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HOLIDAY GOODS

NOW ARRIVING AT
C. E. McKEEN'S.

Immense Stock of GOLD & SILVER WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, &C.

DETAILS OF WHICH WILL APPEAR NEXT WEEK.

BOOTS AND SHOES IN STOCK AND TO ARRIVE

IN GREAT VARIETY.

MEN'S LONG BOOTS IN STOCK AT \$1.35 PER PAIR.

WAVERLY HOTEL,
NEWCASTLE, MICHIGI, N. B.
This House has lately been refurnished, and every possible arrangement made to ensure the comfort of travellers.
LIVERY STABLES, WITH GOOD OUTFIT, ON THE PREMISES.
ALEX. STEWART,
Proprietor
Newcastle, Dec. 2, 1878.

UNITED STATES HOTEL,
NEWCASTLE, MICHIGI
NEW BRUNSWICK.
THIS HOTEL is very pleasantly situated, has recently been fitted up in FIRST CLASS STYLE, is in close proximity to the O. Railway Station, and the wants of travellers will be attended to promptly.
Meals prepared at any hour. Oysters served up in every style at short notice.
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Newcastle, Oct. 8, 1877.

CANADA HOUSE,
CHATHAM, NEW BRUNSWICK
WM. JOHNSTON, Proprietor.
CONSIDERABLE outlay has been made on this house to make it a first class Hotel, and travellers will find it a desirable temporary resort. It is situated within two minutes walk of steambank landing. The proprietor returns thanks to the public for the encouragement given him in the past, and will endeavor by courtesy and attention to merit the same in the future.
Good Stabling on the Premises.
May 18th, 1878. 14ly

CENTRAL HOUSE,
CARAQUET, NEW BRUNSWICK
George Young, Proprietor.
Having at considerable expense furnished a house of the late James Young, it is now prepared to accommodate three travellers and permanent boarders.
The house is situated within three minutes walk of the Public Wharf, and affords a fine view of the Bay Chaleur. A large Sample Room has been placed at the disposal of Commercial Travellers.
Good Stabling on the Premises.
February 1, 1882.

ROYAL HOTEL,
45 King Street,
ST. JOHN, N. B.
THIS SPLENDID HOTEL, the finest in the Maritime Provinces, is now open for the reception of Guests, who will find it an excellent Table (well served), and ample, comfortable and well-ventilated rooms. The Building has been thoroughly refitted, repainted and decorated; and furnished throughout with New and Elegant Furniture. The Proprietor, who has been so long connected with the Hotel business in St. John, has omitted nothing which his experience suggests for the comfort of his Guests.
The Hotel contains BATHS and all other conveniences.
THOS. F. RAYMOND,
St. John May 11, 1881. 18

SEELY & McMILLAN,
BARRISTERS, &C.,
77 PRINCE WILIAM STREET,
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GEO. B. SEELY. T. H. McMILLAN
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SPECIALTIES.
We have great pleasure in calling attention to our
New Styles of Water Overboots,
Ladies' Button Walking Boot, to be worn without an inside Shoe. Ladies' Alpine Ladies' to be worn with slipper.
Ladies' Snowflake Overboot, fleece lined, Ladies' Monitor Overboot, Gaiter Monitor Overboot. All the above are high cut and waterproof.

ESTAY, ALLWOOD & CO.,
Dealers in Mill Supplies and Rubber Goods.
SAINT JOHN, N. B.

SAMUEL THOMSON,
Barrister and Attorney-at-Law,
Solicitor in Bankruptcy,
NOTARY PUBLIC &C.
LOANS Negotiated, Claims Promptly Collected, and Professional Business in all its branches, executed with accuracy and despatch.
C. FICE—PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND CASTLE STREET.
NEWCASTLE, MICHIGI, N. B.
July 17, 1878.

ADAMS & LAWLOR,
Attorneys and Barristers at Law,
Solicitors in Bankruptcy
Conveyancers, Notaries Public, &c.,
Real Estate, & Fire Insurance Agents.
CLAIMS collected in all parts of the Dominion.
OFFICES:
NEWCASTLE AND BATHURST.
M. ADAMS. R. A. LAWLOR.
July 18th, 1878.

L. J. TWEEDIE,
ATTORNEY & BARRISTER
AT LAW,
NOTARY PUBLIC,
CONVEYANCER, &c.,
CHATHAM, N. B.
OFFICE—Old Bank of Montreal.

A. H. JOHNSON,
BARRISTER AT LAW,
Solicitor, Notary Public,
&c., &c.,
CHATHAM, N. B.
July 10, 1877.

R. B. ADAMS,
A Attorney at Law
Notary Public, &c.
OFFICE UP STAIRS, NOONAN'S BUILDING,
Water Street, Chatham,
July 31-1yr.

DESBRISAY & DESBRISAY,
Barristers, Attorneys, Notaries,
Conveyancers, etc.
OFFICES:
ST. PATRICK STREET, BATHURST, N. B.
Thompson Desbrisay, Q. C. T. Swaine Desbrisay

JOHN McALISTER,
Barrister & Attorney-at-Law,
NOTARY PUBLIC,
CONVEYANCER, &c.,
CAMPBELLTON, N. B.
May 5, 1879. 7

WILLIAM MURRAY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
NOTARY PUBLIC,
CAMPBELLTON, N. B.
OFFICE—MURRAY'S BUILDING,
WATER STREET.
May 1, 1882.

RICHARDSON & M'INERNEY,
BARRISTERS,
NOTARIES PUBLIC, &C.
OFFICES AT RICHMONT AND NEW CASTLE.
C. RICHARDSON. GEO. V. M'INERNEY, LL.B.
Sept. 13, 1882.

DR McDONALD,
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON.
OFFICE AND RESIDENCE
IN DESMOND'S BUILDING,
LOWER WATER STREET.
CHATHAM, N. B.
Chatham, June 28, 1881.

R. McLEARN, M. D.,
PHYSICIAN & SURGEON,
Graduate of University Medical College, New York.
OFFICE—In Dr. Freeman's Building,
Newcastle, July 12, 1880.

DR. H. A. FISH,
Physician and Surgeon.
Office—Residence of James Fish, Esq.
Hours 12 to 12, 1 to 4, & 6 to 9.
Newcastle, March 1, 1881.

H. LUNAM, B. A., M. D.,
GRADUATE OF UNIVERSITY OF M'ILL COLLEGE, MONTREAL.
Successor to Dr. Balcom.
OFFICE AT MR. ROBERT SINCLAIR'S
RESIDENCE,
CAMPBELLTON, N. B.
October 15, 1881. 18-17

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GENERAL DEALER,
Auctioneer & Commission Merchant,
CHATHAM MICHIGI, N. B.
Merchandise and Produce received on Commission.
Liberal Advances made on Consignments.
NO CHARGE FOR STORAGE.
AUCTION SALES, and all Business in connection with the same, attended to promptly.
EDWARD B. ROWE,
BOSTON, MASS.
GENERAL MERCHANDISE FORWARDED.
PARTICULAR ATTENTION GIVEN TO
FORWARDING FRESH FISH.
RE-ICEING, &C.,
at low rates. Address
E. B. ROWE,
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WIRAMICHI MARBLE WORKS,
WATER ST., CHATHAM,
WILLIAM LAWLER,
Importer of Marble & Manufacturer of MONUMENTS, TABLES, HEADSTONES, MANTELS, TABLETOPS, &c.
A GOOD STOCK ALWAYS ON HAND.
GRANITE MONUMENTS made to order; CASES and SILLS for windows supplied at short notice. FREESTONE WORK in all its branches attended to, and satisfaction given.
January 24, 1878.

MOWING MACHINE REPAIRS,
ETC.
PARTIES having MOWING MACHINES out of order can have them repaired in a prompt and satisfactory manner at my shop. I am also prepared to STEEL AXES and other Edge Tools, and am well fitted up for
GUMMING AND RETOOTHING SAWS.
Orders respectfully solicited.
JOHN BUCKLEY.
Newcastle, July 18.

DECKER BROS. AND FISCHER'S
PIANOS.
Mason and Hamlin Organs,
FREDERICTON.
HALL'S BOOK STORE,
SCHOOL BOOKS,
COLLEGE BOOKS,
SABBATH SCHOOL LIBRARIES,
BIBLES AND TESTAMENTS,
DAY BOOKS,
JOURNALS,
AND LEDGERS.
BLANK BOOKS OF ALL KINDS,
NOTE PAPER,
FOOLSCAP,
PRINTING PAPER,
ENVELOPES

FRENCH BOOKS of all kinds.
EVERYTHING TO BE FOUND IN A
FIRST-CLASS
BOOK AND MUSIC STORE
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL. M. S. Hall,
FREDERICTON, APRIL 12th 1882.

MILLINERY FOR FALL & WINTER.
Expected to-day—a large variety of
SATIN AND PLUSH HATS,
Hats and Bonnets in Straw, (all styles), a fine assortment of Fashionable Dress Buttons, a number of Ladies' Work Aprons and other goods
S. A. JARDINE,
Windsor, Ont., Canada.
Sold in NEWCASTLE by E. LEE STURGEON, and all druggists everywhere.

WOLFS.
In Berlin, Zeyphr, Victoria, Peacock, Adulation and Greyel, as well as a stock of
WOOL GOODS,
In Fancy Wool Hoods, Children's Jackets, Fancy Mittens, etc.
Ladies' Lines and Lace Collars and Handkerchiefs, together with other goods usually found in a well-kept Millinery Establishment.
HATS AND BONNETS TRIMMED
in the latest and most fashionable styles. In stock—STATIONERY of all kinds.
S. A. JARDINE,
Newcastle, Sept. 25, 1882.

Leather & Shoe Findings.
THE Subscriber returns thanks to his numerous customers for past favors, and would say to all that he keeps constantly on hand a full supply of the best quality of goods to be had and at lowest rates for cash. Also, S. R. Foster & Son's Nails and Tacks of all sizes, and Clarke & Son's Boot Trees, Lasts, &c. English Tops as well as home made Tops to order, of the best material. Wholesale and Retail. J. J. CHRISTIE & CO.,
No. 66 King St., St. John, N. B.
April 29, 1878. 30

HARNESS.
The subscriber is prepared to make up
Driving & Working HARNESS,
of every description, in a workmanlike manner, and at favorable prices.
On hand, a quantity of
HEAVY WORK HARNESS AND COLLARS,
which will be sold at reasonable prices.
REPAIRING
promptly attended to.
FRANK MORRISSEY,
Newcastle, Sept. 5, 1882.

FEED. FEED.
JUST RECEIVED
ONE CAR LOAD SHORTS.
SOLD LOW FOR CASH AT
P. HENNESSY'S
Moncton, Nov. 20.

A NOTED BUT UNTITLED WOMAN.

(From the Boston Globe)



The above is a good likeness of Mrs. Lydia E. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., who is called the "Dear Friend of Woman," and is widely known to her countrymen. She is a woman of a life-long, and is obliged to keep six lady assistants, to help her answer the large correspondence which daily pours in upon her, each bearing its special burden of suffering, or joy at release from it. Her "Vegetable Compound" is a medicine for good and not evil purposes. I have personally investigated it and am convinced of its value, and it is especially adapted to the "Change of Life."
On account of its proven merits, it is recommended and prescribed by the best physicians in the country. One says: "It works a charm and saves much pain. It will cure entirely the worst form of falling of the uterus, Leucorrhoea, irregular and painful menstruation, all Ovarian Troubles, Inflammation and Ulceration, Floodings, all Displacements and the consequent neuralgic and other troubles, and is especially adapted to the 'Change of Life.'"
It purifies every portion of the system, and gives new life and vigor. It removes fatness, fatty liver, destroys all craving for stimulants, and relieves weakness of the stomach, cures Headaches, Rheumatic, Nervous Prostration, General Debility, Displacement, down, causing pain, weight and backache, is always permanently cured by its use. It will at all times, and under all circumstances, be successful with the female system.
It costs only 50¢ per bottle or six for \$3, and is sold by druggists. Any advice respecting its special merits, and the names of many who have been restored to perfect health by the use of the "Vegetable Compound," can be obtained by addressing Mrs. P., with stamp for reply, at her home in Lynn, Mass.
For Kidney Complaint of either sex this compound is unsurpassed as abundant testimonials show.
"Mrs. Pinkham's Live Pills," says one, "are the best in the world for the cure of Constipation, Biliousness and Torpidity of the Liver. Her Blood Purifier works wonders in the special line and helps to equal the Compound in its popularity. All most respect her as an Angel of Mercy whose sole business is to do good to others."
Factory at Standstead P. Q.—Trade supplied by Wholesale Druggists.

THE SPOT ON VENUS.
HOW IT WAS DISCOVERED BY PROF. LANGLEY.
PITTSBURGH, Penn., Dec. 8.—Prof. S. P. Langley, whose discovery in relation to the recent transit of Venus of a 're-markable and heretofore unobserved spot on the body of that planet has awakened such general interest in scientific circles, was interviewed by your correspondent to-night. "Have you completed your calculations upon the results achieved?" enquired the writer.
"No, sir, we have not," replied the Professor. "Many months will elapse before the full results of the recent transit will not be known definitely for years."
"What achievements were especially anticipated by scientists in their observations on the recent transit?"
"Quite a number. One was to correct the total error of previous observations as to the distance of the sun. The full results of the observations of the transit of the planet Venus, though why such a pre-eminence should exist we are at a loss to say."
"I have none at all. It is wholly inexplicable. Owing to the wobbly edge of the planet, it is possible that the spot was wholly upon the body of the planet. It might have been a protuberance. In that case I am also unable to account for it. From its appearance, however, I judge that it covered 2,000 miles or more of the planet. It might be due in some way to refraction, caused by an extraordinary protuberance of the atmosphere of Venus, though why such a protuberance should exist we are at a loss to say."
Prof. Langley at this point retired, and his assistant, Mr. Keeler, remarked: "Aside from the observation to determine the distance of the sun, we entered the subject next in importance the spectroscopic observations of Professor Young, of Princeton, affording, as he says, unmistakable evidence of the presence of water upon the planet Venus suggests the probability of inhabitants. No person would care to say that Venus is not inhabited," replied the gentleman with a laugh. The presence of water renders this more probable.—N. Y. Times.

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THE GREAT CURE
FOR
RHEUMATISM
BRUISES, SWELLINGS, GRAVEL, GOUT, NEURALGIA, MIGRAINE, SCIATICA, LIVER AND BOWELS, AND ALL AFFECTIONS OF THE URINARY SYSTEM.
It cures the most distressing suffering which can befall the human system, and is the only medicine which has cured thousands of cases of the above named ailments, and in short time perfectly cured.
It is sold in bottles of 50¢ and \$1.00 each, and is sold by all druggists.
A CURE GUARANTEED.
MAGNETIC MEDICINE.

PETER LOGGIE,
Wood Moulding & Planing MILL,
Near the Ferry Landing, CHATHAM.
EVERY DESCRIPTION OF FINISHING
for House or Ship Work, manufactured to order.
Venetian Blinds, Doors and Sashes Pine and Walnut Mouldings, Jig Sawing and Planing, a Specialty
Estimates and Specifications furnished on application.
Orders attended to with despatch.
P. LOGGIE.

Remember This.
If you are sick Hop Bitters will surely aid Nature in making you well when all else fails.
If you are constipated or dyspeptic, or are suffering from any of the numerous diseases of the stomach or bowels, it is your own fault if you remain ill, for Hop Bitters is a sovereign remedy in all such complaints.
If you are weary with any form of Kidney disease, stop tempting Death this moment, and turn to a cure to-day. It is a potent, but safe, and reliable medicine. Nervousness, you will find a "Balm in Gilead" in the use of Hop Bitters.
In short they cure all Diseases of a miasmatic district, barricade your system against the scourge of all countries—malaria, epidemic, bilious, and intermittent fevers—by the use of Hop Bitters.
If you have rough, pimply, or scabby skin, bad breath, pains and aches, and feel miserable generally, Hop Bitters will give you fair skin, rich blood, and sweetest breath, health, and comfort.
Kidneys, Bright's Disease, \$5.00 will be paid for a case they will not cure or help.
That poor, bedridden, invalid wife, sister, mother, or daughter, can be made the picture of health, by a few bottles of Hop Bitters, costing but a trifle. Will you let them suffer?
Solely in New York City, N. Y., at the
"HARVEY'S" Dispensary, 107 N. 2nd St., N. Y. City.

Arabi Exiled.
Arabi will shortly leave for Ceylon, his future exile home, and he will be accompanied by some of his comrades in arms. Six of those who will be deported stood in the same category with their chief, Touba Pasha, was only less conspicuous than Arabi during the progress of hostilities. He commanded the main army at Kair-el-Dwar, and was associated with Arabi in the surrender to Gen. Drury Lowe at Cairo the day after the battle of Kair-el-Dwar. Abdel Pasha commanded the Northern Egyptian army at Damietta, and was the last of the insurgent leaders to shake his sword. He kept his flag flying for ten days after the collapse of the national cause. An Felmy led one of the wings of the Egyptian army in the attack upon the English Camp at Kassassin Lock. He was wounded in that encounter and retired to Cairo, where he was captured by Drury Lowe, Mahomed Pasha, the best strategist as well as the best general in the Egyptian service, was captured by the English on the village of Kassassin. Yakoub Samy, Arabi's under secretary in the department of war, took command of the Egyptian force at Kair-el-Dwar after the departure of Touba Pasha, and carried out the surrender of that post to Sir Evelyn Wood.

Barnum and the Deacon.
A church deacon asked Mr. Barnum for a "pass" to see the "winter quarters." The veteran woman replied: "I've 'passed' on my own. I've never issued one, but the big show except to editors, clergymen or orphan asylums, or to persons who render us equal aid in services, is none way. Nobody will get inside the 'winter quarters' except editors, or in very special cases, my parents, or myself accompany them. Without such protection there is danger from the wild animals which are not so carefully ruled off from passers-by, as in our public exhibitions. Besides, strangers disturb the trainers of our animals, and cause our numerous workmen delay in their work." "Is that not carrying your restrictions too far?" asked the deacon. "No," replied Barnum, "and as you generally like scriptural authority for everything, I present you this printed card to ponder." The card read as follows:
FREE PASSES.—In those days there were no passes given.
"Search the scriptures."
"Thou shalt not pass."—Num. xx, 18.
"Suffer not a man to pass."—Judges iii, 28.
"A sinner's sin, art, science and development in all directions were of the most primitive order, but were not to be despised."—The artist's rank with us in that and foremost of the old world; our scientists and the most advanced progress was made in the bones of the masses abroad. Through the operations of the great art publishing house of George S. Young & Co., of Portland, Maine, who sell, on an average, of all descriptions, a million pictures, and the most numerous than any other house in the world at large. During the year 1879 they paid postage stamps over eight-hundred thousand dollars. During the year 1880 they paid for postage stamps over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, while for the year 1881 they paid for postage stamps over one hundred and forty thousand dollars. Thus it will be seen that Messrs. Young & Co. pay the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of postage collected by the United States Government, and it should be remembered that the year past they have expended in newspaper advertising over three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
Enterprise, industry and good judgment will accomplish great things, and in the success of this great art publishing house we have a forcible example of that fact, and now they are preparing nearly fifty thousand copies of the great art publishing house of George S. Young & Co., of Portland, Maine, who sell, on an average, of all descriptions, a million pictures, and the most numerous than any other house in the world at large. During the year 1879 they paid postage stamps over eight-hundred thousand dollars. During the year 1880 they paid for postage stamps over one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, while for the year 1881 they paid for postage stamps over one hundred and forty thousand dollars. Thus it will be seen that Messrs. Young & Co. pay the two hundred and fifty thousand dollars of postage collected by the United States Government, and it should be remembered that the year past they have expended in newspaper advertising over three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.
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New Advertisements.
1882. 1883
INTERNATIONAL S. S. COY.
WINTER ARRANGEMENT.
TWO TRIPS A WEEK.
ON AND AFTER MONDAY, DEC. 4th, and until further notice, the splendid new going Steamers of the Line will make **TWO TRIPS A WEEK**, leaving, Reed's Point Wharf **EVERY MONDAY AND THURSDAY** mornings at eight o'clock for Eastport, Portland and Boston, connecting to both ways at Eastport with steamer Charles A. Houghton for St. Andrew's, St. Stephen and Calais.
Returning will leave Commercial Wharf, Boston, every Monday and Thursday Mornings, at 8.30 o'clock, and Portland at 6 o'clock, p. m., for Eastport and St. John. Through Tickets can be procured at this office and at H. CHUBB, Co.'s, to all points of Canada and the United States.
No claims for allowance after goods leave the warehouse.
Freight received Wednesdays and Saturdays only up to 6 o'clock, p. m.
H. W. CHISHOLM, Agent.

WISE people are always on the lookout for chances to improve their condition, and in time become wealthy; those who do not improve their opportunities remain in poverty. We offer a great chance to make money. We want many more women, boys and girls to work for us right in their own homes. We can do the work properly from the first start. The business will pay more than ten times ordinary wages. Expensive outfit furnished free. No one who engages fails to make money rapidly. You can devote your whole time to the work, or only your spare moments. Full information and all that is needed sent free. Address: **WISDOM & FISH**, Dec. 14, 41 Dock St., St. John, N. B.

STEAM AND HOT WATER HEATING APPARATUS.
WISDOM & FISH furnish and set up Low Pressure Steam Heating Apparatus, with all the latest improvements in Stoves, Public Buildings, etc., etc., at as low price as will purchase first-class work.
Economy, durability, safety and efficiency, we claim, are combined in our apparatus.
Hot Water Heating Apparatus, for residences, a specialty, set up by competent workmen, and guaranteed satisfactory.
Specifications, plans and estimates furnished promptly and on application. References if required.
WISDOM & FISH, Dec. 14, 41 Dock St., St. John, N. B.

RAISINS.
100 BOXES LAYERS;
200 Boxes London Layers;
100 Boxes Valencia.
Lately received by **JARDINE & CO.**, Wholesale Grocers, St. John, December 18.



PERSONS IN SEARCH OF
Holiday Presents,
will find an excellent stock of
Fancy and Useful Articles,
—AT—
J. W. DAVIDSON'S,
COMPRISING
Japanese Goods,
in Wall and Letter Brackets, Trays,
Collar, Cuff and Fancy Boxes,
etc.,
FANCY TOILET CASES AND SETS,
Glove and Handkerchief Boxes,
Bon-Bon Boxes,
Jewel Stands,
Fancy Pin Cushions,
Whisk Markers,
Fruit Baskets,
Smokers' Sets,
Ash Trays &
Tobacco Jars,
Cigar Cases,
FANCY MATCH SAFES,
Ladies' and Gentlemen's
DRESSING CASES,
PICTURE FRAMES,
assorted sizes for small and Cabinet Photos, Photograph Albums and Music Rolls, Vases, Individual Cups and Saucers, and Sets of Cup, Saucer and Plate.
Gentlemen's Suspenders in boxes, specially for the Christmas Trade, Fancy Slippers, Silk Handkerchiefs, and Ties, etc.
Ladies' Fancy and Plain Handkerchiefs, in boxes. A few Hand Fire Screens and handsome Fans, Satin Collars and Silk Ties, Gloves, Purses, Wallets, etc.
Also a lot of **POULTRY**, and the usual stock of **CHRISTMAS GROCERIES**, spices, etc.
Newcastle, Dec. 12, 1882. 4w.

PARTIES
Buying Christmas Groceries etc., will find at
M. M. SARGEANT'S
A choice stock of
RAISINS,
CURRANTS,
SPICES of all kinds,
CITRUS,
LEMON and ORANGE PEEL,
ESSENCES in Peppermint,
LEMON & VANILLA,
TEAS,
MOLASSES,
etc., etc.
NEWMAN'S
PURE GOLD BAKING POWDER,
a splendid article of which housekeepers should always have a supply.
ALSO—A stock of the well known
ADAMS CLUB SKATES,
all sizes, cheap for cash.
M. M. SARGEANT,
Newcastle, Dec. 11, 1882.

'82 X'MAS!
'83 NEW YEAR!

*Christmas comes but once a year,
Before it comes the Cards appear.*

I HAVE JUST RECEIVED
300 Dozen Cards

which for Design and Variety surpass anything ever before shown.
GOLD GOODS!
SILVER GOODS!

Also, a great many other articles suitable for a
NICE PRESENT CLOTHS! CLOTHS!
For LADIES' ULSTERS and JACKETS, GENTS' OVERCOATS and SUITINGS, cheaper than ever.

Clothing! Clothing!
Men's and Boy's OVERCOATS and ULSTERS, REEFING JACKETS, SUITS, SHIRTS, DRAWERS and LINDERS, GUERNSEYS, etc.

The Largest, Cheapest and Best Stock in Miramichi.
JUST TO HAND—
200 Pieces GREY and WHITE COTTONS, 75 Pieces Winceys, 25 Pieces DRESS GOODS, 50 SHAWLS, 75 Pairs BLANKETS, 70 Pairs DR. WARNER'S HEALTH CORSETS.
My stock of

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,
will be found complete, and Prices Low for the Class of Goods.
FURS. FURS. FURS.
MUFFS and BOAS, Ladies', Misses' and Gents' CAPS, MITTS and GLOVES, TRUNKS and VALISES, BOOTS, OVERSHOES and RUBBERS, the largest stock in town.
CHOICE GROCERIES, GUNS & REVOLVERS.
CHEAP CASH STORE.
Highest Cash Price paid for RAW FURS.
Newcastle, Dec. 12, 1882. 4w **JAMES BROWN.**

JUST RECEIVED
—AT—
Dr. R. McLearn's
DRUG STORE.
NEWCASTLE DISPENSARY.
A Choice selection of
HOLIDAY PRESENTS,
consisting of a few Ladies' Handsome
Dressing Cases,
in Plush and Russia Leather,
Odor Cases, Toilet Bottles, Toilet Sets,
Paper Weights, Jewel Boxes, Fancy Boxes, Hand Mirrors, Shaving Mugs, Brushes.
WALKING CANES,
Also—A fine and well selected stock of
PERFUMERY.
in Fancy Boxes, comprising Lubin's and Lulborg's Perfumes, Rimmel's Lavender Water, Piver's Lavender Water, Lubin's Eau de Vie, Florida Water, HOYT'S GERMAN COLOGNE and PERFUMERY IN BULK.
Also, additions to the general stock, consisting of a fresh supply of
Putner's Emulsion of Cod Liver Oil,
Robinson's do.,
Cod Liver Oil (plain),
Cod Liver Oil (Skrei Brand),
Two cases Quinine Wine,
Cases Liebig's Extract of Beef,
Beef, Iron and Wine,
Lyman's Concentrated Extract of Coffee,
Lactopeptine, all kinds of Liniments,
SOAPS,
in Cashmere, Bouquets, Jockey Club, Vaseline, Tar, Oatmeal, Savon au Reseda, Castile, White and Mottled, Pear's Glycerine, Pear's Shaving Sticks.
A very superior lot of
BRUSHES.
Dr. Scott's Electric Hair Brushes, Dr. Scott's Electric Flesh Brushes, Infants' Brushes, Clothes and Tooth Brushes, etc.
A few of
Dr. Gray's Supporters,
with many other articles to be found in a druggist's establishment.
STAND—Near the Waverley Hotel.
NO CARDS!
Newcastle, December 12, 1882. 4w

HOLIDAY PRESENTS.
1882--1883.

Just received and opened at the
Newcastle Drug Store,
the best assortment of

FANCY GOODS & X'MAS CARDS
for the holiday season ever seen in Newcastle, consisting in part of
JAPANESE TEA TRAYS, CARD BOXES, TOBACCO BOXES, CALENDARS, CARD RECEIVERS, BRACKETS, BLOTTERS, PAPER WEIGHTS & INK STANDS.

Fancy Cups and Saucers,
Ladies' and Gents' Dressing Cases, Perfumery Cases, Plush Stand Mirrors, Card Cases, Jewel Cases,
Photograph and Album Albums,
PLAQUES, WRITING DESKS AND WORK BOXES,
CHECKER and BACKGAMMON BOARDS,
Wax and China Dolls,
Christmas Tree Ornaments, Candles and Candle Holders for Christmas Trees,
Also a splendid line of

GAMES
such as Bamboozle, Tivoli, Round the World, Parlor Croquet, Clifkekered Game of Life, American Toy Village, Circus, Agricultural Fairs, Creedmoor Target Gun, Lovesand Likes, Popular Authors, Visit to the Gipsies, Madam Morrow's Fortune Teller, Squids, Old Maid, Dr. Fushy, Pinafore, Golden Egg, Words and Sentences, Little Housekeeper, Dominoes, Checkers, and numerous others.

Christmas & New Year's Cards,
ranging in price from
TWO CENTS to ONE DOLLAR each.
Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.
E. LEE STREET.
Newcastle, December 12, 1882. 5i.

A MERRY X'MAS
—AND—
A HAPPY NEW YEAR
To my Customers, Friends, and the Public generally.

Now that the year 1882 is almost at a close, those in need of
GOOD HARNESS,
should throw aside the old articles, and begin the New Year with a new outfit, which they can do advantageously by calling at
M. O. Thompson's Harness Establishment,
and select what they need from the large stock of
Team and Lumber Harness
now on hand, or leave their orders for SETS or PIECES, which will be executed to their satisfaction, both as regards prices and workmanship.

Collars! Collars!!
On hand, or made to order, the most reliable Collar ever offered to the Public, guaranteed to fit like a glove. No sore shoulders where they are used. Over two hundred have been sold this fall, and the first complaint has yet to be heard. In stock,
ALL KINDS OF WHIPS & THONGS,
CURRY and MANE COMBS,
Halters in great variety,
Surcingle, Horse Blankets, (home made and a perfect fit,) Snaps, Interfering Boots and Rings, Horse Cards, BRUSHES of all kinds, Harness Oils, Neatsfoot do.

Bells. BELLS. Bells.
BACK BELLS,
SHAFT BELLS,
NECK BELLS,
SIDE BELLS,
and everything else necessary to make your horse look gay for a
CHRISTMAS DRIVE.
Also, Felt Sweat Pads, Zinc Collar Pads, for use in the Woods.
Come one, come all, and give us a call.
Repairing attended to Promptly.
Orders solicited and satisfaction guaranteed.
M. O. Thompson.
Newcastle, Dec. 12, 1882. 4w

1881 JUNE, 1881
I am offering a large stock of
READY MADE CLOTHING,
AT VERY LOW PRICES. ALSO,
25 Half Chests Tea,
—AT—
WHOLESALE PRICES.
James Fish.
Newcastle, June 6.

MANCHESTER,
ROBERTSON
& **ALLISON,**
IMPORTERS OF
DRY GOODS and MILLINERY
OF EVERY DESCRIPTION,
WHOLESALE and RETAIL.
MANUFACTURERS OF
SHIRTS OF ALL KINDS,
27 & 29 KING ST. SAINT JOHN.
St. John, October 18, 1881. 10-1y

OVER SHOES
—AND—
Snow Excluders.
Just Received at the
SALTER BRICK STORE,
500 PAIRS

Men's, Ladies' and Children's
PLAIN AND FANCY
Over Shoes
—AND—
SNOW EXCLUDERS.
JOHN FERGUSON.
Newcastle, December 5, 1882.

X'MAS IS COMING!
Photographs, Engravings and Picture Frames. Old Pictures Copied and Enlarged.
Having secured the services of a competent operator, Mr. A. C. Woods, we are prepared to execute all work in above lines promptly and in first class style. We have on hand and to arrive a full stock of **MOULDINGS**, which we will make to order at reasonable prices. Give us a call and satisfy yourself that we are able to make the best **PHOTOGRAPHS and TYPES** ever made in Newcastle. We aim to please every time. Don't forget the place, over **Miss Jardine's Military Establishment**—opposite Public Square.
A. C. WOODS, J. Y. MERISBEREAU, Operator, Proprietor.
Newcastle, Dec. 5, 1882.

IF YOU WANT
A REALLY
NICE PRESENT
—FOR—
A Friend,
—GO TO—
George Stables' VARIETY Establishment,
Where you can make your selection from a large and excellent stock of
Useful & Fancy Articles
Suited to the Season.
—O—
X'MAS & NEW YEAR CARDS
BELOW-COST.
—O—
A Splendid Stock of
Confectionery,
in great variety, including a
GOOD MIXTURE
at 15 cents per pound during the Holidays.
Mixed Nuts
at 12 cents per pound.
The usual stock of
GROCERIES!
G. STABLES.
Newcastle, Dec. 13, 1882. 4w

PARSONS' PURGATIVE PILLS
MAKE NEW RICH BLOOD.
And will completely change the blood in the entire system in three months. Any person who will take 1 Pill each night from 1 to 12 weeks, may be restored to sound health, if such a thing be possible. For curing Female Complaints these Pills have no equal. Physicians use them in their practice. Sold everywhere, or sent by mail for eight letter-stamps. Send for circular. **J. S. JOHNSON & CO., BOSTON, MASS.**

DIPHTHERIA
JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT will instantly relieve these terrible cases, and will positively cure also cases of tetanus. Information that will save many lives and free by mail. Don't delay a moment. Prevention is better than cure.
JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT (For Internal and External Use). CURES Chronic Rheumatism, Chronic Diarrhoea, Chronic Dysentery, Cholera, Whooping Cough, Spasmodic Croup, Sore Throat, Stomachic Pain, and all other ailments of the throat, chest, and lungs. Sold everywhere. Send for pamphlet to J. S. Johnson & Co., Boston, Mass.

MAKE HENS LAY
THE BEST WAY TO SAVE MONEY!
IS TO BUY YOUR
Harness, Collars, &c.,
WHOLESALE OR RETAIL, AT
MEN AUGHTON BROS.,
Main Street,
Moncton, N. B.
Satisfaction guaranteed in every way.
Moncton, December 18, 1882.

\$40,000.00
WORTH OF
GENERAL DRY GOODS,
FOR OUR FALL AND WINTER TRADE, NOW ON DISPLAY.
EXTRAORDINARY VALUE.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL.
Newcastle, Sept. 26, 1882.

SUTHERLAND & CREAGHAN,
OUR TAILORING DEPARTMENT.
ON TIME! ON TIME!!
WITH OUR NEW FALL TWEEDS!
JUST ARRIVED—AN ELEGANT ASSORTMENT OF
SCOTCH, ENGLISH & CANADIAN TWEEDS, DOESKINS, BROADCLOTHS, DIAGONALS, OVERCOATINGS, ETC., ETC.

These goods will be made up in our usual FINE STYLE. FITS and WORKMANSHIP GUARANTEED. Call and examine Goods, and see beautiful designs and NEW FASHION REPORTS—NOBBY!
We will send an exact fac-simile of our FALL AND WINTER PLATE to parties ordering from a distance, and by sending us the No. of Suit we can fill their orders satisfactorily.
W. B. NICHOLSON, Manager Tailoring Department.
Newcastle, August 5, 1882.
SUTHERLAND & CREAGHAN,
AMERICAN AND CANADIAN

KEROSENE OILS.
Hourly expected Via Vessels—
1000 Bbls. HOME LIGHT OIL,
850 Bbls. WATER and PRIME OIL,
420 Bbls. CANADIAN (PEARL) OIL.
P. S.—We will make immediate shipment on arrival of the above oils, to our customers having orders booked for full delivery.
J. BULLOCK,
5 and 7 Nelson, Street, St. John, N. B.
Oct. 22, 1882.

Real India Rugs.
KURD, Just Received:
TANJORE, CHOICE LOT
OF
KOULA, REAL
INDI RUG,
MOORISH, ASSORTED SIZES.
JAMES W. HEGAN,
56 KING STREET.
St. John, Nov. 17, 1882.

NEWCASTLE CARRIAGE FACTORY.
ON HAND
Single and Double Sleighs, Pumps &c.
SLEIGHS—Light and heavy, Children's Sleighs and Sleds made to order.
Particular attention given to
REPAIRING, PAINTING & TRIMMING.
A. C. ATKINSON

WANTED.
A Second Class Male or Female teacher is wanted to take charge of School in District No. 2, Bellefleur, Gloucester Co. Apply to
HUGH CHALMERS,
Secretary,
Bellefleur, Nov. 18, 1882.

SILVER PLATED WARE!
CAKE BASKETS,
BUTTER COOLERS,
TABLE CASTORS,
WATER PITCHERS,
TEA SETS,
TOAST RACKS,
TABLE BELLS,
ROCKERS AND SPOONS,
HOT WATER KETTLES,
And an immense variety of other Goods too numerous to mention.
W. H. THORNE & CO.,
Dec. 18, Market Square, St. John.

Table with columns: DATE, Time, Barometer, Thermometer, Wind, Rain, Snow, Fog, Clouds. Includes weather data for Sun., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Sat.

At a debating society the other evening members wrangled as to who had the floor. In a few minutes both had it by turns, with the chairman as referee.

Get Rich. When Hops are \$1.25 per lb. as now, an acre will yield \$1,000 profit, and yet the best family medicine on earth, Hop Bitters, contains the same quantity of Hops and are sold at the same price three years ago, although Hops now are twenty times higher than then. Raise Hops, get rich in pocket; use Hop Bitters and get rich in health.

That Husband of Mine. Is three times the man he was before he began using "Wells' Health Renewer." \$1. Delegates.

Very Well Known. are the virtues of the Cinchase Hair Renewer, in restoring grey hair to its natural color and then preventing it from turning grey ever afterwards. Sold at 50 cents per bottle by E. Lee Street, Newcastle.

Seeing is believing. Read the testimonials in the pamphlet on Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure. It has cured all those distressing pains. Your Druggist can tell you all about it. E. Lee Street, Newcastle. Dec. 13-1m.

Simply miraculous in all I can say of the effect of Dr. Van Buren's Kidney Cure in my case. An elderly lady writes: "I am from Antigonish, N. S., who had suffered from pains in the back for twenty years. E. Lee Street, Newcastle. Dec. 13-1m.

Jack—"I say, Bill, Jim's took for stealing a horse." Bill—"Sure him right. Why didn't he buy one and get counted?" "You never has to pay."

What is the difference between a timid child and a shipwrecked sailor? One clings to his, and the other to his spar.

When a lady living in Chelsea sent to London for a doctor, and he asked her to bring him to see such a distance. "Don't speak of it," answered the M. D. "I happened to have another patient in the neighborhood, and can thus kill two birds with one stone."

One that one take it to any doctor in medicines, and get best one 75 cent bottle of cure. ZOPESA (from Brazil) cures Dyspepsia and Biliousness. A simple bottle contains a 75 cent bottle cure.

It was a Connecticut minister whose salary was raised \$25 a year and half the fish he caught. And he was the only man never suspected of exaggeration in his statements of the number he caught.

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CHRISTMAS.

Hail, Holy Season, of good will
Forgotten now be every ill,
That through the by-gone year,
Brother to brother-man hath wrought,
And be we all by Christmas taught,
And by all feelings dear.

With all our fellows, faults to bear,
Since their infirmities we share,
So this our motto be,
Both to forgive and to forget,
And each to each example set,
Of Christian unity.

CHRISTMAS, with all its joyous and happy associations and thoughts, comes upon us once more; and, amid the pause in the bustle and din of life, our minds turn from the solid realities of the brighter and warmer things of social life. To young and old, rich and poor, this most welcome and festive of all seasons of the year, brings a feeling of gladness and rejoicing, which neither time nor circumstances can control or affect. The veriest infant in the cradle, learns to lip its welcome to old *Santa Claus*, whose advent it appreciates as one of the great events in its eventful existence; and, as the wondering senses of the eager little toddlers of more ripening years drink in the story of the "Babe in the Manger," and the "First Christmas morn on the Hills of Bethlehem," their hearts are filled anew with delight. Truly, the "tidings of great joy bring then gladdening influence to all people. The very air seems to partake of the general tone of crispness and cheerfulness, as it echoes the merry shouts of romping school-children and pleasant salutations of those more advanced in life. Everyone seems possessed with a new vigor; and all hard thoughts and unseemly feelings, are as effectually hidden away as the dark earth beneath the glistening snow.

What a host of sweet recollections are awakened within us, on each return of this happy time, as we look backward to the scenes of years gone by; when, at home, perhaps, as boys, we gathered around the old family hearth, listening with bated breath to the hushed tones of the never-tiring story teller, or, as we joined with whole soul in the frolics of Christmas Eve under the holly and mistletoe.

How distinctly now we seem to hear once more the welcome sound of the village church bell, ringing out its summons to worshipers on the clear frosty air of Christmas morning. The church, decked with holly and evergreen, the parson, the choir, the anthem, even all troop up before us in succession, and gazing for a moment upon them, as a child upon a broken toy, we turn away at last with a sigh.

It is our intention, with the present number, to review in a brief way, a few of the

Customs and Observances

which are peculiar to this period of the year, and to inquire into the origin and cause of many of the associations that have linked themselves so inseparably to it. If, in doing so, we should go over some ground already familiar to our readers, we only crave their indulgence in the matter, hoping that they may still find some item of interest, or at least a reference, which may recall some of those incidents connected with the past that ever touch a tender chord in the human heart.

From time immemorial, amongst not only barbarous but even refined nations, custom has surrounded the winter solstice with many solemn and peculiar religious rites and ceremonies. Of these most noticeable in point of importance the

Festival of the Romans, the Saturnalia, takes the lead. About the middle of December it began and continued many days, during which time general license was given to jollity and mirth of every description.

Could we go back through the long space of intervening cycles to the time when Rome was in the zenith of her splendor and magnificence, and drop into the old city, on one of the gala days of this festival, such a sight would meet one eyes, as would baffle description. Weaving their way through the gaily decorated streets of passages, arrayed in holiday garb, the busy multitude with many a good-natured jest and friendly taunt, jostle each other in all directions as they push along toward their various destinations. Here we see a homely plebeian in his eager haste forgetful of all surroundings, his coarse tunic rubbing against the fine toga of the lofty patrician; anon a venerable senator, or a dignified consul appears, and passing is hailed with familiarity by a company of bondmen, who do not even hesitate, in some instances, to play a practical joke on him (for one of the characteristics of the festival was the utter abolition *pro tempore* of all distinctions between the usually widely separated castes). All are making for the chief centres of amusement and attraction; whether to the *forum*, where the votaries of fashion, the wealth and renown of the city gather to gossip and compare notes, or to the *circus Maximus*, or *Campus Martius*, where were held the great chariot races, the athletic contests, sham battles, &c.

As we follow them, we occasionally meet on the route—perhaps a charioteer, grotesquely dressed, with mask and wig, furiously driving a pair of gaily decorated jackasses, the sound of the chariot wheels almost drowned by the gibes of the crowd. At each turn we are confronted with some new impersonation of ridiculousness and so the fun goes on.

Such then was the *Saturnalia* held in honor of Saturn the god of Time; and thus was the waning existence of the dying year brought to a close in those "brave days of old."

Many ascribe to this the origin of our present Christmas celebration, but though partly correct in their assertion they are not absolutely so.

Long before Roman prowess sought out ancient Britannia, and Roman arms subdued it, a custom prevailed amongst the aborigines of the island in connection with a sacred anniversary held about the close of the year, which has not yet altogether lost its significance. When the important day arrived, the Britons accompanied by their priests the Druids went forth in great pomp and state to gather

The Mistletoe.

This mystic parasite requires no description to those who have any knowledge of Christmas in the Old Land, but lest there should be those who have not been so favor-

God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen.

His place of birth, a solemn angel tells
To simple shepherds, keeping watch by night:
They gladly thither haste, and by a choir
Of squadroned angels, hear his carol sung.
—Milton's Paradise Regained.

Lively

God rest you, mer-ry gen-tle-men, Let nothing you dis-may; Re-
member CHRIST, our Sa-viour, Was born on Christmas day To
Chorus
save poor souls from Sa-tan's fold Which long had gone a-stray. O ti-dings, O
ti-dings, O ti-dings of great com-fort, O ti-dings of great joy.

In Bethlehem, in Jewry
This blessed babe was born,
And laid within a manger
Upon this blessed morn;
The which his mother Mary
Nothing did take in scorn.
Oh! Tidings, &c.

From God our Heavenly Father,
A blessed angel came,
And unto certain shepherds,
Brought tidings of the same.
How that in Bethlehem was born,
The Son of God by name.
Oh! Tidings, &c.

Fear not, then said the angel,
Let nothing you afright,
This day is born a Saviour
Of virtue, power and might;
So frequently to vanquish all,
The friends of Satan quite.
Oh! Tidings, &c.

The shepherds at those tidings,
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a-feeding
In tempest, storm and wind,
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
This blessed babe to find.
Oh! Tidings, &c.

But when to Bethlehem they came,
Whereas this infant lay,
They found him in a manger
Where oxen feed on hay,
His mother Mary kneeling,
Unto the Lord did pray.
Oh! Tidings, &c.

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood,
Each other now embrace;
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface.
Oh! Tidings, &c.

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able situated, a word or two might not be out of place. Amongst the dense oak forests of primitive Britain, this plant flourished in comparative luxuriance, festooning the trees with its sprightly foliage in mid-winter; and such was its abundance and rapidity of growth, in those days, that in many places, trees might be found so completely covered with it as almost to be hidden from sight.

Having reached the foot of some giant oak whereon grew the sacred plant two white bulls were immediately tied to it by stout cords. Then the chief Druid clad in white, the emblem of purity, ascending the tree, cut with a golden knife the coveted creeper, which, as it fell, was caught in the folds of sacred priest's robes. The bulls, and very often human victims, were then sacrificed and great festivities followed.

In addition to being revered as a sacred plant, the mistletoe was said to possess many healing virtues, and to bring singular favor to those wearing it. The mistletoe bore an important part in the celebrations of the middle ages, that time of all others, when the passion for plays and amusements was at its height. Although not so plentiful as in former days, large quantities of it are still cut annually and sent to London to grace the homes of rich and poor. The present custom of hanging it over the door, or over some other suitable place, under which the unwitting may pass and incur the penalty of being kissed, is already known to all. In many of the towns and hamlets of England it is kept up to such an extent that even over the windows of stores a piece is sometimes fixed, to the discomfort of those of the fair sex who may chance to stop to examine the attractions placed within the window. We shall, however, pass on to notice another very old custom.

The Burning of the Yule Log.

This custom comes through our Scandinavian ancestors, who, at their feasts of *Joul*, at the winter solstice, were in the habit of kindling huge bon-fires in honor of their god *Thor*. In many parts of England it is still maintained, although it has entirely lost its original significance. Time gradually changed the form of this observance, and in the feudal times we find it so transformed as to be scarcely recognizable. Then, a huge log was drawn from its resting place in the woods by a large company of men and boys, amidst sounds of minstrelsy and general shouts of acclamation and rejoicing. All who chanced to pass, or who met the procession on its way to its destination, gravely uncovered their heads and gave exclamation to an expression of devout reverence. Having reached the baronial hall, it was placed on the hearth of the wide chimney, where it was ignited with the charred remains of the log of the previous year; and as the flames crackled and roared, casting their ruddy glow on the massive walls and lighting up the dark corners, the sports began. The baron, for the occasion, was displaced by a humble self, who did the honors of the evening in a right royal style. All fell to with a zest, and the sports, carried over the midnight hour, lagged not until the gray dawn announced the birth of another day. And often that dawn revealed the sight of nobles, vassals, and all, heaped together in ridiculous incongruity amongst the rushes on the floor the prisoners of my Morpheus and strong all. In Devonshire, in later years, the *ashton-fagot* superseded the *yule log*. Having cut some ash sticks a few days previous, the farm hands go forth on Christmas Eve, and, gathering a bundle, haul it much after the same fashion as

Christmas Eve in the Olden Time.

On Christmas Eve the bells were rung;
On Christmas Eve the mass was sung;
That only night, in all the year,
Saw the stoled priest the chalice rear.
The damsel donned her kirtle sheen;
The hall was dressed with holly green;
Forth to the wood did merry men go,
To gather in the mistletoe.
Then opened wide the baron's hall
To vassal, tenant, serf, and all;
Power laid his rod of rule aside,
And ceremony doffed his pride.
The heir, with roses in his shoes,
That night might village partner choose.
The lord, undogating, snarling tale;
The vulgar game of "post and pair."
All hailed, with uncontrolled delight
And general voice, the happy night,
That to the cottage, as the crown,
Brought tidings of salvation down.

The fire, with well-dried logs supplied,
Went roaring up the chimney wide;
The huge hall-table's oaken face,
Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace,
Bore then upon its massive board,
No mark to part the squire and lord.
Then was brought in the luscious brown,
By old blue-coated serving man;
Then the grim boar's-head frowned on high
Crested with bays and rosemary.
Well can the green garbed ranger tell,
How, when, and where the monster fell;
What dogs before his death he tore,
And all the baiting of the boar.

The wassail round in good brown bowls,
Garlish with ribbons, blithely trowls,
Then the huge sirloin reeked; hard by
Plum-porridge stood, and Christmas-pye;
Nor failed Old Scotland to produce,
At such high-tide, her savoury goose.
Then came the merry masquers in,
An' carols roared with blithesome din;
If unmelodious was the song,
It was a hearty note, and strong.
Who lists may in their mumming see
Traces of ancient mystery;
Whiteshirts supplied the masquerade,
And smutted cheeks the visors made;
But oh! what tapers, richly dight
Can boast of bosoms half so light!
England was merry England, when
Old Christmas brought his sports again.
'Twas Christmas broached the mightiest
'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale;
A Christmas gambol of coult cheer,
The poor man's heart through half the year
Scott's "Marmion".

described above in connection with the yule log. Games, such as jumping in sacks, diving in water for apples, jumping at bread and treacle, followed—another custom peculiar to the same locality, as well as many others, consisted as follows: The farmer and his friends having partaken of hot cakes and cider, repaired to the orchard, where one having deposited a cake in the fork of the principal apple-tree, and thrown cider over the latter, retired amid the firing of guns and pistols by the men and boys, the women and girls shouting:—

Bear blue apples and pears enow,
Barfuls, bagfuls, sackfuls,
Hurrah! hurrah! hurrah!

This was considered sufficient to ensure a bounteous harvest of fruit for the ensuing year, and to effectually ward off all depredations of witches, fairies, and other spirits.

The Christmas Tree.

is of German origin, and still holds a high place in that land where Christmas is honored as a high day. The tree is arranged by the senior members of the family in the best room of the house, which is kept locked until the important evening arrives, when the door is thrown open. As the eager juveniles troop in, and behold the huge tree ablaze with many tapers, and loaded with little trinkets and presents, such as only children know how to prize, exclamations of delight break forth on every hand. The children, also, are in the habit of saving their money for weeks, in order to purchase gifts for their parents. These are concealed until Christmas morning, when they are brought forth; and gladdening the sight of parents and children as they experience the truth of the saying, "it is more blessed to give than to receive." Our modern

Santa Claus

a corruption, of course, of St. Nicholas, is also a German institution, although many of his characteristic features are innovations on the original introduced by the New England settlers. In the former country, the heads of families often on Christmas Eve, after selecting a present for each child as his or her character suggested, sought out some old man in the neighborhood, who, all dressed up with white robe and fur, flax wig, buskins, etc., came next morning and, to the amazement of the youngsters, presented each with "the very thing he was looking for." As we have said before, the old gentleman who performs the same work in this land, under the well-known cognomen of *St. Nick*, has had many additions to his outfit in the shape of a handsome cutter, a team of fleet reindeers, etc., and as he goes his yearly rounds, silent and unseen, save by those who are kept awake by the effects of too hearty a supper, no person on earth is for the time being so popular. But we shall leave our friends with this jolly little old fellow without a further introduction, for we are sure there are none who do not recognize him as one of the first of their childhood's acquaintances.

Our Modern Christmas.

We have followed, then, in a hurried way, one or two of the innumerable observances which have been kept up from time to time during this period of the year by people who knew nothing of the circumstances connected with the important event in the history of the world which occurred nearly nineteen centuries ago. We shall now speak of Christmas in the connection which gives to it its importance and significance in the eyes of the present age. Although formerly set apart as a time for fasting and prayer by the early church, it slowly assumed a different character, and now many look to it as a season for eating and drinking. And why, in consideration of the import of the message brought by the angelic host on the first Christmas morn that the world ever saw, should not the heart be merry and voice utter words of gladness?

Is it meet to clothe our words with sadness and our countenance with sorrow and gravity, and afflict our bodies when "tidings of great joy" are brought to us? At the present day in some parts of Europe, such undue solemnity, and austere gravity is given to this anniversary that the children are not allowed to indulge in anything approaching to merriment, while anything bordering on hilarity at such a time would be regarded as almost sacrilege. Is it any wonder that children born under such circumstances should lose many of the lessons which such a celebration should bring, or worse than that, grow up to despise the doctrines of One, the anniversary of whose

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birth brought such a calamity. May, let the heart be filled with rejoicings, let every gloomy cloud be banished, only let not licence and depravity displace sobriety, and moderation. While we manifest our sympathy with everything that would heighten the pleasure which this glad season brings, we would discountenance and decidedly frown down that which would cause it to degenerate into a period of evil carousing and debauchery of any kind, whatever. With our whole soul, then, we wish all our readers "a merry Christmas," in the very best sense of the term, and may your Christmas be made all the merrier and happier by your endeavors to make some one else glad.

CHRISTMAS SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

Christmas-tide has ever been characterized by a large indulgence in merriment; and consequently, many have been the amusements and innovations on them introduced at different periods in the history of its observance both as a pagan and a christian festival. During the Saturnalia, for instance, many private and public games of a very interesting nature were carried on for days. We shall give a short outline, of the more noteworthy of these. The most celebrated were the

Circensian Games.

so called, from being exhibited in the Circus Maximus, a noble building, situated between the Palatine and Aventine hills, about a mile in circumference, and capable of holding 250,000 spectators. These games consisted, first, of horse and chariot races, for which every accommodation was provided within the circus. At one extremity were openings whence the horses started; and along the middle ran a low brick wall, twelve feet broad, at the ends of which were the goals round which the chariots turned. When the charioteers were ready to begin the race, the manager of the games dropped a napkin, after which the horses started; and those that outstripped their competitors for seven times in completing the course gained the prize. There were also exhibited in the circus contents in running, leaping, boxing, wrestling and throwing the discus, in which the champions engaged with great dexterity; and those who proved victorious were crowned with laurels. In a large field called the Campus Martius, young men, sometimes performed feats of dexterity on horseback, affording great amusement to the numerous spectators. Frequently the representation of a battle between two armies, the siege of a town, or a naval engagement formed part of the programme. But the most cruel diversions of the Romans were the combats between wild beasts, and often between these and captives or malefactors, in which incredible numbers of the latter perished. Besides these amusements there were others of a very sanguinary nature which disgraced the character of the Romans as a civilized people. These were the shows of

GLADIATORS.

who were either captives or condemned criminals, but afterwards slaves or freemen who undertook that profession. The gladiators were maintained by the magistrates, and, being trained to the use of arms, were on important occasions and public festivals brought to the amphitheatre, where great numbers of them fought with swords, and continued in the combat in pairs for several days. When a gladiator was wounded, he lowered his sword in token of submission, and humbly begged his life from the spectators, who, if they agreed to grant it, clenched their fists and held down their thumbs; but if not, turned them upwards, and the gladiator was slain. The victors were honored with a palm-crown adorned with ribbons, and discharged from further obligations to fight, unless they chose. We would tain turn from such sights, which even refined ladies, in those days, graced with their presence, to more congenial thoughts.

We will, therefore, without further ado, enter upon some of the sports peculiar to our own nation. Comparatively little is known of the particular bent into which the mirthfulness of the ancient Britons led them, or much more with regard to the subsequent invaders of their land, the early Saxons, except that they were extremely fond of hunting and other such sports. The Norman Conquest, with its introduction of the Feudal System and knighthood, was the beginning of a new era in the social life of Britain. Then were organized many of the pastimes which have since come down to posterity, not merely in connection with Christmas but many other holidays.

It was during this epoch of chivalry that the passion for religious processions and pilgrimages was at its height, and then was initiated the movement which eventually culminated in the famous crusades of the fourteenth century. Mingled with the observances already recorded as peculiar to the ancient Britons, many games of a varied nature were introduced, one or two of which we shall describe. The

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or joust, comes first. It was held within an enclosed space, called the lists. Ladies and nobles sat round on raised galleries, while the lower orders thronged outside the barriers, to witness the sport. At each end of the lists, tents were pitched for the rival knights.

After the clinking of the armourer's hammers ceased, the heralds proclaimed the titles of the knights about to engage in the combat, and these presently rode into the lists on their chargers clad in heavy armour. In the centre, then, stood the challengers awaiting their adversaries. The latter, riding up, touched with their lances the shields of those with whom they chose to contend. If the shield was touched with the sharp point of the lance the combat was to be with sharp weapons, as in battle; while touching with the other end signified the more peaceful intention of using blunted weapons as a trial of skill. At the sound of the trumpet the combatants dashed at full gallop from opposite ends of the lists, and met in the centre with a terrible shock. Sometimes the lances were smashed into splinters, and the horses borne back upon their haunches; but often it happened, when some of the knights were adepts in the art, that one or more of the less skillful were hurled from their horses to the ground, where they lay stunned and bleeding. This

"sport" lasted several days, and "to the victors belonged the spoils" of the vanquished, in the shape of armour and horses.

The favorite sports of the lower classes were archery, bull baiting, and quarter staff. The latter game was rather a rough one, in which great strength of nerve and muscle was required. The staff was a pole about six feet long which those engaged in the game grasped in the middle striking, parrying and thrusting with both ends. Tilted at a wooden image, called the Quintain, in later days, absorbed great interest. This image, fixed on a pivot, held in its outstretched arm a wooden sword. The tilter going back a hundred yards or so, rode up at full speed and drove his lance at the image. If he was skillful enough to strike the centre, he passed unharmed; but if the lance struck too much to one side, the image whirled round and the luckless rider received a smart blow from the wooden sword.

These outdoor sports with many others, (even horse-racing) were indulged in freely, and keenly enjoyed by all classes, from year to year, for some centuries, and in those days when gambling and betting were unknown they exercised a healthful influence over the nation. Passing over a century or two, in which time the glory of the Feudal System had become somewhat dimmed by the disestablishment of knighthood, we come to the period of Moral and Miracle Plays at which time the drama assumed a high place in the estimation of the people.

We refer particularly to the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, when the darkness of ignorance and superstition was scattering before the dawn of a new era of knowledge and enlightenment. It was then that Christmas was the day of all days; and amidst the general license, all kinds of tricks of the wildest nature were practised. We are told that "all England, from the sovereign to the beggar, went

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in strange dresses and masks." Some dressed themselves in the most grotesque costumes, impersonating animals and fish, and even old Satan himself might be seen "walking to and fro upon the face of the earth," with his huge tail thrown over his arm and a fiendish leer on his countenance, as he drew after him his cloven foot. Those who could not thus attire themselves blackened their faces, and clad in white, kept the nervous old spinsters of the neighborhood in constant terror. In every parish, a Lord of Misrule was chosen (after the fashion of the Roman slaves, who were allowed to select one of their number as lord during the Saturnalia) and this person, with a troop of idle fellows, in dresses of a glaring color, covered with ribbons, went about shouting and drumming, sometimes entering churches during divine service. As time sped, however, and the people became educated, these performances disappeared, and Christmas decorations, with holly, bay, rosemary and laurel took the place of these masquerading customs; and simpler and more rational games succeeded the noisy revellings of those dark ages. Our popular Christmas amusements at the present day are somewhat multiplied, and embrace still many of those introduced in the time of our father. We have no space to enter upon the details of "Snapdragon," "Blindman's Buff," Charades and Pantomimes, or, in fact, any of the games so familiar to everybody in this generation of games.

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BOAR'S HEAD,

a dish, which, up to a recent date, figured prominently in many Christmas feasts. Brought in by an ancient servant, upon a salver of silver or gold, at the head of a procession of nobles, knights and ladies blithely singing, it was deposited at the head of the table before the host, or some guest of high rank. It was then served up in great pomp, with various condiments. Next to the Boar's Head comes the

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The bird having been killed, the skin, with the feathers still on, was carefully peeled off, and after roasting and when almost cool, this was skillfully sewed on again, and the beak being gilded, it was declared ready for the table. Sometimes the bird was placed in a dish after roasting, and being covered like a pie, with the exception of the breast and tail, was served up by ladies.

Often the pie thus made, was reserved for the close of the tournament, when the knightly victor was expected to show his dexterity, by striking all the joints of the bird, without any mistake in carving. After finishing he took a solemn oath to risk any peril, however great, to rescue woman from danger and oppression.

MINCE-PIES,

had their origin to some degree, in the yule cake and were formerly made in the shape of a manger. The collection of ingredients, that so puzzle the imagination of some in these days, was supposed to represent the gifts brought to the Infant at Bethlehem. A custom long prevailed, of having set out on the table as many mince-pies as the master of the house had been married years, and often was the digestive powers of those gathered to do honor, put to a severe test. In England, at present

ROAST BEEF AND PLUM PUDDING

are the articles that are always written in large capitals, at Christmas time; and not even Goose or Turkey, so popular with Americans and Canadians, could tempt their appetites when such cheer as this is on the bill of fare. Well, what difference does it make what direction our inclinations take in the matter of eating and drinking, so long as we combine profit with pleasure? We may sit down to the richest repast that even tempted the capricious appetite of a king, and turn away dissatisfied; whilst, on the other hand, our portion may be but a crust of bread and a little water, and yet be a banquet in which angels are the waiters, and Heaven's Lord the host. In conclusion let us remember, whilst we partake of the bounties which Providence so abundantly bestows, at this season particularly, that hundreds do not receive the bare necessities of life, and may it cause us to seize every opportunity, of sharing those bounties by which we are favored with our fellow-men.

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