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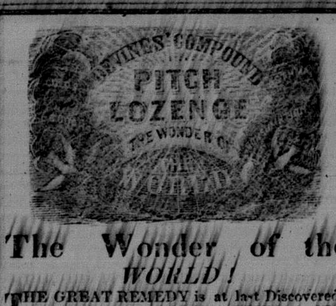

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August 8. WILLIAM HAYWARD.

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Of the finest quality, which he will be happy to make up for them in his usual superior style, on terms as reasonable as can be obtained at and other Establishment in the City.

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Nicholes' Paletots made in the best London style. May 16, 1851

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MONUMENTS,

varying in price from £3 to £60, suitable for the New Cemetery, or other places of burial in town or country; which he will certainly dispose of at a cheaper rate than any other establishment in the city to parties disposed to make the most of their ready money.
M. FITZGERALD.
St. John, April 29, 1853.

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MANUFACTURER of all kinds Silver Plate, viz: Tea, Table, and Dessert Spoons; Forks Ladles, Fish and Butter Knives, &c. &c.; also, Silver Cups of different patterns, which he will furnish *Cheaper* than any other House in the City. The above work is warranted to be made of Sterling Silver, and for neatness of style and superiority of finish challenges competition.

JEWELLERY made to order and repaired.

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Traders, Pedlers and others furnished with plain Gold Finger RINGS *cheaper* than can be imported. In all cases punctuality may be relied on. Cash and the highest price given for Old Silver.

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No. 22 KING STREET, 20th OCTOBER, 1852.

THE Subscriber informs his numerous friends and customers, that he has received per ship *Devon* and late steamers, part of his Fall Supply of

Winter and Staple Goods,

comprising the usual Retail Stock, and making the assortment of this Establishment nearly equal to any in the trade—The following are some of the leading articles, viz:—

Heavy Canada, Beaver, and Broad CLOTHS;
Heavy SATINETTS—newest styles;
Doeskins and Cassimeres, BLANKETS;
FLANNELS, SHEETINGS, SHIRTINGS;
Fleecy COTTON, BED TICKS, DRILLS;
TOWELLINGS, SHAWLS, Hosiery, Gloves Cotton BATTINGS, &c. &c. &c.

Also—*on Consignment, for Wholesale*—

3 cases GERMAN GOODS, consisting of FLUTINOS, ACCORDEONS, Work Boxes, Playing Cards, Razor Strops, Portmonies, Wallets, &c. very cheap.
Nov. 5. JOSEPH LORDLY.

New Brunswick Hotel.
Charlotte street, nearly opposite the Country Market, Saint John, N. B.

THE Proprietor of the above Establishment thankful for past favors, would respectfully inform the travelling Public, that having erected a large addition in rear of the main Building, he is now prepared to furnish ample accommodation to 70 or 80 Boarders. The Proprietor is determined to leave no means untried to merit the patronage of the community.

Travellers arriving late at night will find the House always open and ready to recive them.

The Sleeping Rooms are large and well ventilated, and the improvements and conveniences which have been made render it emphatically the House of the stranger.

It has always been a Temperance House and the Proprietor is determined to adhere strictly to the Total Abstinence principle.

This House is centrally located, and is well supplied with well furnished apartments, clean beds, good fare, the best attention, and reasonable charges, which should render it worthy the support of Travellers.

A Large STABLE has been erected on the premises, capable of accommodating 70 Horses.

Good Hostlers are always in attendance.
July 8, 1853. E. W. FLAGLOR.

COAT MAKERS WANTED.—Wanted Five good Coat Makers. Good wages given and constant employ. Apply to C. BARTLETT.

Select Reading.

THE ROMISH CONTROVERSY.

The zeal with such Roman Catholic priests defend and promote their tenets, and the blind obedience which the great majority of the laity show to the assumption of their priests, clouded and sanctified as it is by the imposing antiquity of "*the Church*," is no reason why we should succumb to their authority when such authority is opposed to reason, to sound philosophy, and to the religion which they claim to monopolize.

In the earlier disputes between the Protestants and the Roman Catholics, the Protestants laid great stress upon the *Bible*—the Romans upon the *commentators*; and hence the dispute could never come to a conclusion, as both argued from *data* which the others would not admit. But one great result remained to the Reformers which the others absolutely rejected—"the liberty of thought and the right of private judgment." This is the corner-stone of Protestant dissent; and this the Roman Catholic Church has endeavoured, by every means within her power, to suppress and to annihilate. But when the improvement, of the human mind consequent upon the discovery of printing made the struggle more violent between the two religions, and the Pope was obliged to summon a council at Trent to reconcile or decide the differences, the old argument was revived of the Bible being the sole authority on the one hand, and of the referential authority of the fathers on the other. As both argued from *data* mutually inadmissable, the Protestants took the strong ground that belief in Christ was the sole requisite, and that a sincere faith in Christ would be followed by corresponding works; that all virtue was comprised in the Ten Commandments, and in doing unto others as we should wish that others should do unto us. The Romans contend equally for the principle of faith, but that good works were essentially necessary, and might be carried even to a superfluous extent; and of those works "the Church" was to be judge.

But what are good works? Was it the masacre of Saint Bartholomew? And yet of this "the Church" approved at Rome. Was it the revocation of the Edict of Nantes? This was entirely at the instigation of the priests. Was it the expulsion of the Moors from Spain? This was entirely also a religious movement. But they cannot repeat this now: therefore "the Church" is not infallible. But, if "the Church" had now the power, has it the will? Then the Church is not immutable. The "justification by faith" is, therefore the second ground upon which the Protestant meets the Roman. But there is still a stronger ground. Our Saviour says—and says sound philosophy and common sense—"Ye shall know them by their fruits" (Matt. vii. 16 20). No Roman pretends that these words are not in St. Matthew, and that our Saviour did not use them. They are in every manuscript and in every translation.

Look to Spain and Portugal, the lowest of all nations in proportion to their natural means and magnificent territory! Look to France, where Romanism was followed by Atheism, and where a revolution occured from which [illegible] tages, she has not yet recovered! Look to Belgium, whose priestly zeal has deprived the finest soil and the happiest rivers of the colonies which give wealth to Holland and make her the second commercial country of our globe. Look to Italy, where ignorance and beggary are a standing criterion of sacerdotal tyranny triumphing over climate and abundance. Look to Ireland where "mendacity" and "mendicity," are become national characteristics! Look to South America, where every thing is stationary but the concurrence of abortive revolutions. On the other hand, look to England and to Scotland, where Protestant liberty is synonymous with wealthy intelligence and prosperity! Look to Switzerland and its contrasting Protestant and Romish Cantons! Look to Holland where religious toleration enables her to improve her trade and silently to speed her sails over every sea! Look to Hamburg, Bremen, Sweden, Denmark, and the United States of North America where the rapid development of the resources of man forms a fine contrast with the unintelligible confusion of the ascendency of "the Church of Rome" in the south! Protestants have, therefore three grounds upon which the Romanists can never meet them—first, the right of private judgement; secondly, the justification by faith alone; thirdly, the state of those countries where priestly power predominates on the one hand and perfect toleration prevails on the other.—*Church and State Gazette.*

A THRILLING SCENE.—One of my father's brothers, says Mrs. Child, residing in Boston at the time when the yellow fever prevailed to such frightful extent, became a victim to the pestilence. When the first symptoms appeared, the wife sent the children into the country, and she remained to tend upon him. Her friends warned her against such rashness. They told her it would be death to her, and no benefit to him. These arguments made no impression upon her affectionate heart. She accordingly stayed and watched with unremitting care. This however, did not avail to saved him, he grew worse and worse and finally died.

Those who went round with the death carts had visited the chamber, and seen that the end was near. They now came to take the body. His wife refused to let go. She told me she never knew how to account for it, but though he was perfectly cold and rigid, and to every appearance quite dead, there was a powerful impression on her mind that life was not extinct. The men were overborne by the strength of her conviction, though their own reason was opposed to it.

The half hour again came around, and again was heard the solemn words—"Bring out your dead." The men represented the utter absurdity of such an idea: but finally overcome by her tears, again departed. With trembling haste she renewed her efforts to restore him. She raised his head, rolled his limbs in hot flannel, and placed hot onions on his feet. The dreadful half hour again came round, and found him as cold and rigid as ever. She renewed her entreaties so desperately, that the messengers began to think that a little gentle force would be necessary. They accordingly attempted to remove the body against her will, but she threw herself upon it, and clung to it with such frantic strength, that they could not easily loosen her grasp. Impressed by the remarkable energy of her will, they relaxed their efforts. To all their remonstrances she answered—"If you bury him, you shall bury me with him."

At last, by dint of reasoning on the case they obtained from her a promise, that if he showed no signs of life before they again came round, she would make no opposition to the removal.

Having gained this respite, she hung the watch upon the bed post, and renewed her efforts with redoubled zeal. She kept kegs of warm water about him, forced hot brandy between his teeth, breathed into his nostrils, and held hartshorn to his nose, but still the body lay motionless and cold. She looked anxiously at the watch, and in five minutes the promised hour would expire, and those dreadful voices would be heard passing through the street. Hopelessness came over her—she dropped the head she had been sustaining—her hand trembled violently—and the hartshorne she had been holding was spilled on the pallid face. Accidentally, the position of the head had been slightly tipped backwards, and the powerful liquid flowed into his nostrils.

Instantly there was a short, quick gasp—a struggle—his eyes opened—and when the deathmen came again they found him sitting up in bed. He is still alive, and enjoying unusually good health.

A SERIOUS INQUIRY.—When we reflect that every mother has children of surprising genius, it is a matter of serious inquiry where all the ordinary men come from who cross our path in every day life.

(*From the Anglo American Magazine.*)

The Chronicles of Dreepdaily.

Setting forth the Competition for the Parish of Scunner-the-Deil; together with the result thereof.—Very profitable for the perusal of all candidates for vacant Kirks. *Concluded.*

Having partaken of an early supper the lady retired to rest, and the rival candidates were not long in seeking their respective chambers. Scruton determined to sit up all night to endeavour if possible, even at the eleventh hour, to weave into a connected homily some detached notes which he had made. In vain, however, were all his efforts. The events of the preceding day had so pestilently distracted his brain, that the more he cogitated the more muddy and opacuous did his ideas become. Sheet after sheet of quarto paper did he bend with the words of his intended text, but somehow or another he always stuck fast in the middle of the opening sentence. A more hopeless and dismal case of baffled mental parturition never was witnessed on earth—if we may except that of Hogarth's Distressed Poet.

"This will never do!" exclaimed the hapless probationer.—"I must try whether brandy will not afford me some aid." Acting upon this resolution he sought the supper-room, in order to procure the wished-for cordial, and just as he was about to grasp the bottle, a crumpled letter, lying under the chair which had been occupied by Delilah, met his gaze. Justly deeming that no delicacy was due to such a personage, he made no scruple of perusing the document. It proved to be a communication from McWhirter to his inamorata, breaking to her the plot which was subsequently acted upon, and giving her full directions how to carry it into effect.

Though the epistle taught him nothing that he had not previously been aware of, there was something so sarcastically insulting in its diction, that it well nigh drove the reader frantic. His first impulse was to tear the infamous manuscript into a thousand fragments, but correctly judging that an evidence of the conspiracy might possibly come to be useful, he carefully folded it up, and deposited it in his pocket-book. Having done so he once more retired into his bed-room, and resumed his pen, but with no better success than before. His wits had gone a wool gathering, as they say, and resisted every attempt to fetch them home.

Whilst sitting in this distracted and unenviable frame of mind, Scruton was startled by the opening of the door of the chamber which he occupied. On looking up to learn the cause, he beheld his false friend Malcolm McWhirter, attired in nocturnal habiliments, stalk with a solemn and precise gait into the apartment. His right hand held a pocket Bible, and altogether he had the air of one who was preparing to perform public worship.

Balmanno was just on the eve of precognoscing his untimely visitor touching the meaning of this extraordinary intrusion, when, on regarding him a little more narrowly, he discovered that he was in a state of profound slumber. His eyes were open, it is true, but they were glassy and motionless; and it was abundantly patent that they communicated to their owner no information as to what was passing in the outer and real world. In fact, Malcolm was plainly under the influence of somnambulism, and ignorant as a corpse of his company and whereabouts.

After groping a while around the room, McWhirter lighted upon an old fashioned, high backed easy chair, which his mazed senses apparently metamorphosed into a pulpit. Stepping upon the cushion of this rest engendering piece of furniture, he disposed his features into the expression of prim propriety becoming one who was about to address an expectant audience; and, opening his Bible, gave out some five or six verses of a psalm. After waiting for a space sufficient for the singing of the selected stanzas, he proceeded to offer up a prayer, according to the use and wont of Presbyterian ministers. Scruton, who by this time had begun to pay anxious attention to the proceedings of the slumbering man, noted that the supplication was evidently composed with studious care, and from some of its expressions he came to the unavoidable conclusion that it had been prepared for the services of the ensuing Sunday. Allusions were made to the momentous choice which it had devolved upon his hearers to make, and a passing panegyric was bestowed upon the patron for his considerable liberality in permitting the sheep to select their own pastor.

The unconscious prelector then once more unfolded the pages of his Bible, and selecting a text, launched forth into the *mare magnum* of a thoroughly digested and profoundly reasoning sermon, divided into more heads than there are hues in the rainbow, and garnished profusely with illustrations at once striking and apposite.

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In the morning Scruton Balmanno, and Delilah Dunshunner, were the only members of the trio who showed face at the breakfast table. Malcolm sent word that having passed a disturbed and unrefreshing night, he would take a slight refection in bed, and keep the house during the forenoon, the better to brace him for the agitating work he had to perform in the posterior part of the day. The lady, who confessed to a disorganization of her nervous system, trusted that Mr. Balmanno would not take it unkind, or deem it a slight, if she also remained at home to recruit herself and nurse her cousin, instead of hearing his discourse, which she was perfectly convinced would be a masterpiece of perfect eloquence. Scruton, of course, could only regret the causes which went to deprive him of the presence of such a competent critic; assuring her that, in all probability, nothing he was about to advance would be novel to a lady so highly accomplished, and so deeply versed in theological literature. There was a twang and spice of sarcasm in the enunciation of these compliments, but accustomed as Miss Dunshunner was to the honied language of flattery, she received them all as sterling coin, and as tribute to which she was intitled as a righteous matter of course.

By this time the jowing of the Kirk bell gave warning to Balmanno that it behoved him to be setting forth for the session-house, or vestry-room, as our prelatic brethren on the south side of the Tweed prefer to designate it.

Just as he was departing, McWhirter craved an audience of him, for the purpose of wishing him good speed in his endeavours to captivate the affections of the parishioners of Scunner-the-Deil—such being the euphonious name of the vacant living. With a hyperbolical hypocricy, which might have furnished stock-in-trade to a score of crocodiles, the traitor expressed a seemingly anxious hope that his dear friend would be enabled to smite the nail on the head, and come off with colours flying and drums beating. "Above all things," said the white-livered knave, "I sincerely trust that you have committed your discourse to memory, because, from all accounts, the honest folk of Scunner-the-Deil cannot abide the idea of being lectured from black and white. In their estimation there is no heresy equal to that of preaching from the book, which according to their astute judgment is an evident sign and token of dumb-dogship! So deeply am I convinced of this, that in order to save myself from the temptation of referring to my notes in the pulpit, I this morning made an *auto da fe* of them, as you may perceive by that heap of ashes on the hearth stone."

It is proper here to mention, that whilst the burning of the manuscript was an undoubted verity, the remainder of Malcolm's communication had but slender foundation in fact. He knew nothing about the predelictions of the Scunner-the-Deilites for oral, overread sermonization; and in reality the good people, as was generally the case at that period in this quarter of Scotland, had never been accustomed to *ex tempore* holdings forth. McWhirter's palpable object in trying to persuade his rival to preach without paper, was to secure his embarrassment, if not entire breaking down, in the ecclesiastical rostrum.

Balmanno briefly thanked his mentor for the advice tendered, but said that his memory was too treacherous to permit of his following it. "What I have written," quoth he, "I must read, though the consequences should be a loss of the unctuous prize for which we are contending."

With an anxious and fluttering heart, Scruton wended his way to the edifice where his fortunes were to be determined. It was a grim and ungainly structure, and having been built after the Revolution of 1688, presented very few features of architectural blandishment. There was a steeple, it is true, or rather I should say an overgrown belfry; but had it not been for this appendage a stranger might, without the imputation of irreverence, have characterised the temple as a barn.

In the session-house the candidate found a conclave composed not merely of elders, but of the leading polemics of the parish. The spokesman of the assemblage was a little club-footed weaver, with small twinkling red eyes, who was evidently the lay oracle, so far as theological matters were concerned, of Scunner-the-Deil. There was a restless activity in his long sharp nose, as if he were constantly engaged in smelling out something heterodox; and indeed his reputation was prodigious for unearthing and running down an error in doctrine, however disguised it might be in the syrup of rhetoric.

This eminent "*professor*," who answered to the name of Boanerges Batter, took it upon him to give Balmanno a few words of advice, as the minister's man was adjusting his gown and bands. "Ye maun ken, sir," said he, "that next to soundness o' principles, the thing that we maist look to in this hitherto highly-favoured parish, is originality. Nane o' us can thole ony thing in the shape o' a plagueurism (*plagiarism* it is to be presumed, the shuttle compelling sage meant). We opine that he who wad steal ideas, wad scruple little, on sufficient temptation, to pick pouches! Ane o' the candidates wha preceded you, might ha' stood some chance o' being chosen, if he had na' borrowed a sappy sentence frae that incomparable masterpiece o' divinity '*A longing on stane for heavy-bottomed believers!*' That backsliding sealed the lad's doom wi' me; and as my neighbors generally light their candles at my humble and unworthy lamp, he was unanimously cut off, root and branch, frae the feet!"

Thus premonished, Scruton was ushered into the pulpit, and the service commenced. Mr. Batter occupied a prominent position on the "Bench," which his rank of "Ruling Elder" entitled him to assume; and the probationer soon made the discovery that more eyes were fixed upon the gifted weaver than upon himself. During the progress of the sermon the congregation evidently hungered and thirsted to learn the opinion of Boanerges touching its merits, and by the expression of his countenance were their demonstrations of praise or censure regulated. If at the conclusion of a head the "professor" looked dubious, a general shaking of heads pervaded the throng, like a bed of willows agitated by a gust of wind. On the other hand, if a smile of commendation lighted up the visage of the critic, the church became vocal with laudatory hums, and the speaker was sufficiently certiorated that he had made a point.

It so chanced and eventuated that both the matter and manner of Scruton came up to Mr. Batter's standard of excellence. Ere the tenth division of the homily had been reached, the weaver had folded his arms, and fixed his eyes and nose upon the preacher, sure signs and tokens that his approbation was enlisted in his favour. As the discourse progressed, the eyes of the censor twinkled more brightly, and his proboscis vibrated with increased animation; and when the peroration had been delivered, the small man could not refrain from making a motion with his hand, as if he had been flourishing a shuttle, under the impulse of an irresistible enthusiasm. The balance of the congregation, as a matter of course, sanctioned the verdict of their leader, and the sermon closed amidst a perfect hurricane of admiring and fully satisfied murmurs.

When the exhausted Scruton was unrobing, Boanerges rushed into the "session-house," and grasping him in his arms, imprinted a warm, and highly onion-flavoured kiss upon his somewhat coy lips. "Keep up your heart, my worthy friend," exclaimed the fabricator of linen. "Keep up your heart and fear not! Unless the man who is to preach in the afternoon be a second Boston or Peden, you will as certainly be minister of Scunner-the-Deil as you are now standing on that floor. A' the parish are singing your praises in the kirk-yard, and if it was na' the Sabbath day, I doubt not that they would be for carrying you to your lodging shoulder high!" Here followed another thundering kiss, the very peculiar aroma of which lingered upon the palate of the recipient till obliterated by a copious draught of Alloa ale.

Scruton having regained his hostel, found himself too much flurried and worn out to take part in the afternoon's services, and accordingly the reinvigorated McWhirter, and the fair Delilah, [set] forth at the appointed hour, *solus cum sola* for the kirk. The congregation was quite as numerous as it had been in the morning, and, conspicuous as ever, Boanerges assumed his commanding position and settled himself into an attitude of austere and uncompromising attention. There was something in the expression of his notable nose, which seemed to warn the unconscious McWhirter, to look out for squalls. Any one conversant with its pantomime could interpret its twitchings to say—"Mind what ye are about my lad. Its no ordinary judge under whose jurisdiction you are now placed. The head which I adorn contains as much divinity as the whole of the Presbytery put together; and if you make a slip woe betide you."

Malcolm, fortunately for his peace of mind, was ignorant of the language of noses, and consequently the olfactory organ of the seraphic and transcendent Batter, produced no damaging effect upon his nervous system. With all the cool confidence of a veteran occupant of the pulpit, he commenced the customary solemnities, and seemed to feel as if the ball of triumph lay at his foot, to be propelled before him with slight and slender exertion.

At length, the preliminary services having been disposed of, the orator proceeded to enunciate the text which he was to open up and enforce. No sooner had he read it than the controversial weaver gave a start as emphatic, as if some one had inserted a darning-needle into the least [illegible] region of his person. As the speaker progressed the agitation of Boanerges increased, and when [illegible] divisions of the discourse had been proclaimed [illegible] fairly stood up in his ecclesiastical eminence, [rub]bing his eyes, and biting his thumb, as if to [assure] himself that he was not under the in[fluence] of a bewildering dream. The oracle communicated the infection of the disease, whatever it was, [to his] clients; and a stranger entering into the kirk [and] beholding the seemingly causeless turmoil [which] prevailed, would naturally have arrived at the conclusion, that a legion of demons had taken possession of the parishioners of Scunner-the-Deil and that the sooner they were removed to a [illegible] for the cemented, the better for themselves and the community at large.

As for McWhirter, he had no hesitation in ascribing the phenomena to which we have al[luded] to the overmastering effects of his own elo[quence] and vim. The more his hearers glowered [illegible] the greater did his animation become; and a suppressed yell of amazement which succeeded [the] concluding flight of elocutionary rockets, convinced him that he had produced an impression [illegible] beyond all precedent, and that the kirk, with [illegible] and emoluments of the much desired parish of Scunner-the-Deil, awaited the acceptance of the incomparable Malcolm McWhirter. * * *

At noon next day, according to previous announcement, the parishioners convened in the kirk for the purpose of declaring upon whom the choice had fallen. The two candidates (for the [illegible] all the previous competitors had been [illegible]) occupied the minister's pew, and Delilah Dunshunner, looking red and pale by turns, [illegible] making frequent applications to her smelling-bottle sat beside them.