

Business Directory.

JAMES LANGSTAFF, Richmond Hill, g.1-wy. JOHN GRIEVE, CLERK THIRD DIVISION COURT, Office, Richmond Hill, g.1-wy. JOSEPH KELLER, Second and Third DIVISION Court, Office, Richmond Hill, g.1-wy. G. A. BARNARD, Importer of British and American Dry Goods, Groceries, Wines, Liquors, Oils, &c., &c., Richmond Hill, June, 1857, g.1-wy. CHARLES DURRANT, (Late M. Terpy), Importer of British and Foreign Dry Goods, Wine and Spirit Merchant, &c., Richmond Hill, June, 1857, g.1-wy. P. CROSBY, DRY GOODS, GROCERIES, Wines, Liquors, Hardware, &c., Richmond Hill, June, 1857, g.1-wy. THOMAS SEDMAN, Carriage, Waggon & Sleigh MAKER, Opposite the White Swan Inn, Richmond Hill, June 10, 1857, g.1-wy. J. W. GIBSON, Boot and Shoe Maker, Opposite J. K. Falconbridge's, YONGE STREET, RICHMOND HILL, June, 1857, g.1-wy. THE WHITE SWAN Inn, and Livery Stables, YONGE STREET, JOSEPH GADY begs to inform the public that he has commenced to run a Stage from the above Hotel to the O.S.H.R.R. Station, (Richmond Hill) twice a day; and will accept passengers to any part of the country, night or day, in ten minutes notice. JOSEPH GADY, Proprietor, Richmond Hill, Oct. 15, 1857, g.18-4f. SMELSER & BOWMAN, Licensed Auctioneers! FOR THE TOWNSHIPS OF Magham & Whitechurch, Real Estate.—Henry Smelser, Laskay, Kinz, Thos. Bowman, Alimra, Magham, October 15, 1857, g.19-1. JAMES McCLURE, JNKKEEPER. Licensed Auctioneer for the Counties of York, Ontario and Lincoln. Corner of Longe and Bradford streets, Holland Landing, November, 26, 1857, g.25-4f. JOHN HARRINGTON, JR., TWO Miles North of Richmond Hill, dealer in Dry Goods Groceries, Wine, Liquors, Hardware, Glass, Earthenware, &c., &c. Also Licensed Auctioneer, September, 23, 1857, g.16-1y. RICHMOND HILL HOTEL, Opposite the Post Office, Yonge Street, N. Omnibus leaves the above Hotel every Morning (Sundays excepted), at seven o'clock, for Toronto; returning the same evening. Horses and Buggies kept for hire. RICHARD NICHOLLS, Proprietor, Richmond Hill, June, 1857, g.1-wy. W.C. ADAMS DOCTOR or Dental SURGERY, 66, King Street East Toronto. Particular attention given to the regulation of Children's Teeth. Consultations Free, and all Work Warranted. Toronto, June, 1857, 1-wy. J. K. FALCONBRIDGE, Richmond Hill, Importer and Dealer in Dry Goods, Groceries, Wines, Liquors, Hardware, Glass, Earthenware, &c., &c., &c. June, 1857, g.3-wy. WILLIAM HARRISON, Saddle and Harness Maker, Next door to G. A. Barnard's, Richmond Hill, g.1-wy. WARD & McCAUSLAND, House, Sign and Ornamental PAINTERS, Grainers, Glaziers, and Paper Hangers, THORNHILL. All kinds of Mixed Paints, Oils, Glass, and Putty. GOOD WORKMEN SENT TO ANY PART OF THE COUNTRY. July 23, 1857, 7g-1y. JOHN COULTER, Tailor and Clothier, Yonge St., Richmond Hill, g.1-wy. GEORGE DODD, Veterinary Surgeon, Let 26, 4th Con., Vaughan, "HORSE & FARRIER" INN, g.15. HENRY SANDERSON, Veterinary Surgeon, AND AUCTIONEER. Corner of Yonge and Centre Streets, RICHMOND HILL, g.1-wy. J. N. REID, PHYSICIAN & SURGEON, Corner of Yonge and Centre Streets, Thornhill, g.10-4f.

British AND YORK RIDINGS' GAZETTE.



WITH OR WITHOUT OFFENCE TO FRIENDS OR FOES, I SKETCH YOUR WORLD EXACTLY AS IT GOES.—Byron.

Vol. 1. RICHMOND HILL, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1857. No. 28.

DAVID ATKINSON, AGENT FOR Darling & Aitchison's COMBINED MOWING AND REAPING MACHINES, RICHMOND HILL, June, 1857, g.1-wy. MESSRS. J. & W. BOYD, Barristers, &c., NO. 7, WELLINGTON BUILDINGS, KING ST., TORONTO, June 20, 1857, g.3-wy. CLYDE HOTEL, KING STREET EAST, TORONTO, JOHN MILLER, Proprietor, June, 1857, g.1-wy. Bottled Ale Depot, 65, YORK STREET, TORONTO, C. W. M. MORRISON, Agent, Toronto, June 12th, 1857, g.1-wy. JOHN MURPHY, House Decorator, Painter, PAPER HANGER, GLAZIER &c., &c. No. 49, King Street, 4 Doors West of Bay Street. DEALER IN PAPER HANGINGS, HOUSE DECORATIONS, &c. Toronto, June 18th, 1857, g.2-wy. ROBERT J. GRIFFITH, PLUMBER, Banner and Ornamental Painter, Elizabeth Street, Toronto.—Over W. Griffith's Grocery Store. All kinds of Brass, and every description of Herald Painting, executed with dispatch, and at reasonable charges. June, 1857, g.1-wy. J. VERNEY, Boot and Shoe Maker. OPPOSITE A. LAW'S, Yonge street, Richmond Hill. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes, made after the latest styles. August 6, 1857, g.9-6m. VICTORY HOTEL, And Masonic Hall, YONGE STREET EXTENSIVE Stabling, and obliging Hostlers always in attendance. Choice Wines and Liquors. Beer, Porter and various Summer Beverages. Regalia, Principles, Havana, Manilla and other brands of Cigars and Cheroots. An Omnibus to and from Toronto, calls at the Hotel, daily. ROBERT WISEMAN, Proprietor, Richmond Hill, June, 1857, g.1-wy. A. GALLANOUGH, DEALER in Groceries, Wines and Liquors, Choice brands of Teas, Sugars and Coffees on hand, genuine as Imported. An assortment of Bread, Biscuit and Cakes, constantly on hand. Thornhill, Sept. 25, 1857, g.17-1y. Thorn Hill Hotel, GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR Travellers. JOHN SHIELDS, Proprietor, Thorn Hill, June 9th, 1857, g.1-wy. CALEB LUDFORD, Saddle and Harness Maker, THORNHILL, Thornhill, Nov. 16, 1857, g.24-4f. CHAS. HOLLICK, [S] Importer of British, French German and American, Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, No. 80, City Buildings, King Street East, opposite St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, C. W. Nov. 5, 1857, g.22-4f. TORONTO "CITY" MARBLE WORKS, No. 138 YONGE STREET, NEAR QUEEN STREET. D. C. & W. YALE, Importers and Dealers in Italian and American Marble, also manufacturers of Monuments, Cenotaphs, Tomb and Grave Stones, Ornamental enclosures for Graves, &c. Order through our Agents will receive prompt attention. D. CARLOS YALE, Wm. YALE, D. DAVIS, AGENT, J. D. DEEGIER, Agent, Richmond Hill, Toronto, July 10, 1857, g.5-4f. C. LUDFORD, SADDLE AND HARNESS MAKER, THORNHILL. RESPECTFULLY begs leave to inform Farmers and others that he has constantly on hand, and manufactures to order, all descriptions of Saddles, Heavy and Light Harnesses, Bridles, Sautingies, Whips and other articles belonging to the trade; all of which he is prepared to sell low for Cash, or on approved Credit. An inspection of my stock and Prices is solicited before purchasing elsewhere. C. LUDFORD, Thornhill, Nov. 19, 1857, g.24-4f.

DAVID ATKINSON, AGENT FOR Darling & Aitchison's COMBINED MOWING AND REAPING MACHINES, RICHMOND HILL, June, 1857, g.1-wy. MESSRS. J. & W. BOYD, Barristers, &c., NO. 7, WELLINGTON BUILDINGS, KING ST., TORONTO, June 20, 1857, g.3-wy. CLYDE HOTEL, KING STREET EAST, TORONTO, JOHN MILLER, Proprietor, June, 1857, g.1-wy. Bottled Ale Depot, 65, YORK STREET, TORONTO, C. W. M. MORRISON, Agent, Toronto, June 12th, 1857, g.1-wy. JOHN MURPHY, House Decorator, Painter, PAPER HANGER, GLAZIER &c., &c. No. 49, King Street, 4 Doors West of Bay Street. DEALER IN PAPER HANGINGS, HOUSE DECORATIONS, &c. Toronto, June 18th, 1857, g.2-wy. ROBERT J. GRIFFITH, PLUMBER, Banner and Ornamental Painter, Elizabeth Street, Toronto.—Over W. Griffith's Grocery Store. All kinds of Brass, and every description of Herald Painting, executed with dispatch, and at reasonable charges. June, 1857, g.1-wy. J. VERNEY, Boot and Shoe Maker. OPPOSITE A. LAW'S, Yonge street, Richmond Hill. Ladies' and Gentlemen's Boots and Shoes, made after the latest styles. August 6, 1857, g.9-6m. VICTORY HOTEL, And Masonic Hall, YONGE STREET EXTENSIVE Stabling, and obliging Hostlers always in attendance. Choice Wines and Liquors. Beer, Porter and various Summer Beverages. Regalia, Principles, Havana, Manilla and other brands of Cigars and Cheroots. An Omnibus to and from Toronto, calls at the Hotel, daily. ROBERT WISEMAN, Proprietor, Richmond Hill, June, 1857, g.1-wy. A. GALLANOUGH, DEALER in Groceries, Wines and Liquors, Choice brands of Teas, Sugars and Coffees on hand, genuine as Imported. An assortment of Bread, Biscuit and Cakes, constantly on hand. Thornhill, Sept. 25, 1857, g.17-1y. Thorn Hill Hotel, GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR Travellers. JOHN SHIELDS, Proprietor, Thorn Hill, June 9th, 1857, g.1-wy. CALEB LUDFORD, Saddle and Harness Maker, THORNHILL, Thornhill, Nov. 16, 1857, g.24-4f. CHAS. HOLLICK, [S] Importer of British, French German and American, Fancy and Staple Dry Goods, No. 80, City Buildings, King Street East, opposite St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, C. W. Nov. 5, 1857, g.22-4f. TORONTO "CITY" MARBLE WORKS, No. 138 YONGE STREET, NEAR QUEEN STREET. D. C. & W. YALE, Importers and Dealers in Italian and American Marble, also manufacturers of Monuments, Cenotaphs, Tomb and Grave Stones, Ornamental enclosures for Graves, &c. Order through our Agents will receive prompt attention. D. CARLOS YALE, Wm. YALE, D. DAVIS, AGENT, J. D. DEEGIER, Agent, Richmond Hill, Toronto, July 10, 1857, g.5-4f. C. LUDFORD, SADDLE AND HARNESS MAKER, THORNHILL. RESPECTFULLY begs leave to inform Farmers and others that he has constantly on hand, and manufactures to order, all descriptions of Saddles, Heavy and Light Harnesses, Bridles, Sautingies, Whips and other articles belonging to the trade; all of which he is prepared to sell low for Cash, or on approved Credit. An inspection of my stock and Prices is solicited before purchasing elsewhere. C. LUDFORD, Thornhill, Nov. 19, 1857, g.24-4f.

Select Poetry.



Our Good Old English Principles. Our good old English principles, I've heard my father say, Have shap'd the country's destinies in many a stormy day. And thus it was he answered, when I asked what they were:— "Go, look into your Bible, boy, you'll find them written there."

Now let a man's earthly down, his Bible on his knee, And tell me what a country's creed, a country's code should be: What this should teach, or that forbid—and here I pledge my troth, Our good old English principles shall comprehend them both.

First—England's Queen is bound to swear she will maintain the cause Of God and true religion as the basis of her laws; That to the humblest working man that toils within the land She'll melt on equal justic e with a free, unspanning hand.

While all the Queen can look for, from her subjects is, that they, So long as she rules rightly, like liegemen shall obey. Now if the Queen is faithful to her Coronation Oath, I say—that these are principles that must be right for both.

Next—By the laws of England, a man is free to do, To speak, to write, to print, what'er is honest, just or true; May choose his occupation, may have, and hold his own, Against the proudest nobleman—aye, more against the throne—

While all that's ask'd in turn of him—all that the law can claim, Is that he leaves another man as free to do the same. Tho' wealth and honors, like the rain, but on the few may fall, The principles that lead to them exist alike for all.

For every wrong a man may do, for every evil deed, Those laws have framed some punishment, or some redress decreed; For all that may befall a man, age, sickness, or distress, Those laws do all that laws can do, to make their sufferings less.

Beneath them we have flourish'd, and have fill'd the world with fame, It is true that other nations have without them done the same; But, one by one, the world has seen those nations overthrown.

While we have stood triumphant, through our principles alone, King Solomon, the wisest man that on the earth e'er trod, Declares that "all is vanity," except the fear of God.

As England loves the welfare of her people and her crown, Let her hold fast the maxim which old King Solomon lays down. When far-fetched fine-spun theories, when diplomatic skill, When petty party politics, have wrought sufficient ill,

When a most vile expediency shall to the winds be driven, She'll know the worth of principles which have their source in heaven.

The Haunted Storey. The following story was related at a Christmas party some years ago by a friend of the writer, who is still the esteemed pastor of a Presbyterian congregation in the north of Ireland; and though supported only by his assertions, the well known veracity of the gentleman, and the seriousness with which he recounted every particular, were such as to leave no doubt of its authenticity.

It was, said he, in the end of October 1818, that my brother Henry and I arrived in Edinburgh, in order to pursue our studies for the medical profession at its celebrated university. I was but twenty and my brother two years younger; we had been brought up in a remote district in the west of Ulster, whence our parents, hard-working and simple farm-house people, had sent us forth, with many counsels and many prayers; and as it was the first city we had ever seen, Edinburgh was to us like another world.

In that world we were perfect strangers, our whole stock of introductions consisting of one letter, which the worthy clergyman of our native parish had given us to the widow of a deceased acquaintance, named Mrs. Ramsay, who together with her daughter had

spent a month at his house in the preceding summer.

'Well we remembered the pair whose parasols and silk dresses had created such a sensation in our distant village! Mrs. Ramsay was a tall, grey-haired, hard-featured woman, of eccentric manners and most enthusiastic piety. Her daughter, whom our good pastor was wont to call Miss Janet, and my brother recollected best, was a neat-dressed comely girl, with smooth yellow hair, and a round fair face expressing that mixture of sense and simplicity so peculiar to the younger girls of Scotland.

'Mrs. Ramsay was said to be descended from an aristocratic family, in right of which she inherited a considerable property of houses in the old town, with a corresponding influence in the religious world; and we were enjoined to deliver the letter immediately on our arrival, as her counsels would be of essential service to us in the strange city.'

'Our first business was therefore to search for her residence, and a weary search it was with our country wisdom, stumped by the noise of the town, and astonished at all we saw; but it was found at last, No. 27, Hunter Square, two stairs up, and I pulled the door bell, with our credentials ready to present in my hand.

'The summons was answered by an elderly grave-looking servant maid, and I inquired if Mrs. Ramsay or her daughter were at home. 'You'll be a relation, sir?' said the dame growing still graver. 'No!' responded my brother, determined to tell the whole truth. 'We are strangers from Ireland coming to the college, and have brought a letter of introduction.'

'Deed, then, sir, neither o' the ladies ha'e been here for mony a day; they say they gade southward for advice, Mrs. Ramsay bein' a-wee confused in her judgment, ye ken it was the will o' Providence; but there's folks in the High Street lifts rents for them,' and the bang of the door put an end to further interrogations.

'Our disappointment was great, but matters of a more urgent nature pressed on our consideration; both were weary, for our journey had been tedious after the manner of travelling in those days, and our supplies were not ample; still lodgings must be found.

'Many a street was traversed, and many a stair ascended in search of that needful shelter which then seemed all but unattainable. True, every second house in that good city put forth there, as it does still, advertisements of lodgings to let, and our expectations were as moderate as our funds; but the approach of winter was filling the town, and we were, oh! how deplorably, strange to the northern Athens and its ways!

'An old dame at the elevation of five stairs, with a gown and face of the same mud colour, informed us, that she could 'tak nae Eerish without two shillings mair, as they war thought vulgar in Edinb'ry; whereupon Henry consign'd both her and Edinb'ry to a place consign'd nameless. A lady in Herriot Row said she 'had nae rooms but one, an it was owre genteel for students; and an old man, with a sermon-book under his arm, on the fourth storey, in Northumberland Street, closed a hard bargain by demanding reference for morals and character, which of course we had not to offer, and therefore took our departure, Henry in his anger intimating that persons remarkably rich in either would have small occasion for them in Auld Reekie.

'Fortunately the venerable Scot did not catch the full meaning of his words, being like his countrymen, a little slow as well as sure of understanding; and I, who had generally to manage the prudent part of our concerns, prevented explanation, by inquiring if he knew where we could find lodgings, and hinted our depen-

dance on the recommendation of such a respectable person. The man seemed to deliberate with himself for a moment, as he turned over the leaves of the volume; I saw it was Welsh's Sermons on Witchcraft and then said, 'Ablias, if ye wud gang down the High Street till the close neist Knox's house, ye might hae a chance at the third door down on ye'r left—mind, the third door down on ye'r left,' he continued, as we wound down the stairs.

'The stormy day was wearing to its close, and the cutting east winds so frequent on the banks of the Forth, swept the half deserted streets with strong and piercing blasts; but, tired and strangers as we were, Henry and I agreed, as a last resource, to follow the sermon reader's rather singular direction; and entering the High Street from the South Bridge, at that lounge of native idlers so appropriately termed the 'Lazy corner,' we proceeded, gazing at its high houses and narrow alleys, till within sight of that antiquated edifice which bears the great name and the dwarfish image of the once mighty Reformer, where we found a long narrow close with a rough pavement and no light, though gas was now burning in all parts of the city.

'There were but three doors in it, opening to very high and old looking houses; and at the third on the left, regarding it as a haven of rest, I rang with all my might. Well do I remember the outward characteristics of the domicile, for often did we both visit it after our brief but memorable residence within. Like many others in the vicinity, it had evidently been the mansion of nobility in other times, for the arms of the Ross family were sculptured over the entrance.

'The door, which was opened by a chain, moved back with a long creak, and we toiled up a narrow and winding stair to the fifth flat, at the entrance of which stood a dingily dressed woman, holding a small candle, who inquired our business in a subdued and civil tone.

'We mentioned the cause of our visit; and the statement being repeated in a louder key on her declaration that she was 'a wee deaf,' the dame, without a word, showed us into a small sitting-room, which opened near the door, with a bed closet attached, which she stated were her only lettable apartments.

'The place was one where rank had left its ancient traces, reminding us of times when the Scotch aristocracy 'kent that the sixth storey was the maist genteel.' Armorial bearings decorated the ceiling; remnants of tarnished gilding lingered on the cornice; there was quaint carving on its small marble chimney-piece, and over it hung a great faded picture of an armed baron, whose austere countenance and peculiar costume must have belonged to one of the lords of Knox's congregation.

'Most of the furniture seemed of equal antiquity, but mingled with more modern, as if later wealth and fashion had been there. Years have passed since I last saw the apartments, but not a tile of their arrangements has escaped my recollection, especially the bed, which occupied more than half the closet with its hangings of dark damask, whose heavy richness could be observed through the wear and waste of time. Though scrupulously clean, the place was unaccountably sombre.

'The gas of the High-street could be seen ascending far up from its small windows, but like many of the older buildings its brightness had not entered, and we could have willingly exchanged its antiquated grandeur for a more enlivening situation; but a day's search for lodgings is apt to recollect the most scrupulous, and as the terms were such as our finances warranted, and the woman seemed willing to accommodate us at once without question or delay, we paid a week in advance, and within half-an-hour ourselves and our trunks were safely ensconced in that lofty domicile.

'Henry and I slept soundly that night, and for some days our time was entirely occupied between the first duties of studentship and the wonders of the town; but as the novelty of both wore off, we had leisure to observe the peculiarities of the household. They kept no servant, all offices of the kind being fulfilled by the woman we had first seen; she called herself Mrs. Duncan, was about thirty-five, small of stature, thin, and quietly active; her face would have been handsome but for a mixed expression of care and cunning which never left it, and she seemed to have renounced the vanities of dress, as we never saw her in any other costume but the same drab gown, plain cap, and dim coloured handkerchief.

'There were, besides two young unhappy looking children,—who crept about the old house and made no noise in their play,—a tall elderly woman, clothed in decayed black silk, whom Mrs. Duncan called mother, and there was a marked resemblance between them, but the senior lady had the remains of greater beauty, and was more stern of aspect. There was also a man of the same years, with a large powerful frame and a dark, immovable countenance, but he always kept within doors and spoke wondrously low. We heard by accident that their name was Ross; and also saw two robust, red-haired, sober looking men, evidently of a lower rank, whom Henry discovered to be Mrs. Duncan's husband and his brother, but they were cab drivers, and never came home till after eleven at night.

'The family were quiet as the most studious could desire; the house was neat, our attendance regular, nay, we found them scrupulously honest and civil, still there was something strange about the establishment. Things had evidently been better with them; we remarked specimens of needlework and bijouterie, which Mrs. Duncan said were her own, though little according with her present circumstances.

'The whole flat in which they lived was furnished after the fashion of our abode, the rooms opening on both sides of a long corridor; but the family occupied chiefly the back apartments, into which Mrs. Duncan seemed unwilling we should ever penetrate, and, believing in the Scottish love of privacy, neither my brother nor I cared to trespass on them.

'They had no visitors, and never went to church; judging from appearances, they were at small expense for apparel; but odours of wine and other provisions rarely used in their rank, met our goings out and comings in; and the good dame, who at first described herself as 'a wee deaf,' to whom we were obliged to speak in such lofty tones, could answer a whispered summons, or a low tap from the most distant apartment, which signals, by the way, were often made, and Henry averred always by the parent pair.

'We had conversed and deposited our fees with the different professors, made some class-room acquaintances, and secured the advantages of the college library, a couple of volumes from which were found so interesting one night about three weeks after our arrival, that we sat reading till one, when Henry, suddenly laying down his book, said, 'Frank, what do you think of our professor of anatomy?'

'He is considered the first anatomist in Britain,' said I.

'Yes,' continued Henry, 'but don't you think him very like the Duncans? I met him coming out of the common hall to-day; he saluted me politely, and inquired where we lodged? Of course I told him, and he merely said, 'Ah, very good!' and walked away; but young Thompson, who was just behind me, as soon as he was gone, remarked, 'That must be a treat of an old place you have got; they say there is a flat of it

walled up to keep in ghosts or something, and I never knew any person lodged there except the Sarins.'

To be continued in our next.

Time for Matrimony.

Among the ancient Germans, than whom a finer race never existed, it was death for any woman to marry before she was twenty years old. In this country, very few ladies are fit either physically or mentally, to become mothers before they reach the age of twenty-two, or one or two years still older. The unsound condition of the constitution is transmitted, with increased tenacity to the off-spring. By the laws of Lycurgus, the most special attention was paid to the physical education of woman; and no delicate or sickly woman were, on that account, allowed to marry. Dr. Johnson, in his work on the Economy of Health, says that matrimony should not be contracted before the first year of the fourth septennial, on the part of the lady, nor before the last of same, in the case of the gentleman; in other words, the female should be at least twenty-one years of age, and the male twenty-eight years. The doctor says that there should be a difference of seven years between the two sexes, at whatever period of life the connexion is contracted. There is a difference of seven years, not in the actual duration of life, in the two sexes, but in the stamina of the constitution, the symmetry of the form, and lineaments of the face. In respect to early marriage, so far as it concerns the softer sex, for every year at which marriage is entered upon before the age of twenty-one, there will be, on an average, three years of premature decay, more or less apparent, of the corporeal fabric.

The Size of Man.

It is a very common opinion that, in the early ages of the world, men in general possessed superior physical properties, and were of greater size than at present. But all the facts and circumstances which can be brought forward on this subject tend to show that the human form has not degenerated, and that men at the present age are of the same stature as at the beginning of the world. Thus, all the remains of the human body, the bones, and particularly the teeth, which have been found unchanged in the most ancient urns and burial places, demonstrate this point clearly. The oldest coffin in the world is that found in the great pyramid of Egypt; and this sarcophagus hardly exceeds the size of our ordinary coffin, being six feet and a half long. That we are not degenerating from the effects of civilization is clear, because the savages do not exceed us in height.

A "CAPITAL" EXPEDIENT.—The bogus Democrats of Kansas are experts at jugglery. In setting up a bank at Leecompton, last summer, it was necessary, according to the chapter, to exhibit \$50,000 cash capital, as actually paid. The parties accordingly provided themselves with \$2,000, in two bags, and presented themselves before the Governor to make the required exhibition. As one of the bags was counted out, it was taken away and the other presented—this operation being continued until each had passed in review twenty-five times, to the entire satisfaction of the innocent Governor.

GENERAL WALKER.—The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald says:—'I understand that the French and British Ministers here have entered a protest against the present filibustering expedition of Gen. Walker, intimating rather broadly that the responsibility for the escape of Walker from our shores lies in the weakness and inefficiency of our government. This is considered here as trespassing a little on the bounds of diplomatic decorum. No one is surprised at anything of the sort from the French Minister for he has pretty freely on several occasions heretofore betrayed his prejudices against this country; but it is somewhat surprising that the amiable and high minded Lord Napier should have permitted himself to be drawn into anything of the character of this said discourteous remonstrance.'

Miscellaneous Items.

Sugar is selling in the New Orleans market at 4 1/2 cents per pound, and molasses at from 18 to 20 cents per gallon.

The painted surface of the Great Eastern, inside and outside, is nearly 120,000 square yards in extent, or more than twenty-four acres.

The cost of conducting the public schools of Albany for the ensuing year, is \$42,000. The New York city public schools cost \$1,200,000 per annum.

UTAH COAT OF ARMS.—It was stated at an anti-Mormon meeting that the arms of Utah consist of a bee hive, protected by a lion rampant, at whose feet is the American eagle, couchant and badly plucked.

The masonry for the piers of the bridge to carry the road over the Desjardins' Canal now assumes an imposing appearance. It is nearly finished, and the bridge itself, which will probably be framed during the winter, will be put up in the spring.—Christian Advocate

Recent news from Mexico fore-shadows the speedy downfall of Comodoro and a general insurrection in favor of Santa Anna. The insurgents have gained ground in several localities, and a general uprising of the people against the present Government is speedily expected.

The only place in the world where money seems to be plenty is St. Peterburgh; it is to be had at 3 per cent. Shareholders in the newly planned Russian railways anticipated their instalments, in the fortnight preceding the third of November, to the amount of twenty-four millions.

The New Yorkers have at last got rid of the great corruptianist, swindler and leader of the ruffians of that city—Fernando Wood. In the contest for the Mayoralty of New York last week, he was defeated by Mr. Tiemann, a man of great intelligence, of unserving integrity, and of true moral worth.

RETURN OF THE CANADIAN RIFLES FROM RED RIVER.—We understand that the detachment of the Royal Canadian Rifle Regiment which left this in the spring for Red River, in the Hudson's Bay Territory, have been ordered to return to Canada, and it is supposed are even now on their way back.—Quebec Gazette.

It is stated that the people of the city of London, sent by post 32,000,000 more letters during the last ten years than all the people of the United States, although the population of this country is ten times greater. Of the 950,000,000 letters posted in London, more than 490,000,000 were for circulation within the bounds of that city.

TOBACCO.—The people of the United States, numbering twenty-five millions, smoke more cigars in a year than all the people of England, France and Russia, numbering over one hundred millions. This certainly speaks well for the consumption of home produce, in one article, at least, though that article, in our opinion is neither conducive to the health or wealth of the consumer.—Ostego Times.

At Moscow (Russia) lately, great curiosity was excited by an experiment made with a new description of locomotive, running along the streets, and so constructed as to cause the wheels to lay down a sort of wooden rails as they advanced. The locomotive dragged after it a number of carts heavily laden. The experiment, though the first made, had perfectly succeeded. The inventor is a trader of Moscow, named Prokofoff.

The greatest actor of Scotland died the other day at 71 years of age, in Edinburgh. Mr. Mackay was famous for his impersonation of the Scotch characters in the Waverley Novels, particularly of Baillie Nicol Jarvie in Rob Roy, whom he represented to the entire satisfaction of Sir Walter Scott, who said that "it was the living Nicol Jarvie; conceited, pragmatical, cautious, generous, proud of his connection with Rob Roy, frightened for him at the same time, and yet extremely desirous to interfere with him as an adviser."

BRITISH ANNEXATION OF A GOLD REGION.—A captain in the British naval service, and senior naval officer in Australia, has formally annexed Cocos Island to the extended domain of Great Britain. About six months ago, an expedition set out from San Francisco, for the purpose of recovering the treasure which is supposed to have been buried by pirates, who took it from a Spanish vessel somewhere in Cocos Island. The amount is supposed to be fifteen millions of dollars, and the party who last left San Francisco in search of it were very sanguine of success.—Buffalo Republic.

SINGULAR SCENE IN A CHURCH AT BRADFORD (Eng.).—On Sunday morning a young man, with his intended wife, presented themselves before the altar of St. John's Church, Bradford, to be made one. The Rev. Mr. Gordon appeared for the time being to officiate. The service was proceeded with, and as the minister had got so far as to say, "With thou have this man to be thy husband, to keep, to cherish, &c.?" In a moment the bride started up, and rushed to the door, followed by the astonished bridegroom, who tried to induce her to return, but in vain, as she closed the whole colloquy by declaring, "Nay lad, I wasn't to be bound to keep thee." The amazement of all parties may be imagined.