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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.*

LIVERPOOL & LONDON Fire & Life Insurance Company,

(Established in 1836.)

Capital £2,000,000—in Shares of Twenty Pounds.

THE Stockholders of this Company are responsible to the full extent of their property for the liabilities of the Company.

The undersigned hereby notifies the Public of New Brunswick, that the above named Company have empowered him, by a full and ample Power of Attorney, to open an Office in the City of Saint John, for the Insurance of PROPERTY against loss or damage by FIRE, in any part of the Province, and to sign and issue Policies in the name of the Company; and that in virtue of the power vested in him by the said Power of Attorney, he has appointed Mr. ADAM JACK to act as Agent for the said Company, in the receiving of proposals for Insurance, and the inspection of premises proposed for Insurance, and all other the usual duties of an Agent; and to collect and receive the amount of premium on any policy issued by the undersigned in the name of the said Company, or for the renewal of the same.

The Deed of settlement, and the supplemental Deed of settlement, lies with Mr. JACK, at the Office of the *New Brunswick Marine Assurance Company*, also the pamphlets issued by the Office at Liverpool, affording ample details of the mode of transacting business by the Company.

The rates of premium will be as low as any other respectable Company, and the undersigned trusts a fair portion of public patronage will be accorded to the Company.

Losses not exceeding £500, will be settled without referring to the head Office at Liverpool.

EDWARD ALLISON.
Dated at St. John, N. B. { 4th August, 1851. {

Great Reduction in Prices.

SMELLIE & ABERCROMBY,

Prince William street,

IN order to make room for their Fall Importations, (now daily expected) have reduced the price of their present Stock, and would call the particular attention of Purchasers to the prices of their GENTS. CLOTHS—in Tweeds, Cassimeres Cashmerettes, Gambroon, Russell Cords, &c.

Ladies DRESS Materials,

Ink and Wool Bareges, Sylphine Silks, Silk Checks, gun Silks. (plain and plaided); Crape de Soy, Merges, Orleans, Chameleon Cloths, &c.

LONG & SQUARE SHAWLS,

In French Blue and Ottoman, Black and Drab Plain, Watered Cashmere, Barege, &c. &c. Indians, Printe arge assortment of Printed COTTONS, Mournicles.
Together with a ing ditto ditto, and other Staple and Fancy arti

S. K. FOSTER'S Ladies' Fashionable Shoe Store,

Germain Street, Foster's Corner.

New Cloth Boots, &c. &c.

Just received per Ships "Highland Mary," from London, and "Speed," from Liverpool:—

21 CASES of Ladies, Misses and Children's CLOTH BOOTS,
Ladies Cashmere, Merino and Prunella Boots;
Do. White and Black Satin SLIPPERS,
Do. Bronze and Black Kid and Enamelled Dancing SLIPPERS;
Do. Patent Russia Kid and Morocco Walking SHOES,
Do. Carpet and House SHOES, in great variety,
Misses CLOTH BOOTS, of every quality:
Do. Prunella and Cashmere Boots, assorted;
Do. Black and Bronze Kid and Satin Dancing SLIPPERS,
Do. Walking Shoes of every style and quality
Children's CLOTH BOOTS, and every other variety;
Cheap Shoes and Boots *of all sorts.*
Sept. 30. S. K. FOSTER.

Burning Fluid.

THE Subscriber has just received per 'Cuba' from Boston, a further supply of the above warranted a *superior* article.
T. M. REED,
Sept. 16. Head of North Wharf

JOHN KINNEAR,

(In Messrs. WIGGINS' new Buildings,)
PRINCE WILLIAM STREET,

Has on hand, for Sale in quantities, and by retail—

ROSE and Clasp Head wrought NAILS, of all the usual sizes;
Horse, Boat, and Pressed NAILS:
Cut NAILS of every size:
English and German Window GLASS of every size from 6x8 to 34x36.
PAPER HANGINGS from 6d. to 5s. each piece,
English and American Floor CLOTHS,
Flint *Glass-ware*, assorted kinds,
Scotch Wool CARPETING,
American Warranted CHAIRS, assorted kinds;
Raw and Boiled Linseed OILS:
Sea Elephant and Florence OILS;
CASTOR, LARD, and PINE OIL;
SPICES, both whole and ground, of all kinds,
FEATHERS, (cleaned,) assorted qualities,
Mott's Broma, CHOCOLATE, Cocoa and Ginger
American and Bengal RICE;
Wooden Wares of various kinds,
Paints, Whiting and *Yellow Ochre*, and a number, of other articles. August 26, 1851.

AUTUMN, 1851.

New and beautiful style of Hats.

C. D. EVERETT & SON having received their Autumn style of Blocks, are now prepared to furnish the public with HATS of all qualities of this universally admired fashion.

On hand and constantly making up—HATS and CAPS of a variety of styles which we offer at very low rates. A few Drab Union Summer Hats—low crown and very light—having been left on hand, will now be disposed of at greatly reduced prices. Please call and examine at either of our Stores—East side of Market Square or North side of King Street. Sept. 9.

DOMESTIC.

Vulcan Foundry Manufactures.

THE attention of the Public is respectfully requested to the inspection of a large and extensive assortment of

COOKING STOVES,
FRANKLINS, REGISTER GRATES,
WOOD STOVES, AND PLOUGHS,

of the newest and most approved Patterns, to be seen at the Brick Warehouse in *Prince William Street*, late in the occupation of Messrs. Ranney, Sturdee & Co.

☞ Orders for CASTINGS, and all other Work, left as above, will have immediate attention. JOHN V. THURGAR.
St. John N. B., 27th Sept., 1851.

Autumn Importations, of

FRENCH Silk and Satin HATS; CLOTH CAPS; Fur, Seal, Otter, and Beaver CAPS; LADIES' *Fashionable* FURS, of the very best; Boys and Girls Fancy HATS, neat styles; Men's and Boys' Felt *Sporting* HATS, in all colors; Leather Hat Cases, Glazed Caps, Umbrellas, Carpet Bags, Trunks; BUFFALO ROBES; FUR COATS, &c., just opened—wholesale and retail, at *reduced prices*, at the Hat, Cap, and Fur Store of G. & E. SEARS,
Barlow's Corner, King Street, up stairs.

N. B. Their Stock of SILK HATS and FUR CAPS is very large, and of excellent quality—and will be sold *cheaper* than at any other establishment in the City. A very excellent Hat for 17s. 6d. ☞ Cash and the highest prices paid for FURS. St. John, Oct. 14, 1851.—1m.

HALL'S CLOTHING STORE,

PRINCE WILLIAM STREET.

Ready-Made CLOTHING.

TOP COATS—Beaver, Pilot, Whitney, Buffalo Tweed, Canada Grey, Satinette and fine Cloth, in every shade, quality and price.
REEFING JACKETS—Beaver, Pilot and Satinette.
Cloth Frock, Dress, Sack, and Paletot Coats, in all qualities, colours, and prices, from 20s.
PANTS—Cloth, Cassimere, Doeskin, Tweed and Satinette, all prices from 10s.
VESTS—Every variety of Vestings, Silk, Satin, Velvet, Cloth, and Fancy Styles, cheap.
CLOTHS—Every description at present worn; a large stock to select from, a competent Cutter and the best Workmen in the City. Gentlemen ordering Clothes at this establishment may rest assured of a perfect fit.
FURNISHING GOODS—Of every description for Gentlemen's wear.
Trunks, Valisses, and Carpet Bags, all prices and qualities.
BOOTS and SHOES—An assortment of Girls fine and stout Boots, Shoes, Slippers, &c.
Remember—Hall's Clothing Store, Prince William-street, opposite Messrs. Jardine & Co.
JAMES T. HALL.
Nov. 4. *Proprietor*

HARDWARE.

W. Tisdale & Son

Are receiving ex 'Speed,' 'John S. DeWolf,' 'Highland Mary,' and 'Sterling'—

CASKS Horse and Ox Shoe NAILS;
Do. Horse TRACES and Ox Other FILES,
50 Boxes best Charcoal TIN PLATES, IC. DC.:
Hoole, Staniforth & Co's 5, 5½, 6, 6, and 7½ feet MILL SAWS,
Do. do. 4½, 5, 5½, and 6 feet CUT SAWS:
One Ton Iron WIRE, all sizes,
One Crate COAL SCOOPS:
135 Boxes English GLASS, from 9x7 to 20x14,
65 Bags NAILS, assorted sizes,
10 Casks Boiled and Raw PAINT OIL,
2 Tons Brandram's No. 1 White LEAD,
100 Kegs GUNPOWDER, C, E, FF, and Canister,
75 Cistern and Well PUMPS:
2 Tons LEAD PIPE, ½ inch to 1½ inch,
6 Sheets LEAD,
2 Cases Newspaper Holders, Letter Clips, &c.—these are quite new styles, and much approved all which will be sold at low rates.
N. B.—Remainder of Stock expected in the *Algoma*' and '*Themis*.' Sept. 30.

Hams and Mess Pork.

EX *Eliza Jane* from Boston—2 Casks Smoked HAMS; 11 barrels and 7 half barrels Mess PORK, for sale by
Oct. 14. GEORGE THOMAS.

Paints, Pine Oil, Varnish, &c.

INVOICE consisting of WHITE LEAD, Green, Yellow, Red and Black PAINT; 2 Barrels Pine Oil; 2 do. Black Varnish; for sale cheap by
Oct. 14. GEORGE THOMAS.

Cooking Stoves, &c.

W. H. ADAMS

Has just received a good assortment of the following STOVES, &c., which he offers at low prices, viz:

COOKING and Close STOVES;
Air-tight Cast Iron Franklins & Hall Stoves,
Charcoal FURNACES; OVEN MOUTHS,
Ornamental Parlor STOVES,
Farmers' Boiler Stove. Sept. 23, 1851.

SELLING OFF
AT
Reduced Prices for Cash Only!!
AT THE

HOWARD HOUSE,

North Side of King Street.

A WELL selected stock of WINTER CLOTHING, made up in the most Fashionable Style and at unprecedented low prices. Parties who are in want of COATS, PANTS, VESTS, &c., will find, by calling at the Howard House, that they can procure the above articles cheaper and of better quality than at any other Establishment in this City.

The Subscriber having a large stock of Cloths Vestings, &c. on hand, and he being about to leave for England to select Goods for the Spring trade, is determined to sell his present stock on hand at COST PRICE, and would direct the attention of buyers to call and see for themselves before purchasing elsewhere.

Beaver Cloth Coats in any colour made to order at 15 per cent. lower than at any other establishment in the Province.

Pants and Vestings on the same terms.
Nov. 4. JAMES MYLES.

Sperm Candles, Coffee, &c.

Ex Schooner "Volunte," from Boston,

10 BOXES of Sperm and Composition CANDLES:
2 cases Orris' CORN STARCH,
10 Matts CASSIA.
25 bags finest old Government Java COFFEE
3 cases Infallible YEAST POWDER, in 1lb. and 2lbs., direct from the Manufactory.
For sale at lowest rates by
Oct 23. JARDINE & CO.

VICTORIA HOUSE,

Prince William Street,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

November 1st.

JAMES DOHERTY & CO.
British and French Importers,

Have just received per Steamers "Europa," "Canada" and "America," 14 Days from England and per Ships "Speed," "Pacific," Boadicea," and "Themis"—

EXTENSIVE IMPORTATIONS
OF
Fall and Winter Goods,
—COMPRISING—

BRITISH and FRENCH SILKS and SATINS best quality, Newest Colourings and Patterns, in Figure, Glacie, Shot, Watered, &c.
Union SILK BRILLIANTS,
Plain POPLINS and Cruvelli Cloths,
French MERINOS, in newest shades, and best quality,
EMBROIDERED DRESSES, in French Merinos,
FRENCH COBURGS, Paramattas and Crapes,
DELANES, ALPACAS, COBURG and Orleans Cloths;
Ladies' Fancy Dress Goods,
in every novelty;
SHAWLS,
Long and Square, of every new style, in Foreign, Paisley Plaid, Wool, Cloth, Ermine, &c.
CLOAKINGS,
Of the most fashionable kinds, in Ermine, Esquimaux Nepaulese, and Ladies' CLOTHS, Tweeds, and Plaids with *newest trimmings to suit*
Paris and London made CLOAKS, *latest* designs.
FURS,
Of every description, in Queen's new Boas, Long and Flat Boas, Victorines, Muffs, Gauntlets and Cuffs, in Royal Ermine, Canchalin, Minver, Stone Martin, and French Martin, Sable, Fitch, Squirrel, British Ermine, Mink, Lynx, Siberian and British Sable
TRIMMING FURS, &c.
SILK VELVETS, in Black and Fancy colours,
TERRY Velvets, and Plushes, in Black, and Colours, with Ribbons, and Feathers to match,
Bonnet and Cap RIBBONS, in French and British,
Velvet and Satin NECK TIES,
GLOVES and HOSIERY of every description,
LACES, in thread, wove thread, Egyptian, Honiton, &c.
Lisson and Brussels Netts, white and coloured for Ladies' Dresses, &c.
Plain and Fancy Bobbinetts, Blonds, Quillings, &c.
Black and coloured LACE VEILS, of every kind,
French and British Embroideries in Collars, Chemizettes Habit Shirts, Sleeves, &c.
Infants' Embroidered Robes and Caps,
Ladies' Embroidered Evening Dresses,
Ladies' French Cambric Pocket Handkerchiefs, in Plain and Embroidered,
White and Coloured STAYS,
White Muslins, in Jaconet, Checked, Striped, Book, Mull Tarlaton, &c. &c.
Fancy Window Muslins, in white and coloured,
French and English Garment and Furniture Prints,
Earlston and Power Loom Heavy GINGHAMS,
Twilled and Plain Regatta Shirts, Checks, &c.,
BROAD CLOTHS,
PILOT and BEAVER CLOTHS,
Velvet, Satin and Cashmere VESTINGS,
Fancy Throwsettings, Stock Neck Ties, in Squares, Scarfs,
Gent's Silk and Satin Ties,
Chamois SK and French Cambric Pocket Hdkfs.
White FLANNELS, in Saxony, Welch, Swanskin, &c.
Red, Blue, and Yellow FLANNELS,
BLANKETS, SERGES, &c.
Moleskins, Cantoons, Drills, Tickings, &c.
Irish LINENS, Lawns, Diapers, Hollands, &c.
Damask Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, &c.
Oznaburgs, Canvas, &c. &c.
Superior make in White SHIRTING Cottons,
Grey Cottons, Sheetings, and Wraps,
Tailors' Trimmings and Small Wares, &c. &c.

☞ *The above Goods having been purchased selected in the best European Markets, will be found, and will continue to comprise the largest, most varied, Choicest and best stock ever offered for sale at the Victoria House and will be sold at the very lowest possible rates for Cash, and One Price only.*
JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

Partnership Notice.

MR. JOHN POLLOK, of Saint John, New-Brunswick, retired by mutual consent from the Concern of Messrs. ROBERT RANKIN & CO., of Saint John, New Brunswick, on the 9th August last, of which all persons will take notice and govern themselves accordingly.
ALEX. RANKIN,
for self and remaining Partners
Saint John, 5th September, 1851.

New Fruit, Coffee, Grapes, &c.

20 BAGS Laguifa COFFEE:
20 kegs Malaga GRAPES;
100 boxes Muscatel } New RAISINS;
50 ditto Layer }
50 half and 50 quarter }
5 boxes ORANGES and LEMONS,
3 bbls. New Hickory Nuts;
Apples, Cracked Corn, Buckwheat, Cassia, Brazil Nuts.
Just landing, ex Schooner *Franklin*, from Boston.
JAS. MACFARLANE,
Nov. 18. Market Square.

TOP COATS.

NOW ready for inspection a large assortment of Winter OVER COATS, got up in first rate style and for Sale Cheap. Also an assortment of PILOT, BEAVER BUFFALO and other CLOTHS suitable for *Top Coats*, which will be made to order very low and a perfect fit warranted at HALL'S CLOTHING STORE, Prince William Street, opposite Messrs. Jardine & Co.
Nov. 4. J. T. HALL.

REMOVAL.

VICTORIA BOOK STORE,

DOCK STREET.

W. P. NELSON respectfully informs his friends and the Public in general, that he has REMOVED his Stock of BOOKS and STATIONERY to the Brick Building in Dock street lately occupied by Mr. BENROW FERGUSON, and will be happy to receive the patronage of his former customers. May 20.

Fishing Thread.

THE Subscribers have received per Themis from Liverpool 500 dozen very superior Three Cord Fishing Thread, which will be sold very low for Cash.

The attention of Fishermen is invited to the above article, as it is put up in 1-4 skeins expressly for nets.
Nov. 4. J. & H. FOTHERBY.

Encourage Home Industry.

A FEW Boxes of HONEY, in the Combs, from Woodstock, for sale by
Nov. 15. JARDINE & CO.

FOR SALE,

30 SHARES St. John Gas Company Stock,
10 Do. Commercial Bank do.
Enquire of A. BALLOCH.
4th November, 1851.

INDUCEMENT.

WHOLESALE and RETAIL.

LOCKHART & CO.

ARE prepared to offer, on the best terms, to the Trade and at Retail, the largest Stock of

New and Desirable Goods

that have ever imported. Having purchased directly from the manufacturers in Europe, in July and August, at about ten per cent. less than the earlier orders were placed, we are able to make our Goods low very Cheap.

Our Styles are chaste, attractive, and fashionable—the influence of the "*World's Fair*" will be seen in the exquisite style and quality of our

Ladies' Furs, Fur Caps and Gloves,

HATS, and Gents' Furnishing Goods.

We wish every body to examine this large Stock, without any fear of being unkindly urged to buy.

We have a "Hungarian" Furrier, from London, added to our *Manufacturing enterprise*, who will make and repair Furs of every description, to order.

☞ FURS PURCHASED. ☜
LOCKHART & CO.
Brick Building, No. 1, Prince William Street
September 30.

"THEMIS."

NOW landing, ex ship *Themis*, from Liverpool—a large assortment of GROCERIES, comprising—
CURRANTS, Smyrna Cooking RAISINS,
A. I. Bleached GINGER,
Maccaroni, Vermicelli, Isinglass,
Mustard, Starch, Citron and Lemon PEEL,
Cream Tartar, Blacking, Salad OIL,
Curry Powder, SAUCES, Bath Brick, &c.
JARDINE & CO.
St. John, Oct. 21, 1851.

POETRY.

SONG OF DECEMBER.

I come when the forest is stripped of bloom,
Where trees are shivering bare;
With drooping icicles clad I come,
And snow flakes bind my hair;
My cheeks are hollow, my lips are white,
My breath is keen and cold—
Heavy steps are feeble, my eyes are bright,
And my fingers pinch with a fiend's delight,
Whatever my arms enfold.

I come when the fields are crisp and hoar—
The cottager hears my tread;
I rap tap-tap at his window and door,
While he cozily cowers in bed;
On his frozen panes I leave my trace,
And his door-way pile with snow;
Where my pencil moves there is beauty and grace,
But the sunbeams come, and my works give place
To the might of their noon-day glow.

I come when the rivers are paved with ice—
Hark! the ring of the curler's stone—
While the river god answers with hollow voice
From his prison so narrow and lone,
Where the lakes are frozen below.
There is Winter and blight wherever I go;
The blasts are abroad with withering flow
From the lips of the frigid Jove.

I come when the season is steeped in gloom,
When the night watch is drear and dark,
When the linnet and thrush in the copse are dumb,
And dumb is the early lark;
I come when the robin forsakes the wood,
To hop by the friendly hearth,
And share with barn-fowl's noisy brood,
At the housewife's hand, their scattered food,
Denied by the barren earth.

I come—and the old man feels my breath—
How his shrunken cheek grows pale!
My frozen touch is the touch of death,
My voice is his funeral wail;
His useless staff hangs on the wall,
For the hand is stiff that bore;
No more shall he listen to the cock's shrill call,
And the vesper bell, when eve's shadows fall,
Shall strike on his ear no more.

I come—and the grasp of my clammy hand
Sears the maiden's soul with dread,
As she dreams of home in a summer land,
Where her mother long hath sped.
Go, dig her grave when the sun comes forth,
To relax the icebound clod,
And When winter flees to his native North,
The flowers of Spring in their early birth
Shall bloom on the sacred sod.

I come with a shroud for the dying year:
To the gloomy vaults of Time
The stiffened corpse will we sadly bear,
And chaunt the funeral hymn:
The strain shall rise on the midnight blast,
Shall mix with the tempest's moan;
When the portals close of those caverns vast,
A year shall be tombed with centuries past,
And my work for a time be done.

LIFE AND LETTERS OF JOSEPH STORY, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, and Dane Professor at Harvard University. Edited by his son, WILLIAM W. STORY. Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown.

The Life of Judge Story, by his Son, has been looked for with interest for some time, and the public will welcome it with pleasure. The first volume is in print, and the two will be ready for publication shortly before Christmas. It is published in Messrs. Little & Brown's handsomest manner, and the first volume is illustrated by an excellent likeness of Judge Story, taken from a Crayon drawing, by his Son. Mr. Story dedicates his volumes to his mother, in the following appropriate and touching manner:—

"To my Mother, Sarah Waldo Story:

"These memorials of my father I dedicate to you. Of our home group that lived in the sunshine of his familiar presence, you and I alone are left; and love, gratitude, the losses we in common have sustained, and the happy memories of the past, which bind us so closely together, conspire to make the inscription of these pages to you, at once most appropriate in itself, and most grateful to my feelings. Your sympathy has lightened my labor, and cheered me in my progress, and however others may look upon this work, in your eyes I know that it will seem well done. To you, therefore, I bring it with the loving regards of an affectionate son. W. W. STORY."

Mr. Story has used his large materials for the Life of his Father with good judgment and good taste. From an autobiographical letter addressed to him by Judge Story in the year 1831, he has drawn full accounts of the parentage and early years of the future judge. He has selected with care from his correspondence his opinions upon matters of interest at the time, and has connected these together with a sketch of his Life, which is very simply and pleasantly written.—*Boston Daily Adv.*

A THEORY OF THE AURORA BOREALIS.

According to all accounts, the Aurora Borealis takes place after a thaw. By this means, then, and in proportion to the rapidity of the thaw, the immense quantity of negative electricity bound there in the earth and accumulated forever on its warmly kept snow-covered surface, is liberated, and finds its way into the upper regions, by creeping up the sides of the numerous hills and mountains of those places, or is carried up by the rising vapours to the region of the positive electricity flowing above our atmosphere towards the equator, as does the negative below. By these means the aurora borealis takes place; it is the union of the positive and negative electricities in a different climate and under different circumstances, and, no doubt, for different ends. Its sensible effect upon the magnetic needle, before it reaches the point of culmination, must be obvious, considering the disturbance caused by the quantity of fluids brought into action from a state of rest. The shape of an arch may be accounted for by the atmosphere's forming a ring round the earth being greatly narrowed towards the poles, the arch of the atmosphere at the poles must be more contracted and lower in proportion than the arch which it forms nearer and round the equator; and the electricity of the upper regions floating on the air in the same way, will present to our view the aurora borealis in a curve or arch.—*The Builder.*

A TEA DRINKER.

Hazlitt, the celebrated writer and critic, usually rose at from one to two o'clock in the day—scarcely ever before twelve; and, if he had no work in hand, he would sit over his breakfast (of excessively strong black tea, and a toasted French roll) till four or five in the afternoon, silent, motionless and self-absorbed, like a Turk over his opium pouch; for tea served him in this capacity. It was the only stimulant he ever took, and, at the same time, the only luxury: the delicate state of his digestive organs prevented him from tasting any fermented liquors or touching any food but beef, mutton, poultry or game, dressed with perfect plainness. He never touched any but black tea, and was very particular about the quality of that, always using the most expansive that could be got, and he used when living alone, to consume nearly a pound in a week. A cup of Hazlitt's tea (if you happened to come in for the first brewage of it) was a peculiar thing; I have never tasted anything like it. He always made it for himself, half filling the teapot with tea, pouring the boiling water on it, and then almost immediately pouring it out, using with it a great quantity of sugar and cream. To judge of its occasional effect upon myself, I should say that the quantity Hazlitt drank of this tea produced ultimately a most injurious effect upon him, and, in all probability, hastened his death, which took place from diseases of the digestive organs. But its immediate effect was agreeable, even to a degree of fascination; and not feeling any subsequent reaction from it, he persevered in its use to the very last, notwithstanding two or three attacks similar to that which terminated his life.—*Douglas Jerrold.*

MATRIMONY.

Punch says:—It is fearful to reflect how many persons rush into matrimony totally unprepared for the awful change that awaits them! A man may take a wife at twenty-one, before he knows the world no more than a chip and a leghorn. We body, simply by grant a marriage license to anyone that groups can be was of age, than a license, Husbands ought to be educated. We would make to have the following questions put to young and inexperienced persons "about to marry:"—

Are you aware of the price of coals and candles? Do you know which is more economical, the aitch bone or the round? How far, young man, will a leg of mutton go in a small family? How much dearer, now, is silver than German ware? Do you know the price of a four-poster? Declare, if you can, rash youth, the sum per annum, that dresses, bonnets, veils, caps, ribbons, flowers, pelerines, cardinals, cuffs, shoes, gloves, corsets, bustles, &c., would probably come to in a lump? If unable to answer these inquiries, we would strongly advise you to "go back to school!"

MOONLIGHT.

The moon was near the full, broad and lustrous, and the whole atmosphere was full of light. It changed the colour of the sky around the planet, making the blue glow into gold; it poured into every dell; it hung like a veil of beams on every tree, and bush, and copse; and it spread a silver network over the green and dewy grass, as if the turf itself emitted the radiance which in fact fell upon it from Heaven. It was like that bright and blessed power of man's mind, imagination, which pours through the night of our mortal being, robing the earth in lustre, brightening all it falls upon in vague and misty splendor, and seeming to draw forth from the thing on which it shines, the very light that itself bestows. Above was the wide unfathomable depth of heaven, crowded with starry eyes, except where round about the moon herself spreads forth her own eclipsing glory; and there but one loved star seemed perpetuated to shine close to the queen of night.

THE EVIL OF A BAD TEMPER.

A bad temper is a curse to the possessor, and its influence is most deadly wherever it is found. It is allied to martyrdom to be obliged to live with one of a complaining temper. To hear one eternal round of complaint and murmuring, to have every pleasant thought scared away by their evil spirits, is, in truth, a sore trial. It is like the sting of a scorpion—a perpetual nettle, destroying your peace, rendering life a burden. Its influence is most deadly: and the purest and sweetest atmosphere is contaminated into a deadly miasm wherever this evil genius prevails. It has been said truly, that while we ought not to let the bad temper of others influence us, it would be as unreasonable to spread a plaster of Spanish flies on the skin and not expect it to draw, as to think of a family not suffering because of the bad temper of any one of its inmates. One string out of tune will destroy the music of an instrument otherwise perfect; and if all the members of a church, neighbourhood, and family, do not cultivate a kind and affectionate temper, there will be discord and every evil work.

ACTIVITY.

Don't be discouraged if you are unfortunate, and are lying flat on your back. Rise—stand erect and persevere in something else. Fall again, if you can't do better, but never yield to despondency. As fast as you fall, spring up to your feet again, and there will always be hope. Lie still—lament that you are in the ditch, and you but cause rejoicing among your enemies, and no one will render you assistance. Dig out—work hard—persevere, with a determination to earn a comfortable living, and you shall have it. Scores will fly to your assistance, who would help to cover you with reproaches, when writhing and lamenting over your misfortunes. The whole secret of success in life is—activity. To action—to action—and you will never see the day that you will need assistance, which will not be rendered in some shape or other. Activity is the life of man; it makes him for this world, to say nothing of the world to come.

THE DYING YEAR.

The year grows cold at the extremities, and gives unmistakeable signs of approaching dissolution. There is a film in the blue of the sky like the mists which prophesy of the storm of coming death. The vital warmth has gone out of the sunshine, and the air is dead and cold, and communicates a shudder to him it touches. The leaves, like birds that seek the summer, have left the bare branches, and go whirling aimlessly about in flocks, as if they had lost their leader, and know not which way to fly. The fields are brown and desolate, and in early morning a white rim of frost rings its bells in the clear air, to awaken the black ice-fiend from his summer slumber.

THREE GREAT SHIPS OF THE LINE.

There are now in this harbour three great ships of the line—the Ohio, the Vermont, and the Virginia. Each one of them may be said to be remarkable for its model, its size, and accommodations, the excellence of the materials of which it is composed, its strength and fitness for sea and battle. They are called seventy-fours, but are capable of carrying one hundred and ten guns each, together with a complement of one thousand men, and all the provisions, stores, and munitions, for a three years' cruise, not omitting twenty tons of powder for each vessel. These costly and splendid floating citadels are all at the Navy Yard in Charlestown, and under the command of the officers there, and never fail to attract the attention of strangers and others, in the Chelsea ferry boats, and other steamers plying in the upper harbor; as varying their position somewhat with the tides, they seem to extend themselves like leviathans, and loom up over the waves. Such ample depth is the water at this Navy Yard, that these immense line-of-battle ships can lay at its wharves at low tide, without touching bottom; and, indeed, sail directly from the wharves with all hands on board, and completely armed, provisioned, and appointed for any voyage, or place of destination over the sea. This, we believe, cannot be done directly from any other Navy Yard in the United States, unless, perhaps, the one in the harbor of New York be excepted. From most, if not all the other Navy Yards, the armaments, provisions, and men, are sent, at great expense, by steamboats to the government ships, several miles off, in the channels or offings of the bay, on account of the filling up of the harbors, or the shoals formed at the yards, and other circumstances.—*Boston Courier.*

WINTER.

"Winter has then come, and nature has hidden her stores of beauty from its rapacity. No chance rays of the sun, or sudden wind from the south, will call back these charms.—They will lie in the earth 'till the winter is past, and the rain is over and gone;' and then by the merits of the sun's rays, they will enrich the roots of the herbage, and give vigor to its sap, and clothe it in a new beauty. When death's finger strips us of all that is deciduous, and we shrink away to the grave, may it be in the hope that we shall take with us something to be *sanctified* to a beautiful uprising, by the sun of righteousness, where winter and its chills are not known."

BE KIND TO THE OLD.

Be kind to those who are in the autumn of life, for thou knowest not what sufferings they may have endured, or how much it may still be their portion to bear: Are they querulous or unreasonable? Allow not thine anger to kindle against them; reflect and perchance their dispositions, while in the spring-time of life, were more gentle and flexible than thine own. Do they require aid of thee? Then render it cheerfully, and forget not that the time may come when thou mayest desire the same assistance from others, that now thou renderest unto them. Do all that is needful for the old, and do it with alacrity, and think it not hard if much is required at thine hands, lest when age has set its seal on THY brow, and filled thy limbs with trembling, others may wait upon thee unwillingly, and feel relieved when the coffin-lid has covered thy face forever.

The proudest altar of love is the heart of a mother.

Girls who rise early and walk apace, steal roses from Aurora's face; but when they yawn in bed till ten, Aurora steals them back again.

It will not do to hoe a great field for little crops, nor to mow twenty acres for five loads of hay. Enrich the land; it will pay you for it. Better farm twenty acres well, than fifty acres by halves.

To repeat what you have heard in social intercourse is sometimes a sad treachery; and when it is not treacherous, it is often foolish.

The real object of education is to give children resources that will endure as long as life endures; habits that will ameliorate, not destroy; occupation that will render sickness tolerable, solitude pleasant, age venerable, life more dignified and useful, and death less terrible.

SHAKSPEARE, though one of the most gorgeous of men, was a great higgler. He was often known to dispute with a shop-keeper for half an hour on the matter of a penny. He gives Hotspur credit for a portion of his own disposition, when he makes him say, "I would cavil on the ninth part of a hair."

Excellence is never granted to man but as the reward of labor. It argues, indeed, no small strength of mind to persevere in habits of industry without the pleasure of perceiving those advances, which, like the hand of a clock, whilst they make hourly approaches to their point, yet proceed so slowly as to escape observation.

The whole universe is your Library. Study, then, the Volume of Nature; for Nature and Reason never split upon the same text. The globe on which you tread, and the wide expanse you behold make but a small edge of its title page. Its tents are bound in imperial folio, lettered with stars, and given to each subscriber gratis.

VIRGIL was so fond of salt, that he carried without a box full in his pocket, which he made use of from time to time, as men of to-day use tobacco.

SEWING MACHINES.—The New York Democrat says there are now in that city no less than fifty sewing machines driven by steam-power, which turn out an enormous number of pants each day, besides fine coats and other articles of apparel. One girl, with the aid of machinery, can turn out as much work as six girls can with needles used by hand. The profits of this machine are enormous; but it is the capitalist who owns the machine, and who realizes the gain.

VALUABLE.

A Yankee has just invented a method to catch rats. He says:—"Locate your bed in a room much infested by these animals, and on retiring put out the light. Then strew over your pillow some strong smelling cheese, three or four red herrings, some barley meal or new malt, and a sprinkling of dried codfish. Keep awake till you find the rats at work, *then make a grab.*"