUNTER,

HAVING completed his Spring importations, respectfully solicits a call from intending purchasers previous to their buying elsewhere—feeling confident that on examination his Stock will prove to be superior and the prices much lower than similar goods can be had at any other Establishment in the City.

The Clothing having been all made up one the premises on the most advantageous terms cannot fail in giving satisfaction. The Stock comprises a general assortment of

BROAD CLOTHS, Cassimeres, Doeskins, VESTINGS,
CLOTHING, HATS, CAPS,
Gentlemens' Patent India Rubber Coats, Capes and Leggins, Hats, Gloves, &c.
Gents' Furnishing Goods, such as Shirts, Collars, Fronts, Hdkf., Stocks, Ties, Umbrellas, Hosiery, Gloves, Braces, Carpet Bags, Trunks, Valises, &c.

☞ Gents who would prefer selecting the Cloth can have their Garments made to order in the most fashionable style by the best of workmen and at the shortest notice.

No second price—all Goods marked in plain figures.

R. HUNTER.

FIRST
Spring Importations!!

Per "Steam Ships 'a Canada" and "Africa" Just Received at the

VICTORIA HOUSE,
Prince William Street, and
BRITISH HOUSE,
King Street.

84 CASES and BALES of BRITISH DRY GOODS! Which will be opened and and ready for Inspection on MONDAY first, 2d April.

☞ These Goods having been carefully selected in the best European Markets under great advantages owing to the unparalled depression in the Manufacturing districts, and very great reduction in the prices of Goods, Purchasers can therefore rely on getting GREATER BARGAINS THAN EVER.

N. B.—Terms, CASH ONLY, and *no second Price.* JAMES DOHERTY & CO
St. John, 20th April, 1855.

P.S.—Further supply of Spring and Summer Goods to arrive per next Mail Steamer, and per ships "Achilles" from London, and "Thomas Campbell" and "Middleton" from Liverpool.

J. DOHERTY & CO.

SALT PETRE!

NO. 17, KING STREET, ST. JOHN, N. B.

WOULD call the attention of the public to his large and varied Stock of GOODS, received per ship Middleton, John Barbour, and Achilles from Liverpool, and Steamers from the United States, viz:

DRUGS and CHEMICALS of all kinds;
Patent Medicine;
Brushes and Combs of nearly every description;
Shaving and Fancy SOAPS; *Perfumery*;
Fancy Articles; Specie of all kinds;
Dye Stuffs—Logwood, Redwood, and Fustic, Ground and in sticks, Indigo, Alum, Copperas, Blue Vitriol, and Annatto;
Brandam's No. 1. WHITE LEAD, in 25lb., 28lb., 56lb., and 1 cwt kegs. Red, Yellow, Blue, and Green PAINTS;
Raw and Boiled Linseed OIL; Spirits Turpentine and Varnish;
Olive and Porpoise Oil;
Pure E. I. CASPORI OIL, in tins;
Gold Leaf; Gazers' Diamonds, GLASS, Putty Lampblack; Glue, &c.;
CONFECTIONARY, in great variety, from the best Scotch and American manufacturers;
SEEDS—Clover, Timothy, and Garden Seeds—warranted fresh.

For sale wholesale and retail at lowest market prices. June 1.

PAPER HANGINGS.—More new Patterns of PAPER HANGINGS, just received at the new Paper Store—4000 Rolls, all good patterns, now open. For sale low by
GEORGE NIXON,
June 15. Prince William Street.

MONEY WANTED.—I want to sell for money, 1 hhd. Cuba SUGAR, 1 bbl. PORK, and 2 Boxes No. 1 Cavendish TOBACCO—duty paid. Price nominal.
ALEXANDER A. COUGHLAN.
March 23. No. 5, Prince Wm. Street

NEW GOODS for Fall Trade

COMMERCE HOUSE,
KING STREET.

OCTOBER 6TH, 1854.

HORSFALL & SHERATON
Have received per Steamers "CANADA," and "NIAGARA," and Packet Ships David C. Fleming," "John Bentley," "John Bannerman," and "Joseph Farrar"

161 Packages of English and French Goods.

Being a part of their extensive purchases for the Fall Business; and comprising a good assortment of every description of

WOOLENS, LINENS, COTTONS,
SILKS, Furs, Hosiery, Gloves, Laces,
and SMALL WARES of every description, which are offered to Wholesale Buyers at the lowest rates, and most favourable terms.

HOUSE FURNISHING.

NEW STYLES.—Oct. 2nd, 1854.
HORSFALL & SHERATON respectfully request the attention of persons furnishing house, to the following description of GOODS, the assortment of which is superior to any heretofore in this market, and are offered at rates to suit the most economical.

Rich Gilt and Mahogany Poles and Cornices, of superior style and finish;
DAMASKS and MOREENS, in all of the Fashionable Colours, with suitable Trimmings;
Silk Brocatelles, very rich;
Silk and Woollen DAMASKS;
Cords and Tassell, for Ottoman;
Rich Velvet Pile, and Tapes CARPETING;
Brussels 3-ply Kid dermuster; Scotch do.;
Hearth Rugs, Sheepskin and Rope Mats;
DRUGGETS, from 4/4 to 16/4;
English and American Floor Oil CLOTHS, new patterns, in all the usual widths;
BLANKETS, QUILTS and Counterpanes;
Table Linens and Sheetings;
Cloth, Worsted, and Linen Table COVERS, &c.
Oct. 4.

CANVASS, &c.

ON HAND and for Sale at low rates:—100 Rolls Leith CANVASS, No. 1 to 6;
5 Tons London and Domestic OAKUM;
4 Tons Hemp and New Zealand CORDAGE, from 6 thd. to 5 in. Apply to
JOHN WALKER,
Feb. 16. Peters' Wharf.

Timothy, Clover & Garden Seeds.

JUST Received—250 Bushels Superior Timothy SEEDS, the growth of this Province;
On hand, and to arrive—7 bbls. Northern Red Clover SEED; and a small quantity White Clover Seed.

Also: To arrive per Middleton: A large assortment of GARDEN SEEDS, warranted fresh.
For sale by S. L. TILLEY,
April 13, 1855. No. 12, King street.

Greater Bargains than Ever.

TREMENDOUS REDUCTION!

CLEARING OUT ENTIRE STOCK, TO MAKE ROOM FOR

Early Spring Importations!!

AT THE

VICTORIA HOUSE,
PRINCE WILLIAM STREET, AND
BRITISH HOUSE,
KING STREET.

The Subscriber have THIS DAY, *still further marked down* ALL THEIR STOCK determined to CLEAR OFF *every article, before arrival of Spring Importations.*

☞ TERMS—CASH ONLY.

N. B.—*All Goods marked in Plain Figures.*
Feb. 2d. J. DOHERTY & CO

India Rubber Boots & Shoes.

Received on Consignment from the Manufacturers:

100 CASES Ladies, Gents' and Children's Rubber Over SHOES;
The above are warranted to be of the best quality, and will be sold lower than any ever offered to the public.
Ladies Metallic RUBBERS, price 1s.;
Gents' do. ditto, " 4s 6d.
A credit of three Months will be given on all purchasers over £15. R. O'BRIEN.
"*Waverley House*," *King Street.*

P. S.—Also a large assortment of leather Goods. January 5.

JOHN HARRIS,
Silver Smith, Jeweller & Engraver
North side of King Street, St. John, N. B., a few doors below the *Waverley House*.

MANUFACTURER of all kinds Silver Plate viz: Tea, Table, and Dessert Spoons; Forks, Ladles, Fish and Butter Knives, &c. &c.; also, Silver Cups of different patterns, which he will furnish *Cheaper* than any other House in the City. The above work is warranted to be made of Sterling Silver, and for neatness of style and superiority of finish, challenges competition.

JEWELLERY made to order and repaired.
All kinds of Engraving neatly executed.
Traders, Pedlers, and others furnished with plain Gold Finger RINGS *cheaper* than can be imported, in all cases punctuality may be relied on. Cash and the highest price given for Old Silver.

MEN & WOMEN'

RUB, RUB, RUBBER SHOES, For Sale Cheap.
ALEXANDER A. COUGHLAN.
Dec. 8, 1854. No. 5, Prince William Street

PAINTS AND OILS.—A few tons Brandram's best WHITE LEAD and coloured PAINTS. ALSO—Brandram's Boiled and Raw OIL, in casks or by the gallon. For sale by
FELLOWS & CO.
June 15.

Paris Gloves.

OPENED this day, ex Steamer Africa, direct from Paris:—
Gent's Black French Kid GLOVES;
" Coloured " " " "
Ladies' " " " " "
☞ Warranted the best made.
Gents' best India Rubber BRACES;
Girls' Fancy Straw HATS. For sale retail only.
LOCKHART & CO.
May 1. King street

Oysters! Oysters!

MAY be had at all times (both American and Shediac) with Temperance Cordial, or Mountain Dew, on application to the *Waverley House*.
April 16. JAMES NEILEY.

HOLLOWAYS PILLS AND OINTMENT—Just received and for sale by
October 28, 1853. FELLOWS & CO.

BRICKS.—50,000 Stourbridge FIRE BRICKS of superior quality—for sale by
January 19. FRAS. CLEMENTSON.

Cane Seat Chairs.—Just received and for Sale, 15 Dozen Cane & Wood Seat CHAIRS
GEORGE NIXON.

Poetry.

PART OF THE 12th CHAPTER OF ISAIAH

Oh, thou, once chief of earthly Kings!
A mightier than thou
Hath wrenched the sceptre from the hand
That circled round thy brow.
Yea, thou who didst the people smite
With a perpetual stroke;
The Lord hath risen against thee, and
Thy staff, and sceptre broke.
Hell, from beneath, is moved for thee,
It stirreth up the dead;
Even every chief one of the earth
Of nations once the head,
To meet thee at thy coming! Lo!
All those shall speak to thee,
They, e'en like us, become like us
And thou made weak as we.
Down to the grave thy pomp is brought,
Thy sound of music's fled;
The loathsome worm doth cover thee,
The worm beneath the spread.
Oh! thou that rul'st the nations weak!
How from the starry height
Art thou cast down to nether depths,
Thou'st thy boasted might!
For thou hast said within thy heart,
"On earth I'll reign alone;
And high above the stars of God,
Will I exalt my throne,
O'er congregated multitudes,
I'll stretch my sceptre forth;
Yea, even o'er the nations great,
Inhabiting the north.
Above the clouds I will ascend,
Where mortal foot ne'er trod;
And, for my exaltation, be,
Second to none but God."
Yet thou to hell shalt be brought down,
Even to the pit, and they
Its dreary cavern, shall, with earnest look,
There narrowly survey,
And say, "Is this indeed the man
That trembled made the earth?
That Kingdoms shook, and cities spoilt,
Now let his prisoners forth?"
Oh, thou, who did'st the people smite
With a perpetual stroke!
The Lord hath risen against thee, and
Thy staff and sceptre broke.

Shelburne. A. B.

Selections.

A BIT OF ROMANCE.

Five or six years ago a rich Louisiana planter died leaving as an only heir, a daughter, who was not quite seventeen years old. She together with her fortune, was placed in the charge of a guardian, who was distantly related to the family. Her fortune, and her remarkable beauty, attracted the attention of many suitors, among whom was an accomplished young man from St. Louis, whose only wealth was his profession. His handsome persons and fascinating manners won the lady's affections, and without the knowledge of her guardian, they were privately married.

Shortly afterwards they moved to St. Louis, where they lived happily for a time and a bright future seemed to be before them. At the expiration of a year, the lady having attained her majority, they returned to new Orleans to claim her fortune and live in the splendid old family mansion. They were coldly received by the occupant, who deliberately informed them that the estate had passed into other hands. They at once applied to the law for redress, and going through the formalities of two or three fruitless suits, they were left penniless, and obliged to abandon the case. Friendless and dispirited, they returned to St. Louis, where the husband, like many other husbands, tried to drown the remembrance of his disappointment in the fatal cup. His wife entreated and admonished him in vain. A separation was the consequence, and the husband became more reckless and dissipated, than ever. Driven at last to desperation, the wife applied for a divorce, obtained it, and retired to a convent. This restored the wretched man to his senses, he abandoned his former associates, returned to the paths of virtue and became an industrious and respectable citizen.

A few months ago the lady received a letter from the son of the former guardian, informing her of his father's death, of his inheritance of the estate, and of his determination to make full restoration, closing with an appeal to her to forgive his misguided parent, and to come to New Orleans and enjoy her fortune. She at once complied with the generous request; and all her inheritance, together with the accumulated interest was restored to her.

Now comes the strangest part of this most extraordinary affair. The young man offered her his hand in marriage, and pleaded with all the earnestness of impassionate love. He reminded her of all their childish attachment, of his deep anguish when she became the wife of another, of the long years of his silent sorrow. All these remembrance came up before her mind, and pathos pleaded eloquently in his favour; but at last the wife triumphed over the woman. She thanked him and gave him her simple blessing; told him that she had loved but one and could never love another; and entreated him to take back all her fortune, and permit her to return to the convent. Finding her resolution unalterable, the young man consented, on condition that she would postpone her return one month. He immediately wrote to the former husband, who was ignorant of what had transpired, offering him a first-rate situation, on condition that he would come immediately. The letter was signed by the principal of a well-known firm, who was apprised of every circumstances in the case. As soon as the letter came to hand, the overjoyed recipient took passage to New Orleans. He presented himself at the place designated in the letter, and at once made himself known by showing his credentials. He was conducted to the residence of the generous heir, where he was informed the writer of the letter waited to receive him. His name was announced, and he was conducted into an elegant parlor, and there alone he met the woman whom he had neglected and dishonored—the woman who had been forced to leave him, but who would not quite give him up.

A few days afterwards the city newspapers announced the marriage of Mr. ——— and Mrs ———. The estate was restored to the lawful owners, and the reconciled couple, made wiser and better by adversity, are now living happily together.

It is good to turn sometimes from the cares and turmoils of politics, and contemplate human nature issue on from the depths of misery and despair, casting aside selfishness and reaching that standard of purity and happiness which so few attain.—*From the Cleveland Leader.*

The Marquis in Petticoats.

Flutter does you at once to the Marquis de la Chetardie—a diplomatist who figured largely in the gay age of Louis XV.—and the story is but one of the illuminated pages of the dark book of diplomacy.

Charles de la Chetardie appeared for the first time to the eyes of the King at a masquerade ball given at Versailles, under the auspices of Madame Pompadour. He was dressed as a young lady of high rank, wishing her debut, and so perfect was his acting and the deception altogether that Louis became enamoured of the disguised marquis, and violently excited the jealousy of "Madame" by his enamoured attentions. An explanation of course took place, and the result was a great peculiarity for the marquis's ancient and illustrious employment, in and out of petticoats, in many a scheme of state diplomacy and royal amusement.

La Chetardie was at that time just eighteen. He was very slight, and had remarkable small hands and feet, and the radiant fairness of his skin, on the favourable softness of his profuse chestnut curls, might justly be the envy of the most delicate woman. He was, at first, subjected to some ridicule for his effeminacy, but the merry courtiers were soon made aware that under this velvet frigidity lay concealed the strength and the ferocity of the tiger. The grasp of his small hand was like an iron vice; and his singular activity, and the cool courage which afterward gave him a brilliant career on the battle field, established him, in a very short time, as the most formidable swordsman of the court. His ferocity, however, lay deeply concealed in his character, and unprovoked he was the gayest and most brilliant of merry companions.

This was the age of occult and treacherous diplomacy; and the court, of Russia, where Louis would fain have exercised an influence (private as well as political in its results), was guarded by an implacable Argus, in the person of the prime minister, Bestuchell. Aided by Sir Hanbury Williams, the English ambassador, one of the craftiest men of the crafty period, he had succeeded for some years in defeating every attempt at access to the imperial ear by the secret emissaries of France. The sudden appearance of La Chetardie, his cool self-command, and his successful personation of a female, suggested a new hope to the king, however; and called to Versailles by royal mandate, the young marquis was taken into cabinet confidence, and a secret mission to St. Petersburg, in petticoats, proposed to him and accepted.

With his instructions and secret despatches stitched into his corsets, and under the ostensible protection of a scientific man, who was to present him to the Czarine as a Mademoiselle de Beaumont, desirous of entering the service of Elizabeth, the marquis reached St. Petersburg without accident or adventure. The young lady's guardian requested an audience through Bestuchell, and having delivered the open letters recommending her for her accomplishments to the imperial protection, he begged leave to continue on his scientific tour to the central regions of Russia.

Congé was immediately granted, and on the disappearance of the *savant*, and before the departure of Bestuchell, the Czarine threw off all ceremony, and pinching the cheeks and imprinting a kiss on the forehead of the stranger, appointed her, by one of those sudden whims of preference against which her ministers had so much trouble to guard, *à peu intimité et particulière*. In short confidential personal attendant. The blushes of the confused marquis, who was unprepared for so affectionate a reception, served rather to heighten the disguise; and Lord Bestuchell bowed himself out with a compliment to the beauty of Mademoiselle de Beaumont, veiled in a diplomatic congratulation to her imperial mistress.

Elizabeth was forty and a little *passe*, but she still had pretensions, and was particularly fond of beauty in her attendants, female as well as male. Her favourite, of her personal suite, at the time of the arrival of the marquis, was an exquisite little creature who had been sent to her, as a compliment to this particular taste, by the Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz—a kind of German Cinella, or Mignon, by the name of Nadege Stein. Not much below the middle size, Nadege was a model of symmetrical proportion, and of very extraordinary beauty. She had been carefully educated for her present situation, and was highly accomplished; a fine reader a singularly sweet musician and dancer. The Czarine's passion for this lovely attendant was excessive, and the arrival of a new favourite of the same sex was looked upon with some pleasure by the eclipsed remainder of the palace fillers.

Elizabeth summoned Nadege, and committed Mademoiselle de Beaumont temporarily to her charge; but the same mysterious magnetism which had reached the heart of the Czarine, seemed to kindle quite as promptly the affections of her attendant. Nadege was no sooner alone with her new friend, than she jumped to her neck, smothered her with kisses, called her by every endearing epithet, and overwhelmed her with questions, mingled with the most child-like exclamations of wonder at her own inexplicable love for a stranger. In an hour she had shown to the new domicile all the contents of the little boudoir in which she lived; talked to her of her loves and hates at the Russian court; of her home in Mecklenburg, and her present situation—in short, near lost her heart with the *naïveté* of a child. The young marquis had never seen so lovely a creature; and responsible as he felt his difficult and delicate situation, he returned the affection so innocently lavished upon him, and by the end of his first hour, was irrecoverably in love. And gay as his life had been at the French court, it was the first, and subsequently proved to be the deepest passion of his life.

On the Czarine's return to her private apartment, she summoned her new favourite, and superintended, with condescending solicitude, the arrangements for her palace lodging. Nadege inhabited a small tower adjoining the bedroom of her mistress, and above this was an unoccupied room, which, at the pressing suggestion of the little fairy attendant, was allotted to the new-comer. The staircase opened by one door into the private gardens, and by the opposite, into the corridor leading immediately to the imperial chamber. The Marquis's duty now would fain have made some allusion to this very intimate location; but he could never find nothing against the interests of his sovereign, and he trusted to a speedy termination of his mission with the attainment of his object. Meantime, the close neighbourhood of the fair Nadege was not the most intolerable of necessities.

The marquis's task was a very difficult one. He was instructed before abandoning his disguise and delivering his secret despatches, to awaken the interest of the Czarine on the two subjects to which the documents had reference—viz., a former partiality of her majesty for Louis, and a formerly discussed project of seating the Prince de Conti on the throne of Poland. Bestuchell had so long succeeded in cutting off all approach of these topics to the ear of the Czarine, that her majesty had probably forgotten them altogether.

Weeks passed, and the opportunities to broach these delicate subjects had been unpropitiously rare. Mademoiselle de Beaumont, it is true, had completely eclipsed the favourite Nadege; and Elizabeth, in her hours of relaxation from state affairs, exacted the new favourite to her private apartments. But the almost constant presence of some other of the hosts of honour, opposed continual obstacles and interruptions, and the Czarine herself was not always disposed to talk of matters more serious than the current trifles of the hour. She was extremely indolent in her personal habits, and often reclined at length upon cushions on the floor of her boudoir, she laid her imperial head in the lap of the embarrassed demoiselle, and was soothed to sleep by reading and the lathing of her temples. And during this period she evinced frequently of the marquis with a kind of instinctive mistrust, promises of continuance for life in her personal service.

But there were a score hours for the enamoured La Chetardie than these passed in the presence of his partial and imperial mistress. Encircled by sentinels, and guarded from all intrusion of other eyes, in the inviolable sanctuary of royalty, the beautiful Nadege, impassioned, (he knew not why, in her love for her new companion, was ever with call, and happy in devoting to him all her flatteries of caressing endearment. He had not yet dared to risk the interests of his sovereign by a disclosure of his sex, even in the confidence of love. He could not trust the Nadege to play so difficult a part as that of possessor of so embarrassing a secret in the presence of the shrewd and observing Czarine. A betrayal, too, would at once put an end to his happiness. With the slight arm of the fair and relying creature about his waist, and her head pressed close against his breast, they passed the balmy nights of the Russian summer in pacing the flowery alleys of the imperial garden, discoursing, with but one reserve, on every subject that floated to their lips. It required, however all the self-control of La Chetardie, and all the favouring darkness of the night, to conceal his smiles at the naive confessions of the unconscious girl, and her wonderings at the peculiarity of her feelings. She had thought hitherto, that there were affections in her nature which could only be called forth by a lover. Yet now, the thought of caressing another than her friend—of repeating to any human ear, least of all to a man, those new-born vows of love—filled her with shame and horror. She felt that she had given her heart irrevocably away—and to a woman! All, with what delirious, though silent passion, La Chetardie drew her to his bosom, and with the pressure of his lips upon hers, interrupted those sweet confessions.

Yet the time at last drew near for the waking from this celestial dream. The discussed diplomatist had found his opportunity, and had successfully awakened in Elizabeth's mind both curiosity and interest as to the subjects of the despatches still sewed safely in his corsets. There remained nothing for him now but to seize a favorable opportunity, and, with the delivery of his missives, to declare his love to the Czarine. There was risk to life and liberty in this, but the marquis knew not fear, and he thought but of its consequences to his love.

In La Chetardie's last interview with the savant who conducted him to Russia, his male attire had been successfully transferred from one portmanteau to the other and it was now in his possession, and ready for the moment of need. With his plans brought to within a single night of the *denouement*, he parted from the Czarine, having asked the imperial permission of an hour's private interview on the morrow, and, with gentle force excluding Nadege from his apartment, he dressed himself in his proper costume, and cut open the warm envelope of his despatches. This done, he threw his cloak over him and with a dark lantern in his hand, sought Nadege in the garden. He had determined to disclose himself to her, renew his vows of love in his proper guise, and arrange, while he had access and opportunity, some means for uniting their destinies hereafter.

Persuading her with difficulty to desist from putting her arms about him, and sit down without a caress, he retreated a few steps, and in the darkness of the pavilion shook down his imprisoned locks to their masculine position, threw off his cloak, and drew up the blind of his lantern—The stream of sunrise which instantly parted from the lips of Nadege, made him regret his imprudence in not having prepared her for the transformation, but her second thought was saintly, for she could believe it, of course, to be nothing but a playful masquerade; and with delighted laughter she sprang to his neck, and overwhelmed her with kisses—another voice, however, joining very unexpectedly in the laughter.

The empress stood before them.

For an instant, with all his self-possession, La Chetardie was confounded and dismayed. Siberia, the knout, the scaffold, flitted before his eyes, and Nadege was the sufferer. But a glance at the face of the Czarine reassured him. She, too, took it for a girlish masquerade.

But the empress, unfortunately, was not disposed to leave a partner in her enjoyment of "hose and doublet." She ordered Nadege to her tiret, with one of the expectant confidantes which her attendants understood to admit of no delay, and while the confused favorite disappeared with the tears of an unwilling submission in her soft eyes, La Chetardie looked after her with the anguish of eternal separation at his heart, for a presentiment crowded irresistibly upon him that he should never see her more.

The Empress was in slippers and robe de nuit, and, as affairs had determined, this well-kept secret should not survive the hour, her majesty laid her arm around that of her supposed masquerader, and led the way to the palace. She was wakeful, and waited to be ready to sleep. And, with many a compliment to the beauty of her favorite in male attire, and many a playful caress, she arrived at the door of her chamber.

For the marquis could go no farther. He had hitherto been spared the embarrassment of passing the sacred threshold, for the pause empress had secrets of toilet for the embellishment of her person, which she trusted only to the eyes of an antiquated attendant. La Chetardie had never had never passed beyond the boudoir which was between the ante-chamber and the bed room, and the time had come for the disclosure of his secret. He fell on his knees and announced himself a [illegible]

Fortunately they were alone. Incredulous at the empress listened to his asseverations, or, with more amusement than displeasure, to the immediate delivery of the despatches,