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MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THIS Company is prepared to receive applications for Insurance against FIRE upon Buildings and other Property, at the Office of the subscriber. I. WOODWARD,
St. John, Nov. 11, 1846. Secretary.

UNION MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY Of Boston.

No connection with Fire, Marine, or Health Insurance.

PERSONS Insured in this Company on the Mutual principle—"the only plan" says Chamber's Edinburg Journal," which the Public at large are concerned to support,"—will have returned to them all the Profits, instead of a portion only, as in the Stock or mixed Companies.

The advantages offered by this Company are, Annual Dividends of 50 per cent. paid during the life of the party, in the order of rotation from the excess of a capital of profits at $300,000.

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Parties may insure for Life without profits at a reduction of 20 per cent. from life rates.

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This Office insures from the nearest birth-day, instead of the next, as in other offices. The Cashier makes it "unlawful to loan any sum of money to any Director or Officer of said Company upon any security whatever." In no case is the person insured liable beyond the amount of premium.

The Board of Finance (who act among the most reliable financiers of the country,) viz: Franklin Haven, President Merchant's Bank, Boston; Thomas Thacher, Merchant, Boston; and Rich'd Williams, President Kennebec Rail road, superintend all investments of the Company; 12 Directors, Hon. David Henshaw, and others.

Local Referees—
Boston.—Hon. Albert Lawrence, Hon. David Henshaw, Hon. Robert G. Shaw, Hon. William Sturgis, and Hon. Charles Stearns.
Saint John.—Benjamin Smith, Levi H. Waterhouse, Thomas G. Hatheway, Nathan S. DeMill, and Samuel L. Tilley, Esquires.
Pamphlets and statements of Company's affairs at the subscriber's office, who will receive applications and give further information.
W. H. HATHEWAY, Barrister at Law. St. John, AGENT FOR NEW-BRUNSWICK.
8th December, 1851.

Coffee, Raisins, Hams, &c. &c.

Landing ex "Cuba," from Boston—
50 BAGS Java and Laguira COFFEE;
Hhds. SALE FLOUR; ½ barrels Pea Beans;
4 casks Edwards and Walnuts
5 boxes LEMONS; 1 tierce HONEY,
25 jars and Gladden Scotch Snuff,
5 barrels Ground LOGWOOD,
1 ton Logwood; 1 half cask RAISINS,
3 barrels QUINCES; 3 bbls APPLES.
Per " Gazelle," from Halifax—
400 full and quarter boxes new RAISINS.
JAMES MACFARLANE,
October 26. Market Square.

Corner of Dock-street and Market Square.

HARDWARE.

W. H. ADAMS.

Has just received per ship Commodore, from England, and other arrivals the following Goods, viz:
2 BALES Wire Riddles; 3 Grocers' COFFEE
Mills, on Metal stands;
2 cases Counter-Scales; 1 cask Weights; 1 cask Butt Hinges; 1 cask Hand and Tenon Saws.
2 cases Cross cut Saws; 75 Plough Moulds;
10 bundles Long handle Frying Pans;
8 casks Tea Kettles and sauce Pans; 6 casks End Irons; 6 rolls Lead; 2 tierces Lead Pipe.
12 bales Iron Wire; 1 cask Traces;
25 bags 8D'y and 10d'y Rose Nails; 75 bags Spikes
4 casks Chain Rings; 14 bags Thomson's Rivets;
3 casks Tin Ware, comprising Dish Covers and Japanned Ware;
7 packages Sheffield Goods, consisting of Tools, Files, &c.; 1 case Thomson's Long Treenail Augers; 1 cask Curb Chain, for Wells;
1 case Guns, including one MINNIE RIFLE;
3 casks Bar-door and Chest Locks; 1 cask Japanned Shutter, &c.; 35 coils Manilla Rope;
75 boxes 10x12 Glass; Gas Pendants & Brackets.

W. H. TISDALE & SON.

NEW ADVERTISEMENT.

Boots and Shoes.—Ex "Olive.
FAULKE & HENNIGAR**
HAVE just received by the above ship—Ladies' Misses, and Children's superior CLOTH BOOTS, Goloe made thin, with Military Heels, so as to wear with Rubbers; Ladies and Girls Kid SLIPPERS, and a variety of Cashmere and Prunella BOOTS—Please call and see. Will be sold cheap. Rocky Hill, Germain Street.
December 4th 1852—6t.

GAS FITTINGS.
W. H. ADAMS.

Has just received per brig " J. G. Hall," from Liverpool—
1 CASE containing two and three light GAS PENDANTS.
ALSO—One Light Pendants and Brackets;
1 cask Glass SHADES. Dec. 14.

Hemlock Logs.

WANTED by the South Bay Boom Company, a quantity of HEMLOCK LOGS.
Parties desirous of Contracting will please make immediate application to A. McL. SEELY,
St. John, N. B., Dec. 18, 1852. President.

SHEFFIELD HOUSE,
Market Square, December, 1852.

WE are just opening, ex Olive, Cathcart and other vessels, a splendid assortment of FANCY and STAPLE GOODS, suitable for Christmas and New-Year's Presents.

We invite the attention of purchasers to the following list of articles, which are offered at such prices and quality as will ensure a continuance of that patronage we have so liberally enjoyed.

Gold and Silver WATCHES, with all the modern improvements; rich gold JEWELLERY, in Brooches, Rings, Cuff Pins, Lockets, Earrings, Gold Chains, Vest do., Bracelets, Seals, Keys, Slides, Studs, split Rings, Hooks, Gold and Hair Bracelets, gold and silver Thimbles, gold and silver Pencil Cases, Penknives, Toothpicks.

Silver and Plated JEWELLERY, in great variety—Black Bracelets, Jet and Bead Pins; gold, silver and steel Spectacles and Eye Glasses; silver Butter Knives and Pickle Forks, Albata and Electro do., silver, electro and albata Spoons, Forks, &c. silver Combs and Bogus Holders, silver Mugs and Knife, Fork and spoons in cases, silver Bell Cords, Paper Knives in cases, Cake Knives and Fish Carvers in cases, silver Fruit Knives, Viorgarets, silver Scissors, Bodkins, Emery's, Waxes, Yard Measures, Card Cases in silver, pearl, papier mache, tortoise shell and leather, Portemonnies do. do., silver top Smelling Bottles &c. &c.

Ex our Large and Powerful Achromatic MICROSCOPE.

Electro Plate TEA SETS, Cake Baskets, Salvers, Cruets, Butter Coolers; Table, Pinne and chamber Candlesticks; Snuffers and Trays to match; Communion Sets; Coasters, Toast Racks, plated Dessert in cases, &c.

Britannia Metal Tea and Coffee Pots, do. Urns, Kettles do. on stands, Castors, Candlesticks, snuffer Trays, Wine strainers, Flasks, &c., Stock on mantelpiece, Kettles, Tea and Coffee Pots, Egg Codlers, Graters, patty pans, soup tureens, dish covers, bedroom candlesticks, foot warmers, fish trowels and ulster gravy strainers, pepper and flour boxes, dust pans, Japan'd Cash Boxes, &c.—Six sets new patterns fancy Toilet Ware, japann'd and copper Coal Pans, small Rose Kettles, Tea Trays and Waiters, Fenders and Fire Irons, Crimping Machines, Hearth Brooms, Gift Cornices and Cornice Pods, Rings for do.

Papier Mache Tea Trays, Work Boxes, Desks, Portfolios, Card receivers, Hand screens, Tea Caddies, Ink stands; a large lot of Rosewood, Work Boxes, all prices; Ladies' and Gents. Rosewood and Leather Dressing Cases, Writing Desks, Papeteries, Draft and Backgammon Boards; Ladies' Companions, in great variety; a variety of assortment of Toilet and Mantle Ornaments, in terra terra cotta, china and glass ware; Fancy Handkerchief Boxes, Scrap paper Weights, Snow Storms, Accordeons, Ivory and Bone Fancy Articles, Fancy Toys, Games, Alphabets, Puzzles, Magic Toys and Lanterns, Transparent Slates, porcelain Slates, boxes Tools, Colour Boxes, &c.

Guns, Pistols, Percussion Caps, shot Belts, Powder Flasks, Glassware—Pitchers, Cream, Sugars, Decanters, Tumblers, Plates, Dishes, Salt, Tumblers, Wines, Jars, Butter Coolers, spoon Glasses, Bowls on feet, Glass Lamps (Fluid and Oil), Lamp shades, &c.

An invoice of DOLLS—Wax, Composition and Wood; Cutlery of every description, Combs and Brushes, Bronzed Ornaments, &c. &c., with a great variety of other Goods not enumerated—WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

Expected daily per Steamer—A good supply of Ivory Handle Table Knives, self tip and other Patterns; Carvers to match—in sets 51 pieces and dozens.

The above, with the large stock of fancy articles on hand, not enumerated, are worthy of inspection. We can with confidence say, that there is not such a selection of novel and seasonable Goods to be found elsewhere in this city. Thanking our friends for all past favours, we solicit a continuance for the future.
ROBINSON & THOMPSON,
Dec. 7, 1852. Proprietors.

London House,
Market Square, Sept., 1852.

Fall and Winter Goods!

Per " Themis," " Village Belle," and " Glasgow."

A considerable portion of the Winter Stock of this Establishment has arrived by the above vessels, which, (with those previously received per Steamers) comprises a General Assortment of Seasonable Goods; some of which are Ladies' MANTLES, and SHAWLETTES, Long and Square SHAWLS, DRESS GOODS, in various styles; Silks, Satins, Ribbons, Gloves, Hosiery, Cloakings,
Pilot, Beaver, and Broad CLOTHS, Kerseys, Doeskins, Vestings, Blankets, Flannels, Quilts, Sheetings, Linens; White, Grey, and Printed COTTONS—and all other general Goods as are generally found in a Stock of this kind.

Wholesale and Retail.
Sept. 28. T. W. DANIEL.

Dick's Celebrated Threads.

THIS unrivalled and superior Sewing Thread can be supplied by the Subscriber, the sole Agent of the Manufacturers in New-Brunswick," in any assortment and quantity to suit purchasers. The Threads are with all confidence be recommended to importers and parties in the trade.

Just received per Ship Cathcart—Four cases of Dick's tierce and one-sixth Thread; in 100 and 300 yard reels, of white, black and various colours, which are ready for inspection, and will be sold low by JOHN V. THURGAR,
Dec. 11. North Market Wharf.

Sheet Lead and Shot.

Ex " Pilgrim," from Liverpool:—
6 ROLLS SHEET LEAD, from 3 to 5 lbs,
2 tons Patent SHOT, for sale by
Sept. 14. W. TISDALE & SON.

Important Notice,

To owners and all others that use and have the care of Horses.

KIDDER'S Superior HORSE LINIMENT, warranted to be one of the most Valuable Articles ever offered to the Public, for Sprains, Wind-Galls, Spavins, Stiffness of the Joints, Strains, and Calloused of long standing, also Swelling, Fresh Wounds, Galls, &c. &c.

This truly valuable Liniment has been in successful use for the last eleven years, and in no instance has it failed to give satisfaction. The proprietor cheerfully recommends the above remedy to the public needing a full conviction of its efficacy in the above named diseases, and all to avoid that calamity of so useful animal (the Horse) by accident or neglect is liable, in use or natural application is required to neglect, and affords a full and free circulation to the parts previously affected. Purchasers may demand once their being an entirely different article from any other ever offered to the Public, both in its healing qualities and superior strength, as but a small quantity is required at a time, to produce the desired effect. As a proof of the best fit resulting from the use of this Liniment, I have been enabled to offer for consideration the names of a few highly respectable Gentlemen from among many thousands who have used the same for years, and are competent to judge of its merits.

CERTIFICATE.
We, the undersigned, have used Mr. James Kidder, Jr's Horse Liniment in our respective families. We found it decidedly the most efficacious of any article in use, and we cheerfully recommend it to the public as a cheap and valuable Liniment to all those who use and have the care of Horses.
SAMUEL BLACHARD, Medford; KIDDER & Co., Boston; SAMUEL DAGGETT, Charlestown; JAMES SINCLAIR, Cambridge; AMOS BUTLER, Malden; ASHYAR JACKSON, Watertown; ELIJAH GIBBS, Newton; ROBERT A. BAXTER, Woburn; E. H. BALCH, Providence, R. I.
CHARLES HOLDEN, 2d, do.

Wholesale & Retail Warehouse.
Prince William-street.

J. & J. HEGAN

HAVE received per British Steamer via Boston, and ship " Themis," from Liverpool, part of their

FALL IMPORTATIONS,

consisting of

Pilot, Beaver, & Broad Cloths,
in Blues, Black, and other colours;
Partridge and Marble Mixed Beavers;
Witney, Venetian and Saxarra Cloths;
Cassimeres, Doeskins and Fancy Trowserings;
Extra Heavy Duffil and Siberian Cloths;
Grey, White & Printed Cottons,
TICKINGS, REGATTAS, &c. &c.,
STUFFS and DRESS GOODS
of every description:
Black and Coloured GLACE SILKS and GROSDENAPS; BARATHEAS;
Rich Watered and Damask Silks and Satins.
Satinetts and French Satins;
RIBBONS, BONETINGS, &c. &c.

Remainder of Stock daily expected per "Acteon," from London; "Commodore" and " Devon," from Liverpool; and " Henry Holland," from Glasgow.

P. S.—In order to make room for the very extensive Stock of Carpetings daily expected, the subscribers will sell at an immense Reduction the present stock of Brussels and Scotch Carpeting, for Cash.
J. & J. HEGAN.
St. John, N. B., 28th Sept., 1852.

FIRST PRIZE.

TO be found at the Establishment which gained the FIRST PRIZE for TAILORING at the last New-Brunswick Provincial Exhibition, No. 4, Brago's Building, South side King-street, opposite Estey's Hotel.

The largest, cheapest and by far the best assortment of CLOTHS, BEAVERS, Cassimeres, Doeskins, Vestings, &c. &c. in the New Brunswick market, consisting of—Scarlet West of England, Extra Damped and Imperial Black, Brown, and Green Wool dyed BROAD CLOTHS. Double Milled Black, Brown Townside Green and Olive Brown Coated Saxara BEAVERS.

Fine, Superfine and Extra West of England Wool Dyed Black CASSIMERES, West Saxony Double Milled Black Doeskins.

Fancy Doeskins and Heather Tweeds, in endless variety; a good supply of Jartinery, Russell Cord, and Shepherd Plaid, always on hand.

VESTS.
The richest and newest English and French Style of VESTINGS.
Superior Reversable OVERCOATS, only £4.
A good supply of FURNISHING GOODS constantly on hand.
The subscriber will dispose of the whole of the above large STOCK—Wholesale and Retail—at a lower figure. It can be procured in any other Establishment in this city, in order to make room for a large Spring importation.
One 24, 1852. A. GILMOUR.

Children's Chairs.

ONE Hundred, consisting of Dining Table Cane and wood seat; Rocking, Cane and Wood Seat, low back, with and without hole.
—ALSO—
ROSIN OIL, in barrels, a good article for Machinery, especially when mixed with Sperm Oil, it is found to strengthen the latter very much.
St. John, Dec. 18. JOHN KINNEAR.

Corn and Horse Feed.

OATS, CORN, and Cracked Corn, BRAN and HORSE FEED; for sale by
Feb. 1, 1853. JARDINE & CO.

Buffalo Robes, Fur Caps, &c.

C. D. EVERETT & SON have just received per Admiral—a lot of BUFFALO SKINS, Dressed OTTER SKINS, Fur CAPS, Oiled Silks and Trimmings.
ALSO—From Great Britain—Fur, Plush, Sealette, Glengary and Cloth Caps.
On hand—our own manufacture and constantly making up—Satin, Fur, Kossuth, Rustic and Glazed HATS; Broad Cloth, Whitney Cloth, Hungarian, Plush, Silk and Glazed Cotton Caps, &c.
All the above will be sold at a small advance.—Cash on Delivery.
C. D. EVERETT & SON,
12, North side King-St., and
East side Market Square.

Books, Stationery, Threads, &c.

Per ship ' Royalist,' Kerr, Master, from Liverpool, Landing for the Subscriber:—
6 CASES of unassorted STATIONERY, containing Superfine and Fine Quality Foolscap, Post and Pot PAPER; Letter and Note Paper; Envelopes, Single and Double-Crown Brown Cabinet and Demy Ledgers; Lead'r quires; Long Folio and Post Books, Call bound; 4 and 40 quires; Gilt and Plain Metallic Books; Steel Mixed Books; 3 cases of Scotland Jars, &c. The above well adapted for Country-house use.
Also—3 Cases 3 and 6 cord White Sewing THREADS, numbered from 10 to 100, in 100 and 300 Reels, of very best quality and cheaper prices.
Will be sold low by the Subscriber,
JOHN V. THURGAR,
March 30. North Market Wharf.

PERFUMERY.

THE Subscriber has just received a fresh supply of Lubin's celebrated PERFUMES, consisting in part of " Jockey Cub," " Bouquet de Caroline," " Eau de Adelaide," " Patchouly," &c. &c., all of which are warranted genuine.—Also, a small assortment of Perfume and CONFECTIONARY BOXES, suitable for Christmas Presents.
THOMAS M. REED,
Head of North Wharf.
Martin's superior unadulterated Confectionary, always on hand. Dec. 7.

270 Canada Stoves.

For sale at low rates, Wholesale or Retail:—
270 CANADA STOVES, assorted sizes; Also—150 Cooking Stoves of St. John and American manufacture, which can be recommended with confidence to those in want of a good and durable article.
Oct 12 E. STEPHEN.

White Sugar, Feathers, &c.

JUST RECEIVED for sale—
20 BARRELS Crushed SUGAR;
500 pounds Live Geese Feathers;
15 bales COTTON WICK;
4 tins East India CASTOR OIL.
JOHN KINNEAR,
Jan. 25, 1853. Prince William-street.

Tea and Oatmeal.

Landing ex Harriet Newell, from Halifax:—
50 CHESTS "Choocto" CONGOU;
50 barrels fresh OATMEAL.
For sale by [Dec. 28.] JARDINE & CO.

Miscellaneous.

Made for Immortality.

It cannot be that earth is man's only abiding-place. It cannot be that our life is a bubble, cast up by the ocean of eternity, to float a moment upon its waves, and then sink into darkness and nothingness. Else why is it, that the high and glorious aspirations, which leap like angels from the temple of our hearts, are ever wandering about unsatisfied? Why is it that the rainbow and the cloud come over us with a beauty that is not of earth, and then pass off, and leave us to muse upon their faded loveliness? Why is it that the stars, which hold their festivals around the midnight throne, are set above the grasp of our limited faculties—forever mocking us with their unapproachable glory? And why is it, that bright forms of human beauty are presented to our view and then taken from us, leaving the thousand streams of our affection to flow back in an Alpine torrent upon our hearts? We are born for a far higher destiny than that of earth. There is a realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread out before us, like islands that slumber on the ocean—and where the beautiful beings which here pass before us like visions, will stay in our presence forever.—Whittier.

Lord Erskine's Estimate of the Scriptures.

For my own part, gentlemen, I have been ever deeply devoted to the truths of Christianity, and my firm belief in the Holy Gospel is by no means owing to the prejudices of education, (though I was religiously educated by the best of parents,) but arises from the most continued reflections of my riper years and understanding. It forms at this moment, the great consolation of a life which, as a shadow, must pass away; and without it, indeed, I should consider my long course of health and prosperity, (perhaps too long and too uninterrupted to be good for any man,) only as the dust which the wind scatters, rather as a snare than as a blessing.—Trial of Williams for publishing Paine's Age of Reason.

"What is Life?" so far as this our fleeting earthly existence is concerned, is a question beautifully answered by the author of 'Euthanasy,' a work full of sweet thoughts and forceful moral reflections:—

"The present life is sleeping and waking; it is 'good-night' on going to bed, and 'good-morning' on getting up; it is to wonder what the day will bring; it is sunshine and gloominess; it is rain on the window, as one sits by the fire; it is to walk in the garden and see the flowers open and hear the birds sing; it is to have the postman bring letters; it is to bring news from east, west, north, and south; it is to read old books and new books; it is to see pictures and hear music; it is to sit in the twilight and meditate; it is to be well and sometimes to be ill; it is to have business to do, and do it; it is to belong to a town, and to have neighbours, and to be one in a crowd of acquaintances; it is to have friends to love one; it is to have a sight at dear faces; and, with some men, it is the great love of their lives,—it is the beautiful face, and the great looking lips for fifty years; and it is to know themselves thought of many times a day, in many places, by children and grand-children and many friends."

How much more of true, genuine happiness there would be in the world, if the lesson imparted in the following sentences was more generally heard. Alas! what is it too late; when the cares and coldness of the world come withering to our hearts, and we learn how hard it is to find true sympathy," then it is, and too often then only, that we realize the blessings we have slighted, the opportunities we have neglected.—Punch.

"How sweet is social affection! When the world is dark without, then we have light within. We forget the world, with all its animosities, while blest with social kindness. That man can not be alone who has hearts that vibrate in sympathy with his own; who is pointed to by the tones of tenderness and the voice of affection. Let the world be dark and cold; let the indifference or hate of men gather about him in the place of business; let when he enters the ark of his own cherished circle, he forgets all then, and the cloud passes from his brow, and the sorrow from his heart. The warm sympathies of his wife and children dispel every shadow, and he feels a thrill of joy in his bosom, which words are inadequate to supply. He who, on the other hand, is a stranger to the joys of social kindness, can not be said to even have begun to live."

Nothing so much vexes a physician as to be sent for in great haste, and to find, after his arrival, that nothing, or next to nothing, is the matter with his patient. We remember an 'urgent case' of this kind, recorded of an eminent English surgeon:

He had been sent for by a gentleman who had just received a slight wound, and gave his servant orders to go home with all haste imaginable, and fetch a certain plaster. The patient, turning a little, said:

"Heavens! sir, I hope there is no danger!"

"Indeed there is," answered the surgeon; "for if the fellow doesn't run like a race-horse, the wound will be healed before he can possibly get back!"

Our readers may have heard of the "inquiring mind" of a man in "pursuit of knowledge under difficulties," who asked of a butcher, one morning, as he was getting his marketing:

"Look o' here—what's the matter with your veal?"

"Well—nothin', in particklar."

"Partickelar? what do you mean by that? What makes it look so blue? Didn't die of it?"

"No," answered the butcher, thus "penned into a corner;" "it didn't die—it kind o' gin' out!"

That sad specimen of a deceased sheep should have been taken to the "Mutton Mill," an "institution" which exists "down East," based upon a very mechanical principle.

A gentleman travelling in that section of the country, overtook a farmer dragging a lean, wretched looking horned sheep along the road.

"Where are you going with that miserable animal?" asked the traveller.

"I am taking him to the mutton-mill, to have him ground over," said the farmer.

"The mutton-mill! I never heard of such a thing; I will go with you and witness the process."

They arrived at the mill; the sheep was thrown alive into the hopper, and, almost immediately disappeared. They then descended to a low apartment, and in a few minutes there was ejected from a spout in the ceiling, four quarters of excellent mutton, two sides of morocco leather, a wool lint of the finest quality, a sheep's head (handsomely dressed), and two elegantly carved powder horns.

Were it not for the fact that the above is "in the papers," we should feel disposed to dispute it!

An Unwelcome Visiter.

At Erie, Pa., recently, the cars of the Western train, coming in at the murky hour of midnight, ran past the depot, broke down the barrier erected at the end of the track, dashed madly across the street, and brought up with the locomotive a few inches distant and directly in front of the door of an honest German resident. Hans, who was profoundly snoring in the arms of Morpheus and Mortiana, was not disturbed by the snorts and screams of the iron horse or the rattling of the machinery. A waggish fellow present, calculating on a little fun, walked to the back door and he-lied until he had aroused the Rhinelander from his slumbers, whereupon he informed him that there was a gentleman at the front door who was desirous to see him. The Dutchman started for the door, threw it open with a jerk, and beheld the huge creature, his mouth filled with burning coals, and his Cyclopean eye staring with unearthly brightness directly in his face, while aloft, with the air of a rider to the hellish stood, rose the tall chimney, breathing smoke and sparks of fire. A more ready measure than poor Hans might well have been astonished by such an apparition. Der tyfel! screamed he, and gasping in the vain effort to get hold of the end of a Latin prayer, he succumbed into a state of insensibility, from which he was only recovered by the administration of whiskey in very unusual quantities.—Cincinnati Gaz.

The Diseases of Nations.

Rev. Thomas Starr King, in his lecture on "Show and Substance," holds a post mortem examination over the remains of ancient nations, and finds they did not perish by the might of foreign conquerors, but by their own innate corruption:—Such would be the state of modern society. Such would tend that Rome is religiously educated by the best of parents.

A few years ago, among the reigning belles in New Orleans, was a young lady from up the river, who was universally known by the wet navy feminine sobriquet of "The Great Western." Our fair heroine was as remarkable for her witty and cultivated conversation as she was for her very great personal attractions. One evening when she was standing in a ball-room, surrounded by a bevy of admiring beaux, an impertinent scion of chivalry-dom (to speak a la Willis) asked her very abruptly, " Pray, Miss, ——, why are you called 'The Great Western?'"

"Really, sir," was the ready and caustic reply, "I can not tell, unless it is because I have so many flats in tow!"

It is needless to say that the inquiring youth was not the only victim hit by this well aimed revolver.

Upon another occasion, the same lady met at the foot of the stairs, as she was returning from a walk, a person who had just been to call upon her, and whom, as it happened, she by no means affected.—"Oh, Miss ——!" he exclaimed, " I regret so much that I did not find you at home—I left my card, however."—"It will do just as well, sir," was the very unexpected answer which she received.

A Knot to be Untied.—It was hoped that Louis Napoleon after his marriage, would abandon his despotic policy, for having got an amiable wife, it was reasonably expected that he would no longer be wedded to anything objectionable.—Punch.

The London News says that the Emperor of France has decided upon allowing the introduction into that country direct from England of the various descriptions of East India and China produce. Hitherto it has been necessary, owing to the narrow policy of the French government, that this produce should be shipped from England to France via the ports of Belgium and Holland.

The value of the coral taken last year on the coast of Algeria was $100,000; a hundred and fifty vessels were engaged in the business—most of the coral was sold at Naples.

Mr. Thackeray's Tour Ended.—At the close of his course of lectures at Savannah, Georgia, Mr. Thackeray paid a high tribute to American eloquence. Among other things he spoke of the kindness with which he had everywhere been greeted in the United States, and said that he should not cease to remember or to appreciate it when far away in England. From this point he should direct his steps towards the North, and thence to England, carrying with him the hope that he would be remembered with the same kindness that he should ever cherish for those whom he had met in this country.—Im. paper.

Jenny Lind.—We are assured by a gentleman, recently from London, who received a letter from the nightingale but a few days before her departure, that she does not intend appearing again in opera; that she is a great admirer of America, and that she may possibly visit it again, but has not yet determined when; and finally, that her relations with her husband are the very opposite of newspaper rumour—an unpleasant word having long been exchanged between them since their marriage.—Boston Post.

Rev. Dr. Vinton, Rector of St. Paul's Church, in New York, will set for Europe on Saturday next, in company with Bishop Doane and other Episcopal clergymen. Dr. Vinton will remain in Europe some six months, during which time his Society will defray his expenses, continue his salary, and supply the pulpit.

The number of persons actually engaged in digging gold in California is estimated at 100,000. During the month of January last, their export of gold from California amounted to $41,577, which gives a monthly yield of $45.76 to each man engaged in mining.

ARRIVAL OF THE "NIAGARA."

(By Telegraph to the News Room.)

Halifax, 30th March.

The Niagara arrived at 5 o'clock, p. m., with 96 through passengers and a full freight.

England.—Lord John Russell in Parliament stated that the Mexican Government had reduced duty on cottons, and papers referring thereto would soon be animated.

Mr. Mills drew attention of the Government to the only winter route to Canada,—viz: thro' the United States—and asked if Government intended the completion of the Halifax and Quebec Railway?

Mr. Peel was unable to state.

Petitions against the Maynooth grant were pouring in.

Gold from Australia was pouring into England in great abundance, it is estimated that there are two millions sterling on its way.

The British ship Hernico was burned by mutineers who were Japanese and Marseille men, the Captain and officers were murdered—it happened in the Straits of Gaspar.

Two more members of Parliament, Messrs. Heyworth and Horsfall, of Derby, have been unseated for election bribery.

The Greenland whale fishing fleet, amounting to twenty-six, sailed from Peterhead on the 27th and 28th ultimo.

The African Mail Steamship, the Forrunner, arrived at Plymouth on Tuesday evening the 8th inst., from Fernando Po January 30th; Cape Coast Castle 7th; and Sierra Leone 14th Feb. on her outward passage.

The Admiral in command of the British squadron had destroyed several slave settlements and barracoons.

Companie Bourdon commanding the French squadron, was on the eve of sailing with the flag-ship El Dorado, five steamers, and a land force of six hundred men, to punish the Bijooga tribe, who had plundered a French vessel and butchered her crew.

The ship Francis Henry has arrived at Plymouth from Melbourne, with £380,000 in gold.

France.—The Emperor is still for peace, at all events until after the Coronation. The Pope's visit is looked for with much anxiety, it is still doubtful if he goes to Paris. It is said that Napoleon will yield nothing to his Eminence, if he does ——, in spiritual affairs.

An entertainment is to be given on April 24, by the City of Paris to the Emperor and Empress. The Paris exhibition will open 1st May, 1855,—all employers of Public work must forthwith take the oath to the constitution.

It is rumoured that the Empress Eugenie will not suffer the direct line of the Bonapartes to fail. It is now definitely settled that the Pope will go to Paris to crown Napoleon and his wife.—The ceremony is expected to take place on the 5th of May.

It is reported that the Emperor intends to settle a pension of 300,000 francs a year upon the Empress of Austria, and an annuity of 600,000 francs upon the Empress for her toilette.

Belgium.—The Chamber voted an address of 200,000 francs to the Duke De Brabant, the heir presumptive, the King's eldest son, aged 18, also two Royal residences.

Austria.—Milan is in a very unsettled state, the military are employed in strengthening the fortifications and gates. The value of confiscated property in Lombardy is stated to be £50,000,000 sterling.

The Emperor has quite recovered. He has conferred a small pension on Libenny's mother.

Hungary.—It is stated that Nosloy and three of his accomplices, one of whom was tutor to Kossuth's children, were to be executed on the 3d. Accounts to the 5th say that the executions took place at Pesth on the day previous.

Italy—Lombardy.—At Milan there is no relaxation of Austrian oppression. Citizens are forbidden to approach the sentry, and M. Bernardi, having failed to observe the regulation, was shot. The number of arrests made in Milan between the 6th and 25th February was over six hundred.

An augmentation has been made to the force, now numbering 15,000 men, on the frontiers of Ticino.

Switzerland.—The Daily News correspondence from Berne and Geneva represents the political condition of Switzerland to be one of great uneasiness. Great discontent is felt within the Confederative because it has not published the Austrian notes and its own replies, and thus to have thrown itself upon the people.

Switzerland is much excited respecting Austrian insolence towards Ticino.

Tuscany.—An English officer had been expelled from Tuscany, on suspicion of being engaged in forming a revolutionary committee in Florence.

His house in Gregon Crawford, brother of Mr. Crawford, member of Parliament. The Austrians had occupied the fortress of Bassi, and directed the Tuscan artillery to be removed there.

Cape of Good Hope dates to 6th Feb.; arrangements were making by the Governor for a declaration of peace, a commission had been appointed at Graham's Town to investigate claims for losses sustained in the War. Guerilla bands of Kaffirs still infested the country.

Freights.—Little variation—less dead weight offering, and partially to lower rates taken.

Markets.—Corn Market, a better tone prevailing during the week, and markets closed steady.—Wheat, 1s. penny; Corn, 2s. penny and Flour 3d. to 6d. higher.

Money in good demand—consols closed at 99¼ for money. Large arrivals of Australian gold. In Manchester a slightly better feeling has prevailed, without, however, leading to very much business.

CALIFORNIA NEWS.

The steamer Georgia arrived at New York on Monday evening, with 13 days' later news from California, and brings 500 passengers and $1,------ in specie. The passengers by the Georgia lost all their passengers of which over 500 are on her upward trip from San Francisco, and the Winfield Scott 11.

There had been numerous arrivals of ships, and households and produce had fallen considerably. The citizens of Sacramento were taking measures to build a railroad to the Mountains.

The news from the mines continues favorable. The weather had been quite rainy recently. A lump of gold had been taken at Eureka weighing 21 pounds, and $3200.

Dates from the Sandwich Islands are to the 7th of February. Business was quite active. The Coffee crop was very encouraging, and the quality equal to any foreign. The wheat fields were growing finely.