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For Sale by
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RECEIVED by THIS DAY'S EXPRESS, from New York, the following:—
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Montreal, Jan. 12, 1850. 45

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Mary Moreton; or, the Broken Promise, by T. S. Arthur.
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Hutton's do.
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The Second Cabin has a separate table, and the berths are single, fully furnished with hair mattresses and bedding, and on board the Sarah Sands are state rooms, a great advantage in point of comfort over the unfurnished bunks of an open steerage.

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J. HOWARD & SON,
24, Broadway.

P. S.—An experienced Surgeon is attached to each steamer.

New York, Dec., 1849. 50

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THAT convenient and pleasantly situated TWO-STORY STONE HOUSE belonging to the Estate of the late W. D. LINDSAY, Esq., St. Johns, containing eleven Apartments; with good Yard, Stable, and Outhouses attached. Possession given on the 1st May next. For further particulars, apply to Mr. WM. LINDSAY, St. JOHNS, or to the Subscriber, in MONTREAL.

CHS. LINDSAY,
St. Sacrament Street.

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TO LET—And possession given on the first May next—Those desirable PREMISES, corner of Notre Dame and St. Joseph Streets, one of the very best Business stands in the City.

—ALSO, FOR SALE OR TO LET,—
SALEM TERRACE,

The present RESIDENCE of the Subscriber, situated at the extremity of the St. Antoine Suburbs, adjoining Chateau St. Antoine, the residence of JOHN DONEGANI, Esq., commanding a view of the whole City and River from Lachine to Varennes. The House and Premises are extensive, comprising every convenience for a large family, with a Garden well stocked with the choicest Fruits and Flowers.

—ALSO,—

Eight LOTS in Union Avenue (Beaver Hall Property) and Aylmer Street, and two LOTS fronting on Colborne Street, fifty feet by seventy-five, at the lower end of the Quebec Suburbs.

—AND,—

A FARM, of two hundred acres, in the Township of Fitzroy, C. W., at the junction of the Madawaska and Ottawa Rivers, with a Saw Mill and other Buildings thereon erected.

For further particulars, inquire of the Subscriber,

J. THAYER.

February 4. 54

TO LET,—The Three-Story CUT STONE WAREHOUSE, situated in St. Nicholas Street, now in the occupation of Messrs. CUVILLIER & Co., and used as a Dry Goods Store. It is fitted up with Shelves, Counters and Drawers, and the ground floor contains a Press, and is adapted for a Packing and Entering Room.

—ALSO,—

Five First-Class Three-Story CUT STONE STORES, situate in St. Sacrament Street, and forming part of the Block known as "Cuvillier's Buildings."

—ALSO,—

Several DOUBLE OFFICES, with Safes and other conveniences, in the same Street.

—ALSO,—

The DWELLING-HOUSE and DEPENDENCIES, situated at Cote a Baron, now in the occupation of Mrs. CUVILLIER. There are attached to the Premises an extensive GARDEN and ORCHARD, well stocked with Fruit Trees and Shrubs of the rarest and choicest descriptions, together with an abundant supply of excellent Water.

The House will be Let separately, or in connection with the Garden and Orchard; possession of which latter could be had immediately, and that of the House on the first May next.

—ALSO,—

A Large GARDEN and ORCHARD, fronting on Mountain and Sherbrooke Streets, containing about 550 feet by 115 in depth. There is a Summer-House in the centre of the Premises. Possession given immediately.

—ALSO,—

Sixteen DWELLINGS, in Visitation Street, to which are attached Stables, &c., together with about an Acre of Ground each.

—ALSO,—

Two Three-Story CUT STONE DWELLING-HOUSES, in Champ de Mars Street, with Out-Buildings, &c.

—AND,—

Several VACANT LOTS of GROUND, situated in the centre of the City, now used as Wood-Yards. RENTS LOW.

Apply to
MAURICE CUVILLIER,
St. Sacrament Street.

February 1, 1850. 53-1m

TO LET,
AND IMMEDIATE POSSESSION GIVEN, a pleasantly situated HOUSE, on Richmond Square, very suitable for a Small Family.

Enquire on the Premises.

30th July, 1849. 10?

HOUSE TO LET—The FOUR STORY BRICK HOUSE, No. 44, Craig Street, containing Eight Bed Rooms, Drawing Room, Dining Room, Kitchens, Cellar, and Attics, with Coach House and Stables. To be Let till the first of May next. Rent moderate.

Apply to
J. G. SHIPWAY,
Auctioneer.

Montreal, 23rd Nov., 1849. 23

FARM TO LET.

MOUNT PLEASANT FARM, delightfully situated on the Mountain Side, at Cote St. Antoine, and within two miles of the City, containing one hundred and fifteen Acres. The HOUSE, which is very convenient, contains good Cellars and Dairy. On the first floor will be found, Dining Room, Parlour, Library, Bed-Room, and Kitchen; also, Six Bed-Rooms on the second floor.

The GARDEN, of three Acres, is well Stocked with the finest Fruit Trees, Perennial Plants, and rare Shrubs, and the Grapery with the choicest Vines, all in the best order.

There is also an ORCHARD of twenty Acres, containing upwards of one thousand Apple Trees, in full bearing.

Possession immediately.

For terms and further information, application to be made to the Proprietor, Mr. JOS. SAVAGE, at Messrs. GEO. SAVAGE & SON, Notre Dame Street.

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TO BE LET,
THE LARGE ROOM, well lit and heated, (formerly occupied by the City Council,) 165, Notre Dame Street, may be had by the day or evening. Terms, low.

34 THOMAS H. BRIDGE.

WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

STAMMERING AND STUTTERING CURED!

IN FROM FIFTEEN TO THIRTY MINUTES.

DR. BUNTING has the honor to announce his arrival in this City, and has taken Rooms in the MONTREAL HOUSE, where he will remain until the 20th of this month, for the purpose of effectually CURING those addicted to STAMMERING or STUTTERING, who may wish to be relieved.

So confident is he of success, that no charge will be made until the utmost satisfaction is given. Those afflicted in the above manner, have now an opportunity of receiving aid seldom offered. This rule is so simple, that a child five years of age will perfectly understand it, and yet so efficient, that he defies any person to Stammer and apply it. As early an application as possible is requested.

The following gentlemen may be referred to in Quebec, having witnessed the application of the above on a number of patients:—

Dr. Marsden,	Dr. Kimlin,
Dr. Morren,	Mr. Chs. Hough,
Mr. Wm. Russell, St. George's Hotel.	Mr. Alf. Langevin.

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NOTICE.

THE Subscriber having determined upon CLOSING up his Business in CANADA altogether, and liquidating his own DEBTS, as well as others for which he is liable, will SELL, at PUBLIC AUCTION, *without reserve*, on or before the TWENTIETH day of APRIL next, the following PROPERTY, viz.:—
4 Two-Story BRICK DWELLING-HOUSES, situated in Nazareth Street, Griffintown.
2 Two-Story WOODEN DWELLING-HOUSES, in George Street, Griffintown.
1 Two-Story WOODEN DWELLING-HOUSE, in DeBleury Street.
1 Two-Story BRICK HOUSE, and Large GARDEN, pleasantly situated at Cote Baron.

—ALSO,—

A Two-Story STONE HOUSE at LAPRAIRIE, known as "The Laprairie Hotel," now kept by Mr. GOODSELL.

—AND,—

The UNEXPIRED LEASE (7 years) of the "EAGLE HOTEL,"—the SHEDS and STABLES, newly erected, and in good repair,—together with all the HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE belonging to the said Hotel.

For particulars apply to the Proprietor,
FRANCIS DUCLOS,
Eagle Hotel.

Montreal, 28th January, 1850. 52-2m

TO LET.—A Three-Story CUT STONE HOUSE, No. 106, Notre Dame Street, with a Large STONE STORE in the rear. The SHOP is fitted up with Plate Glass Windows, &c., and is at present occupied by Mr. MEAD as a Fur Store.

—ALSO,—

The STORE adjoining the above. Possession given on 1st May next.

Apply to
JOSEPH N. HALL.

February 11. 57

TO BE LET.—Two of those Elegant DWELLING-HOUSES, Portland Place, St. Antoine Street, having Water Closets, Bath Rooms, and every convenience.

—ALSO,—

The Two CUT STONE DWELLING-HOUSES opposite the residence of the Subscriber.

—AND,—

Two Small COTTAGES, with GARDENS.

JOHN TORRANCE.

February 11. 57

FOR SALE OR TO LET.—The MONTREAL STEAM MILLS, St. Peter Street, at present in the occupation of Mr. JOHN BIRSS. There are Three Run of French Burr Mill Stones, and an OATMEAL MILL in good working order.

—ALSO,—

The Large STORE HOUSE opposite (formerly the Racket Court.)

JOHN TORRANCE.

February 11. 57

TO LET.—The PREMISES, fronting on St. Paul Street, now occupied by Mr. William Stephen, as a Dry Goods Store. Possession from 1st May next.

JOHN TORRANCE.

January 23, 1850. 49

TO BE LET,—THREE First-Class OFFICES, in "Little St. James' Street Chambers."

Application to
EASTON, PHILLIPS & Co.,
5, St. Sacrament Street.

February 8, 1850. 56

TO BE LET,—TWO Extensive and Handsome SHOPS, corner of Bonaventure Street, and a Lane dividing them from the new "Tattersalls," with convenient Dwellings and good Cellars to each, besides Yard and Outbuildings.

Application to
EASTON, PHILLIPS & Co.,
5, St. Sacrament Street.

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FOR SALE OR TO LET,
THE MONTREAL HIGH SCHOOL, with the Extensive Grounds thereto attached. The Building is 180 feet in length, by 40 and 53 in width, and if a permanent Tenant can be obtained, for Public purposes or otherwise, the Proprietor will have no objection to either making or allowing internal alterations and improvements to be made, adapted to the wants of the occupant.

Apply to H. STEPHENS.

January 23, 1850. 49

FOR SALE,
A GOOD FARM, 100 Acres, near Brockville, C. W.

Apply to A. F. SABINE, Montreal.
Or to JAMES SABINE, Esq., Brockville.

January 28. 50

TO LET.

THE Subscriber, having Leased those PREMISES, corner of St. Paul and St. Nicholas Streets, is desirous of Letting that portion lately used by Messrs. Scott & Shaw for their retail department. The whole building will be modernized by a new front, and any other suitable alteration made, if applied for early.

Apply to
J. HENRY EVANS.

January 30, 1849. 52

HOUSE ON RICHMOND SQUARE.

TO LET.—The Large, Convenient, and Elegant RESIDENCE, lately in the occupation of Major General GORE; with Stables, Coach House, &c., &c., attached. Also, a small Garden.

Apply to the Undersigned, Proprietor.
ROLLO CAMPBELL.

January 28. 4m-51

DISSOLUTION.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP between the Undersigned, under the Firm of W. C. MILES & CO., is THIS DAY DISSOLVED by mutual consent.

W. C. MILES,
T. H. CAMPBELL.

Montreal, January 21, 1850. 50

DISSOLUTION.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP between the Undersigned, under the Firms of HOOKER, HENDERSON & CO., in Kingston, and HOOKER, HOLTON & CO., in Montreal, expired by limitation on the 31st day of December last. The affairs of the Co-Partnership will be closed up by the Undersigned, who will use the names of the Firms in liquidation only.

ALFRED HOOKER,
FRANCIS HENDERSON,
L. H. HOLTON.

Kingston, Jan. 10, 1850. 46

THE Undersigned will CONTINUE the FORWARDING and COMMISSION BUSINESS, under the Firm of HOOKER & HOLTON.

They have appointed Mr. E. HOOKER Agent for their FORWARDING BUSINESS at KINGSTON, who has rented from them, the Stores occupied by their late Firm, and to whom any communications relating to their Business at that place may be addressed.

ALFRED HOOKER,
L. H. HOLTON.

Montreal, Jan. 14, 1850. 46

AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

Bill for Postage Reduction — Mileage Reform in Congress — Land Reform — United States Coinage for the Past Year — Tea Culture in America — Bill for Reciprocity with Canada — Mexican Indemnity — Government Officers — Commercial Matters — Miscellaneous.

NEW YORK, February 3, 1850.

A Postage Bill was offered in the House a few days since by Mr. ASHMUN, of Massachusetts, which provides for a variety of important regulations and reductions. Among other improvements, is the Abolition of the Franking Privilege. The uniform rate of Postage on half-ounce letters is recommended at Two CENTS; more than a half-ounce, and not more than one ounce, four cents; two ounces, eight cents; four additional, for every ounce of greater weight. These rates to be prepaid; otherwise, the present rates to continue. The postage of Congress to be paid out of a Contingent Fund, on the Abolition of Franking, under such regulations as each House may prescribe for itself. Newspaper postage is not mingled with these provisions at all—but here the reform *is not quite* so urgently required. We shall have that presently.

At last, Congress has taken hold of the MILEAGE Swindle, apparently with the intent to stop that fearful leak in the Government chest. The payment to Members of a fair equivalent for their expenditure of time and funds is perfectly just; but when each man, year after year, draws from $600 to $2,000 above the amount to which he is justly entitled, it is high time the matter should be remedied. You will remember the buzz created in last year's House on the introduction of this subject by HORACE GREELEY. It has, since then, excited great debate and high-toned excitement amongst the Hon. gentlemen who figured most conspicuously in the *expose*. Now, Mr. SWEETSER, a Member from Ohio, who owes his election to the "Mileage," reports to the House from the Committee on that subject, a Resolution covering the "direct route" all along advocated by the friends of Greeley's measure. Should the Resolution ultimately prevail, it will save to the Treasury, yearly, over $73,000, if applied to House and Senate—or $52,326, if made available *for the House alone*.

But the most remarkable event of all, is the occurrence of a debate in the Senate on the FREEDOM of the PUBLIC LANDS, growing out of a Resolution presented by SAM. HOUSTON, the Texan Senator. Land Reform in the United States Senate is an era in the history of that astute body; and that by the Representative from Texas. Verily! the world does move. Mr. HOUSTON's Resolution—which he sustained in a very fair and straightforward speech—looked to a grant of 160 acres of the Public Lands to every family, not landholders or owners of property, to the amount of $1500, who are citizens of the United States; or to emigrants, who are now here, or may arrive previous to the 4th of March next. When these families shall have resided upon the land so granted three years continuously, erected buildings and cleared ten acres of ground, the proposition is that a patent shall issue from the Government therefor, free from all cost to the grantee. This was originally intended as an amendment to the former Resolution of Governor SEWARD, but that not being called up, Mr. HOUSTON thought proper to present his in an original form; and it is accordingly before the Senate for consideration. This was on Wednesday, and the subject has not since been renewed.

The President's Special Message on CALIFORNIA, with its accompanying documents, and the supplemental communications relative to the affairs of New Mexico, etc., have not yet officially appeared. They are, at any rate, of comparatively slight importance, unless taken in connection with other circumstances, to which I shall refer hereafter.

The total COINAGE of the United States for 1849—as appears from the Reports from the four Mints in Philadelphia, New Orleans, Charlotte, and Dahlonega—amounted to Eleven Millions, One Hundred and Sixty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred and Ninety-Six Dollars ($11,164,696). Of this nearly One Million, or $938,288, were Gold Dollars, the new coin. The deposits at all the Mints during the year amounted to over Fourteen Millions, of which better than Twelve Millions were in Gold. The Gold of 1847 was chiefly *foreign*, left for re-coinage; that of 1849 is mostly *native*—being an actual increase of our Gold currency, owing mainly to the heavy arrivals from California. The aggregate of California Gold brought to the United States Mints since its first discovery, has so far been $6,191,896; and every steamer furnishes a fresh supply. When shall we have the Mint in New York, where it should have been located at the outset?

An interesting experiment on the culture of the Tea Plant in America has been some months on trial in South Carolina, in the hands of a Mr. Junius Smith. We have accounts from his "Golden Grove Plantation" which warrant a belief that eventually the culture of that plant may be made to succeed here. If so, there will be another revolution in the channels of Trade; quite distant enough at present to preclude any degree of serious contemplation.

A Bill establishing RECIPROCITY WITH CANADA was reported to the House of Representatives at Washington on Tuesday last, of which I annex a copy. It is the same as that of Mr. Grinnell of 1848, which was entrusted to Gen. DIX and not acted upon in the Senate. It is now brought forward by Mr. MCLEAN, of Maryland, Chairman of the Committee on Commerce, and is as follows:—

A BILL to admit certain articles of the growth or production of Canada into the United States free of duty, upon the condition that the like articles of the growth or production of the United States are admitted into Canada free of duty.

Be it enacted, That when the President of the United States shall issue his proclamation that the articles hereinafter enumerated, being of the growth or production of the United States, are admitted into the Province of Canada by law free of duty, that on and after that day the like articles, being the growth and production of the Province of Canada, shall be admitted into the United States free of duty, when imported direct from said Province, so long as the said enumerated articles are admitted into said Province of Canada from the United States free of duty, unless otherwise directed by Congress, to wit: Grain and Breadstuffs of all kinds, Vegetables, Fruits, Animals, Hides, Wool, Tallow, Horse, Salted and Fresh Meats, Ores of all kinds of metal, Timber, Stoves, Wood and Leather of all kinds.

A new instalment of the Mexican indemnity has been paid by the Government, through Messrs. Howland & Aspinwall, of this city. The amount is $1,460,000.

The President has nominated for the new Minister to Prussia, Ex-Governor MILLER, S. Brown, of Tennessee. They do say that the rejection of Col. WEBB is a "fixed fact." The Collector of this Port, HUGH MAXWELL, (a Scotchman by birth,) is also said to be in some danger, as the days of confirmation or rejection draw nigh. The accounts of Mr. F. M. WEYMOUTH, late Navy Agent here, of which I have before spoken, are so perplexed a state as at first—he having refused to "step up to the Captain's office," as requested. The United States District Attorney here has authority to sue him for the whole amount.

There is little of interest to communicate in Commercial affairs. We are every moment expecting the arrival of a Cheapside steamer, probably with large consignments. Money has continued abundant, with moderate supplies of paper. The Markets are firm; Stocks buoyant; Freights steady; and a good inquiry for Exchanges.

We hear from Philadelphia that business there is unusually active, especially among the importers. Here, the Spring trade will unusually be lively. Our merchants and leading capitalists are erecting new warehouses of marble, in all [illegible] and our streets are vocal with the din of the artisan, and the clatter of his materials.

ARIEL.

Those Rochester "Spirits."

We publish in our Supplement a very sweeping onslaught on the reality of the alleged spiritual communications at Rochester, and the integrity of some of the persons engaged in their production. In accordance with our resolution to hear all testimony on the subject and maintain fair play, we remark that we have the name of a citizen of R. as quoter as authority for these statements, who, though strongly prejudiced against these revelations and revelators from the outset, could not mean to state anything but the solid truth. We bespeak for his strictures a candid hearing.

—And now for a word on the other side. We received a private letter yesterday from one of the believers in the verity and spirituality of the Revelations at Rochester, Auburn, &c., who incidentally and without any idea of its publication, made the following statements. The names are given in full in his letter, but we, having no right to use them in this connection, do not. They are those of most respectable citizens of Rochester, utterly above the suspicion of fraud or collusion. Our correspondent says:

"Allow me to state a fact which occurred but a few days since: Mr. C. W. and Mr. J. R. went to a house in Rochester to hear the sounds. There were abundant manifestations in different parts of the house, when a signal for the alphabet was given, and these words were spelled out—'Mr. B. do you believe this is all gammon?'—The company looked astonished, when Mr. W. remarked that Mr. B. had said, while coming to the house, 'Now, W., is not this all gammon?'

"Again: A Mr. P. was there, who was very skeptical, and asked—'Who will communicate with me?' The answer by alphabet was—'Your mother will.'—'Will my mother tell how old I am?'—It was rapped exactly.—'How many years has she been dead?'—It was told correctly.—'Now if this be really the spirit of my mother, will she tell me what were the last words she ever spoke?'—The spelling was—'God will take care of you, my son.'—At this Mr. P. burst into tears and said, 'Those were my mother's dying words, and I know that no one here could know anything about them.' These are of the class of facts daily transpiring."

As we write, we find the above case stated substantially as by our correspondent by another person (Geo. Willets) in the *Burlington Free Press*, and this case added thereto:

"Another instance: Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont, persons of wealth and standing, living in this city, were present where this communication is known, and a gentle rapping was heard, and the question was asked, 'Who will communicate?' when the name of a grandchild was spelled to them. The child then said, by the alphabet, 'Grandma, don't you remember I was scalded to death?' When they could find utterance, they both stated that they had a grandchild of the name spelled to them, and that he was scalded so that he died, some years since. No person present knew at that time whether Mr. and Mrs. Pierpont ever had any grandchildren. I might multiply incidents of this character almost *ad infinitum*, all proving most certainly that the communications are from the persons which they purport to be from; and that they are in a blessed, but alive, and are every near us. These spirits say that they are not idle, but busily engaged in the pursuits which are congenial to them."

—We think this matter has not yet been probed to the bottom, not even by our skeptical correspondent. We trust cool, clear headed, keen sighted people, who love Truth more than their own prepossessions, will pursue the investigation.—*N. Y. Tribune.*

WHAT NEXT?—The Editor of the *Herkimer Journal* has arrived at some startling conclusions. In alluding to the mysterious "Knockings" at Rochester, he says:—

"We can well conceive with what difficulty the majority of minds will be able to tolerate anything savoring of *faith* in these strange accounts; nevertheless, there is nothing in all which has yet taken our notice, too incredible for our belief. We have been familiar with matters in this direction for the last seven years, and have borne about, closely locked from every human mind, a strict self-consciousness that the race of mankind were rapidly approximating a period in which the spiritual portions of man's nature would be more closely unveiled to his understanding—when, in a sense, he would be raised from his grovelling condition by nature to his own being, to apprehend more definitely his relation to the spirit world, and to learn to some extent the great Scripture truth, that he is 'fearfully and wonderfully made.' * * *

"We are satisfied, and have been for some months past, that the world has entered the *judgment days*—so called—and that the *resurrection* is taking place; and that while some are being raised to 'everlasting life,' others are coming up to '*shame and everlasting contempt*.' We are ready to give our reasons, Scripturally and rationally, for our faith; but, knowing the strong prejudice which environs all such transcendental ideas and opinions, we have not hitherto, nor do we feel that we could profitably discuss these matters in a public journal of a character like ours."

HORACE GREELEY, of the *Tribune*, remarks on this:—

"Is the world running mad, or getting sane?—stricken with judicial blindness, or only just beginning to see? We must take time to consider and investigate one of these days. As yet, we must say that we have seen none of the strange sights that other people report, but they may be very real in spite of that."

If, as the Millenarians, Irvingites, and many pious and good men of all Evangelical creeds hold, the end of the prophetic period of Daniel and John is approaching, we may, believing Scripture, expect to see "signs and wonders," and to hear of "lying spirits" that will "deceive even the elect."

Explosion and Loss of Life.

The following interesting account of the terrible accident at New York is from the *Courier & Enquirer*:—

The most fatal disaster which has ever occurred in this city, happened yesterday morning, at the Machine shop of Messrs. Alvah B. Taylor & Co., No. 3 Hague street, between Pearl and Cliff streets. The building was a substantial brick structure, five stories in height. The first and second stories were occupied by the machine and press making establishment of A. B. Taylor & Co., and the other stories by Messrs. Burr & Co., hat body manufacturers. In the basement of the building was a steam boiler, belonging to the Messrs. Taylor, and used for driving the machinery employed in their business. This boiler exploded at 15 minutes before eight yesterday morning, with a loud report, which was heard at a distance of a third of a mile. The report was followed in a few seconds by a rumbling sound, caused by the fall of the building. So tremendous was the force of the explosion that the building was raised entirely from its foundations, and fell upon the spot where it had stood—very little of the rubbish falling into the street. The adjoining building of Messrs. W. Hull & Son—substantial and with walls of immense thickness—was severely shaken by the explosion, and the walls have bulged out perceptibly.

The alarm of fire was at once given,—for the mass of ruins had instantly ignited,—and the firemen resorted to the spot with their usual alacrity.

And now a scene was presented which cannot be imagined by those who did not witness it.—Buried beneath these burning ruins were scores of men, many of them still living. The flames were rapidly extending,—while the application of water in sufficient quantities to check them, was prevented by the consideration, that the water might prove fatal to those who might escape the ravages of the fire. The temperature of the atmosphere was exceedingly low,—the day being one of the coldest of the season,—with the thermometer at 18, and added greatly to the agony of the sufferers. Indeed, it will be seen by the inquest, that in the opinion of the physician, the cold had proved fatal to one of the unfortunate men.

The building was situated on a street only about fifteen feet in width, a circumstance which added seriously to the embarrassment of the Department, in their efforts to remove the superincumbent mass of timbers and roofing which covered the ruins. By extraordinary efforts this was speedily accomplished, and some—those nearest the surface, and the least injured—removed. Many of the unfortunate persons could be heard imploring assistance, others begging to be saved from the fire which had attacked their limbs, and others immovably fixed, were crushed while others passed that the amount of water might be soon gone, as they were in such positions as to be nearly lost, and others still were rapidly becoming paralyzed by the severity of the cold.

A train of circumstances, under these circumstances, developed. A few more ten or twelve [illegible] ago, while in that hideous gulf, surrounded the greatest horrors, children were on the rock where he stood at work above him, with the assurance that their labors would soon be successful, encouraging his fellow-sufferers with the hope

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