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They keep on hand and make to order Top Buggies, Phaetons, the famous Dexter Spring Wagons, and carriages of every description. Repairing of all kinds done with neatness and despatch, and warranted to give satisfaction to those who favor them with a call, at prices to suit the times.

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Wagons stored at moderate charges. Parties having their wagons repaired and painted in the spring will have them stored free of charge for the winter.
Ch'town, Oct 27th, 1879.

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A SPLENDID COLLECTION OF
PHOTO ALBUMS,
GIFT BOOKS,
CHILDRENS' ANNUALS,
PRAYER AND HYMN BOOKS.

ANOTHER AND A VERY LARGE STOCK OF
CHRISTMAS CARDS,
Different in Style from any yet received. These Christmas Cards
ARE ENTIRELY NEW AND ORIGINAL IN DESIGN.
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Charlottetown, Dec. 19, 1879.

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J. B. MACDONALD.
Queen Street, Charlottetown, Nov. 18, 1879.

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FALL & WINTER GOODS,

At prices that defy competition.

New Mantles,
New Frillings,
New Ulsters,
New Cottons,
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New Tweeds,
New Dress Goods,
New Clouds,
New Velveteens,

And a large line of **Woolen Goods**, of every description, all
of which they intend to close out within the next five months.
This is a bona fide sale. Come one, come all, and see for your-
selves.

W. & A. BROWN.
Charlottetown, October 8, 1879.

SECOND EDITION

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DECEMBER 24, 1879.

The King's Christmas.

A LEGEND OF NORWAY.

With an hundred Jarls at least
Held King Orm his Yule-tide feast,
Drinking merrily;
Foamed the ale; the din of revels
Sounded down the long sand levels
Of the wild North Sea.

Berserks chanted runes and rhymes,
Sagas of the elder times—
Deeds of force and might,
Mixed with hymns to martyrs glorious
And the white Christ, the victorious,
Born a babe to-night.

Midnight came, and like a spell
On the hall a silence fell—
Hushed the Berserk's tale;
Only the deep ocean thunder,
And the pine groves rent asunder
By the Norland Gale.

In that silence of the feast
Rose a white-haired Christian priest,
Spoke with accents mild:
"Will not each some offering—
Each some birthright present offer
To the new-born Child?"

Up there started Svend the bold,
Red his shaggy locks as gold,
Black as night his eye:
"Lands of Nordenland twice twenty
Miles, where firs grow tall and plenty,
To the Church give I."

Ronald next; where sailed his crew
Sea-wolves swam and eagles flew
Watching for the slain.
"Gold I give—doubloons an hundred,
Last year in Sevilla plundered,
When we ravaged Spain."

Thus they shouted, each and all,
Through the long, low-raftered hall;
Each his gift proclaimed,
Then again the hush unbroken,
For the King had not yet spoken,
Nor his offering named.

In a sweet and gentle tone
Brave King Orm spoke from his throne;
"What befits the King?
Christian priest, I pray thee, tell me,
That none other may excel me
In the gift I bring."

In the silence of the feast
Spoke again the white-haired priest
"Mid the listening throng:
"Pardon grant, O King, and pity,
To all men in field or city
Who have done thee wrong.

"Whoso pardoneth his foes,
On his Lord a gift bestows
More than lands and sea,
Such a gift—it cometh solely
From a heart that's royal wholly
With Heaven's royalty."

"Be it so," the King replied,
"All men from this Christmas-tide
Brothers do I call."
Through the hall all heads bowed loyal;
"King, thy gift has proved thee royal;
Thou surpasst all!"

That sweet Yule-tide gift went forth,
Bearing through the rugged North
Blessings far and wide;
Men grew gentler to each other,
And each called his neighbor brother
From that Christmas-tide.

The present Prime Minister of Belgium owes his position, it is said, to the influence of his wife, combined of course with his own ability and energy. In his younger days he was poor, but, when a student, he fell in love with a young lady who belonged to a class considerably above his own. When he was about to pass his final examination at college, his beautiful and high-born innamorata desired him, if successful, to come afterwards to her box at the opera. He passed a brilliant examination, and not without fears for the result, presented himself in the evening at the family box of the Orbanes. Before the parents of mademoiselle had time to recover their surprise at his audacity, the faithful maiden seized him by the hand and kissed his cheek. After such a public demonstration, Monsieur Orban had no choice but to recognize him as his daughter's betrothed. On his marriage he added his wife's surname to his own, and became Frere Orban. After that event his rise in the world was so rapid that his wife's relations had no reason to be other than proud of him.

Referring to the disappearance of Mrs. Mersereau, the Newcastle Advocate of the 16th says:—"We are informed that there have been as many as five hundred persons in the woods together searching for the missing one, and that the river has been dragged in front of the town day after day, but without avail, for up to the time of going to press the unfortunate lady has not been found. The occurrence is indeed a distressing one, and has elicited the deepest sympathy of all classes for the husband and family of the missing one."

It is announced that all the Powers which are parties to the present judicial system in Egypt have sanctioned the decree making Rothschild's mortgages the first charge on the surrendered Khedival estates. This removes the last obstacle to Anglo-French financial control in Egypt.

Correspondence.

We do not hold ourselves responsible for the statements or opinions of our correspondents

Whipping and Reform.

To the Editor of the Examiner.

SIR,—I beg to thank you for your ready insertion of my former letter; and the more so as it was more energetic than polite. In principle we agree; perhaps not in details. You would give the Stipendiary Magistrate power to whip. To that I demur. Young men are sometimes appointed Magistrates, and that power in their hands has been fearfully abused. But if the power to inflict whipping should be conferred, not more than two dozen at the most should be given and not more than six tails should be used. If offenders desired more, send them to the Supreme Court; and for minor offenders graduate the punishment down to half a dozen with three tails; but in no case should the sentence be carried out, unless after a fair representation it should be confirmed by one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.

I am noticed by a writer in Saturday's Patriot—"An Old Boy," who keeps well off from the facts I have stated, but indulges in glittering generalities. He says: "Whipping used to be much more common in old times than it is now." Granted, forty, fifty, sixty years ago. "Were the boys any better then than they are now?" There were less thieves than there are now. If an Old Boy can put his hand on the Weekly Register, September, 1825, published by the late J. D. H., he will see in one of its numbers a short editorial article, stating that on a given day all the doors of the jail and the gates of the yard were wide open, not one criminal, or prisoner, or debtor was within its walls. This answers his question; and I ask, when shall we see the like again? He says: "It will take a long time to whip good habits or good feelings into either man or boy." I would not be such a fool as to attempt it. What we want, is to whip the bad ones out of him! Will whipping do this? It will. A noted thief, after a severe whipping, said as soon as he was cast loose, "this is the first time ever I got it, and I will take care it shall be the last;" and I verily believe he kept his word. Space forbids further notice; but the fact is, thieving is now a disease, both epidemic and contagious, and must by some means, stringent or otherwise, be stamped out.

You advocate a Reformatory; and "Old Boy" would like to see it tried; and I will agree with both. When I wrote "A Reformatory is a humbug," I meant for those who are sixteen years old and upwards, who are able to do a man's day's work. But for those little ones who are sent out to beg and to steal, who smoke and chew tobacco, who are taking the first lessons in pecking on the wharf all the summerlong in picking up coal,—by all means for these at once get the Reformatory.

But I surmise the sting of my letter was in placing those who worm themselves into our confidence and those who break into our houses in the same category—who by different means produce the like effects. If a fellow breaks into your house and robs you of one or two dollars, he is a rogue. If another gets into your confidence and cheats you of one or two thousand, he is still a jolly good fellow and a gentleman.

"One murder makes a villain,
A thousand makes a hero."
Now, let the Old Boy put that in his pipe and smoke it.

Yours, sir, respectfully,
WHOLESALE AND SALUTORY.

Lord Beaconsfield was seventy-four years of age on Sunday. He has been in Parliament for forty-two years.

Weather Bulletin.

Probabilities for the next 24 hours for the Maritime Provinces.

TORONTO, Dec. 24, 10 a. m.
Increasing northeasterly to southeasterly winds; cloudy weather followed by snow or, in southern districts, rain storm. Signals are up in the Maritime Provinces.

DIED.

At Moncton, N. B., on the 13th inst., of consumption, Euphemia, beloved wife of Mr. John Sears, in the 40th year of her age.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

HANOVER HOUSE.
Dec. 20.—Wm A Coughlan, St John, N B; C Grant, West River, N S; D Costello, Providence, R I; J Cameron Colville. Dec 22.—James Barclay, Ellerslie; Capt McKay, New London; Daniel Sutherland, do; Mr McGee, do; Capt McArthur, do; John W Hughes, County Line; J Campbell, Summerside; W Penty, city. Dec. 23.—John McGregor, Southport; Henry McGregor, do; Dennis Costello, Bear River; B Findley, County Line; Jas Fraser, Montague.

ROCKLIN HOUSE.
Dec. 23.—Hon John LeFurgey, Summerside; Neil McQuarrie, Crapaud; J Linkletter, St Eleanor; Miss Linkletter, do; Alex Robinson, Bonshaw; Miss Robinson, do; James Ross, Mt Stewart; Van Clure Gay, Pownal; James J Gay, do; Wm Caldwell, M D, Belfast; J Campbell, do; Capt A Young, do; James Stephenson, Fredericton; W Stephenson, do; A Laird, New Glasgow; John McFarlane, Bedouque.