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

NOTICE.

ALL Persons indebted to JAMES AGNEW, late of the City of Saint John, deceased, Watchmaker, are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned: and those who have demands against his Estate, are requested to leave a statement of the same with her, within Three Months from date, in order to their adjustment. ELIZA AGNEW.
St. John, Dec. 24th, 1850 *Administratrix.*

NOTICE

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of The Honorable HUGH JOHNSTON, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested; and all those indebted to the same Estate, are required to make immediate payment to John M. Robinson, one of the undersigned.

HARRIET M. JOHNSTON, *Executrix.*
HUGH B. JOHNSTON, } *Executors.*
JOHN M. ROBINSON, }
St. John, May 7, 1850.

REMOVAL.

MR. G. BLATCH, *Barrister and Attorney-at-Law, Notary Public, &c.*, has removed his Office to the new Building, owned by F. A. Wiggins, Esq., at the corner of Prince William and Princess Streets.

Entrance second door on Princess Street.
April 15.

Agricultural Implements.

THE Subscribers have made arrangements to have manufactured Horse Powers, Thrashing Machines, Fanning Mills, Ploughs, Churns, Furnaces, and other implements, all on the most approved principles, which will be equal in material and workmanship, and cheaper than the imported implements. For Sale by
Feb. 4, 1851. JARDINE & CO.

Superior Old Pale Brandy.

Just received per ship "Harriott," from Liverpool,—

6 HHDS. very superior quality Pale Cognac BRANDY.—Will be sold low by
JOHN V. THURGAR.
March 4th, 1851. North Mkt. Wharf.

London Paper Hangings.

Just received by the "Caros" from London:

3000 PIECES new and handsome Patterns, the length of each piece warranted 11½ to 12 Yards, and breadth 21 to 22 Inches. —Also—
Books of other Patterns, any of which can be ordered. JOHN KINNEAR.
April 29. *Prince William Street.*

Sugar and Molasses.

Landing ex Brig "*Emma Adeline*," from Porto Rico:

102 HHDS. Bright SUGAR, 102 hhds. Muscovado MOLASSES; 50 Bags COFFEE.

All of very choice quality, and selected expressly for Retail Trade.—For Sale by
May 6, 1851. JARDINE & CO.

GOODS.

Received by the 'Lisbon,' Clancy,' and 'Caros':

3000 PIECES handsome London Paper Hangings; 550 boxes assorted sizes Window GLASS, 5 hhds. Crushed Sugar, 1 hhd. Loaves of Sugar, 20 hhds. Raw and Boiled Linseed OIL, 250 kegs 'Brandram's' White Lead, No. 1 and No. 2; 20 boxes London Starch, 2 do. Patent do; 25 kegs best MUSTARD, 20 kegs best Ground GINGER, 200 bags assorted SHOT; 12 cases Florence OIL, 2 barrels Malabar Ginger, 5 bags Black PEPPER, 400 gross Bottle CORKS, 2 cases Castor Oil, 2 bales SENNA, 1 barrel Blue VITRIOL, 3 barrels Spit PEAS, 2 casks Table SALT, 1 hhd. Bath Bricks, 2 cases Servant's Friend, 1 barrel Tartaric Acid, 1 barrel refined Berswax, 1 chest CINNAMON, 1 basket Annato, 1 case Shoe Thread.
St. John, May 6. JOHN KINNEAR.

By Ship 'Onyx':

BALES She[illegible]ks and Wrapping Paper, casks Alk[illegible]rbonate of SODA, Ground LOGWOOD, [illegible] For sale by
April 29. JARDINE & CO.

VICKER'S FILES, &c.

Just received per 'Sarah Milledge':

1 CASK Vicker's Mill and other FILES: 1 cask Rim LOCKS:
7 doz. Ballast and Barn SHOVELS.
April 1. W. H. ADAMS.

Lines and Twine—per 'Speed.'

3 TRUSSES containing COD and POLLOCK LINES, Sail and Wrapping TWINE and SHOE THREAD. W. H. ADAMS.
26th April, 1851.

LINSEED OIL.

By Ship 'Wolfe's Cove'—

10 CASKS Boiled and Raw Linseed OIL. For sale by
April 29. JARDINE & CO.

Fishing Thread! Fishing Thread!

JUST received, a large Supply of the above article, which will be sold low for Cash.
J. & H. FOTHERBY.
Market Square, 25th March, 1851.

FISHING THREADS.

Just received at the LONDON HOUSE, Market Square.

A LARGE Quantity of FISHING and other THREADS.
March 25 1851 T. W. DANIEL.

Salmon Twine, &c.

W. TISDALE & SON have received per *Onyx* and *Speed*—
2 Bales Salmon TWINE, No. 20.
Pots, Bakepans, Spatulas, Griddles, Cake Boxes, &c., which will be sold low.
April 29.

Now Landing.

Ex Schooner "Lusanna," from Philadelphia:

250 BARRELS CORN MEAL; 151 do. RYE FLOUR.
For Sale by JARDINE & CO.
April 15.

Market Square, March 29th, 1851.

JUST RECEIVED:

AN assortment of English and American GOODS,—consisting of Ivory handle TABLE CUTLERY; Hair Brushes and Combs; Tooth and Nail Brushes; Britannia Metal Spoons; Thermometers; Meerschaum Bowls, Stems, Mouthpieces, Fusees, Repeal Pipes, &c.; splendid lot Portemonnies and Cards, (Game Tivoli; Bohemian Toilette BOTTLES, and Candlesticks; Venetian Letter Weights; Crochet Needles; Bone Knitting Pins; Steel, Silver, and Gilt BEADS, best quality; a very large assortment Purse Trimmings, Fringes, Tassels, Rugs, &c.; Shawl Pins; Gold, Silver, Pearl and Steel Slide Buckles; Hair Pins; Back Combs; Fancy FANS; Silk and Cotton PURSES; Hair and Jet Bracelets; Crystal Neck Ribbon BROOCHES; Vegetable Ivory Articles; Transparent Slates; Life Preservers; Walking Canes; Table Mats; Britannia Metal Revolving CASTORS, (all prices) &c. &c.; with many other articles just opened, which with their large stock of Rich JEWELLERY, WATCHES, CUTLERY, Silver Spoons and Fancy Goods, are offered at the lowest Market prices, wholesale and retail. An inspection is respectfully invited; a detailed Catalogue of our large variety can be had on application.

☞ A further supply of Cutlery, Electro, Albata and Plated Ware, &c. expected by first Spring Vessels.
ROBINSON & THOMPSON,
PROPRIETORS.

WORTH KNOWING,

To those whose Wardrobe wants replenishing.

A. GILMOUR,

Tailor and Draper,

BRAGG'S BUILDING, KING STREET,

HAS ON HAND

THE Choicest Stock of *SPRING CLOTHING* in the City, which for neatness of Style, quality of texture, and lowness of price, cannot fail to continue to this Establishment the very liberal patronage it has hitherto had. Among the Stock now on hand, a considerable portion is of

FRENCH AND GERMAN CLOTH,

the superiority of which is well known; those then that want to lay out their money to the best advantage will do well to give an early call, for they will find Beautiful Black Cloth SACK COATS 25s. to 40s.; Fancy Doe Skin SHOOTING COATS from 20s. to 35s.; *DRESS and FROCK COATS* in great variety, and all got up in the very best style. April 15.

PICTURES!

JUST received a choice assortment of Engravings in frames, being subjects from the best Artists, which are offered at very low rates.
May 6. J. & H. FOTHERBY.

Canvas, Window Glass and Tobacco Pipes.

Landing for the Subscriber ex the Ships "Lisbon" and "Onyx":

250 BOXES Window GLASS, assorted sizes, from 10x8 to 15x11:
50 Boxes Tobacco PIPES, well assorted:
—Also—
1 Bales of Superior quality heavy Navy Canvas. For sale low by
JOHN V. THURGAR.
St. John, May 6, 1851.

London Groceries, &c.

Now landing ex Brig "Caros," from London,

50 CHESTS fine Congo TEA,
15 hhds. fine Crushed SUGAR,
7 Casks Day & Martin's BLACKING,
100 Kegs White LEAD,
25 Casks fine Blue Poland STARCH,
25 Kegs D. S. F. MUSTARD,
5 Barrels White Wine VINEGAR,
Cases—Old Brown Windsor Soap—Ground Ginger—Indigo—Maccaroni—Vermicelli—Isinglass Salad Oil.
Casks—Lazenby's Pickles and Sauces—Currants—Pearl Sago—fine Table Salt—Scrubbing Brushes, Golden Syrup and Treacle—Copperas—Bales Bed Cords, &c.
100 dozen Griffin Scythes—border Knives—Cattle Ties—Spades—Shovels, &c. &c. &c.
For sale by JARDINE & CO.
St. John, April 26, 1851.

Tea, Sugar, Molasses,

IN BOND.

70 CHESTS Fine Congo TEA, per *Julia Ann*,
14 Hhds. Bright Porto Rico SUGAR, per *Fashion*,
53 Hhds. MOLASSES, Trinidad de Cuba, per *Iola*;
80 Hhds. and 21 Tierces Porto Rico MOLASSES, "Ariebo," per *Daring*,
60 Hhds, Porto Rico MOLASSES, "Maguez"
For sale at a very low figure.
JAMES MACFARLANE.
April 18th. Market Square.

March 25, 1851.

NEW AND EXTENSIVE ASSORTMENT OF

Cheap and Handsome Room Papers.

THE Subscriber has just received per Steamer from Boston, upwards of *Six Thousand Pieces* of New and Cheap ROOM PAPERS, which he will sell cheaper than the same qualities can be bought for at any other Store in the City.
March 25. S. K. FOSTER.

HARDWARE.

W. H. ADAMS
HAS JUST RECIEVED:

9 DOZ. Square point Iron SHOVELS, 3 do. Cast Steel do.;
4 doz. Hay and Manure FORKS,
3 kegs EMERY; Emery and Glass Paper,
Molasses Gates; Spirit Levels and Tubes,
Grain MEASURES; White Door KNOBS
Mortice and Rim LOCKS;
Japan'd Clothes HOOKS;
Sheet Zinc; Lead Pipe; Sheet Lead;
Counter SCALES and WEIGHTS;
WOOD SCREWS.
—ON HAND—
Hoole, Scantlorb & Co's Circular and Gang SAWS
Cut NAILS, of every size, domestic manufacture.

With a good assortment of most descriptions of Goods in his line, and which will be Sold as low as at any other establishment in the City.
March 25.

Oakum, Paint, and Oil.

Landing ex Caro, from London—

5 TONS London OAKUM.
130 kegs *Brandram's* WHITE LEAD,
6 casks Brandram's Raw & Boiled Linseed Oil,
1 cask PUTTY.
Ex John S. DeWolf, *from Liverpool*—
6 cases Cast STEEL, [illegible] sizes,
20 bundles Best Spring STEEL.
For sale by GEORGE THOMAS,
29th April. *South St. Wharf.*

Burning Fluid.

A SUPPLY of the above Article just received and for sale by
Dec 17. FLEWWELLING & READING.

UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Capital $150,000.—Charter unlimited.

No connection with Fire, Marine, or Health Insurance.

POLICIES issued at REDUCED RATES for Mercantile purposes. Special Permits for sea voyages and for California residence at reduced premium.

It is believed that any Parish, or association of ladies, or others, for that special purpose, or any benevolent individual, desirous of securing an amount, to be paid to a Clergyman or other person on attaining the age of 40, 50 or 60 years, or to his family in the event of his death sooner occurring, will find on examination of the prospectus of this Company, (which is always furnished gratis by the Agents, or by mail if written for,) that it offers greater facilities for the attainment of that object than any other similar Institution. (See extracts from Charter, and remarks, page 17 of Prospectus.)

Persons insured in this Company on the mutual plan—the "only plan," says Chambers, (see page 10 of Prospectus,) "which the public at large are concerned to support"—will have returned to them *all of the profits*, instead of a portion only, as is proposed by some of the stock or mixed companies.

Late annual dividend, *seventy five per cent.* on the premiums paid by mutual members. On Policies for Life, half the premiums vested in the party's own hands at simple interest.

The Finance Committee (who are among the most reliable financiers in this country,) superintend all investments of the Company.

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FRANKLIN HAVEN, Pres't Merchants' Bank, Boston.
THOMAS THATCHER, Merchant, Boston.
REUEL WILLIAMS, President Kennebec Railroad.

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John I. Palmer, Esq., N. Y.	Hon. R. G. Shaw, Boston.
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Lawrence Trimble & Co. "	Hon. Wm. Sturgis, do.
Alsop & Chauncey, "	Chas. Sumner, Esq. do.

Directors' Office, 60, State Street, Boston.
E. B. PRATT, President.
DANL. SHARP, Jun., Vice President.
HENRY CROCKER, Secretary.

W. H. HATHEWAY, Atty. at Law, Market Square, St. John, Agent for New Brunswick.
St. John, March 18, 1850.

Agricultural and Garden Seeds, AND IMPLEMENTS, &c,

By Ships Renfrewshire and Glasgow, a large assortment of Agricultural and Garden SEEDS, comprising—

300 BUSHELS Potato, Polish and Hopetoun OATS,
20 bushels Grey and White Field PEAS,
10 Do. Horse BEANS,
10 Do. Spring VETCHES,
10 Do. Perennial RYE GRASS,
Purple Top Swedish, Skirving's Improved, Border Imperial, Dale's Hybrid, Aberdeen Yellow, White Globe, Early Horn } TURNIP SEED,
Long Orange, Large Altringham, White Belgian } CARROT SEED,
Long Red Mangold WURTZEL,
Red and Dark Purple BEET,
Cabbage, Savoy, and Cauliflower SEEDS, in all their varieties,
Onion, Parsnip, Lettuce, Spinach,
Cucumber, (very fine,) Radish, Parsley,
Salsafy, Sage, Savory, Thyme, &c. &c.
A large assortment of Garden Peas and Beans, and Annual and Perennial Flower SEEDS.
Also—Red & White Clover and Timothy Seeds.
10 tons finest Peruvian Guano and Bone Dust.

—*IMPLEMENTS*—

5 Willie's best two Horse PLOUGHS.
American and New-Brunswick subsoil, sidehill, and Double Mould Board Ploughs, etc.
Cultivators, Seed Sowers, Fanning Mills, Agricultural Boilers, Hay and Manure Forks, Spades and Shovels, Hill and Hoes, Hooks, Border Knives, Cattle Ties, Grain Cradles, Patent Dasher and Thermometer CHURNS.
Grindstone Rollers, Hay Cutters, Hoes of all kinds, Hand- and Horse Hay Rakes, Horse Powers, Grain Scythes, Scythe Snaths, Scythe Stones and Rifles, Sickles and Grass Hooks, Corn Shellers, &c. &c.—For sale by
April 29. JARDINE & CO.

SUMMER OVER COATS, Black Venetian Cloth, a New and beautiful article for Summer Over Coats or loose Sacks, will be made to order low, at HALL'S CLOTHING STORE, Prince William-street, next door North the *Golden Fleece.*
JAMES T. HALL,
May 6. *Proprietor*

HATS and CAPS!

Spring Style of Hats for 1851.

Crowns:—7 7-16 High, 3 16 Bell, rounded off slightly at the sides of the Top, tapering to front and rear.
Brim:—From 2 inches to 2 3-16 wide.

C. D. EVERETT & SON having received the Spring Patterns, are now prepared to furnish their friends and the public with *fashionable* HATS and CAPS, of every quality, and at the lowest possible prices, for *Cash only.* Our best Hats, which we will warrant equal to any manufactured on this Continent, are only 29s. each. All other qualities equally low.

☞ Call and see us at either of our Establishments—East side of Market Square, Prince Wm. Street; or North side of King Street, at the store formerly occupied by the late H. Porter, Esq.
March 18. C. D. EVERETT & SON.

Spring and Summer Goods!

Well worthy the attention of Purchasers!

The West of England, French and German

CLOTHS,

The Were Mercell, and Fancy Silk and Satin

VESTINGS,

And West of England, French and German

DOESKINS.

IN ALL SHADES AND TEXTURES,

At Very Moderate Prices!!!

THE subscriber in calling the attention of the Public to the above Stock of WOOLLEN GOODS, hops to say that he is now prepared to execute any orders that he may be entrusted with, in a *superior style*—and he hopes from strict attention to business to merit a share of the patronage of a discerning public.

Parties purchasing Woollen Goods *Wholesale* will do well by examining his Stock before buying elsewhere—Terms liberal for approved Paper.
JAMES MYLES, Prospect-row,
Howard House.

N. B.—Will be ready in a few days a large Stock of *Spring and Summer CLOTHING*—Pantaloons next week. J. M.
North side King street, May 6, 1851.

FOR SALE,

The COTTAGE in the Parish of Simonds, built by the late John O'Toole—Enquire of
BENJAMIN SMITH.

☞ If not Sold by the first of May, the Cottage and Grounds will be Let for one or more years.—Enquire as above. April 15

Poetry.

THE COTTAGER'S WELCOME.

BY GEORGE P. MORRIS.

Hard by I've a cottage that stands near the wood—
A stream glides in peace at the door—
Where all who will tarry, 'tis well understood,
Receive hospitality's store.
To cheer that the brook and the thicket afford,
The stranger we ever invite;
You're welcome to freely partake at the board,
And afterwards rest for the night.

The birds in the morning will sing from the trees,
And herald the young god of day,
Then, with him uprising, depart if you please,
We'll set you refreshed on the way;
Your coin for our service we sternly reject;
No traffic for gain we pursue,
And all the reward we wish or expect,
We find in the good that we do.

Mankind are all pilgrims on life's weary road,
And many would wander astray,
In seeking Eternity's silent abode,
Did Mercy not point out the way!
If all would their duty discharge as they should,
To those who are friendless and poor,
The world would resemble my cot near the wood,
And life the sweet stream at my door.

HOW MR. CURSTY SANDBOYS CHANGED HIS CLOTHES.

[From "1851; or, the Great Exhibition."]

In a few minutes Mr. Sandboys returned to the kitchen, clad in his best suit, to receive the opinion of his wife as to the improved character of his appearance. Mrs. Sandboys twisted her "guidman" round and round, tried to pull the wrinkles out of his coat behind, pinched up the frill of his shirt, and ultimately pronounced that she thought he would do—at least, thank guidness, she said, he was clean and sweet once more. Then, having kissed him, she dispatched him on his out-door errand.

Mrs. Sandboys was still engaged in the interesting process of unpacking her trunks in the kitchen, when a hawker of flowers, with a basket of all colours on his head, stopped before the railings, and observing the lady down stairs, immediately commenced crying—"Fine flowers! sweet-scented flowers! handsome flowers!—all a-blowing—all a-growing!"

Eley, observing the bright scarlet blossoms of the geraniums, and the long crimson drops of the fuchsias swinging backward and forward in the wind, and the pink balls of roses, nodding at every motion of the huckster's head, called out to her mother to come and see what beautiful plants the man had got.

The street seller no sooner caught sight of Mrs Sandboys, than he shouted again—"Fine flowers! sweet-scented flowers. Take any old clothes for 'em, ma'am. You may have the pick of the basket for an old coat."

Mrs Sandboys shook her head, but the street-seller seeing her still look up, put his basket down on the pavement, and began trying to have a deal with her down the area railings.

"Now's your time, ladies," he cried; "you can have this here moss-rose for an old wessit, or a pair of satin shoes. Now's your time, ladies; all a-blowing! all a-growing!"

Eley, at her mother's request, stepped out into the area to tell the man that they didn't want any.

But the cunning dealer having once got the girl into conversation, handed her down a pot of mignionette, and begged her just to put her nose to that there. As she snuffed at the fragrant flowers, the man said he'd accept of anything, he didn't mind what it was, how old or how dirty, for he had not taken a penny all that day. Any old trowsers, Miss, if you'll tell your ma, or an old hat, or a pair of boots—it's all the same, Miss; though they ain't no use to you, they're as good as money to us. Take that there pot in to your ma' Miss and ax her just to put her nose to it, and then say whether she doesn't think such a nosegay as that there ain't worth an old straw bonnet, or some white linen rags."

Eley trotted in with the plant, vowing that she had never in all her life seen such beautiful flowers as the man had in his basket,—the geraniums quite made her eyes ache to look at them; and then she told her mother that the man said he would take anything for them, even old rags.

The novelty of the transaction, the beauty of the plants, and the seeming wonderful cheapness of them, all produced such an effect upon Mrs. Sandboys' mind, that she began to consider what useless article she had with her that she could offer the man in exchange for one of them.

After much cogitation, they both came to the conclusion that the trowsers which Mr. Sandboys had worn in the morning were too shabby for him to put on in London; they were the "old things," said his wife, "which he had split to pieces in going after that tiresome pig, and which, on second thoughts, she had considered quite good enough for him to travel in; and now, as the new ones she had bought him at Cockermouth had come to hand, why, there was no necessity for her keeping the others any longer; and she knew very well, unless she got rid of the nasty, shabby old things, Cursty would be making his appearance in them some day; which, if she took them out in flowers, it would prevent his ever wearing them again.

The determination once formed, Mrs. Sandboys motioned the flower seller to the street-door, where Eley was despatched to fetch the trowsers that her father had recently taken off.

The street-seller, on seeing the garments, declared that they were hardly worth putting in his basket, and carrying home. "If the lady had got an old coat, he'd let her have that there handsome fuchsia for it, 'cause the skirts was valuable—let it be ever so much worn—for making cloth caps for boys, and the officers in the army; or, he wouldn't mind checking in that particular fine 'artsease for an old wessit, *for they* came in handy for parsons' gaiters, but trowsers was no account at all: however, he didn't like to be hard with the ladies, so he'd give 'em that there lovely Chincy rose for the trowsers and a silver sixpence."

Mrs. Sandboys, however, was woman of the world enough to be a good bargainer; so, as fast as the huckster decried her husband's old breeches, she did the same for the street-seller's flowers. In due commercial style each professed to be equally careless about dealing with the other, and yet each was equally anxious for the bargain.

At length, after much haggling, it was agreed that Mrs. Sandboys should have a pot of mignionette and a couple of cut moss-roses for the garment; whereupon the old trowsers were transferred to the flower-seller's long black bag, and the flowers to the care of Mrs. Sandboys.

Immediately the man had closed the door, the nature of Buttermere hastened to Mrs. Fothesell to show her the bargains she had effected; and while the ladies were engaged in smelling one after another at the delicious perfume of the blossoms, a violent knock came to the door, and in a minute the breathless Sandboys stood panting before his wife.

Presently he explained, by snatches between his gasps, how he had got into an omnibus on his way to the station house to which Jobby had been taken by the policeman, for, as he said, he considered *that* would be the best place to obtain tidings of any missing party—and how, after having ridden a short distance, he had put his hand into his pocket to feel for his money, and discovered to his horror that he had come out without any. The consequence was, he proceeded to say, that he had to stop the 'bus and acquaint the conductor with his misfortune; whereupon the man abused him in a shameful manner, calling him a cheat, and threatening personal violence.

When Mr. Sandboys had finished his story, his wife asked him how he could be such a simpleton as to leave his money behind him, and requested to be informed where he had it.

"In t' pockets of mey aul'd breeks," responded the innocent Cursty.

The words came upon his dear Aggy like a thunder-clap. As the lady said afterwards "any one might have knocked her down with a feather." Eley stared at her mother, and the mother stared at the daughter, in a maze of bewilderment. Neither liked to confess the truth to Cursty, and yet to delay doing so was every minute to diminish the probability of obtaining possession of the precious garments again.

At length Mrs. Sandboys *did* venture to break the matter to her husband. She told him she had disposed of his trowsers only a few moments before his return for a pot of mignionette and a couple of moss roses.

"Well, Aggy," cried Cursty, when he had recovered from the first shock, "thee'll have to suffer for't as well as meysel, for forty t' notes I'd got in t' pocket-book, thar was thy marriage lines that thee wud mek me bring up wi' me, to shew thee wast an honest woman, if ever thee sud want as mucll."

"Waistoma! waistoma!" cried poor Mrs. Sandboys, when she heard of this, to her, the greatest loss of all. At first she raved against London, and London people, and London wickedness. Then she declared it was all Cursty's fault, and owing to his nasty idle habits of never emptying his pockets, when he changed his clothes, but leaving her everything to do. Next, she vowed she would go back to Buttermere that very night, for nothing but misery had befallen her ever since they had made up their mind to enjoy themselves.

WIDOW JONES'S COW.

Mr. Weld, editor of the New York *Despatch*, tells a story in as rich and quaint a style as any lord of the quill we know of. For example—"Widower Smith's waggon, that *stopped one morning before* Widow Jones's door, and gave the usual sign he wanted somebody in the house, by dropping the reins, and sitting double with his elbows on his knees. Out tripped the widow, lively as a cricket, with a tremendous white ribbon on her snow white cap. Good morning was soon said on both sides, and the widow waited for what was further to be said. "Well ma'am Jones, perhaps you don't want to sell one of your cows, no how, for nothing no way do you?"—"Well, there, Mr. Smith you could'nt have spoken my mind better. A lone woman like me does not know what to do with so many creatures, and I should be glad to trade, if we can fix it." So they adjourned to the meadow. Farmer Smith looked at Roan, then at the widow, then at Brindle, then at the widow, at the Downing cow, then at the widow again, and so through the whole forty. The same call was made every day for a week, but farmer Smith could not decide which cow he wanted. At length on Saturday, when widow Jones was in a hurry to get through her baking for Sunday, and had ever so much to do in the house, as all farmers' wives and widows have on Saturday, she was a little impatient. Farmer Smith was as irresolute as ever. "The Downing cow is a pretty fast creature—but——" he stopped to glance at the widow's face, and then walked around her—not the widow, but the cow—"that ere short horned Durham is not a bad looking beast but, I don't know——" another look at the widow. "The Downing cow I knew before the late Mr. Jones bought her." Here he sighed at the allusion to the late Mr. Jones. She sighed, and both looked at each other. It was a highly interesting moment. "Old Roan is a faithful old milch, and so is Brindle, but I have known better.—A long pause succeeded this speech—the pause was getting awkward, and at last Mrs. Jones broke out—"Law, Mr. Smith, *if I'm the cow you want, do say so!*" The intentions of the widower Smith and the widow Jones were duly published the next day, as is the law and custom in Massachusetts, and as soon as they were "so published" they were married."—*American Paper.*

The Cheese Room.

Cheese is animal matter, and it is difficult to attain a sufficiency of fresh air for its curing, and at the same time secure other objects.—A cheese room should be cool, dark, and well ventilated. It should be cool for the gradual ripening of the cheese; well ventilated to secure a good flavor to the cheese, and dark to keep out the flies. Cheese, butter, or cream will contract whatever bad taste there may be in the atmosphere about it, and in the ripening of quantities of cheese, a vast deal of effluvia will be given off, which will soon taint the air.—*Prairie Farmer.*

Death of Mungo Park's Brother.—We record in our obituary the death of Mr. John Park, the brother of the famous African traveller, and the last of that family. It appears that the family of which the African traveller was descended, have occupied the farm of Foulshiels, on the Buccleuch estate, for three generations. Both the father and grandfather of the deceased attained, like himself, to an advanced age. Archibald Park, the grandfather, having died in 1763, aged 86; and Mungo Park, the father of the present notice, on the 22d of May, 1782, aged 79. He was much respected for his simple, unassuming, but withal eccentric manners. His remains were deposited in Selkirk churchyard, where repose the ashes of his forefathers, and those of his wife, as well as the wife of the lamented traveller.—[Border Advertiser.

The Legislature of Maine was opened at Augusta on the 19th inst. We take the following extract from the Governor's Message:

The St. John River labours under many natural disadvantages as a channel for its commerce. This noble river is extremely circuitous. The distance from the heart of the Aroostook down the St. John River to the City of St. John, is about 100 miles greater than it is from the same point to Bangor, and when arrived at St. John City, our own markets, instead of being approached, are farther distant. The navigation is interrupted by falls, rapids, and shoals, is impracticable even for rafts, through a large portion of the distance, except in seasons of high water, and at all times difficult and expensive. Added to this, there is an onerous, illiberal and unjust tariff on all our lumber and products passing down this river, imposed, by the cupidity of British legislation, contrary to the spirit, if not the letter, of the treaty of Washington; and it is likely to continue so long as the mouth of the river is within the exclusive jurisdiction of a foreign government.

A railroad from the Aroostook country to Bangor, a distance of about one hundred and fifty miles, would, in my opinion, independent of these foreign restrictions upon the use of the river, present for the present and in future, a cheaper and more desirable means of transportation than the river itself.

The inexhaustible supply of cedar and spruce for spars and other uses—of ship and cabinet timber in every variety—of hardwood for all purposes—and of pine fit only for short lumber, and unsuitable for river running, needs some such convenience to a market.

Without the requisite facilities for transportation, this class of timber, so highly valuable to the industry and wealth of the State, must share the fate of the clearings in all our older counties.

In fact the operations in lumber on the whole of the St. John waters, have thus far, if we except the revenue derived from stumpage and the sale of timber lands, added but little to the wealth of the State. The pine is becoming exhausted, and it has, up to the present time, gone mostly to the British market, in the form of ton timber and round logs, to encourage British industry and add to British capital.

The doctrine of free trade is undoubtedly the correct one, when it can be made reciprocal. Between us and our Provincial neighbors, there exists the utmost good feeling—*they have* been in most respects liberal in their policy towards us, and we should cordially reciprocate such policy.

The Age of Reform.—The following circular has been issued by the women of Ohio:

OHIO WOMEN'S CONVENTION.

At a Convention of Women, held in Salem in April last, it was resolved that we, the Women of Ohio, will meet annually in Convention to consult upon and adopt measures for the removal of the various disabilities—political, social, religious, legal and pecuniary—to which women, as a class, are subjected, and from which result so much misery, degradation and crime.

The undersigned were appointed a committee to issue a call and make necessary arrangements for the Convention of the present year.

As men and women have the same origin and destiny, and can therefore have no legitimate aims or interests independent of each other—as their relations and obligations are mutual—as the bonds that unite them are inevitable and indissoluble—as whatever degrades or ennobles one has a corresponding effect on the other—it is fitting that men should cooperate with us in our efforts at emancipation from the ignorance and thraldom of ages. We therefore cordially invite all the friends of Self-Government and Human Equality, to meet in Convention at Akron, Summit County, on Wednesday, 28th of May, at 10 o'clock in the morning.

To all the friends of Reform, in whatever department engaged, we say—Come, give us your presence and counsel. Give it for the sake of our cause. Give it because none of the kindred efforts to alleviate humanity can fully realize their objects, while one-half the laborers in Reform are disfranchised by law, perverted by education and degraded by the opinions and customs of society. War will continue to devastate the nations—Slavery, political and personal, will crush humanity—Intemperance and Sensuality will pollute the earth, while so much of the moral power which should be arrayed against them is lost by the position which Woman now occupies.

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E. Rowlsson,
} Com. of Arrangements.

Damages for Short Allowance.—In the U. S. Circuit Court, on Saturday, Judge Woodbury decided the case of Collins and others, seamen, vs. ship Palmyra, confirming the judgment of Judge Sprague, in the District Court, in favor of the libellants, and giving damages for being kept on short allowance of meat, bread and water, at the rate of one day's wages on each article for every day on which they were kept short of such article, viz: each day on which they were short on all three articles, they were allowed three day's wages in addition to their regular pay. According to the estimates of the Court, the supply of meat, bread and water, when the vessel sailed from Canton, was less than one-half the quantities required by law.—*Boston Post.*

The whole of the specie and gold dust brought on freight by the Great Western from California, was despatched in a train of four waggons from Southampton on to London. While on its way up, a special guard accompanying it, some adroit rogues managed to plunder it of four boxes, containing $28,000. The robbery was not discovered until the train reached London. One of the boxes was afterwards found near Winchester.