

The Observer.

Published on TUESDAY, by DONALD A. CAMERON, at his Office, corner of Prince William and Church Streets, over the Store of Messrs. Jardine & Co.—TERMS: 15s. per annum, half in advance.

NEW Fall and Winter Goods.

J. & H. FOTHERBY
Have received per "Lion" from Glasgow, and "Mountaineer" from Liverpool, part of their Winter Stock, consisting of—
PILOT, Beaver and Broad CLOTHS,
Buckskins, Doeskins and Tweeds,
ORLEANS, Coburgs and CASHMERE,
Ratons, Striped and Checked Orléans & Cashmères, Grey, White and Printed COTTONS,
Red, White and Blue Flannels and Serges,
BLANKETS, Rugs, Quilts and Counterpanes,
LINENS, Lawns, Hollands and Diapers,
Jacquet, Book, Mull and Swiss MUSLINS,
Gala and all-wool Plaid and Fancy Cloakings,
Plaid, Maude, Cashmere and other fancy Shawls,
HANDKERCHIEFS in great variety,
Fancy Cashmere, Mohair and other DRESSES,
LACES, EDGINGS, NETS,
Striped Shirts, Apron Checks and Homespuns,
ONABURG, Canvas and Padding,
HEALTH RUGS and CARPETS,
Cloth, Fur and Scotch CAPS,
COTTON WARPS, &c. &c.
Also per London and Commodore from
William and Howard from Liverpool:
CAPES, MUFFS, BOAS and CUFFS,—in
Squirrel, Sable, Stone Martin, Fitch, &c.
Gros de Naps, Satins, and Satinets,
VELVETS, Bonnet Silks and Flowers,
Lamb's wool and Thibet Hosiery and Gloves,
Fancy Dresses and Cloakings in great variety,
GIMPS, Fringes and Trimmings,
Tailors' Trimmings, &c. &c.
Which are offered at the lowest prices, wholesale and retail, for Cash only.
October 26.

Wholesale & Retail Warehouse

—Prince William Street,—
J. & J. HEGAN,
Have received from London, Liverpool, and Glasgow, a general assortment of **FALL and WINTER GOODS**—consisting of—
FLANNELS, Blankets, Counterpanes, &c.
LACES, Edgings, Cashmères,
Buckskins, Doeskins, Fancy Trimmings, Rich
VESTINGS, &c.
Gala Plaid, and all-wool CLOAKINGS,
Maude & Plaid Shawls, Hdkfs, Scarfs, &c.
Orléans, Coburgs, Delaines, and Cashmères,
Cantonian Stripes, and Lama Cloths,
Black & Col. Velvets, Silks, Satinets, & Satins,
Bibbons &c. &c. &c. &c.
Scottish Homespuns, Shirting Stripes, Muslins,
Linen and Cotton Tickings, Linen Sheetings, &c.
Onaburg, Canvas, Duck, Hucksack, &c.
Lamb's wool and Merino Shirts and Drawers,
Cents' Hdkfs, Stocks, Scarfs, & MUFFERS in
great variety, Cotton Warp,
Worsted & Woolen Yarn, Knitting and Sewing
Cotton, Linen Thread,
Victoria and Damask MOREENS, with Fringes
and Trimmings to suit,
Red and Green Baize, Printed Druggies,
Heath Rugs, Patent Tapestry, Brussels and other
Carpets, Travelling Bags, Carpet Trimmings,
&c. &c. &c.—Which, with a variety of other
Goods, will be sold at the lowest Market or Retail
Gros de Naps, Satins, and Satinets,
VELVETS, Bonnet Silks and Flowers,
Lamb's wool and Thibet Hosiery and Gloves,
Fancy Dresses and Cloakings in great variety,
GIMPS, Fringes and Trimmings,
Tailors' Trimmings, &c. &c.
Which are offered at the lowest prices, wholesale and retail, for Cash only.
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MORRISON & CO.

Are receiving ex "Lion," from Glasgow, part of their
New Fall and Winter Goods,
—CONSISTING OF—
SHAWLS in great variety,
Scarfs, Handkerchiefs, Mullins,
CLOAKINGS in Gala and Plaid Wool, &c.
Tweeds, Plaids, Regattas,
Onaburg, Canvas, Mullins,
Linen, Lawns, Diaper, and Hollands,
Scottish Bonnets, Glanders and Cloth Caps,
With a large assortment of Reels, Linen Thread,
Draces, &c. &c. will be sold at the lowest prices
for Cash.
Oct. 5, 1847.

Writing Papers, Playing Cards and STEEL PENS.

SEVEN Hundred Reams Writing and Wrapping
PAPER, assorted—Ruled and Plain—
from 3s. per Ream upwards;
200 dozen superior English Playing CARDS;
500 gross STEEL PENS, assorted, from 1s. 3d.
per gross upwards; **1000** QUILLS;
SCHOOL BOOKS, Blank Account Books;
Family and Pocket BIBLES; TESTAMENTS;
Prayer, Psalm, and Hymn Books—altogether with
a general assortment of STATIONERY and
Miscellaneous Books, all of which will be sold at
very low prices for CASH ONLY.
Dec. 7.

NOTICE.

The Co-Partnership of the undersigned, under the
Firm of JOHN KERR & CO., is this day dissolved,
by mutual consent. All Persons having claims against
the said Firm, will please present the same to the undersigned,
John Kerr, at his office, for payment; and all parties indebted to
the said Firm, will please arrange the same with either of the
undersigned.
JOHN KERR,
EDMUND KAYE.

IRON, Sleigh Shoe Steel, &c.

C. & W. H. ADAMS have just received per
Ship "British American"—
50 tons Best IRON;
2 cases Sled and Sleigh Shoe STEEL;
13 bundles Spring Steel;
2 packages VICES;
2 cases Best Sheffield TOOLS;
2 cases *Hale & Co's* Gang SAWS, and
Files, Pit Saws, Hand Saws, &c. Dec. 21.

RECEIVED.

Per ship "Thermis" from Liverpool—
WITNEY, Bath, Rose, Merino, and Point
Blankets,
Black, Blue, Rifle, and Drab Beaver and Pilot
CLOTHS,
Broad Cloths, Cassimeres, and Kerseys,
Cloth and FUR CAPS, JAMES SMELLIE,
Prince Wm. Street, Nov. 2, 1847.

SOAP—Keeps Progress from Liverpool.

350 boxes Steele's best hard SOAP—land-
ed from the "Wharf," and for sale by
J. G. KINNEAR.

The Earlard.

CHILDHOOD AND HIS VISITERS.
BY E. L. BUIWER.

Once on a time, when sunny May
Was kissing up the April showers,
I saw fair children, laughing and playing,
Before a bank of blushing flowers.
Happy—how I knew not whence or how;
And smiling—who could choose but love him?
For not more glad than Childhood's brow,
Was the gay heaven that laughed above him.

Old Time came hobbling in his wrath,
And that green valley's rain invaded;
The brooks grew dry beneath his path,
The birds were mute, the lilies faded;
A Grecian tomb stood full in sight,
And that old Time began to laugh;
The Childhood watched his paper kite,
Nor heeded he, one while, the matter.

With curling lip, and eye a-kenner,
Guilt gazed upon the scene a minute;
But Childhood's smile, simple glance,
Had such a holy spell within it,
That the dark demon to the air,
Agnus spread forth his hoisted pinion,
And hid his eyes and feet in prayer,
Self-tortured in his own dominion.

Then stepped a gloomy phantom up,
Pale, eyes-crowded, night's wolf-dog slayer,
And profaned the scene with his grimace,
Fell to the brim of bitter woe;
Says Childhood: "Methinks, what's your name?"
And when the belated mother "horror"
Then cried: "Don't interrupt my game;
I prithe, call again to-morrow."

The muse of Pindus tither came,
And wooed him with the softest numbers,
That ever scattered words and fame,
Upon a youthful poet's slumbers;
Through sweet the lute and sweet the lay,
To Childhood it was all a riddle;
"Good gracious!" cried he, "send away
That noisy woman with a fiddle!"

Then Wisdom stalks in and her ball,
And teach him, with most sage endeavor,
Why bubbles rise, and acorns fall,
And why no toy may last for ever;
She talked of all the wonders of the world,
Which nature's open book discloses;
But Childhood, when he heard her tale,
Was fast asleep among the roses.

Sleep on! sleep on! Pale manhood's dreams
Are all of earthly pain or pleasure;
Of glory's toils, ambition's scheme,
Of cherished love, and fond desire,
But to the church where Childhood lies,
A pure, unmingled race is given,
Lift up thy rays from earthly eyes,
And glimpes of remembered heaven!

Miscellaneous.

DESPATCH FROM MAJOR DOWNING.
[From the National Intelligencer.]

TO JAMES K. POLK, President of the United States of America, Mexico, &c.

I see that you are anxious to know how we are going it out here. I got your message to Congress, and their first three days' doings, and that's the last I've heard of it. When I found the Whigs had fairly carried the House, I see in a moment there was a bad time ahead for us. Says I, look out for equals: the old ship will have a rough time of it this winter. Had good matter, I thought, to help me to the helm, for I know you would need me. But then I see at once that wouldn't do, for our officers have got into a dreadful snarl here, and I shouldn't dare to leave till things are settled, for I can't see how I could go back again, and we should lose our two years' work. So, as I can't come, all I can do is to give my notions about things a little by way of advice.

I see how true the Lord will be quarrelling with you all winter; they'll be asking you all the hard questions they can think of, and all the time prying into your secrets about the war and annexation. And I don't believe that you'll be able to get on without me. You see there ain't so many Whigs there, but there's them there that is full as bad. You never can do anything with Mr. Calhoun; you know he always spits everything in a copper bottom. 'Tis true there ain't so many about this annexation business will be to split off a little piece of Mexico. If he finds out we are annexing the whole of it he'll fight again till all is blue. Then there's Calhoun, I don't think that is a bit better than Mr. Calhoun. You know what we got out to take in a little strip of Mexico with it; only a little reasonable strip, too, just on our side of the river, so as to make square work of it. Calhoun's ebenezer was right up about it; he said it didn't belong to us, and it didn't touch to Texas, and we had no right to it, and shouldn't touch it. Now, if he had been right, I don't think we should have been so anxious to get along with it. Calhoun's ebenezer was right up about it; he said it didn't belong to us, and it didn't touch to Texas, and we had no right to it, and shouldn't touch it. Now, if he had been right, I don't think we should have been so anxious to get along with it. Calhoun's ebenezer was right up about it; he said it didn't belong to us, and it didn't touch to Texas, and we had no right to it, and shouldn't touch it. Now, if he had been right, I don't think we should have been so anxious to get along with it.

to take that ground till the work is all done. The people of our country are too skittish yet about conquering other countries; they want to get used to it. And for this reason you will have to be very firm in Congress, and not let any cross-question you too close, and get you into a bother, upon them boldly for large armies and all the millions of money the mint can make, and all that Mr. Walker can borrow, and tell you are digging into the vital parts of Mexico to get that five millions she owes us.

If they ask you if Mr. Tyler didn't offer to give up that five millions to Mexico to pay her for our taking Texas without her leave, just shut your mouth up.

If they ask you if we hadn't ought to give up that five millions to Mexico for that strip on our side of the river that you sent Gen. Taylor to take without her leave, just shut your mouth up.

If they ask you if Mr. Trist didn't offer to give up that five millions to Mexico and pay her twenty millions more if she wouldn't try to get back California and New Mexico, and that you had taken from her without leave, just shut your mouth up.

If they ask you what you can do with a hundred thousand soldiers in Mexico, and a hundred millions of dollars a year for spending money, just open your lips and make it out that it comes under the head of internal improvements, and then you might stop it constitutionally.

At any rate, it's worth trying. Never mind the blather of the Whigs, and the sneering of the Democrats; if you will be strong enough to stand up to the President all the time, and if you will be able to get the money to carry it out, it will be the destruction of the United States if you annex Mexico. What if it should? You would still stand above Washington and be remembered longer. Our history books tell us that the man who built the first great temple to Diana at Ephesus is lost and forgotten—no body knows who he was; but the name of the man who set fire to it and burnt it down is found in all the histories, and his name is never forgotten.

Keep I wish to say already, that I haven't got to say but a word in your favor, without losing them to scattering. I hope you will hurry on the thirty thousand more men that you promised, as fast as possible; that would make us near a hundred thousand strong, enough to spread out over the whole of the country, and the annex business would be pretty much over. That is, the annexation of Mexico; and I take it you'll give us a holiday and a rest, and the next year you'll be on the next year down south. And, besides, we shall need that holiday to see about electing your President another term; for you'll have to be elected in the common way once more, before you will be strong enough to stand up to the President without any election. I see things going very well for your election this time. The more candidates there is on both sides, the better it will be for you; and I appear to me as though there was going to be lots of 'em.

I remain your faithful friend,
MAJOR JACK DOWNING.

A SCENE IN A SCOTCH COURT OF JUSTICE IN 1757.
The Dean of Faculty at that time was Mr. Lockhart, afterwards Lord Covington, a man of learning, but of a demeanor harsh and overbearing. It had ever been considered the duty of the chief of the body of advocates, freely elected to preside over them, to be particularly kind and protecting to beginners; but Lockhart treated all who came in contact with him in a manner equally offensive, and he was not less so to the most distinguished.

At last four junior advocates, of whom Wedderburn, afterwards Lord Chancellor Loughborough, was one, entered into a mutual engagement that he among them who first had the opportunity should report the arrangement of the Dean, and patently insult him. It was by mere accident that the opportunity occurred to Wedderburn, who certainly made a good use of it. In the very end of July or beginning of August 1757 (the exact day I have not been able to ascertain), Wedderburn was engaged in the Inner House as counsel to Lockhart, and was called by him a "presumptuous boy," experiencing from him even more than his wonted rudeness and superciliousness. When the presumptuous boy came to reply, he delivered such a furious personal invective as never before or since heard at the Scottish bar. A lively impression still remains of his character; but newspaper reporting was then unknown in Edinburgh, and oral tradition has preserved only one sentence of that which probably was the mediated part of the language:—"The arned Dean has confined himself on this occasion to vituperation; I do not say that he is capable of reasoning, but if there would have answered his purpose, I am sure tears would not have been wanting." Lockhart here started up, and threatened him with vengeance. Wedderburn—"I care little, my Lords, for what may be said or done by a man who has been disgraced in his person and dishonoured in his bed." Lord President Craigie being afterwards asked why he did not interpose, he answered, "Because Wedderburn made all the flesh creep on my bones." But at last his Lordship declared in a firm tone, that "this was language unbecoming an advocate and unbecoming a gentleman." 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