

the same care in fulfilling engagements should be shown as in more important matters; the habit of punctuality would thus be formed, confidence would not be broken, and much valuable time would be saved. The following anecdote of Sir William Napier, furnishes a lesson for the consideration of the class of persons we have alluded to:—

“He was one day taking a long country walk near Freshford, when he met a little girl about five years old sobbing over a broken bowl: she had dropped and broken it in bringing it back from the field to which she had taken her father's dinner in it, and she said she would be beaten on her return home for having broken it; then with a sudden gleam of hope, she innocently looked up into his face, and said, “But yee can mend it, can't ee? Sir William explained that he could not mend the bowl, but the trouble he could, by the gift of a sixpence to buy another. However, on opening his purse it was empty of silver, and he had to make amends by promising to meet his little friend in the same spot at the same hour next day, and to bring the sixpence with him, bidding her, meanwhile, tell her mother she had seen a gentleman who would bring her the money for the bowl next day. The child, entirely trusting him, went on her way comforted. On his return home he found an invitation awaiting him to dine in Bath the following evening, to meet some one whom he specially wished to see. He hesitated for some little time, trying to calculate the possibility of giving the meeting to his little friend of the broken bowl and of still being in time for the dinner party in Bath: but finding this could not be, he wrote to decline accepting the invitation on the plea of a “pre-engagement,” saying to one of his family as he did so, “I cannot disappoint her, she trusted me so implicitly.”

HAND LOOMS FOR WEAVING.

In the January number of the *Journal*, we noticed that a gentleman had made enquiries of us as to the price of hand-loom for weaving plain woollen or linen fabrics, and where such looms can be obtained; believing that if introduced here they would be of immense benefit in employing a large portion of our idle population during the long winter months. A friend informs us that as power-loom are now being extensively introduced into Ireland, any number of displaced hand-loom may be procured at almost nominal rates.

The price of ordinary hand-loom and their necessary appliances; he states to be about £4 sterling, or \$20., in Ireland.

Since writing the above we notice a communication on this subject in the *Canada Farmer*, from a practical man, which we have copied into another portion of this *Journal*.

NOTICE TO INVENTORS.

INVENTORS AND PATENTEES would facilitate the diffusion of a knowledge of their inventions, by forwarding to this office specifications for publication in the *Journal*, free of charge; and also any suitable wood cuts or stereotype plates illustrating such inventions.

Communications also on any discoveries of new applications of machinery or inventions to industrial processes, that may have been observed in other countries, are particularly desirable for publication in the *Journal*.

NOTICE TO MANUFACTURERS.

The pages of this *Journal* are always open to manufacturers or others, for descriptions of the nature and extent of any branch of manufacture in which they may be engaged, or have any knowledge; and also to communications on any subjects connected with or tending to advance any of the various industrial interests of the province.

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The Library of Reference, containing about 1,300 volumes of valuable works on Patents, Mechanics and Manufactures, Designing and Decoration, Engineering and General Science, Parliamentary Publications, &c., is open to ALL free of charge, each day except the Sabbath, from 10 A.M. to 4 o'clock P.M.; and on Tuesday and Friday evenings, for the especial benefit of the industrial classes, and others who cannot attend during the day, it is open from 7 till ten o'clock.

FINAL EXAMINATIONS.

Notice to Institutes.

Directors and members of Mechanics' Institutes are reminded that the Final Examinations of the Board will be held not later than the first week in June next, and that the names of Candidates, and the subjects they propose to be examined in, must be communicated to the Board on or before the first day of May, so as to enable the Examiners to get the papers necessary for the examinations.

BLANK FORMS, upon which to make these returns, will be mailed to any institute applying for them.

The details of the preliminary and final examinations will be found in the No. of this *Journal*.