

Poetry.

The Solitary Guest.

BY GEORGE MURRAY.

"A curious dinner was lately given at one of the principal Parisian restaurants. Thirteen covers had been laid; but, to the surprise of the waiters, a single guest made his appearance. The mystery was afterwards explained. Many years before, thirteen friends (among whom were Alfred De Musset and Theophile Gautier), met at the restaurant in question, and agreed to dine together every year, on the same day and at the same place. The solitary guest present was M. Xucelles, a painter of some repute, aged 84—Canadian Illustrated News.

A Paris, in a sumptuous room, The lamps were lit at one autumn night; The air was fragrant with perfume, And all was luxury and light. A princely feast the table graced, And wine was flashed, eager to pour'd, And velvet-cushioned seats were placed: For thirteen guests around the board!

Alivered crowd with noiseless feet, Like shadows flitted to and fro, Just touched a flower, or turned a fruit, Each to the other whispering low: "Savez que c'est Monsieur, font venir?" "Tis time the banquet should begin." Hush! The door opens—they are here— An old man feebly tottered in.

He took his place and bowed his face In mute but reverent prayer; Then glanced all round as though he found A phantom in each vacant chair. To lookers-gazed appalled, an' all With awe that momentarily increased— They couldn't guess the wretchedness That racked the Master of the Feast.

Fall forty years have passed away Since, in that same luxurious shrine, Poets and painters, young and gay, Thirteen in number, met to dine; And when the festal hours had sped, They vowed each coming year to meet, And, as each brother joined the dead, 'Till to retain his ghost a seat.

Here sat De Musset—Murger there— And here Sainte-Beuve—but wherefore dwell On the great names of those who were? Those names are still a potent spell. Last year two met—to meet no more— Since then, bright Theophile has gone— Rubelles, whose years are eighty-four, Survives the last, and dines alone!

He sits and dreams; his eyes are blind To flowers and fruits and dairy fare; His soul is with the twelve—his mind Is buried with each empty chair. Once, only once, he called for wine; They filled his glass—and then he said In hollow tones—"O comrades, mine, I drink the memory of the Dead!"

Political Notes.

MR. JONES'S SPEECH.—We have devoted small space to Mr. Jones's speech at the Drill Shed. Some may have thought that unfair—but look at his own press! Not one of the papers supporting Mr. Jones thought it either a wise or a generous thing to report Mr. Jones's speech in full. One of them gives a very condensed account of it. The other says: "Of Mr. Jones's speech, it is not necessary that we should say very much." Too true. Mr. Jones's speech was not worth reporting.—Herald.

Another minister of the Crown has been defeated. On Saturday last the electors of the County of Digby rendered their verdict in the contest between the Hon. Wm. Vail, Minister of Militia, and Mr. Wade, rejecting the former in a very emphatic manner. This defeat, like that of the Hon. Mr. Laurier in Drummond and Arthabaska, has taken the country by surprise, and certainly the Conservative Party have good reason for rejoicing in their recent victory. The defeated gentleman was not a source of much strength to the Ministry; it must be admitted, nor, should his discomfiture in Digby drive him into private life, would his absence from the Dominion Cabinet be a very serious loss to that body. However severe a blow it may be to the Government, we do not think that this outward event can properly be considered as indicating what is termed a general reaction.—Ottawa Herald (Ministerialist).

Miscellaneous News.

Police-man's motto—"Give us a rest." "January came, thaw and conquered. Pops," said a little girl, "give me a ride on your knee, won't you." He took the little gallop at once. "Pay the bill," said a gentleman who is well known to collectors as the prince of procrastinators. "I should be happy to do so; but the winter weather has ceased, my money drawer to swell, and I cannot get at my funds." Come the first dry day. Sympathy is good, but it is cabbage in its raw state. It needs boiling and putting with something better to make it of value to any one. A Sarnia woman has reached the age of 103 years, and it is pitiable sight to see her 100-year old son sit in the corner and wriggle, while he sobs, "Ma, kin I go out."

They were taking evidence the other day in an American divorce case, on the ground of cruelty. The husband was under the examination, and his wife, prostrated with grief, was weeping bitterly, covering her face with her handkerchief. "Now," says the judge, "are you not ashamed to have thus brutally treated your wife, a tender young woman of twenty-five?" The wife suddenly raised her head—"I beg your pardon," she sobbed, "twenty-four only," and she again gave way to her grief. An old writer says: "I have seen women so delicate that they were afraid to ride, for fear

of the horse running away; afraid to sail, for fear the boat might be upset; afraid to walk, for fear they might fall; but I have never seen one afraid to be married, which is far more risky than all the others put together." "You see, my dear," he explained, "the man was climbing the ladder with a load of mortar on his shoulder. Just as I passed under it he made a mis-step, and the whole contents of the hod came down upon my head." "How absurd you must have looked!" she remarked. "On the contrary, my dear, I was sub-lime."

Wheat sells in Winnipeg for 50 cents cash. The "Herald," a daily paper, is to be revived in Winnipeg. The Russian budget shows an exact balance between revenue and expenditure. A boat, containing nine boys, was swept over a dam on Simons Creek, near Huntington, Va., yesterday. Four of the boys were drowned. While a collection was being taken up in a colored meeting at Detroit, Brother Gardner said to the congregation: "Please remember brethren, that none of us can take our riches beyond the grave." Just then the hat came back empty, and Brother Gardner continued: "But it appears to me that this crowd is going to try mighty hard to do it."

A SPEDDY CURE FOR BOILS.—Mix one teaspoonful of powdered saltpetre, two teaspoonfuls powdered charcoal, two teaspoonfuls milk of sulphur, enough treacle or syrup to form a suitable medicine. Take a teaspoonful of the medicine for three mornings, fasting, wait three days, and, if needful, repeat; apply a poultice or soft wet rag to the boil, which will afford relief.



The Greatest Medical Discovery since the Creation of Man, or since the Commencement of the Christian Era. There never has been a time when the healing of so many different diseases has been caused by outward application as the present. It is an undisputed fact that over half of the entire population of the globe resort to the use of ordinary plasters.

DR. MELVIN'S CAPSICUM POROUS PLASTERS are acknowledged by all who have used them, to be the most efficacious and most comfortable of any plaster ever before used, and that one of these plasters will do more real service than a hundred of the ordinary kind. All other plasters are slow of action, and require to be worn continually to effect a cure; but with these it is entirely different: the instant one is applied the patient will feel its effect. Physicians in all ages have thoroughly tested and well known the effect of Capsicum; and it has always been more or less used as a medical agent for an outward application; but it is only of very recent date that its advantages in a porous plaster have been discovered. Being, however, convinced of the wonderful cures effected by DR. MELVIN'S CAPSICUM POROUS PLASTERS, and their superiority over all other plasters, they now actually prescribe them, in their practice, for such diseases as rheumatism, pain in the side and back, and all such cases as have required the use of plasters of any kind. After you have tried other plasters and liniments, and they have failed, and you want a certain cure, ask your druggist for DR. MELVIN'S CAPSICUM POROUS PLASTER. You can have the same sent you by mail, or you can order it by express, and it will be sent you by the next train. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and one that will sell hundreds to your friends.

Ask your druggist for DR. MELVIN'S CAPSICUM POROUS PLASTER, and take no other, or, on receipt of 25 cents for one, \$1 for five, or \$2 for a dozen, they will be mailed, post paid, to any address in the United States or Canada. MANUFACTURED BY THE NOVELTY PLASTER WORKS, Lowell, Mass., U. S. A., G. E. MITCHELL, Proprietor, Manufacturers of Plaster and Plaster Compositions. W. R. WATSON, Agent. December 7, 1877.

To Trustees of Country Schools

THE Trustees of several Districts have been applying for school furniture, and in every instance consider the American and Canadian Combination Seat and Desk too expensive. I have just got up a Combination that is cheaper, better, and one-third cheaper than those that have been imported. Call and see samples of the different sizes. City School Trustees fully approve of them. MARK BUTCHER, Dec. 18, 1877—ex 1m ne a pat pres 41

DR. WILLIAM GRAY'S SPECIFIC MEDICINE. The Great English Remedy is an infallible cure for Syphilis, Venereal Disease, Gonorrhoea, and all diseases that follow as a consequence of Self-Abuse, or the Use of Mercury, Opium, and Lard. It is a safe and reliable remedy, and one that will sell hundreds to your friends. Sold in Charlottetown by W. R. Watson, P. E. Island, D. 2011, and in A. Apples' Hall, and in all the principal cities of the world.

The Insolvent Act of 1875, and Amending Acts.

In the matter of SYLVANUS KEITH, an Insolvent. A WRIT of Attachment has been issued in this cause, and the Creditors are notified to meet at my office, in Charlottetown, in Queen's County, on THURSDAY, the thirty-first day of JANUARY, instant, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to receive statements of their claims and to appoint an Assignee if they see fit. B. WILSON JIGGS, Official Assignee. Charlottetown, P. E. Island, January 19, 1878.

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STADACONA Fire and Life Insurance Company.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Directors of this Company have made a further call of

Four instalments, of Five per Cent. each,

on the Subscribed Capital of the Company, payable at its Office, No. 93 St. Peter Street, Quebec, as follows:—

Five per Cent. on or before the Tenth day of August, 1877;

Five per Cent. on or before the Tenth day of November, 1877;

Five per Cent. on or before the Eleventh day of February, 1878;

Five per Cent. on or before the Eleventh day of May, 1878.

By order of the Board CRAWFORD LINDSAY, Secretary. June 3, 1877.

Harvie's Almanac 1878

PRICE 12 CTS. Wholesale and Retail at HARVIE'S BOOKSTORE, QUEEN SQUARE,

and sold by all respectable dealers throughout the Island. Jan. 3—

Notice to the Public.

SUPPLIES for the "Soup Kitchen" will reach the Committee if left at the Store of Mr. Alex. Horne, corner of Queen and Fitzroy Streets. Donations of money will be received by them through Dr. Dodd and Mr. J. Quirk. N. B.—Food for the sick carefully prepared by the Committee. Dec. 27—41

COAL! COAL! ROUND & NUT at W. W. CLARKE'S.

Charlottetown, Jan. 5—4w 2aw

HERRING! HERRING!

WE have on hand a choice lot of HERRING—Barrels and Half-Barrels. Also a large quantity of CODFISH, which we will sell cheap. W. D. COLWILL, Charlottetown, Jan. 21—3in

WE CONTINUE TO SELL ALL OUR STAPLE GOODS

—ON THE— Most Favorable Terms.

IN STORE:

- 1125 Bbls. Flour, 500 " Cornmeal, 500 Hhds Molasses, 30 " Sugar, 50 Bbls W'te Granulated Sugar, 20 Bbls Crushed do 400 Chests Tea, 125 Half Chests Tea, 75 Boxes Tea, 500 Coils Manila, 500 Sides No. 1 Sole Leather, 200 Sides No. 2 " 230 Boxes Raisins, 100 Kegs Bing Soda, 30 Bbls Wing Soda, 75 Boxes C. Case, 60 Casks Vinegar, 200 Boxes Soap, 50 " Toilet Soap, 35 Bags Nuts, 600 Boxes Table Salt, 50 Bbls. Currants, 25 Boxes Flat Tobacco, 10 Kegs Isl. Twist Tobacco, 15 Kegs Acadia Twist Tobacco, 20 Boxes Axes, 100 Boxes 3 in. Nails, 100 " 1 1/2 in. " 50 Boxes Horseshoes, 200 Boxes Confectionery (assorted), 800 Reams Paper (all sizes), 50 Doz. Brooms, 50 Doz. Pails, 60 Boxes Glass, 150 Boxes Bartlett's Blue, 100 Gross Bartlett's Show Blacking, 150 Jars Creamtartar, 100 Tins Pepper, 100 " Mustard, 40 " Ginger, 40 " M'rd. Spices, 20 " Allspice, 50 Packages Whole Cloves, 30 " Nutmegs, 150 Boxes Yeast, 20 Bbls. W'te Beans, 150 Casks Kerosene, 25 Bbls. Onions, 50 Boxes Candles.

Carvell Brothers.

Charlottetown, Dec. 22—2w 3aw pat ar 2w

THREE STAR BRANDY.

30 CASES Three Star BRANDY, For Sale by JAMES BYRNE, Great George Street. January 10—5i

London House!

We will offer on Saturday Next, the 5th inst.,

THE BALANCE OF OUR SPLENDID STOCK OF

Black and Colored Dress Goods,

Cashmeres, French Merinoes, Persian Corals, Paramattas, Repps, Poplins, Serges, Lustres, Coburgs, etc., at cost.

FANCY DRESS GOODS, at half price.

Balance of Ladies' Trimmed Hats, at half price.

Balance of All-Wool Shawls, at cost.

A Special Lot Selling at Half Price.

Balance of Ladies' Wool Scarfs, Clouds, Breakfast Shawls, Sleeveless Jackets and Sacques, at HALF PRICE.

A Lot of Ladies' Hosiery!

THE BALANCE OF LADIES' ULSTERS

WATERPROOF MANTLES

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SPECIAL LOT, IN BED QUILTS!

45 cts., 65 cts. and \$1.00 each.

The Balance Red, White and Fancy Flannels at Cost.

Balance All-Wool Blankets

at the following rates:— PAIRS for \$4.25 worth \$5.50; \$4.50 worth \$6.00; \$5.00 worth \$6.50; \$5.25 worth \$7.00.

THE BALANCE OF CLOTH AND RUBBER OVERSHOES:

Men's Plain, \$1.10 per pair; Fancy, \$1.20 per pair; Ladies' Plain, 85 cts. per pair; Fancy, \$1.00 per pair.

300 DOZ. TOWELS!

Special Lines—4 cts., 8 cts., 12 cts., 25 cts. each. A decided bargain.

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Clothing Department.

The Balance of Men's Reefers, Top Coats and Ulsters, AT THE FOLLOWING RATES:— Reefers for \$4.00, worth \$4.75; \$5.00 worth \$6.00; \$6.00 worth \$7.00; \$7.00 worth \$8.00; \$8.00 worth \$9.00; \$9.00 worth \$10.00; \$10.00 worth \$11.00.

Usters for \$7.50, worth \$9.00; \$8.50, worth \$10.00; \$10.50, worth \$12.00.

The Balance of Boys' Clothing

AT A GREAT BARGAIN.

A LOT OF MEN'S ALL-WOOL FLANNEL SHIRTS,

For \$1.25, worth \$1.75.

THE BALANCE OF Buffalo and Wolf Robes, Coon Skin Coats, Ladies' Fur Muffs and Mantles,

AT COST.

Black & Colored Silks, at Cost.

A LOT OF FANCY & JAPANESE SILKS!

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Cleaned, Dyed and Curled. Kid Gloves, Neckties and Ribbons Cleaned and Dyed. Also—Gent's Clothing, etc. Orders left at the shop of Mr. W. W. Stumbles, 27 Great George Street, promptly attended to. G. C. Gilmore, Silk Dyer, etc., Fitzroy Street. Dec. 23—1m 2aw

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OF eight rooms, in good repair, lately occupied by Mr. A. McDougall. Immediate possession given. Apply to Mr. A. McDougall, or the undersigned. None but a careful and good tenant need apply. RICHARD WEEKS, Charlottetown, Dec. 13, 1877.—4i

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TO BE Sold, by PUBLIC AUCTION, on TUESDAY, the 12th day of FEBRUARY, 1878, at the Court House in Charlottetown, at the hour of 12 o'clock, noon, of the same day, under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage, dated the 2nd day of January, 1860, and made between Peter McLean and Mary his wife, of the one part, and John Knight, now deceased, of the other part—All that Piece and Parcel of Land being part of Township No. 45, and situated near the head of Souris River, bounded on the west and north by land then in occupation of Donald McCormack, and on the east by land then in the possession of Angus McDonald, and on the south by Souris River—containing fifty-one acres of land, being the farm then and until lately in occupation of the said Peter McLean, together with all the Buildings and Appurtenances connected therewith. For terms and conditions of sale, apply to Messrs. Hodgson & McLeod. Dated 9th day of November 1877. JAMES McFARLANE, EDWARD J. HODGSON, JOHN KNIGHT, Trustees and Devises under the will of the late John Knight. Nov. 10—1 s'c

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