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"This is true Liberty, when Freeborn Men, having to advise the Public, may speak free."---Euripides.

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The Wonder of all Nations!

THE MARCH OF INTELLECT FOR SPRING 1863!!

From the World's Fair.

THE best chance ever offered to the Farmers of P. E. Island, by which Time, Labour and Money are saved, the grand secret to us all, and can now be effected by getting one of those latest wonderfully improved

MANNY'S PATENT

Gold & Silver Prized Medal

Mowing & Reaping Machines,

WITH

Steel-lined Guard Finger Plate,

tempered same as the Knives, and is attached to the finger by a NEW PATENT PROCESS, thus making an entire new cutting face, with Horse Yokes and Swingle Trees, not in former machines, makes them now more valuable to farmers than any of the Gold Mines throughout the world, and are now warranted to cut one acre of Hay or Grain each hour, at one shillings cost, by forming a Club of five, which will be a fifth less expense than the old fashioned Scythe cutting, proved so injurious to the constitution and so fatal to many farmers.

With those unsurpassed Machines any quantity of Seed can be sown in Spring at one time, and no fear for hands to cut it, when ripe, need be felt, and the Crops secured a month sooner, and the cost of the Club saved. The expense now reduced to the wages of one man for a month.

In proof of same, Mr. W. Hyde, West River, whose butter and cheese are so highly prized wherever they can be got, certifies he purchased one of those

Wonderful Money and Labour Saving Machines

in 1861; cut all his Hay and Grain, nearly a hundred acres, and cut his brothers' crop also with it, and then hired it out, by which he cleared half the price of the Machine same year, and is now free, and had the crops of both farms cut in addition.

This certificate is more satisfactory on the Island, as it can be relied on, than one hundred names from other places.

The above and the following first-class Farmers and Stock Masters can be referred to, some of whom have MANNY'S PATENT MACHINES in use for three or four years, and have proved much more durable and beneficial than they ever calculated on, and consider they are the greatest boon that can be conferred on their brother Farmers, Professional men, teachers, sea captains, widows, tradesmen, and all those whose time ought be more valuable than at such unprofitable and severe work as cutting hay and grain for the horses that are at rest, and ought to be at such employment, in place of white men and women toiling themselves to death to keep the horses alive, and at more than four times the cost:

THIS IS NOT KEEPING PACE WITH THE TIMES.

P. Lane, Esq., J. P.
W. Aoorn, Lot 49,
R. Mutch, Gallows Point,
J. McInnis, "
R. Ings, China Point,
C. Vickerson, Vernon River,
William Clements, Esq.,
D. Creighton, Esq.,
G. Harris, Esq.,
Stewart & Owen, Ship-builders,
Hon. D. Beaton,
Theo. DesBrisay, Esq.,

and forty-six others, who got those wonderful Machines that work like telegraph.

The demand is now so great, caused by the vast number of men killed in the war, and the order from Europe for 1800 of those invaluable money and labour saving Machines, with eighty-six more wanted last harvest that could not be finished in time, will now require all parties wanting those Machines to send the order to the Agent, or the Depot at Orwell, with as little delay as possible, to ensure having them in good time for harvest.

No payment will be demanded until the Fall of 1863 and 1864.

Farmers not up to the great benefit of levelling and rolling the land are strongly advised by all Agricultural Societies and chemists to try it, when it will be found to pay well for the little outlay and trouble. To encourage the experiment, two dozen field rollers can be had from the undersigned, if ordered soon, at COST, and 12 months given for payment.

AGENTS:

CHARLOTTETOWN—John Williams, who is so well known for keeping the best and cheapest Seed on the Island; W. E. Dawson, whose Cash Store is the cheapest on the Island for farmers. James McGill, Spring Park, who is so famous for securing prizes for grain at our Exhibitions.
GEORGETOWN — W. B. Aitken, Thomas Owen, F. P. Norton.
MONTAGUE—Thomas Annear, Philip Beers.
GRAND RIVER—R. Walker, J. W. Truelove, J. McDougald.
MURRAY HARBOUR—Thomas Clements.
SOURIS—Edward Kickham.
ST. ANDREW'S—P. Griffin.
CASCUMPEC—G. W. Howlan.
CAMPBELLTON—Jas. Broderick.

Other Agents and instructions in Circular from

PATRICK STEPHENS,

General Depot, at Orwell Cheap Store, cheaper than the cheapest. FROM A NEEDLE TO AN ANCHOR—both included.

Feb. 9, 1863.

RENFREW HOUSE,

Thomas's Old Stand,

Great George Street,

THE SUBSCRIBERS having completed their Spring Importations, desire to call the attention of the public to their STOCK of

STAPLE & FANCY

DRY GOODS,

Groceries, Hardware, Boots & Shoes, Hats and Caps,

—Consisting of—

Grey and White Cottons, Cotton Warp, Striped and Regatta Shirting, Prints, Denims, Drills, Jean, Osnaburg, Canvas, Bed Ticks, Towelings, Crash, Flannels, Sheetings, Table Damask, Damask Cloths, Table Covers, Toilet Covers, Window Muslin, Watered Moreen, Furniture Cotton, Hemp Carpeting, Crumb, Cloth, &c. &c. &c.

Ladies' Dresses & Dress Materials, in Grenadines, Bareges, Challies, Mohairs, Delaines, Cashmeres, Coburgs, Printed Muslins, &c. &c.

Mantles, & Mantle Cloths, Shawls, in Silk Tissue, Black Bound, Filleu Paisley, Cashmere, &c.

Bonnets, Hats, Feathers, Flowers, Ribbons, Parasols, Bonnet Borders, Shapes, Gloves, Hosiery, Chenelle and Silk Hair Nets, Lace, Velvet Trimmings, Dress Buttons, Belts, Stamped and Embroidered Muslins, Collars, Neck Ties, White and Colored Corsets, and a variety of other Fancy GOODS.

SKELETON SKIRTS,

CANE HOOPS,

Boots and Shoes,

Ladies' Kid, Prunella, Cashmere, Memel, and Congress Boots, Ladies' Enameled Shoes and Slippers, Miss's Prunella Boots and Shoes, Children's Copper Toed and Lola Montes Boots, Men, Women, and Children's Rubbers.

Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.

Cloths and Tweeds in great variety; Ready-made Coats, Pants, and Vests, Under Clothing, White and Fancy Shirts, Collars, Ties and Scarfs, Pocket Handkerchiefs, Rubber Coats, Umbrellas, &c. &c.

Hats and Caps.

Men's Felt, Leghorn, Straw, and Panama Hats; Men's (new style) Oxford Hats, Drab and Black; Men's Drab Shell Hats; Men's and Boy's Black Coth and Tweed Caps.

HARDWARE.

Knives and Forks, Spoons, Cut Nails, Window Glass, Putty, Paint, Oil, Plough and Cart Mounting, Shovels, Hoes, Horse Nails, Shoe Thread, Toe and Heel Balls, Powder, Shot, Weaver's Reeds; Stove, Shoe, and Scrubbing Brushes, Stove Polish, Looking Glasses, Shoe Blacking, Matches, Leather, &c.

Groceries.

TEA (warranted good), Sugar, Molasses, Tobacco, Soap, Candles, Pepper, Mustard, Starch, Coffee, Baking and Washing Soda, Currants, Raisins, Spices, and other family Groceries, all of the best quality.

This Stock comprises almost every article usually found in a General Store, and will be sold at prices that cannot fail to give satisfaction.

DELANY & WILSON.

Charlottetown, June 22, 1863.

FIRST ARRIVAL,

Ex "HEATHER BELLE."

10 CASES Superior CHEESE, and will be sold low for cash.

N. RANKIN.

April 23, 1863.

Flour and Cornmeal.

50 Bbls. extra FLOUR, (for family use)
50 Do. superfine Do.
50 Do. Kiln dried CORNMEAL.

For sale, very low for CASH.

May 11, 1863. N. RANKIN.

FLOUR! FLOUR!

Idaho from New York and Carrie Rich from Boston.

JUST RECEIVED

400 Barrels FLOUR,

different grades. For Sale at DODD'S BRICK STORE.

DODD & ROGERS.

May 8, 1863.

NOTICE.

ALL persons having legal demands against the Estate of JAMES COLES, senior, of Charlottetown, deceased, are requested to furnish their accounts to either of the undersigned, duly attested; and all persons indebted to the said Estate are hereby required to make immediate payment to either of the undersigned, in Charlottetown.

GEORGE COLES, } Executors.
SILAS BARNARD, }

Charlottetown, 24th November, 1862. [Dec. 22

1863! 1863!

Spring Stock Complete,

AT

LIVERPOOL HOUSE,

GREAT GEORGE STREET,

Thomas's Old Stand,

WILLIAM FULL,

HAVING COMPLETED, per Shi GAZELLE and URANUS, his

SPRING STOCK

OF

BRITISH and FOREIGN

MERCHANDIZE,

now begs to call the attention of Town and Country customers to the same. Having been purchased in the Home Markets on the best terms, he can confidently offer them at the

LOWEST CASH PRICES.

His Stock comprises

FANCY DRY GOODS,

Including Ladies' Plain and Fancy Dress Materials, Fashionable Mantles, newest style of Ladies' Hats and Bonnets, Flowers, Feathers, Ribbons, Parasols, Gloves, Veils, Belts, Hair Nets, &c.; Ladies' Cashmere, Prunella and Kid Boots; White and Fancy Hosiery, &c. &c. &c.

STAPLE DRY GOODS,

Including Grey, White and Striped Shirtings; Denims, Drills, Tickings, Plain and Fancy Printed Cottons; Ginghams, Flannels, Muslins, Linen Tabling, Damasks, Blind and Window Muslins, &c. &c.; White, Red and Blue Cotton Warp.

Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods,

Including Ready-made Coats, Vests and Pants; Shirts, Collars, Neckties, Handkerchiefs; Glaze, Felt and Fancy Hats; Summer Tweeds, Black broad Cloths, Black and Grey Doeskins, &c. &c

—ALSO—

40 Chests Prime Congou TEA,

Hhds. Muscovado Sugar, Molasses, New York Sole Leather, including the usual assortment of

Family Groceries, &c. &c.

Great George Street, Charlottetown,
June 8, 1863.

To Ship Builders.

WE HAVE RECEIVED from ENGLAND and BOSTON a good supply of

Ship Building Tools & Materials,

—consisting in part of—

PIT SAWS—6, 6½ and 7 feet; CROSS-CUT SAWS, 4½ to 6 feet; "Underhill's" Ship Broad AXES; "Underhill's" Ship ADZES; "Thompson's" genuine Scotch Screw AUGURS; Carpenters' Mauls, Adze and Broad Axe Handles, Caulkers' Mallets and Irons, Ship Bevels, Chalk Lines, Pencils, Composition Roller Bushings and Companion Hinges, Brass Butts, Bolts and Screws, Cabin Door Hooks, Wrought Spikes, 4 to 8 inches; Iron, Galvanized, and Copper Boat Nails and Roves, all sizes; Binnacle Lamps, Guarded Lanterns, Log Lines, Slates and Glasses, Manilla Cordage, all sizes; Paints, Oils, Putty, and a complete assortment of smal larticles used on board ship.

H. E. STARBIRD & CO.
"City Hardware Store."

Ch'town, May 25. isl

FIRST ARRIVAL

DIRECT FROM ENGLAND,

Per Barque GAZELLE—

LADIES' SUMMER DRESSES

IN ALL THE NEW MATERIALS,

HATS and BONNETS,

MILLINERY, FLOWERS, &c. &c.

WM. HEARD.

Queen Square House, May 18, 1863.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

CLOTH MANUFACTORY,

TRYON.

THE OWNER has the pleasure of announcing that his Machinery for Carding, Spinning and Weaving is now in successful operation, manufacturing WOOL into the usual description of Cloth made in the Colonies.

The Charge for Picking, Oiling, Carding, Spinning and Weaving will be

One shilling and three pence per yard,

other branches in the same proportion. Wool, which must be washed and dried, may be left with H. J. CALLBECK, Sidney Street, Charlottetown, or any of the Agents for the Mill, from which further particulars can be learned.

Wool and Sheepskins will be purchased for Cash, or Cloth given in exchange.

Cloth received, as usual, to be Dyed and Dressed. New Machinery having been erected for that purpose, which will ensure its quick return.

CHARLES E. STANFIELD.

Tryon, May 23, 1863.

1863.

NEW SPRING GOODS,

JUST RECEIVED

AT THE

LONDON HOUSE,

☞ Stand formerly Dempsey's, opposite Apothecaries' Hall, Upper Queen-street.

H. HASZARD

HAS received, per "URANUS," from London, "THERESA" and "PRIORESS" from Liverpool, a large and well selected STOCK of

British Dry Goods,

Fancy Goods, Jewellery, Stationery, Groceries and Hardware.

Having been purchased direct from the Manufactories on the best terms, they will be sold at the lowest prices for Cash only, comprising—

Ladies' Dress Material,

in all the latest styles;

SILKS, black & colored, in dresses & pieces.

SHAWLS and MANTLES,

in great variety and very cheap;

Bonnets and Hats.

RIBBONS, a choice selection;

Flowers, Feathers, Cambric Handkerchiefs, Gloves, Collars and Sleeves, in variety;

Dress Buttons and Trimmings,

Hair Nets, Braids, Ladies' Waterproof Capes, &c. &c.

Summer Cloths and Coatings;

A large variety of Shades and Textures; Waterproof Coating, &c. &c.; in the latest fashions.

STAPLE GOODS,

Brown Cottons,

White and Striped Shirtings, Skirtings, Prints, Furniture Chintz, Sheetings, Ticks, Sacking, Carpets, Hearth Rugs, Oil Floor Cloth, &c. &c. &c.

3000 Pieces Paper-Hangings,

English make, very cheap.

Ready-made Clothing,

Cloths, Doeskins, Tweeds, Drills, Duck, Waterproof Coats, Capes and Gloves, Hats, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Pants, Vests, &c.

HARDWARE,

Iron, Nails, Glass, Putty, Paints, Oils, Turpentine, Spiks, Sheet Iron, Steel, Wire, Gig Bushes, Grey's Plough Mounting, &c. &c.

—ALSO—

Molasses, Coffee, Crushed & Moist

Sugar, Rice & Pearl Barley, very superior; Mustard, Pepper, Nutmegs, Cloves, Ginger, Allspice, Raisins, Currants, Starch, Blue, Blacking, Washing and Baking Soda, Leather Buckets, Brooms, Soap, Candles, Manilla Rope, &c.

Charlottetown, June 15th, 1863.

Ex "THERESA."

NOW LANDING, Ex above SHIP, and will be sold at a low figure—

50 Boxes 3 Crown SOAP,
50 " T. D. PIPES,
20 bbls PALE ALE, (in pints and quarts,)
10 " DUBLIN STOUT, do do

—ALSO—

Hourly expected per PRIORESS & URANUS—

30 chests ENGLISH TEA,
10 cases CHAMPAIGNE,
10 " GINGERETTE.

N. RANKIN.

May 18, 1863. I & RW

HAYING TOOLS,

At the 'City Hardware Store.'

40 DOZ. HAY RAKES
15 doz Hay Forks
25 doz Sneaths
20 doz Scythes
130 doz Scythe Stones
Grass Hooks, Sickles, &c. &c.

At the lowest market prices to wholesale customers.

H. E. STARBIRD & CO.

June 22, 1863. 6w

CANADA FLOUR.

NO. 1 Superfine and Extra — Quebec Inspection. In lots to suit purchasers.

For sale by
J. ROBERT ECKART,
Corner Queen and Water-streets,
Opposite the Bank.

Charlottetown, June 22, 1863.

CHARLES BELL,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

QUEEN STREET, CHARLOTTETOWN,

BEGS to intimate that he has JUST RECEIVED, via Halifax, his SPRING AND SUMMER SUPPLY, and is now showing a large and carefully selected STOCK OF NEW GOODS, suitable for the season, in

CLOTHS, TWEEDS, DOESKINS,

TAILORS' TRIMMINGS,

HATS AND CAPS,

SHIRTS, SHIRT COLLARS, TIES, SCARFS, GLOVES, BRACES, UNDER CLOTHING, &c. &c. &c.

FOR MEN'S WEAR.

Inspection respectfully solicited.

☞ Remember the New Stand, QUEEN STREET.

Charlottetown, June 1st, 1863.

WM. R. WATSON

BEGS to intimate that he has received, per "THERESA"—

12 Cases and one Cask APOTHECARIES' WARE, 1 Puncheon English VINEGAR, 1 Cask PAINTS, Boiled and Raw Linseed OIL, 1 Bale CLOVES, 1 Bale Senna, 1 Cask Olive Oil, 2 Bbls. Saltpetre, 6 Barrels Washing Soda, 1 Cask Baking Soda, 1 Cask Sulphur, 2 Bbls. Alum, 1 Bbl. Blue Stone, 1 Cask Copperas, 1 Bbl. Cudbear, 6 Bbls. English Ground Redwood, 3 Cases English Confectionary.

For sale at the CITY DRUG STORE.

Charlottetown, June 8th, 1863.

Pensez-a-moi.

WM. R. WATSON has received, per "URANUS," from LONDON, the above new and fashionable SCENT, together with EUGENE RIMMEL'S BOUQUET, West End, Jockey Club, Frangipane, Wood Violet, Love's Myrtle, Hedyosmia, Millefleur, Rondeletia, Geranium, Guard's Bouquet, Ess Bouquet, Rifle Volunteers' Bouquet, Windsor Bouquet, New Mown Hay and Sweet Pea, Sydenham, Eau de Cologne, as sold at the Crystal Palace, Treble Lavender Water, distilled from Mitcham Flowers, Toilet Vinegar to supersede Eau de Cologne for all Toilet and Sanitory purposes, Aromatic Vinegar and Smelling Salts, in Morocco Cases, Pastiles, Sachets, Marking Ink, Combs, Brushes, Sponges, Razors, Glycerine, Honey, Brown Windsor, Rose, Sand and Pomice Stone, Soap Tablets, Naples Soap in Pots, Transparent Soap, in Cakes and Sticks, for shaving, &c. &c. &c.

CITY DRUG STORE, June 8, 1863.

NOTICE!

WHEREAS, by Bill of Sale, dated this 5th day of JUNE, 1863, Mr. RONALD MCDONALD, of SUMMERSIDE, in Prince County, Prince Edward Island, Merchant, has THIS DAY sold, made over, and delivered to us all his Book Debts, Notes of Hand, &c., PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given to all Persons indebted to the said Ronald McDonald that we have appointed WILLIAM BEAIRSTO, of Summerside, aforesaid, our Attorney, to collect said Debts and Notes, and who alone is authorized to grant discharges for the same.

WETMORE & McCULLOCH,
Of Halifax, Nova Scotia.

June 8, 1863. isl 2m


## LITERATURE.

### THE LETTER.

"Such things must be." And so I took the letter,
And held it to the flame.
Oh! how it curled around the snowy sheet,
That fell, and fell, in fragments at my feet;
And last it burned the name.

"Such things must be." I watched the little flakelets:
They fluttered at my breath;
Quivered like ashen lips of penitence,
And filled my heart with a foreboding sense
Of mystery and death.

"Such things must be." These words I said and pondered:
Out of the wasted scroll
A thousand bitter griefs and woes were wrought
By the etherial fingers of a Thought
That trembled in my soul.

"Such things must be." The day is past forever;
The ashes swept away;
And yester's joy is scorned and spurned as folly:
Then why remember it with melancholy
That haunts me all the day?

### A CASE OF ABDUCTION.

PART I.

'And he is determined to do it, is he, Martin?'

'I only give you his own words. Mr. Henry, neither more or less. See here—Martin Gorman, says he to me not an hour agone, if I was to lose my life to-morrow I'll have her off to-night.'

'He's a desperate fellow—in his own opinion, Martin; but there is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip, and when he made that declaration in your presence, he had no idea that his secret would be mine before his purpose was fulfilled.'

'Just so, sir; but then he didn't know that only for you and your goodness I wouldn't be here to the fore either to do you a good turn, or to prevent him from doing a bad one.'

'Exactly,' said the person to whom this was addressed, composedly; 'so, having done me one good turn, I want you now to do me another.'

'With all my veins—why shouldn't I?' said Martin, earnestly. 'He thinks me a 'complish of his, bekaise I work on the estate, and behoulden to him for leave to cut that bit of turf in the winter; but he doesn't know the heart within me, Mr. Henry, and for all his promise of five guineas, if you only say the word, I'll gather a few boys that'll soon put an end to his playacting, so I will.'

'Yes, my good friend, but that is just what I don't want you to do,' said Mr. Henry; 'I had rather let matters take their natural course, and conduct them to a termination in my own dull way.'

'See that now,' was Martin's reply; 'but of course your will is my pleasure, sir, only you wouldn't have me to stand by and see him lay his dirty hands on Miss Julia?'

'You are mistaken in that, Martin,' said the young gentleman; 'so what I wish you to do is just to obey his command in every particular, as if you and I had never spoken a word on the subject.'

'But sure you don't mean that I should stand by and see him lay violent hands on the yong mistress, sir?' demanded Martin in extreme astonishment.

'Yes I do; that is my meaning exactly.'

'Murder!'

'Leave me to manage that part of the business, and do you confine your efforts to keep your tongue as silent as you can, no matter what you may see, or whether Miss Julia is run away with or not. All you have to do—and it is a material point so far as you are concerned—is to get paid your five guineas beforehand, if you can. As you are his right-hand man, and chief confident, he wouldn't scruple to give you the money, if you say you won't stir without it, and I would advise you to do so.'

'I scorn his dirty money, sir—I don't want it, and won't touch a penny of it, so I won't,' said Martin, indignantly.

'But you must, and ought,' said Mr. Henry; 'so ask for it and get it, by all means; and now ask me no more questions, but leave me to conclude the matter as I think fit. Sit down for a moment while I write a note to Major O'Holloran, which you can drop as you pass Coolgrenan, as it will lie in your way.'

The puzzled peasant sat down as he was desired, while the young man wrote his note, and when it was delivered to the messenger, the writer said to him:

'I see that you are mystified, Martin, but I have my reasons for what I do. You are a good fellow, and I am sincerely obliged to you for your timely notice. I do not talk of rewarding you just now, but you know that an O'Keefe never forgets either a kindness or an injury. Swallow off this goblet of wine' (he filled one as he spoke), 'and follow my instructions to the letter, and depend upon it that even if Mr. Philip Ashford *does* seize Miss Julia, she'll find a way to make his fingers too hot to hold her long. There now, don't say another syllable to me, but be sure to give my note to the Major with your own hand. I know he dines at home to-day, and so there will be no difficulty. Off with you, Martin, and my blessing and thanks go with you.'

Martin Gorman departed, mystified and somewhat disappointed at the result of his visit, but still honestly determined to trust Mr. Henry's affairs to his own management, since such was his desire. 'He was always and ever a cute, clever boy,' he said to himself, as he went on his way; 'and them gentlefolks have ways of doing things that a poor fellow would never dream of. But, begorrah! if such a thing was done to *my* sister, and I have six of them, I'd smash the villain into smithereens before he could say Jack Robinson. May I never taste cups if I wouldn't.

Meanwhile he arrived in due time at Major O'Halloran's, and sent up his note. In a few moments the Major's bell rang, and Martin was ordered up to the drawing-room. Major O'Halloran was a handsome, florid gentleman of about forty-five; and, when Martin appeared in his presence, he was in high glee, and met him with a broad grin on his face.

'You're a capital fellow, Gorman,' he said, 'and here's a glass of the real thing for you. Bolt it, man, there's not a headache in a whole hogshead of it.'

Martin took the liquor, with a low bow.

'Well, and so Phil. Ashford is going to transmogrify himself into a married man, is he?' demanded the major. 'You needn't be afraid of speaking out, for Harry O'Keefe told me all about it in his letter. And *you* are to help him, too, are you not?'

'I'd never do it, Meejor dear, only at the bidding of Mr. Henry himself,' apologized Martin; 'and even now if you, as a friend of the family, tells me it is wrong, I'll have neither hand nor part in the dirty transaction.'

'Then you'll never hear me say such a word while I have a tongue to wag,' said the Major, laughing excessively, and rubbing his hands; 'I wouldn't do it for a hundred pounds; I'd sooner cut it out by the root, I give you my honour.'

'Lord save us,' said Martin—to himself, however.

'No, no, help him out in his villainy by all means, Gorman, and do whatever he desires you, just as Henry O'Keefe desired you. Don't spare the young lady by any means,' said the Major, earnestly, 'for if Phil doesn't get her into the coach there won't be an atom of sport in the whole business. Sooner than not see her there, I'd hand her in myself.

'The Lord save us!' again ejaculated Martin to himself.

'I would, I give you my honour!' went on the Major; 'so, hark you, Gorman, don't let his courage flag, but tell him that success is certain, and victory secure.'

'But in the meantime, Meejor dear, if Miss Julia should come by any harm—'

'She! oh! if she does we'll have it all rectified in no time, depend on it,' was the Major's careless reply. So now be off with you until the proper time of action comes; and here is a crown for you, to get Kitty a cup of tea. But remember now, no shirking. Earn your five guineas from honest Phil. and get it beforehand, if you can; for if you wait till to-morrow, I give you my honour I wouldn't give you a farthing for your chance.'

Martin took the money, and again made his bow, still more than ever mystified, but consoling himself with the reflection, that let matters turn out as they might *he* had performed his duty, at all events.

Meanwhile, when he had left the room, Major O'Halloran filled a glass of port wine, and drank it off with infinite *gusto.* He then walked over to a table, on which lay a suspicious looking mahogany case, and, unlocking it, took out of it a pair of well kept duelling pistols, which he deliberately handled and eyed over.

'The times are over,' he said, with a deep sigh and a melancholy shake of the head, 'when the like of ye had always hard work on slight provocation; I suppose the change is all for the better, since wiser men than I have given into it; but thanks be to goodness, there *are* odd turn ups of fate and fortune, which no court can set right so suddenly as a court of honour, and in which justice never can be so fairly administered, as when you set the plaintiff and defendant, face to face, at ten paces distance, or eight if they like, and then just dropping the signal quietly, bid 'God defend the right.' If ever there was a case in point, this of O'Keefe *versus* Ashford is the very one; and right glad I am that Harry has the pluck to treat it in the good old way. Help him! to be sure I will, to the last breath in my body, and the last penny in my purse. His father's son deserves nothing less at my hands.'

He then closed and locked the box, and, calling his servant, he gave him directions, the benefit of which our readers shall have hereafter.

PART II.

Miss Julia O'Keefe was really a very charming girl—blythe, blond, and beautiful, and who, without at all intending it, had turned half the heads in the country, and amongst others that of Mr. Philip Ashford, a large proprietor, but by no means otherwise a very respectable man. His father had been an attorney and amassed wealth, which had converted his son into an Esquire, without giving him the feelings of a gentleman at the same time. But gold and brass—that is, money and impudence—had procured him an entrance into good society, where he floated at intervals, but with which he had never become thoroughly amalgamated. He had early aspired to Miss O'Keefe's favour, but had been always coldly looked upon, and finally rejected, for two reasons—one of which was, that the lady disliked him exceedingly; and the other, because her heart had already been committed to the safe keeping of young Purcell of the 92nd, who was understood, in the country, to be coming home on long leave from Gibraltar, to claim it. But Phil. Ashford had been too long a spoiled pet of his father's not also to have become a spoiled pet of his own; and as he was self-willed, obstinate, and tyrannical to his dependants and parasites, he saw no reason why the will of a weak woman should stand in his way; and when he found that it did so, he was determined that, by foul means if not by fair, it should bend to his own.

In the meantime, Julia O'Keefe, altogether ignorant of the measures projected against her liberty, sat in her own room, giving the last artistic touches to the flounces of a ball dress. It was finished, and was now held up to be gazed at, and admired by Hester O'Rielly, her henchwoman, who had assisted in putting together the less delicate portions of the fabrication, when her brother Henry entered the room.

'Isn't it beautiful, Harry?' she asked, as she again cast her eyes over its complicated tracery.

'Very pretty, indeed, Ju, and I am sorry to say it,' was his answer.

'Sorry!'

'Yes; for I have a particular favour to ask of you and it, which I fear will disappoint you both,' he said, laughing and passing his hand caressingly round her waist.

'A particular favour! What is it, Harry?'

'I want you to——to stay at home to-night, in fact.'

'What! absent myself from Lord Beverley's best ball! A monstrous proposition indeed!'

'So it is; but I expect that you will grant it, nevertheless.'

'On condition that you give me a reason sufficiently urgent and conclusive; but that I am sure, you cannot do.'

'I could and will—to-morrow; and in the meantime, dearest sister,' he said, more seriously, 'I wish you to understand that I would not demand this sacrifice of you were it not that I consider the necessity for it imperative, although for the present I cannot tell you in what the necessity exists.' At breakfast hour to-morrow, however, I promise you full information and thanks besides.

'Of course, if I remain at home, you will keep me company?'

'Not so; I shall require to go abroad for an hour or two—to meet Major O'Halloran on business, in fact; but I do not mean to go to Lady Beverley's ball. Oblige me, now, dear Julia, and question me no further. My little secret is hardly worth keeping, but still——'

'Say no more, dear Harry,' she said, putting her hand into his; 'you so seldom ask a favour and so often confer one, that it is hardly a compliment in me to yield. So come down, and if you are going abroad I will treat you to an early cup of tea.'

Arm-in-arm, the brother and sister lovingly descended; and after drinking the promised beverage, Harry O'Keefe left his sister's presence, and, having made some necessary arrangements in his own secret chamber, he cautiously left the house. At the lodge gate of his little demesne he found his own covered car waiting for him, and into it he got, merely pausing a moment to give the driver a passing caution of 'Drive easy, Dick, and if you are ordered to stop you know what to do.' This said, away they went.

The road to Lady Beverley's house was long and somewhat dreary, as they had to cross a mountainous ridge in order to reach it. For some time the car rolled on without obstruction; but, at length, and just as it was slowly ascending the brow of the hill, an interruption occurred. Two men suddenly leaped from behind a platform of rock which flanked the rugged road, one of whom seized the horse's head, and the other presented a pistol at the driver and desired him to stop, if he valued his life. This absolute command the driver obeyed instantly; and almost at the same time two other men appeared on the scene, who proceeded to the door of the vehicle, which they wrenched open. All within was *silent.* The taller of the brigands, if such they might be called, paused at this, and then went to the front and addressed the driver:—

'Who is in the car?' he whispered, in an agitated voice.

'The young Misses, gentlemen,' replied Dick, in a frightened tone. 'She's only a weak woman, sir; and if you be Christians, ye'll never hurt a hair of her head.'

'Where is your master — why is he not here?' was the second question put to him.

'Isn't it at home he is, sir,' answered Dick, 'and not able to hould up his head with a desperate headache——'

'All right,' said the questioner, in a louder and much brisker tone; 'his absence will save us trouble and himself danger. Drag the fellow out of the box, Gorman, and take his place.'

'But, sir—gentlemen——'

'Down with you this moment, or you are a dead man,' roared the intruder.

In a second, poor Dick lay sprawling on the ground, and another was in his driving seat, while the chief of the gang again went to the door of the vehicle, and getting into it, addressed the inmate for the first time:

'I presume, Miss O'Keefe,' he said, 'that you know who addresses you, by the sound of my voice?'

The young lady sobbed histerically, and seemed to wring her hands, but made no answer.

'I regret exceedingly,' said the man, 'that your cruelty has obliged me to a proceeding which nothing can excuse save the violence of my love—a love which you have more than once rejected, but which burns as violent as ever.'

Another sob, but no answer—not a word.

'Although as a desperate and determined man, I am here,' continued Mr. Ashford, 'resolved not to be baffled or obstructed in my plans, still I would entreat of you not to oblige me to resort to any but gentle means, such as my own feelings dictate, in order to consummate them. A carriage of mine, Miss O'Keefe, awaits my orders, and you will excuse me for saying, that if you will not permit me to place you in it, I must necessarily call upon those to assist me whom I would most unwillingly delegate to so delicate an office.'

The lady wrung her hands more violently than ever, and shrunk into a corner of the car.

'My time is short,' said her suitor, impressively; 'and as you will not vouchsafe me even a single word either of remonstrance or reply, you must pardon me if I take your silence for consent.'

He placed his hand on the arm of the cloak in which she was muffled, but she shook it off indignantly. Again, however, he resumed his hold, and, after some slight efforts at resistance, the young lady suffered herself to be removed from the vehicle, and hurriedly conducted to a close carriage, which, by this time, had moved forward. Surrounded as she was by desperate and armed men, she evidently thought it wiser to yield than to resist; but she disdained to utter a word, or make a complaint; and, when she left her own car, the only movement she made was to draw the thick veil she wore still more closely over her face. But anxious and agitated as her energetic and adventurous suitor was, he was only too happy to be spared her anticipated screams and struggles, to notice her present silence further; and when, after a little further resistance (still in dumb show), she entered the carriage, he placed himself beside her with a consciousness of victory, and ordered the postboy to drive on, in the accents of a conqueror.

On, therefore, they rattled; and so far the enterprise of Mr. Ashford had succeeded; but if he flattered himself that his seductive eloquence would induce his companion to open her lips, he was altogether mistaken. With her handkerchief to her eyes, and her person wedged into a corner of the carriage, she sat still, speechless, and as silent as Niobe, when dissolving into tears. He tried, hemmed, paused, and then once more commenced — but still in vain. At length he gave up the endeavour, and reclined back in the carriage, apparently cogitating on the very unusual *phase* which his adventure had assumed, and thinking over some more likely means than any he had yet tried in order to tempt his companion to speak. Suddenly, however, and long before he could make up his mind as to what was best to be done, the carriage drove up to the door of a large way-side inn, where a change of horses was to take place, and almost instantly the landlord appeared:

'Beg pardon, sir,' he said, 'but there has been an unusual press of business with us to-day. I have sent out four pair; and, though I received your order for a relay, it came too late; in half an hour, however—maybe less, indeed—I expect a return; and if you will be good enough to walk in, I'll send a man to hasten them up.'

Mr. Ashford stormed at the landlord, but there was no remedy.

'You have a room disengaged?'

'Plenty, sir; and if you or the lady would like a wild duck for supper——'

'Open the door, and let me see your accommodations. Send my servant to me—he is in the seat behind—and I will follow you immediately.'

The landlord stepped back, and Martin Gorman came forward and touched his hat.

'Stop here, Gorman,' said Mr. Ashford, 'here at the door of the carriage; you understand—and let no one approach it until I return.'

He descended as he spoke, and found the landlord waiting for him.

'This way, sir, if you please,' said the landlord, 'a little to the left, and then you'll be all right. This is the comfortable room I spoke of.'

Suddenly Mr. Philip Ashford found himself pushed violently forward from behind, and when he recovered himself, he stood in the middle of a large empty barn, well lighted with candles, and was immediately accosted by one whom he knew well, Major O'Halloran.

The Major raised his hat with exceeding courtesy, and politely addresed him:—

'You are welcome here, Mr. Ashford,' he said; 'you see we have expected you, and I hope that you will find our preparations for your reception to your taste. You may lay by your cloak and veil, Harry my boy,' he said to a new comer who had just entered, 'as they have answered your purpose remarkably well; and now, whatever little business you have to transact had better be done in your own proper person.'

Harry O'Keefe thus counselled, deliberately took off his cloak, bonnet, and veil, and threw them aside.

'I have listened attentively to every word you said, as we came along,' he said, addressing the baffled and bewildered *abductor*, 'but it has failed to convince me that you have acted any other part than that of a consummate scoundrel, alike incapable of every generous feeling and every manly act. I fear that, in condescending to treat you as a gentleman, I shall be blamed severely by every honourable man; but I have my own notions of honour and justice, too, and therefore I have procured the attendance and assistance of my friend Major O'Halloran, who will act for us both. As you have ventured to outrage the character of a defenceless woman, I presume you are ready to defend your acts to a man.'

'Perfectly ready, sir,' replied Ashford, 'but certainly not here, or at such an hour as this. To-morrow I shall procure a friend, and you shall hear from me.'

'*I'll* be your friend, Mr. Ashford, as I often was before,' said Martin Gorman at his elbow, 'and if you'll only do my bidding I'll handle you like a game cock, so I will.'

Mr. Philip Ashford frowned at honest Martin and turned on his heel to leave the barn, but he had not advanced three steps towards the door when a shower of blows, thick, hard, and heavy, fell upon his back and shoulders, which speedily brought him to the ground. Even while he lay there the exercise was continued with an unrelenting hand.

'I gave you the alternative,' said the conflictor, still showering his blows, 'and as you have earned the wages of a ruffian you shall have them.'

'There, Harry, stay your hand,' at last said the Major, who had stood by admiringly; 'you have almost flayed the poor devil alive; and although he deserves death at your hands, it is only dirty work at best, and had better be left to the hangman. Come and have some supper, as I dare say your pleasant ride in the night air has given you an appetite.'

He linked his arm through that of young O'Keefe as he spoke, and dragged him from the barn.

No one seemed to know or care how Mr. Philip Ashford 'picked himself up' after his severe flagellation; but two things are certain, namely, that he did not again venture into the presence of Miss O'Keefe's brother, and that he has ever since been residing on the Continent, whither he proceeded with all convenient speed.

A NEGRO AMUSEMENT OF JAMAICA.—A very cruel but somewhat singular amusement is prevalent amongst the negro farm-servants on the Island of Jamaica. I suppose it is not confined to any particular portion of the week, but it so regularly forms part of their Sunday recreations that one may almost set it down as characteristic of that day only. They procure one of the large coppers in which the sugar is made,—and which, when not in use, are as bright as friction can make them, and as slippery as the smoothest ice, and, after having lighted a fire beneath it, they put in the bottom of the copper a large canepiece rat,—a fierce species which evidently has a strong dash of the Norway breed, a black crab, and a good sized brick. At first the two animals appear perfectly contented with their positions, but, as the copper gets hot, it becomes a different matter, and they both make for the brick, which, of course, is by far the coolest accessible spot. Now, as the brick is only large enough to hold one at a time, a struggle ensues between the two victims of negro cruelty as to which shall occupy the safety-ground, and the combat is generally prolonged sufficiently to afford much fun to the excited darkies, who back their favourites heavily—even to the extent of their week's wages. It usually happens that the rat gets the worst of the affair, and perishes miserably in the heated copper, being literally roasted alive. How this sport originated I have not been able to make out, but it is very popular and very general among the Sambos.—*Tourist.*

A ROMANTIC STORY.—The following story comes from Hague: "Some 34 years ago a young man left his wife in Amsterdam, with the object of proceeding to America, in order to better his position. Soon after his arrival he wrote to his wife, enclosing a certain sum of money to enable her to proceed to New York to join him. This letter was sent to his brother, who kept the money, destroyed the letter, concealed the whole matter from his sister-in-law, represented to her husband that she had died, and forthwith left the country. Her husband in the course of time married a second wife in New York; he was succeeding well in business, while his wife in Amsterdam regarded him as dead, and was making arrangements for a second marriage. That