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BELL'S
TAILORING ESTABLISHMENT.
NOTICE!
THE UNDERSIGNED takes this opportunity of returning thanks to the large number of his customers who have so promptly and respectfully responded to his calls and requests for alterations, without delay. He would further remind them that their respective accounts, although a trifle in each, would in the aggregate, make a considerable sum, and he would be glad to settle them at once, if they will be so good as to call on him at his establishment, at 17, 18, and 19, King's Square, on Monday, the 24th inst. 1868. JOHN BELL.

R. REDDIN,
Attorney and Barrister—at Law,
CONVEYANCER, &c.
Office:—Great George Street,
Charlottetown.
(Near the Catholic Cathedral.)
September 3, 1868. 11

A Fortune for Sale!
IN consequence of the death of the Proprietor, the Subscriber is instructed to offer for private sale, that beautiful situated well known property,
Half Way House, Vernon River, PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.
The Land consisting of about 40 acres, is in the state of cultivation, and has been for some years past, and will for years to come, yield a clear net profit, more than sufficient to pay the interest on the amount of purchase money asked for the whole establishment. As money making investment, this is an opportunity seldom equalled in these Provinces, which fact can be positively proved to any person, who will call on the Subscriber at his Office, and view the property, and see the stock of goods in the Store can be taken or not at the option of the purchaser.
For particulars apply to
GEORGE ADAM,
Half-way House, Vernon River,
May 15, 1868. 11

NEW PAINT SHOP!
THE Subscriber would inform his friends and the public in general, that he has opened a new PAINT SHOP above the Carriage Factory of McPhail & Hunter, Kent Street, where all orders left, either in the
House, Sign, or Carriage Painting, will be attended to with punctuality, neatness, and at reasonable terms.
FRANCIS McGRORY, Painter,
McPhail & Hunter's Carriage Factory,
Kent St. Charlottetown, May 1, 1868. 11

E. & N. A. RAILWAY.
1868-1868.
Summer Arrangement,
ON and after MONDAY, 11th MAY next, until further notice, Trains will run as follows:
D. W. TRAINS GOING EAST:
Leave St. John for Charlottetown and Point St. Charles at 7 a.m. and 11 p.m.
UP TRAINS GOING WEST:
Leave St. John for St. John at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. Trains from St. John for St. John and stations west will be sent by the 5 p.m. train only and will be delivered at that station before 4 o'clock. Freight for Stations East of St. John must be delivered at St. John before noon, daily.
Freight to be forwarded from St. John, must be delivered at that Station before 10 o'clock, and from other Stations than St. John, at least 48 hours before the advertised departure of any Train.
Goods for Prince Edward Island must be accompanied with invoice or outward certificate of value, and presented at that Station before 10 o'clock. Goods intended for exportation at St. John, to the United States, must, in addition to the invoice, when the value exceeds \$5000, be accompanied with a U. S. Consul's Certificate.
LEWIS CARVELL,
General Manager,
Railway Office, St. John, N. B.,
April 30, 1868. 11

B. WILSON HIGGS,
Commission Merchant
AUCTIONEER,
Charlottetown, P. E. Island.
May 27, 1867. 11

A CARD.
THE Subscriber begs to thank the public for the liberal patronage extended to him during the last year. Having engaged and fitted up his establishment at the Old Stand, London's Wharf, he is now prepared to execute with dispatch all orders which may be favored with in his line as SHIP and GENERAL BLACK SMITH. Fishermen will find Ankers of all sizes for their clippers, and better than can be found at any similar establishment in the City.
GEORGE H. POSTER.
London's Wharf, Charlottetown,
Feb. 17, 1868. 11

Cotton Duck.
THE SUBSCRIBER is Agent for the sale of the celebrated
RUSSELL'S MILLS COTTON DUCK, and is prepared to fill all orders for the same with the least possible delay.
Also on hand Cotton Duck, and Cotton Drilling suitable for Boat Sails, together with Cotton Sail Twine, Pure Bees' Wax, &c.
I. C. HALL.
Charlottetown, May 25, 1868. 11

COAL AND LIMESTONE
THE Subscriber is prepared to deliver small cargoes of
Coal and Limestone, from the Harbors, Bays or Navigable Rivers of P. E. Island, at shortest notice and on Moderate Terms.
A. McNEILL,
Auctioneer,
Charlottetown, May 25, 1868. 11

TEA! TEA! TEA!!!
JUST RECEIVED from HALLPAK, ex Steamer "ALBATROSS"
20 Chests TEA,
For Sale by
CARVELL BROS.
Charlottetown, June 22, 1868. 11

COPPER PAINT!
THE SUBSCRIBER keeps constantly on hand a supply of
Tar and Wason's Copper Paint, an article which has given the greatest satisfaction to all who have used it. It possesses superior qualities for efficiently preventing the accumulation of all foul matter, such as Worms, Barnacles, &c., on the bottoms of Vessels or Boats, and is properly applied.
I. C. HALL.
Charlottetown, May 25, 1868. 11

GOOD FIRES.
NOW selling at the Gas Works a quantity of very superior COKE at FIVE PENCE per Bushel. N. B. Coke will last longer and give a greater heat than Sydney Coal.
January 20, 1868. 11

TOMBS.
MONUMENTS! HEADSTONES!!
Marble Works!
Kent Street, ---Charlottetown

THE Subscriber has constantly on hand a LARGE STOCK OF MARBLE AND PRESTONE, and is prepared at any time to execute orders of every description, such as Monuments, Tombs, Headstones and Tablets.
In point of workmanship, design and lettering, he feels confident that the work executed at his establishment heretofore will compare favorably with that from any other similar establishment in the Island.
The subscriber has for sale a large quantity of Skilling Stones for Mills, all sizes.
JOHN CAIRNS.
March 30, 1868. 6m

NOTICE!
Postage Stamps.
FROM and after this date Postage Stamps will be sold at this office only between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.
Persons wishing to post Letters before or after these hours, can procure stamps at the Stores of
D. Laird, E. Kelly, H. A. Harvie, Mrs. Stanger, J. D. McLeod, Jas. DeBrosay, G. & S. Davies, H. A. Harvie, G. Hubbard, Thos. DesBrisay, T. Hazard, T. O'Connell, THOS. OWEN, P. M. G. General Post Office, Charlottetown, P. E. I. Post Office, June 15, 1868. 3m

Grain! Grain! Grain!
THE highest price given for BARLEY and OATS, at
Cole's Brewery and Distillery,
Constantly on hand, at prices cheaper than can be purchased in the market, the best of Rye, Malt, Whisky, and a superior article of Malt Whisky. Also—XX, XXX, and XXX Ale.
Charlottetown, June 20, 1868. 11

Administrators' Notice.
ALL persons having claims against the Estate of the late FREDERICK PETER SOKTON, of Georgetown, Empire, deceased, infirmate, are requested to furnish the same duly attested, within three months from the date hereof, and those indebted to the said Estate, are hereby requested to make immediate payment to our agents, at St. John's, P. E. I., to wit: Messrs. G. T. Owen, whom we have authorized to grant receipts in our name.
THOMAS OWEN,
STEPHEN BOYER,
Administrators.
Charlottetown, June 15, 1868. 3m

HAY RAKES!
RECEIVED per Steamer PRINCESS OF WALES—
10 Doz. 3 Bow Hay Rakes,
A SUPERIOR ARTICLE.
CARVELL BROS.
Charlottetown, June 22, 1868. 11

Fishermen's Outfits!
1868.
THE Subscriber is prepared to furnish all the necessary outfits for prosecuting Vessel or Boat Fishing, such as—
Salt, Barrels, Porgies, Clams, Mackerel Hooks, Cod Hooks, Mackerel Lines, Cod do., Snapper do., Salt Mills, Jig Ladders, Jig Rafts, Jig Monkeys, Clam Choppers, Mackerel Forks, Mackerel Jigs, Cod Leads, Hat Knives, Splitting Knives, Throwing do., Hat Heavers, Water Stones, Fog Horns, Clipping Trays, do. Knives, Pickles, Ditty Boxes, Lanterns, Binnacle Lamps, Line Works, do. Chimneys, Kerene Oil, Powder, Lead, Flour, Bread, Beans, Peas, Butter, Park, Beef, Lard, Tea, C. Tea, Sugar, Molasses, Raisins, Currants, Dried Apples, Spices, Pickles.
N. B.—THE HIGHEST PRICE paid for all kinds of FISH.
I. C. HALL.
Charlottetown, May 25, 1868. 6m

APPRENTICE WANTED.
An apprentice Wanted to the Watch and Clock Making Business.
ROBERT SNESTON.
North Side Queen's Square,
June 15th 1868. 11

Fish Barrels!
500 FISH BARRELS.
For Sale by
CARVELL BROS.
June 1, 1868. 11

Now Landing.
FROM LONDON—
120 KEGS No. 1 WHITE PAINT which will be sold low for cash.
Also, in Stock, Paint Oil, Glass, Putty, Nails, &c., &c., &c.
DAVIES & WEEKS.
July 20, 1868. 11

JUST PUBLISHED.
"Christian Baptism,"
A Lecture, (with Appendix.)
By D. CRAWFORD.
price 1s. 6d.
For Sale, in Charlottetown, at the Bookstores of
D. LAIRD AND H. A. HARVIE.
July 20, 1868.—11

SALT IN STORE
3,000 Bushels Liverpool Salt,
1,000 bags do do
For sale by
CARVELL BROS.
May 18, 1868. 11

Removal.
DR. HOMER having every encouragement to devote himself to the study of the art of Surgery, and for want of larger and more convenient rooms, has removed to the building occupied by HENRY HAZARD, Esq., near and directly opposite the Apothecaries Hall.
M. J. 1868. 11

P. E. ISLAND
Steam Navigation Company's
Steamer "Princess of Wales" and "Heather Belle."
The Steamer "Princess of Wales" will leave Charlottetown for Pictou every TUESDAY and THURSDAY morning at 10 a.m., in time for the morning train for Halifax. Leaves Pictou for Charlottetown every THURSDAY and FRIDAY evening, after arrival of Train from Halifax.
Leaves Pictou for Port Hood every THURSDAY morning at noon, immediately after arrival of Train from Halifax, returning to Pictou the following morning.
Leaves Charlottetown every TUESDAY and FRIDAY night for Summerside and Shediac, at 11 p.m. Will connect with Wednesday and Saturday morning's Trains.
Leaves Shediac for Summerside and Charlottetown every WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY afternoon, immediately after arrival of Train from St. John.
Leaves Charlottetown at 9 a.m., every SATURDAY morning for Pictou.
Leaves Pictou at 9 a.m., same day for Murray Harbor, and returns to Charlottetown at either St. John or Georgetown over Sunday.
Leaves Pictou every MONDAY for Charlottetown after arrival of Train from Halifax.
FARES:
Charlottetown to Pictou, or back, £0 12 0
Pictou to Georgetown, " 0 12 0
" Port Hood, " 0 12 0
Charlottetown to Summerside, " 0 9 0
" St. John, " \$1.50 18 11
" Eastport, " 6 00 17 6
" Portland, " 8 00 21 0
" Boston, " 9 00 24 3
" Halifax, " 4 00 11 0
" Port Hood, " 1 4 0
" Georgetown, " 0 12 0
" Souda, " 0 12 0
May 18, 1868. F. W. HALES, Secretary.

HARDWARE!
Hardware! Hardware!
RECEIVED by Spring Ships from England and Steamers and Traders from the States and Provinces—an endless variety of GENERAL HARDWARE, consisting in part—
For Blacksmiths, etc., Anvils, Vices, Slides, Hammers, Screw-plates & Taps, Stocks & Dies, Horse and Nail, (best in town) Bolts & Nuts, all sizes and shapes, A large lot of Stubb's and other Files, Borax, &c., (repacked in Town)
For Carpenters, etc., A great variety of first-class Edge Tools of American and English make, Smooth, Trying, Jack, Grooving, Plough, Sash Pillster, and other Planes, Braces & Bits, (the new kind) Steel Hammers, Hand, Panel & Tenon Saws, etc.
For Painters, etc., A supply of first class Paints, assorted colors, Dry Colors in variety, 50 lbs. Kegs, Copaloid Varnish, Turpentine, Patent Dyers, Joints & Raw Oils, Superior Whitewash, Paint & Varnish Brushes Window-Glass, Diamonds, etc.
A Supply for Tinsmiths, Butchers, &c. Sperm. Cabinet-makers, Carriage, House Builders and others
Tone of Iron, well assorted sizes, Spring, Axe, Bileter & Chisel Steel, Hip Springs & Sluicer Baths, with patent Force Pumps.
Kneeling Machines,
Mining Machines,
A great variety of Fancy Furnishing Goods,
Kerene Lamps, Wicks, and Oils, Cow Bells Spades, Forks, Rakes, Shovels, 10 Casks of Shell Goods—numerous from a Needle to a Cannon or an Anchor—Cheap for Cash at the
British Hardware Store.
STONE & BOYER
Reddin's New Building, Queen Street,
June 1st, 1868. 11

Notice!
To Tenants upon Township 18.
THE Tenants upon that portion of Township No. 18, in Prince Edward Island, formerly owned by Lieut. Col. Peter DesBrisay Stewart, deceased, and over which the late Mrs. Mary Stewart of Charlottetown, deceased, and Ellen Stewart and Margaret Stewart, daughters of the said Mary Stewart, lately exercised acts of ownership, are HEREBY NOTIFIED that the portion of Township No. 18, referred to, became the property of the Subscriber, to wit, in simple, upon the death of the said Peter DesBrisay Stewart, which occurred on the 1st day of November, 1867. The Tenants upon the said portion of Township No. 18, are hereby cautioned against paying rent to the said Margaret Stewart, or to any other person or persons who may demand the same. Those of the Tenants who may desire to inform themselves relative to the TITLE of the subscriber, are referred to E. J. Hodgson, Esq., who will afford them the desired information.
THEOPH. DESBRISAY,
pring Park, Charlottetown, P. E. I.
June 23 1868. 3m

KING SQUARE HOUSE!
ISAAC NASH.
20 Doz. SCYTHES, from the above celebrated Maker.
—ALSO—
FORKS, RAKES, SNEATHS, SCYTHE STONES, &c. &c.
BEER & SONS.
July 13, 1868. 11

CUT NAILS.
235 Bags, received per Brig. "Nina," Selling at 3d. per lb.
BEER & SONS.
July 13, 1868. 11

TEA, TEA.
154 Packages, received per "Amphion," Highly recommended.
BEER & SONS.
July 13, 1868. 11

Paints, Oils, Glass, &c.
At
BEER & SONS.
July 13, 1868. pat. 1d. 6m

READY MADE CLOTHING,
VERY CHEAP
BEER & SONS.
July 13, 1868. 11

Hoop Skirts.
600 SETS HOOP SKIRTS, New Styles, Very Cheap, Wholesale and Retail.
DAVIES & WEEKS.
July 20, 1868. 11

GREEN BACKS.
EXCHANGE on Boston, and GREEN BACKS bought and sold by
I. C. HALL.
Charlottetown, May 25, 1868. 6m

For Sale!
A HOUSE, 32 x 26, Situated at ORWELL BRIDGE, and considered to be one of the best Stands in Queen's County, for a Tradesman or Merchant. Immediate possession can be given; and if desirable to the purchaser, some eight or ten acres of land can be sold or rented with the House.
Apply to the Owner on the premises
JOHN STEWART,
or to the subscriber
R. J. CLARKE, Orsell,
Owell, June 12, 1868. 11

LIVERPOOL HOUSE.
QUEEN STREET.
JUNE 1868.
WILLIAM FULL,
HAS RECEIVED per "INDINE" from LIVERPOOL, VOLANT, from GLASGOW; and other arrivals, the greater part of his SPRING SUPPLY of
British & Foreign
MERCHANDIZE,
comprising a large assortment of
Staple & Fancy Dry Goods,
and the leading NOVELTIES of the Season, which will be found on inspection to compare favorably with any Stock in the Market, and will be sold at his usual low prices FOR CASH.
Remainder of SPRING STOCK left expected per "AMPHION," from LONDON, June 1, 1868. 11

The Centre of Attraction,
AS USUAL IS AT
ROBERT YOUNG'S
ROBERT YOUNG has the loveliest Dress Goods to be seen any where.
ROBERT YOUNG has the prettiest Hats and Bonnets.
ROBERT YOUNG has a beautiful assortment of Shawls and Mantles.
ROBERT YOUNG has the newest styles in Ribbons, Flowers, and Feathers.
ROBERT YOUNG has a nice stock of Hosiery and Gloves, very Cheap.
ROBERT YOUNG has lovely STAYS, Cheap and Good.
ROBERT YOUNG has a large supply of his unrivalled Boots from St. John.
ROBERT YOUNG has the newest styles in Hoop Skirts, cheaper than ever.
ROBERT YOUNG has the cheapest and best Prints in Town.
ROBERT YOUNG has Grey and White Cottons as cheap as usual.
ROBERT YOUNG has the largest Stock of Paper Collars on the Island.
ROBERT YOUNG is Agent for the Best Sewing Machine—the "WEEB."
Charlottetown June 27, 1868. 11

TOBACCO
MANUFACTURED BY
CHARLES QUIRK,
CUSTOMERS SUPPLIED ON
Reasonable Terms,
ON HAND
20,000 CIGARS,
Consisting of the following Brands, namely, Flor, De Cases, Prince of Wales, Star of the West, La Flora and Parch.
—ALSO—
A large supply of
Fancy Pipes.
200 Boxes LOZENGES, and other CONFECTIONERY, 6 Cases 8 card MATCHES, 200 doz. SHEET BLACKING, 15 DRUMS FIGS, &c. &c.
Upper Queen Street, } 3m
Charlottetown, June 19, 1868. }

GLASGOW HOUSE.
Queen Street.
NEW ARRIVALS OF
Spring and Summer GOODS.
FREDERICK LEPAGE,
HAS RECEIVED per recent arrivals, his
Spring & Summer Stock of DRY GOODS,
&c., &c., &c., which are offered for sale at his usual low prices
FREDERICK LEPAGE.
June 15, 1868. 11

ROBERT TAYLOR,
LOCK AND GUN SMITH,
HILLSBOROUGH STREET,
BEGS to inform the Public that he has fitted up a NEW SHOP on the OLD STAND, and is now prepared to execute all orders with which he may be favored with promptness and dispatch.
Bell Hanging, Guns, Locks and Steers Repaired.
6m
Charlottetown, July 20, 1868. 11

ERSKIN'S
BRAH E SUGAR POWDERS,
A Tonic and Unfailing Remedy for
Rheumatism of all kinds, Neuralgia, lumbago, Sciatica.
As also for FACE-ACHE, TOOTH-ACHE, EAR-ACHE, COLICUS, and all affections from Cold.
See Lancet, under MEDICAL PATRONAGE, WM. R. WATSON.
Dr. Dr. Store, Victoria Building, Queen Street, Sept. 16, 1867. 11

FRESH CRACKERS.
JUST RECEIVED, FRESH from the Bakery—BOXES BUTTER, SOYA, WINE, WATER and SUGAR CRACKERS.
N. RANKIN.
Jan. 15, 1868. 11

BUTTER SALT.
250 Bags BUTTER SALT.
For sale by
CARVELL BROS.
May 18, 1868. 11

POGIES.
100 Bbls. POGIES.
For sale by
CARVELL BROS.
May 18, 1868. 11

SOLE LEATHER.
100 Sides No. 1 New York SOLE LEATHER.
For sale by
CARVELL BROS.
May 18, 1868. 11

MOLASSES & SUGAR.
50 Bbls. MOLASSES, 20 Bbls. SUGAR.
For sale by
CARVELL BROS.
May 18, 1868. 11

DOMINION VINEGAR!
25 Bbls. Dominion VINEGAR, (a choice article).
For sale by
CARVELL BROS.
May 18, 1868. 11

TOBACCO.
40 BOXES CAVENDISH TOBACCO, for sale by
CARVELL BROS.
May 18, 1868. 11

BROOMS & PAILS.
40 DOZEN BROOMS, 40 DOZEN PAILS.
For sale by
CARVELL BROS.
May 18, 1868. 11

MAILS.
Summer Arrangement.
THE Mails for the United Kingdom, the neighboring Provinces, the United States &c., will, as usual, be despatched 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, via St. John's, at the General Post Office, Charlottetown, as follows, viz:—
Monday, May 18, Monday, Sept. 7, Wednesday do 20, Wednesday do 21, Monday, June 1, Monday, do 23, Wednesday do 3, Wednesday do 25, Wednesday do 17, Wednesday do 4, Monday, do 29, Monday, do 19, Wednesday, July 1, Wednesday, do 21, Monday, do 13, Monday, Nov. 2, Wednesday, do 15, Wednesday, do 4, Monday, do 27, Monday, do 16, Wednesday, do 29, Wednesday, do 18, Monday, Aug. 10, Monday, do 30, Wednesday, do 12, Wednesday, Dec 2, Monday, do 24, Monday, do 14, Wednesday, do 26, Wednesday, do 16.
Mails for Summerside, St. Eleanors, & Bedeque, to be forwarded per Steamer, will be closed every Tuesday and Friday evening, at 7 o'clock, and will be despatched at 7 o'clock, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evening, at 7 o'clock.
Letters to be registered and newspapers must be post paid half an hour before the time of closing the Mails.
THOMAS OWEN, P. M. G.
General Post Office Charlottetown,
May 1, 1868. 11

HOUSE COAL!
THE SUBSCRIBER is prepared to supply any quantity of SUPERIOR
Round and Small COAL,
from Sydney, Ligon, and other Cape Breton Coal Mines.
A. McNEILL
Reading Room Building,
May 25, 1868. 11

A LARGE SUPPLY.
OF THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, constantly on hand, viz:
Syrups, Jams, Marmalades, Pickles, Sauces, Confectionery, Sticks of all kinds, Currants, Figs, Cauded Lemon, Orange and Citron Peels, all kinds Spices, Babbits, Concentrated Potash and Lye, Flints, Bardsell, Coffee, Taylor's, Housatonic, Coco, Corn, Starch, Malt, Raisins, Sugar Rice, Mustard, Ginger, Pepper, Black White and Cayenne, Tooth Brushes, Nail Brushes, Hair Brushes, Cloth Brushes, Plate Brushes, Tooth Powders, Tooth Pastes, Toilet Washes, Perfumery Hair Oils, Hair Washes, Pouders.
—ALSO—
A large Supply of Patent Medicines, together with Drugs, Chemicals, &c., &c.
For Sale Cheap at the Cash Drug Store.
P. G. FRASER.
Successor to the late M. W. Skinner.
July 20, 1868. 11

REDWOOD! REDWOOD!!
A large quantity of the above
Article just received
WARRANTED GOOD!
FOR SALE AT THE
CASH DRUG STORE!
P. G. FRASER.
July 20, 1868. 11

Stand under!
DOWN COMES THE PRICES!!
Sweet & Olive OIL!
The Cheapest and Best in Charlottetown.
For Sale at the Cash Drug Store.
P. G. FRASER.
July 20, 1868. 11

JOHN JAMISON & SON.
DUBLIN.
JUST RECEIVED from DUBLIN, v'a WHISKY, 25 P. 42 cover Proof. Warranted genuine and unadulterated.
MACEACHERN & CO'S.
New Grocery and Liquor Store
ITALIAN WAREHOUSE, Queen St
July 20, 1868. 11

WANTED TO CHARTER
VESSELS TO CARRY DEALS from BUCTOUCHE and RICHIEBU TO LIVERPOOL and BRISTOL, CHANER
CARVELL BROS.
May 25 1868. 11

WOOL. WOOL.
CASH PAID for WOOL, on delivery at the Store of H. J. CALLECK, on Charlottetown, July 1, 1868. 11

JULIE DE L'ORME.
CHAPTER I.—SAVED.
The old man came to the front of the humble cottage. His head was white with the snow of seventy winters. But his slender form was free from the stoop of age; and there was something peculiarly high bred and aristocratic in his bearing.
"How is he now, grandpa?"
The speaker, who sat on a rustic bench, under the twining rose tree beside the door, was a lovely girl, whose cheek bore the bloom of seventeen maiden years.
"He is better, my child," the old man answered.
"Perfectly restored!" said a deep voice, and a tall stern-looking man emerged from the cottage. His straight black hair was close-cut; and his dark face wore a savage expression, which was by no means lessened by the strip of plaster which covered a fresh wound on the left side of the forehead.
"Saved!" he said. "Young lady, you have saved my life. One moment later, and that vicious brute would have kicked my brains out!"
The young girl looked up, blushed, and then smiled.
"Monsieur craze takes his danger," she said. "What I did was what weak girl in such a case could do—was little."
"I am not unaccustomed to danger, mademoiselle," the dark featured man replied. "I know what it is to have the hoofs of a frightened, plunging horse close to one's head, when one is lying almost insensible on the ground. Had it not been for mademoiselle's courage and ready hand, Monsieur, I had been broken up by my last sun."
"Julie is a brave girl," the white-haired old man replied, proudly. "She comes of a brave race, and is worthy of it."
The stranger, who, by the way, was dressed in a riding suit of the period, threw at the only other man in the room, a glance, that seemed to measure the old man from head to foot.
"May I venture," he said, "to ask the name of those to whom I am so deeply indebted?"
The girl looked anxiously at her grandfather; but the latter drew himself up with dignity, and replied, "My name is De L'Orme!"
The stranger started, and drew back a step.
"De L'Orme!" he exclaimed. "Citizen, that is a dangerous name in these perilous times. The ring of aristocracy is in it; and many a proud head has already fallen for no other crime than boasting that aristocratic prefix to a name."
"It is true," the old man said, sadly, "but without any show of fear; your republican rulers have shed profusely the proudest, and noblest blood of France. But De L'Orme is not a name to be ashamed of, or disown; and if the harpies of the Convention, still unsatisfied, desire to glut their longing for more blood, the life of an old man, grey in poverty and suffering, is not much. But—he passed, and his cheek grew pale—my poor child!"
The girl seized his hand, and nestled close to him. The stranger regarded both a moment in stern silence.
"You are the father of the Count De L'Orme," said he, "who was killed at—"
"Aye," the old man proudly interrupted. "My son fell in battle, fighting against the enemies of France. And now none of our noble line remains, but one poor old man, and this orphan child!"
For an instant, a gleam of compassion—a ray from the celestial countenance of the angel of pity—lighted up the dark, stern face of the stranger. He passed for a moment, as if absorbed in deep thought. Then looking up with a smile that had the grimness of a frown in it, he said:
"Citizen, these are dangerous times for such as you and this lovely child. But I am not an ungrateful man, and I owe you a life. It danger comes to you, it may be in my power to save you."
He drew a tablet from his pocket, as he spoke, and wrote upon it a few hasty lines.
"Here, citizen De L'Orme," he said, "keep that tablet, and should danger come to you at any time, it may be—if he writes it still retains his own head," he said this with a smile—"prove of service in your need."
He turned back into the cottage, and came out again with a whip in his hand, and a large heavy cloak in his arm.
"Adieu," he said, "king the girl's hand, and raising it respectfully to his lips. "We should be, by rank (for I am of the people, and you of the noblesse) and heritage (or I am only a proscribed aristocrat, if you will excuse me). But I owe you a life, no matter how small you may deem it worthy, and I am grateful."
He dropped her hand, and the next moment was gone.
The old man read the lines inscribed upon the tablet; and with an exclamation of astonishment, handed it to the grand-daughter, Julie De L'Orme, as she read, gazed pale.
"He! The enemy of our race and class." "Our enemy no longer, thank Heaven!"
CHAPTER II.—THE APPEAL.
Days pass by; but terrible events pass faster. In a front room of a house in a narrow faubourg of Paris, a man was seated at a desk, writing rapidly. Two other men near him, to whom he dictated brief orders now and again, were writing likewise. One whispered hasty messages in his ear, and rapidly departed.
This man who sat alone, and whose pen moved with such noisy rapidity, was dark and stern, with closely cropped hair. So cold and stern he sat, he might have been a creature torn into atoms, but for that nervous motion of his fingers, and that grating sound of his pen.
The door was noiselessly opened. A man, with the silent tread of a cat, entered, and walk-up to him. On the desk of the writer, he laid a set of ivory tablets, and then stood by, mutely waiting.
The dark and stern looking man started at the sight of the tablets, and opening them hurriedly, read what was written inside.
"Who gave you these?" he said, looking hastily up.
"An old man, citizen, with long white hair." "Show him up."
The man instantly vanished.
In a few moments a hasty, tottering step, was heard upon the stairs; the door was thrust open, an old man, with a wild, eager look, rushed into the room.
"I have found you, Monsieur! Then it is true."
"Citizen De L'Orme," said the stern-visaged man, "what has happened? Some great trouble has befallen you?"
"The tablets!" exclaimed the old man, "you have received them?"
"Yes; any I know that their arrival here means that danger menaces you. I remember my promise well. Now, what is it?"
The aged noble paused, and grasped for breath. The other pushed him to a chair; but he heeded it not. At last he spoke—
"My grand-daughter! Heaven! What of her?"
"She is in prison—she has been denounced as a wretch, whose insolent address she spurned. She is condemned to death; and in an hour her neck will be beheaded, and guillotine, if you owe her a life, and prove false to your word!"
The other started with an exclamation of horror.
"Citizen Andre," he said to one of the secretaries, "your list—quick. Ah! here it is—Heaven, grant, I may not be late. Here, here."
He rushed to his desk, seized a sheet of paper, wrote hastily upon it, and thrust it in the old man's hand.
"Away, citizen!" he cried. "Waste not a moment; you would save your child's life by rushing to the Place de Greves, and presenting it!"
The noble grasped it as a starting man might clutch his proffered food, and dashed from the room, with a speed that seemed to defy the feebleness of age.
The dark and stern man sank back on his chair. The mere cold, unhuman thought of working out what is called an "idea"—his hope—was not his just then. Higher thoughts (represented by the young girl, who was the noble's type of humanity he had ever seen) may have occupied his mind at the moment. After a short pause he spoke:
"Heaven grant he may be in time!" He had used the sacred name but little of late, except to blaspheme it. "Andre, my friend, some wine, I feel sick!"
CHAPTER III.—LOST.
A fearful scene was that, on the Place de Greves, on that bright summer day. There was the horrible scaffold, the hideous frame, the black and the glittering knife. Soldiers fenced it around; and a howling mob, thirsting for blood, filled the whole square.
A fearful scene was that in the distance. The tumbling rolling along the rugged pavement, filled with the front of human victims. Aged matrons, and tender maidens were there; gay ruffing nobles—what a grim and grotesque mockery of life, was their ghastly picture, and gaily now! What a many colored picture of miserable humanity was that which the night shade of death hanging over all, some gray, some mottled, some looked cold and stern; others, those once gay young nobles, smiled and playfully jested to the last. They were cool and brave, these men, worthy of the death of the soldier, not the felon.
Out of the tumbling, and up the steps of the platform they came, one after another, the clamors of the mob. One grotesque young noble, of handsome features, and lordly mien, had placed his foot side by side with one of the female victims of this blood-thirst, when he suddenly drew back, and, as if he were on the porch of the palace at Versailles, he lifted his head, and with a gracious smile, and sweet bow said, "place a seat for my friend first! He was the grandson of an Irishman, this! One of the heroes of the great old brigade. Even in that dark hour, he was the polished gentleman still."
The hideous butchery began. A young girl, in a robe of simple white, approached, and