

# The Star,

## And Conception Bay Semi-Weekly Advertiser.

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### USEFUL INFORMATION.

#### JUNE.

S.	M.	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
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#### Moon's Phases.

Calculated for Mean Time at St. John's, Newfoundland.

First Quarter... 3rd, 2h. 49m., a. m.  
Full Moon... 10th, 6h. 31m., p. m.  
Last Quarter... 17th, Noon.  
New Moon... 24th, 5h. 41m., p. m.

#### Mail Steamers to Depart from St. John's.

For Liverpool.....	Thursday, June 19
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 25
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, July 3
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 9
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 17
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 23
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 31
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, Aug. 6
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 14
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 20
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 28
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, Sept 3
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 11
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 17
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 25
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, Oct. 1
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 9
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 15
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 23
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 29

#### Wholesale Prices Current, St. John's.

BREAD—Hambro' No 1, 32s. 6d.; No. 2, 28s. 6d.; No. 3, 24s. 6d. Local No. 1, 26s.; No. 2, 23s. 6d.; F. C., 22s. 6d.  
FLOUR—Canada Fancy 42s. 6d.; Canada Superfine, 38s.; New York Extra, 38s. to 39s.; New York Superfine 35s. New York No. 2, 30s. to 32s.  
CORN MEAL—White and Yellow, per brl. 18s. to 20s.  
OATMEAL—Canada, per brl. 30s.; P E Island, 27s. 6d.  
RICE—East India, per cwt. 20s.  
PEAS—Round, per brl. 20s. to 21s.  
BUTTER—Canada, good 1s. to 1s. 2d. Nova Scotia, good 11d. to 1s. 1d.; American 8d. to 10d.; Hambro' 8d.  
CHEESE—9d. to 10d.  
HAM—9d. to 10d.  
PORK—American mess 95s. to 100s.; prime mess 90s.; extra prime 77s. 6d.  
BEEF—Prime, per brl. 35s.  
RUM—per Imp. gallon 7s. 10d.  
MOLASSES—Muscovado 2s. 2s. 1d.; Clay-ed 1s. 9d.  
SUGAR—Muscovado, 45s. to 47s. 6d.; American Crushed 72s. 6d.  
COFFEE—1s. 1d. to 1s. 3d.  
TEA—Congou and Souchong, ordinary broken leaf, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d.; fair to good, 2s. to 2s. 6d.  
LARD—American and Canadian 7d. to 8d.  
LEATHER—American and Canadian 1s. 5d.  
TOBACCO—Canadian, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 8d.; American 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.; Nova Scotian, 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.  
CORKAGE—per cwt. 65s.  
SALT—per hhd. Foreign, Liverpool, 7s. 6d.  
KEROSENE OIL—New York manufacture 1s. 9d.; Boston 1s. 9d.  
COAL—per ton, North Sydney 30s.

172 WATER STREET, 172  
**JAMES FALLON,**  
TIN, COPPER & SHEET  
IRON WORKER,

BEGS respectfully to inform the inhabitants of Harbor Grace and outports that he has commenced business in the Shop No. 172 Water Street, Harbor Grace, opposite the premises of Messrs. John Munn & Co., and is prepared to fill all orders in the above lines, with neatness and despatch, hoping by strict attention to business to merit a share of public patronage.

**JOBGING**  
Done at the Cheapest possible Terms.  
Dec 13.

### NOTICES.

**JAMES HOWARD COLLIS**

Dealer and Importer of

#### ENGLISH & AMERICAN

HARDWARE,  
Picture Moulding, Glass  
Looking Glass, Pictures  
Glassware, &c., &c.

TROUTING GEAR,  
In great variety and best quality, WHOLE-  
SALE AND RETAIL.

221 WATER STREET,  
St. John's,  
Newfoundland.

One door East of P. HUTCHINS, Esq.  
**N.B.**—FRAMES, any size  
material, made to order.  
St. John's, May 10.

### FOR SALE.

RESERVES & GROCERIES!

Just Received and For Sale by  
the Subscriber—

Fresh Cove OYSTERS  
Spiced do.  
APPLES

PEACHES  
Strawberries—preserved in  
Syrup  
Brambleberries do.

—ALWAYS ON HAND—

A Choice Selection of  
GROCERIES.

T. M. CAIRNS,  
Opposite the Premises of Messrs. C.  
W. Ross & Co.  
Sept. 17.

### HARBOR GRACE

BOOK & STATIONERY DEPOT

E. W. LYON, Proprietor.

Importer of British and American

#### NEWSPAPERS

—AND—

#### PERIODICALS.

Constantly on hand, a varied selection of  
School and Account Books  
Prayer and Hymn Books for different de-  
nominations  
Music, Charts, Log Books, Playing Cards  
French Writing Paper, Violins  
Concertinas, French Musical Boxes  
Albums, Initial Note Paper & Envelopes  
Tissue and Drawing Paper  
A large selection of Dime & Half Dime

#### MUSIC, &c., &c.

Lately appointed Agent for the OTTAWA  
PRINTING & LITHOGRAPH COMPANY  
Also, Agent for J. LINDBERG, Manufac-  
turing Jeweler.

Large selection of  
CLOCKS, WATCHES  
MEIBERSCHAUM PIPES,  
PLATED WARE, and  
JEWELRY of every description & style  
May 14.

#### GEORGE BOWDEN,

Repairer of Umbrellas and  
Parasols,  
No. 1, LION SQUARE,  
ST. JOHN'S, N. F.

THE SUBSCRIBER, in tendering  
thanks to his friends for the liberal  
patronage hitherto extended to him, begs  
to state that he may still be found at  
his residence, No. 1, Lion Square,  
where he is prepared to execute all  
work in the above line at the shortest  
notice, and at moderate rates.  
All work positively finished by the  
time promised.

Outport orders punctually at-  
tended to.  
St. John's, Jan. 4.

### POETRY.

#### The Welcome Guest.

AN ENIGMA.

The following appears in one of our  
exchanges. Without knowing the origi-  
nal application designed by its writer,  
we suggest the *enigma* may be solved by  
any one on remitting \$3 for the *Harbor  
Grace Star*.

Twice a week into our homes  
A friend we welcome ever comes;  
His brow is very white and fair,  
Yet lines of thought are written there;  
We will not deign to wear disguise;  
We read his mission in his eyes.

Aristocrat he cannot be,  
For in the humblest cot is he;  
And yet his footsteps noiseless fall  
In many a rich and tasteful hall;  
And on this fact we may reflect,  
He enters each with due respect.

Both old and young claim him their friend;  
To him they eager hands extend.  
The little ones he don't forget,  
Their portion 's in a corner set;  
He, like a man of culture true,  
Gives each a portion as 'tis due.

Quite varied is the news he brings;  
At first we list the song he sings;  
Then care and pain he soon dispels  
With glowing stories which he tells;  
He gleans rare gems from many a page,  
Our leisure moments to engage.

Of politics he seldom speaks,  
And from his hoarded treasure seeks  
A portion for the great and wise,  
While he the humblest don't despise.  
He has for such a word of cheer,  
And brings the far off to us near.

His voice in sweetest music swells  
When'er he speaks of marriage bells;  
With tearful and sweet face  
He tells who rest in death's embrace;  
Thus we, in all our life-path, find  
The grief and joy close intertwined.

But let me whisper in your ear,  
(We will not let the stranger hear),  
This friend *must live* as well as we,  
He has dependent ones, you see,  
And surely should not beg his bread  
When he's so *worthy* to be fed.

### EXTRACTS.

#### The Death of Kings.

Richard II., in the play of that name  
disheartened by his calamities, responds to  
all the encouraging words of his lords  
and followers with a bitter satire on the  
wretchedness of royalty:—

For God's sake let us sit upon the ground!  
And tell sad stories of the death of kings:  
How many have been deposed; some  
slain in war;  
Some poisoned by their wives; some  
sleeping killed;  
All murder'd; for within the hollow crown  
That rounds the mortal temples of a king  
Keeps Death his court!

The unhappy monarch was destined to  
furnish in his own tragic fate one more  
illustration of his family. His words  
come vividly to mind in reviewing the  
curious catalogue which a European  
statistician lately furnished of the num-  
ber of sovereigns who perished by violent  
deaths or been disgraced by disaster.  
The list, which must perforce be incom-  
plete, embraces 2540 emperors or kings,  
who have ruled over 64 nations. Of these,  
299 were dethroned, 51 were assassina-  
ted, 123 died in captivity, 103 were formally  
condemned and executed, 100 were  
killed in battle, 64 abdicated, 62 were  
poisoned, 65 died the death of martyrs,  
20 committed suicide, and 11 died insane.  
Even these lists do not probably include  
all the unnatural deaths and dethronements  
that have occurred among the  
2540 rulers thus tabulated, for it was often  
deemed politic to conceal the circum-  
stances of a monarch's death, and history  
mentions many such instances in which  
the cause of death is doubtful; so that,  
for example, the 11 insane and the 20  
suicides and the 62 poisoned doubtless do  
not comprise the whole number of deaths  
which ought to be included under those  
descriptions. Nevertheless, taking these  
figures as they are, they furnish a striking  
comment on King Richard's melancholy  
words, which, by the way, Richard's own  
conqueror and successor almost paralleled  
in his lamentations over the anxieties  
and perils that encompass the kingly  
state. We may add that the death of  
Napoleon III. at Chislehurst has now by  
one name, increased the number of sover-  
eigns dying in exile, while giving the  
whole subject a fresh interest.—*Dippin-  
cott's Magazine*.

### Accident at Sea.

The schooner *Raven*, of Stornoway, has  
arrived here from Lisbon with a cargo of  
salt, after a passage of 15 days. During  
the voyage she encountered very severe  
weather and contrary winds. In the bay  
of Biscay, on the 8th instant, the *Raven*  
encountered heavy weather. A heavy  
sea struck the vessel and swept over her,  
knocking the wheel out of the hands of  
the steersman, the spokes breaking away  
in his hands. The steersman, losing his  
balance, was swept forward, and the wheel  
caught him and smashed one of his legs  
into pieces. The same sea caught the  
captain (John Smith) and carried him  
overboard, and smashing and carrying  
away a large portion of the bulwarks.  
Fortunately he was caught by a spar  
across his neck, and in this way he was  
suspended over the side of the vessel. In  
this position he remained for fully half an  
hour, while the vessel way lying helpless  
in the trough of the sea. The mate and  
the rest of the crew (two in number) who  
were in bed, were soon upon deck,  
and took charge of the vessel and rescued  
the captain from his perilous and painful  
position. The captain's head was dread-  
fully cut and injured, and it had to be  
sewed up by the mate, who took charge  
of the vessel, as the captain was laid up  
and unable to move, until his arrival in  
Stornoway 11 days after the occurrence  
above mentioned, the mate having only  
another man and a boy to assist him in  
the management of the vessel. Great  
credit is due to the mate for his suc-  
cessfully conveyed the *Raven* to Storno-  
way under such peculiar and distressing  
circumstances, with only one man and a  
boy to assist him during a severe and  
stormy passage. Part of the bulwarks of  
the *Raven* were carried away by the above  
mentioned sea.

### Frightful Tragedy in London.

On Sunday morning, at half-past ten  
o'clock, a most dreadful tragedy was en-  
acted at No. 10 Charles Street, Walworth  
London. It seems that for some years  
past a carpenter and joiner, named James  
Sibley, has resided with his wife and  
family at the house in question. Sibley  
has been arrested by the police for violent  
conduct towards his wife; but on each  
occasion her love overcame her indigna-  
tion, and she refused to appear against  
him. There can be no question that he  
has been partially mad for some time  
past, and the neighbours who knew him  
well have often remarked his wild and  
uncertain manner, but no thoughts  
seem to have been entertained that such  
a terrible tragedy would result from the  
man's uncouth manner and appearance.  
On Saturday night the family consisting  
of Sibley, his wife Sarah, and four child-  
ren, retired to rest as usual, and at half-  
past eight yesterday the husband took a  
stroll for half an hour. He returned to  
breakfast, and at 10.30 his wife was oc-  
cupied in washing one of the children,  
who was crying, when Sibley muttered an  
oath, and bade the child "hold her row."  
The girl continued to cry, when he sud-  
denly seized a carving knife and rushed  
at her. The wife, thinking something  
dreadful would ensue, interposed, when  
Sibley seized her (the wife) by the hair of  
the head, dragged her backwards, and  
drew the knife with such violence across  
her throat that the head was nearly  
severed from the body. At this dread-  
ful scene his four daughters, Lizzie (9),  
Ellen (7) Mary Jane, and Alice raised a  
great outcry, and Sibley rushed at Ellen,  
and after frantically brandishing the knife  
inflicted a deep wound upon the child's  
arm. Lizzie ran to help her sister, when  
the infuriated madman struck her twice  
over the head with the edge of the knife  
and the girl sank to the ground appear-  
ing dead, having received two very serious  
lacerations of the scalp. For a moment  
or two Sibley looked at his other two  
children, as if he were undecided whether  
to attack them or not, but he suddenly  
brandished the knife aloft and ran into  
the street. Here some of the neighbours,  
having heard the children screaming, were  
congregated, but on seeing Sibley emerge  
from the house holding the dripping  
weapon in his hand they hastily beat a re-  
treat. One man, however, who lived two  
or three doors from Sibley called for as-  
sistance, and rushed forward with the in-  
tention of disarming the madman; but  
before the intention could be carried in-  
to effect, Sibley yelled out some blas-  
phemous words of defiance, and drew the  
knife with great violence across his own  
throat. The cut was from ear to ear, and  
death must have been instantaneous.  
The wretched man staggered backwards a  
step or two, and then fell into the passage  
of his house a corpse. The deceased man  
and his wife were both young, the former  
being 48 and the latter 36.—*Glasgow  
Weekly Herald*, May 31.

### THE REFORMED CROWS.—Colonel B—

had one of the best farms near the Illi-  
nois River. About a hundred acres of it  
were covered with waving corn. When  
it came up in the spring, the crows seem-  
ed determined on its entire destruction.  
When one was killed, it seemed as  
though a dozen came to its funeral; and  
though the sharp crack of the rifle often  
drove them away, they always returned  
with its echo. The Colonel at length  
became weary of throwing grass, and re-  
solved on trying the virtue of stone. He  
sent to the druggist's for a gallon of al-  
cohol, in which he soaked a few quarts of  
corn, and scattered it over his field. The  
Blacklegs came and partook with their  
usual relish, and, as usual, they were  
pretty well "corned," and there follow-  
ed a strange cawing and cackling and  
strutting, and swaggering. When the  
boys attempted to catch them, they were  
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his system at Brussels on Sunday, June  
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Champs de Manoeuvres, to a height of  
about 300 yards, and then launch himself  
into empty space, and direct himself in  
the air by means of wings arranged like  
those of a shallow.

### Murders in America.

The New York papers report the dis-  
covery of atrocious murders committed  
by a family consisting of two men and

two women, named Bender, near Cherry-  
vale, Labette County, Kansas. Thirteen  
mutilated bodies have been found buried  
in the garden of the house where this  
family lived, but from which they fled  
before suspicion was excited or a search  
begun. The house is on the open prairie,  
and not at all concealed by timber. The  
Benders kept this house as a kind of way-  
side tavern, and closer to the road is a  
building that was used as stable. The  
main building was divided into two rooms  
the front and larger room being used for  
the purpose of serving the meals, and the  
rear room as a sleeping apartment, in  
which there were two beds and some few  
articles of additional furniture. Attached  
to the house in the rear is a garden, and  
the land on which the property is located  
is about two acres in extent. The Ben-  
ders were not visited by the neighbours  
to any great extent, as they did not bear  
a good reputation, especially one of the  
women, supposed to be Johanna Bender,  
but better known by the name of Katie  
Bender, who is described as an unprepos-  
singing young woman. She professed to  
have a power to cure all diseases. The  
presumed incentive to murder in all cases  
was plunder and there is reason to be-  
lieve that the victims had all been lured  
into the tavern of the Benders for the  
purpose of robbery and assassination.  
The community in which these atrocities  
were committed became greatly excited,  
and a man who was supposed to be im-  
plicated in them was put to torture by the  
infuriated people. Three times he was  
hung until he was nearly strangled, and  
then allowed to revive. When the mail  
left nothing had been discovered as to  
the murderers, who had left their home  
some days before the discovery.

### A BREACH OF GOOD MANNERS.—Many

good stories are told of the extraordinary  
pitch to which the Dutch carry their pas-  
sion for cleanliness, but few better than  
the following:—It was formerly consid-  
ered at Amsterdam the height of improp-  
riety to expectorate in the street, and  
the stranger who was guilty of such an  
indiscretion was at once "sent to Coventry"  
by the best society in the town. A  
recently-arrived Yankee discovered this  
to his cost. Convicted of the offence in  
broad daylight while passing in front of  
the Guildhall, he found every house oc-  
cupied against him, and his "quarantine"  
so closely that he determined to leave the  
country, although he would have much  
preferred to stay there. Twenty years  
passed before he dared to show his face  
again in Amsterdam, but at last he re-  
turned, so changed and aged as to be un-  
recognisable. While promenading the  
streets, a fine concert hall which he did  
not remember to have seen on his previ-  
ous visit caught his attention. "Can you  
inform me," he asked of a passer-by,  
"how long this establishment has been  
built?" "Certainly," replied the Dutch-  
man, frowning, as though something un-  
pleasant had been recalled to his mind,  
"it is very easy to remember. It was  
built twenty years ago, the year of the  
Yankee's breach of good manners."

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