Wooden vs. Iron Ships.

The question of the superiority of wood sailing-ships over iron sailing vessels is one possessing deep interest for our people. Unfortunately, the balance of public opinion just now appears to be in favor of the iron vessel, although there are many who still adhere to the belief that in the end the wooden vessel will prove herself the better of the two. A writer in the New York *Marine Journal*, in discussing the superiority of American wood vessels over European iron, argues that America can build wooden vessels that will outlast English-built iron vessels, and prove a better investment. His reasoning is based entirely on the Bureau Veritas Register, which he says does justice in its system of classification to every sort of material, and whose inspections, made in all parts of the world according to set rules by subjects of all governments, are free from the bias of nativism and the craft of state policy. He claims that the contrast in longevity shows that American vessels are unmistakeably superior to English iron vessels. The writer, says the *Journal* is Mr. W. W. Bates, who is not only a practical ship-builder of acknowledged ability, but a writer on Marine subjects of high repute and the best informed on ship-building probably on either hemisphere. If there is anything in what Mr. Bates says, and his arguments bear the impress of truth and reason, our provincial ship-builders should take courage, for it is a well-known fact that our provincial-built ships, are equally as good, if not better than United States built vessels. It is only a few months ago since one of our St. John vessels made her name famous by outsailing a new iron ship from San Francisco, and landing her cargo in far better condition. If we expect to successfully compete with the iron sail-vessel, however, one fact must be kept prominently forward, i. e., the absolute necessity for our wood vessels being of the very best description. Cheap ships are a very unprofitable investment, and it is largely due to this fact that the iron vessel has won its way into public favor so quickly.

Giving Wedding Presents.

The custom of giving wedding presents as it now exists, is a social tax, which, though paid by everyone, is only paid grudgingly and on compulsion. It represents neither affection nor interest, and is not productive of the smallest profit to any, save the manufacturers whose wares are sold for the purpose. History does not say much about wedding presents, except as to the presents that the bridegroom and the bride give to each other. The Greeks, we read, always presented a newly married couple with a basket of acorns mixed with bread. They gave household furniture besides, according to their feelings, admiration running to a four-post bedstead, while respect contented itself with a foot-stool; but the acorns were compulsory, and were to the Greeks what the teapot is to us. Why acorns we do not know, but everything those people did was emblematical. If they coughed, it was highly emblematical, and if they stabbed their friends through the back, or a man ran away with his wife, it was still emblematical, so that, no doubt, both giver and receiver perfectly understood one another and their acorns found their way to the pigs and the bread to the chickens, with benefit all around. Among the Romans, whom we could no more afford to lose than the Greeks, the relations and friends of the newly married pair, we are told, were very great at parting with nuts at the marriage festival. The nuts in this case were also obligatory; the present giver might throw in a toga, or an electroplated chariot, or a fasces for the back pocket if he liked, but the nuts he must disburse. The nuts again were emblematic of something serious, though historians have not yet made up their minds exactly what. Cracking nuts is still a standing pastime with the youth of certain classes even in our own day, and the custom probably has the above weighty sanction, but beyond the acorns and nuts we have nothing very definite as to what was expected of our friends and relations in the way of presents.

Had to be Careful.

It is related of an assistant to a quack doctor that he was sent into the woods to get some of the inner bark of a certain tree. "Tom," said the doctor, as he departed, "I want you to scrape this bark downward. It is for a cathartic. Don't scrape it upward, or it will be an emetic. And whatever you do, Thomas, don't scrape it both ways. If you do, nobody on earth can tell how it will act.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT.

IN pursuance of an order of His Honor Chief Justice Palmer, dated the twenty-eighth day of December, A. D, 1885, in the matter of an Act of the Parliament of Canada, passed in the forty-fifth year of Her Present Majesty's reign, chapter 23, intituled "An Act Respecting Insolvent Banks, Insurance Companies, Loan Companies, Building Societies and Trading Corporations, and of the President, Directors and Company of the Bank of Prince Edward Island, an Insolvent Banking Company.

THE Liquidators of the above named Banking Company will Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, the 23rd day of FEBRUARY, next, A. D., 1886, at the hour of eight o'clock in the evening, in the hall of Stone's Hotel, on Main street, in Souris East, all that tract, piece, or parcel of land, described in the Indenture of Mortgage, hereinafter mentioned as all that tract, piece and parcel of land, hereditaments and premises, situate, lying and being in Souris East aforesaid, bounded and described as follows, that is to say. Commencing at a post fixed in the south side of the Main Street running through Souris, and in the fence being the eastern division line of land owned by the heirs of the late John Knight, Esquire, and running thence along Main Street, aforesaid, easterly a distance of seventy-four feet, to a plot of land sold to James Larrigan, and thence running southwesterly by a line parallel with the eastern division line or fence aforesaid, a distance of one hundred and seventy-eight feet to the shore, and thence following the various courses of the shore westerly to the said eastern division line, and thence northeasterly along said division fence a distance of one hundred and thirty-two feet to the place of commencement, said tract of land being that plot of land lying on the south side of said Main Street, and bounded on the east by a plot of land in possession of Captain Larrigan, and on the west by a plot of land in possession of C. D. Anderson.

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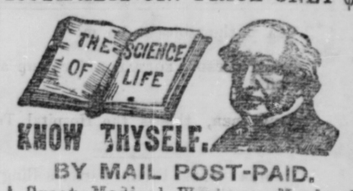

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