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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, L. WOODWARD, Secretary, St. John, Nov. 11, 1846.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons indebted to JAMES AGNEW, his late wife, or to JAMES AGNEW, deceased, Watchmaker, are hereby required to make immediate payment to the undersigned; and those who have demands against his Estate, are requested to leave a statement of the same with the undersigned, Three Months from date, in order to their adjustment. ELIZA AGNEW, Administratrix, St. John, Dec. 24th, 1850.

NOTICE.

ALL Persons having any demands against the Estate of the Honorable HUGH JOHNSTON, deceased, are requested to present the same, duly attested, and all those indebted to the same Estate, are requested to make immediate payment to JOHN M. ROBINSON, one of the undersigned. HARRIET M. JOHNSTON, Executrix, HUGH B. JOHNSTON, JOHN M. ROBINSON, Executors, St. John, May 7, 1850.

FLEWELLING & READING,

Prinze William Street, (Corner of Church Street) Are now receiving from London, per ship "Lion,"

112 C CHESTS FINE CONGO TEA; 30 Hds. Orange Pekoe do; 10 Do. Martell's BRANDY; 5 Qr. Casks Old Brown SHERRY; 30 Casks Coleman's MUSTARD; 6 Cases do. best SPICERY; 3 Casks mixed PICKLES; 10 Bags Black PEPPER; 10 Do. PIMENTO. October 1, 1850.

JUST RECEIVED,

20 BARRELS New York City MESS PORK; 10 Bales BATTING; 5 Bags FINEST ALMONDS; 30 Bags FINEST COFFEE; 10 Boxes RAISINS; 25 Half do Raisins; 30 Quarter do; 25 Boxes Layer do; 10 Kegs GRAPES; 10 Half-barrels STALE BRATTS; 10 Casks Cooking RAISINS; 2 Boxes CASTLE SOAP; 3 Do. LEMONS; 1 Barrel CAVARRY SEED; 1 Do. HEMP SEED; 1 Box Patent YEAST POWDERS; 3 Barrels Ground CASSIA; 12 Cases CASSIA; 30 dozen Corn BROOMS; 3 Agricultural FURNACES; 3 English PLOUGHS; 1 Road SCRAPER, Patent PLAINS, &c. &c. JARDINE & CO. Nov. 19, 1850.

19th October, 1850.

Received per recent arrivals from Liverpool and Glasgow—**SR** ROLLS SHEET LEAD, 2 casks SHOT; 100 lbs SPIKES—1 to 3 inch; 1 case Shot, Stainless & Mill SAWS, &c. Pore, Bole Ovens, Spiders, Grids, Boilers, &c. Cart Boxes and Wagon Boxes; Barrow Wheels; 2 cases Thompson's SCREW AUGERS; 1 case CAST STEEL; 1 case LONDON GLUE; 25 bags HOME NAILS; 1 case TRACES; Ploughshare Moulds, LEAD PIPE; 1 case SAD IRONS; 2 cases Spanners, OIL SCOWS, 181 Undersheet IRON. A VARIETY OF SHELL GOODS—Piles, Cutlery, Nails—and a good assortment of HARDWARE expected daily. C. & W. H. ADAMS.

Grocery Goods.

Just Landing, per "Edward"—**111 Packages Grocery Goods,**—consisting—**INDIGO,** SALT PEAS, Pearl BARLEY, English CHEESE, PICKLES and SAUCES, Black PEPPER, Writing and Wrapping PAPER, POLAR STARCH, Hair's Patent STARCH, FINE SOAP, Coleman's MUSTARD, INK, NUTMEGS, CURRANTS, and FIGS, CANDIED PEEL, SUGAR CANDY, CREAM TARTAR, White Vine Vinegar, GINGER—ground and whole, PEAS—soured, SCOTCH OAT MEAL, &c. &c. For Sale by JAMES MACFARLANE, Oct. 8.

Oil, Nails, and Tin.

By the Ship "Aron," from Liverpool—**11 P**IPES Raw Landed Oil, 25 boxes DC Charcoal, Fin Plates, 25 do IX do do, 60 casks rose-head Wrought NAILS—14, 16, 18, 20, and 24; 10 casks 6d. and 8d. clear-head Nails; 40 casks 5d. and 6d. HORSE NAILS. For Sale by JOHN KINNEAR, August 27th, 1850.

Ships' Provisions in Bond.

By the Ship "Aron" from Boston—**40 B**ARRELS Boston Inspection Prime PORK; 10 Do do do Prime MESS BEER. —also— 1 Hhd. Sugar Cured HAMS; 30 Barrels Boston CRACKERS; 10 do Soda Biscuits; 3 do Sugar do; 2 do Butter do; 5 do Extra Family Pilot BRAD, all newly Baked and best in Market. GEO. THOMAS, South Market Wharf, Nov. 12.

SUGAR, &c.

The Subscriber has just received, and now in course of landing—**25 C**HESTS Souchong TEAS, of superior quality, suitable for family use; 50 chests London FINE CONGO; 10 Hds. Bright quality SUGAR. JOHN V. THURGAR, North Market Wharf, Nov. 5.

JAMES BURRELL,

Corner of King and Germain Streets, Has received per Liban from London, Office from Liverpool, and Aurora from Glasgow, an excellent assortment of Fancy and Staple DRY GOODS, suitable for the Fall and Winter Seasons, consisting of—

LADIES' DRESS MATERIALS, in great variety: Gals Plaid and Tweed CLOAKINGS; SQUARE and LONG SHAWLS; 5-4 Printed COTTONS; GINGHAMS; Grey and White COTTONS; Red and White FLANNELS; SHIRTING STRIPES and BED TICKS; LLEWIS' LAWNS; HOLLANDS; DAMASK TABLE LINEN; TOWELLINGS; Pattern COVERS; LAWN HANDKERCHIEFS.

WOOLLEN FABRIC: PELERINES; COMFORTERS; Ladies' and Gent's GLOVES and HOSIERY; Children's Fancy and Plaid SOCKS; Do. Fancy Woolen HOODS; Do. Woolen FOLKAS; Do. Victorines, Mantillas and MUFFS; Black and Gold Silk and Cotton VELVETS; Bonnets and CAPS; Black Silk; Black Gilt; Black and Gold; Black and White; Black and Red; Black and Blue; Black and Green; Black and Yellow; Black and Orange; Black and Purple; Black and Brown; Black and Grey; Black and White; Black and Red; Black and Blue; Black and Green; Black and Yellow; Black and Orange; Black and Purple; Black and Brown; Black and Grey; Black and White.

MUSLINS: White and Coloured STAYS; Sewed HATS; SHIRTS and CUFFS; Infant's Frock BODIES, Robes and CAPS; Sewed Insertions and Edgings; Gent's SHIRT FRONTS and COLLARS; Do. Silk Pocket and Neck HANDKERCHIEFS; Cotton Batting, Fanned Cottons, Combs, Brushes, Whalebone, Small Wares, &c. &c. **MILLINERY.**

The Subscriber feels grateful for the liberal support he has hitherto received, and hopes by strict attention and low prices, to merit a continuation of past favors. JAMES BURRELL, Nov. 5, Corner of King and Germain Streets.

HOWARD HOUSE,

Fall & Winter Goods. THE Subscriber has now ready for sale a large lot of OVER COATS, in all shades and textures, together with a good assortment of **WINTER PANTS AND VESTS.** These above Goods have been made in the Establishment, the subscriber has no hesitation in recommending them, and they will be sold at reduced prices for CASH.

CLOTH DEPARTMENT. J. MYLES begs leave to call the attention of persons purchasing CLOTHS for Stock, which consists of Whitney, Beaver and Plaid Cloths, West of England Cloths and Doekings, in all shades; French, German, Victoria, and Albert Cloths, together with a splendid lot of Fancy Doekings and Tweeds, in all shades and textures. Parties wishing to purchase Wholesale will be liberally dealt with. October 22, JAMES MYLES.

Fall & Winter Goods.

Wholesale and Retail Warehouse, Prinze William Street. **J. & J. HEGAN**

Have received per Liban, Thos. Edward, Ulster, and John S. DeWolf, the whole of their **FALL IMPORTATIONS,** which have been carefully selected in the best Markets, and purchased for Cash.

—consisting of—**LINEN, WOOLLEN, COTTON and SILK** Manufactures, of every description: **L**ADIES' DRESS GOODS, in the newest and latest designs, in the most improved styles; **IRISH POPLINS and TABINETTS,** PLAIN SATINS and BROCADED SILKS; **HABERDASHERY, HOSIERY, GLOVES, RIBBONS, SHAWLS, LACES, TRIMMINGS, &c.** **F**INEST, Beaver, and Broad CLOTHS; **C**OSTUMES, Doekings, Tweeds, Vestings, &c. **G**ENTS, Straws, Handkerchiefs, Mufflers, Scarfs, &c. **C**ARPETINGS, Hearth Rugs, and Druggist, **M**OREENS and DAMASKS, with Trimming to match. **L**AWNS and Cotton SHEETINGS, Bed Ticks, Counterpanes and Quilt.

The public are respectfully invited to an inspection of the above, as the proprietors are determined to clear off the whole STOCK, at as low prices as can be afforded by any House in the Trade. **J. & J. HEGAN, CASH,** West side Prince William Street, St. John, 5th Nov., 1850.

WINTER GOODS.

Received per Ship "Harrist," "Thetis" and "Aurora"—**A** VARIETY OF GOODS, suitable for the coming season, comprising—**S**UPERFINE CLOTHS, Doekings, Kerseys, **P**LOTS and BEAVERS; fancy VESTINGS, **S**TROCK, Braes, Lincolnton, Sherr Collars, **D**RESS MATERIALS, in every variety, Long and Square Wool SHAWLS, Fashionable CLOAKINGS, **V**ictories, Muffs, Cuffs and Trimmings, **B**onnet and Cap RIBBONS, **G**LOVES and HOSIERY, all kinds; **B**LOUSES, NETTS and LACES, **L**ace and Blouse from VEELS, **C**ambrie, Silk and Cotton Handkerchiefs, **W**hite and Colored STAYS, **M**USLINS of every description, **T**weed and Plain Ribbons SHIRTING, **G**rey and White COTTONS, **P**rinted COTTONS and FURNITURES, **R**ed, Blue, Yellow, Pink and White FLANNELS, **R**ose and White BLANKETS, **C**redes and LACES, **I**rish LINENS, Lawns, Diaper, Hollands, **D**amask TABLE LINENS and TOWELS, **O**mburg, Canvas and Duck, **L**adies' BOOTS and SHOES; **G**ent's HATS and CAPS—each together with sundry Small Wares, will be disposed of at the lowest market prices. Nov. 19, W. G. LAWTON.

HORSE NAILS, Paper, &c. By the Ship "Aron" from Liverpool, just arrived—**40 K**EGS 8, 9, and 10d; box HORSE NAILS; 50 Reams of WRAPPING PAPER; 1 ton WIRE RODS, No. 3 and 6. For Sale by JOHN KINNEAR, Prince Wm. Street, Dec. 14.

Miscellaneous.

JOY.

There's joy when the rosy morning dawns
The purple east with light;
When the zephyr sweeps from a thousand banks
The peaty fumes of night.
There's joy in April's balmy showers,
Mid gleams in sunshine shed;
When May brings forth a thousand flowers,
To deck the earth's green bed.
There's joy when the lark exults in spring,
To pour his matin lay;
From the mill-bank thorn, when the blackbird sings,
And the merry minstrel may.
There's joy in the swallow's airy flight,
In the cuckoo's bilious cry;
When the glancing clouds reflect the light
Of evening's glowing sky.
There's joy in childhood's lively voice,
When the laugh rings loud and clear,
And the sounds that bid young hearts rejoice
Are music to the ear.
There's joy in the sweet noontime of youth,
Ere ere a shadow throws,
Across the radiant bow of truth,
To mar the soul's repose.
There's joy in the youthful lover's breast,
When his bride by his altar stands,
When his trembling lips to hers are pressed,
And the priest has joined their hands.
There's joy—dear joy—in the mother's heart,
When she looks on her infant's face;
And the tears of holy rapture start
To bless the lovely one.
There's joy above, around, beneath,
But 'tis a fleeting ray;
The world's stern strife, the hand of death,
Bid mortal hopes decay.
But there's a deeper joy than earth,
Which marks the spirit's second birth,
When man has died to live.

ARE THE PLANETS INHABITED?

ARE the planets inhabited? is a question which naturally presents itself to the human mind, and for a century past has attracted the attention of the science of astronomy. But when the immense distance which separates us even from the nearest of the planets is remembered, it can scarcely be a matter of surprise that the telescope affords us no direct evidence of the question, whether the planets like the earth are inhabited globes. Yet though it gives no direct answer to the inquiry, modern astronomy has, in its progress, furnished us with a means of connecting by the positions and motions, the physical character and conditions, the parts played in the solar system by the several globes of which that solar system is composed, with the laws which govern the planets, and with the same destinies as the earth. Thus, for example, we find that those orbs like our own, roll in regular periods round the sun, in the same direction, and in the same plane, and with the same degrees of obliquity to the ecliptic, and with the same degrees of eccentricity; that they are days and with atmosphere, supporting clouds and agitated by winds; and thus, also, their climates are modified by the same causes, and their seasons refresh their surfaces. For we know that wherever the existence of clouds is made manifest, there water must exist; there evaporation must go on; there electricity, and other phenomena, must reign; there rain must fall; there hail and snow must descend.

Notwithstanding the dense atmosphere and thick clouds which Venus and Mercury are thought to be enveloped, the telescope has enabled us to detect irregularities on their surfaces, and thus proved the existence of mountains and valleys. But upon the planets Mars and Jupiter, which are nearest to the earth, the greatest light is afforded, and made in this department of inquiry. Under favorable circumstances, its disc is seen to be marked with a network of light and dark spots, which are believed to be less reflective than land. Bar and Moulder, two Prussian astronomers, have done much of the labor of the examination of Mars, and the result has put us in possession of a more complete geography of that planet, almost as exact as that of our own, and in fact the geographical outlines of land and water have been made out with the same accuracy as in our own planet in relation to the same thing, remains to be considered. Among the shaded markings which have been noted by the telescope upon its disc, a remarkable region of brilliant light, standing out in bold relief, has been observed surrounding the visible pole. This highly illuminated spot is seen most plainly when it emerges from the long nights of the winter season; but as it is passed slowly beneath the heat of the solar beams it is found to have gradually contracted its dimensions; and at last, before it has plunged into the opposite side, it has entirely disappeared. But the opposite pole then coming into similar relations, is found to be furnished with a like luminous spot, which in its turn dissolves as it becomes heated by the summer sun. Now, these facts prove to us incontrovertibly, that the geographical regions of Mars are far similes of our own. In its long polar winters the snow accumulates in the dissolution of its high mountains and southern latitudes, until they become visible to us in consequence of their reflective properties; that these are slowly melted as the sun's rays gather power in the advancing season, until they cease to be appreciable to terrestrial eyes. The fact is a most striking one in reference to the present question.

If the moon has proved to us incontrovertibly that one of the celestial luminaries is a solid sphere, carved into elevations and depressions analogous to those familiar to us, as the mountains and valleys of the terrestrial surfaces, Mars teaches us emphatically that another among them, as a world, filled with its rains, and snows, and clouds, and seasons suited to the purposes and wants of organic life, which is minutely dependent upon such adaptations for its being.

"THE HALF CENTURY."—Extracts from an eloquent Discourse by the Rev. E. H. Chapin, of New York, on the great changes and progress of the last half century—
"Science the Pathway of Good"—Briefly, it may be said that the past half century exhibits colossal traits both of good and of evil. These stupendous achievements in the physical world have perhaps aided the tendency towards a widely extended materialism. As nature opens new fields for his enterprise and new incentives for his passions, man is attracted from the mighty agencies of his time, which interrupt the most sacred meditations, and best and per against every sanctuary. The spread of trade and commerce, the increase of luxury, the recent enormous development of wealth, have

an influence in binding us to higher relations, and in erecting false criteria. It has been, it is, an era of gigantic materialism. The age of Faith, the age of Chivalry, the age of Kings has gone by. Out from glittering mines and granite warehouses there comes a new Genius, with golden front, and lungs of flame and sinews of iron, and points to its smoking factories, its million wheels, its numbing agents in every zone, its fleets of ships on every sea, and says—'Lo! this is my age—the age of money-power and of material aspiration.' And he who perceives how feebly the appeals of religion are responded to; how faint the realities of the spiritual world shine through this yellow atmosphere of traffic and indulgence, and how the claims of truth and of absolute right are beat down by gross and conventional standards, cannot deny that it is so.

And yet, in the night and the commotion, the gigantic life of these material agents, who do not recognize unlimited capacities for moral results? Who does not see that these material vehicles may be, and are, the equipped and harnessed ministers of truth and goodness, adding strength to the natural limitations of man in the service of righteousness, as well as of evil? Who does not see that the fruits of science, multiplying material comforts, are thus clearing the way for moral results? Though vice is too apt to increase with civilization, still there appears to be an improvement from the gross and selfish indulgence of the preceding epoch. Moreover, though our practice may be more intensely materialistic, owing to the increase of agents, our philosophy is better. There is a reaction from the sensual and fatalistic theories of that time, and in the very existence of a nobler ideal there abides a hope.

Material Achievements.—Considering more specifically some of the constituents of this peculiarity, we remark that it has been an age of astonishing material achievements. This is illustrated by that series of brilliant triumphs which man has gained over Nature. It has been, emphatically, the era of science. Almost every vital connection of the human mind, a new life and vigor were poured into every department of discovery and invention. Physical Geography and the Science of Races may be said to be the births of the period. The progress of Chemistry has been such as to render the books of fifty years ago comparatively worthless, and the present phases of Geology belong to this time. The strange features of Electricity and Magnetism begin to reveal themselves; the earth is explored to its barriers of Arctic and Antarctic ice, while Astronomy has extended its golden links from Ceres to Neptune, and summoned up from unimagined depths the awful power of firmaments. All the scientific phases of the present time, marked both by extent and subtlety of research, improvement in the instruments of investigation, and a progress from vagueness and hypothesis to exhaustive accuracy and practical power.

From these attainments, among countless others, have proceeded these two great agents which have themselves acted upon the time with immeasurable effect—perhaps with more sudden and apparent influence than any other. Steam, and inure as a motive power at the end of the last century, as the agent of communication, trampling the waves or charming the rocks, and carrying us to the ends of the world, the electric telegraph, connecting continents and joining nations together—the product of this. So, too, is that other agency which outspeeds steam, as though it outsped the feet, and leaps on telegraphic nerves along the globe.

CELEBRATION OF FRANKLIN'S BIRTH-DAY.—The 145th anniversary of the birth-day of Benjamin Franklin was celebrated in New-York on the 17th of January, by a grand Banquet and appropriate literary exercises, under the auspices of the New-York Typographical Society. The literary exercises were of the most entertaining character, in which some of the most celebrated names in our literature were partakers. Among the guests were the poets Bryant and Halleck, side by side with Washington Irving and James the novelist, Hon. Charles King, Dr. Rufus Griswold, and Dr. Francis. After the conclusion of the exercises, which consisted of an address from Mr. James White, an oration from Hon. John W. Edmonds, and several highly beautiful odes, the company adjourned to the banquet-room. After supper, Mr. Nesbit offering as President, the regular toast was read, and responded to by the eminent gentlemen present. We have not room to provide our readers with all the speeches given on the occasion, although all possessed great interest and spirit; but we cannot refrain from presenting them with the following synopsis of the speech of the celebrated orator, Mr. G. P. R. James, made in response to the toast:—

Mr. G. P. R. James was cordially greeted on rising to respond to this toast. He commenced by remarking that he found a word in which he could not for a moment conceive to exist between the authors of this country and England—the word "strife." There may be emulation between them, but no strife. It was an Olympic prize, but the words to be won should be language and the trophies of common sense, science and letters, achieved by one common race, speaking a common language. He would be ashamed to place on his own brow, or the brow of any Englishman, a garland he was not willing to share with the children of this land. [Applause.] There can be no strife but a strife of friendship, and to who shall carry our language and literature to the highest point of perfection. Base must be the man who could contemplate, without enthusiasm, the magnificent spectacle of a race creating a greater than Roman or Grecian literature, and planting on this coast a branch which may erect a temple more glorious, and perpetuate the crowning works of the English language to the last syllable of recorded time. [Cheers.] How can I think of strife,

said Mr. James, when I see sitting there one of my oldest and dearest friends—need I name the name of Irving?—[Great applause]—when I think of Bryant, of Halleck, of my friend Bayard Taylor, of Prescott and Ticknor, whose hospitality I have enjoyed—of the solemn majesty of Bryant and the sparkling satire of Holmes—names which echo as strongly in the hearts of Englishmen as of any man in America! We Englishmen claim great and high renown for our authors. We rejoice in our Chaucer, our Spenser, Shakspeare and Milton; but are these English alone? Does not every one around me claim them as part of his inheritance? [Applause.]

When I come here to celebrate the birth-day of Franklin, I think of two things—Franklin the Printer and Franklin the Philosopher. To the Printer we owe much—to the Philosopher more. His general philosophy has opened the minds of men to general relations to worlds each other. No man is more indebted to Franklin than I. And here let me find one fault. I am a sad truth-teller. In travelling through this country, from Boston, the birthplace of Franklin, to Philadelphia, his residence, I have seen no monument, no record of his life, but this meeting to-night. Let tyrants raise monuments to military men and the bestial glory of war, but let a great and free people raise a monument to the noble memory of Franklin.

THE HABIT OF READING.—The young should always cultivate a habit of reading, for it may be to them, not only the means of information, but the perennial source of many of the finest enjoyments of life. They who make good books their constant companions, will never want good and faithful friends in their prosperous days, or those who will sympathize in the seasons of reverse. There can be no blank in the lives of those persons, who from active life, hold daily fellowship with the wisest and best of the race. We think we could hardly be tempted to exchange our habit of reading for any other friend it may be our fortune to find, our ear-drops. And we are sure that any who will make this habit a friend, will ever esteem it among the wisest steps of their lives, and so we counsel the young, from our own experience, among all their gettings in this world, to getting the habit, the love of reading—and always to have at hand a good book, with which to fill up every leisure hour, when commands one dollar per bushel. The yield per acre is not only double that of the States every year, but it is a never-failing crop. For the raising of wheat, rye, barley and corn, Oregon can challenge (we might almost say warrant the expression,) to a competition, the agriculturists of the entire continent.

Remarkable of the climate, it says—
No country in the world could have had 4 more pleasant fall than the Oregonians have enjoyed this season—the heat congenial to health—the mornings and evenings delightful. The rainy season, which constitutes our winter, seems to have set in; during the week past it has rained about half the time, and the atmosphere continues lovely.

MEXICO—GOLD AND SILVER.—The production of these two precious metals in the Republic has arrived to a state of prosperity unknown in former epochs, and the prosperity would yet be more considerable if the high price of gold were not an obstacle to the extraction of the silver from the inferior ores taken from the mines. According to the report presented to Congress by the Minister of Finance in February of the present year, it appears that in the 18 months from the 1st of January, 1848, to the 30th of June, 1850, the total amount of gold and silver mined in the States of Queretaro, Guerrero, Guanajuato, San Luis Potosi, Zacatecas and Jalisco, in which there must be added others which have since been discovered. The annual product of all these that are now worked is estimated at from 2,000 to 2,500 quintals, a quantity very much below that needed for the mining operations of our country, the annual consumption of which now amounts to 8,000 quintals. The richest of these mines is that of Guadalupe, in the State of San Luis Potosi, which produces more than 1,000 quintals a year.

KEEP IT BEFORE THE PEOPLE.—Advertisement has enlarged many a small business, has retarded many a dull business; has saved many a lost business; has preserved many a large business; has created many a new business.

WIDOW MASTER.—Bill Tomkins, that is a widow? Bill—A widow, sir, is a married woman, that hasn't got no husband, cause he's dead. Max—Very well. What is a widower? Bill—A widower is a man that runs after the widows. Max—Well, Bill, that is not according to Johnson, but it's his.

We find the following "arithmetical" test, by a schoolmaster, in one of our exchange papers:—"The ten daughters of America may they add virtue to beauty, abstract every form of friendship, multiple amiable accomplishments by sweetness of temper, devote time by assiduity and economy, and render standard to its own denomination?"

and powerful country; but with all her beauties and riches, stands in need of the presence, in her cities, of refined women, whose virtues and amiables are sure, at all times, to exert an interest of any country, but especially over the feelings of those of the sterner sex."

THE FIRST WEDDING.—Major Noah thus pleasantly and philosophically discourses, upon the "first wedding." He says—
"We like short courtships, and in this Adam acted like a sensible man—he fell asleep a bachelor, and awoke to find himself a married man. He appears to have popped the question almost immediately after meeting Mad'le Eve, and she without any flirtation or shyness gave him a kiss and herself. Of that first kiss in this world we have had, however, our own thoughts, and sometimes in a poetical mood have wished we were the man 'what did it.' But the deed is done—the chance was Adam's and he improved it.

"We like the notion of getting married in a garden. It is his good taste. We like a private wedding were there; no jealous maidens; no chattering aunts and grumbling grandmothers—The birds of heaven were the minstrels, and the glad sky flung its light upon the scene.

"One thing about the first wedding brings queer things to us, in spite of its scriptural truth. Adam and his wife were rather young to be married, for some two or three days old, according to the suggest speculations of theologians—mere babies—larger but not older—without experience—without a house—and without a pot or kettle—nothing but love and Eden."

AGRICULTURE IN OREGON.—The Oregon Spectator, in speaking of the occasional excitement breaking out there in consequence of exaggerated reports from the gold mines, remarks—
"We have an agricultural country superior to any on the continent; it is worth all the gold mines in America. The farmer here is the most independent man we have ever seen. Although he labours but he has the wherewithal to obtain anything that he may desire. A farmer can make more money from one acre of land in Oregon, when wheat is worth only fifty cents per bushel, than he can in any of the States, off the same quantity of land, when wheat commands one dollar per bushel. The yield per acre is not only double that of the States every year, but it is a never-failing crop. For the raising of wheat, rye, barley and corn, Oregon can challenge (we might almost say warrant the expression,) to a competition, the agriculturists of the entire continent.

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THE DEAF AND BLIND.—Dr. Darwin was of opinion that if a deaf person dreamed of hearing, the internal parts, essential to the function, were unimpaired. The same remark, says Dr. Smith, of Boston, is applicable to the blind. I have invariably found that the incurably deaf, as well as incurably blind, never dreamed of hearing or seeing.

Or one thousand infants fed by the mother's milk, not above three hundred die; but of the same number reared by wet nurses, five hundred die.

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