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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*

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any legal demands against the Estate of the late XENOPHON COUGLE, Esquire, of Sussex Vale, King's County, deceased, are hereby notified to present the same, duly attested, within Three Calendar Months from this date; and all Persons indebted to said Estate are required to make immediate payment to

MARY COUGLE, *Administratrix.*

Sussex Vale, May 28, 1853.

MARKET SQUARE,
MAY 3, 1853.

J. & H. FOTHERBY

HAVE received per ships *Liberia* and *St. John*, and steamer *Admiral*, an extensive assortment of GOODS, suitable for the season, consisting of

Paisley, Cachmere and Barege Long and Square SHAWLS;
An elegant assortment of DRESS MATERIALS, in Bagadere, Embroidered and Fancy ROBES, Printed and Embr'dered MUSLINS, CACHMERES, Delaines, Lustres, &c.
A large assortment of BONNETS, in all the new styles, with a very beautiful assortment of *RIBBONS, PARASOLS*, &c.
Muslin COLLARS, Habits, Under Sleeves;
Printed COTTONS, Grey and White do. Cotton Flannels, Satinetts, Ticks, Braces, Dinems, Drills, Cotton Warps, &c., which are offered at the very lowest prices, wholesale and retail.

☞ The remainder of Stock daily expected.

First Spring Importations.

J. & J. HEGAN

Have received per Packet Ship "MIDDLETON,"
CARPETINGS & HEARTH RUGS,
PRINTED DRUGGETS,
Moreens and Damasks,
SHEETINGS,
White and Striped SHIRTINGS,
CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, Tailors' Trimmings, &c.
Prince William Street, 8th March, 1853.

April 16, 1853.

Just arrived, per English Steamer.

120 DOZENS French KID GLOVES, comprising light and dark fancy colours—also, Black and White.

Also, per Liberia, *from Liverpool*—
3 bales WHITE COTTONS,
6 " CARPETING,
1 " RUGS; 1 bale BLANKETS,
4 cases DRESS GOODS,
1 case DAMASK and FRINGES,
3 cases PRINTED COTTONS,
1 case FURNITURE PRINTS,
1 case WOOLLEN CLOTHS,
2 cases BONNETS; 1 case REGATTAS,
4 bales sundry SMALL WARES.

Per ship Saint John,
From GLASGOW:

A Large Assortment of CARPETS, with RUGS to match;
Long and Square SHAWLS;
Fancy Printed MUSLINS and DELAINES;
Earlston GINGHAMS;
LINENS, Damask and Huckabacs;
Gingham and Cotton Handkerchiefs
Cotton Reels, Linen Threads;
Plaid and Figured MUSLINS;
Boys' HATS and Cloth CAPS.

Also, per Steamer—
A Variety of PARISIAN MANTLES.

April 26. W. G. LAWTON.

LONDON HOUSE,
MARKET SQUARE.

NEW FALL GOODS,

Per Packet Ship "LIBERIA,"
Beaver, Pilot and Broad CLOTHS,
Blankets and Flannels,
ORLEANS, COBURGS, CASHMERES, PRINTS,
Grey, White, and Striped COTTONS,
COTTON WARPS,
Rich Tapestry CARPETINGS,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
T. W. DANIEL.

St. John, August 23, 1853.

16th July.
JUST RECEIVED AT
GILMOUR'S
Tailoring Establishment, King-street.

PER LAST ENGLISH STEAMER;
A Choice Selection of VESTINGS, as follows:
Rich Cut Figured VELVET;
Fancy Fig'd SATIN and Satin Shapes, and Cloth embossed with Velvet.

Also—A good assortment of Fancy NECK TIES, Patent Shirt Collars, *SHIRTS*, etc.

A superior piece of Black Satin, Black *Casimere*, and West of England Black Broad Cloth, always on hand.

19th July, 1853. A GILMOUR.

Canvass, Oakum, &c.

Landing, ex "IMPERIAL,"
12 BALES Bleached Gourock CANVASS.
Ex "Miramichi," *from London*—
10 tons first quality OAKUM,
An Invoice of White, Black, Green, Yellow and Red PAINT, from BRANDRAM BROTHERS.
Boiled and Raw *LINSEED OIL*—For sale low, by JOHN WALKER,
May 17. Corner Peters' Wharf & Ward-St

White Clover Honey.

THE subscribers have still on hand, SHARP'S WOODSTOCK HONEY, in the comb.

The delightful flavor of this Honey, derived from the White Clover of Carleton County, only requires a trial to bring it into general use.—For sale, wholesale and retail, by

St. John, Dec. 6. JARDINE & CO.

100 QUINTALS Table COD FISH,
1 ton REDWOOD.
Nov. 8. JARDINE & CO.

Teas, Sugars, Molasses, &c. &c.

The subscriber offers for sale, at lowest market prices, the undermentioned Goods, Wholesale—
Water & Prince William-streets

100 CHESTS and Half-Chests assorted BLACK TEAS;
100 hhds. & 20 tierces superior Clayed MOLASSES;
50 hhds. Cuba and Porto Rico SUGARS;
8 hhds. Crushed and Loaf SUGARS;
30 boxes Fine Brands TOBACCO;
4 tons OATMEAL—this country and Scotch;
30 brls. Scotch BARLEY and Split PEAS;
100 boxes *TOBACCO PIPES*;
75 boxes superior Mould CANDLES;
2 tons REDWOOD;
50 casks *PALE SEAL OIL.*

—TO ARRIVE—
300 barrels Canada Superfine FLOUR;
50 barrels CORN MEAL;
50 barrels MESS PORK.

Sept. 27. JAMES MACFARLANE.

S. K. FOSTER'S
Ladies' Fashionable Shoe Store,
FOSTER'S CORNER, Germain Street.
New Fall Boots and Shoes.

Just received per Packet Ship *Essex*—
LADIES' French Elastic Side Walking BOOTS;
Do. Cloth and Prunella BOOTS;
Do. Cashmere and Silk Lasting BOOTS;
Do. Walking SHOES, for Fall;
Do. Black and Fancy Carpet SHOES;
Girls' Black Cloth, and Merino Walking Boots;
Do. Prunella and Felt BOOTS;
Children's Cloth and Prunella Do.;
Girls' and Children's best Walking SHOES;
Men's Carpet, Felt, and Leather SLIPPERS.

ALSO—per Halifax Steamer—
Children's Fancy SOCKS, in great variety;
Do. do. Bortekins, and Gaiters;
Ladies', Misses' and Children's Elastics, in great variety. Wholesale and Retail.

Sept. 27.—2i. S. K. FOSTER.

HARDWARE,
Corner of Dock Street and Market Square.

W. H. ADAM,

Has just received, per Packet Ship *Liberia*,
1 CASK HANDSAWS and Tenon Saws;
1 case Cross-cut and Pit Saws;
3 cases "Hoole & Co.'s" Gang and Circular do
1 cask CUTLERY, containing Cooks' and Butchers' Knives, Pocket and Dessert Knives and Forks, Pocket Knives, etc.
1 cask TOOLS, containing Plane Irons, Chisels, Gouges, Carvers' Tools, Butchers' Bow Saws, Drawing Knives, Coopers' Jushaves, and Coopers' Compasses, etc.
1 case Thomson's Screw Augers;
4 casks Sad Irons;
1 cask Carpenters' Patent Rim Locks;
1 cask Planes;
12 cases containing Stocks and Dies, Bench and Hand Vices, Braces and Bitts, Files, Sheep Shears, Screwdrivers, Gimlets, Nippers and Pincers of all kinds, Whitesmiths' and Watchmakers' SCREW PLATES, Skates, Pistols, Wire Tacks, Halter Chains, etc. etc.—All of which with the stocks previously received, will be sold at low prices, wholesale and retail. August 23.

TRUNK FACTORY DEPOT,
Germain Street.

ON HAND—Travelling TRUNKS of the best Russet and Black Grain Leather, in quality, style and finish, superior to any ever offered in this market.

ALSO—Superior Russet and Black Grain Leather VALLISES, CARPET BAGS, Medium and low priced *TRUNKS*, VALLISES, and Carpet Bags, in great variety—*Wholesale and Retail.*

☞ Travellers will consult their interest by buying of the Subscriber, the articles being all of domestic manufacture, and warranted in materials and workmanship. He also manufactures to order English and other styles of Sewed Leather.

PORTMANTEAUS; Soft top Trunks, &c. &c.—*Trunks Repaired.*

Oct. 18.—y. JOHN SIME.

LATELY RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY
JOHN KINNEAR,
Prince William-strt,

15 TONS WHITING, in casks and barrels; 15 casks Linseed OIL; 4 tons London White Zinc PAINT; 2 tons Coloured Paints; 1½ tons assorted Shot; 40 barrels Lard and Sea Elephant OIL; 3 tons Epsom Salts; 1½ tons Alum; ½ ton Washing Soda; 1 ton Bicarbonate of Soda; 2 tons Green Copperas; 8 cwt. Brimstone and Sulphur; 5 cwt. Blue Starch; 50 kegs Mustard and Ginger; 5 cwt. Black Lead, for cleaning stoves; 25 chests Congou TEA; 1000 lbs. Steamed Feathers; 40 casks 10 d'y and 12d'y wro't Nails; 500 boxes assorted *WINDOW GLASS.*

Sept. 13.

Tea, Pork, Beans, &c,
Landing ex "CUBA,"
200 BOXES very fine Souchong TEA, 14 lbs. each;
60 barrels Prime PORK;
40 " Rump ditto;
25 " Mess BEEF.
—*In Store*—
10 hhds. Bright SUGAR;
10 casks, 20 brls. Mathiew's Pure Cider Vinegar;
10 barrels White Pea Beans;
10 " Dried Apples.

All of the above being on consignment, will be sold at low rates.

Aug. 23. GEORGE THOMAS.

Ship "MIRAMICHI," from London,

MYLES & HOWARD have received by the above ship, a splendid assortment of West of England CLOTHS, DOESKINS, CASSIMERES, and French *VESTINGS*, &c.

The above Goods were personally selected by Mr. Jas. Howard, in London and principal manufacturing Towns in England. For style and texture these Goods cannot be surpassed by any House in the Province.

A good assortment of ready made CLOTHING always on hand, &c. May 31.

Ex "Miramichi," from London

1 CASE containing CHARTS for all parts of the World; 1 case containing Norrie's EPITOME; Griffin's do.; Declination Tables; Thomson's Table; Sumner's Method for finding a Ship's position at Sea; Chronometer's Companion. Great Circle Sailing; Lee's Laws; Lee's Manual; Nautical Almanac for 1853 and 1854.

—ALSO—
QUADRANTS, BAROMETERS, Telescopes, Dividers, Parallel Rulers, &c. &c.—For sale by.

May 17, 1852. JOHN WALKER.

Pork, Wine, and Tea.

LANDING ex *George Washington*—50 Barrels Mess PORK; 20 Quarter Casks SHERRY WINE; 20 Chests Congo TEA.—For sale low by

Dec. 6. CUDLIP & SNIDER.

MARKET SQUARE.

New Fall and Winter GOODS.

J. & H. FOTHERBY

Have received per Packet Ships *Imperial* and *Eudocia* from Liverpool, and *Lisbon* from London, a large and varied assortment of GOODS, adapted for the

AUTUMN and WINTER TRADE,
consisting of—

A RICH variety of Norwich, Paisley, and all Wool Long and Square SHAWLS;
Rich Check'd, plain, Shot and Glaci SILKS;
A large variety of ROBES, in Cashmere, De Laine, Bazadere, Barathea, Crape, &c.;
An immense assortment of plain, figured and printed
Orleans, Coburgs, Lustres, &c.
BROAD CLOTHS, Doeskins, and Cassimeres, Moscow, Reversible, and Vienna CLOTHS;
Witney, BEAVER, and PILOT CLOTHS;
Mantle Cloths and Fancy CLOAKINGS;
GALA PLAIDS, TWEEDS, &c.;
FURS, in Stone Martin, Fitch, Squirrel, &c.;
FLANNELS, BLANKETS, and KERSEYS;
Handkerchiefs, Scarfs, Osnaburgs, Ticks;
Grey, White, and Printed COTTONS;
COTTON WARPS, &c. &c.

The whole of which are offered at the lowest possible prices,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

St. John, November 1st, 1853.

Fall and Winter Goods,
Wholesale & Retail
WAREHOUSE,
PRINCE WILLIAM STREET.

J. & J. HEGAN

HAVE received per "Essex," "Imperial," "Lampedo," and "Admiral," an extensive and general assortment of **DRY GOODS**, suitable for the present and approaching seasons. Decided advantages are offered to Wholesale purchasers, as the above STOCK was carefully selected and purchased for Cash in the best markets.

Oct. 4. J. & J. HEGAN.

NEW GOODS.
JAMES BURRELL,
Corner of King & Germain-streets,

Has received from London, Manchester, Glasgow, per Packet Ship "*Imperial*," and from the United States, an excellent assortment of DRY GOODS, suitable for the FALL and WINTER Seasons—viz:—

DRESS MATERIALS,

IN COBURGS, Cashmeres, Orleans, Teba and Circassian CLOTHS;
Black and Coloured SATINS, and Gros de Naps;
Wool and Paisley Fill'd LONG and SQUARE SHAWLS;
BROAD CLOTHS, CASSIMERES, DOESKINS;
VESTINGS, Moleskin, Corduroy, Tic[illegible]
An excellent assortment of [illegible]
COTTONS:
BLANKETS, FLANNELS, Cotts.
Grey and White COTTON, Twilled Shirtings;
Linens, Lawns, Hollands, Towellings, STAYS;
Velvets, Plush, Artificial Flowers;
Bonnet and Cap *RIBBONS*, Balmoral Ties
Fancy Wool POLKAS and VESTS;
Berlin Wool Hoods, Sleeves and Comforters;
GLOVES and HOSIERY in great variety;
Sewed Muslin Habit Shirts Chemizettes & Collars,
Infants' Frock Bodies and Robes;
Muslins, Laces, Edgings, and Insertions;
Cotton BATTING, Pound Cottons;
Woollen Yarn, UMBRELLAS and Whalebone;
Gents' Linen SHIRTS, Shirt Fronts, and Collars;
Lambswool DRAWERS and SHIRTS;
Silk Neck and Pocket Handkerchiefs, Mufflers;
Hair Nets, Combs; Brushes, Braces, Smallwares, &c., &c., &c.;

MILLINERY.

The subscriber offers the above well selected Stock of **Fancy and Useful GOODS**, at the lowest rate, and trusts it will insure a continuance of that liberal support hitherto extended to him.

Oct. 5. JAMES BURRELL.

October 3, 1853.

Received per ships Essex and Imperial, and steamers Europa and Niagara,

A Large Stock of Plain & Fancy GOODS,

Suitable for both Wholesale and Retail buyers.
W. G. LAWTON.

HOWARD HOUSE.

Received per Steamer *Niagara* and ship *Lampedo*, For the FALL and WINTER of 1853.

FUR AND SABLE CLOTHS,
WARRANTED IMPERVIOUS!

Together with a large assortment of PILOT, BEAVER and Whitney CLOTHS, Heavy Double Mill'd DOESKINS, French VESTINGS, &c., &c.

Daily expected—A large assortment of Gent's
FURNISHING GOODS.

Now ready for inspection—A superior lot of
WINTER CLOTHING,
Manufactured on the premises.

Oct. 18. MYLES & HOWARD.

Groceries and Provisions.
IN COURSE OF LANDING:—

25 HHDS. Bright Porto Rico SUGAR.
Per the *Iris*, from Halifax:—
82 quintals superior Table CODFISH;
56 tubs BUTTER, *Fair* quality.
Per *Maria Esperance*, from Quebec;
200 brls. fresh ground Superfine FLOUR.
Per the *Julia*, from Boston:
30 pockets best Java COFFEE;
2 tierces Buckwheat MEAL, in small bags;
Corn STARCH; FARINA; Yeast POWDERS; ONIONS; SNUFF; Cassia; Lard; Saleratus; Whisks; *WICKING*;
5's TOBACCO, CaryBrand.
To arrive per *Helen Joben*, from New York:
30 bls. Mess, 20 do Prime PORK;
20 ditto Mess BEEF, for ship use.
Per *AgnesRoss*, from Halifax:
100 chests Fine Congo and Souchong TEAS, Celestial, No. 37 and 26;
100 boxes New Muscatel RAISINS.
Together with a large and well selected Stock of British, American, and West India GROCERY GOODS, in bond or duty paid.
WHOLESALE STORE, Water Street.
RETAIL, Prince William-street, Square, at lowest market price.

Oct. 18. JAMES MACFARLANE.

Ladies' Cloth Boots, &c.
Brunswick SHOE Store.

Just received by the steamer Niagara, and other late arrivals—

A SUPERIOR assortment of Ladies' *Cloth, Cashmere*, and *Prunella* BOOTS;
Misses' and Childrens' ditto ditto, Patent and Seal Skin golosh'd, welt and pump-soles.

☞ We still continue to have all our Stock manufactured expressly for us; consequently the same confidence as usual may be depended upon as regards *Good Sewing, &c.*

—ALSO—
20 cases of the best description of Men's, Ladies', Misses and Children's RUBBER SHOES.
—*Cheap for Cash.*—
FAULKE & HENNIGAR.
Germain Street; Head of Rocky Hill.

Nov. 29.—6i.

FALL and WINTER
IMPORTATIONS.

Per packet Ship Imperial---A Large Assortment of

FANCY DRESS MATERIALS, COBURGS and ORLEANS;
GALA PLAIDS and CLOAKINGS;
Square and Long SHAWLS;
Grey, White, and Printed COTTONS;
BLANKETS, FLANNELS, SERGES;
CARPETING, Cotton Warps, &c. &c.,
which are offered low, Wholesale and Retail.

☞ Remainder daily expected.

October 4. J. & H. FOTHERBY.

Late arrivals of Fall and Winter
BOOTS & SHOES.

D. PATERSON has received per the packet ship *Eudocia*, part of his Fall and Winter BOOTS and SHOES, consisting of—Ladies, Misses and Children's CLOTH, PRUNELLA and FELT BOOTS; Ladies fancy Colored Silk, Satinette, and Satin BOOTS; Ladies French Satin Boots, do. Satin and Kid SLIPPERS, Ladies and Gents. Leather, Felt and Carpet Slippers, &c. &c.

Remainder to arrive per ship "Middleton."

Also, per "Eastern City"—An assortment of Ladies, Gents, Misses and Children's INDIA RUBBERS, SANDALLS, Buskins, and OVER SHOES; Boys and Youths Boots and Brogans, &c.

Sign of the GOLDEN BOOT,
Foster's Corner,
october 25 South side of King-street.

R. R. R.

RADWAY'S READY RELIEF, No. 1;
Radway's Renovating Resolvent, No. 2;
Radway's Regulators;

These Medicines are recommended
"*For giving instant relief from Pain,*"
Speedily Curing Diseases,
and as
Sure preventatives against Sickness.

One Gross of these Medicines just received from New York, and for sale by
GEORGE F. EVERETT & CO.
No. 4, King-street,
Nov. 7. Adjoining Barlow's Corner

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THE CLIFFS OF DOVER.

Rocks of my country! let the cloud
Your crested heights array;
And rise ye, like a fortress prond,
Above the surge and spray.

My spirit greets you as ye stand
Breasting the billows' foam—
Oh! thus for ever guard the land,
The revered land of home!

I have left sunny skies behind,
Lighting up classic shrines,
And music on the Southern wind,
And sunshine on the vines.

The breathings of the myrtle flowers
Have floated o'er my way—
The pilgrim's voice at vesper hours
Hath sooth'd me with its lay.

The Isles of Greece, the hills of Spain,
The purple heavens of Rome,
Yea all are glorious—yet again
I bless thee, land of home.

For thine the Sabbath peace, my land,
And thine the guarded hearth;
And thine the dead, the noble band,
That make thee holy earth.

Their voices meet me in thy breeze,
Their steps are on thy plains,
Their names by old majestic trees
Are whispered round thy fanes.

Their blood hath mingled with the tide
Of thine exulting sea—
Oh, be it still a joy, a pride,
To live and die for thee.

—MRS. HEMANS.

GOING DOWN HILL,
OR, THE WORLD'S FRIENDSHIP EXEMPLIFIED.

'That looks bad,' exclaimed Farmer White, with an expressive shake of the head, as he passed a neglected garden and broken down fence, in one of his daily walks.

'Bad enough,' was the reply of the companion to whom the remark was addressed.

'Neighbour Thompson, appears to be running down hill pretty fast.' I can remember when everything around his little place was trim and tidy.'

"He always appeared to be a steady, industrious man, rejoined the second speaker. 'I have a pair of boots on my feet at this moment of his make, and they have done me great service.'

'I have genera ly employed him for myself and family,' was the reply,' and I must confess that he is a good workman; but, nevertheless, I believe I shall step into Jack Smith's this morning, and order a pair of boots, of which I stand in need. I always make it a rule never to patronise those who appear to be running behind hand. There is generally some risk in helping those who won't help themselves.'

"Very true; and as my wife desires me to see about a pair of shoes for her this morning, I will follow your example and call upon Smith. He is no great favourite of mine, however—an idle, qurrrelsome fellow.'

'And yet he seems to be getting ahead in the world,' answered the farmer, 'and I am willing to give him a lift. But I have an errand at the butcher's. I will not detain you.'

At the butcher's they met the neighbour, who was the subject of their previous conversation.—He certainly presented rather a shabby appearance, and in his choice of meat there was a regard to economy which did not escape the appearance of Farmer White. After passing remarks, the poor shoemaker took his departure, and the butcher opened his account book with a somewhat anxious air, saying, [illegible] charged the bit of meat—

'I believe it is time that neighbour Thompson and I came to a settlement. Short accounts make long friends.'

'No time to lose, I should say,' remarked the farmer.

'Indeed! Have you heard of any trouble neighbour White?'

'No; I have heard nothing; but a man has the use of his own eyes, you know; and I never trust any one with my money who is evidently going down hill.'

'Quite right; and I will send in my bill this evening. I have only delayed on account of the sickness the poor man has had in his family all winter. I suppose he must have run behind a little, but still I must take care of number one.'

'Speaking of Thompson, are you?' observed a bystander, who appeared to take an interest in the conversation. 'Going down hill, is he? I must look out for myself then. He owes me quite a snug sum for leather. I did intend to give him another month's credit, but on the whole I guess the money would be safer in my own pocket.'

Here the four worthies separated each with his mind filled with the affairs of neighbour Thompson, the probability that he was going down hill, and the best way of giving him a push.

In another part of the little village similar scenes were passing.

'I declare, exclaimed Mrs. Bennett, the dressmaker, to a favourite assistant, as she hastily withdrew her head from the window, whence she had been gazing on the passers-by; 'if there is not Mrs. Thompson, the shoemaker's wife, coming up the steps with a parcel in his hand. She wants me to do her work, I suppose, but I think it would be a venture. Every one says they are running down hill, and it is a chance if I ever get my pay.'

'She always paid us promptly,' was the reply.

'True; but that was in the days of her prosperity. I cannot afford to run any risk.'

The entrance of Mrs. Thompson prevented further conversation.

She was evidently surprised at the refusal of Mrs. Bennett to do any work for her; but as great pressure of business was pleaded as an excuse, there was nothing to be said, and she soon took her leave. Another application proved equally unsuccessful. It was strange how busy the village dressmakers had suddenly become.

On the same day the poor shoemaker's wife met the teacher of a small school in the neighbourhood where two of her children attended.

'Ah, Mrs. Thompson, I am glad to see you,' was the salutation. 'I was about calling at your house. Would it be convenient to settle our little account this afternoon?'

'Our account!' was the surprised reply. 'Surely the term has not yet expired.

'Only half of it; but my present rule is to collect my money at that time. It is a plan which many teachers have adopted of late.'

'I was not aware that there had been any change in your rules, and I have made arrangements to meet your bill at the usual time. I fear it will not be in my power to do so sooner.'

The countenance of the teacher showed great disappointment, and as she passed on in a different direction, she muttered to herself—

'Just as I expected. I never shall see a cent. Everybody says they are going down hill. I must get rid of the children in some way. Perhaps I may get a pair of shoes or two for payment for the half quarter, if I manage right; but it will never do to go on in this way.'

A little discomposed by her interview with the teacher, Mrs. Thompson stepped into a neighbouring grocery to purchase some trifling article of family stores.

'I have a little account against you. Will it be convenient for Mr. Thompson to settle it this evening?' asked the polite shopkeeper as he produced the desired article.

'Is it his usual time for settling?' was again the surprised inquiry.

'Well, not exactly; but money is very tight just now, and I am anxious to get all that is due me. In future I intend to keep short accounts.—There is a little bill, if you would like to look at it. I will call around this evening. It is but a small affair.'

'Thirty dollars is no small sum to us just now,' thought Mrs. Thompson, as she thoughtfully pursued her way toward home.

It seems strange that all the payments must be met just now, while we are struggling to recover from the heavy expenses of the winter. I cannot understand it.'

Her perplexity was increased by finding her husband with two bills in his hand and a countenance expressive of anxiety and concern.

'Look Mary,' he said, as she entered. 'Here are two unexpected calls for money; one from the doctor, and the other from the dealer in leather from whom I purchased my last stock. They are both very urgent for immediate payment, although they have always been willing to wait a few months until I could make arrangements to meet their claims. But misfortunes never come single, and if a man gets a little behind hand, troubles seem to pour in upon him.'

'Just so, replied the wife. 'The neighbours think we are going down hill, and every one is ready to give us a push. Here are two more bills for you—one from the grocer, and the other from the teacher.'

Reply was prevented by a knock at the door, and the appearance of a lad, who presented a neatly folded paper, and disappeared.

'The butcher's account, as I live!' exclaimed the astonished shoemaker. 'What is to be done Mary? So much money to be paid out and very little coming in; for some of my best customers have left me, although my work has always given satisfaction. If I could only have as much employment as usual, and the usual credit allowed me, I could soon satisfy all these claims; but to meet them now is impossible, and the acknowledgment of my inability would send us still on the downward path.'

'We must do our best and trust in Provideuce,' was the consoling remark of his wife, as a second knock at the door aroused the fear that another claimant was about to appear.

But the benevolent countenance of Uncle Joshua a rare but ever welcome visitor, presented itself. Seating himself in the comfortable chair that Mary hastened to hand him, he said, in his eccentric, but friendly manner:

'Well, good folks, I understand the world does not go as well with you as formerly. What is the trouble?'

'There need be no trouble,' was the reply, 'if men would not try to add to the afflictions which the Almighty sees to be necessary for us. The winter was a trying one. We met with sickness and misfortunes, which we endeavoured to bear with patience. All would now go well if those around me were not determined to push me in the downward path.'

'But there lies the difficulty, friend Thompson. This is a selfish world. Everybody, or at least, a great majority, care only for number one. If they see a poor neighbour going down hill, their first thought is whether it will affect their own interests, and provided they can secure themselves, they care not how soon he goes to the bottom. The only way is to keep up appearances. Show no signs of going behindhand, and all will go well with you.'

'Very true, Uncle Joshua, how is this to be done? Bills which I did not expect to be called upon to meet for the next three months are pouring upon me. My best customers are leaving me for a more fortunate rival. In short, I am on the brink of ruin, and nought but a miracle can save me.'

'A miracle which is very easily wrought then, I imagine, my good friend. What is the amount of your debts which press so heavily upon you, and how soon in the common course of events, could you discharge them?'

'They do not exceed one hundred dollars, replied the shoemaker; 'and with my usual run of work, I could make all right in three or four months.'

'We will say six,' was the answer, 'I will advance you one hundred and fifty dollars for six months. Pay every cent you owe, and with the remainder of the money make some slight addition or improvement in your shop or house, and put everything about the grounds in their usual neat order. Try this plan for a few weeks, and we will see what effect it has upon our worthy neighbors. No, no, never mind thanking me. I am only trying a little experiment on human nature. I know you of old, and have no doubt that my money is safe in your hands.'

Weeks passed by. The advice of Uncle Joshua had been strictly followed and the change in the shoemaker's prospects was indeed wonderful. He was now spoken of as one of the most thriving men in the village, and many marvellous stories were told to account for the sudden alteration in his affairs.

It was generally agreed that a distant relative had bequeathed him a legacy, which had entirely relieved him of his pecuniary difficulties. They had never before realized the beauty and durability of his work. The polite butcher selected the best pieces of meat for his inspection, as he entered, and was totally indifferent as to the time of payment. The teacher accompanied the children home to tea, and spoke in high terms of their improvement, pronouncing them among her best scholars. The dress-maker suddenly found herself free from the great press for work, and in a friendly note expressed her desire to oblige Mrs. Thompson in any way in her power.

'Just as I expected,' exclaimed Uncle Joshua, rubbing his hands exultingly, as the grateful shoemaker called upon him at the expiration of six months, with the money which had been loaned in the hour of need. 'Just as I expected. A strange world! They are ready to push a man up hill if he seems to be ascending, and just as ready to push him down, if they find that his face is turned that way. In future, neighbor Thompson, let everything round you wear an air of prosperity, and you will be sure to prosper.' And with a satisfied air, Uncle Joshua placed his money in his pocket book, ready to meet some other claim upon his benevolence, whilst he, whom he had thus befriended, with cheerful countenance, returned to his happy home.

LITERARY MEN IN LONDON.

In a charming mansion in St. James's place lives the venerable poet of the "Pleasures of Memory," ninety years having rolled over his bald, ripe forehead. Mr. Rogers sat in Westminster Hall when Burke and Sheridan poured out their invectives against Warren Hastings. In a fine large house in Tavistock-place sits Charles Dickens, busy as a bee over Bleak House and Household Words. On an afternoon, the loiterer in that vicinity may catch a glimpse of his thin hair, now sprinkled with grey, as it is tossed by the summer wind which visits his desk as he sits writing in his ample library room. Thackery has, ere this, got home again, and any fine day he may be found at the Garrick Club, in King-street, Covent Garden. Barry Cornwall lives in Harley-street, Cavendish-square, where he is spending the happy evening of his life. Walter Savage Landor is at home in Bath, having been expelled from Italy on account of his "dangerous liberty doctrines." In Twickenham in a modest, brick-house, by the road side, muses Alfred Tennyson, the poet laureate of England. The Brownings are like swallows, flitting from clime to clime, but London is often in their way. Thomas Carlyle lives in Chelsea, and often comes to town. Macaulay is a club man and when he is not among his idols (the books of the British Museum), he may be met with in the brilliant rooms of the "Athenæum" or the "Reform." Dear, kind, old Leigh Hunt, toddling over the pavement, in the Strand, towards his son's newspaper office, is a common occurrence. Is he the Skimpole of Bleak House? The knowing ones of London say he is. On the left, as you go up to Piccadilly, stands a bookshop, with "Chapman and Hall" over the door. The tall gentleman with the nose and the waistcoat, and the elegant cravat, is Sir Edward Litton, or Bulwer, as you may happen to call him. He is telling Mr. Chapman, who has his ear close to the baronet's bosom, that the engraving just brought in for his inspection is not quite right in the direction of the whiskers and the shirt collar.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF AN ENGLISH CHURCH IN PARIS—Several meetings have been lately held in Paris of lay members of the united church of Great Britain and Ireland resident in Paris, with the object of obtaining the erection of a church in some measure commensurate with the requirements of the English resorting there in such numbers, and creditable to the British nation. The amount of church accommodation provided in two small chapels and a room at the embassy is utterly inadequate to the very large number attached to her communion who are at all times resident in or passing through the metropolis of France, so that many hundreds are every Sunday prevented from joining in public worship who would otherwise attend. Both the small chapels above alluded to are private property, and unconsecrated; and while the English constantly resident number 10,000, and the English visitors are seldom fewer than 10,000 more, and sometimes reach 20,000, the accommodation in such chapels, and in the room in which divine service is performed at the embassy does not exceed 2,000, a considerable portion of which is occupied by American residents, who are very numerous, and have no place of worship whatever in Paris. The promoters of the work wish to obtain from government a contribution equal to about one-third of the outlay required to erect a church capable of accommodating not fewer than 1,500 people, 500 of the sittings to remain for ever free; and on condition that this assistance is given, the church is solely to be the property of the crown."

AUSTRALIA.—The papers report that a meeting has been recently held in Melbourne, of the British North American Colonists, for the purpose of forming a British American Benevolent Association, to render assistance and advice to emigrants from Canada, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Newfoundland, and Prince Edward's Island, on their arrival in Australia. A Committee was appointed to draw up a code of rules for the organization of the Society.

HUSBANDS AND WIVES.—(A gigantic wife, with a Lilliputian husband under her arm, applies at the police station).—Policeman: "Now, mam! what's the matter?" Injured female: "If you please, mister—I want to give my wretch of a husband in charge. He's always a knocking me down and stampin' on me!"

NOT FAR OUT.—A cynical old Cockney of our acquaintance says he considers the moustache movement to be only a new way the young fellows have got into of giving themselves 'airs.—*Punch.*

A Watering-place is a harbour of refuge, that we poor weak vessels, after having been tossed about for nine months in the year are obliged, during the other three, to put into for repairs.

Two men were conversing about the ill humour of their wives. "Ah!" said one, with a sorrowful expression, "mine is a Tartar!" "Well," replied the other, "mine is worse than that—mine is the *Cream of tartar!*"

"Won't you sing me a song, sir?" said a lady to her lover, as they were alone one evening. The lover soon commenced the popular air, "I won't go home till morning," and sure enough he didn't.