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WEST INDIA RUM & GENEEVA.—1 Duns. West India RUM & GENEEVA for sale by T. & F. M. MACKIN.

At a wedding the other day, one of the guests who often is a little absent-minded, observed gravely, "I have often remarked that there has been more women than men married this year."

Everybody in the Canadian frontier from the Gulf of Ontario on the Ontario to the Trois Rivières, below Montreal, knew Roger Dimon—although as in the case of Rimable Knoll, nobody could tell exactly who or what Roger Dimon was. We all everybody knew him, but it must be received with this exception: it was only when he chose to be known, for the claimer could not be more variable in his appearance and character than was Roger Dimon. The business boy, and for every age—the Canadian Frenchman, and when Roger Dimon—the son of a French Canadian, and the shy overhauling, not to mention Yankee—the grave Catholic priest, and the cheating sutler—gentleman and beggar, were among his easily assumed characters. What his business was, or whether he had any, was as much a mystery as his metaphysics; and the wonderful celebrity of his movements was not the least surprising part of the qualities that were attributed to him. Roger Dimon was a man rather above the ordinary stature, thickset, muscles like iron; a pair of shoulders that Hercules might have envied, yet with all these stately points about him, no man's face could possess more agility, strength, flexibility, and grace. His eyes were dark, and a pair of overhanging brows, gave them a peculiar gleaming fire, and when awakened by passion, something like the fiery and defiant. It would be idle to recount the conflicting opinions respecting him. Some called him to be a spy, some an army contractor, and as it was during the last war with Great Britain that he received the most notice, this opinion was quite current; some insisted that he was a dealer in forged notes, and others averred that his business was smuggling. The truth is that few of these conjectures were without some foundation; though had any man charged him with being a counterfeiter, it would probably have been the last charge he would have made against him. When money was to be made by contracting for the army, then he was a contractor—with the movements of those on both sides of the line he by some means obtained the earliest notice—of his the cautious business of smuggling, he was a perfect adept. There was not a bay, creek or island, from Kingston to Montreal, from Sackett's Harbor to Ogdensburg, with which he was not familiarly acquainted. His pockets were never without money, and when occasion required, or fancy prompted, he was lavish in his disbursement. But Roger Dimon was more than all this: his lowering brow, his flashing eyes—and his courage and fortitude, marked him as a man capable of the most desperate enterprise. It was whispered he cared no more for human life than a puff of a cigar—he felt no more reluctance to shedding blood, than spilling claret, and the manner in which he always went armed, gave color to these suspicions. But he deep-dyed in crime, they were not an ordinary kind. He displayed an act of meanness, as he would the robbing of a bank, or a potato garden—but when danger was to be encountered—when what were impossibilities to others, were to be overcome then all the powerful energies of his mind were brought into successful action. An unfortunate affair had thrown one of Roger Dimon's former friends into the Montreal prison, and unless some measure for his escape were adopted his life must pay the forfeit. In a petty squabble he had killed a young lieutenant of the army, a relative of the governor; the case was clear, and it was avowed that no mercy would be shown him. Dimon had examined the prisoner carefully, and he believed that by getting on the roof the iron grating of the window he might be enabled to gain his liberty by means of a rope ladder, his escape effected. The attempt was a hazardous one, but Dimon was not a man to hesitate. Dimon mounted the roof, removed the bars, and with the liberated Murray, was retracing his steps when the moon, which had been hid by a dense cloud, suddenly shone out and revealed to the astonished sentinel the moving shadows of two human beings on the opposite walls. Dimon saw they were discovered, but before they could fairly gain the street, the alarm was given, and a dozen men had collected to arrest them. Throwing the rope ladder over an escape, while he would hold the pursuers in check, and trust to circumstances to secure his flight. This he did effectually, and Murray was soon beyond the reach of detection. No sooner had Dimon allowed Murray to escape, than he threw himself headlong, with a pistol in each hand upon the circle which had encompassed him; but they dared not lay their hands upon him, and with the quickness of thought he forced a passage and fled, pursued by several of the most active of the men. Nothing could have been more easy than for Dimon to have checked the pursuit; but determined not to stand still, he made his escape, without resort to force. Making one or two snatches to bulge himself, he found them off by the high walls that enclose the prison, and with a single leap placed himself within the forbidden enclosure. In a moment he heard the voices of his pursuers, exulting at their success, and deciding that without aid no one could possibly mount those walls. After the escape was past, Dimon took to him, or two on the lower bordered avenue, and as he moved had not yet set, he threw himself in a retired corner beneath a cluster of trees, to wait until deeper darkness should enable him to leave the spot without notice. Consequently the new difficulties that were before him, should he be found in that situation, he fell



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