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the son, as tickled with curiosity relative to the daughter—for that there was a daughter in the case he had quite made up his mind. But he, with due deference to example, listened attentively to the widow's lamentations over the loss of her son, and he showed no unseemly gratification when she changed the subject and the scene together, leading the way to another apartment, a sort of gallery lighted from the roof, the walls of which were covered with pictures of a still better execution, many of which she said had been ordered by the famous connoisseur Lord Bristol; the celebrated historical painter and antiquities seeker, the Seigneur Jovino Hamilton, and other English amateurs who had been obliged to quit Rome in consequence of the revolutionary movements.

Lord W.—as if to secure a place in the good graces of the lady, at once fixed on the pictures for immediate purchase, begging her to name her own price and to send them home to him on the morrow. This liberal conduct seemed greatly to excite her gratitude; and her smiles, before so depressed, rose rapidly to a height which produced a corresponding effect upon her beauty.

"Is she not a lovely creature, Moreton?" whispered Lord W.—
 "She has certainly been a fine woman, my Lord."

"Has been!" My dear Moreton, that is not the way you must consider her; I beg, I expect, that you will admire her as she is?" replied his Lordship, with a tone of emphasis quite beyond the reach of the secretary's philosophy. But before he had time to reflect on it he was startled by the sounds of a harp proceeding from an inner room. Quite thrown off his guard, he exclaimed, "Ah, Signora, that is your—"

"Harp?" chimed in Lord W.—, with a reproving glance at Moreton.

"Yes my Lord, it certainly is a harp, and mine," replied the old lady, thinking the joint stock exclamation an odd one.

"And the performer is no doubt," said Moreton—

"A friend of yours?" interrupted Lord W.—
 "Why, I hope so—it is my daughter who plays."

"I thought so."

"You have a daughter, then?" said the Englishman respectively.
 "Yes, Milord, and one of whom a mother may be fairly proud, without being unwisely vain: on the suppression of the convent where she received her education she returned to her family, and is now at home."
 "May we hope for the honour of an introduction to the young lady?" asked Lord W.—, while Moreton looked the inquiry much more ardently.

(To be continued.)

MISCELLANEOUS.

FROM LATE EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN PAPERS.

SUDDEN DEATH OF GENERAL AYDE, C. B. ROYAL ARTILLERY.—This distinguished officer, had spent the best part of his life in the "tented field," and was at the principal battles and sieges during the late war. He was wounded severely at that ill-conducted and ill-fated expedition to Walcheren. Subsequently on the plains of Waterloo he added another wreath to his well earned honours, and received the cross of the Bath. Wednesday the General accepted an invitation from his friend and companion in arms (who shares equal honours) General Drummond, R. A., to meet a few brother soldiers at dinner, and he returned about eleven to his house on Woolwich common near the Royal Military Academy, in perfect health, but about two o'clock in the morning of yesterday Mrs. Ayde, discovered he was a corpse!

Portsmouth, Sept. 7.—On Tuesday, the 4th, sailed Her Majesty's ship *Pique*, Capt. Boxer, for Shermess, from whence she is to proceed to St. Petersburg, with the Marquis of Clanricarde, Ambassador to the court of Russia.

The *Edinburgh* has taken on board four sixty-eight guns, and the *Pique*, before she sailed, took in two of the same calibre, from which are fired either hollow shot or shells.— This very effective plan of arming vessels of war, has been copied from the French, who have for many years adopted it.

Lord Camberme, who is in his 70th year, will be married in a few days to Miss Gibbings, a lady possessed of £100,000 fortune.

The South Australian Commissioners sold, during the present year, 19,040 acres; the greatest amount, 5,920, was sold in June; and the price was £1 per acre. The population is now estimated at six thousand, which is three and one-third times the amount of the population of Swan River.

Mr. Crane, of New-Brunswick was still in London, and had been using his exertions to have the Mails transmitted by steam vessels to Halifax; which measure the Government was favourable to.

Miss Martineau was in Glasgow on Thursday last, when she visited several of the public works and other objects of curiosity. She is now on a visit to the Lord Advocate at Strathclair.

Two persons of very moderate age have died within a short period of each other, at Cheltenham, of internal ulcers, brought on, in the opinion of an eminent medical practitioner, by the excessive use of cigars.

The profits of the *Great Western* from the 25th June to the 25th September, are estimated at \$32,285.

On Friday evening, Choo-th-lang made a public profession of Christianity, and received the rite of baptism, at Dr. Burder's chapel, Hackney, in the presence of a crowded Assembly. The service was altogether of a highly interesting character, arising, no doubt, in some measure, from the fact that he is the first Chinese who has ventured to come over to this country, and one of the few of his countrymen who have yet embraced the Christian faith.

The regular sittings of the 95th Annual Conference of the Wesleyan Ministers commenced at Bristol on Wednesday last. At six o'clock in the morning, between three and four hundred preachers assembled in St. Philip's Chapel. The Rev. E. Grindrod, president for the past year, took the chair as usual. The Conference proceeded to the election of a president for the ensuing year, and the Rev. Thomas Jackson was chosen, by a large number of votes. The appointment of a secretary was next entered upon, and the election for rather the election of the Rev. Robert Newton was determined almost unanimously. The Rev. John Anderson and the Rev. Isaac Keeling were elected sub-secretaries, and the Rev. William Barton, journal secretary.

Mr. Charles Harvis, the pedestrian, who recently completed the Herculean task of walking 1000 miles in 1000 hours, has now made an engagement to perform 1000 miles in 1000 half hours; and will commence on the 19th inst. near the Plinchaey Common.

The Rev. Mr. Magawly, a Roman Catholic Clergyman, is engaged by the Waterford Canal Company, in the construction of a boat to be propelled by quicksilver, and which is expected to go 30 miles an hour.

A quantity of tea, the produce of the British territories at Assam, has been received at Leadenhall street, and pronounced by tea-dealers and others, equal in every respect to the produce of China.

London papers state that competition has arrived at such a pass, that one company has advertised to take passengers to Boulogne for 3s., Gravesend, 4s., Woolwich, 6d., and Greenwich, 4d., Sundays included.

A drunken fellow being asked by a publican to pay his score, amounting to ten pots of beer, replied, "No, no, wait till I have had twenty and then it will be a score indeed."

HOSPITALITY.—An Irish soldier who came over with General Moor, being asked if he met with much hospitality in Holland? "O yes," replied he, "too much! I was in the hospital almost all the time I was there."

UNITED STATES.

The whaleship Vermont, of Foughkeepsie, lately returned from a whaling voyage, with a cargo valued at £209,005. She had been out 14 months and 10 days.

A match at bricklaying came off on Friday last, on the Crofton Aqueduct, between R. H. Nicholson of Hartford, (Conn.), aged 21 years, and G. B. Neagle of Philadelphia, aged 19. The parties commenced their labour at six o'clock in the morning, and at half-past eleven Neagle being of a light frame, found his strength failing, and gave up, having laid the incredible quantity of 3,700 bricks in five and a half hours. Nicholson continued until 12, at which time he had laid 5,350 bricks. The work was performed in the presence of the aqueduct inspectors, and pronounced by the engineers to be thoroughly well done. An

average day's work is 1,200.—**New York Commercial Advertiser.**

ABSENCE OF MIND AGAIN.—While a gentleman at Boston was winding up his watch, he wound up himself, and never perceived his mistake till his creditors objected to let him go on tick any longer.

The Newfoundland House of Assembly beats "a tall native," as Sam Slick says. A few years ago, the chair and wig of the Speaker of that assembly were brought to the hammer for a debt owing to an honest man, who had given the members house room for a session, and who had not taken the precaution of getting paid in advance.

From the New York Times.

AN IMPOSTOR.—Early in the present week a French Canadian named Jacob Forgeat, arrived in this city in one of the North River boats, accompanied by his wife and family. His wife is said to be a maniac. Having lodged his wife and children in some house in Thirty-fifth street, he repaired to the Alms house where he told a most piteous tale. One of the visitors was sent to his residence to learn the truth of his statement. Here he found the woman to be a raving maniac, but there were no symptoms of poverty either in the apparel or mode of living of the parties. He was informed that the poor people had plenty of money, and been flaring up in a horse and wagon. Mr. Forgeat admitted that he had come to this city under and by the advice of the Canadian authorities, for the express purpose of getting his wife and son foisted upon the Alms house.

When at the Alms house, Mr. Forgeat exhibited a number of begging petitions; one of them, of which the following is a copy, was taken from him:—

"Jacob Forgeat, not understanding English, begs of you to read this paper. I am afflicted with a rupture in both sides, and my wife has been crazy for sixteen years, and has a family of children to support. I am unable to do any thing to support myself; but recommend myself and family to good and charitable people; you can see my wife's situation.
 I take money, meat, clothes, or any thing you may see fit to bestow on me.

We certify that this man has been afflicted for sixteen years, and conducts himself as an honest sober man, and takes all trouble and pains with his wife's affliction.

**GWEAR, Priest,
 A. ARGANDO, Capt.
 PICAR.**

When Mr. Forgeat found that he could not hoax the good people of the city of Gotham, he broke out into a violent rage, and cursed America in particular, and said he should take his departure for a place more charitable than this.

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QUEBEC, SATURDAY, 20th OCT. 1838.

LATEST DATES.

From London, . . . Sept. 19	From New York, . . . Oct. 13
From Liverpool, . . . Sept. 21	From Halifax, . . . Oct. 2
From Paris, . . . Sept. 17	From Toronto, . . . Oct. 3

New York papers of Monday last are without any news of moment.

We understand that His Excellency the Governor General has altered his intention of proceeding to England via the United States, and that it is now definitely arranged that His Excellency, with the Countess of Durham, family, and suite, will embark on board the *Inconstant*, on the 1st of November, and will sail direct for England on that day, weather permitting.

The report mentioned in our last, of the retirement of the Hon. Chief Justice Sewell, and the appointment of Mr. James Stuart as his successor, was well founded. The venerable Chief Justice, we understand, will deliver his valedictory address to the Bar to-day.

The most strenuous and unremitting exertions continue to be made by the military and police for the discovery of Theller and Dodge, who escaped from the Citadel on Tuesday last. It was rumoured yesterday that they had been seen, in company with a third person, near Frampton, on their way to the United States.

The Quarter Sessions of the Peace for this District will commence on Monday next.

The police force of this city has been rendered more effective by the augmentation of about 40 men.

The Hon. Henry John Bolton, late Chief Justice of Newfoundland, left Montreal on Wednesday last, en route to Upper Canada.

The *Canadian* of yesterday mentions a report that the Chief Justice of Montreal is about to resign, and is to be succeeded by Mr. Justice Vallieres de St. Real, of Three-Rivers. Another rumour states that Mr. Attorney General Ogden will be appointed to the situation of Chief Justice of Montreal, and that Mr. Buller, the Principal Secretary of the Earl of Durham, will receive the appointment of Attorney General.—These rumours are given for what they are worth.

The Brigade of Guards have offered a reward of one thousand dollars for such information as will lead to the actual apprehension of Theller and Dodge; or five hundred dollar for such information as will lead to the apprehension of either of them.

Captain Maryatt has addressed a humorous communication to the *Louisville Journal*, in answer to five hundred anonymous correspondents who have honored him with their "letters of advice," under the impression that he is travelling about the country as a spy, and is going to write a book about American manners. He complains that these correspondents do not pay postage of their letters, and that the five hundred which he has received have cost him on an average 50 cents each.

EXTRACT OF A LETTER, DATED

Three-Rivers, 18th October.

"The King's Dragoon Guards, under the command of the Hon. Lieut. Col. Cathcart, left Three-Rivers, on Tuesday morning, the 16th instant, about eight o'clock, in the *John Bull* steamer. I noticed with much satisfaction that a great number of the citizens, induced by a feeling of respect for this gallant Regiment, were on the beach at the time the steambot was about to leave port. On her leaving Molson's Wharf, the band who had previously played several fine airs, struck up "Rule Britannic," when the crowd on the shore gave thr. cheers. When "Auld lang syne" was played by the band, cheers were again given from the shore, and were responded to by the troops on board the *John Bull*—Previous to the departure of the Regiment from Three-Rivers, the Hon. Lieut. Colonel Cathcart received an Address from the inhabitants of the town. The following is the Address which was presented to him:—

To the Honorable Lieutenant Colonel CATHCART, Colonel Commanding the First, or King's Dragoon Guards, &c. &c. &c.
 Sir,—The Clergy, Magistrates, and Inhabitants generally of the Town of Three Rivers, avail themselves of the departure of Her Majesty's Regiment, the First, or King's Dragoon Guards, to offer their sincere and grateful acknowledgments to the Honorable Lieutenant Colonel Cathcart, Commandant of the Garrison; to the respective officers under his command; and to the brave men of that distinguished corps; as a testimony of their exemplary good conduct and excellent discipline, during their sojourn in this Garrison, from their first disembarkation from the shores of Europe:—

The best wishes of the Inhabitants of the Town of Three Rivers, for their future welfare, were ever attended them.
 Three Rivers, 16th October, 1838.

To this address, the gallant Colonel replied verbally, that he thanked them for the Address which they had presented to him, and that he was truly sensible of their partiality and kindness, for which he offered his sincere acknowledgments. He would give them his answer in writing, immediately after his arrival in Chambly.

T. E. W. Turton and S. Derbishire, Esqrs. visited this Town at the commencement of this week, to communicate with some of the citizens about the expediency of the Registry Law. I have learnt that the Hon. J. R. Valliere de St. Real and Hughes Heny, Esqrs. (formerly member of the House of Assembly,) have given their opinion against the enacting of any Registry Law. The Commissioners might have referred to others, more disinterested individuals to obtain their opinions relative to the necessity of a Law, so much required by the inhabitants of this Province. The Commissioners were so hurried in their deliberation, that they devoted the whole of Sunday to make the necessary enquiries. They must have acquired much valuable information from the above named gentlemen; particularly from one of them, who might with confidence have referred them to the records of the Court of King's Bench of this District, for the cause of his hostility to the enacting of a Registry Law.