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**ALMANACK FOR SEPTEMBER.**  
MOON'S PHASES.  
FULL MOON, 1st day, 11h. 45m., even., S.  
LAST QUARTER, 9th day, 5h. 52m., even., S.  
NEW MOON, 16th day, 9h. 7m., morning, N. W.  
FIRST QUARTER, 23rd day, 11h. 9m., morn., W.

| DAY | MONTH     | DAY WEEK | SUN      | High  | Moon   | DAY'S  |    |
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**Prices Current.**  
CHARLOTTETOWN, September 18, 1868.

| Provisions.           |                |  |
|-----------------------|----------------|--|
| Beef, (small) per lb. | 34d to 7d      |  |
| Do by the quarter.    | 34d to 54d     |  |
| Pork, (carcass)       | 5d to 8d       |  |
| Do (small)            | 34d to 6d      |  |
| Mutton, per lb.       | 34d to 6d      |  |
| Lamb per lb.          | 34d to 6d      |  |
| Veal, per lb.         | 3d to 6d       |  |
| Ham, per lb.          | 6d to 7d       |  |
| Butter, (fresh)       | 1s 3d to 1s 4d |  |
| Do by the tub,        | 1s to 1s 2d    |  |
| Cheese, per lb.       | 3d to 5d       |  |
| Tallow, per lb.       | 9d to 10d      |  |
| Lard, per lb.         | 20s to 26s     |  |
| Flour, per 100 lbs.   | 18s to 20s     |  |
| Oatmeal, per 100 lbs. | 9d to 1s       |  |
| Eggs, per dozen.      | 2s 9d to 3s    |  |
| Grain.                |                |  |
| Barley, per bushel.   | 5s to 6s 6d    |  |
| Oats per do.          | 2s 9d to 3s    |  |
| Vegetables.           |                |  |
| Green Peas, per quart | 6d to 7d       |  |
| Potatoes, per bushel. | 1s 6d to 2s    |  |
| Turnips per bush.     | 1s 9d to 2s    |  |
| Poultry.              |                |  |
| Geese,                | none           |  |
| Turkeys, each,        | 4s to 7s 6d    |  |
| Fowls, each,          | 1s to 1s 8d    |  |
| Chickens per pair,    | 1s 6d to 3s    |  |
| Ducks per pair,       | 1s 3d to 1s 6d |  |
| Fish.                 |                |  |
| Codfish, per qtl.     | 20s to 30s     |  |
| Herrings, per barrel, | 25s to 40s     |  |
| Mackerel, per dozen,  | 2s 6d to 3s 6d |  |
| Lumber.               |                |  |
| Boards (Hemlock)      | 4s             |  |
| Do (Spruce)           | 4s to 5s       |  |
| Do (Pine)             | 7s to 9s       |  |
| Shingles, per M       | 13s to 18s     |  |
| Sundries.             |                |  |
| Hay, per ton,         | 65s to 70s     |  |
| Straw, per cut        | 2s             |  |
| Timothy Seed,         |                |  |
| Clover Seed, per lb., | 4s to 6s       |  |
| Homespun, per yard,   | 6d to 9d       |  |
| Califkins, per lb.,   | 6d to 9d       |  |
| Hides, per lb.,       | 1s 6d to 2s    |  |
| Wool,                 | 2s to 2s 3d    |  |
| Sheepskins,           | 6d to 9d       |  |
| Apples, per doz.,     |                |  |
| Partridges,           |                |  |

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Mr. HERMANS is Agent for SAWYER'S CRYSTAL BLUE, a new, economical and superior article used in washing, whereby a saving of fifty per cent is guaranteed, and for which he begs to solicit the patronage of laundry Maids, &c.  
Ch'town, July 24.

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Head of St. Peter's Bay,  
June 17, 1868.

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AND  
**COLLECTING AGENT.**  
Souris, Jan'y 2, 1868.

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(Near the Catholic Cathedral.)  
August 22, 1866. E. if

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THE Subscriber is AGENT for the Sale of the celebrated  
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**I. C. HALL,**  
Ch'town, May 20, 1868.

**DAWSON'S ESTATE.**  
**Important Notice:**  
THE SUBSCRIBERS have been instructed by the TRUSTEES of W. R. DAWSON'S ESTATE, to SUE all parties, without any distinction, whose present Accounts, or Notes of Hand, to W. R. DAWSON or GEORGE NICOLL, are not immediately paid.  
**ALLEY & DAVIES,**  
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Ch'town, Feb. 26, 1868.

**COPPER PAINT.**  
CONSTANTLY on hand, Gallon and Half Gallon Cans of  
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which effectually prevents the action of worms on the bottoms of Vessels and Boats and also prevents the collection of Barnacles, Grass, &c.  
**I. C. HALL,**  
Ch'town, May 20, 1868.

**PACKET**  
**SOURIS & CHARLOTTETOWN.**  
THE FAST-SAILING and Commodious Schooner "A. R. McDONALD," will run between Souris & Charlottetown, calling at the intermediate ports, as soon as the navigation permits.  
**DOMINICK DEAGLE, Master.**  
January 29, 1868.

**MAILS.**  
**Summer Arrangement**  
THE Mails for the United Kingdom, the neighboring Provinces, the United States, &c., will, until further notice, be closed at the General Post Office, Charlottetown, as follows, viz:—  
For Canada, New Brunswick and the United States, via Shediac, every Tuesday and Friday evening, at 7 o'clock.  
For Nova Scotia, via Pictou, every Monday, Wednesday and Friday evening, at 7 o'clock.  
Mails for Great Britain, Newfoundland and the West Indies, every alternate Monday and Wednesday evening, at 7 o'clock, as follows, viz:—  
Monday, September 7, Wednesday, do 9,  
Monday, do 21, Wednesday, do 23,  
Monday, October, 5, Wednesday, do 7,  
Monday, do 19, Wednesday, do 21,  
Monday, November 2, Wednesday, do 4,  
Monday, do 16, Wednesday, do 18,  
Monday, do 30, Wednesday, do 2,  
Monday, do 14, Wednesday, do 16,  
Monday, do 28, Wednesday, do 30,  
Monday, Dec. 11, Wednesday, do 13,  
Monday, do 25, Wednesday, do 27,  
Monday, do 30, Wednesday, do 1,  
Monday, do 15, Wednesday, do 17,  
Monday, do 29, Wednesday, do 31.  
Letters to be registered and newspapers must be posted half an hour before the time of closing the Mails.  
**THOMAS OWEN,**  
Postmaster General.  
General Post Office,  
Ch'town, May 4th, 1868.

## Poetry.

**AM I REMEMBERED IN ERIN.**  
[The following simple and patriotic lines were found hastily and almost illegibly scrawled in pencil, on a sheet of paper, folded in a book, in the library of the Hon. T. D. McGee. As they possess an interest as being a hitherto unpublished production of the martyr statesman, and as they furnish, after death, a contradiction of the slander that he was untrue to Ireland, we deem it well to publish them.—Ottawa Citizen.]

Am I remembered in Erin?  
Oh! tell, tell me true:  
Has my name a sound, a meaning  
In the place my husband knew?  
Does the heart of the glorious Island  
Ever thro' at my humble name?  
Oh! to be but loved in Erin  
To me were more than fame.

Come weal, come weal, Dear Erin,  
As death and sorrow came  
When I followed my little darlings  
To the place I cannot name:  
Whether storm or sunshine waits me,  
In the days that none can see,  
I consecrate, Dear Erin,  
My heart and brain to thee.

Oh! Erin, mother Erin,  
Many sons thine eye hath seen,  
Many life-devoted lovers,  
Since thy mantle first was green—  
Then how can I dare to cherish  
The hope that one like me  
May be enrolled hereafter  
With that palm colored company?

Yet faint, and fair, my Erin,  
As the hope shines on my sight,  
I cannot choose but watch it  
Till my eyes have lost their light.  
For never amongst her noblest,  
Nor amongst her martyrs blest,  
Was there heart more true to Erin  
Than beats within this breast!

## Literature.

**MRS. PAGE'S DAUGHTER-IN-LAW.**

'Are we almost there, Charles?'  
'Do you see that old moss-brown roof, with the huge brick chimney, peeping up among the apple-blossoms? That is the house.'  
Laura's heart gave an involuntary throb. Would they welcome her as a new daughter? Would they love her? Charles Page smiled as he read the thoughts passing through her mind.  
'Do not fear Laura; I do not know who could help loving you!'  
Laura smiled a little doubtfully; she could hardly expect the whole world to look at her with her young husband's eyes!

Old Mrs. Page stood at the farmhouse-door in her best black silk, with her 'company cap,' and stiff white ribbons, as the stage-coach rolled up—a hard featured old lady, with silver-streaked hair brushed away from her wrinkled forehead, and hands on which the net-work of veins stood up like knotted cord. Her welcoming kiss was like the peck of a bird of prey—so cold and hard did it seem against Laura's cheek.  
'Mother!' whispered Laura, softly.  
'I'm very glad to see you, Mrs. Charles,' said the old lady, stiffly.  
'So you are Charles's new wife, hey?' said Mrs. Page, from the sitting-room,—and a tall well-grown girl, too. Come in, come in! Tea's most ready, and I dare say you'll be glad of a cup.'

There was something that passed like the chilled breath of an iceberg across Laura's heart as she entered, leaning on her husband's arm. It was not the welcome she had expected and hoped for; and involuntarily she felt that her mother-in-law's cold, criticising eye was upon her, and with no favorable glance.  
'You look healthy for a city girl,' said Mrs. Page, senior. 'I s'pose you've been brought up to work?'  
No; Laura could not say she had.  
'Can you wash and iron your husband's shirts?'  
'No.'  
'Can you make bread?'  
'I have never tried.'  
'Cannot you cook at all?'  
'I'm afraid not, ma'am.'  
'Humph!'  
At this stage, Charles, who had been watching the deepening color, on Laura's cheek with some annoyance, broke in.  
'But she can speak two or three different languages, mother, and paint beautifully, and I wish you could read some of the poetry she has written.'  
'Humph!' again enunciated the mother-in-law. 'Languages, and painting, and poetry-stuff won't make the kettle boil, you'll find, young lady!'  
'She has taught in a seminary, mother,' the young husband interposed, 'where she has had no opportunity to learn the useful things you speak of. All in good time. Rome wasn't built in a day.'

But Mrs. Page, with her thin lips set close together, was busying herself about the tea-table. She need not have taken the trouble. Laura's appetite was pretty effectually destroyed!  
'Come, darling,' said Charles, 'I want to show you the path to the spring in the woods.'  
Old Mrs. Page looked contemptuously after them.  
'That's all she's worth,' she muttered, 'to look at pretty things, and listen to honeyed speeches. I wonder where Hiram Page would be now if I had been cut out after that pattern?'

In short, it was an infinite relief all round when the short visit came to an end, and Charles took his young wife back to his city home. Laura was depressed and melancholy, and Charles, though he would not confess it even to himself, was a little prejudiced by the strong opinions expressed by both father and mother on the subject of his matrimonial choice.  
Scarcely six months had passed over the horizon of their married life, however, when clouds came to darken it. Charles Page was in a bank, but his humble salary sufficiency for himself and Laura when one night returning late

slipped and broke his right ankle so badly that much illness followed, it brought the grain phantom Poverty nearer to them than was at all pleasant.

'We won't let the old folks at home know of it, Laura,' said the young clerk, trying to speak cheerfully. 'I'm afraid they're in trouble themselves about that note my father endorsed for old man, and I dare say we shall get along nicely with a little economy.'

Laura was sitting by her husband's bedside, one dreary November twilight, when there was an unwonted bustle at the door below—a banging down of trunks and shrill articulation of voices. She hastened to the head of the stairs—it was Farmer Page and his wife!  
'We've no home of our own, now,' said Mrs. Page senior, speaking bitterly and loud, 'and we've come to stay with you and your wife, son Charles.'

'No home of your own, mother?'  
'No—thanks to your father, who would endorse for that old scamp of a Millman, and he's lost every cent—just what he might have expected, I think—and we're as good as beggars in our old age! But dear me, what's the matter, Charles?'

Then followed explanations and recitals, much to the relief of Farmer Page, who had instinctively shrunk into the background until the violence of his wife's wrath should have subsided.  
'And you're no better off than we be!' sighed Mrs. Page, glancing sadly around the room. 'Ah—h—h! this is what becomes of fine ladies for wives!'

It was not exactly a logical conclusion, but seemed to afford wondrous consolation to the good old woman, who immediately untied her bonnet strings, and prepared to 'make herself at home.'  
'Is this money in the pocket-book all you've got left, Charles?' demanded his mother, about ten days after their unexpected arrival.  
'Yes, mother.'

'Only five dollars; and the rent will come due to-morrow, and there's a bill for groceries, enough to make one's hair stand on end—and as for milk, I don't see how men can sleep at night who charge ten cents a quart for milk that's half water! And nobody knows how much the doctor's bill is going to be, and Bridget's wages—but I'll discharge her to-morrow morning. If your wife can't do the work of these few rooms, I can.'

Charles Page closed his eyes wearily, and pressed his hand upon his throbbing temples. It was not the best course of treatment for a feverish patient, this enumeration of domestic troubles, but old Mrs. Page had never been sick herself, and consequently made little allowance for the weak and worn-out state of her son.  
'I don't know what Laura's doing up in her room,' went on the old lady. 'She had a great deal better buy a wash tub and a bar of yellow soap, and do the family washing instead of putting it out, at seventy-five cents a dozen, and spending her time writing poetry.'

'Laura has been the most tender and devoted of nurses to me, and I will listen to no aspersions of her conduct!' interrupted Charles Page, indignantly.  
Mrs. Page screwed her lips tightly together, as she turned the solitary five-dollar bill over and over, but she ventured on no more derogatory remarks, down stairs. Creeping like a venerable pussy-cat up the stairway, she entered her daughter-in-law's apartment with the stealthy movement peculiar to that quadruped.

'Painting, eh, Mrs. Charles? Let me tell you I think it's your duty to attend a little more to the housework, and less to your fine amusements up here. Do you see that five-dollar bill? It's all we've got left in the house, and if you think it's going to support you in idleness, you're mistaken.'  
'Is Charles alone, mother?'  
'Yes, he is alone,—but as I was saying—'  
'I think we had better join him.'

Old Mrs. Page hobbled down after Laura's graceful sweeping movement, grumbling as she went.  
'Laura said her husband, with a troubled face, "my mother tells me that our funds are getting low—"  
'Only this five-dollar bill left,' said the old lady, clutching it greedily, as if fearful that it would take wings unto itself and vanish into thin air.  
'And,' resumed her son, 'what were we to do?'  
'Might as well ask advice of the biggest wax doll in the shop around the corner,' grumbled Mrs. Page, *solo voce*.  
'See, Charles.'

Laura opened her little portmanteau and was showering out its contents on the bed, close to Charles's hand.  
'Count it, dear!'  
'My gracious me!' ejaculated the old lady, 'where did these bills come from?'  
'Seventy dollars! My dearest wife, how did you get this?'  
Laura's cheek flushed high with pride and gratification.

'My little picture of "Spring in the wilderness" was sold this morning, Charles, and I have orders for two more, at the same price!'  
'Seventy dollars! For a trumpery picture?' gasped Mrs. Page Senior under her breath, yet looking at Laura with a new deference and admiration dawning in her eyes. 'The woman who could earn seventy dollars for a week's work was not to be despised!'  
Charles Page's eyes filled with tears—he pressed his lips lovingly to the hand whose whiteness Mrs. Page had so much despised!

'My dear little wife; my help-mate indeed!' he murmured, softly.  
'You must not wear that serious face any longer, Charles,' she said, hiding the depth of her emotion by an assumed playfulness. 'We shall have plenty of money now, to last us all until you get well, and mother,—' she spoke it with an effort, 'shall lay it out for us, after the most economical fashion!'

But to Laura's astonishment, the old lady jumped up and then her arms around her neck with a curious hysterical sob.  
'I've been wrong all this time—I've called obstinate old fool!'  
'There's no use makin' a secret of

it! I've scorned and despised you, and been as ugly as Cain to you, and now—'  
'Now we will forget it all and begin anew, mother,' said Laura, soothing the old woman's agitation with a tender kiss.

It was not until Mrs. Page the elder had her intention called to the pre-eminent necessity of an apple pudding for dinner that she left off reproaching herself and crying on Laura's shoulder. 'For I have been such an old Witch of Endor to you,' she remarked, most truthfully, as she went off to the kitchen.

And Charles Page, smiling up in it as the door closed, said:  
'You have conquered her, Laura!'

## AN ALPINE PRECIPICE

At the age of twenty-one I was light of foot, and I fear, light of wits, property on the bank of the Arno, and acknowledged me as sole owner. I was going home to enjoy it, and delighted to from a college life in Paris.

The month was October; the air was bra and the mode of conveyance, a stage-coach diligence. The other passengers were few—but three in all—an old gray-headed vine grower of Tuscany, his daughter, a joyous, bewitching creature of seventeen, and his son about ten years of age. They were just returning from France, of which the young lady discoursed in terms so eloquent, as to absorb my entire attention.

The father was taciturn, but the daughter was vivacious by nature; and we soon became so mutually pleased with each other, she as talker, I as listener, that it was not until a sudden flash of lightning and a heavy dash of rain against the coach windows, eliciting an observation from my charming companion, that I noticed how the night passed on. Presently there was a low rumbling sound, and then several tremendous peals of thunder, accompanied by successive flashes of lightning, awoke all the echoes of the Alps, over which we were travelling. The rain descended in torrents, and an angry wind began to howl and moan by turns through the forest trees.

I looked from the window of our vehicle. The night was dark as ebony, but the lightning revealed the danger of our road. We were on the edge of a frightful precipice. I could see, at intervals, and the sight made me solicitous for the fate of my companion. I thought of the mere hair-breadths between us and eternity; a tiny billet of wood, a stray branch of a tempest-torn tree, a restive horse, or a careless driver—any of these might hurl us from our sublunary existence to the speed of thought.

'This a perfect tempest,' said the young lady as I withdrew my head from the window.  
'How I love a sudden storm! There is so much to go in the power of the winds we fairly loose among the mountains. But is the present route dangerous?'  
'By no means,' I replied, in as easy a tone as I could assume.  
'I only wish it was daylight, that we might enjoy the mountain scenery. But, heavens what's that?'

And she covered her eyes from a glare of a sheet of lightning that illumined the rugged mountain with brilliant intensity.  
Peal after peal of crashing thunder instantly succeeded; there was a volume of rain coming down at each thunder-burst; and with the deep moaning of an animal, as if in dreadful agony, breaking upon my ears, I found that the coach had come to a dead halt.

Lucilla, my beautiful fellow-traveller, became pale as ashes. She fixed her searching eyes on mine with a look of anxious dread, and turning to her father, hurriedly remarked, 'We have stopped!'  
'I suppose so,' was the unconcerned reply.  
With instant activity, I put my head through the window, and called to the driver; but the only answer was the heavy moaning of an agonized animal borne past me by the swift wings of the tempest. I seized the door and strained at it in vain; it would not yield a jot.

At that instant I felt a cold hand on mine, and heard Lucilla's voice faintly articulating in my ear, the appalling words—'The coach is being moved backwards!'  
Heavens! never shall I forget the fierce agony with which I tugged at the coach door and called on the driver in tones that rivalled the force of the blast, while the dreadful conviction was burning in my brain that the coach was being moved slowly backward!

What followed was of such swift occurrence, that it seems to me like a frightful dream. I rushed against the door with all my force, but it mocked my utmost efforts. One side of our vehicle was sensibly going down, down.

The moaning of the agonized animal became deeper and deeper, and I knew from the desperate plunges against his traces, that it was one of our horses. Crash upon crash of hoarse thunder rolled over the mountains, and vivid sheets of lightning played around our devoted vehicle as if in gloe at our misery. By its light I could see for a moment—only for a moment—the vine grower standing erect with his hands on his son and daughter, his eyes raised to heaven, and his lips moving like those of one in prayer. I could see Lucilla turn her ashy cheek and superb eyes towards me as if imploring my protection, and I could see the bold glance of the young boy flashing indignat defiance at the descending coach, the war of elements, and the awful danger that awaited him.

There was a roll of thunder, a sudden plunge, as of an animal in the last throes of dissolution, a harsh grating jar, a sharp piercing scream of mortal terror, and I had but time to clasp Lucilla firmly with one hand round the waist and seize the leather fastenings attached to the coach roof with the other, when we were precipitated over the precipice.

I can distinctly recollect preserving consciousness for a few seconds of time, how rapidly my breath was being exhausted; but of that tremendous descent I soon lost all further individual knowledge by a concussion so violent that I was instantly deprived of sense and motion.

It was on a low coach, in a humble room, at a small country house, I next opened my eyes in this world of light and shade of joy and sorrow,