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WILLIAM H. LESTER,
GROCER and Provision DEALER,
CORNER PRINCESS AND CHARLOTTE STREETS.
Goods sent to all parts of the City free of charge
September 19, 1856.

CHARLES W. WELDON,
Attorney at Law & Notary Public
OFFICE—Over Messrs. Ranney, Sturdee & Co Prince William-street, St. John, N. B.
May 23, 1857.

MR. W. P. DOLE,
Attorney and Barrister-at-Law,
HAS REMOVED to the Office lately occupied by Charles Watters, Esquire, in Messrs. Deveber's building, Prince William Street.
August 22, 1856.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.—The Subscriber having been lately appointed a Licensed AUCTIONEER for Queen's County, trusts from the Public a Share of Business which shall receive his prompt attention, on most reasonable terms. ARCHIBALD McALLISTER.
Gagetown, August 22, 1856.

GEORGE WHITMAN,
Auctioneer, Commission Merchant,
AND DEALER IN DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES AND HARDWARE,
CLEMENTSPORT, N. S.

DOOLEY'S
MERCHANT'S EXCHANGE HOTEL, State Street, Boston. Conducted on the European Plan.

Rooms per day, - - - -	50 cts.
Rooms per week, - - -	$3,00
Lodging - - - -	37 1-2 cts.

N. B.—A Restaurant is attached, where Meals will be served at all hours of the day.
January 11, 1856. 1y.

SOAP & CANDLE
MANUFACTORY.

GEORGE WOODS,
Princess Street next adjoining Dunn's Steam Saw Mill, a few doors from the corner of Germain Street.
ST. JOHN, N. B.
August 29.

Paints, Oils, Varnishes, &c.

Ex *Ann Rankin*, and *Courier*, from London:—
1000 KEGS Brandram's No. 1, White LEAD;
230 Kegs Yellow, Red, Black, Green, and Blue PAINTS;
50 Kegs Zinc Paint;
35 Hhds. Boiled and Raw Linseed OIL;
3 Bbls. Copal and Oak VARNISH;
7 Cans Carriage and White Copal do.;
1 Cask Brandram's Liquid Dryer;
5 " do. Patent do.;
50 ddz. Deep GOLD LEAF;
5 " Patent Glaziers' DIAMONDS.
For Sale at No. 1, North side Market Square.
Nov. 14. W. O. SMITH.

Oysters! Oysters!!

JUST received per steamer "Adelaide," from Boston:—12 bbls. Prime OYSTERS—fresh from the beds. Also—On hand, a few barrels of Fresh Shediac Oysters, which will be served up in any style required, at
JAMES KENNY'S
Eating House Water street.
N. B.—MEALS served up at the shortest notice —Day and Evening. J. K.
St. John, N. B., Aug 1st 29.

FUR CAPS—In every variety of Fur—made up on the premises, in the latest styles.
D. H. HALL,
October 21. 41, King-street.

TEA.—Just received, and imported expressely for Family use:—
10 chests Souchong TEA;
10 catty boxes do. do.;
10 chests Breakfast Oolong do;
10 catty boxes do. do;
10 chests good retailing do.—For sale low.
August 29. JOHN McCOSKERY.

Beans and Shad.

40 BUSHELS N. S. White BEANS; 20 half-barrels good SHAD. For Sale by JOHN MARVEN,
Feb. 20. Ward-street

RUBBER CLOTHING.

COATS, CAPES, PANTS, LEGGINGS, Caps, &c., &c., of the very best quality just received from the manufactory.
—ALSO—
A new and superior article of RUBBER COATS, *price only* 20s. THOS. R. JONES,
5, Dock-street, one door above
Oct. 3. the Old Stand.

GLASS—20, Dock Street.

F. CLEMENTSON respectfully solicits the attention of purchasers to his Spring Stock of GLASS.

On the arrival of the *John Duncan*, the assortment of CUT GLASS will be completed, which will be superior in design to any previous importation. (July 10.) FRAS. CLEMENTSON.

GLASS HATS at 6d each; Best quality Men's Calf BROGANS, at 7s. 6d. per pair.
B. O'BRIEN,
July 24. No. 69 Waverly House.

Steamer "Maid of Erin."
NOTICE.

THE well known and favourite Steamer "MAID OF ERIN," Capt. John Belmore, having been thoroughly overhauled and put in a complete state of repair, is ready to resume her previous route, viz: Leaving St. John for Digby and Annapolis every Monday morning at 8 o'clock, returning same evening. Leaving St. John for Dorchester, Hillsborough and the Bend every Tuesday and Friday evening tide, and returning leaves the Bend next high water.

Shippers for Dorchester and Hillsborough will please take notice that freight for those places is payable in advance, and that the owners of the steamer do not hold themselves responsible for any Goods after landing them on the respective shores.

Passengers are requested to look after their own luggage, as the owners will not be responsible for anything unless given in charge to the proper officer and signed for. For particulars apply to JOHN WALKER.
May 29, 1857. Ward-street.

M. N. POWERS, Undertaker, &c.

Fourth Door North Trinity Church, Germain-st
ST. JOHN, N. B.,

WOULD inform the public that he has purchased that beautiful and much admired Gothic Hearse from the Messrs. Lawrence, which he will furnish to parties requiring the same, with a careful driver.

He likewise attends to Funerals and furnishes every article in the above line in a superior style, and at prices more moderate than any other establishment in this City.

Orders from the Country attended to with care at the shortest notice.

FURNITURE.

M. N. P. will make to order all descriptions of MAHOGANY, WALNUT, BUTTERNUT, and PINE FURNITURE, at short notice, of superior material and workmanship. Prices moderate.

☞ Every description of Upholstery, Curtains, Carpets, &c., attended to at short notice. Old Furniture cleaned and repaired.

N. B. On hand a beautiful lot of Coffins.

Brandrams No. 1, White Lead and Coloured Paints.

RECEIVED per "Ann Rankin," and For Sale by the Subscriber—
4 Tons Brandram's No. 1 White LEAD;
1 Ton assorted COLOURS;
4 Casks Dry Red and White LEAD;
Raw and Burnt Umber; Raw and Burnt Terra do.; Sienna, Drop Black, Ultramarine Blue, &c. &c.;
1 case Deep Gold Leaf; 6 cases Florence OIL.
IN STORE—9000 feet Window GLASS, assorted sizes.
Oct. 24. S. L. TILLEY.

French Paper Hangings.

Ex "Zurich" from Havre, thence by "Charles," from New York:—
2 CASES containing a very rich assortment of French PAPER HANGING—all new styles. B. O'BRIEN.
May 1.

Notice.

ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of Andrew Sherwood late of the Parish of Upham, in King's County, (deceased) are requested to present the same duly attested within eighteen months from this date and all persons indebted to the said Estate are required to make immediate payment to
RICHARD C. SHERWOOD, } *Executors*
JOHN F. SHERWOOD,
Upham, K. C., March 7th, 1857.

REMOVAL.

THE Subscriber has removed his Entire Stock in-Trade from his old stand, to 27 North side King street, next to Mr. Frost's Shoe Store, and directly opposite Canterbury street, where will be found a general assortment of *HATS* and *CAPS*, Foreign and Domestic.
A. MAGEE Hatter, &c.,
27 North side King street.
☞ The Latest Fashions always on hand.
Feb. 27.

S. K. FOSTER'S Shoe Store.

Just received per steamer from Liverpool:—
A Large assortment of Ladies, Misses, Boys, Children's, and Infants CLOTH BOOTS, of all qualities, suitable for the season.
A great variety of Men's, Women's, Misses, Children's and infants FELT BOOTS, Shoes and Slippers of every quality.
OS HASH—A large lot of Women's Prunella BOOTS, suitable for wearing under Rubber Shoes in Winter—for 3s. to 4s. 6d. a pair.
Oct. 17. S. K. FOSTER.

WANTED, by a young man belonging to the City, a situation in a Grocery Store, having some knowledge of the business would be willing to make himself generally useful, will give good reference. Apply at this Office. April 17.

Oysters. Oysters.

4 BBLS. Prime Shediac OYSTERS, which will be served up in any style required.
Also—MEALS and LUNCHEONS served up at the *shortest notice*—Day or Evening—at
JAMES KENNY'S,
Sept. 26. Eating House, Water-street

Confectionary.

THE Subscriber has just received per Pilgrim from Glasgow—150 lbs Choice CONFECTIONARY, consisting of Conversation, Peppermint & mixed LOZENGES, MOTTO HEARTS, Ginger & Polka *Seals*, Rosebuds, Bracelets, Polka & Princess Balls, Horehound, Acid, Rose Acid, Pine Apple, Pear, Fish, Strawberry, and Alphabet Drops, Almonds, BARLEY SUGAR.
July 11. S. L. TILLEY,

LIVERPOOL HOUSE COALS.—Landing ex "John Duncan"—60 chals. Liverpool House COALS, which will be sold low if taken from alongside. JOHN WALKER.
May 29. Ward-street.

HOLLOWAY'S MEDICINES.—Now landing from the "John Barbour," one case London Holloway's PILLS and OINTMENT, warranted genuine. For sale by
S. L. TILLEY,
April 17. 35, King street

RECEIVED per "Athennis"—Two Cases London HATS, a superior article, made expressly for this Market; also, Children's HATS in great variety. Expected per steamer from Boston—A large Stock of Leghorn and Panama *HATS*, all of which will be sold Wholesale or Retail, at low prices for Cash or approved paper.
27 North side King street. A. MAGEE.
St. John, May 1.

St. Andrews Ale & Porter.

THE undersigned, agent for the St. Andrews Brewing Establishment, keeps constantly on hand a supply of the best qualities of ALE and PORTER manufactured by them, which will be supplied in any quantity required.

A superior article of ALE and PORTER, in pints and quarts, has just been received.
June 26. JOHN McCOSKERY.

A MEDICAL REVOLUTION!
THE WORLD UNANIMOUS.
HOLLOWAY'S OINTMENT.
THE GREAT COUNTER IRRITANT!

The virus of disease often makes its way to the internal organs through the pores of the skin. This penetrating Ointment, melting under the hand as it is rubbed in, is absorbed through the same channels, and, reaching the seat of inflammation, promptly and invariably subdues it, whether located in the kidneys, the liver, the lungs, or any other important organ. It penetrates the surface to the interior, through the countless tubes that communicate with the skin as summer rain passes into the fevered earth diffusing its cool and regenerating influence.

SKIN DISEASES & GLANDULAR SWELLINGS.

Every species of exterior irritation is quickly reduced by the anti-inflamatory action of this Ointment. Angry ERUPTIONS, such as SALT RHEUM, ERYSIPELAS, TETTER, RINGWORM, SCALD HEAD, NETTLE RASH, SCABIES (or itch) &c., die out, to return no more under its application. Hospital experience in all parts of the world proves its infallibility in diseases of the skin, the muscles, the joints and the glands.

ULCERS, SORES, AND TUMORS.

The effect of this unrivaled external remedy upon Scrofula, and other virulent ulcers and sores, is almost miraculous. It first discharges the poison which produces suppuration and proud flesh, and thus the cures which its healing properties afterward complete are safe as well as permanent.

WOUNDS, BRUISES, BURNS, AND SCALDS.

In cases of the fracture of the bones, injuries caused by steam explosions, BRUISES, BURNS, SCALDS, RHEUMATISM, STIFFNESS OF THE JOINTS, and contraction of the sinews, it is employed and warmly recommended by the faculty. This marvellous remedy has been introduced by its inventor in person into all the leading Hospitals of Europe, and no private household should be without it.

UNDENIABLE TESTIMONY.

The Medical Staff of the French and English Armies in the Crimea have officially signed their approval of Holloway's Ointment, as the most reliable dressing for sabre cuts, stabs, and gun-shot wounds. It is also used by the surgeons of the Allied Navies.

Both the Ointment and Pills should be used in the following cases:

Bunions,	Rheumatism,	Sore Throats,
Burns,	Ringworm,	Sores of all kinds
Capped hands,	Salt Rheum,	Sprains,
Chilblains,	Scalds,	Stiff Joints
Fistula,	Skin Diseases	Tetter,
Gout,	Swelled	Ulcers,
Lumbago,	Glands,	Venereal Sores,
Mercurial	Sore Legs,	Wounds of all
Eruptions,	Sore Breasts,	kinds.
Piles,	Sore Heads,	

*** Sold at the Manufactories of Professor HOLLOWAY, 80, Maiden Lane, New York, and 244 Strand, London, by all respectable Druggists and Dealers in Medicine throughout the United States and the civilized world, in pots, at 25 cents, 62½ cents, and 1\$ each.

☞ There is a considerable saving by taking the larger sizes.

N. B.—Directions for the guidance of patients in every disorder are affixed to each pot.

S. L. TILLEY, *Provincial Agent*, No. 2, King Street, St. John, N. B.; A. Coy & Son, Fredericton; W. T. Baird, Woodstock; Alex. Lockhart, Quaco; James Beck, Bend of Petitcodiac; O. K. Sayre, Dorchester; John Bell, Shediac; John Lewis, Hillsborough; John Curry, Canning; and James G. White, Belleisle.

☞ CAUTION!—None are genuine unless the words "HOLLOWAY, NEW YORK & LONDON," are discernible as a WATER-MARK in every leaf of the book of directions around each pot or box; the same may be plainly seen by "holding the leaf to the light." A handsome reward will be given to any one rendering such information as may lead to the detection of any party or parties counterfeiting the medicines or vending the same, knowing them to be spurious.

THE SECRET INFIRMITIES OF YOUTH AND MATURITY.

Price 1s. sterling, with numerous Engravings and Cases.

NERVOUS DEBILITY: its Causes, Symptoms, and Cure.—An Essay on Spermatorrhœa, and the various forms of premature Decay, resulting from imprudence and vicious indulgence, with plain directions for perfect restoration to health; and practical Observations on a new mode of detecting Spermatorrhœa and other Urethral Discharges by Microscopic examination.

BY SAMUEL LAMERT, M.D.,

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

Sold by MORTON AND COTTRELL, Halifax, Nova Scotia, and by H. CHUBB & Co. St. John's, New Brunswick

Price One Shilling sterling.

Now landing ex the 'Arthur White' from London.

7 TONS Brandram's No. 1 ground WHITE LEAD, in 1, 1-2, 1-4, and 1-3 cwt. kegs.
2 tons Brandrams No. 1 COLOURED PAINTS;
6 cwt. Dry PAINTS, consisting of Red Lead; Rose Pink; Orange & Lemon Chrome Yellow; Prussian Blue; Ultramarine Blue, &c., &c.
1 Tin Brandram's Patent Liquid Dryer.
20 Brls. common Whitening; 12 casks PUTTY in Bladders;
6 Casks Raw Linseed Oil; 1 Can White Spirit Varnish.
6 Casks Double Boiled do.; 1 can Superfine Coach do.;
2 Chests INDIGO; 1 Cask Red Chalk;
14 Boxes Lescher's Blue Starch; 1 Cask Cream of Tartar;
10 Kegs Coleman's S. P. Mustard; 1 Cask Blue Vitriol;
2 Casks Mixed Pickles; 1 case Spanish Liquirice;
1 Case Black and Red Currant Jelly; 1 do. Orange Marmalade.
5 Bags Black Pepper; 1 Case Nutmegs;
12 Half chests Florence Oil; 2 Casks Saltpetre;
1 Cask Hemp Seed; 1 Case Deep Goldleaf;
And 8 other Packages, containing a large assortment of Drugs, Medicines, Soaps, Perfumery, Brushes, Combs, &c., &c. For Sale, Wholesale and Retail, by S. L. TILLEY.
May 29, 1857. No. 35, King-street.

NEW BUTTER, HAMS, &c.

Received per Admiral from Boston:—
2 TUBS of New BUTTER;
1 Tierce Sugar Cured HAMS;
1 box New CHEESE;
3 bags cored Dried APPLES.
—IN STORE—
10 dozen (Preston & Merrill's) Yeast Powder;
1 barrel Round PEAS;
2 do. superior white BEANS;
15 chests and ½ chests superior TEAS;
6 boxes assorted Brands TOBACCO;
6 M. superior Havana CIGARS. With a full and general assortment of Groceries and Provisions—cheap as the cheapest.
W. H. LESTER.
May 22, 1857. *Bustin's Corner.*

SATIN HATS.—Gentlemen wishing a superior light SATIN HAT, can be supplied with a very superior artice at 41, King-street.
May 29. D. H. HALL.

'Saint John Hotel Building,'
82, KING STREET.

JUST RECEIVED by the subscriber, in good order, per the schooner "Mary Jean," "Wren," "Trident," "Caroline," and "Catherine Brown," the following Goods, which he will sell wholesale and retail at moderate rates:—
20 chests superior Breakfast Souchong TEA;
4 boxes Tomato Ketchup; 3 barrels Beans;
200 lbs Ground Pepper; 5 boxes ground Pimento;
1230 do. green Java Coffee; 1 bag whole do.
10 bladders Scotch Snuff; 3 boxes Yeast Powder;
1 case Olive Oil; 3 boxes Cream of Tartar;
2 boxes Lemon Syrup; 1 do. Sperm Candles;
2 casks Trutts Saleratus; 4 reams Letter Paper;
3 cases American Matches;
30 reams Straw Wrapping Paper;
10 do Crown do do;
4 reams Foolscap Paper; 18 doz Lead Pencils;
5 doz Carpenter's Pencils;
3000 buff, straw, and White Envelopes;
10 gross Leather-headed Tacks;
300 papers Carpet do; 3 bbls Dried Apples;
50 lbs. Cut do; 1014 Cocoa Nuts;
5 barrels Porter's Burning Fluid;
5 doz Whip Handles; 2 gross Fluid Wicking;
2 doz Raw Hide Whips; 3 bales Candle do;
5 boxes Ground Ginger; 2 bales Cotton Batting;
10 " Harper's Diamond 10s. Tobacco, a superior article;
3 " Wine Sap do.; ½ Lumps do., extra quality for chewing;
6 dozen Washboards; 12 doz. Corn Brooms;
2 doz. Corn Brushes; 1 do. Patent do;
10 boxes Clothes Pins, No. 1;
1 doz Mincing Trays; 3 doz setts Measures;
10 Children's Willow Basket Carriages, new varieties;
4 gross patent-spring'd Clothes Pins;
2 doz Wooden Spoons; 2 doz Butter Ladles;
2 doz Wooden Fawcetts; 3 doz Alleant Watts;
5 boxes Sullivan's Blacking.
—IN STORE.—
60 drums Fresh Figs; 3 Puncheons Alcohol
2 casks pale and brown Sherry Wine;
1 " Port do;
4 hhds Hollands Gin; 1 pun. Scotch Whiskey;
5 pipes Hennessy's Brandy;
6 cases sparkling Champagne;
3 cases Old Jamaica Rum;
3 bbls Nova Scotia Cider;
10 quintals No. 1 Codfish;
1½ Tons Oatmeal;
250 lbs. No. 1 Starch;
ORANGES and LEMONS;
Bed Cords, Clothes Lines, Shoe and Scrubbing Brushes, Nuts, Castor Oil, London Pickles, Chocolate, Brooms, Corn Starch, Tripoli, Digby Herrings, Bird Cages, Citron Peel, together with a general assortment of Groceries too numerous for enumeration.
Hourly expected—5 tierces RICE.
may 15 ROBERT STEWART.

London Groceries.

Just received ex Arthur White, from London:—
2 CASKS Mixed PICKLES;
1 do. assorted do.;
10 kegs Coleman's MUSTARD;
8 bbls. Barclay & Co's PORTER;
8 do. Bass's Pale ALE;
4 cases Coleman's STARCH;
4 boxes " Black Lead;
4 " " Extra MUSTARD;
2 " Tomato Ketchup;
" " Olive OIL.
Also—10 cases Jules Duret & Co.'s COGNAC;
1 qr-cask Fine Old Port WINE;
1 cask Old Jamaica RUM.
For Sale cheap by T. & F. McMACKIN,
June 12. 16, Dock Street.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT
SUMMER CLOTHING!

Cloths, Cassimeres, Vestings, and Summer Coatings,
Personally selected by the Subscriber in the leading British Markets.
☞ GARMENTS made in a superior manner, at LOW PRICES.
May 22. THOMAS R. JONES.

Butter, Oranges, &c.

RECEIVED per Admiral from Boston—
10 Tubs Prime New BUTTER;
15 Boxes of ORANGES;
500 COCOA NUTS;
1 Bbl. Cucumber PICKLES, in Vinegar;
2 Boxes new Goshen CHEESE;
590 Lbs. Sugar Cured HAMS.
W. H. LESTER,
June 5. 3i. Bustin's Corner.

For City and Country Trade!!!
GOOD CLOTHING,
OF THE BEST QUALITY, AND AT LOW PRICES.
The Cheapest and largest Stock of Ready-made
CLOTHING,
is at Granite Hall, No. 5, Dock-street.
Every article warranted to what it is represented, or the money returned.
☞ GARMENTS made to measure at low prices, and in a superior manner.
May 29. THOS. R. JONES.

Per Arthur White, from London.

100 CHESTS Souchong TEA;
5 tons Brandram's No. 1 WHITE LEAD;
1 ton Brandram's Coloured PAINTS;
Casks Boiled and Raw OIL;
3 do. PUTTY; 1 cask STARCH;
4 cases INDIGO;
1 case Ladies' BOOTS;
1 do. STATIONERY.
For Sale at the lowest market rates.
June 12. L. H. DEVEBER & SONS.

LIVERPOOL OAKUM.—Landing ex "John Duncan"—5 Tons Liverpool OAKUM. For Sale by JOHN WALKER,
May 22. Ward-street

MACINTOSH
Reversible Rubber Coats!

GOT up expressly for London Retail trade, in Silk and Alpaca. The same article that gave so much satisfaction to my customers in 1854—Patronised by His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Judges of the Supreme Court, &c. &c.
August 7. THOS. R. JONES.

HAY RAKES.—100 Dozen HAY RAKES, of superior quality, for sale at 10s. and 12s. 6d. per dozen.
August 7. THOMAS C. EVERITT.

CHINA!

Per *Middleton* and *Alameda*—
THE Subscriber has received by the above Ships, a choice selection of DINNER SETS, ETRUSCAN CHINA TEA SETS, VASES, Stone PITCHERS, and China Toilette SETS.
FRAS. CLEMENTSON.
St. John, June 30, 1857.

Gents. Dress Shirts.

A Few Dozen London made Gents. Volkomen Dress SHIRTS, superior to anything made in the City, as regards style or durability.
August 7. THOMAS R. JONES.

BRANDY.—20 cases of old vine growers' Case BRANDY. Just received and for sale by
T. & F. McMACKIN,
16, Dock-street.
ALSO,—1 cask Fine Old Jamaica RUM.
August 7. T. & F. McM.

Miscellany.

LEON!
—THE—
PAWNBROKER'S CLERK!
—OR THE—
LOST DIAMOND RING.

BY EMMA CARRA.

Concluded.

CHAPTER V.

LEON'S INTERVIEW WITH HIS UNCLE SIMON.

After the young Clerk left the widow's cottage home, he stood out on the crisp snow in front of it, and looked up and down the street as if undetermined where to go. At length muttering to himself "I must see Uncle Simon before I sleep," he walked rapidly up the street, and turned into a dark alley, and half an hour later he gave a light rap on the lower outer door of a small wooden building where the reader will recollect that Simon entered one night a few weeks previous. In a moment a glimmering light was seen in the attic above and then the old man's heavy step was heard on the stairs as he descended to inquire who was at the door and when he heard Leon's voice, with an expression of welcome, he bade him enter.

It was a delightful room in a house of near a century old, where the eccentric old Simon and his youthful companion sat and talked, that cold winter's night, till the gray dawn appeared, and a part, at least of their conversation may probably be interesting to the reader as it will give some insight into previous events related. After the young clerk entered the room where Simon and his bachelor brother had left embers smouldering beneath the piled up ashes, the old man drew a chair near the wide stone fire place with its china ornamented jambs, and bidding his guest be seated he raked away the obstruction to the fire and threw on several large maple sticks, and then seating himself near the clerk he said:

"Well, my son, there must have been something of importance on your mind, or you would not have sought old Simon so late on a night like this; so speak out, young man, anything you have to say."

Leon was silent for a moment, as if loth to express his thoughts, and then drawing his chair nearer the old man, he said in a tone of sadness—

"Uncle Simon," (and here, reader, let me remark that Simon Morse was not related to any of our characters save by the ties of friendship, except the widow and her daughter, and the bachelor brother with whom he occasionally stayed when he was not in the mood for roaming—but he was one of those singular characters whom it is customary for every one to address by a relative's title, although his genealogy may not be in the least connected with the one who thus addresses him,) but to return to our story. "Uncle Simon," repeated the clerk, "for a long time I have thought that you knew more about my employer than you have ever disclosed to the world, and I have sought you to-night to ask you a few questions concerning him. I hope you will tell me all you know in regard to his past history."

"Would you like to see him die on the scaffold?" asked the old man, fixing his eyes on his guest. Leon started, and a deathly pallor spread over his features.

"Surely," he exclaimed, "you do not know of his ever doing a bad deed that could bring him there?"

"No, for all men do not get their deserts in this world; but, Leon, better men with less crime on their souls have died there."

"What mean you Uncle Simon? Speak, I pray you! O, do not keep me in suspense, for if from childhood up to this hour I have accepted a home and liberal gifts from one who is base at heart, I knew it not; and if once convinced that such has been the case, I assure you I will receive no more favors at his hands, although I cannot but be grateful for former kindness, nor would I wish to see David Gill unhappy;" and then after a little more importuning from his guest, the old man said:—

"Well, Leon, I have thought a great many times that I would tell you what I am now about to say, for I have sometimes feared that by and by, when the officers of the law find him out, as they surely will sometime, that you might be thought to be implicated with him some way, and suffer for another's wrong deeds; and then I would think he is very kind to you, and provides for you liberally, and I would keep silent a little longer; and besides, David is not totatally bad, for in some instances he has made restitution at my suggestion—he has restored jewels that he came by dishonestly; and then, Leon, he has been liberal to me, giving me money when my necessities compelled me to accept it, and I knew if I exposed his greater faults, I should turn you on the world a friendless, penniless boy, and my resources would fail me, which I could not afford to lose; so I have kept an eye on him till the present time—he persuading me that he dealt honestly with all men now, and giving me money to help make me comfortable in my declining years.

"Perhaps, Leon, I did wrong in accepting it, but if I did, age and poverty is my excuse; and from this time I will not ask for, nor receive any more from him—for your recital to-night of the lost ring, convinces me that David Gill at heart is as guilty now as when he broke into the vault of a monied institution, and removed treasures to a vast amount. No eye saw him do the deed but mine, for a slight illness made me seek the cool air that dark night, in the direction where the bank was located; and the next day when I saw the account of the robbery, I took the paper to his office and showed it to him, and convinced him that I saw him and his accomplice (but I never learned the name of his companion,) depart with the gold they had taken from the vault, although at the time I did not suppose that they were removing gold or anything else unlawfully.

"Through fear and my advice, he returned it by placing all in a certain spot, and then in a disguised hand, writing to the president of the bank where it might be found, so I did not expose him; and since that, I have heard of other deeds of dishonesty he has done in robbing the poor—receiving stolen goods, knowing them to be stolen; and various other deeds he has done, till he found he was too closely watched by the police in the city where he came from, and then he removed here, telling me that he came to lead a better life; but Leon, it is my opinion that David will never, of his own accord, become an honest man till the leopard has power to change his skin; and when that child said she brought that ring into his office, she spoke the truth, and it is there yet."

"No, no, Uncle Simon," spoke Leon, pale with emotion, "that cannot be, for I have, though unwillingly, had some such thoughts myself; and there is not a spot, a drawer or a box in the office that I have not searched, to see if I could find any clue to the missing treasure—for Mrs. Collins' manner of speaking of it has made me doubly anxious to obtain it. O, Uncle Simon, if you can think of any way in which I can find it, in heaven's name, tell me!"

The old man smiled, and there was meaning in his smile; and then looking into Leon's pale face, he said:—

"There is one place in the office where you have not looked, young man."

"Name it, Uncle Simon."

"In the great iron safe."

"Yes, I have searched it thoroughly."

"Not thoroughly; for there is a department about it that you know not of. David Gill always has business for you in some other place when he touches the smooth spring on the top, beneath the letter G. Yes, when he has important business to perform, the boy of his adoption is employed elsewhere. I should not have known that he kept his rarest jewels there, had I not one day, unknown to him, when he was engaged in another room entered his office; upon his return he closed the outer door, and then stepping to the safe, he gave a quick pressure on the extreme end of the letter with the point of his penknife, and in another moment he deposited a glittering bracelet in the receptacle of which I have spoken. I made no remark, and in another moment, when he had returned to the room from whence he came, I passed out, and to this day he does not know that I am possessed of the knowledge of this secret place of deposit. Look there, Leon, and it's my opinion that you will find the ring that Agnes lost in your office."

The young man gazed into the speaker's face like one amazed—for there rushed through his brain many events that had occurred in times previous, of which then he thought but little, but now all seemed plain; and he resolved to leave the pawnbroker at once, but not before telling him why he left, and assuring him that if he were over able he would pay him for the expense he had incurred in educating him.

CHAPTER VI.

THE DISCOVERY. CONCLUSION.

The evening following the one in which Simon and the clerk had the interview, the broker and Leon were alone in the office; and it was evident by the freshly arrived articles that lay on the counter, and hung on the brass hooks in various parts of an inner room, that it had been a busy day with the man of business, for it was a cold, hard winter, the one of which we write, and many a widowed mother in the great city had pawned almost her last article of ornament in wearing apparel, that she might keep those she loved from suffering.

Here lay soft firs that the former owner wore in happier days, and there hung a glossy silk, she who pledged it hoping her absent husband would return in season to redeem it.

But let us return to our hero, who stood looking into the open grate of the stove, apparently in deep thought.

"Come, Leon, my boy," spake the broker, "I think we will be going now," and stepping to the stove, he was about to close the open doors.

"I think I will sleep in the office to-night, sir," answered the young man, "and then I can have the room warm at an earlier."

Leon had often slept in the office, so this remark created no surprise in the mind of his employer, but could he have read his thoughts, he would not have left him there.

"As you like, young man," was answered pleasantly, and in a few moments the clerk was alone, and a strong lock made him fear no intrusion.

"Now, thank God!" he murmured, "I can prove or disprove the old man's words;" and taking a small knife from his pocket he stepped towards the safe.

A moment later the young man staggered to a chair, and for some moments his brain whirled in a delirium of excitement, and it was some moments ere he could compose himself to return to the secreted treasures, and when he did he saw before him bracelets, watches, and jewels of great value, some answering to the descriptions of those that he had seen advertised when in another city, as being taken from ladies' toilet tables, and taken from shops where an entrance had been forced under cover of night.

For a long time Leon stood and gazed on the articles before him, his form as motionless as a statue, and then sinking his hand into the aperture he drew forth jewel after jewel, and at length he lifted a small bag of gold. Reader, the contents of that bag were a part of the spoils that the broker and Beel took from the vault, and which uncle Simon thought was all restored; but David Gill had managed to deceive him in part, and this was the greatest reason why he feared the old man, for well he knew, should an investigation be commenced, that he would be implicated, and no means left untried on his premises to find the money that was not returned.

Leon again sunk his hand among the treasures, and this time he did not withdraw it so soon, for he was searching for the lost ring, and in another moment he held it in his hand. And now he turned it from side to side till his eyes rested on a name that seemed to cause his heart to cease its pulsation, and then with a loud groan he cried:

"I knew that was my mother's ring—I can now understand why Mrs. Collins looked so ghastly when I related to her my history, and told her the name that was written on a garment that was carried with me to the orphan institution, and which by mere accident was preserved till I was old enough to prize it. The same name is on this ring, and now if God gives me strength to retain