

hoppers, which are every summer found in all our fields and roads, but are of the size of a locust, with the same gregarious habits. The ordinary grasshopper is weak of wing, and never rises to a great height, whereas the legions which have so repeatedly desolated Utah and Texas, rise into the upper air, and move off together to great distances, like wild geese. They appear in innumerable hosts, and instead of scattering, alight in a body upon some devoted locality, which they attack and destroy with the systematic movement of an army. They will thus eat up a crop of corn or cotton in a very short time. In Utah this plague visited the growing cereals with utter destruction as often as three times in one season, so that the afflicted Mormons were reduced to extremities for food. They seem now to have attacked our frontier States, and to be moving gradually into the body of the Republic. The horrors of famine have never been felt in our country, and accustomed to the most prolific abundance, it is a calamity to which no one has ever looked, yet these grasshoppers are a terrible visitation to a region.

Mr. H. W. Herbert, better known by his writings as "Frank Forrester," committed suicide about 2 o'clock on Monday morning, at his room in the Stevens House, Broadway, opposite the Bowling Green. He had, it appears, for some weeks been very depressed in spirits, owing to his separation from his wife, to whom he had but a short time been married.

A terrible hail-storm occurred in Chesterfield County, Va., on the 16th. Some of the stones were of the size of hen's eggs, and from two to three feet deep in some places in the roads.

A GREAT WORK.—The first number of a gigantic work, entitled "The Correspondence of Napoleon I.," has just been issued in Paris. The committee of editors propose to examine not only the materials capable of illustrating the subject, scattered in the different capitals of Europe, but forty-seven volumes relating to the Italian and Egyptian campaigns, now in possession of Prince Joseph, and 60,000 or 70,000 pieces of the correspondence of Napoleon I. Besides this, they add that, "in order to make their investigations as complete as possible, they have considerably more than 10,000 works published on Napoleon or on the events of his reign, to be catalogued and examined."

Another Railroad catastrophe similar to that which recently occurred on the New York Central railroad, though less destructive to human life, occurred last week, on the Lafayette and Indianapolis Railroad, about twenty-two miles east of Lafayette, Ind. The Cincinnati Night Express was crossing a bridge at that point, the abutments of which have been undermined by a freshet, when the whole structure gave way just as the engine had crossed, and the train was precipitated into the water. Three persons only—the conductor, the engineer, and the fireman—were killed, and the passengers most wonderfully all escaped without injury.

THE SLAVE TRADE.—Twenty-two vessels were captured by English cruisers during the last twelve months for being engaged in the slave trade. All but one were American, and the larger number belonged to New York, Boston, and New Orleans. This may account, in some measure, for the vigilance with which British cruisers watch American merchantmen in the Cuban waters.

WAR VESSELS ORDERED TO THE GULF IN SEARCH OF BRITISH STEAMER STYX.—New York, May 23.—The Herald Washington Correspondent says:—The Secretary of the Navy has issued orders to Commander Hartstein to proceed to New York immediately, and assume the Command of the steamer Arctic; also to Commander John Rogers to take command of the Water Witch to fit them out without delay and proceed to the Gulf in search of the British War Steamer Styx. Other vessels are to follow as rapidly as they can be got ready for service.

The House Naval Committee will, on Monday, report a Bill for the immediate construction of ten gun boats, and it is understood the Committee on Foreign Relations will move increasing the number to 30. Orders will be issued in a few days from the War Department, countermanding the previous orders for the removal of the 2nd Cavalry Regt., from Texas to Fort Leavenworth; also changing the station of a portion of the 1st Regt., of Artillery.

Barque John Howe arrived here yesterday from Sagua, was boarded by an officer from the British Steamer Buzzard, subsequently while lying in the harbor of Sagua, was again boarded by a boat from the same vessel. The John Howe had her colors flying on both occasions.

The John Howe reports that ship Clarendon, Captain Bartlett, with Sugar for New York, was boarded in the harbor of Sagua la Grande, by a boat from the British steamer Buzzard. Captain B. refused to hoist his ensign at the command of the British officer, deeming the whole proceeding an insult. The officer demanded of him to show his papers, and was told they were at the Consul's office. He departed to report to his commander, and several shots (blank cartridge) were fired by the steamer to intimidate Capt. B., but without effect. Two boats, containing each fifteen men, with small arms, proceeded to the Clarendon, under the Commander in person. The latter was received politely, but Capt. B. threatened to shoot the first of the crew who came on board. The commander again told him to hoist his ensign, and was refused. He then, facing the Captain with a pistol, threatened to seize the vessel and take her to New York. The Captain replied that is just what he wanted, when, whether by intent or accident, Captain B. was struck in the breast. Capt. B. presented a pistol, saying,

"take off your hands, or I'll shoot you." The officer denied having struck him. After some further conversation, he left the ship in a rage, without accomplishing his purpose.

FROST AT THE SOUTH.—The Southern Journals bring sad accounts of the damage inflicted on the young crops by recent extensive frosts. In many localities the growing cotton was destroyed, and cannot be replaced on account of want of seed. This seems to be particularly the case in South Carolina, and apart of Tennessee, and corn instead of cotton will be planted. Fruit was also materially injured in some localities, while in others there will be a fair crop. Garden vegetables are represented as being generally prostrated. The frost appeared on two successive nights, and in some places ice an eighth of an inch in thickness was formed. The remarkable atmospheric phenomenon, occurring in the midst of one of the most genial and forward seasons known for years was very extensive in its effects, and the accounts of its ravages come simultaneously from the parallel of Norfolk, Va., to that of New Orleans.

A young lady named Susan K. Brown, a daughter of Philip C. Brown, Esq., a retired merchant of New York, residing on Fifth avenue, near Twenty-eighth st., has of late been, and is a most singular and extraordinary somnambulist. Almost every night after she has fallen asleep, she gets up, lights the gas, and taking a paper and pencil, writes several stanzas of poetry. Her father fearing that some accident might occur, one night removed the gas fixtures from her room and placed them beyond her reach. That night she arose in perfect darkness, wrote another piece of poetry, which upon examination by daylight, was found to be well written, correctly spelled, and punctuated, and the ruled lines as accurately followed as they could have been by the best penman with a light; and this has been repeated almost every night, each time a new piece being produced. She has no knowledge of the matter herself, cannot repeat a word of the poetry she writes, and insists that she does not write it. Her friends watch her closely. Her health is not very good; since her somnambulist exercises, she seems to gradually fail. Physicians have attended her for some time, but as yet afford little relief.—N. Y. Chronicle.

GOLDEN WEDDING OF A VENERABLE MINISTER.—The well known author of the "History of the Baptists," Rev. Dr. Benedict, and his wife celebrated on the 8th inst. at their residence in Pawtucket, R. I., their Golden Wedding, having lived fifty years since their marriage. Dr. Benedict was born at Norwalk, Conn., Oct. 10, 1779, and will soon complete his 90th year. He was married in 1808, and is the father of twelve children, all but one of whom grew to manhood, seven married, and eight are now living. He has twenty-seven grand children, seventeen of whom are now living. He was ordained a minister of the Baptist Church in 1805, and was settled over a Society in Pawtucket for twenty-five years. Mrs. Benedict is 75 years old. Dr. Benedict's name is associated with the history of our denomination, and we are sure that many will unite with us in wishing him and his companion yet many years of peace and usefulness.—lb.

A concert given in Boston on the 20th inst., for the benefit of the families of the firemen who were killed at the Federal Street fire, realized \$1500. This is as it should be.

GOLD BY THE TON.—The amount of gold shipped from Melbourne to London, during 1857, was 107 tons troy weight.

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And for Sale at E. G. Fuller's and other Booksellers in Town and Country.
Price 7½d.

THE IMITATIVE FACULTY, ITS USE AND ABUSE:

A Lecture, delivered before the Acadia Lyceum, Wolfville, N. S., Feb. 2nd, 1858,
By the Rev. D. M. Welton, A. B.,
Baptist Minister, Windsor, N. S.
A liberal discount to wholesale purchasers.
May 26.

MINERAL VARNISH.

A Superior Brilliant Blacking,
FOR Stoves, Register Grates, Iron Mantle-pieces, Iron Fire Boards, Coal Hods, and all kinds of Iron Furniture

Also, for iron work of Waggon and Sleighs, and for every description of iron work that requires to be kept black and polished

This varnish is rapidly taking the place of all other preparations for the above purposes, and requires only to be tested to secure general and continued use.

It is just the article that is required in the Spring of the year for Stoves, Pipe, &c., giving a fine polish with a Bronze shade and preventing the action of the atmosphere. Put up in cases of one dozen bottles with directions for using on each bottle.

Sold by WILLIAM ACKHURST, wholesale Agent for Halifax.
Manufactured and sold at Liverpool by the Subscriber, GEORGE PAYZANT.
May 19.

A FAIR,
FOR THE SALE OF

Useful and Ornamental Articles,
WILL be held at Hantsport, on Thursday, the 30th of September next, the proceeds of which will be used in building a SCHOOL-HOUSE and TEMPERANCE HALL.

All friends of Education and Temperance are requested to assist. Any contributions (either money or material) will be thankfully received by
MRS. EDWARD DAVISON, } Committee.
MRS. ROBERT COGSWELL, }
MRS. ROBERT McCULLOCH, }

P. S. If the day appointed should prove stormy it will be held the next fine day.
April 14.

CARPETS! CARPETS!!
At the Carpet Rooms of the Subscribers, fresh from the Manufactories, the largest assortment of the newest patterns in BRUSSELS, VELVETS, TAPESTRIES, THREE PLY and SCOTCH STAIR CARPETS, all widths. Some rich Brussels and Tapestry. Victoria Felt DRUGGETS. Heavy Woolen and Hemp do., Hearth Rugs, Door Mats, Crumb Cloths, &c., &c. All at lowest possible Scale of Prices.
W. & C. SILVER.
May 5. 6 w.

GEORGE FRASER,
(Of the late Firm of Fraser, Lytle & Co.)
SHIP BROKER, ACCOUNTANT,
—AND—
General Commission Merchant,
Vass's Building, Bedford Row, (recently occupied by the Bank of Nova-Scotia.)

Particular attention given to the Purchase and Sale of Vessels,—procuring and collecting Freight and Charters, adjusting Accounts,—Effecting Insurance, and Negotiating Sales of Stock and General Merchandise on Commission.
Feb. 17. 6 m.

In the House of Assembly,
7th MAY, 1858.

RESOLVED, That the expenditure on Roads or Bridges, not sanctioned by the Legislature, shall be strictly confined to cases of necessity arising in the recess, and previously submitted to and sanctioned by the Government; and the money shall be laid out under the guards, and in the manner required by law in the case of road expenditures—otherwise the advances shall not be in any manner recognized by the Government of the House.

Ordered, That the foregoing resolution be published for four weeks in the Newspapers.
ALEX. JAMES,
Clerk of Assembly.

J. M. MARGESON,
PHOTOGRAPHER.
(Opposite east side Province Building.)

MINIATURES taken daily, without regard to weather, in the finest style of the Art. Copying done in a superior manner.

PORTRAITS
Of Invalids or deceased persons taken at their dwelling if desired.
Mr. M. has lately added to his Rooms a superior

Landscape Camera,
By which he is enabled to produce **Photographic Views** of every description.
Charges moderate.
On hand, a great variety of CASES and FRAMES. Also, an assortment of **GOLD LOCKETS**: a fine article.
Perfect satisfaction given in every case.

Rooms, 36 Hollis Street.
May 5. Wes.

NEW GOODS! SPRING GOODS!!

THE SUBSCRIBERS have just received per "White Star," from London, Manchester, Birmingham, and Staffordshire, a new and varied assortment of

ENGLISH GOODS,
Suitable for the season, consisting in part of: Grey and Printed COTTONS, SHIRTINGS and SHEETINGS, MUSLIN DELAINES, MUSLINS, BAREGES, SHAWLS, MANTLES, BONNETS, RIBBONS, DRESS TRIMMINGS, LACES, CAMBRICS,

CLOTHING,
Earthenware, Cutlery, Paints, Linseed Oil, Raw and boiled, NETS for the Shad Fishery, &c., &c., which, with the extensive Stock now on hand, they offer at very low prices for Cash.

These Goods having been personally selected by one of the firm, and having been purchased directly from the Manufacturers at their lowest prices, cannot fail to give satisfaction. The Bonnets, Ribbons, and all Goods subject to the changes of fashion, are warranted to be entirely new and of the very latest Styles.

ALSO—Daily expected from New York and Boston:
Flour, Corn Meal, Sole Leather, and other American Goods.

YUILL & MERRIAM,
Great Village, Londonderry, May 10, 1858.
May 12. 4 w.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.

THE Business heretofore conducted by WELL-WOOD REYNALDS, at No. 9 SACKVILLE STREET, Halifax, will, from this date, be conducted under the firm of

REYNALDS & STEVENS.
Halifax, April 9th, 1858.

The SUBSCRIBERS would call the attention of the public to their Stock of **GROCERIES**, consisting of: FLOUR, Superfine and Fancy; Superfine Rye, Corn and Oatmeal, Molasses, Sugar, Tea, Coffee, Tobacco, Beans, Dried Apples, Ginger, Pepper, Nutmegs, Maple-Sugar, &c., &c.

ALSO,—Just received, per Steamer "Eastern State" and Brig "America," from Boston:
Brooms, Buckets, Barrel Covers, Tubs in nests, Wicks, Whip-stocks, Wash-boards, Rolling pins, Spring-clothes-pins, Fancy Baskets, Shoe-brushes, Sole Leather, and a splendid assortment of

Boots and Shoes.
—ALSO—

Agricultural Implements,
Consisting of Sythe Sneaths, Hay-forks, Manure do. Hoe's Hay-rakes, Cast-steel Garden do., all of which have been selected by one of the firm, and purchased for Cash, enabling them to sell very low for ready money.

REYNALDS & STEVENS.
Observe No. 9 Sackville Street,
under Tupper's Country-house.
May 19. 3 w.

Nova Scotia and Nova Scotians.

LECTURE, by REV. W. HILL, A. M., Prof. Past. Theol., King's College, Windsor. Price 7½d.
Copious notes have been added to the Biographical Sketches, in the Lecture, by the author, since it was delivered.
"Christian Messenger" Office.

Spring Importations,
Per STEAMERS and ROSENEATH!

BECKWITH & MAJOR
Have received by the above vessels a-part of their

SPRING SUPPLY,
Which are offered on reasonable terms, comprising:

FILLED Paisley and Cashmere SHAWLS,
Rich Tissue and Mosaic Mantle do.,
Military Striped and Flounced DRESSES,
Striped and Flounced Balzerine do.,
Printed Muslins, French Delaines,
Curtain Muslins, Linens,
Towelings, Gingham, Threads,
Worked and Stamped Collars and Sleeves,
A large assortment of French Kid Gloves,
Silk and Lisle Thread do.,
Lisle and German Thread Hose, &c.
The balance of our Goods are expected hourly.
May 12. 34 GRANVILLE STREET.

Liverpool House.

WE beg to announce to our numerous friends and customers that we have purchased, at a Large Discount, the entire Stock of

DRY GOODS,
In the late Firm of W. J. COLEMAN & CO., and have per latest arrivals from England and the United States made large additions thereto in all the various Departments.

We are now prepared to offer at the lowest possible prices—
CARPETS and HEARTH RUGS—(very cheap.)
Grey and White COTTONS, Sheetings,
Bed Ticks, Flannels, Osnaburghs,
Linen, Hollands, Towelings, &c.,
Printed Cottons, Lelaines, and Cashmeres,
French Merinoes and Parramatta's,
Black and Colored Orleans and Coburg Cloths.
A large variety of FANCY DRESSES in the newest styles
Silks, Satins, Rich Flounced Silk Dresses,
Ribbons, Laces, Gloves, Hosiery,
Parasols, Bonnets, and Flowers,
1180 FENT DRESSES, Grey and White Cotton Fests,
Doeskins, Tweeds, Cassimeres, Broad Cloths,
BEST QUALITY COTTON WARP.
With a large variety of other articles, which we offer Wholesale and Retail for Cash or approved credit.
WETMORE, VAUX & McCULLOCH,
12 GRANVILLE STREET.
May 12. (Wit., Rec.)

SPRING IMPORTATION.
145 Granville Street.

Ex "ROSENEATH," "WHITE STAR,"
"GEORGE BRADFORD," and "BESSIE,"

THE above named arrivals will enable the Subscriber to offer for the inspection of Wholesale and Retail purchasers, an extensive and select STOCK of

Fancy and Staple Dry Goods.
Particular attention is requested to the

FANCY DRESS DEPARTMENT,
In which will be found

Rich two and three flounced Barege ROBES,
Poplin, Silk, Satin and Moire Antique DRESSES,
Printed Balzarine and Muslin ditto,
Newest style Military Stripe ditto,
DRESS MATERIAL—in Silk, Satin, French Orleans,
Barege, &c., &c.
Silk and Barege Tissue LONG SHAWLS,
Filled Paisley and Cashmere do.,
Rich Moire Anti-que and Cloth MANTLES,
Worked and Traced Muslin Goods—in newest styles and designs.

—ALSO—
1 case Rich Kid GLOVES, per steamer "Europa."
Which with the usual large Stock of English and Scotch Staple Goods, has been selected with great care to insure satisfaction to customers.
SAMUEL STRONG.
May 19. 8 w.

London House.
IMPORTATIONS FOR SPRING 1858.

WE beg to announce the completion per "Bessie," of our entire Stock of

Dry Goods,
For the present Season.

Our importations of STAPLES embrace some large Job lots of
Prints, Stuffs and Fancy Dresses,
At unusually Low Prices. ALSO,
Grey and White Cottons,

Purchased at the lowest quotations during the late Commercial Crisis.
Our Stock of

FANCY DRY GOODS,
(The most extensive and varied in the city) will be found to comprise—
The latest productions in Fancy Silks,
Full Trimmed and Untrimmed Bonnets,
Flowers, Ribbons, Plumes, Parasols,
London and Paris Mantles,
Infants' Robes, &c. Fancy Dresses, Pelisses, Hats, &c.
Lace Goods, Trimmings, Wrought Muslins,
Fancy Kid Gloves, at Manufacturer's prices, &c.

THE FURNISHING ROOMS
Are well stocked with—
Brussels, Tapestry and Scotch Carpets,
Rugs, Druggets, and Matting, &c.,
Window Drapery, Muslin Curtains, &c.,
Patent Floor Cloths, of English and American Manufacture, of any dimensions, cut to plan as required.
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May 12.