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USEFUL INFORMATION.

JUNE.

S.	M.	T.	W.	T.	F.	S.
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Moon's Phases.

Calculated for Mean Time at St. John's, Newfoundland.

First Quarter... 3rd, 2h. 49m., a. m.
Full Moon.....10th, 6h. 31m., p. m.
Last Quarter...17th, Noon.
New Moon.....24th, 5h. 41m., p. m.

Mail Steamers to Depart from Here.

For Halifax.....	Wednesday, May 28
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, June 5
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 11
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 19
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 25
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, July 3
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 9
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 17
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 23
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 31
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, Aug. 6
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 14
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 20
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 28
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, Sept 3
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 11
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 17
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 25
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, Oct. 1
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 9
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 15
For Liverpool.....	Thursday, " 23
For Halifax.....	Wednesday, " 29

Wholesale Prices Current, St. John's.

BREAD—Hambro' No 1, 32s. 6d.; No. 2, 28s. 6d.; No. 3, 24s. 6d. Local No. 1, 26s.; No. 2, 23s. 6d.; F. C., 22s. 6d.
FLOUR—Canada Fancy 42s. 6d.; Canada Superfine, 38s.; New York Extra, 38s. to 39s.; New York Superfine 35s. New York No. 2 30s. to 32s.
CORN MEAL—White and Yellow, per brl 18s. to 20s.
OATMEAL—Canada, per brl. 30s.; P E Island, 27s. 6d.
RICE—East India, per cwt. 20s.
PEAS—Round, per brl. 20s. to 21s.
BUTTER—Canada, good 11s. to 1s. 2d. Nova Scotia, good 11d. to 1s. 1d.; American 8d. to 10d.; Hambro' 8d.
CHEESE—9d. to 10d.
HAM—9d. to 10d.
PORK—American mess 95s. to 100s.; prime mess 90s.; extra prime 77s. 6d.
BEEF—Prime, per brl. 35s.
RUM—per Imp. gallon 7s. 10d.
MOLASSES—Miscovado 2s. a 2s. 1d.; Clayed 1s. 9d.
SUGAR—Miscovado, 45s. to 47s. 6d.; American Crushed 72s. 6d.
COFFEE—1s. 1d. to 1s. 3d.
TEA—Congou and Souchong, ordinary broken leaf, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 9d.; fair to good, 2s. to 2s. 6d.
LARD—American and Canadian 7d. to 8d.
LEATHER—American and Canadian 1s. 5d.
TOBACCO—Canadian, 1s. 7d. to 1s. 8d.; American, 1s. 5d. to 1s. 6d.; Nova Scotia, 1s. 6d. to 1s. 6d.
CORBADE—per cwt. 65s.
SALT—per hhd. Foreign, Liverpool, 7s. 6d.
KEROSENE OIL—New York manufacture 1s. 9d.; Boston 1s. 9d.
COAL—per ton, North Sydney 30s.

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**JAMES FALLON,
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IRON WORKER,**

BEGS respectfully to inform the inhabitants of Harbor Grace and outports that he has commenced business in the Shop No. 172 Water Street, Harbor Grace, opposite the premises of Messrs. Punton & Munn, and is prepared to fill all orders in the above lines, with neatness and despatch, hoping by strict attention to business to merit a share of public patronage.

JOBGING
Done at the Cheapest possible Terms.
Dec. 15.

NOTICES.

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Dealer and Importer of

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Glassware, &c., &c.

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In great variety and best quality, WHOLE-
SALE and RETAIL.

221 WATER STREET,
St. John's,
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One door East of P. HUGHES, Esq.
N.B.—FRAMES, any size
material, made to order.
St. John's, May 10.

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the Subscriber—

Real Cove OYSTERS
Spiced do.

APPLES

PEACHES

Strawberries—preserved in
Syrup

Brambleberries do.

—ALWAYS ON HAND—

**A Choice Selection of
GROCERIES.**

T. M. CAIRNS.
Opposite the Premises of Messrs. C.
W. Ross & Co.
Sept. 17.

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Importer of British and American

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PERIODICALS.

Constantly on hand, a varied selection of
School and Account Books
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Music, Charts, Log Books, Playing Cards
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MUSIC, &c., &c.,

Lately appointed Agent for the OTTAWA
PRINTING & LITHOGRAPH COMPANY
Also, Agent for J. LINDBERG, Manu-
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large selection of
CLOCKS, WATCHES
MEERCHAUM PIPES,
PLATED WARE, and
JEWELRY of every description & style
May 14.

GEORGE BOWDEN,

Repairer of Umbrellas and
Parasols,
No. 1, LION SQUARE,
ST. JOHN'S, N. F.

THE SUBSCRIBER, in tendering
thanks to his friends for the liberal
patronage hitherto extended to him, begs
to state that he may still be found at
his residence, No. 1, Lion Square,
where he is prepared to execute all
work in the above line at the shortest
notice, and at moderate rates.

All work positively finished by the
time promised.
Export orders punctually at-
tended to.
St. John's, Jan. 4.

House of Assembly.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

WEDNESDAY, April 16.

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Mr. Warren was not satisfied; nor would his constituents be satisfied. What had been expressed by the hon. the Premier was not the feeling of the house. It might be the feeling of the members of the government who compose their caucus meetings. If the Government were actuated by a spirit of Justice and impartiality in their allocations of road money they should know that Trinity Bay South had not received its proportion of increased road grant. On the contrary, the Government constituencies received the whole increase.

Hon. the Premier begged to tell the hon. member that he was in error when he stated that the district of Trinity had not received its due share of the increase on the Road Grant. That increased grant had been equally divided between the several districts so that no injustice could take place, and although the hon. member was not in his place last session, the interests of Trinity had not been neglected.

Mr. Warren—Had there been an increase for the road to which he particular-
ly referred.

Hon. Premier—The hon. member had referred to the roads of the district of Trinity; not to any particular road.

The vote was then passed.

The amount proposed was that of \$1,250 from Carbonear to Bay-de-Verds.

Mr. Rogerson said in looking over the expenditure of the past year, he found that a portion of what should have gone to Bay de-Verds had been spent in the district of Carbonear, and he considered it unfair that any expenditure of what be-
longed to his district should have been made in any other than were provided by the Road Act. The year before a por-
tion of the amount had been spent upon Crocker's Cove Hill; but as he considered that the district needed the whole amount for repairs of its own roads and bridges, he did not consider such an expenditure at all fair. He (Mr. R.) called the attention of the Chairman of the Board of Works to the matter as an act of injustice.

There was also the road leading to Fresh-water, which required to be widened. He hoped that the hon. Chairman of the Board of Works would look to the matter and see that the appropriations were carried out in accordance with his (Mr. R's) views.

The vote was then passed, as were also the several other appropriations for the respective districts. The local appropriations at 45 cents per head, for the several districts were next taken up.

The Committee then rose and the Chairman reported the resolutions, which were read and concurred in.

The hon. Chairman Board of Works, in accordance with the resolutions reported from the committee brought in a road Bill, which was read a first time. Second reading to-morrow.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Road Management Act was withdrawn.

On motion of Mr. Walsh, pursuant to order of the day, the Bill to amend the Act regulating the inspection of Shingles was read a first time. Second reading to-morrow.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Bill for granting certificates to Masters and Mates of vessels registered in this colony having been read,

Hon. Attorney General, in moving the second reading of this bill, said his object was to remove a great evil under which the Masters and Mates of vessels belonging to this colony labored. They were unable to obtain employment or to obtain any position in their profession in England or other countries, for want of possessing any recognized certificate or evidence of competency. In the Dominion an act was in force providing for examinations before local Boards, authorised to grant certificates of competency to those desirous of becoming masters and mates and found competent on examination and the present bill followed the Dominion as far as practicable. That bill provided for the establishment of a local board of examiners, who should have power to examine all applicants for certificates either as masters or as mates, and upon their being found competent, to grant certificates to that effect. It also provided for the granting of certificates of service to those who had already served for a certain length of time in these several capacities. The establishment of such a system would be, not only for the protection of our mercantile marine against disasters arising from incompetency on the part of seamen, but also an encouragement and incentive to our young men to qualify themselves by industry and study to become competent and skilful in their occupation. To carry out the proposed

scheme, it was intended to establish a nautical school, and a sum of money would be appropriated for its support. This would be a great boon to the young men of the colony; and as an evidence that it would be appreciated, he had only to look at the large number of our young men who, during the past few years had been studying navigation at the public schools of St. John's and under private teachers; and who had come from all parts of the country. He (hon. A. G.) believed the measure conferred a benefit, both upon the trade and also upon the young men of the colony. He begged to move the second reading of the bill.

Hon. Mr. Carter approved of the measures. It was only right that in a maritime country like this, provision should be made to secure competency and skill on the part of those entrusted with the care of our vessels. He (Mr. C.) hoped that the certificates granted under the act would be recognized in other countries, and he was also of opinion that it should be provided that certificates granted by the Board of Trade in England, and by the Board of the Dominion of Canada, should be accepted in this colony for the same purposes as the certificates provided for by the same bill.

After some further discussion, the Bill was read a second time. To be committed to-morrow.

The order of the day for the second reading of the Bill to amend the Game Laws having been read,

Mr. Emerson said he wished to make a few observations on the introduction of that measure by him for the protection of game in this Colony. It was the intention of that bill, among other things, to provide for the introduction of moose and a certain species of grouse amongst us. It was simply a transcript of the existing game laws, with the necessary changes, the clause relative to moose and grouse being new matter. He was glad to find that the Government intended to provide a sum of money for that laudable object.

Mr. Parsons had no doubt but that the Bill before the house was a good one; but he would suggest to the introducer of it whether or not it would be more beneficial to the country if he had turned his attention to the renewing and stocking of our rivers and coasts with the ova of the salmon and mackerel, which would be of much more advantage to us than will be the moose and the grouse, together with these birds with the strange names of the capercalze.

The bill was then read a second time. To be committed to-morrow.

Mr. Warren, pursuant to notice, moved an address to his Excellency the Governor on the petition of the inhabitants of Catalina, for a grant for deepening the bar there.

The address was read and adopted. To be presented to his Excellency by such members of the house as are of the Executive Council.

The Master-in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down messages acquainting the House that the Council had passed the Bill to amend the St. John's Rebuilding Act and the Bill to amend the Representation Act, without amendment; also a message concurring in the additional section of the Limited Liability Company Act; also a message transmitting evidence taken on the seal fishery bill.

Ordered that these messages lie on the table.

Mr. Parsons gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would ask leave to bring in a bill to provide for free grants to actual settlers on Crown Lands.

Mr. Evans, pursuant to notice, asked the hon. Premier if any arrangement had been made to prevent the spread of contagious diseases in the outports.

Hon. Premier.—Nothing had been done beyond the provision made for vaccination.

Mr. Fenelon presented a petition from Thomas Summers and others, of St. John's West, praying that the Road expenditure for that district may continue under the superintendence of the Board of Works, and not entrusted to a local Board.

Ordered that the petition lie on the table.

The House then adjourned till Tuesday next, at 4 o'clock.

THURSDAY, April 17.

The House met shortly after four o'clock.

On motion of the hon. Receiver General, pursuant to order of the day, the Supply Bill was read a third time and passed, to be taken to the Legislative Council for concurrence, by the hon. Receiver General and Mr. Emerson.

On motion of the hon. Chairman Board of Works, pursuant to order of the day, the Road Bill was read a second time. To be committed to-morrow.

On motion of the hon. Attorney General, pursuant to order of the day, the house resolved itself into Committee of the

Whole on the Bill to amend the Game Laws,

Mr. Parsons in the Chair.

Upon the amended section exempting curlew and plover from the provision as to time of killing being removed, a lengthy discussion ensued between the hon. Speaker, Premier, and some other hon. members, as to the regulation of the time, &c.; after which the Bill was read a second time, and ordered to be committed to-morrow.

Second reading of Indemnity Bill.

This Bill was, upon motion of the hon. Receiver General, read a second time, and ordered to be committed on to-morrow.

Mr. Parsons, pursuant to notice, asked leave to introduce a Bill to provide for the issuing of free grants of land to actual settlers.

The Bill was read a first time; to be read a second time to-morrow.

The House then adjourned till to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

FRIDAY, April 18.

House adjourned over on account of the death of Inspector Foley.

MONDAY, April 21.

The House met at 4 o'clock.

Mr. Jordan gave notice that, on to-morrow, he would move an address to his Excellency the Governor on the petition of John Manning and others, of Torbay, praying for a grant of money for building a breakwater at Tappers Cove, in that place.

The hon. Receiver General, by command of his Excellency the Governor, presented to the House the following documents:

Return of Imports and Exports for the year 1872.

Shipping Returns for the year 1872.

Hon. Receiver General, in moving that these documents lie on the table, would observe that they were very interesting and important documents, showing the extent and value of the commerce of the colony and the amount of its shipping; and they reflected much credit upon the officers who compiled them, for the lucid and accurate manner in which they were prepared.

Ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of the hon. Chairman Board of Works the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Road Bill.

Mr. Parsons in the chair.

Several votes appropriating the grants for local roads in some of the Electoral districts having been moved and adopted, the Committee rose and the chairman reported progress. To sit again to-morrow.

On motion of the hon. Attorney General, pursuant to order of the day, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the Bill for giving certificates to masters and mates of vessels registered in the colony.

Mr. Parsons in the chair.

Some progress having been made with the consideration of the Bill, the Committee reported progress; to sit again to-morrow.

Mr. Rogerson, pursuant to order of the day, moved that the Bill to regulate the seal fishery be read a second time. In doing so, he would observe that a considerable amount of evidence had been taken by a Select Committee of the Legislative Council, in reference to the subject of that Bill.

After a considerable discussion the bill was read a second time. To be committed to-morrow.

The house then adjourned until to-morrow at 4 o'clock.

TUESDAY, April 22.

The house met shortly after 4 o'clock.

Mr. Parsons presented petitions from Matthew Roach and others, of Torbay; James Pinn and others, of Outer Cove, praying for grants for roads in that locality.

Ordered that these petitions lie on the table.

Mr. Parsons also presented a petition from Richard Pinn, of St. John's praying for compensation he had sustained while employed on public works, three years ago.

Mr. Parsons in moving that the petition lie on the table, said he would observe that the petitioner was a very poor man and after labouring for many years in the services of the Government, had met with a severe accident which rendered him incompetent for earning his own support.

Mr. Brennan warmly supported the prayer of the petition, because he knew him to be a man whose case was well worthy of the consideration of the Government.

Ordered that the petition lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Emerson, pursuant to order of the day, the bill to amend the Game Laws was read a third time and passed. To be taken to the Legislative Council for concurrence by Mr. Emerson and Mr. Tessier.

The Master in-Chancery to the Legislative Council brought down a message acquainting the House that the Council had passed the Revenue Bill, without amendment.

Ordered that the Message lie on the table.

On motion of the hon. Chairman Board of Works, the House resolved itself into Committee of the Whole on the further consideration of the Road Bill.

Mr. Parsons in the Chair.

After some discussion and the passing of several votes in the allocation of the local grant to some of the electoral districts, the Committee rose, and the chairman reported progress.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)



HARBOR GRACE, JUNE 3, 1873.

THE mails, per "Austrian," arrived here on Friday last. We have received a number of late papers, from which we make various interesting quotations.

JUNE, "glorious June!" is upon us, and has entered with sunshine, breeze and shower, so necessary for the germination of the various seeds already studding the earth with tiny green leaves. Gardening operations, judging from the interest taken by the people of this district in agricultural pursuits, are likely to amply repay the labour required in such a recreative and healthful exercise as the vigorous use of the implements needful for the setting in order of the soil.

This month is one of peculiar interest to our people—it is a month of hopes and fears; for at this season a great portion of our population vacate their homes for several months to engage in the fisheries. What painful leave-takings are there not at this particular season, when the absence from home and the dear ones left behind is to be of such duration. What hopes fill the breasts of those left to count the long, weary months of the absence of those they love and cherish. Hope that the absentee will, by a kind Providence, be spared in health and happiness; hope that the return will be certain, and that success may shine upon all. What fears occupy the heart of the anxious mother, sister or other fond kindred, lest their hopes should be blasted, or that those about to leave might never more return.

Truly, the hardy fisherman's life is a life of peril and hardships; yet Terra Nova's gallant sons do not shrink from these. They have a duty to perform; they know it, they face it and fulfil it! Would that their sufferings and hardships were more remuneratively rewarded!

Our fishing fleet, which this year—although changes detrimental to a large outfit have taken place—is not so small as might have been anticipated, will in a few days have departed to the different parts of the Labrador and other coasts. We sincerely hope that Providence may grant a fair share of prosperity to every vessel, and good health and a safe return to their homes of every one engaged in this important branch of our commerce.

THE ceremony of laying the cornerstone of the new Hall about to be erected by the Total Abstinence & Benefit Society will be performed on Friday next. We understand that arrangements have been effected with a view to make the occasion one of a highly interesting character and well worthy the commemoration of an event that will doubtless have a salutary effect in promoting the happiness and prosperity of the people. We admire the perfect manner in which processions and other public demonstrations in connection with the society are carried out, and feel convinced that on the occasion to which we allude will be the most imposing temperance display ever witnessed in this district. The ceremony will commence at 11 o'clock, in the course of which appropriate addresses will be delivered by several of our leading citizens, who have been invited to take part. It is to be hoped that the day may be favorable.

YESTERDAY evening the tug-boat "Cabot" steamed into our harbor with the beautiful new brig "Confederate." This vessel was recently purchased by Messrs. John Munn & Co., for Captain Thos. Green, one of our most daring and successful seal killers, and will be employed in the general trade of the country. We wish the energetic and enterprising captain of the "Confederate" every success, and trust that the new purchase will prove to be a remunerative speculation—fitted in every respect to contend with the "stiff Northeast" and the boisterous seas so peculiar to our rugged coasts.

In our next issue will be commenced another beautiful story, entitled, "Two Lives."

LOCAL MATTERS.

METEOR AND LIGHTNING STROKE IN BONAVISTA.—On Thursday, May 15, about 8.10 p.m., a large meteoric body fell and exploded in the southwest, leaving a luminous trail in the heavens which lasted about half an hour.

On Sunday last, in the same town, a great deal of heavy thunder and very vivid lightning was heard and seen, the terrific peals of the thunder shaking the houses to an alarming degree. About 0.20 o'clock the lightning struck and entered the house of James Abbott, wounding and tearing Abbott in a way that will probably prove fatal to him. He was sitting by the hearth, with a child in his arms, when the lightning struck him in the lower part of the abdomen, tearing its way to the groin, thence down the thigh and calf, stripping off the flesh as it passed. It then smashed up a barrel of cut potatoes, mashing the latter very fine, and thence passed through Mrs. Abbott's ankle to the door, where it killed a dog. Mr. Abbott is a very respectable man, and the sudden and painful casualty which has befallen him is very much regretted. We understand there is little hope of his recovery.—Chronicle.

The Allan Mail Steamer Austrian, Capt. Ritchie, arrived here about noon yesterday, having left Liverpool on the 20th inst. She was detained over twenty-four hours by ice and fog. Having landed and taken on board passengers, mails and goods, she proceeded westward at three o'clock. She has some seven hundred European emigrants on board.—Newfoundland, May 30.

The trial of the Singletons for the manslaughter of Coffee, at Spaniards Bay, which occupied the Supreme Court on Tuesday and Wednesday last, resulted in a verdict of guilty against the father and acquittal of the younger son. The case of the elder son did not go to the jury, as he was discharged in the early part of the proceedings, the evidence showing that he was not present at the time of the attack on Coffee.—Ibid.

We understand that H. M. S. Sirius and Woodlark are to be the ships on the fishery protection service on our coasts this season.—Ibid.

MAIL INTELLIGENCE.

The Dreadful Bridge Accident at Illinois.

We take from the New York Times of the 6th the following account of the accident at Dixon, Illinois, through the breaking of a bridge:—

Sabbath morning dawned warm and bright. The ceremony of the Baptist Church, which had been several times postponed, was announced for twelve o'clock, and ten converts presented themselves for the right of baptism. The mildness of the weather drew a large crowd to the river, which gathered upon the steep banks and on the bridge, at the north end of which the ceremony was to be performed. The morning services in other churches were just closing, and as the bridge was a thoroughfare, the throng received constant accessions, till nearly 2,000 souls were gathered at the place. The bridge, which stretches not more than fifty or sixty feet above the natural ford, which was used for the baptismal ceremonies, was the favourite point of view for the women and children.

Just as the third candidate was presenting himself for baptism there was a sharp, quick crash, a heavy rumbling, and a prolonged, soul-rending shriek from 500 beings. The main western stringer of the north span of the bridge broke like a reed, tipping 300 persons into the stream, and falling fifty feet with crushing weight upon them. The fall dislodged the stays from the abutments. The shock ran along the whole length of the bridge like a flash of electricity, and span after span was drawn from the piers and sank to the water's surface, till the whole five hung like immense bags holding a bruised, bleeding, frightened, and frantic mass of men, women, children, and horses. The imagination can scarcely conceive of a more terrible calamity. The situation was so terribly, the chances of escape so few, the chance of aid so scanty, that it is merely marvellous that the loss of life is not greater.

The water runs in swift currents over a dam not more than 100 yards above, and it was so swollen by recent rains that its depth was about 20ft. Not only those who were precipitated with the falling span went under the water, but many on the other spans were either thrown by the shock into the stream, or plunged in themselves to escape being crushed by the crazy crowd. The scene cannot be described. The fancy cannot picture it. The eyes of those who witnessed it were blinded with horror, and the whole crowd on the banks stood paralysed for a moment, unable to speak or move until the mind could catch a faint comprehension of the situation. An old man who sat on a log near the bank, when the bridge went down, says: "I heard the crack and saw the surging, rolling line. I heard voices, and then my head was dizzy and whirled till the sky looked black."

As soon as the fact was felt by the crowd on the banks there was a rush to the water. Strong men plunged in to rescue those who came to the surface. Boards and planks were thrown to their relief, and a number of boats which were fortunately at hand were sent immediately to the aid of the wounded. Few of those who were saved can tell who rescued them, and most of those who were most instrumental in saving life are unable yet to recall what they did or whom they helped in the moment of frenzy. There were stretchers still clinging to the abutments

which were not loosened by the fall, and to these were clinging persons desperate for life. The air is thick with miraculous escape and the deeds of brave rescuers.

A Fiji Massacre.

The Fiji Times of Feb. 19 publishes the following account of a massacre of a family of white settlers named Burns, and some native labourers:—About half-past seven on Tuesday morning, Feb. 4, some of the imported labourers from Mr. Burns's plantation arrived at Rarawai, stating that the mountaineers had killed Mr. Burns and his wife. Mr. Macintosh immediately despatched Messrs. Sterling and M. Grath, with about 40 imported labourers, to render assistance. In about half-an-hour they came in sight of the wretches, and saw them coming out of the house as thick as bees. When they saw the two white men coming they quietly walked away. Stirling and M. Grath then followed them up the plantation until they crossed a river, where they managed to fetch one down at a long distance. In looking about the plantation they found the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Burns some distance from the house, both quite naked and mutilated. In a short time after nearly all the settlers on the river were on the place. Mr. Burns had been clubbed and tomahawked. His brains were beaten out, bottom jaw broken, two deep cuts on left breast, and one on the breast bone. He only managed to shoot two of them before they gave him his death blow. Mrs. Burns, poor lady, must have suffered agony, by the look of her. She must have received two cuts with an axe or tomahawk on the top of the left shoulder on the first attack; her left hand was raised to the wounds, and still remains in the same position now in her grave. She had a cut under her jaw, part of her teeth down her throat, and two holes, one on each side, just above the hips, evidently made with a spear, which had passed through her body before she fell. She was then stripped naked, and dragged by the hair of her head, the trail of her body on the ground being plainly seen up to the place where she was found, some distance up the plantation, face downward, with nothing on but her wedding ring. The mountaineers were, no doubt, taking her away with the intention of eating her, but were too closely pursued and compelled to leave her. The little boy was found outside the house with a deep cut on the right side of his head, and three deep cuts in his right groin, and his little head clubbed to a pulp. The little girl, an infant, was a shocking sight; it would appear that they had taken her by the legs and dashed her brains out against the post of the bedroom door. The four bodies were brought and laid out under the verandah, side by side. As far as ascertained there were ten Eromangmen, five Tanna men and one Solomon woman killed. Two Tanna men were found with their legs cut off, and carried away by the mountaineers; also several other bodies, no doubt for a cannibal feast. A number of clubs, spears, &c., were picked up in and about the house, which, by their appearance, have done a great deal of work in murder and destruction of property. After ransacking everything, they commenced to destroy all they possibly could.

THE Cape Coast Castle expedition sailed from Portsmouth on the 13th ult.

WE (Echo) learn that the Small Arm Factory at Birmingham has just completed a contract for 50,000 rifles for the Russian Government.

WITH a view to lessen the danger of collision in the Atlantic, the Cunard Company have determined to adopt the "lane" route for the passages of their steamers between Liverpool and New York.

THEIR Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Prince Arthur have visited the Hungarian capital where they remained for three days. They met with an enthusiastic reception from all classes of the community.

ADMIRAL Cumming has been ordered to leave Bombay with all the naval force at his disposal, and to await instructions at Zanzibar. This movement has probably reference to the subject of the East African slave trade.

A SAD drama took place recently at the Hospital de la Charite, Paris. A medical student was suddenly seized with a fit of madness, and snatching up a knife, stabbed seven of the inmates as they lay in bed. He afterwards stabbed himself twice. Fortunately none of the wounds are said to be mortal.

AN old man, who followed the combined occupations of beggar and vendor of cakes, incautiously left his bag outside the Kildare railway station to go to ask alms. Some lads took up the bag and it was handed to the station master, who found it contained £225 10s. in gold. The old man claimed the bag and contents, and on him was found £20 in silver and nearly £1 in copper.

AN Old Lothario Tarred Feathered, and Ducked.

AN elderly, grey-headed and bearded married "gentleman" of Huddersfield who is described by the Weekly News of that town, as "a certain limb of the law, able to carve and to guild, and to paint in choicest pigments any animal beauty that might cross his fancy," has been "lynched" for "making love" to a young servant girl. The girl told her mistress of the old fellow's overtures, and a plot was entered into for his punishment. The girl consented to meet him in a lonely place on Friday evening, and on a given signal a number of men sprang from their hiding places. The girl immediately seized the gay deceiver by his long flowing beard and whiskers, and with scissors she had with her, ready prepared, she cut off his beard, not by a hair at once but by handfuls, but on one side only. One of the bystanders, with more impudence than skill in such matters, instantly cut off the other side. Lothario having been thus "cropped," his hat, face, and shoulders were coloured in a most artistic manner, with something different from lamp black, and the scent of which suggested a tar distillery. The animal painting was deemed to be not yet complete, so a quantity of feathers were distributed on the "mancap," imparting a snowy appearance, which showed up strikingly in the bright moonlight, especially when variegated, as the whole was, by a copious application of powder-blue! This kind of painting and guilding did not exactly suit, nor was the burning process relished, as was evidenced by the many, but ineffectual, efforts to escape from the tormentors, who led their hero down to Fartown Bar, calling out his name all along the road. Arrived there, a halt was made, to give the continually increasing crowd of people time to gaze upon the sad example. The procession continued, increasing along the course of the road, and arrived at the Wagon and Horses Inn, where not less than a thousand persons had gathered. The pretty figure was then taken into the bar of this hostelry, and exhibited in "full fig." When brought out again, the procession resumed its march, swelling in body, until it arrived at the Railway Arches; and here the lynched one made an attempt to "Hark away." But it was no go; his captors were too numerous for that. He was then assisted as far as the Fox and Grapes Inn, where a policeman put in an appearance, but was soon overpowered. This officer then went outside the crowd. The processionists still continued their march; and when they got to the watering trough, at Wells Mill, Northgate, another halt was made, and the rough-rite of bap-

tism administered—first by sprinkling, and then by immersion! After this the recipient went up Brook street, "like a lamb." Having arrived at the fair ground, "the gentlemen in blue" came to his aid, and shuffled him into a narrow street—so that he finally found an asylum in a cottage, to his own intense satisfaction, and the disappointment of those who would willingly have escorted him to his wife and family.—Liverpool Mercury, May 17.

NEWS ITEMS.

THE Cape Coast Castle expedition sailed from Portsmouth on the 13th ult.

WE (Echo) learn that the Small Arm Factory at Birmingham has just completed a contract for 50,000 rifles for the Russian Government.

WITH a view to lessen the danger of collision in the Atlantic, the Cunard Company have determined to adopt the "lane" route for the passages of their steamers between Liverpool and New York.

THEIR Royal Highnesses the Prince of Wales and Prince Arthur have visited the Hungarian capital where they remained for three days. They met with an enthusiastic reception from all classes of the community.

ADMIRAL Cumming has been ordered to leave Bombay with all the naval force at his disposal, and to await instructions at Zanzibar. This movement has probably reference to the subject of the East African slave trade.

A SAD drama took place recently at the Hospital de la Charite, Paris. A medical student was suddenly seized with a fit of madness, and snatching up a knife, stabbed seven of the inmates as they lay in bed. He afterwards stabbed himself twice. Fortunately none of the wounds are said to be mortal.

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SOUTHERN SENTIMENT.—The Athens "Northeast Georgian" heads the news of the Modoc massacre with the following pleasant lines:—An Indian Massacre. Captain Jack and warriors revenge the South by murdering General Canby, one of her greatest oppressors, and the Peace Commissioners. Keep the ball in motion. Three cheers for the gallant Modocs.

THE latest joke at Brigham Young's expense is perpetrated by a Pennsylvania paper, which says, "Some chap thought he would play a joke on Brigham Young, so he gained access to the list of his wives, and added twenty-seven names thereto—Mary Jane Young, Josephine Ann Young, Sarah Melinda Young, and so forth. The next time Brigham called the roll, twenty-seven didn't answer to their names, so he concluded that they had died since last roll call, and putting a few inches of crepe on his hat, he looked as sad as possible, but has not yet detected the joke."

A MATCHLESS MAN.—We read a short time ago, says the Westfield (Mass) "News Letter" of a barkeeper in New York who never tasted liquor, but we think Westfield can rather over-match that. There is a gentleman in this town 47 years of age, who, for thirty years has been more or less engaged in selling liquor, many years of that time tending a public bar, yet never tasted a drop of liquor in his life, and can only tell the difference in them by the smell. This man is also a cigar-maker and dealer, yet he never smoked a cigar or pipe, or took a chew of tobacco. Can anybody match this?

ARCTIC EXPLORATION.—Mr. Lamont's beautiful steam-yacht Diana, which has been chartered by Mr. Benjamin Leigh Smith, of London, for a voyage of exploration in the Northern Seas, left Dundee, in presence of many spectators. The yacht is manned by a crew of twenty, and although there is a sailing master, Mr. Smith will have the complete control. The first point of rendezvous will be Cobbes Bay, on the North Spitzbergen, where Mr. Smith expects to meet his own sailing yacht (the Samson), which was despatched from Hull with stores on the 1st of May, under the command of Captain Walker, for many years connected with the Dundee whaling fleet. Every effort will subsequently be made to push as far northward as possible during the voyage. Marine and land plants will be gathered, and observations on the tides and currents made. The Diana is provisioned for a year, but the object contemplated is expected to be realised in about six months.



Latest Despatches.

Destructive Fire in Boston.

LOSS \$1,250,000.

DEATH OF GOV. HOWE.

LONDON, May 25.—Thomas Hughes protested against the motion that the House of Commons adjourn for the Derby till the 6th June. He denounced it as a public humiliation in deference to what is called national sport.

The Italian Chamber of deputies finally disposed of the bill abolishing religious corporations.

Thiers took his seat yesterday.

Pierre Bonaparte is now in Paris.

The Derby stakes were won by "Doncaster;" "Kaizer" second, and "Gang Forward" third.

The Government troops in the north of Spain have been reinforced and are pursuing the Carlists under Drislang.

NEW YORK, 28.—The Captain General of Cuba has been officially notified to carry into effect the order of March 24th, directing the emancipation of 100,000 slaves.

Gold 118 1/4.

Heat excessive.

MONTREAL, 28.—Sir Hugh Allan has succeeded in making arrangements in London for the immediate supply of a large portion of the pacific railway capital, the remainder to be furnished as the work progresses.

LONDON, 27.—The Commons last night, in committee of supply, took up item of Alabama claims. Bentinck declared that the Government policy in this question is humiliating and degrading. Northcote explained that Gladstone said the American Government made a gigantic error in advancing indirect claims; in other respects he defended the course of arbitration. Item agreed to.

Thiers resumed his seat on left benches with his late ministers.

Whole left decided upon the policy of Constitutional opposition.

VERY LATEST.

McMahon wishes for peace, army reorganization, and the restoration of the country to her former position.

P. E. Island Legislature unanimously accepted terms of admission into the Confederacy.

LONDON, 28.—At 100 yards from finish "Doncaster" spurred and won the Derby by half a length. The Prince of Wales, Prince Arthur and the Duke of Edinburgh were present.

The Spanish Republicans have sent a deputation to Espartero urging him to accept the Presidency.

QUEBEC, 29.—The lumber market is much excited. A great fresher swept large quantities of timber 100 miles below Quebec. Craft recovering property on salvage.

The fifth Provincial Council of Roman Catholic Bishops since the settlement of Canada closed to-day with imposing ceremonies. Decrees were issued on perjury in political elections, clandestine marriages, holy oils, catechisms, catholic writers, catholic liberalism, freedom of the Church and her relations with the State, and will be promulgated on receiving Papal sanction.

NEW YORK, 29.—Gold 118 3/8.

LONDON, 30.—Oakes stakes at Epsom were won to-day by Maurice Stuart.

In consequence of the price of native iron large quantities are being imported.

MILIN, 29.—Count Morazon was buried to-day. The city is draped in mourning. Prince Humbert and Duke Aosta were among the pall bearers.

NEW YORK, 29.—Gold 118 1/4.

Boston, 30.—Another destructive fire occurred this afternoon, commencing in the furniture factory of Haley, Morse, & Co., 411 Washington Street. The fire destroyed that building, together with the International Hotel, Jourdains Anatomical Museum, &c. The flames then crossed to the east side of the street, consuming the Globe Theatre, Chickering's Piano rooms, Arlington Hall. Loss estimated at 1 1/2 million dollars. Freeman's Bank was burned, but all valuables saved.

HALIFAX, June 2.—Governor Howe died suddenly yesterday morning.

THE "Pall Mall Gazette" gives particulars of a concession made by the Shah of Persia to Baron Reuter, of exclusive rights to construct railways, tramways, and other works, to work mines, and utilise forests. The lands required will be given by the State, and a loan of six millions sterling is guaranteed, with interest at 5 per cent.

WELCOME TO ONE OF THE CREW OF THE "ATLANTIC."—Crowthorn, a suburb of Ashton-under-Lyne, was "enfete" to welcome home Quartermaster Speakman, who acted a prominent part in carrying the lifeline from the "At-

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lantic" to the rock which proved a refuge for so many on the fatal night. Speakman's wife received a telegram from her husband, and communicated the news to her neighbours that her husband would be at home on the following afternoon. By the time the gallant sub-officer was expected at home the village was draped with flags and a triumphal arch stood waiting for him to pass under. The people were, however doomed to disappointment, for the hero of the hour was detained until his friends had gone to bed. The manifestations of joy did not get vent until Monday afternoon. Then a large "alfresco" tea party was held in the middle of the lane—the flags and banners flying overhead—and the tea was just a little heightened in flavour as in colour by the addition of a small quantity of "Jamaica." Tea over, the tables were removed, and music being introduced the party engaged in dancing till a late hour.

DIED.

At Dartmouth, England, on the 13th ultimo, Rev. H. L. Cranford, Wesleyan Minister, aged 31 years.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF HARBOR GRACE.

CLEARED.

May 27.—Susan, Fitzgerald, Sydney, ballast—D. Green.
30—Vanguard, s.s. Bailey, Cape Breton, ballast—John Munn & Co.
31—Susan Vittery, Cole, Bristol, oil and skins—W.J.S. Donnelly.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

UNION BANK OF NEWFOUNDLAND.

The Annual General Meeting of the Proprietors of this Company, pursuant to the Act of Incorporation, will be held at 12 o'clock on Saturday, 17th JUNE next, at the Banking House in Duckworth Street, for the purpose of electing Directors, and for the despatch of business.
(By order of the Board.)
J. W. SMITH, Manager.
St. John's, May 27. 31f.

A Lot of Assorted
TIN WARE
FOR SALE
MUCH UNDER VALUE.
JILLARD BROTHERS.
May 27.

Very Important Notice!
The Wonder of the World!
GOOD NEWS FOR ALL!!
Prof. HERMAN'S
WORLD RENOWNED
VERMIN DESTROYER!
WHICH IS KNOWN TO BE
Far Superior to Anything Ever
Yet Discovered

FOR KILLING
Rats, Mice, Insects on Poultry, Ants, Bugs, Cockroaches, Black Beetles, Fleas on Dogs, Blight and Insects on Plants, Moths in Furs, Tick or Scab on Sheep or Goats, also on Cattle, &c., &c.

Sold in Packets at 25 cents per Packet; or Six Packets for \$1.25.

The Powder is warranted free from all bad smell, and will keep in any Climate. It may be spread anywhere without risk, as it is quite harmless to Cats or Dogs, as they will not eat it.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE ON EACH PACKET.

MANUFACTORY:
Gravel Lane, Houndsditch, CITY OF LONDON, ENGLAND.

The above discovery has gained for Professor Herman a Silver Prize Medal at the Inter-Colonial Exhibition of Victoria, Australia, of 1866, besides numerous testimonials.

OUTPORT AGENTS:
Messrs. Squires & Noble, Harbor Grace.
" Jillard Brothers, " "
Mr. W. H. Thompson, " "
" Michael Jones, " "
Messrs. Duff & Balmer, Carbonear.
" G. & J. Smith, Brigus.
Mr. P. Nowlan, " "
" G. C. Jerritt, " "
" Robert Simpson, Bay Roberts.
" Moses Gosse, Spaniards Bay.

Wholesale Agents for the Island of Newfoundland
Messrs. W. & G. RENDELL,
St. John's,
Who will supply all Outport Agents who may be appointed by the English Representative, as only Agents so appointed can be supplied.
May 23. 11y.

NOTICES.
METROPOLITAN LIFE Insurance Company, OF NEW YORK.

JOSEPH F. KNAPP, President.
J. R. HEGEMAN, Vice-President.
R. A. GRANNISS, Secretary.
Wm. P. STEWART, Actuary.
B. R. CORWIN, Manager.
THOS. A. TEMPLE, Attorney.

DEPOSIT AT OTTAWA
For Canadian Policy Holders only.

HON. L. A. WILMOT, D. C. L.,
Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick,
Director at the Board for Canada

The Reserve Dividend System

Is one more step in the march of progress. Presented only after mature thought, it invites the test of the severest scrutiny. Its chief merit is its PERFECT ADAPTABILITY to the wants of insurable lives. The RESERVE DIVIDEND and RESERVE ENDOWMENT POLICIES originated and published by the Company's Actuary, under copyright in 1869. The principle involved renders every form of insurance a provision in life. It converts an ordinary life Policy, otherwise payable only in the event of death, into a CASH ENDOWMENT, MATURING EVERY TEN YEARS.

W. H. THOMPSON,
Harbor Grace,
General Agent for
NEWFOUNDLAND.
April 1. 11f.

SAILMAKING!

The Subscriber
BEGS respectfully to acquaint the Ship-owners and public of Harbor Grace and the outports that he has taken the Workshop lately occupied by Mr. Robert Morris, No. 10 Victoria Street, where he is prepared to perform all work in the above line in a satisfactory manner, and hopes by strict attention to merit a fair share of public patronage.
GEORGE CARSON.
May 23. 11f.

C. BREAKER, Sailmaker,

WOULD respectfully intimate to the Shipowners and public of Harbor Grace and vicinity that he has taken the Loft lately occupied by Morris & Parsons, (opposite the premises of Messrs. John Munn & Co.) where he is prepared to make and repair SAILS of all shapes and sizes in a manner calculated to afford general satisfaction, and with the utmost dispatch.
April 25. 11f.

Bazaar!

THE co-operation of CHRISTIAN FRIENDS is respectfully solicited in aid of a

BAZAAR
To be held in NOVEMBER next, for the purpose of raising funds for the liquidation of the debt on
St. PAUL'S CHURCH
IN THIS TOWN.

The sum of £2,300 has been expended in completing the enlargement of the original Building. The balance remaining unpaid at this date is about £300. Our friends in St. John's kindly contributed £100, and the rest, amounting to £1,900, has been raised by the unaided efforts of the Congregation.
Contributions in Money, in Useful and Fancy Articles, or in Materials for making up, will be thankfully received by

Mrs. S. ANDREWS,
" W. O. WOOD,
" EVILL,
" TAPP,
" C. ROSS,
" A. RUTHERFORD,
" BADCOCK,
" FORD,
" A. CLIFT,
" HIGGINS,
" BERTRAM JONES.
March 28, 1873.

BLANK FORMS

Executed with NEATNESS and DESPATCH at the Office of this paper.

FOR SALE.

Just Received
Via Halifax, per S. S. Tigress,
A SUPPLY OF THE

'Favorite' SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINES,

Manufactured by the Kendall Manufacturing Co., Montreal.

CHEAPEST AND BEST.

THE "FAVORITE" SHUTTLE SEWING MACHINES

Are a wonderful achievement of inventive Genius and Mechanical Skill.

For Simplicity, Durability and Beauty they stand Unrivalled.

Stitch Alike on Both Sides.

They will do all kinds of FAMILY SEWING

With perfect ease, and are equally good for light Manufacturing purposes.

They have a large Shuttle and Bobbin and make the regular

LOCK STITCH, the same as made by the Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, Weed, and all other First Class Machines.

They use a short, straight Needle, and the **Four Motion Drop Feed,** Which is considered the best in the World. The Feed being made of one piece, it is impossible for it to get out of order.

THE SHUTTLE CARRIER

Is also made of one piece, and is so constructed that the Shuttle face is always kept close to the race, which prevents the Machine from missing stitches.

Each Machine is furnished with a Hemmer,

Gatherer,
Braider,
Self-Sewer,
Quilter,
6 Needles,
4 Bobbins,
Oiler,
Screw Driver,
Gauge and Screw,
Directions and Spools ready for use.

Makers' Price List.

Retail Price.
By Hand, on Marble Slab.....\$22.00
With Plain Walnut Table..... 27.00
With Quarter Case Walnut Table. 30.00

Orders executed by return post, and Machines sent free of expense, ready to commence sewing immediately—with explicit instructions.

THE ADVANTAGES OF THE

'FAVORITE'

Shuttle Sewing Machines
OVER ALL OTHERS.

- 1st.—They are simple, perfect, and easily operated.
- 2nd.—They make the celebrated Lock Stitch alike on both sides, that will not rip or ravel.
- 3rd.—They are sold at a price within the reach of every family in the land.
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No. 2 SINGER
MANUFACTURING MACHINES,
New Improved Pattern,
F. W. BOWDEN, St. John's,
Agent for Newfoundland.
ALEXR. A. PARSONS,
Sub-Agent, Harbor Grace.

LUMBER!
—BY—
H. W. TRAPNELL.

Now landing, ex "Atalanta," from Port Medway, N. S.:

20 M. Seasoned Prime Pine BOARD
20 do. Hemlock do.
30 do. No. 2 Pine do.
July 30.

NOTICE.

MONEY!

PARTIES having MONEY TO LOAN on security of FREEHOLD PROPERTY, situated in Water Street, Harbor Grace, can obtain particulars by application at the Office of this paper.
Harbor Grace,
Jan. 14, 1873. } 6i.

J. Mellis,

TAILOR & CLOTHIER,

208, Water Street, St. John's,

BEGS respectfully to inform the public of Conception Bay generally that he has always on hand a complete assortment of

CLOTHING

For all seasons of the year, which can be obtained at the LOWEST remunerative PRICES. All Clothing to order, cut in the most fashionable styles, and forwarded with despatch. Terms moderate. Orders from the outports promptly attended to.

J. M. visits Conception Bay twice a year, of which notice is duly given.
Dec. 10. 1y1

W. H. THOMPSON,

AGENT FOR

Johnson's Anodyne Liniment.

JUST RECEIVED

A FRESH SUPPLY OF
ADAMS' INDIAN SALVE.
W. H. THOMPSON.

PIANO TUNING!

Mr. J. CURRIE,

TUNER AND REPAIRER OF

PIANOS.

IN returning thanks for past favours, begs respectfully to solicit a continuance of the same. All work executed punctually, and satisfaction guaranteed. CONCERTINAS also repaired.

Satisfactory references as to ability will be given on enquiry.
Orders left at No. 170 Water Street will receive immediate attention.
Dec. 17. 11f

Blacksmith & Farrier,

BEGS respectfully to acquaint his numerous patrons and the public generally, that he is EVER READY to give entire satisfaction in his line of business. All work executed in substantial manner and with despatch.

Off LeMarchant St., North of Gas House.
Sept. 17.

CAUTION!

HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that, after this date, I will not be responsible for any Debts contracted in my name, without a Written Order from myself.

LUCINDA BARTLETT.

Bay Roberts, }
Nov. 13, 1872. }

E. W. LYON

Has just received a large assortment of

Coloured French Kid GLOVES,

Which he offers to the public at VERY LOW PRICES.
July 9 11f.

W. H. THOMPSON,

AGENT FOR

Fellows' Compound Syrup

OF
HYPHOPHOSPHITES

HARBOR GRACE

MEDICAL HALL,

W. H. THOMPSON,
Proprietor,

Has always on hand a carefully selected Stock of

DRUGS, MEDICINES, DRY PAINTS,

Oils, &c., &c.,

And nearly every article in his line that is recommendable:

- Gallup's Florine for the Teeth and Breath
- Keating's Worm Tablets
- " Cough Lozenges
- Rowland's Odonio
- Oxley's Essence of Ginger
- Lampough's Pyretic Saline
- Powell's Balsam Aniseed
- Medicamentum (stamped)
- British Oil, Balsam of Life, Chlorodyne,
- Mexican Mustang Liniment
- Steer's Apodidoo
- Radway's Ready Relief, Arnold's Balsam
- Murray's Fluid Magnesia
- " Acidulated Syrup
- S. A. Allen's Hair Restorer
- Rositter's " "
- Ayer's Hair Vigor
- " Sarsaparilla
- " Cherry Pectoral
- Pickles, French Capers, Sauces
- Soothing Syrup, Kaye's Coaguline
- India Rubber Sponge, Teething Sponge, Tooth Cloths
- Nail, Shoe and Stove Brushes
- Widow Walch's Pills
- Morrison's Pills
- Cockle's " Radway's "
- Holloway's " Ayer's "
- No-ton's " Parsons' "
- Hunt's " Jaynes' "
- Holloway's Ointment
- Adams' Indian Salve, Russia Salve
- Morehead's Plaster, Corn Plaster
- Mather's Feeding Bottles
- Boi d's Marking Ink, Corn Flour
- Fresh Hops, Arrowroot, Sago, Gold Leaf
- Nelson's Gelatine and Isinglass
- Bonnet Glue, Best German Glycerine
- Lime Juice, Honey, Best Ground Coffee
- Nixy's Black Lead
- Roth & Co.'s Rat Paste
- Brown's Bronchial Troches
- Woodill's Worm Lozenges
- " Baking Powder
- McLean's Vermifuge
- Lear's India Rubber Varnish
- Copal Varnish,
- Kerosene Oil, Lamps, Chimneys, Wick, Burners, &c., &c.
- Cod Liver Oil,
- Fellows' Compound Syrup of Hypophosphites
- Extract of Logwood, in 1/4 lb. boxes
- Cudbear, Worm Tea, Toilet Soaps
- Best Perfumeries, Pomades and Hair Oils
- Pain Killer
- Henry's Calmed Magnesia
- Enema Instruments, Gold Beater's Skin
- Fumigating Pastiles, Seidlitz Powders
- Furniture Polish, Plate Polish
- Flavouring Essences, Spices, &c., &c.
- Robinson's Patent Barley
- " Groats
- All the above proprietary articles bear the Government Stamp, without which none are genuine.
- Outport Orders will receive careful and prompt attention.
May 14 11f

LeMessurier & Knight,

COMMISSION AGENTS.

Particular attention given to the Sale and Purchase of

DRY & PICKLED FISH

FLOUR, PROVISIONS, WEST INDIA PRODUCE

—AND—

DRY GOODS.

Consignments solicited.
St. John's, May 7, 1873. 11f

FOR SALE.

—BY—

THE SUBSCRIBER,

231 —Water Street 231

BREAD

Flour, Pork, Beef

Butter, Molasses, Sugar
Tea, Coffee, Cheese,
Ham, Bacon, Pease, Rice

TOBACCO

KEROSENE OIL, &c., &c.

CHEAP FOR CASH, FISH OR OIL.

DANIEL FITZGERALD.

Springtime.

Old Winter hath left us; the monarch has fled
Far down the lone valley, the fold of the past:
And now, having shown him that nature must rule,
Glad Springtime is with us, triumphant at last.

The sunlight is pleasant, the robins have come,
And now all around us how sweetly they sing!
While earth, like a matron, rejoicing and glad
Is crowned with bright flowers, the wreath of the spring.

The welkin above us is fleecy and blue,
Except when a shower comes up from the west:
The sunsets are golden with marvellous hue
When hushed Aurora sinks down to his rest.

The trees are receiving their glory of green;
The winds, as they wander, are pleasant and bland;
While hill-sides and valleys are ready for seed
Which holds in their keeping the life of the land.

Then welcome, sweet Springtime, a welcome to thee,
Whose presence has cheered us so often before;
Oh, teach us to harbour deep feelings of praise,
That God has appointed thy coming once more.

SELECT STORY.

The Haunted House.

PEAKING of spirit bell-rings and wrappings, said grandmother, I listened to something quite as startling years before spirits resolved themselves into an institution. Then every ghost was independent. Not one of them thought of coming at set times to read, write or attend lectures; but whenever one did appear, at such irregular hours as suited its convenience, it created a sensation. A spirit of this kind would not 'down' at the bidding of ever so many Macbeths.

When I was eighteen, Mr. Marvin, one of our neighbors, owned a farm in 'Gray Owl Dell,' a couple of miles from his homestead. He generally had a tenant upon the place, but in the year to which I have reference, having found no one willing to pay so high a rent as he demanded, he had allowed the house to remain empty, his boys, his hired man, or himself going over occasionally to attend to the farm.

It requires no great knowledge of human nature to assure one that a house standing remote from all others, in a lonesome and shadowy dell, could not long remain untenanted by humanity without acquiring the reputation of being haunted. The feline tribe is intimately associated with ideas of the supernatural, and cats, astonishing in size and number, began to be seen about the premises at Gray Owl Dell. The birds of Minerva, too, that perched now and then on the decaying buildings, were suspected of wearing their feathers merely as cloaks of deception, while the witch-spirit looked mockingly out of their great, round eyes.

Will Ashley, who had attended Margaret Rivers from singing-school to her home on the back road, affirmed that whilst returning across lots, for a shorter cut, he had seen an owl as large as Mr. Marvin's brindle ox, sitting on the chimney-top, of the old farmhouse. This bird was no doubt the incarnation of a witch-spirit; and however much Will's dilated eyes may have magnified its proportions, it was lucky for poor old Polly Ruggles, the scold of the neighborhood, and an abominable hag altogether, that Salem fashions had lost their predominance in New England. The uncomfortable dame might out-scold the north wind, but unlike those of her profession in earlier days, she stood do chance of being dragged on a ropes end across a river, or perched between two planks till she should acknowledge her iniquity—after confessing, the pressing to go on worse than ever. Sad encouragement to truth!

One way and another the opinion became prevalent that something evil hovered about the place. Widow Stebbins who hired the privilege of fastening her cow there, testified that the cream yielded by this domestic animal was upon a certain occasion bewitched. The pious widow churned long in vain. Then she prayed; then she churned again. But the familiar spirit had not been exorcised by her devotions—perhaps she had lacked faith. Finally, she heated a horse-shoe, till it glowed like the star Arcturus, and all flaming as it was, dropped it into the cream. Such a hissing and screaming, said the good widow, you never heard; and the butter came at once. No doubt some incantation was used, but the hissing and screaming directly pointing to such a conclusion, especially with the excellent woman, who had never been in a blacksmith's shop.

During the summer, however, we young people were in little dread of the 'supernatural,' and as the old place had tempting raspberries and apples, we often visited it, yet kept at a good distance from the house. But when winter had set in, putting imagination in shadow, and the days appeared like dim windows between the long, dark nights, I think we took pleasure in the full indulgence of credulity. Who cares for a July ghost, or looks for a withered witch in a field of blooming corn? The Thane of Glamis met the 'weird sisters' upon a blasted heath; and the idea of evil spirits is ever associated with desolation and darkness.

I well recollect the advent, about this time, of a mysterious animal that our townspeople called a tiger cat. We felt a kind of sacred pleasure in believing it not wholly of earth; and, indeed, there was much in its nightly operations to warrant such an opinion. It seemed an enemy of nothing but dogs, and it became a usual occurrence for a farmer on going out in the morning to find his dog dead on the doorstep, yet without any discoverable wound.

My cousins, Thomas and John Conway, lived with their father, who was a neighbor of ours; and I remember hearing John call to his brother, one bitter cold morning, saying:

Tom, Tom! the tiger cat has killed 'Cupid!' meaning their little dog.

Sometimes on frosty evenings, when the stars shot down with skintin light, a belated traveller would be startled by a momentary glimpse of some undefined shape that rushed past him like a cannon ball, and he felt that he had seen the tiger cat. As one of our neighbors was returning at a late hour to his home a weird, strange object shot between his feet and instantly disappeared. The frightened man ran with all his might, and no logic could have convinced him that old Dame Ruggles had not darted between his boot tops in the shape of a monstrous cat.

A being half of this world and half of a world unknown, always appears more terrible to us than the wholly supernatural, in which is no mingling of earth. But about this so-called tiger cat, there was certainly something unaccountable. That such a being existed I have not the least doubt; yet why it killed the dogs, or how it could effect its purpose and still have no outward sign of injury, I cannot imagine.

There was, and still is at the entrance of the seaport village near which we lived, a stone bridge, upon which it became usual to find in the morning a number of dogs, all slain as by pestilence, like the warriors of Sennacherib. One night, a Mr. Manchester resolved to watch at this place. He had taken unusual care in the preparation of his gun—had screwed in the lock a new flint that would make the sparks fly in showers. Moreover, he was a cool, resolute man, and one whose word was accepted by the villagers almost as readily as the evidence of their own senses.

As the clock struck twelve, the tiger cat appeared, dragging along a small dog. He set his captive on end, gave it two or three taps of the paw, and the dog rolled over dead. There had apparently been no attempt at resistance. Mr. Manchester said that at this moment he considered the tiger cat his certain prize. Bringing up his gun with the alacrity of an old sportsman as he was, he snapped it. To his surprise it missed fire. Twice more he essayed, yet not a spark left the flint. He lowered the weapon with a feeling of dread, examined the lock for a moment, and on looking up, discovered that the creature had vanished. Raising his piece, he snapped it once more but this time from mere curiosity. The flint threw out a host of sparks and the gun was discharged as usual. I doubt not there are many old people, who, like myself, have heard Mr. Manchester relate the circumstance.

What bond of sympathy, if any, existed between Dame Ruggles and the tiger cat, I cannot say; but that the old woman was really a witch seems very probable. It was averred that the rendezvous of the weird sisterhood was in Gray Owl Dell; and Michael Gerry, Mr. Marvin's hired man, (and, by the way, in that early time the only Irishman in the town), going one morning to attend to the sheep at the farm, said that he heard voices over his head, and distinguished among them that of Dame Ruggles. Michael who always stood for the last word with friends and enemies, shouted out:

Come down here, Mistress Ruggles, ye iudacent owid scowld, and I'll war-rum ye wid a taste o' me pitchfork ye hag!

Whereat there was a loud, jeering laugh, so near his head that Michael threw his pitchfork with vengeance, hoping to hit some of his invisible tantalizers; but he was surprised to see the implement sail around in the air as if some witch had bridled it for a horse. Yez have got me forruk, yer wild

bastes! cried Mike; but be the houlty St Dennis, come down here thin; it's all I axes of yez, and I'll tan yer owid hides till yez scrame agin!

At mention of St. Dennis, the witch merriment subsided into total silence, and Michael's 'forruk' lay at his feet as quietly as if it had been ridden in air by these 'posters of the sea and land.' Such was Mike's story, but it had often been hinted that his love of truth was no match for his imagination.

It was, however, asserted by one in whose veracity the whole neighborhood reposed implicit confidence, that he had seen the form of Dame Ruggles stretched at full length across the chimney of Gray Owl Dell farmhouse, while her spirit was far away on some iniquitous mission. This may have been the very shape which Will Ashley had once mistaken for an owl of unearthly aspect; or, reversing the case, the owl may in the last instance have been taken for the dame—so uncertain are things which we know nothing about.

But whether witch or not, there was in the circumstances attending the death of Dame Ruggles, which occurred that winter, something unaccountable. During her brief illness the old woman had been more querulous than ever, and the attempt of any kind Samaritan to draw the least appearance of gratitude from her jagged mind, was like trying to 'grab' a handful of shingle nails out of a keg.

As her dissolution approached, the watchers, who had heard that no one can see a witch die, were alert for the closing scene. The night was cold, the bedclothes were supposed insufficient, the fire upon the hearth, kindle it as they would, refused to burn brightly, and they therefore lighted a furnace of charcoal in the centre of the room. Did they a moment relax their vigilance, they would find their patient stretched upon her back across this flaming furnace, as if she loved fire, and felt her present agony soothed by this foretaste of her future inheritance. How her clothing fared remains an open question to this day, but she herself snapped and crackled like burning whalebone.

She must go soon, said one of the watchers, when for the last time the old woman had been removed from the furnace to her bed. 'We shall certainly see her die.'

At this moment a tumult of voices outside drew the watchers' attention. Cats wailed, owls hooted, and there were strange screams intermingled with malicious laughter—yet no living creature was visible. They were about turning to their patient, when, as they averred, a something, having the appearance of a red hot ball, shot past them and out at the window. This window, though closed, showed no mark of the singular exit. On reaching the old dame's side, they perceived that her spirit had departed.

Now, continued grandmother, I always took this story with some allowance; but, that unaccountable things have been done by people called witches, I have not the least doubt. I am by no means sure that Dame Ruggles's familiar spirit did not stir up a great commotion in the elements on the night of her death.

It happened that early in the evening, a party of us had set out in two double sleighs for a ten-mile ride, with a view to a merry collation at a country tavern—'hotel,' you call it now. Will Ashley was with us, but blue-eyed Margaret Rivers, whom he had attended home on the night that he saw the witch owl, was not of our number. Some trifling misunderstanding between the comely farmer lad and the maiden of his love, had grown to a downright quarrel. Margaret had 'wept the weary day,' not doubting that this silly quarrel was the one great calamity of her life, which should shadow all nights and days to come. The jingle of our sleigh bells was like the dirge of all her joys, and she sat down to find what consolation she could in the 'Children of the Desert.' One must indeed be far gone who comes to that!

Will Ashley, no less miserable, appeared as the escort of Anna Franklin, between whom and Margaret there existed a feud. Will had been at some pains to place himself in a position, the misery of which can be appreciated by every spiteful lover, who has not only flung away his peace but drawn to his side a perpetual reminder of his folly. Anna Franklin's ill-concealed regard was like the bitterness of wormwood to poor Will. He tried to be gay, while Anna did her best to amuse and fascinate; but not all the attractions of her wit and beauty

Were worth one pearl-drop, bright and sheen,
From Margaret's eyes that fell.

Before our party broke up, a furious snow storm set in. This great storm, on the night that Dame Ruggles died, was long talked of in the neighborhood. As we proceeded homeward, our way was often blocked by drifts that had formed in the narrow sleigh track since we had passed at twilight. The clouds swept almost down to earth, and great trees, which we could hardly see for the driving

snow, creaked and groaned outright in the cold, roaring wind. We had to pass Gray Owl Dell, some of our party living a mile or two beyond. Just as we came opposite the witch-haunted farmhouse, Dick Lee, the dare-devil of our party, who, while the rest of us were almost chilled to death, had all the way been singing snatches of frightful old ballads, pointed out a gigantic poplar, bare black by the highway, and writhing in the storm: then he shouted dramatically:

'A murderer yonder was hung in chaynes,
The sunne and the winde had shrunke hys veynes;
I bit off a sinew; I clipped hys hayre,
I brought off hys ragges that danced in the ayre.'

As the last word left his lips the tree came crashing down, completely blocking our way. It seemed a judgment upon our party for Dick's presumption in repeating a witch's song at such an awful hour.

Further progress with the sleigh was impossible, neither could we walk to our homes in such a tempest. Mr. Marvin's sons were of our party, and suggested that we should find shelter in the house. One of them entered through a back window, and opened the door to the party. Abundant fuel was at hand, and we kindled a fire, while the horses were led to the stables. Dry walnut sticks blazed, crackled, and fell asunder in the middle, while smoking coals fell out upon the hearth. But as outward comfort increased, our inner consciousness awoke to a keener sense of our peculiar situation. 'When the mind's free, the body's delicate'—and 'vice versa.'

We discussed the singularity of our position, most of us with growing uneasiness, while two or three treated the affair humorously. Will Ashley became abstracted; gazing now into the fire, and anon starting and peering into the corners of the room, or looking at the doors as if he expected them to open. He was thinking of Margaret Rivers, and anticipating some ghostly visitation for his momentary perfidy. The unearthly owl he had seen on the chimney top of this same house, while yet the course of love run smoothly, was a bird of evil omen; the falling of the great tree which had stopped our way, boded sorrow to some one, and Will doubted not that he himself was the Baalim on whose account some unseen spirit had barred the road. Suddenly, we all started to our feet.

What was that? asked Anna Franklin, looking terrified.

Did you not hear a bell? said another. It certainly was a bell. Dear me! I am frightened to death!

What is the matter? cried Dick Lee. What did you all jump up for? I thought the old one himself was coming. Don't you know any better than to scare a fellow out of his senses?

Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle, went the bell again.

Who on earth can be ringing a dinner bell this time of night? continued Dick. Well, I must give in; the old gentleman has really come for us; but he won't hurt me; he and I have had too many good times together. He will be calling the roll soon, so prepare. We must answer to our names, as I once heard the Irish aldermen at a meeting of the board, when I was in Cork in a ship: Will Ashley? Ere, sir! Dick Lee? Ere, yer honor! And so he will go through the company.

O, for heaven's sake, do stop, Dick! cried Mary Moore. How can you make light of such things? I am almost dead with fright!

His rich voice added greatly to the mournful power of the lines, as to our consternation he sung that dear old English ballad, which, however beautiful, is not precisely the thing that one loves to hear in a haunted house.

'Twas at the silent, solemn hour
When night and morning meet,
In glided Margaret's grimly ghost,
And stood at William's feet.'

Ere the singing ended, the bell-ringing was again heard, together with other sounds, apparently approaching the cellar stairs. Dick looked startled, but resolutely continued his singing—the rest of us standing in silent terror.

'This is the dark and fearful hour
When injured ghosts complain—'

(Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle—tramp, tramp, tramp—louder and nearer—but Dick was stout-hearted, and went on.)

'When dreary graves give up their dead,
To haunt the faithless swain.'

But at this moment, the cellar door swung wide open. Dick looked over his shoulder, uttered a yell and rushed headlong from the room. All save Will Ashley and myself followed him out into the storm. Will, who had been scarcely less terrified by the ballad than the unaccountable sounds, imagining that restitution for his faithlessness was now at hand, and perhaps asking his own heart, like the Moor, why should honor outlive honesty?—let go all, sank powerless upon the floor. Why I did not fly with the others, I cannot tell. Perhaps the reason exists in some law of metaphysics which I do not understand. My eyes were fixed in unspeakable amazement,

upon the spectacle that arose before me. Through the shadowy passage to the cellar, rose a black, frightful face, crowned with horns that curled all round his head. Back of this apparition were others, all with long, wistful faces, apparently half-human and half-brute, with eyes like great pieces of brass. Utter silence prevailed in the room, save so far as broken by the raging storm without. There I stood, confronting I knew not what, and feeling as if in a trance. Presently Will Ashley spoke.

O, Mr. Devil, said he, I did not mean it—I did not mean to quarrel with Maggie! Let me off this once, and I will go right back and tell her how sorry I am!

Em-ba-ah! said the spectre, and came clattering right out on the kitchen floor, while a bell under his neck tinkled furiously. The other heads crowded fast after him, the cloven feet clattering as they leaped from the upper stair into the room. I looked at Will, and Will at me. There was a queer expression upon his face—a shadow of lingering terror blended with an exceedingly foolish look of mortification. Still the strange visitors increased in number, stamping and bleating, and apparently looking for something to eat. Then Will laughed wildly like an insane man, exclaiming:

O, the fool that I have been! 'Tis Mr. Marvin's flock of sheep! I heard a day or two ago that they were lost, and somehow they must have got into the cellar!

I, too, had heard that three days before Mr. Marvin had missed his entire flock. The same day there happened a fall of snow, so that he could not track them. Our terror was now entirely gone, and Will, rendered by the reaction more courageous than ever before in his life, volunteered to go into the cellar and examine. I was surprised, for he seemed as bold as a lion; but this I supposed was consistent with so inconsistent a thing as human nature. I was a farmer's daughter and not afraid of sheep, so he left me with them while he went down with a blazing brand. At the back of the house he found that a portion of the cellar wall had fallen. Through the aperture thus opened, the old leader must somehow have stumbled, followed, of course, by the whole flock. The opening was soon hidden by the falling snow, and as no one visited the house, the sheep had been in danger of starvation. It was not difficult for them to ascend the short stairway, above which, as the upper part of the door was glass, they had seen our light. A blow from horns or feet had caused the opening of the door.

Our panic-stricken companions had pursued their flight no further than the barn, and after a time, discovering that we were missing, Dick Lee and one or two others came back in search of us. When the matter had been explained to the whole party, the young men brought armfuls of fodder, and succeeded in enticing the hungry sheep from the house to the barn.

Once more we all assembled around the fire, but my companions had much to tell of a frightfully great cat that they could see on a beam in the barn, though she sat in pitch darkness. Perhaps they saw her more with the mind's eye than the natural organs. Presently another came and sat down beside her; then another and another and another and another; and there they remained in awful silence, with eyes horribly bright, and faces expressive of malignity softened by some great sorrow.

At last, the central cat, the immense creature at first seen, uttered a cry so long-drawn and hideously mournful that no mortal could describe it. It was echoed by all her four companions; and in a moment the entire company of unearthly felines vanished in the blackness of that witch-ridden darkness. This must have been about the hour that Dame Ruggles died; and I have sometimes wondered if the central animal of the group was not the famous tiger cat, and if so, what relationship she bore to the witch dame.

I must say, though, that Dick Lee told me next day that the reason the cats vanished was that he threw a piece of board at the biggest one, knocking her heels over head, and they went out through a hole in the loft—but I never knew whether to believe him or not. I have only to add that Will Ashley and Margaret Rivers were married in the spring.

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