TWO GOOD FARMS FOR SALE.

ONE within 2 miles, and the other with in about 3 miles of Goderich Town Plot. The first is LOT 10 in 1st Concession, Township of Goderich,

CONTAINING 164 ACRES,

is bounded at the one end by Lake Huron, and at the other by a Public Road,—and the second is LOT 8 in 8th Concession, Colborne, W. Division,

CONTAINING 100 ACRES,

and is situated at the Junction of two Public Roads.

For Particulars apply to
JNO. McDONALD, Esq.
Goderich, 12th June, 1849. n9-tf

NOTICE.—The undersigned by power of Attorney dated the 27th day of May, 1850, given him by Thomas B. Woodliff, to collect all outstanding debts due the late Firm of Miles and Woodliff, and himself personally—request an immediate settlement of the same or they will be given to the Clerk of the Division Court for collection. BENJ. PARSONS.
Goderich, June 12th, 1850. v3n19

A VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE!!

THE subscriber offers for SALE his GRIST and SAW MILL, situated in the Township of McGillivray, on the Big Sable, within three miles of Flanagan's Corner. The Mills are now in operation, and newly built. The Privilege is the best on the River, and situated in the best Township in the County of Huron—well settled, and Roads opened in all directions to favour it. The Machinery and materials are of the very best quality, and put up by the very best Machinists. For Particulars inquire of James Crumbie, Esq., Galt, or apply to the subscriber.

PATRICK FLANAGAN, Proprietor.
McGillivray, 15th January, 1850. 2v50tf

☞ The Galt Reporter will insert the above until forbid.

FARMER'S HOTEL,—MITCHELL.

FRANCIS FISHLEIGH begs to inform his friends, and the public generally, that he has established himself in the above Village, and hopes by strict attention to the comfort and convenience of Travellers, to merit a share of their patronage. Good Stabling and an attentive Groom in attendance.
Mitchell, May 15th, 1850. 3v-n15

TO BE SOLD.—An Excellent FARM, being LOT No. 12, MAITLAND CONCESSION, Township of Goderich, containing 100 acres—30 of which is cleared. The land is of a superior quality, and well watered. It is situated exactly nine miles from the town of Goderich on the Huron Road, and at the junction of six different roads; and as it is in the centre of a populous and prosperous locality, it is excellently adapted for a Tavern stand or a Store. This farm is well entitled to the attention of persons desirous of an eligible situation for business, and will be sold on very reasonable terms. For particulars apply to D. H. LIZARS, Land Agent.
Goderich, June 20, 1850. 2v-n20

NOTICE.

I BEG to intimate to the inhabitants of the Townships of Goderich, Stanley and Colborne, that under a power of Attorney from the BARON DE TUYLE, dated the 25th April, 1849, I am authorized to dispose of his LANDS in these Townships, and to grant Title Deed for the same—and also to collect all Monies due him, and to grant Discharges for the same.—and I hereby request all persons indebted to the said Baron de Tuyle, forthwith to settle up their respective debts.

THOS. MERCER JONES.
Goderich, 6th May, 1850. 3v-n15tf

NOTICE.

I BEG to intimate to all that it may concern, that I have under a power of Attorney granted to WILLIAM STORY, authorized him to collect all moneys due me either by Note of hand or otherwise, and grant discharges for the same. And I hereby request all persons indebted to me forthwith to settle the same and save costs.

JOHN LANCASTER.
Goderich, 25th day May, 850. v3n17

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber having been appointed Agent for the PROVINCIAL MUTUAL AND GENERAL INSURANCE COMPANY, hereby intimates, that he is prepared to receive Subscriptions for Stock in the Proprietary Branch, and applications for Insurances in the Mutual Branch, and to give such information on the subject as may be required.

JOHN CLARK.
Goderich, 26th Sept. 1849. 2v-n34t.

PLANS AND SPECIFICATIONS.

THE Subscriber begs leave to inform the Inhabitants of the District of Huron, and the neighboring Districts, that he has **Established himself in Stratford,** and is prepard to give Plans and Specifications of Public or Private Buildings, Bridges, Mill Dams, &c. &c. &c., and will take the superintendence of such Erections, on the most reasonable terms.

His thorough knowledge of his profession and his practice as Builder, qualifies him for any undertaking in the line. Address post paid, PETER FERGUSON,
Builder, &c. &c. Stratford, C. W.
Stratford, March 6th, 1849. 2v-n7tf

STRATFORD IRON FOUNDRY.—Th subscriber having purchased the interest of Mr. C. J. Wilson in the above Establishment, is about to continue the Business on his own responsibility. In returning thanks to the public for the very liberal encouragement received by ORR & WILSON, he begs to intimate that he will constantly keep on hand an assortment of Superior CASTINGS, consisting of *COOKING*, Parlour, and Box Stoves; American, Scotch & Canadian Ploughs of the most Improved Moulds,—*MALT ROLLERS, Turning Lathes, Smith's Rollers, &c.* THRASHING MACHINES of a superior description to any hitherto introduced, and better adapted to this country from their lightness of draught, and strength of construction. A call from intending purchasers is requested before purchasing elsewhere. The above will be sold at Low Rates for *Cash* or Trade, or at corresponding rates on approved credit.

A. B. ORR.
Stratford, 20th June, 1850. 2v-n20

HURON HOTEL,
GODERICH,
BY JAMES GENTLES,
Goderich, Sept. 12, 1850. v3-n30

PURIFY THE BLOOD.
MOFFAT'S
VEGETABLE LIFE PILLS
AND
PHŒNIX BITTERS

The high and envied celebrity which these pre-eminent Medicines have acquired for their invariable efficacy in all the diseases which they profess to cure, has rendered the usual practice of puffing not only unnecessary, but unworthy of them. They are known by their fruits; their good works testify for them, and they thrive not by the faith of the credulous.

IN ALL CASES

of ASTHMA, ACUTE and CHRONIC RHEUMATISM, AFFECTIONS of the BLADDER and KIDNEYS.

BILIOUS FEVERS & LIVER COMPLAINTS.—In the south and west, where these diseases prevail, they will be found invaluable. Planters, farmers, and others, who once use these Medicines, will never afterwards be without them.

BILIOUS CHOLIC, and SEROUS Looseness, BILES, COSTIVENESS, COLDS & COUGHS, CHOL'C, CONSUMPTION. Used with great success in this disease.

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DYSPEPSIA. No person with this distressing disease, should delay using these medicines immediately.

ERUPTIONS of the Skin, ERYSIPELAS, FLATULENCY,

FEVER and AGUE. For this scourge of the western country these medicines will be found a safe, speedy, and certain remedy. Other medicines leave the system subject to a return of the disease—a cure by these medicines is permanent.—TRY THEM, BE SATISFIED, AND BE CURED.

FOULNESS of COMPLEXION,

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GOUT, GIDDINESS, GRAVEL, HEADACHES, of every kind, INWARD FEVER, INFLAMMATORY RHEUMATISM, IMPURE BLOOD, JAUNDICE, LOSS of APPETITE.

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LEPROSY, LOOSENESS,

MERCURIAL DISEASES.—Never fails to eradicate entirely all the effects of Mercury infinitely sooner than the most powerful preparation of Sarsaparilla.

NIGHT SWEATS, NERVOUS DEBILITY, NERVOUS COMPLAINTS of all kinds, ORGANIC AFFECTIONS, PALPITATION of the HEART, PAINTER'S CHOLIC,

PILES. The original proprietor of these medicines was cured of Piles of 26 years standing by the use of these Life Medicines alone.

PAINS in the head, side, back, limbs, joints and organs.

RHEUMATISM. Those afflicted with this terrible disease, will be sure of relief by the Life Medicines.

RUSH of BLOOD to the HEAD, *SCURVY, SALTRHEUM, SWELLINGS,*

SCROFULA, or **KING'S EVIL,** in its worst forms, *ULCERS, of every description*

WORMS, of all kinds, are effectually expelled by these Medicines. Parents will do well to administer them whenever their existence is suspected. Relief will be certain

THE LIFE PILLS AND PHŒNIX BITTERS
PURIFY THE BLOOD,
And thus remove all disease from the system.

A single trial will place the LIFE PILLS and PHŒNIX BITTERS beyond the reach of competition in the estimation of every patient.

The genuine of these medicines are now put up in white wrappers and labels, together with a pamphlet, called "Moffat's Good Samaritan," containing the directions, &c, on which is a drawing of Broadway from Wall street to our Office, by which strangers visiting the city can very easily find us. The wrappers and Samaritans are copyrighted, therefore those who procure them with white wrappers can be assured that they are genuine. Be careful, and do not buy those with *yellow* wrappers; but if you do, be satisfied that they come direct from us, or dont tough them.

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DR. WILLIAM B. MOFFAT,
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For Sale by
BENJ. PARSONS,
Sole Agent.
Goderich, Jan. 28. 1848.

WATSON & WILLIAMS,

DIXIE WATSON of Goderich,

BARRISTER AT LAW, &c. &c. and *GEORGE WILLIAMS,* of *Stratford,* late of the firm of Hector, Weller and Williams, Barristers, &c. Toronto, having this day entered into co-partnership, in the Practice, and Profession of LAW, CHANCERY and CONVEYANCING, will in future keep their Offices at Goderich and Stratford, respectively, under the name, style and firm of WATSON and WILLIAMS.

DIXIE WATSON, Goderich,
GEORGE WILLIAMS, Stratford,
24th December, 1849. 2v-n47tf

NOTICE.
THE VILLAGE OF CLINTON.

AN excellennt opening for a good Wagon maker will at present be found in the rising village of Clinton, situated at the junction of the roads leading from Hamilton and London to Goderich, and being twelve miles distant from the latter. This village is surrounded by the most prosperous settlement in the Huron Tract, and already promises to become a place of some importance. There are now several tradesmen in it, and a good workman in the above line will assuredly meet with liberal encouragement.

For further particulars, application may be made to Barclay Lavin, Blacksmith Clinton who will cheerfully give assistance to the person wishing to commence wagon making in the above named village.
Clinton, 23rd Oct., 1850. v3-n36

STOVES.

THE Subscriber begs to inform the inhabitants of Goderich and its vicinity, that he has received a Large Supply of the LATEST IMPROVED PATTERNS of

COOKING, BOX, AND PARLOUR STOVES,

which he offers for SALE at very
REDUCED PRICES FOR CASH.

The Subscriber also keeps on hand, as usual, at his OLD STAND, a LARGE and very Superior assortment of

TINWARE of every description.

The subscriber takes this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks to the Public for the very liberal patronage he has received since he has been in business in Goderich, and hopes by strict attention to business, and moderate prices, to continue to receive a share of the public patronage

N. B.—GRAINING, PAINTING, GLAZING, PAPER and BELL HANGING carried on as heretofore. WILLIAM STORY.
Goderich, 6th Sept. 1849. 2v-n31tf

CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Subsriber having been appointed Agent of the "CANADA LIFE ASSURANCE CO.," is prepared to receive proposals for Assurance, and will be happy to afford to any person the necessary information, as to the principles of the Institution.

JAMES WATSON.
Goderich, 3th June, 1849. v2n 98

KINCARDINE ARMS.
(Near the Wharf Goderich,)
BY H. MARLTON.

THE above Hotel has good accomodation for travellers, Stabling, &c., &c.

The Packet Mary Ann will leave Goderich (wind & weather permitting,) regularly twice a week for the Kincardine Settlement. For freight or passage apply to Capt. Rowan at the Kincardine Arms.
Goderich, March 25th, 1850. n8-v8

Cards.

DR. P. A. McDOUGALL, CAN be consulted at all hours, at *Mrs. Wm. F. Gooding's, Front-St.*
Goderich, Sept. 13th, 1848. 33 -

I. LEWIS,
BARRISTER, SOLICITOR, &C.,
June, 1848. GODERICH.

ALFRED W. OTTER,
General Agent & Conveyancer
COLLECTOR OF ACCOUNTS, &c. &c.
GODERICH.
Oct. 1, 1849 2-n25

JOHN STRACHAN,
BARRISTER AND ATTORNEY AT LAW,
Solicitor in Chancery, Conveyancer,
NOTARY PUBLIC.
Has his office in West Street, Goderich
Goderich, 2nd January, 1850. 2v-n49

DANIEL HOME LIZARS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
and Conveyancer, Solicitor in Chancery, &c.,
Has his office as formerly, in Stratford.
Stratford, 2nd January, 1850. 2v-n49
N. B.—Mr. Strachan, of the late firm o. Strachan & Lizars, continues to act as Agent and Counsel for Mr. Lizars in all matters referred to him from Stratford.

J. K. GOODING,
AUCTIONEER,
WILL attend SALES in any part of the County on reasonable Terms. Apply at his Residence, Light-House Street.
Goderich, April 4th 1849. v-9r

DANIEL GORDON,
CABINET MAKER:
Three doors East of the Canada Co's. Office,
WEST-STREET,
GODERICH.
August 27th, 1849. 2v-n30

R. YOUNG,
BOOT and SHOE Maker, one door West of Mr. George Videan's, Blacksmith, Front street, Goderich.
April 26th, 1850. v3n 8

JOHN J. E. LINTON,
NOTARY PUBLIC,
Commissioner Queen's Bench,
AND CONVEYANCER,
STRATFORD.

DR. JOHN HYDE,
[LATE FROM EMBRO.]
MEDICAL HALL,
STRATFORD.
July 31, 1849. 2v-n26

WM. REED,
HOUSE AND SIGN PAINTER, &c.,
LIGHT-HOUSE ST. GODERICH.
Oct 25, 1849. 2vn38

DAVID H. LIZARS,
AUCTIONEER.
IS prepared to attend Sales in any part of the United Counties on the most reasonable terms. Apply at the Registry Office, Lighthouse street.
Goderich, April 11, 1850. v3-n 0

NOTICE.

THE Subscriber having RENTED the WAREHOUSE and WHARF belonging to the Messrs. Davenport, of this place has established himself as a

FORWARDER AND COMMISSION MERCHANT.

Any orders or commission from the Merchants of Goderich, will receive prompt attention. JOHN McEWAN.
Windsor, March, 1849. 2v-7ntf

STOKES,
Chemist and Druggist,
WEST-STREET, GODERICH.
July 1850. 20-3

THE OLD BAKERY.
H. NEWMAN, BREAD, CAKE, CRACKER and PASTRY BAKER, first door East of the Canada Company's Office, West-street, Goderich.
Goderich, September 24, 1850. 3v32

WASHINGTON
Farmers' Mutual Insurance Co.,
CAPITAL $1,000,000.
EZRA HOPKINS, Hamilton, Agent for the Counties of Waterloo and Huron.
August 27, 1850. 3v15

DAVID H. LIZARS,
LAND AGENT, CONVEYANCER AND AUCTIONEER, STRATFORD.
WILL attend sales in any part of the United Counties on the most liberal terms. Apply to John Galt, Esq., Goderich, or to the subscriber, Stratford.
All letters must be pre paid.
Goderich, Dec. 4th, 1850. v3n42

VICTORIA HOTEL,
WEST STREET, GODERICH,
(Near the Market Square,)
BY MESSRS. JOHN & ROBT. DONOGH.
GOOD Accommodations for Travellers, and an attentive Hostler at all times, to take charge of Teams.
Goderich, Dec. 6, 1850. 43—tf

W. STOTTS,
Saddle and Harness Maker,
WEST STREET, GODERICH,
Nearly opposite George Vidian's Blacksmith Shop.
Goderich, Nov. 27 1850. v3n41-1y

COUNTY COURT TERMS

March Term—From the 3rd to the 8th.
June Term—From the 2nd to the 7th.
October Term—From the 20th to the 25th
December Term—From the 8th to the 13th.

GOVERNMENT OFFICERS.

Arthur Acland, Esq., Judge.
John McDonald, Esq., Sheriff.
Daniel Lizars, Esq., Clerk of the Peace.
John Galt, Esq., Registrar and Collector of Customs.
Morgan Hamilton, Esq., Deputy Clerk of the Crown.
Charles Widder, Esq., Inspector of Licenses.
Thos. McQueen, Esq., Clerk of the County Court and Registrar of Surrogate Court.

Poetry.

From Eliza Cook's Journal.

DO I FORGET THEE?

BY THOMAS JOHN OUSELEY.

Go, in the summer when the morning breaketh,
And all around is lulled midst placid light:
When the sweet tiny field-flower awaketh,
And softly sighs its perfume exquisite.
Behold the lark—up to the clear sky winging,
Thrilling aloud his luscious free-born notes;
From his bright speckled breast the dew-drops flinging,
Away, away, till lost to sight he floats.
Doth not the field-flower love the coming morning,
Unclosing every leaf to drink the light?
Doth not the lark's eye swell to meet the dawning,
His wings spread strong, to reach his airy height?
If flower and bird change not, why question me—
Do I forget thee?

Go, in the noon-tide, when the sun is gleaming,
To the deep forest—watch the panting deer
Under the trees umbrageous, watchful dreaming,
Timidly starting at each sound they hear:
List to the throstle and the blackbird singing,
Whilst the calm breathing wind rocks the leaves,
The emerald wood with melody is ringing,
As light with shade and music inter weaves.
Do not the shy deer court the boughs o'ershading,
Their wide hot nostrils snuff the welcome bowers?
The songsters of the grove are serenading.
Each to his mate the joyful tidings pours:
If such as these change not, why question me—
Do I forget thee?

Go, in the evening—watch the streamlet flowing,
O'er pebbly banks, through green and velvet meads;
The sportive fish, in gold and silver glowing,
Plash in their crystal home as day recedes;
And mark the sun-flower, when the west is streaming
With rainbow clouds of light, as Sol retires,
Turneth his face to catch his last smile beaming,
Then bowing to its grave, the earth, expires.
Do not the sportive fish, when day's descending,
Leap to the streamlet's bosom in their play?
Doth not the sun-flower, faithful in its tending,
Linger to catch the last departing ray?
Beloved, if these things change not, why question me—
Do I forget thee?

From the Boston Museum.

DODGE'S ELOPEMENT.

BY FALCONBRIDGE.

Dodge, the eccentric and unequalled delineator: or, as the ladies call him, the 'incomparably ugly man,' appeared, 'on change' again last week, and the next evening after his appearance, Milliken's fashionable saloon—Dodge's quarters, was at an early hour densely crowded with the 'members of the order,' to listen to the rib-tickling account of the many incidents ever to be met with in the life of a Concert Singer.

Many a time, and oft, have we shaken our sides with uncontrollable laughter, as the tormenting sentences of dry and spontaneous wit, fell from the lips of the joker, as unconcerned and as careless as drops of spray from the overhanging cliffs of Niagara.

But few, however, of the many rich things related by him in our presence have left the laughter in us, like the following;—but, in order to be fully appreciated, the reader should see Dodge tell the story.

Dodge, some years ago—about the time he quit teaching the art of wax-fruit and flower making, and, fortunately, took up that of concerting, at which profession he has, according to repute, amassed an independent fortune—made a break across the mountains, and one fine morning found himself in the city of Cincinnati.

Here he took passage in the afterwards unlucky steamer, the B——— S———, bound down to Memphis, Vicksburg, Natchez and New Orleans.

The boat was densely crowded, being stowed full on deck with agricultural implements, horses, cord-wood, Dutch emigrants and other hardware; while the cabin overhead was filled up with trunks, gals and boys, men and women and such like plunder.

After supper, Dodge, having by letter of introduction, made the acquaintance of a very useful personage, the captain of the boat, they arm in arm, took a peep into the ladies saloon; it was quite full, and one of the ladies was playing the piano elegantly, while some others, having a greater taste for vocal than instrumental music, were humming over a few of the late fashionable productions of Balfe, Glover, Dempster, and other eminent composers.

The Captain and Dodge stood for some time in respectful silence, when the lady at the piano very politely requested aid from some one to assist her in that glorious, soul exhilarating and never-dying old duet, the 'Canadian Boat Song.'

This was Dodge's *cue*, he very readily stepped forward, and begged permission to lead off.

'If you please sir,' said the lady, whose angeliferous voice, Dodge vows nearly took away his breath.

However, our hero pitched into the 'Boatman' like a load of coal, and says that, united with the angelic voice of the Mississippi nightingale, he fairly made 'Rome howl.'

After the 'Boatman' came a few selections from the Operas lately published; and the night being now far advanced, to wind up, Dodge was obliged to favour the ladies with a description of his trip to Niagara Falls.

'Egad old fellow,' says the noble Captain, meeting Dodge in the social hall, about midnight; 'you get along swimmingly among the ladies—why you sing like a bird.'

'Oh, yes, I sing a little,' said Dodge.

'And, egad, you thumbed that lady's guitar into fits'

'Well, I ra-ather guess I *did* torture it some,' replied Dodge; 'but tell me, Captain, who the deuce is that lady dressed in black, that sings like a nightingale, and plays with the finish and perfection of a professor?'

The Captain being a noted wag, and the terror of all jokers on the Mississippi river, here suddenly conceived the idea of *selling* the Yankee, with a joke, which should come *high* among the New Englanders, in ages to come as a model 'sell.'

'That lady, my dear fellow, is a-a—widow'

'You don't say so!' says Dodge.

'Yes, but I do though, and more than that, she's rich, rich as mud, sir—rich as mud! worth seventy-five thousand dollars! young and beautiful into the bargain—a good change for a Yankee boy just commencing in life like you, sir!'

'She's certainly very beautiful,' says Dodge.

'Beautiful as an angel!' says the Captain.

'A very fine musician, too,' suggested Dodge.

'Unequalled by any other on the river, rejoined the Captain; 'why, sir, she sings like a seraph'

'How long has she been a widow?' inquired Dodge.

'A little over a year now, since her Captain was placed under the sod.'

'Ah! then her husband was a *Captain* was he?' says Dodge.

'Yes; he was a Captain, but he got blowed up, poor fellow. This steam-boating is a risky business for a man that cares anything about life, sir! risky business; but then if you get the widow, and you can do it, sir, like a knife, if you only cotton strong enough, for she likes you already: I saw it in her eye—you can retire on some large plantation and spend the rest of your days in indescribable and unbounded luxury!'

'Well, Captain, hang me, if I ain't a mind to spread myself for the young widow, and try my hand at courting for the first time in my life?'

'Go it, my boy, I'll back you with all my influence; if I wasn't already a married man, I'd surely go in for that charming woman; but you'll win—young—good looking—'

'Don't, don't if you please, Captain!' said Dodge.

'Hang it, Dodge, you mustn't be so modest.'

'But, Captain, gas, soap, putty—think of my feelings!'

'Then you sing and play like a book: the widow *loves* music, she loves music to distraction; and now my boy, strike while the iron is hot! Why, sir, if I could sing and leod the guitar equal to you———'

'Hold on, Captain, hold on: I understand all about that; but now tell me all about the young and beautiful widow; give me her name, age and residence.'

'Her name,' replied the Captain, 'is Amantha Bronson; age, about twenty-four; residence, New Orleans, and as we shall probably be about ten days running down, you'll have a fine chance to exert yourself: so take my advice, and make the best use of your time.'

'I will,' says Dodge, and he didn't do anything else: for, always having an eye open for 'fly-traps,' and 'spring-guns,' his suspicions were aroused by the Captain's attempt at flattery, and his seeming distinterested endeavours to bring about a hasty avowal of love for the young and accomplished and really beautiful lady.

So, setting his wires to work, he lost but little time in discovering that the Captain had been under the delightful chains of Hymen, but about two weeks, and the *pseudo* widow was no more nor less than the identical, charming and idolized wife of the Captain.

'Now then,' says Dodge to himself, 'as the Captain has *planned* a joke, he shan't be disappointed: I'll only change or slightly alter the plot, and if I don't in the end give him a regular 'eye-opener,' then he may have the pleasure of informing his friends how he 'done the Yankee brown.'

Dodge had, something like a week previous, sent on his bills and advertisements to the editors at Natchez, stating that he would be at that stirring town during the races, and would, at fifty cents a ticket, treat the inhabitants and visitors, with a serious of mirthful, musical and social entertainments.

Not letting any persons on board know at what place he inteded to stop, telling the Captain he would settle his fare when he left the boat, he improved every spare moment with the widow over the music port folios and piano, until the old steamer came pulling alongside of the levee at Natchez.

Ascertaining from the Captain that the steamer would leave in about three quarters of an hour, he gave his baggage in charge of a resident in town, who was just about leaving the boat.—Then, watching the Captain until he had entered the counting room of one of the large stores 'under the hill,' for which he occasionally brought goods from New Orleans, the vocalist immediately went to the Captain's wife, and very coolly informed her that through the mismanagement of one of the agents, the boat would be obliged to remain about twenty-four hours at Natchez, and that her husband had accordingly accepted an invitation of some friends to visit the race-ground, and wished the vocalist to come up, as soon as convenient in a carriage, with the Captain's wife. Not dreaming of anything wrong, the lady hastily threw on her shawl and bonnet, and declared herself ready for a start.

Stepping on shore Dodge hailed a coloured coachman, gave him a shining doubloon, and in a smothered voice, ordered him to drive ten miles in an easterly direction, and then, without a single question, turn around and slowly return.

Leaving Dodge and his fair companion to enjoy their pleasant drive, after a tedious confinement in a noisy and clattering steamer, we will now return to the Captain, who at the appointed time, gave the steamer's bell the accustomed number of rings, hauled in the plank, bid a good day to his friends, and shoved out into the muddy river.

After seeing that the additional freight was well balanced, ropes and chains properly stowed away, and everything, in sailor's phrase, 'all taut,' which occupied nearly an hour, the Captain entered the ladies saloon to scrutinize his new passengers, and pass an agreeable half hour with his sweet and affectionate wife.

Not seeing his lady, he repaired to her state room, where he found the usual variety of out and inside dresses, night-cap, slippers, stockings, &c., but no wife; whereupon, feeling a little uneasy, (the honey moon not yet being passed) a general search was made from stem to stern, but without the least success.

For a moment the Captain stood like a statue. A thought struck him! Where was Dodge?

Some one remarked that he had not been seen since the boat left Natchez.

With the speed of a madman, the Captain rushed to the state room of the Yankee Singer, when, to his utter astonishment he found that the baggage had all disappeared, and on the bed lay a letter, directed to Captain———, of the steamer B——— S———. The letter was quickly torn open, when to add still greater fury to his frenzy, his eyes fell on the following:

DEAR SIR:—Thinking that you might possibly have the pleasure of relating to your friends, how you caught Dodge *napping*, by persuading him to make a declaration of love to your talented and truly accomplished lady.—you tried your utmost, both by misrepresentation and personal influence, to get me in the meshes of your skilfully woven net; and thinking that when we get among the Romans, we are justified in doing as the Romans do, I have by the same method, taken possession of your beautiful wife; without either *her own* or *your* consent.

Your lady shall receive that attention and kindness, that none other, better than a Bostonian knows how to bestow; and unless you conclude to 'bout ship,' acknowledge the corn and immediately take possession of the prize, (which between you and myself I consider the most manly and wisest course,) I shall, if it meets *her* approval, take her under my charge in the next steamer bound for the Crescent city.

Yours for *fun*, let it come at whose expense it may—in a *horn*.

OSSIAN E. DODGE, the Boston Vocalist.

P. S.—Enclosed you will find the amount of my fare, and inasmuch as I have taken possession of your fair, it is perfectly fair that you should have possession of my fare.

In a voice of thunder, the Captain gave orders for the action of the engine to be reversed, and taking possession of the pilot house himself, he had for a time, an excellent opportunity of cooling himself down into something like a state of reflection and reason.

Being naturally of a generous, noble-hearted and lively turn of mind, he was soon obliged to acknowledge to himself, that the 'infernal Yankee' had outwitted him, and that attention, promised in the letter, it would be better not to make a fool of himself, by a great splurge and show, but handsomely acknowledge that he had been, whipped by his own weapons: return the vocalist the amount of his fare, and then present him with a life ticket for the steamer B———S———, current at all seasons of the year.

About the time that the Captain was raging the wildest, Dodge was explaining to his fair companion the manner in which her lawful lord had compromised her honor and dignity, by representing her as a widow, and the proper person to receive the addresses of any and all young men, who might by accident or otherwise engage a passage in the same steamer.

Little by little, in his usual shrewd manner the vocalist revealed the complicated plot, from beginning to end, until the whole conversation, plans, &c., were brought to light including even the cap-sheaf of the whole—the letter left in the state room.

The lady trembled, wept violently for a few moments, and finally wound up with a merry ringing laugh exclaiming—

Oh! *won't* he be angry for a moment? But he's a noble fellow, and will in half an hour afterwards be willing and happy, to forget and forgive. But he *shan't forget*, as long as I have a tongue. Oh won't I better him? But, Mr. Dodge, hadn't we better have the driver hurry? For the Captain will return immediately on the receipt of your note, I know he will; for, oh, sir, we are very fond of each other, indeed we are.'

Dodge ordered the driver to increase his speed and if he should discover a steamer coming up the river to immediately inform them.

'Dah's one comen now, Massa,' immediately replied the driver.

'What's her name?' inquired Dodge.

'Reckon Massa's from the nor'? Don't know, nigger can't read,' rejoiced the laughing prince of darkness.

Dodge and his fair companion immediately took a view of the distant steamboat from the window of the coach, and soon satisfied themselves beyond a doubt that she was none other than indentical B——— S———.

'Where does Massa want nigga drive to now?' inquired the wonder stricken but respectful driver.

'To Natchez under the hill,' replies Dodge, 'and govern yourself according to the speed of yonder steamer, as we wish to board her.'

'Yes-sah.'

As the bow-line was thrown ashore, Dodge and the *pseudo* widow alighted from the carriage, and walked slowly towards the boat.

The Captain, overcome with joy, at the sight of his young and beautiful bride, sprang from the tafrail, and soon had her clasped in his arms.—After a hug, a kiss and a few words in private, he turned round to Dodge, who stood looking on, like one convinced he had no right to enjoy the scene, and exclaimed—

'My dear fellow, this *is happiness*, and no mistake; but I'll own up that I've been sold; *completely sold;* and that you're too many for me altogether! And now, sir, if you promise me that you will never relate the facts of this case, south of Mason & Dickson's line, you shall receive a ticket which shall entitle you to a cabin passage on my boat from the present time to the fall of 1999.'

'I am much obliged to you, Captain, for your offer,' replied Dodge, 'but should prefer not to accept it, as jokes that are paid for, are not, as a general thing, so long remembered, or so well enjoyed as those founded on affection for the vidders.'

'Hit again, by the great father of rivers!' exclaimed the Captain, 'but I'm now behind time, and must hurry off; so God bless you, my dear fellow, but don't amid the exciting scenes of concertizing, ever forget Captain———, or the steamer B——— S———, or your *elopement with another man's wife!*

On his arrival at New Orleans, the vocalist found a letter in the Post Office, containing together with the good wishes of the Captain and his wife, an elaborately finished and massive gold ring, on which was engraved the Captain's name and residence, and underneath, in very fine lettering, the simple but impressive word—'SOLD!'

Dodge showed us the ring, and amid the shouts of the fraternity exclaimed—

'Boys, I have preserved this ring with great care and attention for a wedding gift, but hav'nt as yet found the first woman who had the courage to offer herself, and its all nonsense for me to mention this subject, for they'd insist upon it, 'Old Dodge' was coming another of his jokes.'

POLITICAL UNION.

We observe that a correspondent of the *North American* proposes a union between the progressive Reform Party and the "moderate" Conservatives, with a view to create a majority in the next Parliament administration. We hardly think such a union would be attended with the desired results. Let the progressive reform party depend rather upon the soundness of their principles than upon any assistance they may get from such a quarter. Let them patiently await that reaction in the public mind, which will be the inevitable result of time and circumstances, rather than seek an *unnatural* union, with a party in whose sincerity of motive they can have no confidence. We cannot conceive that the two parties could unite on a platform, seeing that the "Clear Grit" party itself is divided on this subject. It would be too much to expect that Conservatives would give up the principles they have so long pertinaciously upheld and advocated, and become reconciled to aid in promoting principles of progressive Reform. It is true they have been loud in *professions* of liberalism, but are they *sincere?* Those who propose a union should be well satisfied of this before they consent to a coalition. Under what circumstances did this change take place in their political views? Was it wrought by *conviction* or by the desire to obtain *lost* power? These are questions worthy of being seriously pondered on. Would an equitable and satisfactory settlement of the Clergy Reserve question be more likely to be accomplished under the coalition proposed than under the present ministry?—We fear not. On that question, we predict their *conservative* predilections would appear—the *"cloven foot"* be seen. We would be willing to take such Reformers as can be had, and abide patiently the course of events for the rest, rather than risk a coalition that might place reformers in a worse position than they are at present.—*Barthust Courier.*

Galt market remains unaltered in price The Pork trade is very brisk, and prices are rather advancing than otherwise. A couple of loads were yesterday sent off from the Warehouse of J. K. Andrews and Co., consisting of some of the finest hogs we ever saw, averaging considerably over 250 lbs each. The trade in this article is greatly increasing in this neighbourhood.

SMOKING.—It has now been ascertained that the great fire which lately occurred in Fredrickton, New Brunswick, by which about £100,000 worth of property was destroyed, was the effect of smoking. A man sawing wood in a barn and smoking a pipe at the same time, from which the fire fell and caused the destruction of a large amount of property. This should be a warning to those who indulge in the pernicious practice of smoking.—*Belville Intelligencer.*

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Ashes—Market steady, but quiet, at $5.50c. for Pots; $5.62c. for Pearls. Flour—Market for Western and State rather more active, without much improvement in prices. The foreign demand limited.