

Desultory.

A VISIT FROM SAINT NICHOLAS.

BY CLEMENT C. MOORE.

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Mamma in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap;
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
To open the shutters and throw up the sash.
The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow,
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,
Down the chimney, St. Nicholas came with a reindeer,
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! and
Vixen!
On, Comet! on Comet! on Comet! and Blitzen!"
To the top of the perch to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! now dash away! now dash away!
As dry leaves before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas too—
And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof.

As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.
He was dressed all in fur from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of toys he had flung on his back,
And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack.
His eyes were like twinkling stars, his nose like a cherry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;
The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowl full of jelly.
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had not to dread;
He spoke not a word, but went straight to my work,
And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good-night!"

A BENEFICENT DISCOVERY.—The noblest achievement of Science, the Iron horse, with its tireless strength, its pulse of vapor and its hoars of flame, is a glorious exponent of the creative capacity of the human mind; and the metallic nerves through which intelligence courses over a continent, prove by every flash of thought which traverses them, that man possesses one attribute essentially godlike, the power to annihilate space and time. But next and more important as have been the results of making steam and lightning the common carrier and messenger of the world, the discovery by which weak or impure blood can be vitalized or restored to new vigor and purity by means of internal or external remedies is of infinite greater value. The resources of vegetable chemistry, as developed and applied by Thomas Holloway, have proved equal to this mighty task. His famous remedies impart to the stream of life a disinfecting principle which frees the system from all impure and poisonous elements. The powers of chemistry are almost beyond calculation, and as he has brought them to bear upon the treatment of diseases, in those invaluable vegetable compounds known as HOLLOWAY'S PILLS AND OINTMENT, they have compassed their highest and holiest object.

Steam, as the great motor, is after all but a subsidiary agent. Its usefulness consists, mainly, in conveying substantial benefits, with speed and certainty to the fields in which their use is operative. It is simply the bearer of blessings not their originator. Of all the freight which it carries over land and sea, there is perhaps none so precious as Holloway's Remedies. It is scarcely a figure of speech to say, that whithersoever it conveys them, it flies "with healing on its wings."

Under the influence of the Ointment, the skin, however disfigured by eruptions or excoriation, becomes a tubular, pure, spotless, and transparent as the surface of bluishness is not accompanied by driving back disease into the vital recesses of the system, but by neutralizing the morbid material which feeds it.

The Pills act upon the internal fluids and organs which secrete them on the same sanitary principle. They destroy the acid particles subjected to their chemical action as infallible as an alkali neutralizes an acid; and at the same time impart a mild and constant electric action to the secretive and excretive machinery.

It would be repeating a familiar story to tell of the wide diffusion, the universal celebrity of these twin curatives. They have penetrated wherever civilization has penetrated. They are the medicines of every class, creed, and color, on the face of the earth. The sanction of governments, the patronage of monarchs, the approval of all Christian nations, the gratitude of human millions, attest their worth. In fact, there is no region with which this country has any commercial intercourse where Holloway would not find himself at home. Some estimate may be formed of the extent and variety of his foreign correspondence, from the fact that sixty correspondence clerks, of which number sixteen are accomplished linguists, are employed conducting it. He is the centre of a sanitary circle that belts the world.—*London "Morning Herald."*

DEATH OF A GREAT MILLIONAIRE.—The London Times of the 2nd inst. contains a long biographical notice of one of the "merchant princes" of the great metropolis, who has had most extensive relations with this country. Mr. James Morrison, the eminent millionaire, died at his seat, Basildon Park, on the 30th ult., aged 68, and worth \$20,000,000, a considerable portion of which it is stated by the Times, is invested in the United States, and so well invested, too, that it suffers no diminution by the present commercial difficulties. We believe that it was Mr. Morrison who had a suit with the Dry Dock Bank in New York some years since. He went to London a poor boy, and laid the foundation of his great fortune by engaging in the dry goods trade, in which he was the first to introduce the principle of selling at a small profit to increase the amount of his sales. He afterwards invested largely in lands and owned large estates in several English counties, and also in Scotland. He was many years in Parliament, and was always a Liberal in politics; he was author of a work on the Defects of English System of Railway Legislation, and in 1848 a volume was published by Longmans, containing a selection from his Parliamentary speeches. He was a self-educated man, but he possessed a refined taste in literature and art, and had collected a remarkably rich library, and a noble gallery of paintings. He was one of the nobles of England who inherited neither a name nor a fortune, nor was indebted for any of his distinctions to the crown or the people.

The Cuban women have a trait of character so noble that Madame Lo Vert declares she cannot refrain from mentioning it. "They never speak ill of each other, but always find some palliation for the errors of their own sex." This is a tacit admission that such charity is almost peculiar to the fair Havana.

A Western editor expressed his delight at having nearly been called "honey by the gal he loves, because she related him as 'Old Beeswax' at his last meeting."

"Industry must prosper," as the man said when holding the baby for his wife to chop wood.

Notices, &c.

BUTTERMILK CREEK STORE.

THE subscriber has in store a large supply of OATS, Buckwheat, Corn Meal, Flour, Fish, Pork, &c., which he is prepared to sell at low prices and well assorted Stock of

Dry Goods, Books and Shoes, Hops, Groceries, Hardware, Hollow Ware, Crockeryware, Iron, Steel, &c., LIQUORS OF ALL KINDS,

together with an endless variety of other Goods suited for the country.

As the subscriber is determined not to be undersold, he invites parties in want of Goods to give him a call before going to Woodstock.

Buttermilk Creek, Feb. 25, 1857. T. H. BRADLEY.

I want Money or Produce!

FOR THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES:
100 BBLs. FLOUR; 50 bbls. MEAL;
100 do. Labrador Herring; 100 Sacks Salt;
100 chests Tea; 6 bbls. Molasses;
4 bbls. Sugar; 8 kegs Lard;
2 kegs Coffee; 10 boxes Soap;
6 bbls. Burning Fluid;

And a large stock of Groceries, too numerous to mention. Woodstock, Dec. 3. W. W. HAMMOND.

The Liverpool and London FIRE & LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

Incorporated in 1836.
Thomas Brookbank, Esquire, Chairman,
Joseph Christopher, Esquire, M.P., and Francis May
Wood, Esq., Deputy Chairman.
Winton Boule, Esq., Secretary.

Home Office:
37, Castle Street, Liverpool;

20 and 28, Pooley, London, E.C.

Capital—Two Millions Sterling.
Paid up—\$320,374 25 3d. Sterling.

Unlimited Liability of Stockholders.

Fire Department.

The Company continue to insure at this Agency, upon every description of property at reasonable terms. Their Policy includes the risk from lightning.

Claims payable in cash without deduction, on proof of loss.

Fire premiums for 1856 amounted to 227,779 10s. 6d. Losses paid in 1856, £108,305 10s. 6d. 3/4.

Life Department.

The conditions upon which the Company conduct this branch of their business will be found very favorable to the insured. Their rates are as low as those of any other respectable Company with equal security.

No charge for Stamps or Policies in either Department. Please apply to

EDWARD ALLISON,
Agent for New Brunswick.

89 Prince William Street, St. John, or to

George Kerr, Esq., M.P., P. Chatham;
D. G. Macdonald, Esq., Bathurst;

M. S. Levy, Esq., Richmond;
Robertson, Esq., Woodstock;

William T. Rose, Esq., St. Stephen's;
James MacLachlan, Esq., Woodstock;

Thomas R. Barker, Esq., Fredericton.
May 30th.

Athenaeum Fire Insurance Society OF LONDON.

Capital, \$2,000,000 Sterling.

Right Honorable the Earl of Glencairn, Chairman.

THIS Society insures against loss or damage by Fire all descriptions of Buildings, including the houses, Mansions, and the goods, Ware and Merchandise in the same; Ships on the stocks, in harbor or in dock; River Craft and their cargoes; and Farming Stock of all descriptions in Great Britain and Ireland and the Colonies, and also in foreign countries.

HENRY SAITLER, Manager,
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Woodstock, Fredericton, & Grand Falls.

MAIL STAGE.

LEAVING Woodstock, at 8 o'clock, A. M., daily, Saturdays excepted.

FARE—THREE DOLLARS.

The above connects with a Daily Stage to Hebron and Back.

The Stage for Grand Falls and Quebec leaves Woodstock every Monday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 3 P. M., and returning leaves Grand Falls every Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday, at 4 P. M.

FARE—ONE POUND.

Stage Boats kept at the Store of T. Treadwell Smith and Co., and at the Woodstock Hotel, and Queen's Arms, Woodstock.

J. R. TUPPER.

17 12th, 1855.

LAWRENCE HOTEL,

Corner of Prince William & Queen streets, SAINT JOHN, N. B.

THE undersigned would intimate to those of his friends who so liberally patronized the "HARMON HOUSE," and the public generally, that he has rented the above-named Hotel, where he will be ready to receive all his old and new friends.

The building is almost entirely new, roomy and comfortable, splendidly situated and commanding one of the best views in the city, and in close proximity to the new Steamboat Landing. The furniture is of the best quality, and the table is supplied with the most select and choice provisions, and adapted to the uses required.

The undersigned, by giving his undivided personal attention to the business, by keeping his Table complete, supplied with the best of the country produce, and by employing none but attentive and obliging servants, hopes to merit a fair share of public patronage.

AMOS B. BARNES, Proprietor.

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THE COMMERCIAL HOTEL,

Main-street, Woodstock.

TELEGRAPH OFFICE, and affords to the travelling public every requisite for comfort which can be desired. The house is entirely new, and has been built on a large and commodious site. No exertion will be spared to secure the comfort of those who may choose to sit at their stopping places. Travellers arriving late at night will find the house ready for their reception.

The Table will be furnished with the best of the market affords. Charges moderate.

A GOOD STABLE is in attendance to the House, and a careful Horses always in attendance.

J. S. J. W. Manager.

N.B. There is also a superior LIVERY STABLE in connection with the above establishment, at which every description of Carriages is kept, and at which every description of Carriages is kept, and at which every description of Carriages is kept.

Nov. 8. 11 [Morn. Chron. 3m.]

WAVERLEY HOUSE,

No. 73 King-street.

THE subscriber, having taken the WAVERLEY HOUSE, in King-street, nearly opposite to the St. John Hotel, and having thoroughly remodelled the same, by enlarging the Dining-Room, putting in new Furnishings, and making every modern improvement, will be prepared, on MONDAY the 9th inst., to receive permanent and transient BOARDERS.

The subscriber begs to return his most sincere thanks for the very liberal support bestowed upon him while in connection with the firm of Messrs. W. & J. Seamount, as proprietors of the old St. John Hotel for sixteen years, and trusts, by strict attention to business, to merit a share of public patronage.

There is also in connection with the above House a Superior Stable, in which can be accommodated 15 Horses. A careful Hostler always in attendance.

JOSEPH SCAMMELL, Proprietor.

St. John, July, 1856. 8

UNION HOTEL,

Union-street, between Charlotte and Sydney streets, south side.

THE Proprietor of this Establishment, thankful for the favors received during the period he occupied the new Brunswick Hotel, and convinced of the necessity of more and better accommodations for the public, has erected a large and substantial building in Union-street, capable of accommodating from seventy to eighty Boarders. This house is well ventilated; the sleeping rooms are large, and every flat is well supplied with water, and also lighted with gas. The proprietor is determined to leave no means untaken to merit the patronage of the community. Travellers arriving late at night will find the house always open and ready to receive them; while the conveniences and moderate charges will render it emphatically the home of the stranger. The tables of the house will be supplied with the best of the market affords, and the proprietor is determined to adhere strictly to the above principle.

Two large stables have been erected on the premises, capable of accommodating from thirty to seventy Horses. Good Hostlers always in attendance.

St. John, Oct. 15. 84 ELIAS S. FLAGG.

Boston Advertisements.

IMPORTANT TO BAKERS.

DENNIS & BROTHERS, proprietors of the Improved CRACKER, Ship Biscuit, &c., &c., have removed to the new building, No. 100, Broadway, within the main street, Boston.

They are prepared to receive orders for all kinds of Biscuits, Ship Biscuits, &c., &c., and to deliver them at the shortest notice.

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