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C. M. TINGLEY, *Licensed Auctioneer*, Rome, Pa. All calls promptly attended to. May9,1870

WALLACE KEELER, *HOUSE SIGN AND FRESCO PAINTER*, Towanda, Sept. 15, 1870-yr

DAVIS, HUDDELL & SANDERSON Offers and Shippers of the CELEBRATED SULLIVAN ANTHRACITE COAL, Towanda, Pa.

CAMPBELL & VINCENT, INSURANCE AGENTS.—Office formerly occupied by Mercur, Monroe door south of Ward House. may10-'70 W. S. VINCENT.

L. W. DIMMOCK, Dealer in all kinds of Roofing Slates, Towanda, Pa. All orders promptly attended to. Particular attention to Cottage and French Roofing.

B. FOWLER, REAL ESTATE AGENT, No. 159 Washington Street, between Dearborn and Wells Streets, Chicago, Illinois. Lands located and sold. Investments made to advantage. May 10,'70.

DRESS - MAKING, PATTERNS CUT AND FITTING in all fashionable styles. ROOMS in Mercur's New Building, over Porter & Kirby's Drug Store. MRS. H. E. GARVIN.

HAIR WORK OF ALL KINDS. SWITCHES, CURLS, BRAIDS, FRIZZES, on the last improved and easiest style. Ladies' Hair Dressing, Shampooing, Dyeing, Curling, &c., at their rooms. MRS. H. E. GARVIN.

CLIFFORD WINS. *General Fire Insurance Agent*. Policies covering property in Wyoming County by Mutual companies without additional cost. H. B. CLIFFORD, S. S. CLIFFORD.

JOHN DUNFEE, *BLACKSMITH*, Towanda, Pa., pays strict attention to Horse Shoeing &c. Tire set and repairing. Work and charges reasonable. 12.15.69.

AMOS PENNYPACKER, HAS RETURNED to Towanda in the TAILORING business, in Bowlby's Store. Work of every description made to the latest style & warranted. April 21, 1870.-tf

FRATYSVILLE WOOLEN MILL [illegible] Towanda, Pa., [illegible] Flannels, Yarns, and all kinds of Woolen Goods. HAGER & BROADBEY, Proprietors.

C. B. RUSSELL'S GENERAL INSURANCE AGENCY, TOWANDA, PA.

NEW TAILOR SHOP. E. SPAULDING [illegible] H. SPAULDING.

SAYRE & BROTHER, Dealers in HIDES, PELTS, CALF-SKINS, FURS, &c., [illegible] highest cash price is paid at all times. Main-st., Towanda, Pa. Towanda, Pa.

THE UNDERSIGNED HAVE formed a Banking House in Towanda, under the firm of MASON & CO., [illegible] Bills of Exchange, and Collections on New York, Philadelphia, and all other points in the United States, as also England, Germany, France. To loan money, receive deposits, and transact all Banking business. The firm was one of the late firm of Laporte, Mason & Co., of Towanda, Pa., and his knowledge of the business of Bradford and adjoining counties, gained in the banking business for about [illegible] years, makes his house a desirable one through which to transact business. G. F. MASON, Towanda, Pa., 1866. A. G. MASON.

NEW FIRM. NEW GOODS. LOW PRICES! M. MAGOLLEN, PAT. M. HOLLON, Have just received their Spring Goods, which they will sell at the lowest cash prices. Call and examine our goods and prices. Towanda, April 6, 1871.

PASSAGE FROM OR TO IRELAND OR ENGLAND, [illegible] Steamships from Liverpool or Queenstown, [illegible] Cabin passage, $60 and upwards. Children under 12 years, half price. Steerage passage at the lowest rates. Through Bills of Lading given for freight to Ireland. For further information apply to [illegible] Agents, Towanda, Pa.

SPRING MILLS. FLOUR AND FEED WHEAT FLOUR, FEED AND MEAL AND FEED [illegible] WARRANTED. [illegible] GROUND EXTRA WHITE WHEAT FLOUR. [illegible] E. M. MYER.

GRAHAM FLOURING MILL [illegible] PA. [illegible] that this new and first class Flouring Mill [illegible] FLOURING MILL [illegible] and that he is prepared to do [illegible] on short notice. WORK DONE ON THE SAME DAY THAT IT IS RECEIVED. [illegible] Rye Flour, Corn Meal, [illegible] always on hand and for sale at [illegible] MILL NOTICE.—Persons living on the [illegible] can bring to grind at my mill, [illegible] paid both ways, when they [illegible] bushels and upwards. F. S. AYERS.

PENNSYLVANIA STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, MANSFIELD, TIOGA CO., PA. [illegible] term will commence Wednesday, August [illegible] For catalogue or admission apply to CHAS. H. VERRILL, A.M., Principal. July 27,'71.

PORK, Hams, Lard, Dried Beef, [illegible] Mackerel, Trout, at retail. FOX & MERCUR.

TRY OUR TEAS AND COFFEE, COWELL & MYER.

PROFESSIONAL CARDS.

JAMES WOOD, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Towanda, Pa.

HENRY PEET, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. June 27, '66.

WM. FOYLE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Pa., Office with Elhanan Smith, south side Mercur's Block. April 14, 70

SMITH & MONTANYE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. Office—corner of Main and Pine Streets, opposite Porter's Drug Store.

W. B. KELLY, DENTIST. Office over Wickham & Black's, Towanda, Pa. May 24, '70.

DR. H. WESTON, DENTIST.—Office in Patton's Block, over Gore's Drug and Chemical Store. Jan 1, '68.

L. P. WILLISTON. ATTORNEY AT LAW, TOWANDA. South side of Mercur's New Block, up stairs. April 21, '70—tf.

H. B. McKEAN, ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. Particular attention paid to business in the Orphans' Court. July 20, '66.

W. H. CARNOCHAN, ATTORNEY AT LAW (District Attorney for Bradford County), Troy, Pa. Collections made and promptly remitted. feb 15, '69—tf.

J. & D. C. DEWITT, *Attorneys-at-Law*, Towanda, Pa., having formed a co-partnership, tender their professional services to the public. Special attention given to EVERY DEPARTMENT of the business, at the county seat or elsewhere. JACOB DEWITT, D. CLINTON DEWITT. TOWANDA, Pa., Dec. 12, 1870.

JOHN N. CALIFF, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. Particular attention given to Orphans' Court business, Conveyancing and Collections. ☞ Office in Wood's new block, south of the First National Bank, up stairs. Feb. 1, 1871.

C. H. WARNER, Physician and Surgeon, LeRaysville, Bradford Co., Pa. All calls promptly attended to. Office first door south of LeRaysville House. Sept. 15, 1870.-yr

OVERTON & ELSBREE, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Towanda, Pa., having entered into copartnership, offer their professional services to the public. Special attention given to business in the Orphan's and Register's Courts. apl 14'70 E. OVERTON, JR. S. C. ELSBREE.

MERCUR & DAVIES, ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Towanda, Pa. The undersigned having associated themselves together in the practice of Law, offer their professional services to the public. ULYSSES MERCUR. W. T. DAVIES. March 9, 1870.

W. A. & B. M. PECK'S LAW OFFICE. Main street, opposite the Court House, Towanda, Pa. Oct. 27,'70.

A. KEENEY, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, Towanda, Pa. Office with B. M. Peck, second door below the Ward House. Will be at the office the last Saturday of each month and at all other times when not called away on business connected with the Superintendency. All letters should hereafter be addressed as above. dec.1,70

BEN. MOODY, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Offers his professional services to the people of Wyalusing and vicinity. Office and residence at A. J. Lloyd's, Church street. Aug.10,'70

DR. J. W. LYMAN, PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON. Office one door east of Reporter building. Residence, corner Pine and 2nd street. Towanda, June 22, 1871.

JOHN W. MIX, ATTORNEY AT Law, Towanda, Bradford Co., Pa. GENERAL INSURANCE AGENT. Particular attention paid to Collections and Orphans' Court business. Office—Mercur's New Block, north side Public Square. apr. 1, '69.

DOCTOR O. LEWIS, A GRADUate of the College of "Physicians and Surgeons," New York city, Class 1843-4, gives exclusive attention to the practice of his profession. Office and residence on the eastern slope of Orwigsburg Hill, adjoining Henry Howe's. jan 14, '69.

DR. D. D. SMITH, *Dentist*, has purchased G. H. Wood's property, between Mercur's Block and the Elwell House, where he has located his office. Teeth extracted without pain by use of gas. Towanda, Oct. 20, 1870.—yr.

Hotels.

DINING ROOMS IN CONNECTION WITH THE BAKERY, Near the Court House. We are prepared to feed the hungry at all times of the day and evening. Oysters and Ice Cream in their seasons. March 30, 1870. D. W. SCOTT & CO.

ELWELL HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA. JOHN C. WILSON Having leased this House, is now ready to accommodate the travelling public. No pains nor expense will be spared to give satisfaction to those who may give him a call. ☞ North side of the public square, east of Mercur's new block.

RUMMERFIELD CREEK HOTEL. PETER LANDMESSER. Having purchased and thoroughly refitted this old and well-known stand, formerly kept by Sheriff Griffin, at the mouth of Rummerfield Creek, is ready to give good accommodations and satisfactory treatment to all who may favor him with a call. Dec. 29, 869—tf.

MEANS HOUSE, TOWANDA, PA. COR. MAIN AND BRIDGE STREETS. The Horses, Harness, &c., of all guests of this house, insured against loss by Fire, without any extra charge. A superior quality of Old English Bass Ale, just received. C. R. JORDAN, Towanda, Jan. 24, '71. Proprietor.

BRADFORD HOTEL, TOWANDA, PA. The subscriber having leased and lately fitted up the above Hotel, lately kept by him as a saloon and boarding house, on the south side of BRIDGE STREET, next to the railroad, is now prepared to accommodate the public with good accommodation on reasonable charges. No trouble or expense will be spared to accommodate those calling on him. His bar will be furnished with choice brands of Cigars, Liquors, Ales, &c. Good Stabling attached. WM. HENRY. Towanda, June 1,1871.*tol May72 Proprietor.

NEW PLANING MILL! MATCHING, RE-SAWING, MOULDINGS, &c., At the old stand of H. Bingham's Woolen Factory and Sawmill, in CAMPTOWN, PENN'A. A HEAVY SIX ROLL PLANING AND MATCHING MACHINE in charge of an experienced Mechanic and builder, the public may expect a GOOD JOB EVERY TIME. From the recent enlargement of this water power, work can be done at all seasons of the year and soon as sent in. In connection with the saw-mill we are able to furnish bills of sawed lumber to order. STEWART DESWORTH. Camptown, May 23, 1870.—1y

MONEY SAVED, BY PURCHASING YOUR STOVES AND HARDWARE OF W. L. PENDLETON. Orwell, Pa., July 21,'71.

LOSSES LIBERALLY ADJUSTed and promptly paid. Insure in the GERMAN INSURANCE COMPANY, OF ERIE, PA. Authorized Capital.....$500,000 Cash Capital.....$200,000 M. SCHLAUDECKER, Pres. F. A. BECKER, Treas. G. F. BREYLLIER, Vice Pres. D. H. KLINE, Secy. J. A. RECORD, Agent, aug2'71 Towanda, Pa.

CHARLES F. DAYTON, Successor to Humphrey Bros., HARNESS MAKER, Over Moody's Store, Keeps on hand a full assortment of DOUBLE and SINGLE HARNESS, and all other goods in his line. Repairing and manufacturing done to order. Towanda, August 23, 1871.

CAKES AND CRACKERS.—German Bend, Scotch Honey, Orange, Raison, Lemon and Ginger Cakes, Washington Jumbles and Coffee Biscuit, and all kinds of Crackers at March 4, '70. W. A. ROCKWELL'S.

A FULL ASSORTMENT OF DRIED AND CANNED FRUITS, March 10, 1869. LONG & KEELER S.

Rail-Roads.

TIME TABLE OF THE SULLIVAN & ERIE RAILROAD.—Taking effect on Monday, Jan. 23, 1871.

SOUTHWARD. P. M.	A. M.	STATIONS.	NORTHWARD. P. M.	P. M.
2:30	8:00	.....TOWANDA.....	12:20	7:10
2:40	8:10	BARCLAY JUNCTION	12:10	7:00
3:00	8:30	.....MONROE.....	11:50	6:40
3:35	9:05	.....WILCOXS.....	11:15	6:06
3:45	9:55	.....NEW ALBANY.....	11:05	5:55
3:55	9:25	.....MILLERS.....	10:55	5:45
4:20	9:50	.....DUSHORE.....	10:30	5:20
P. M.	A. M.		A. M.	P. M.

R. F. GOODMAN, Gen'l Passenger Agent.

NEW ROUTE TO PHILADELPHIA. VIA NORTH PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD. Shortest and most direct line to Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and the South. Passengers by this route take Pennsylvania & New York Railroad train, passing Towanda at 7:15 A.M., make close connection at Bethlehem with Express train of North Penn's Railroad, and arrive in Philadelphia at 5:05 P. M., in time to take night trains either for the South or West. City passenger cars are at the Depot on arrival of all trains to convey passengers to the various Depots direct to all parts of the city. RETURNING. Leave North Penn's Railroad Depot, corner Berks and American streets, Philadelphia, at 7:35 A. M., arriving at Towanda 4:59 P. M., same evening. Mann's Baggage Express collects and delivers baggage, office No. 103 South Fifth street, Philadelphia. PERSONS ACCOMMODATIONS. Freight received at Front and Noble streets, Philadelphia, and forwarded by Daily Fast Freight train to Towanda, and all points in Susquehanna valley with quick dispatch. ELLIS CLARKE, Gen. Agt. N. P. R. R., Front and Willow Sts. Nov. 21, 1870. Philadelphia.

PA. & N.Y. CANAL & R.R. CO.—ARRANGEMENT OF PASSENGER TRAINS. To take effect Monday, May 15, 1871.

SOUTHWARD. No. 35.	No. 9.	No. 7.	STATIONS.	NORTHWARD. No. 34.	No. 2.	No. 36.
P M	A M	A M		P M	P M	P M
2 43	11 58	7 45	.....Elmira.....	12 40	5 35	9 45
3 30	12 40	8 30	.....Waverly.....	11 45	5 00	9 00
3 40	12 48	8 40	.....Athens.....	11 35	4 51	8 50
4 20	1 20	9 25	.....Towanda.....	10 45	4 20	8 15
5 16	2 09	10 15	.....Wyalusing.....	9 50	3 35	7 20
5 35	2 27	10 35	.....Laceyville.....	9 31	3 17	7 00
6 02	2 57	11 00	.....Meshoppen.....	9 08	3 00	6 38
6 09		11 07	.....Mehoopany.....	9 00		6 30
6 40	3 21	11 35	...Tunkhannock...	8 35	2 30	6 00
7 50	4 25	12 55	.....Pittston.....	7 35	1 35	4 45
8 15	4 45	1 15	.....Wilkes Barre...	7 10	1 15	4 20
....	7 15	4 10	....Mauch Chunk....	....	10 45	....
P M	8 12	5 35	.....Allentown.....	A M	9 45	P M
	8 25	5 50	.....Bethlehem.....		9 30	
	8 50	6 25	.....Easton.....		9 00	
	10 20	8 15	....Philadelphia....		7 35	
	11 45	9 50	.....New York.....		6 00	
	P M	P M			A M	

No. 30 leaves Towanda at 7 10; Athens, 7 54; Waverly, 8 05; arrive at Elmira at 9 10 A. M.

No. 33 leaves Elmira at 5 30; Waverly, 6 30; Athens, 6 46; arrive at Towanda at 7 25 P. M.

Down Trains dine at White Haven. Up Trains dine at Pittston.

Passengers to and from New York and Philadelphia without change of cars.

Down train connects at Allentown with Through fast Express for Harrisburg, Pittsburg and the West.

R. A. PACKER, Superintendent.

Miscellaneous.

MERCURS BANK, TOWANDA, PA. (Successor to D. S. Russell & Co., Bankers.) Receives Deposits, Loans Money, Makes Collections, and does a GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS, same as an Incorporated Bank. To persons desiring to send money to ANY PART of the United States, Canada or Europe, this Bank offers the best facilities and the lowest terms.

PASSAGE TICKETS To and from Nova Scotia, England, Ireland, Scotland, or any part of Europe and the Orient, by the CELEBRATED INMAN LINE. Of Steamers always on hand. Buys and sells Gold, Silver, United States Bonds at market rates. Agent for the sale of Northern Pacific 7 3-10 Bonds. M. C. MERCUR, President. WM. S. VINCENT, Cashier. mar.15'71

RHEUMATISM—NEURALGIA! $500 WILL BE PAID to any person producing any Medicine showing half as many living, permanent cures as Dr. FITLER'S VEGETABLE RHEUMATIC REMEDY. Used inwardly only. A pleasant Medicine, free from injurious drugs. Warranted, under oath, to have permanently cured 95 in every 100 patients treated in the past ten years. (See testimony). It is the scientific prescription of Prof. Jos. P. Fitler, M. D., a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, U. S. D., 1833—now one of Philadelphia's oldest regular physicians, and Professor of Chemistry, and Toxicology,—who has made Neuralgia, Chronic and Inflammatory Rheumatism the specialty of his entire professional life—a fact vouched for by the signatures accompanying each bottle, and other testimonials of many prominent renowned physicians and clergymen. To protect sufferers from poisonous quack nostrums and useless expenditure of money, a legal signed guarantee, stating exact number of bottles warranted to cure, will be forwarded gratis to any sufferer sending by letter a full description of affliction. In case of failure to cure, amount paid power of attorney. Medicine sent anywhere by express, collect on delivery. Afflicted invited to write for advice; all information and medical advice sent by letter gratis. Address Dr. J. P. FITLER, 29 South Fourth street, Philadelphia, Pa. The Remedy is sold or obtained by Druggists.

PATCHEN. This well-bred stock horse will serve mares the present season, from April 1, to Aug. 1, at the Livery Stable of KINGSBURY & SOLOMON, Towanda, Pa., from Monday noon to Saturday morning; and at Sheshequin, Pa., at the farm of L. S. KINGSBURY, during Saturday and Monday forenoon. TERMS.—$20 by the season. Money due at time of service. $30 to insure one mare, and $50 for two mares owned by one person. Money due as soon as the mare is known to be with foal. Any person having a mare insured, and parting with her before the time of foaling, will be held accountable for the insurance. Pasture furnished for mares from a distance at $5 per month. All accidents and escapes at the owner's risk. PEDIGREE.—Patchen was sired by the celebrated trotting stallion, Geo. M. Patchen, by Cassius M. Clay, he by Henry Clay, he by Andrew Jackson, he by Young Bashaw, &c. The dam of Patchen was Dutrock, grand dam Messenger. May 18, 1871.—6m.

TAYLOR'S CELEBRATED OIL! *The Great Rheumatic Remedy* should be kept and used by every Farmer that keeps either Cattle or Horses, every Teamster and Livery Stable Keeper, every Physician and Horse Farier for it will many times cure pain and lameness when all other medicines have failed. Miners and Railroad Men should certainly keep it, for it is unsurpassed for bruises and sprains. Blacksmiths should keep it for their own use and for their customers tender footed horses, as nothing equals it for tender feet. Every body suffering from pain and lameness of any kind, burns, cuts, wounds or any eruption of the skin, Corns, Chilblains or any disease requiring an outward application should certainly keep this celebrated medicine. Every bottle warranted to give satisfaction. For sale by Dr. H. C. Porter Son & Co. Porter & Kirby and F. W. Brown Druggists, Towanda, Pa. And by every Druggist and dealer in Bradford and adjoining counties. Johnston Holloway and Cowden, wholesale Patent Medicine Depot, No. 602 Arch street Philadelphia, Pa., Wholesale Agents. H. BROWNING TAYLOR, July19'70-tf Proprietor, LeRaysville, Pa.,

NOTICE TO CARPENTERS! The undersigned have made arrangements to insure Carpenter's CHESTS OF TOOLS, covering them WHEREVER THEY MAY BE. All desiring such insurance are respectfully invited to give us a call. CAMP & VINCENT, dec28'70 Gen. Insurance Agts., Towanda, Pa.

COKE! The BEST, most DESIRABLE, and most ECONOMICAL FUEL for culinary purposes during summer. For sale by the TOWANDA GAS COMPANY. Twelve cents per bushel at the Gas House, or fifteen cents delivered. may30,1870.

CRYSTALINE DE FRANCE. This new and beautiful Perfume is ten times stronger than any other perfume ever brought before the public. It is made from French Crystals. Also Powell's celebrated Cocoanut Oil, an elegant preparation for the hair. For sale by C. B. ELSBREE, dealer in general groceries and provisions, Ulster, Pa.; GORE & GREGORY, Sheshequin; FRAZER & DREW, Athens; M'KEE BRO'S, Franklindale. aug2'71-v4

LAKE TROUT, some very fine ones, at a very low price, by June 15, 1871. FOX & MERCUR

WOOL!—50,000 lbs. wanted by W. A. ROCKWELL, for which the highest price will be paid. jun8,'71-tf

SUGAR OF ALL KINDS RETAILing at wholesale prices at FOX & MERCUR'S.

FARMERS, bring your produce and sell to FOX & MERCUR. Jan. 19, 1871.

Original Poetry

"SHE WASN'T INVITED."

A common sort of woman she was,
With a common sort of way—
She washed her dishes, and swept her stairs,
And sewed the rest of the day.

She had children, the foolish, fretful thing,
The nicest ever were born,
That filled the house with a hum of joy,
Like the song of birds in the morn.

The coo and clatter of childish tongues,
The patter of tiny feet,
The wreathing and coaxing of baby arms—
O mother, isn't it sweet?

And does n't it fill the intervals
Of life with a loving din,
Leading us on with its hurrying hope
From the borders of idle sin?

She had it all, this mother had,
And she might have been content
With home, and health, and butter and bread
And love wherever she went.

She needn't have thought of the dingy house
Fronting the shining west,
For the angel that guarded the souls within,
Had wings as good as the best;

With every feather of snowy white,
And poised with the lovingest care,
Forever list'ning, forever intent
On the breath of her mother prayer.

But she crowded him out, one naughty day,
Out of the farthest door,
As if she never expected to need
His hoverings any more.

And through the door the angel went out,
Came in, with a worldly air,
A woman with gray, green knowing eyes,
And a coil of Japanese hair.

Ah, she was wonderful in her way,
And wonderful in her walk,
Wonderful were the clothes she wore,
And wonderful was her talk:

She'd seen in all the length of her life
A pound of genuine lace, [black,
She could loop over skirts of the blackest
White ones with infinite grace.

And the crowning gem of her speech this day,
Was the news of a jubilee—
Of a jolly ride, and a jolly eat,
And the jolliest toasts, could be;

And she was invited all over, she was,
Her jute and her freckled nose,
Her bustle, her black silk petticoat,
And the very corns on her toes.

Poor mother of little children three,
Poor wife of a loving man,
Poor heart that has pushed an angel out,
As far as ever it can:

You are not invited—you cannot go
And eat of the dinner free!
Open the door and let out the mask,
And get your husband's tea!

But when he came, there wasn't a smile,
And the baby got the kiss, [found
And who was to blame that the good man
An atmosphere like this?

And what could she do, but frown and say—
The poor, neglected soul—
She never would burn to the end of her life,
A *speck* of Sullivan coal!

Miscellaneous

[For the REPORTER]

A TRIP ACROSS THE WATER.

No. XXVII.

—"I'll show thee every fertile inch o' the Island."—*Shakspeare.*

—"The best laid schemes of mice and men
Gang aft agley."—*Burns.*

[ERRATA.—The river mentioned in No. XXVI as *Seven* should be *Leven*. Instead of "Mr. Robert, Mayor of Sheffield," read Mr. Robert Mayor, of Sheffield.]

The agreeable project of a pedestrian excursion of some days through the Isle of Man, was nipped, as it were, in the bud; or, in other words, at the end of the first six miles, while breakfasting at Crosby, a rain storm came on: but with it came also the stage coach on its way to Peel—fortunately for myself, as trusting in a continuance of the fine weather with which I had so far been favored since first landing in Ireland, I left Douglas, armed with cane instead of umbrella. This, be it understood, is rather at variance with the prevailing custom in Great Britain, where generally little dependence is placed upon favorable indications of the sky, even for a day.

The country, generally pleasant and productive in appearance along the route, became more hilly as we approached the western coast of the Island. Two and a half miles from Peel, on the north side of the highway, stands one of the most revered and important monuments of the past which the Island affords. This is the circular, terraced mound, known as the TYNWALD HILL: being about 12 feet in height and 80 yards in circumference, and said to be composed of earth brought hither from the various *sheadings* or districts of the Island. A thousand years ago, this was used by the Norwegians, then masters of the country, for the holding of courts and the administration of justice: and to this day, the laws of the *Three Estates* must be promulgated here, before they are considered of binding force. The Tynwald Court of Man, which can be convoked only at the will of the Lieutenant Governor, possesses both the judicial and legislative power.

It was probably with a view to the protection of public liberty, that the Scandinavian courts, (or *Things*, as they were called, at which all the freemen of the nation had a right to attend), were thus held in the open air. In England, Scotland and Ireland, as well as in the Orkney and Shetland Islands, similar mounds or *Thing Hills* still remain, and also formerly existed throughout Iceland and Norway. The TYNWALD HILL, in the Isle of Man, is, however, the only one now retaining its original use. It is covered with a beautiful greensward, and, as a modern writer remarks in describing it: "The place is situated in the calm, green bosom of a lovely vale, walled in on all sides at irregular distances by lofty hills; and the view from the mount, around the circumference of its boundary, has an air of security, beauty and seclusion, that is extremely pleasing."

A short distance east is the Church of St. John's—a fine edifice built of granite, on the site, according to tradition, of an ancient temple dedicated to Thor. On the 5th of July (or Tynwald day) of each year, the Lieutenant Governor and all the high dignitaries of the Isle, after attending public services at this Church, walk in procession to the Tynwald Hill, on the summit of which, provided with a canopy and chair, the Lieutenant Governor is then seated, ("with visage to the east, and sword before him, holden with the point upward,") while the chief officials, the Keys and the Clergy occupy the three terraces below.

The laws, (or their titles), enacted during the previous year are then read to the surrounding multitude. Such are the preliminaries of the Tynwald Court. Its dignity and decorum were enforced with such strictness, that according to ancient usage, "noe Man shall make any Disturbance or Stirr in the Time of Tinwald, or any Murmur or Rising in the King's Presence, upon Paine of Hanging and Drawing."

The first laws enacted under the new Charter of the Island, giving to the people the right to elect members of the "House of Keys," were thus promulgated from the Tynwald Hill ten days before my visit thither.

In full view from this spot is the *Hill of Slieve*, over 1,000 feet in height. Tradition says, that in the dark days of superstitious cruelty, those suspected of witchcraft were taken to its summit, and after having been placed in a barrel with sharp iron spikes inserted around the interior, were rolled down the northern declivity of the mountain.

—The town of Peel, seen for the most part through the medium of a rain storm, did not present to me anything very attractive in its general appearance, altho' said to be improving. The herring fishery constitutes the most important item in the trade and occupation of its inhabitants.

From time "whereof the memory of man runneth not to the contrary," a certain day known as *St. Swithius'*, has been considered in England, an important index to the weather for some time succeeding: or, according to the old Rhyme,

"St. Swithius' day, an thou be fair,
For forty days 'twill rain nae mair:
St. Swithius' day, an thou dos rain,
For forty days it will remain."

American Almanacs had failed to inform me as to when St. Swithius' might be looked for; it chanced, however, at Peel, on referring to the heavy rain, the remark was made that occurring as it did, it was likely to continue for some time. On enquiring why, I was told that this—the 15th day of July, was known as St. Swithius' day. Although subsequent observation did not fully confirm the idea of rain for forty days thereafter, yet it might be said, that it rained enough in the *four* days following to answer ordinarily for *forty*.

On a rocky islet but a little way from the town, and known as St. Patrick's, stands the old Castle of Peel—"grand, gloomy and peculiar." Its walls embrace an area of about 5 acres; their material, as well as that of the Church of St. Germanus, built upon the same rock in 1245, is principally of red sandstone, considerably worn by the wars of the elements. The furious winds, which prevail on this "lone, barren isle," sometimes dash the ocean spray to the very summit of the towers. Much of historic interest as well as of wild superstition attaches itself to Peel Castle: and some of the most thrilling scenes of Scott's *Peveril of the Peak*, are here laid.

We descended down a narrow and utterly dark passage to the dungeon occupied by Eleanor, Duchess of Gloucester, for fourteen years, during the 15th century. The charge against her was, that by the arts of magic, she had plotted against the life of the king. This was done, (as alleged according to the incredible superstition of those days), by her exposing, with malice and prepense aforethought, a waxen image of the royal person to a moderate heat; that so, according to the rules of magic, the king's health and strength might gradually decline as the image melted! Her fate is referred to by Shakspeare in his "Henry VI.," also in Middleton's legend of Humphrey, Duke of Gloster, about 1600.

Superstitious tales of Giant, ghost and Fairy are sufficiently abundant throughout the Isle of Man. It would be unprofitable to devote much time or space to them: the legend of the *Moddey Dhu*, however, as connected with Peel Castle, has been often alluded to, and I will give it in few words:

An apparition known by the name of the Moddey Dhu (or Black Dog), formerly haunted Peel Castle. More frequently than elsewhere was it seen in the Guard Room, occupied by the soldiers of the garrison; who at length became accustomed to its appearance there, as it lay down before the fire at the lighting of candles for the evening, and disappearing with the dawn. They however believed it an evil spirit, which only waited permission to do them harm, and they generally forebore any profane discourse while it was present, and no one cared to be left alone with it. The passage from the church, thro' which the Moddey Dhu was generally observed to come, being the same through which it was the duty of each soldier in his turn to carry the keys of the Castle to its commander, after the closing of the gates at night, it was agreed that each, in the performance of this duty should be accompanied by his successor for the following night.

It chanced, however, on one occasion, that the soldier who was to bear the keys, being excited by liquor, persisted in going alone, notwithstanding the earnest dissuasions of his companions; swearing that he desired nothing more than that the Moddey Dhu should follow him, and that he would ascertain whether it were dog or devil. After indulging in further profane expressions, he snatched up the Castle keys, and departed on his errand. Soon after, a strange noise was heard in the passage, but none had the courage to follow their companion to ascertain its cause. The adventurer finally returned: loud and noisy as he had been, he was now sober and silent enough. He made no reply to the earnest inquiries that were addressed to him, and seemed to be suffering under strange contortions of features and limbs. Nothing intelligible could be got from him, and on the third day thereafter "he died and gave no sign."

The Moddey Dhu, it is said, was never afterwards seen in Peel Castle, nor would any one again venture through that passage: it was accordingly closed up and another made. This is said to have occurred about the year 1650. And as if the high-born captive had not suffered enough from superstitious injustice during her life, (which terminated in prison here), the vulgar assertion still prevails that the Moddey Dhu was neither more nor less than the troubled spirit of the unfortunate Duchess of Gloucester.

I had, with a companion, reached the Castle by a long detour, and across a bridge connecting with the main land. Returning, we embarked in a little boat, with as rough a passage for one so brief, as I ever encountered, to the opposite pier.

Social, comfortable, and picturesque, the old Stage Coach yet holds its own throughout the Isle of Man, as in the days of Samuel Weller; railroads being there unknown, unless the one contemplated from Douglas to Peel has recently been built. For the sake of old associations, as well as for the benefit of the traveler who may not happen always to be in a desperate American hurry, it is to be hoped that the institution may still for a long time flourish in its pristine glory, at least in some portions of the British Isles. I took passage in one of the two which returned in the evening to Douglas—each with accommodations for about 30 passengers, 12 of whom could occupy seats arranged upon the top.

One of the "Wellers" is said to have stated that for the most part, the "pike keepers," or toll gatherers on the highways, were individuals who had met with disappointments in life, and chose that occupation as a means of avenging themselves upon mankind at large. In like manner, coach driving would seem a natural resort for insolvent sportsmen. To this class, I was told, belonged the driver of the coach immediately following ours as we returned. Tall, manly and erect, well dressed, and still in the prime of life, he certainly had the manner and port of a gentleman. A merry greeting, if not a practical joke, was ready for any acquaintance along a road where all seemed to know him.

Years before, as I was informed, he had been the owner of a handsome estate, but became involved by fast living, lost all his property, and took to the road as a means of support. Gaining prudence only from disaster, he had saved enough from his stipend to have become recently the proprietor of the establishment he still drove: and in remembrance of the past, caused the title of "The Sportsman" to be placed on the outside. His carriage with its four prancing bays, was all in good style and perfect order, and he wielded the reins apparently with as much pride and enjoyment, as if controlling the destinies of an estate, or an empire.

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LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION.—A gentleman advertised for a boy to help him in his office, and nearly fifty applicants presented themselves to him. Out of the whole number he in a short time selected one and dismissed the rest.

"I should like to know," said a friend, "on what ground you selected that boy, who had not a single recommendation."

"You are mistaken," said the gentleman, "he had a great many. He wiped his feet when he came in, and closed the door after him, showing that he was careful. He gave up his seat instantly to that lame, old man, showing that he was kind and thoughtful. He took off his cap when he came in, and answered my questions promptly and respectfully, showing that he was polite and gentlemanly. He picked up the book which I had purposely laid upon the floor, and replaced it upon the table, while all the rest stepped over it or shoved it aside; and he waited quietly for his turn, instead of pushing and crowding, showing that he was honest and orderly. When I talked with him I noticed that his clothes were carefully brushed, his hair in nice order, and his teeth as white as milk; and when he wrote his name, I noticed that his finger nails were clean, instead of being tipped with jet like that handsome little fellow in the blue jacket. Don't you call those letters of recommendation? I do, and I would give more for what I can tell about a boy by using my eyes ten minutes than all the fine letters he can bring me."—*Little Corporal.*

CHANGING STEP.—Who has not seen an awkward couple walking arm in arm whose failure to "keep step" results in mutual misery! Occasionally, by accident, they fall into keeping step for a while, and for a time they move harmoniously and happily with graceful identity of motion. But, for the most part, their progress consists of a ludicrous jogglety jerk, fearfully trying to comfort and temper. This is but a type and illustration of the discomfort which some men endure through life, for the simple want of not knowing when to "change step." For example. A man marries. His wife is in almost everything a fit help mate, but she has, and who has not, her little infir