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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*

Dissolution of Co-Partnership.

THE Partnership hitherto carried on by the Subscribers, under the Firm of SMELLIE & ABERCROMBY, was this day dissolved by mutual consent. The Subscriber, James Smellie, is authorised to uplift and discharge all debts due to and by the Company.

JAMES SMELLIE,
R. W. ABERCROMBY.

St. John, N. B., April 30, 1853.

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.

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, [illegible]
4 cases DRESS GOODS,
1 case DAMASKS 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;
Earleston GINGHAMS;
LINENS, Damask and Huckabacs;
Gingham and Cotton Handkerchiefs
Cotton Reels, Linen Threads;
Plain and Figured MUSLINS;
Boys' HATS and Cloth CAPS.

Also, per Steamer—

A Variety of PARISIAN MANTLES.

April 26. W. G. LAWTON.

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.

JAMES BURRELL,

Corner of King & Germain-streets,

Has received per *St. John, Bellcarrigg, Miramichi*, and *Eastern City*, from Glasgow, Liverpool, London, and United States, a general assortment of Staple and Fancy

DRY GOODS,

COMPRISING

LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS, in Cachmeres, Teba ROBES, Vemeras, DeLaines, Lustres, Circassian Cloths, Black and Coloured SATINS and Gros de Naps;
Printed Muslin *DRESSES*;
Paisley, Satin and Cachmere Long and Square SHAWLS;
BROAD CLOTHS, Cassimeres, Doeskins, Satinetts, Russel Cords, Moleskins, VESTINGS;
Grey and White COTTONS, Fancy and Twilled *SHIRTINGS*;
Tickings, Duck, Linens, Lawns, Hollands, Diapers, TOWELLINGS;
Printed COTTONS, Cotton Warps; Harness, Filled Bordered Book Muslin;
Red and white FLANNELS, Muslins, Bonnet and Cap RIBBONS;
PARASOLS, Sewed Muslin Habit Shirts, Chemizettes and Collars;
Laces, Edgings and Insertions, ARTIFICIAL FLOWERS, Black Silk Lace;
GLOVES and HOSIERY in great variety, Fancy Neck Ties, and Bracelets;
Hair Nets and Plaits, Boys' Belts, Gents' Silk and Cotton Neck and Pocket Handkerchiefs;
SHIRTS, Shirt Fronts and Collars, Umbrellas, Whalebone Combs, Brushes.
Braces, Stays, Braids, Silk Trimmings, Dress Buttons, Puff Combs, Toilette Covers, Counterpanes, Small Wares, &c. &c.

☞ The Subscriber offers the above well selected Stock of GOODS to his numerous friends and the public generally, (and which on inspection will be found well worthy their attention) at the lowest prices for Cash.

JAMES BURRELL.

May 27. Corner of King and Germain Streets

27th SEPTEMBER, 1853.

LANDING ex *Kendall*, from New York:—
350 barrrels extra Canada FLOUR.
Ex *Harriet* from Boston—Ground Rice, Wicking, Sea Elephant Oil, Composition Candles, Saleratus, Yeast Powder, Ground Cloves, &c. &c. For sale by [Sept. 27.] JARDINE & CO.

DEVINE'S

Compound Pitch Lozenge.

An appeal to matter of fact, and common sense.

IT is that which has so long been sought for, and is in full faith offered to the public as a CERTAIN CURE for

Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, Croup, Costiveness, Asthma, and Consumption,

and will, in any case where lungs sufficient are left to sustain life, check the ulceration, and raise the patient to health. This is not an idle boast, nor is this remedy sent into the market without a thorough trial; but has proved beyond a doubt that what has been asserted CAN BE DONE.

We do not ask you, reader, to take our word, but those who, but a few weeks ago had given up in despair and are now in the enjoyment of health, and without asking have given us their certificates in favor of this great remedy.

Let all, then, who are afflicted, TRY IT, and if the assertions on each box are not proved after an impartial trial, the price will be returned: when the article is not *perfectly satisfactory!*

If the Lozenge on being exposed to the air in hot weather should become soft, it is no objection, but rather goes to prove that they are in good condition.

S. D. Fuller & Co., Boston, Proprietors for Devine's Pitch Dozenge, Dr. Corvell's Pain Expeller and Macaronick, a sure cure for the Piles; also, the Yankee Extract, an article warranted to take out all Grease, Oil, Paint, &c., without injury to the finest texture or showing any dust on the part cleansed. All other popular Medicines sold wholesale at the lowest Cash prices.

☞ THOMAS M. REED, corner of North Market Wharf and Dock-street, wholesale and retail Agent, for St. John, N. B. Sept. 13.—1yp.

SAINT JOHN SEMINARY,

Princess Street.

THIS SEMINARY will be opened on Monday the 1st of August, in Princess street, (South side, a few doors East from Germain street) by Messrs. **MALCOLMSON & HUTCHISON,** who design it not only for Boys, but also to supply a want long felt and expressed by many intelligent and respectable parents anxious to obtain for their daughters, at moderate expense, the usual requisites of a sound and liberal Education.

For Young Ladies who may find it inconvenient to attend in the forenoon, or may not wish to mix with the junior scholars, private Classes will be formed, in the School Rooms, between the hours of 4 and 6, P. M.

Mr. M would acquaint his friends, that Mr. H. is a young gentleman of considerable literary acquirements, and experience in teaching, and that he has during the last four years been employed as Teacher in two Academies of the highest grade in Scotland.

The whole arrangements of the institution are adapted to the Improved Modern System of both Male and Female Education.—The following Branches form the standard course of Instruction:—Greek, Latin, French, and English; Algebra, Geometry, Trigonometry, Mensuration, and Arithmetic Theoretical, Mental, and Practical; Book-keeping, by Double and by Single entry; Natural Philosophy, Astronomy, Political and Physical Geography, Natural and Civil History, English Grammar, English Composition; and the Composition, Origin, and Primary signification of Words; Spelling, Reading, and Writing—together with all the usual subordinate and subsidiary branches.

Mr. M. will be in attendance at the School Room, on and after Monday the 27th instant, from half-past 4 to 6 o'clock, to answer inquiries and enrol pupils for the different classes to be formed.

St. John June 21st 1853.

Saint John Grammar School.

THE duties of this Seminary will be resumed on MONDAY the 1st of August. Several new Pupils can be admitted. The branches taught are, *Latin, Greek, Mathematics theoretical and practical, History, Geography*, and all the branches that constitute a GOOD ENGLISH EDUCATION.

JAMES PATERSON,
July 19, 1853. PRINCIPAL.

JAMES HARDY,

KING STREET HOUSE,

WOULD call the attention of Customers, to his NEW STOCK, received by *Imperial, Speed*, and *Miramichi*, comprising all the new MATERIALS and *New Designs for the Season.*

A great variety of SHAWLS, in Cashmere, Cashmere de Cos, Barege, Tissue, Paisley, and German;
DRESS MATERIALS, in Muslin, Barege, Cashmere, Delaine, Bayadere and Swiss Robes, and Moire Antiques;
SILKS, SATINS, and PERSIANS; a large assortment of *BONNETS* and *RIBBONS*;
PRINTS, White and Grey COTTONS, WARPS, *GLOVES* and *HOSIERY*;
Habit Shirts, Chemizettes, Collars, etc. The usual assortment in Trimmings and Small Wares.

All of which will be disposed off at the lowest possible rates.

☞ Attention of WHOLESALE dealers particularly directed to the above.

St. John, May 31, 1853.

London White Lead, Wine, &c.

Received ex Ship *Miramichi*, Wyles, master, from London,

5 TONS best London White LEAD;
28 boxes Belmont and Patent Sperm CANDLES, 25 lbs. each;
3 quarter casks Gold and Pale SHERRY, (very superior.)—Landing, for sale by

May 17. CUDLIP & SNIDER.

Willard's Butter Machines,

JUST RECEIVED—

25 WILLARD'S BUTTER MACHINES; they are highly recommended to Farmers and keepers of Dairies.—For sale by B. TILTON.

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.

TEAS and CIGARS.

Landing ex *Pearl*, from Boston,

60 HALF CHESTS TEA, a superior article, for sale in bond or duty paid
24 M. Havanna CIGARS, none better in market
To arrive, per *Mary Jane*—100 packets, 50 lbs. each, Java COFFEE. Per *Essex*—5 bales CANVASS. Per *Imperial* 73 coils CORDAGE, from 6 threads to 3¼ inches; 5 HAWSERS, 3½ inch to 5¼ inch.—For sale by

Sept. 6. GEORGE THOMAS.

SHEFFIELD HOUSE,

MARKET SQUARE.

Robinson & Thompson, Proprietors.

TO our Country Friends who are visiting Saint John, to witness the great Railway Demonstration on the 14th inst., we would announce that the Proprietors of the "SHEFFIELD HOUSE" have been preparing for this most important period in the history of New-Brunswick, and have provided a vast variety of attractions worthy of their special notice, besides a large collection of Fancy Articles suitable for presents; they will also find such useful Furnishing Goods, which contribute so much to domestic comfort, and at the lowest prices Below are enumerated only the leading or more important articles.

WATCHES, of both English and Geneva manufacture, in Gold and Silver Cases, with every modern improvement.

JEWELLERY, consisting of elaborately wrought Chains, Bracelets, Rings, Brooches, Earrings, Cuff Pins, Lockets, Crosses, Pencil Cases, Gold Pens, Watch Keys, Seals, Studs, etc. etc., of the most novel designs, Silver and Electro Plate of every description, including Tea and Coffee Services, Waiters, Cake Baskets, Candlesticks, Butter Coolers, Toast Racks, Castors, Napkin Rings, Butter Knives, Fish Carvers, Tea and Table Spoons, Forks, etc. ect.

Papier Machie Wares, such as Tea Trays, Card Receivers, Desks, Work Boxes, Screens, Albums, Inkstands, Netting Boxes, Reticules, Card Cases, Folios, etc. etc.

BRITANNIA METAL GOODS, in Urns, Kettles, Tea Sets, Cruets, Candlesticks, Spoons, etc.

Fancy Articles, Toilet Bottles, Vases, Wax Flowers, China Ornaments, Bronze Goods, Perfumery, Soaps, Handkerchief Boxes, Ring and Watch Stands, Dressing Cases, Desks, Work Boxes, Companions, Purses, Portemonies, Card Cases, Pocketbooks, Drafts, Chess, Bagatelle Games, Accordeons, Flutinas, Carriage Whips, Table Mats, Egg Wisps, Toasting Forks, Combs and Brushes of all kinds, Spectacles, Eye Glasses.

Block Tin and Japanned Ware, in Dish Covers, Tea and Coffee Pots, Candlesticks, Saucepans, Cake Moulds and Tins, Dustpans, Slop Pails, Coal Vases, Toilet Sets, Tea Trays, Waiters and Bread Baskets, Fenders and Fireirons, Wire Dish Covers, Hearth Brooms, Brass Window Poles, Rings, Bands, Ends, etc.

CUTLERY.—Table Knives and Forks in all varieties; Pocket and Jack Knives, Razors, Scissors, etc. etc.

Guns, Pistols, (Minnie's Rifles complete), Powder Flasks, Shot Belts, Percussion Caps, etc. etc.

Saws, Tools, Files, Planes, and general Birmingham, Sheffield and Wolverhampton Hardware.

—Wholesale and Retail.—

☞ A visit to this establishment is respectfully solicited. Sept. 13.—2i.

REMOVAL.

C. D. EVERETT & SON have removed the whole of their Stock of

Fashionable HATS and CAPS,

to the Store, *No. 12, North Side of King Street*, where they will exert themselves to merit the continued patronage of the public. They have received, by late arrivals from the United States and Great Britain, a quantity of Panama, Leghorn, and other Summer HATS; Satin and Felt Hats; Cloth [illegible] and CAPS; Children's Fancy Trimmed HATS, &c.

They have on hand a large Stock of Fashionable Hats and Caps *of their own manufacture*, to which they are daily adding Glazed and Covered Hats, in variety, &c.—WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.

C. D. EVERETT & SON,
May 10. 12, North side King-street

Have you used Lyon's Kathairon?

IT is the most delightful Toilet article in the World, and is pre-eminently beneficial for Grey and Bald heads. It gives the Hair a beautiful soft and glossy appearance, removes all Scurf and Dandruff from the Scalp, and instantaneously relieves Nervous Headache.

R. L. Atwater, 56 Warren-street, New York, says "the Kathairon fully restored my hair after a Baldness of Twelve Years."

To meet the wants of all the price is now reduced from fifteen pence to ONE SHILLING for a large bottle.

E. Thomas Lyon, Manufacturer; Weeks & Potter, Boston, Agents for New England States.

GEORGE F. EVERETT & CO.,
No. 4 King-street,
Wholesale Agents for the British Provinces.

September 6.

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.

Great Railway Demonstration.

THE PROPRIETORS OF THE

"GOLDEN FLEECE,"

Prince William Street,

HAVE just received per Royal Mail Steamship *Europa*, a part of their Fall Stock, expressly for the coming Railway Demonstration.

The present importation consists of—

Rich Plaid and Striped Glacie Ducapes,
Rich Brocaded Silks, Satins and Moire Antique *DRESSES*;
Black, Grecian and French Satins and Satinetts,
Bunch Satins and Silks, Shot and Glacie Silks,
Paisley, Norwich, Printed Cashmere, Fine Saxony and Bearskin Long *SHAWLS*;
Paisley, Cashmere and Wool Square Shawls,
Plain, Tartar and Brocaded Bonnet Ribbons;
☞ Gentlemen's Neck Ties, Hdkfs., Gloves, Mufflers, &c. &c.

Sept. 6. GILCHRIST & INCHES.

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

LATELY RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY

JOHN KINNEAR,

Prince William-street,

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; ¼ 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.

Sugar and Seal Oil.

LANDING from *Moselle* and *Meridian*, from Halifax—25 hhds. Bright Porto Rico SUGAR;
10 casks Pale Seal OIL.

Aug 30. JAS. MACFARLANE.

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.

Lard Oil, Beans, &c.

PER *Martha Greenow*, from Boston—8 brls. LARD OIL; 10 brls. White Beans; 100 small bags ground Rock Salt; 6 boxes very fine Chewing TOBACCO; cracked Cocoa, Sago, &c.

Aug. 16. JAMES MACFARLANE.

Hay Cutters and Agricultural Boilers.

THE subscribers are now receiving an assortment of HAY CUTTERS and AGRICULTURAL BOILERS.

350 sacks Coarse and Fine SALT;
1 ton FUSTIC,—For sale by

Sept. 6. JARDINE & CO.

Churns and Groceries.

Landing ex Wintermogah, *from Boston*:—

25 PATENT Thermometer CHURNS, all sizes;
10 barrels dried APPLES; 1 brl. Cream Tartar.
1 brl. ees WAX; 50 gross Clothes LINES.
15 boxes *SALÆRATUS*;
100 half-cases *SARDINES*;
10 cases dried GINGER; COCOA, MACE, &c.

JARDINE & CO.

Literature, &c.

BURY ME IN THE MORNING.

BY MRS. HALE.

Bury me in the morning, mother;
Oh! let me have the light
Ere you leave me alone with night;
Alone in the night of the grave, mother—
'Tis a thought of terrible fear!—
And you will be here alone, mother,
And stars will be shining here.
Bury me in the morn, mother,
And let me have the light
Of one bright day on my grave, mother,
Ere I am alone with night.

You tell of the Saviour's love, mother—
I feel it in my heart;
But, oh! from this beautiful world, mother,
'Tis hard for the young to part!
Forever to part, when here, mother,
The soul is fain to stay,
For the grave is deep and dark, mother,
And Heaven seems far away.
Then bury me in the morn, mother,
And let me have the light
Of one bright day on my grave, mother,
Ere I am alone with night.

Never unclasp my hand, mother,
Till it falls away from thine—
Let me hold the pledge of thy love, mother,
Till I feel the love divine:
The love divine—oh! look, mother—
Above, its beams I see;
And there an angel's face, mother,
Is smiling down on me!
So bury me in the morn, mother,
When sunbeams flood the sky—
For Death is the gate of Life, mother,
And leads to light on high.

[From the Illustrated Magazine of Art for September.]

EARTHLY HONORS.

A SONNET BY EDWARD BOLTEN, PUBLISHED IN 1610.

As withereth the primrose by the river,
As fadeth summer's sun from gliding fountains,
As vanisheth the light blown bubble ever,
As melteth snow upon the massy mountains,
So melts, so vanisheth, so fades, so withers
The rose, the shine, the bubble and the snow
Of praise, pomp, glory, joy—which short life gathers.
Fair praise, vain pomp, sweet glory, brittle joy,
The withered primrose by the mourning river,
The faded summer sun from weeping fountains,
The light blown bubble vanished for ever,
The molten snow upon the naked mountains
Are emblems—that the treasures we up lay,
Soon wither, vanish, fade and melt away.

English Society.

An American Clergyman is giving his impressions of English Society, in a series of letters to the American Church Journal. From one of the latest of his epistles we extract a particularly descriptive passage on the tone and style of English society:—

"One needs only a few competent letters as a passport to English hospitality. After first introductions, the way of the stranger who behaves himself, is as open as his own land. Hospitality is, in fact, a truly English virtue. Nowhere else does the word imply so much genuine kindness. Nowhere else does it so completely make the stranger at home. Morning, noon, and night, it follows you up with its benevolent perseverance, and seems to exact the minimum of ceremony in return. It does not satisfy itself with politeness, it shows you the soul of friendship; and that, while it allows you all the freedom of a passenger, when you might otherwise feel embarrassed by your inability to reciprocate such proofs of good will. The truth is, there is real heart in the civilities which are proffered; and where politeness is rooted in sincerity, it is always considerate, inventive, and unfailing.—An English gentleman, whatever his circumstances, as soon as he knows that you are entitled to his attentions, does all that he can to make you really happy. If his means are small, he is not ashamed to offer you the best he can give, and he is pleased with his success, if he feels that you have accepted his hospitality, in the spirit which prompted it. Contented, self-respecting, hearty Christian love, is the root of the matter, in those true specimens of English nature which are uppermost in my memory as I write, and "whatsoever things are lovely" are but the generous product of a sound and healthful stock. Happy is he who has made a genuine Englishman his friend, for such a friendship implies the fullest confidence, and is a tribute accredited to integrity and worth.

With regard to the tone of society in general, I think every stranger must be struck with its elevation, whether intellectually or morally considered. An English gentleman is generally highly educated. Society consists of cultivated persons, male and female whose accomplishments are not displayed, but exist as a matter of course, and as essential to one's part in the duties and civilities of life. No one ventures to feel better informed than his neighbour, and hence there is a general reference to other men's opinions, and a reserve in expressing one's own, which is highly significant of extreme civilization and refinement. Such a state of society, however, has its drawbacks. Character often becomes neutralized, and genius itself dulled and flattened; where to distinguish one's self is felt to be an impropriety, and where the manifestation of decided thought of feeling would be eccentric and even rude. Hence I observed a sort of uniformity in manner and expression. which is sometimes depressing; and when, upon some private occasion, I discovered that the smooth, quiet personage whom I had seen only in the dull propriety in which the pressure of company had held him, like a single stone in an arch, was a man of feeling, of taste, of varied information, and accurate learning, I said to myself—'What a lamentable waste is here!'

This man who should have been enriching the world with his stores of erudition and of reflection, has never conceived of himself as having anything to impart, or by which his fellow-man should profit. His accomplishments are, like his fortune and respectability, his mere personal qualification for a position in society, in which he is contented merely to move, without shining, or dispensing anything more than the genial warmth of good-humour and benevolence. There are thousands of such men in England, living and dying in the most exquisite relish of social pleasure, and deriving daily satisfaction from their own mental resources, but contributing nothing to the increase of the world's intellectual wealth, and never dreaming of their attainments or talents which they are bound to employ.—*Home Journal.*

ALFRED THE GREAT.

We copy the following eloquent passage from the Life of Alfred the Great, as published in the series of Bohn's Library, from the pen of Dr. R. Pauli:

So stands the image of Alfred, shining brightly in the book of the world's history, never defaced by malice or ignorance, nor dimmed by his own errors. These he necessarily possessed, but they have been entirely forgotten in the blaze of his virtues, over which the lapse of centuries has cast no cloud. Severe trial and purifying cleansed him like a noble metal from all dross. Praise can never degenerate into flattery in the case of a great man, whose stong sense of duty, and exalted ptinciples of morality have led him to employ his time in a truly noble manner.

No king or hero of antiquity or modern times can be compared with Alfred for so many distinguished qualities, and each so excellent. Princes more renowned for power and glory, and reigning over great nations, have always some defect in their moral character, which forcibly contrasts with our high estimation of their mental qualities; and although by the side of Alfred, ruling in his narrow Wessex, their forms appear to tower high among the stars, yet his figure, in its smaller proportions, remains one of the most perfect ever held up by the hand of God as a mirror to the world and its rulers.

As such a noble example he has lived in the memory of a thousand years, and during that period the people whom he governed have spread over the earth, making homes for themselves, and establishing freedom and independence of thought and deed to its most remote bounds. That tree, which now casts its shadow far and wide over the world, when menaced with destruction in its bud, was carefully guarded by Alfred; but at the time when it was ready to burst forth into a plant, he was forced to leave it to the influence of time.

Many great men have occupied themselves with the care of this tree, and each in his own way, has advanced its growth. William the Conqueror, with his iron hand, bent the tender branches to his will; Henry the Second ruled the Saxons with true Roman pride; but in Magna Charta the old German nature became roused, and worked powerfully even amongst the barons.—It became free under Edward the Third, that prince so ambitious of conquest, that the old language and the old law, the one somewhat altered, the other much softened, opened the path to a new era. The nation stood like an oak in the full strength of its leafy maturity, and to this strength the Reformation is indebted for its accomplishment. Elizabeth, the greatest woman who ever sat on a throne, occupied a central position in a golden age of power and literature. Then came the Stuarts, who with their despotic ideas, outraged the deeply rooted Saxon individuality of the English, and by their own fall contributed to the surer development of that freedom which was founded so long before.

The stern Cromwell and the astute William the Third aided in preparing for the now advanced nation that path in which it has ever since moved. The Anglo-Saxon race has already attained maturity in the new world, and, founded on these pillars, it will triumph in all places and in every age. Alfred's name will always be placed amongst those of the great spirits of this earth; and so long as men regard their past history with reverence, they will not venture to bring forward any other in comparison with him who saved the West Saxon race from complete destruction, and in whose heart the virtues dwelt in such harmonious concord.

ONE HAPPY HEART.

Have you made one happy heart to-day? Envied privilege. How calmly you can seek your pillow! How sweetly sleep! In all this world there is nothing so sweet as giving comfort to the distressed, as getting a sun ray into a gloomy heart. Children of sorrow meet us wherever we turn; there is no moment that tears are not shed, and sighs uttered. Yet how many of those tears, those sighs, are caused by our own thoughtlessness! How many a daughter wrings the very soul of a fond mother by acts of unkindness and ingratitude! How many husbands, by one little word, make a whole day of sad hours and unkind thoughts! How many wives, by angry recriminations, estrange and embitter their loving hearts! How many brothers and sisters meet but to vex and injure each other, making wounds that no human heart can heal! Ah! if each one worked upon this maxim day by day—"strive to make some heart happy"—jealousy, revenge, madness, hate, with their kindred evil associates, would forever leave the earth. Our minds would be so occupied in the contemplation of adding to the pleasures of others, that there would be no room for the ugly fiends of discord. Try it, ye discontented, forever grumbling devotees of sorrow, self-caused; it will make that little part of the world in which you move as fair as Eden.—*Godey's Lady's Book.*

HISTORICAL ACCOUNT OF HYMEN.—Hymen was a beautiful youth of Athens, who, for the love of a young virgin, disguised himself, and assisted at the Elusinian rites; and at this time, he, together with his beloved, and divers other young ladies of that city, were surprised and carried off by pirates, who supposing him to be what he appeared, was lodged with his mistress. In the dead of night, when the robbers were all asleep, he cut their throats. Thence making hasty way back to Athens, he bargained with the parents that he would restore them their daughter and all her companions, if they would consent to their marriage; which proving very happy, it became the custom to invoke the name of Hymen at all nuptials.

The late Thomas Hood, who was the wit of his day, had something to say upon the subject of cheap literature, and here it is:—

"A few months since, I was applied to myself to contribute to a new journal, not exactly gratuitously, but at a very small advance upon nothing—but avowedly because the work had been planned according to that estimate. However, I accepted the terms conditionally; that is to say, provided the principle could be properly carried out. Accordingly, I wrote to my butcher, baker, and other tradesmen, informing them that it was necessary, for the sake of cheap literature and the interest of the reading public, that they should furnish me with several commodities at a very trifling percentage above the cost price. It will be sufficient to quote the answer of the butcher: 'Sir: Respectin' your note. Cheap litcrater be blowed. Butchers must live as well as other pepel; and if so be you or the readin' publick wants to have meat at prime cost, you must buy your own beastesses, and kill yourselves.

I remain, &c., JOHN STOKES.'"

FRANKLIN ON SPELLING.—Dr. Franklin says in one of his letters: "You need not be concerned in writing to me about your bad spelling; it is generally the best, as conforming to the sound of the letters. To give you an instance, a gentleman received a letter, in which were these words:—'Not finding Brow at *hom* I delivered your *message* to his *yf*.' The gentleman called his wife to help him read it. Between them they picked out all but the *yf*, which they could not understand. The lady proposed calling her chambermaid, because 'Betsey,' says she, 'has the best knack of reading and spelling of any one I know.' Betty came, and was surprised that neither of them could tell what *yf* was. "Why' says she,' *yf* spells wife—what else can it spell? And indeed it is much better, as well as a shorter method than *doubleyou, i, f, e*, which in reality spells *double-wifey.*"

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION.—Information has been received at Lloyd's of the destruction of the Pytha, of Liverpool, on the 8th of July, in Old Calabar river. The Pytha sailed from Liverpool in February last, with a cargo of 200 barrels of gunpowder, 300 casks of oil, rum, cloth and sundries, the whole forming a very valuable cargo. On arriving in the Calabar river, the powder was being landed first, and about 150 barrels had been so disposed of, when, on the 7th of July, the vessel was discovered to be on fire forward. The flames, owing to the combustible nature of the cargo, made rapid progress, and on the morning of the 8th she was a mass of fire, which soon reached the powder, and she blew up with a terrific explosion, carrying portions of the blazing wreck to a shed where the stores had been conveyed, and which was quickly consumed. Captain Davis and the crew were most hospitably received by Mr. Anderson (missionary), and, after having fitted out a boat that was saved, left for Fernando Po, where they arrived after enduring the greatest privation; and six arrived at Plymouth in the Forerunner. The Pytha was a fine ship of above 900 tons, and was, with her cargo, insured.—*London Globe.*

A most horrible adventure with wolves is related in the "Frontier Lands of the Christian and the Turk." It occurred on the other side of the Pruth. A Russian peasant was in a sledge with his wife and four children, when a flock of these ferocious animals gave them chase; the horses were unable to save them, and, in order to check the advance of the wolves, the four children were thrown out to them by their father, one by one. They reached their village in safety by this barbarous sacrifice, and the mother immediately denounced her husband for murder; the case was tried, and he was acquitted,

THE UNPUNCTUAL WOMAN, like the unpunctual man, becomes disliked, because she consumes our time, interferes with our plans, causes uneasy feelings, and virtually tells us we are not of sufficient importance to make her more prompt To the business man time is money, and to the business woman it is more—it is peace, comfort, and domestic prosperity.

ADVICE TO A BRIDE.—I beg to remind my new daughter that the husband has in his daily avocations a thousand elements of disturbance to which the wife is a stranger; and it will be her privilege, and her title to the respect of all whose respect is worth having, to make his own fireside the most attractive place in the universe for the calm repose of a weary body or excited mind.

Dresses worn at the late "Drawing Room" of her Majesty, Queen Victoria:—

Her Majesty, the Queen, wore a train of white and gold brocaded *moire*, trimmed with white tulle, and white satin ribbons and gold blonde. The petticoat was white satin, trimmed with white tulle, and white satin ribbons and gold blonde, to correspond with the train. Her Majesty's headdress was formed of diamonds and feathers.

Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cambridge, wore a train of rich gray satin, trimmed with point lace; the stomacher adorned with diamonds. The petticoat was also of gray satin, having six flounces of point lace. Her Royal Highness wore on her head a splendid tiara of diamonds, with white feathers and lappets. The necklace was diamonds.

Her Royal Highnes, the Princess Mary of Cambridge, wore a train of white *moire antique*, trimmed with white lace, bugles, and bunches of white roses. The stomacher, necklace and ear-rings were diamonds and turquoise. The dress was of white tulle, three skirts embroidered with silver, over a *glace* silk petticoat. The Princess's headdress was composed of a tiara of diamonds, with feathers and lappets.

Her Royal Highness, the Duchess of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, wore a train of light blue *moire antique*, trimmed with blue satin ribbons and white tulle; the stomacher adorned with diamonds. The petticoat was white satin, trimmed with white tulle. The headdress was a tiara of diamonds and turquoise and feathers. The necklace was diamonds.

Her Royal Highness, the Hereditary Grand Duchess of Mecklenburg-Strelitz, wore a train of white silk, brocaded with flowers, and trimmed with white point lace; the stomacher enriched with diamonds and sapphires. The petticoat was white tulle, trimmed with gold lace and blue and gold flowers. Her Royal Highness wore a diadem of diamonds.

Dress of Mrs. Le Vert, of Mobile: A white lace robe, richly embroidered in silver, trimmed with bouquets pink and silver convoluluses. The hair dressed *a la Maria Stuart*, and ornamented with flowers of pink and silver; diamond necklace, bracelets, and brooch. It fitted her graceful form to perfection, and, amid the regal splendor around, her costume was conspicuous for its elegance and good taste.

At the Drawing-room of Queen Victoria, held recently at St. James' Palace, an American lady appeared dressed in a rich presentation dress, composed of bodice and train, of white *moire antique*, trimmed with *point d'Alencon* and *bouillons* of tulle and ribbon; petticoat of embroidered tarlatan, over white satin, each flounce draped *en tablier* with bouquets of roses *panachees*. Headdress, a wreath of roses *panachees*, ostrich feathers, and point lappets; ornaments, diamonds and pearls