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THOMAS BARRETT,
COMMISSION MERCHNT
NO. 11, OLD LEVEE STREET,
New Orleans

LEE, WYNNE & BAILEY, Commission Merchants and general agents.
26 Poydras street, *New Orleans.*
JOHN L. LEE. WM. I. WYNNE. JOHN B. BAILEY

E. JOHNS,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
No. 110, *Poydras Street,*
NEW ORLEANS.
Refers to L. Bonecaze, Baton Rouge, La

B. F. SMITH,
DENTAL SURGEON.
Corner of St Charles & Lafayette Square
NEW ORLEANS.
References.—Dr W Stone, Dr. Jones, Dr. Campbell, Dr Harrison, *Rev* W A Scott, Rev, W *R* Nicholson, Col. Harney, U. *S.* A. Capt. Grayson, U. S. A.
References in Baton Rouge.
He intends to visit two or three times each summer.
Col. *N* Stuart, Capt. Gates, J W Fowler, D Conrad, E Lanoue, W D Philips.

NOTICE TO BUILDERS.
The subscriber respectfully informs builders and others, that he is prepared to execute all kinds of brick and mason work—and that he will put up buildings and furnish all the materials necessary—such as brick, sand me, &c, on the most reasonable terms.
He also offers his services to sugar planters and from his long experience in setting sugar kettles and other work necessary in a sugar house he can give ample satisfaction.
Apply to LOYEAU BERHEL,
feb 4 52 at the Garrison brickyard.

GREEN & McDOUGAL,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
273 COMMON STREET,
april 1 1y. *New Orleans.*

GENTLEMEN'S CALF BOOTS.
The subscribers have just received from Philadelphia, an assortment of Gentlemen's fine calf boots suitable for summer wear.
PHILLIPS & LANOUE.

COTTON GINS FOR SALE.
The undersigned offers for sale, *two cot ton ginsns*, at a very low price.
STEPHEN HENDERSON
August 23d corner of Levee & Church stree

JUVENILE SINGING SCHOOL.
Mr. & Mrs. Fuertes, respectfully inform their patrons, friends, and public in general, that the instruction in the rudiments of Vocal music, will constitute one of the branches taught in their school. Lessons will be given three times per week, *free of charge.*
The singing school will be included in the examination of the scholars, on the piano, to which parents and guardians will receive invitations.

Taken up by Daniel Sullivan, on the Comite two steers, one red and white, marked with a swallow fork in the right and a split in the left, branded J. C. the other a dun, swallow fork and a sawset on the right, crop and half crop on the left, brand not recognised, both horns bored for the hollow horn, about 8 years old. The owner is requested to take them away by conforming to the law.
J. R. DUFROCQ Ranger.
Nov. 1 38.

WILLIAM DAVIDSON & CO.
COTTON FACTORS
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
81 CANAL STREET,
New Orleans.
Sugar and Molasses consigned to us, will, at all times receive the most prompt attention.
REFER TO—N. K. Knox, A. Matta, Chas A. Hill. 35

PORT WINE.
WE have a good article of Port Wine also Madeira.
PIKE & HART.

VEGETABLE & GARDEN SEEDS
CROP OF 1845.
A large assortment just received from the FRENCH GARDEN, near Pittsburg, and for sale by A. MONTAN.
nov. 15 no 41 1845

JOHN L. PULLEN,
Having been appointed by the Governor PARISH AUCTIONEER, offers his services to the public generally. Any business confided to his care will be promptly attended to.
Apply to him at his residence, next door above *R.* Beal's store.
nov 15 no 41 1845

A. M. DUNN, H. B. WHITE.
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS,
At Judge Morgan's old Stand.
Lafayette str, Baton Rouge.

CHINA & GLASS.
Just received and for sale by the subscriber an assortment of French China & Cut Glass.
No. 1 WM. MARKHAM.
Church street.

CERTAIN CURE FOR FEVER
and ague and other fevers.
Those persons who may be afflicted with this annoying complaint, or other fevers of that nature, can obtain a cheap and sure remedy by applying to Mr. Bouche, corner of Church and Third streets. Testimony of its efficacy and virtue can at any time be obtained.
may 31—17.

EMBROIDERIES.
We have just opened, a large assortment of French embroidered collars, chemisettes mazourkas &c.
dec 6 *Phillips & Lanoue.*

RICH DRESS GOODS.
Now opening, a splendid assortment of rich dress goods; consisting of Paris printed cashmere d'Ecosse, repp de laine, mousline de laine
The ladies will please call and examine some entire new styles they cannot find elsewhere; and selling cheap by
dec 6 *Phillips & Lanoue.*

FALL FASHIONS, HATS & CAPS.
Just received from New York few cases, of the latest and most improved styles.
Dec 6 *Phillips & Lanoue.*

RICH FALL STYLE DRESS GOODS.
20 pieces in dress pattrons, latest styles.
PHILLIPS & LANOUE.

HAY. A first rate article of Western hay, for sale by PIKE & HART

J. T. BEAUREGARD,
DENTIST.
Respectfully informs his friends and the public, that having returned from the country he will be ready to attend all calls in his profession for two weeks from this date. Office at the residence of Dr. Vasquez, near *Mr.* Waddill's tavern.
dec 20 46 1845.

SPERM CANDLES.—4s & 6s, of best. New Bedford brand for sale by
dec 27 *Alfred Gates.*

LATE ARRIVALS.
PHILLIPS & LANOUE,
HAVE RECEIVED per late arrivals, a large and complete assortment of fall and winter goods, of the latest and most fashionable styles, to which they call the attention of the public.

DRY GOODS.
Black and col. french and English broad cloths, plain and fancy cassimeres plain and plaid sattinets, plain tweeds, Ky. Jeans, cashmerettes, french and American cottonades, white and red flannels, brown and bleached domestics, tickings, drills and osnaburgs, fancy cashmere and blk. satin vestings, rich printed cashmere d'Ecasse, Pompadour de Laine, Paris printed mousseline de laine, blk. and col. silk warp alpaca, printed barregos, blk. bombazines and merinos, blk. and green bombazette, blk. gros de Naples and gros de swiss, rich pekin silks, double warp Gros de Afrique for ladies dresses, a sorted Florences, Embr. swiss robes for ball dresses, blk worsted and silk serges, green barrege, white jackonets and cambrics, plain and figur'd swiss muslins, french embr'd lace, collars, needle work chemesettes and collarettes, blk and white nett laces, silk woolen and damask shawls, corded, marseilles, and grass cloth skirts, corsets and corset lacets. Irish linen, linen lawns, embro'd, hemstich and plain L C ndkfs, silk cotton and madrass do., polka gimps and cords, thread and cotton edgings and insertings, ladies and gents. gloves and hosiery, blk. and fancy silk and satin scarfs and cravats, various styles of fall and winter shawls, silk and cotton velvet, bonnet, cap and color'd taffeta and satin ribbons &c., with a general assortment of all kinds of goods usually kept in this line of business.

CLOTHING.
Fine black and color'd dress and frock cloth coats, color'ed tweed and cassimere paltots, blk' and color'd cassimere sacks, blk. paltots, youths and boys tweed and cloth frock coats, fancy cassimere and blk. cloth pants, fancy cashmere and blk satin vests, linen shirts, drawers, under shirts &c.

HATS & CAPS.
Gents blk satin, moleskin, and cassimere hats, boys fashionable do. do., youths blk. and pearl bell crown do., gents' boys and youths blk. and fancy cloth caps, of the most recent styles.

BOOTS & SHOES.
Gents. fine calf stitched boots, do., fine calf and prunella brogans, ladies calf and morocco brogans, do., black and bronze kid slips, do., white kid slips, youths and boys pegged and sewed brogans, misses calf sewed do., childs blk. and color'd do.

SADDLERY.
Men's English, Spanish and Columbian saddles, boys do., do., ladies plain and quilted side saddles, saddle bags, blind bridles, cart saddles and briching, fillings, martingales girths and surcingles.

NEW FLOUR.
50 barrels, a superior article of St. Louis brand, just received by
oct 21 27 PIKE & HART.

BLACKSMITHING.
The undersigned having established himself in the shop, formally occupied by A. G. Mangrum, is prepared to execute all kinds of work in his line. He hopes by his punctuality and attention to business, to merit public patronage.
JAS LANGTON.

SEMI-WEEKLY PACKET STEAMER RAINBOW, S. S, SELLECK master.—*For the Coast Donaldsonville, Plaquemine, Baton Rouge, Port Hudson and Bayou Sara.*—Will leave New Orleans every SUNDAY and WEDNESDAY, at 10 o'clock, A. M., and Bayou Sara every MONDAY and THURSDAY, at 10 o'clock A. M., For freight or passage, apply on board.
Passage as high as Donaldsonville, $2
" above Donaldsonville 3
aug 30, no 30 1845.

THOMAS GIBBES MORGAN.
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.
No. 17, Royal street, New Orleans.
Having for many years devoted much of his time to the examination of land titles, tenders his professional services to those whose interests are affected under the late act of Congress, providing for the adjustment of land titles in Louisiana and Arkansas.
July 20, 24 6m.

TO THE PUBLIC.
We are now prepared to execute all kind of work in our line, viz: pamphlets, justices' Sheriff's, school and other blanks, as cheap as they can be done *honestly.* We hope by industry and attention to business to merit a portion of the public patronage.
DUFROCQ & CONVERSE.

DR. F. M. HEREFORD,
Tenders his professional services to the public.—Office on Lafayette st.
February 10th, 1844.

CASTOR OIL.—In cans to suit Planters. *Also* in Bottles, Pints and Quarts.
For sale by
june 14—19. STEPHEN HENDERSON.

W. Laughlin. C. J. Searles. E. C. Laughli
WM. LAUGHLIN & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
No 96, Gravier Street,
NEW ORLEANS, LA.

LUGHLIN, SEARLES & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
Levee Street,
VICKSBURG, MISS.
REFERENCE.—Dr. W. B. Scott, STEPHEN HENDERSON, Esq., D. SEARLES. Baton Rouge La.

NOTICE.
The undersigned would respectfully request those indebted to him to make payment to Tomlinson & Babin.
Dec 6 D. FRANCIS.

JUST RECEIVED.
A choice lot of Woolen Carpets & Chimney Rugs, which will be sold at a very small advance on manufacturers' prices.
D. SANGER'S *Cheap Store.*
Lafayette Street.

CRYSTALLINE CANDLES.
Just received and for sale by the subscriber, a superior article of candles of the above description, put up in small boxes suitable for the use of families.
W. MARKHAM, Church St.

NOTICE.
The partnership heretofore existing between G. S. Lacey and R. Loucks has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.
Baton Rouge, October 16, 1845.

HATS, CAPS, BOOTS & SHOES.
Casimere Silk and wool hats, fur caps, Mud and Kip Boots, Mens' Calf Seal and Kip brogans, Ladies Calf Brogans, Misses brogans, Boys Calf and Kip Brogans, Youth and Childrens Brogans, Ladies fine Kip Shoes, 4 cases superior Russet Brogans, Boys do, for sale by
Tomlinson & Babin.

PAINTS, LINSEED, OIL AND SPTS TURPENTINE, for sale by
Sept. 20 STEPHEN HENDERSON.

MACHINERY.
WE have a lot of Machinery, consisting of Corn Mills, (of the most approved kinds. Corn Crushers.
Horse Powers.—Which will be sold very low by PIKE & HART.
Nov 1 39

MOLASSES.—in whole and half barrels for sale by Nov. 25
Stephen Henderson,

MOLASSES AND SALT.
100 Sacks of coarse and fine salt, molasses barrels and half barrels for sale by
Tomlinson & Babin.

NOTICE.
During my absence from Baton Rouge all persons having business transactions with me, are referred to George S Lacey and Richard Loucks, Esqrs., my agents and mandatories.
dec 6 F. D. NEWCOMB.

PLANTATION FOR SALE,
In the Parish of West Baton Rouge,
ON LIBERAL TERMS.
A plantation containing three arpents and a quarter front on the river, and forty arpents in depth, between parallel lines, with all the improvements thereto belonging, namely, dwelling-house, kitchen, pigeon-house, storehouse, cabins, a fine cotton gin with patent cornmill attached, also eight slaves of different ages and sexes. For terms apply to the parish judge of said parish.
Oct 25 38 1845

ROBERT G. BEALE,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.
Baton Rouge, Louisiana.
REFERENCES.—James M. Elam, Esq. Baton Rouge, Hon. Thos. Gibbs Morgan, New Orleans, John L. Lobdell, Esq. West Baton Rouge, Hon. Isaac Johnson, West Feliciana

HILADELPHIA SADDLERY.
The Undersigned have received per las arrivals from Philadelphia, a handsome assortment of Saddlery, consistin of *Men' English Spanish* and Columbian saddles Boys Ditto Ditto, Ladies plain and quilted side saddles, saddle Bags, Bridle fillings and Bits, Riding whips &c. all of which will be sold at the lowest cash prices.
PHILLIPS & LANOUE.

SAW MILL.
The proprietor informs his friends and the public in general, that he has finished his repairs to the mill, and that he is prepared to execute all orders which may be confided to his care with despatch. Lumber of all description and boards constantly on hand. For sale cheap, *for cash only.*
may 10 FREDERIC ARBOUR.

J. COLSON,
Dealer in
LIME, CEMENT, PLASTER OF PARIS
PLASTERING HAIR AND FIRE BRICK.
No 4 MARIGNY'S BLOCK, OLD LEVEE,
Near the Pontchartrain Rail Road Depot,
NEW ORLEANS.
FINISHING LIME *Constantly on hand.*
Orders from the Country promptly Attended to.

CALICOES.
200 pieces *English* & American calicoes, cashmere patterns, very cheap.
dec 6 *Phillips & Lanoue.*

RICHARD LOUCKS,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW.
Office in Madame Sherburne's new brick house, *on Laurel street.*
Baton Rouge.

DRY GOODS.
Consisting in part of calicos, bleached and brown cotton shirting, brown cotton sheeting, plain and twilled Lowell cotton, kersey and linseys, plain linseys, white, blue and green blankets, white, red and yellow flannel, Sattenets and cottonades; also an assortment of hosiery, gloves &c. for sale by
" 6 *Tomlinson & Babin.*

CROCKERY & GLASS WARE.
A general assortment of crockery & glass ware, for sale by
Tomlinson & Babin.

HARDWARE & CUTLERY.
A General assortment of hard ware and cutlery, of superior qualities, by
Tomlinson & Babin.

Just received 25 boxes of Geo. *Mills* superior hulled Buck Wheat, and for sale by
jan. 24 ALFRED GATES

HAARLEM FLOWER ROOTS !!
Fine assortment of the most different and exquisite sort of Haarlem Flower *Roots*; consisting of double and *single* Jonquilles, Iris, Crocus early duc von Tholl's, &c., &c.
Just received and for sale by
Dec 31 tf G. M. HEROMAN,
Opposite the *Methodist* Church.

CYPRESS BARRELS.—280 cypress barrels for sale low by *Tomlinson & Babin.*

GARDEN SEEDS.—A good assortment of garden seeds, warranted the growth of 1845, for sale by TOMLINSON AND BABIN.

GROCERIES.
Sperm candles per box and half box Christalline candles, put up for family use in 20 pound boxes, brown, loaf and crushed sugar, teas of all qualities, Western butter, claret wine per box, gallon or bottles, cordial, olive oil, castor do., sperm and bleached lamp oil, and avariety of other articles for sale by
Tomlinson & Babin.

ADVANCES.
We are prepared to make CASH advances on consignments of Sugar and Molasses, to our friends in New York, Philadelphia, St Louis, Louisville, Nashville, Madison, Ia. and New Orleans, *Nov.* 1 39 PIKE & HART

Molases—In barrels and half barrels by BEAL & SON

SARDINES.
A supply of these delicious fish just received
STEPHEN HENDERSON.
Oct. 11 no 36 1845.

SACHAROMETERS.
To weigh cane juice, for sale by
STEPHEN HENDERSON.
Oct. 14 no 36 1845

GENTS SATIN SCARFS.
Just received from New York a supply of gentleman's blk and colored satin scarfs and cravats of the last fashion and the best quality.
PHILLIPS AND LANOUE.

VEGETABLE AND FLOWER SEEDS.
A large and fresh assortment of the above just received and for sale by,
A. MONTAN.
Nov 16 41.

TAKEN UP by Michel Granerie, on the first day of Nov. 1845, a brown cow with a young calf, brand invisible, smooth crop and slit in the left ear.
The owner is requested to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take the above described cow and calf away.
J. R. DUFROCQ, Ranger.

FOR SALE.
Packing yarn, gasket paper and Sal Ammoniac. STEPHEN HENDERSON.
Oct. 11 no 36 1845

CARPETS! CARPETS!!
Just received, a few pieces all wool, figures to match. Printed cotton carpets, printed floor cloths, hearth rugs, &c.
dec 6 *Phillips & Lanoue.*

PITTSBURG COAL.
500 barrels for sale in lots to suit purchasers W. F. TUNNARD.

GREAT BARGAIN.
A four-seat barouche in good repair and two horses for sale for four-hundred dollars, Apply at this office.
dec. 6 1845

GOSHEN BUTTER.
Just received and for sale by
WM. MARKHAM, *Church st.*

ALMONDS, RAISINS, CURRANTS, *figs, citrons, cranberries, malaga grapes and assorted preserves,* also, an assortment of preserved and pickled salmon, shad, clams, lobsters and codfish for sale by
WILLIAM MARKHAM, Church St.

OIL.
Sperm, *Whale,* Linseed, and Caster. Oilsfor sale by,
Wm. Markham Church Street.

JUST RECEIVED.
A lot of the red Cary Plows, from Nos. 1 & 4, by
dec 27 *Alfred Gates.*

MAIL ARRANGEMENTS.
BATON ROUGE, LA., NOVEMBER 24, 1845.
THE U. S. MAILS will arrive from New Orleans on Sunday, Monday, Thursday and Friday. Closes for *New* Orleans, on Monday, *Tuesday,* Thursday and Friday, at 3 o'clock. P. M.
Arrives from Bayou sara on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Closes for Bayou Sara, on Sunday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, at 8 o'clock P. M.
☞ The office will be kept open on Sunday till 10 o'clock.
The Greensburg mail arrives every Monday, at 11 o'clock, A. *M.*, and departs the same day, at 2 o'clock, P. M.
H. T. WADDILL, P. M

BOOKS! BOOKS!!
Burton's Anatomy of Melancholy;
John Horne Tooke's Diversions of Parley,
Mott's Travels in Europe and the East;
Starkhouse's History of the *Bible,*
United States Drawing Book,
Calloot's Musical Grammar,
Thomson's *Materia* Medica and Anatomy,
Dunglison's *Practice* of Medicine,
Dunglison's Therapeutics and *Materia* Medica,
Wilson's Human Anatomy,
Graham's *Elements* of Chemistry,
Druits *Modern* Surgery,
La Place's Mecanique Céleste,
The Select works of Mrs. Ellis,
Annan's Difficulties of Armenian Methodism,
Russel's Sermons,
Just received and for sale by
GEO. M. HEROMAN,
24 Opposite the Methodist Church.

NOTICE.
The undersigned takes this opportunity of informing his friends and the public generally, that he has moved into his new stable in the lot immediately East of the city hotel. Fully thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore extended, the undersigned in soliciting a continuance of the same, begs leave to say that no pains or expense has been spared to make his Livery Stable what it should be in the way of good horses and carriages.
j10 JORDAN HOLT.

Louisiana Penitentiary,
Messrs. McHatton, Pratt, & Co., Lessee o the Louisiana Penitentiary would inform the citizens of Louisiana and the *South* generally, that they are manufacturing and will have constantly on hand *Bagging* and *Bale* rope, coarse negro shirtings and drillings, linseys, colored and white, the best coarse negro shoes, &c. &c. They also continue the foundry business:
N. B. They will purchase delivered at the Penitentiary, large or small lots of *Wool,* clean or in the bur, for which they will exchange manufactured articles or pay cash.

Just received, a lot of no. 1 mackerel in half *Bbls.*, quarter Bbls. and Kits, for sale by
jan 24 ALFRED GATES.

JUST RECEIVED.
A superior article of Canvassed Hams, Sugar cured and spiced, put up by *P C.* Yeatman Cincinnati, for sale by
Dec. 26 1845. ALFRED GATES.

EXTRA TEAS, for sale by
WILLIAM MARKHAM, Church St.

FANCY DRY GOODS SELLING OFF CHEAP.
As we are desirous of reducing our stock as much as possible, to make room for our spring goods, we will sell the balance of dress goods at very low prices, together with all the rest of our winter goods.
Phillips & Lanoue.

STATE OF LOUISIANA.
Probate Court—Parish of *East* Baton Rouge.
Mary Karny, widow of Samuel *McKneely* deceased, having presented to the above court a petition to be appointed administratrix to the succession of her late husband Notice is hereby given to all whom it may concern to show cause within ten days why the prayer of said petition should not be granted.—Jan. 7 1846 L. FAVROT, P. J.

FRESH GARDEN SEEDS.—Warranted growth of 1845, garden Sage and Hoarhound, for sale by
Wm. Markham, Church street.

MOONLIGHT ON THE SEA.

BY MRS. ABBY.

I stood by the sea in the silence of night,
And mark'd the fair moon as she beam ngly shone,
And sigh'ed to perceive that her silvery light
Illumined one line of the waters alone.

It griev'd me to watch her thus woingly play
On so narrow a track of the ocean's vast tide,
Refusing to cheer with one gladd'ning ray
The dark quiet billows that roll'd by its side.

Then I paus'ed, for I felt that my strictures were vain
And blam'd my rash judgement and limited sight,
Which thus has presumptuously dar'd to arraign
The course of so wondrous and distant a light.

The moon at our gaze as a niggard may seem,
Since few of her rays our perceptions may strike,
Yet she casts on the ocean no favoring beam,
But mirrors her smiles on each billow alike:

Thus often with envy those mortals we view
To whom dazzling distinctions and honors are giv'n.
Our eyes their bright track in amazement pursue,
And we deem them especially favor'd by Heaven.

Yet happiness shines o'er life's varied expanse,
Though distance her light may appear to subdue,
And the many are hourly rejoic'd by the glance
Which we falsely imagine confin'd to a few.

Their fame may not spread, nor their riches increase,
Yet owning pure pleasure, calm tho'ts, loving ties,
Their homes may repose in the moonlight of peace,
Though the rays be reflected not back to our eyes.

God poure, with a hand unaccostom'd to spare,
The light of his bounty on cottage and hall,
And none should distrustfully question their share
Of the radiance so amply sufficient for all.

THE BLIND SQUATTER.

BY PERCY B. ST. JOHN.

Nearly four hundred miles up the Trinity river, Texas, at the extreme point to which the flat-bottom steamboats run up in search of cotton and other productions; is *Robins'* Ferry. Below, the river is narrow, with high steep banks, within the deep shadow of which the waters roll noiselessly and swiftly towards the ocean, while groves of somewhat stunted trees run down to the very edge of the cliffs: here, however, the stream expands into a broad and shallow lake, the shores of which are low, and even unsightly, as is generally the case in Texas.

We arrived at a landing-place three miles below the junction of the lake and river late one night, and early the following morning I was paddling up against the stream in a light bark canoe, which, having but a slight hold in the water, served better to stem the current than one of larger dimensions. For sometime I continued within the shadows of the cliffs in comparative gloom; but after a somewhat fatiguing hour, my eye first caught a glimpse of the shallow lake, where I hoped to find sufficient abundance of wild fowl to glut my most murderous appetite as a sportsman. The dawn had long since passed, but nature appeared yet asleep, so calm, so still was that almost untrodden spot. Gliding swiftly out of the influence of the current. I allowed my canoe to stand motionless, while I gazed around. Far as the eye could reach, spread a perfect wilderness of waters, forward, to the right and to the left, perfectly unruffled, for not so much as a blade of grass or a leaf was stirring on the shore. Here and there rose huge trunks of trees, borne from above by the almost periodical inundations, and which, reaching some shallow port, become stationary, until time and decay removed them by degrees from their resting-place. Snags were visible all around, while a low bushy island lay about a quarter of a mile to the southward. The waters sparkled in the sun, revealing at some distance the presence of hundreds of ducks, geese, and swans floating upon the surface. For some time they remained unheeded, so charmed was I by the quiet beauty of the landscape; but at length the prospect of a late breakfast awoke my killing propensities, and, raising my paddle, I gave a true Indian sweep, and glided noiselessly towards the little island above alluded to.

My progress was rapid, but not a sound could have been detected by any save an aboriginal. The bevy of ducks which had drawn me in that direction were sailing towards the island, and I was within gun-shot long before I was perceived, as, the better to deceive them, I lay almost on my face at last, and paddled with my hands. At length I allowed the canoe to drift with whatever impulse it had previously received, and cautiously clutching my double-barreled apology for a Joe Manton, rose in the boat. Ere, however, I could gain my feet, crack! crack! went the two barrels of a fowling-piece, a whistling was heard close to my ears, and the ducks, save and except a few victims, flew away with a loud rustling of wings. I was astounded. My first impulse was to return the fire at random, as the idea of Indians crossed my brain. I could however, plainly detect the presence of a fowling piece by the peculiar report, while it was clear the ducks had been the object aimed at. Still the proximity of the lead to my ears was far from pleasant, and I hastened to prevent a recurrence of so dangerous an experiment.

"Holloo! friend," cried I, in a loud and somewhat angry voice, "are you duck shooting or man shooting, because I should like to know?"

"Merciful Heaven," cried he, "have I wounded you, sir? Come in, and I will explain this accident."

I readily complied, and a few minutes placed me beside the sportsman. I at once saw that he was blind. Nearly six feet high, thin, even gaunt, he presented a most remarkable appearance. Clothed in the ordinary garb of a backwoodsman, there was yet an intellectuality, and even nobility of character in his features, which struck me forcibly, while the sightless orbs at once revealed the cause of what had nearly proved a fatal accident.

"You are not alone?" said I, glancing curiously around the bushes.

"I am," he said with a smile, "quite alone. But let me most sincerely beg your pardon for having endangered your life."

"No excuses," said I, depositing the victims of his volley at his feet; "but if you would explain to me how you are here alone, and how, being here, you are thus employed, you will assuage a very strong feeling of curiosity:"

"With pleasure," he replied, "I owe you an explanation; and besides," he continued, "I believe we are countrymen, and this meeting gives me true delight."

"I am an *Englishman,*" I said.

"And I am a Scotchman. In *Britain* it makes us countrymen; in a strange land it makes us brothers."

Struck by the blind man's manner, I loaded, prairie fashion, a couple of corncob pipes with some excellent leaf tobacco, and handing him one, seated myself quietly by his side. Closing his eyes, from habit; as if to read the past, he was silent for a few moments.

"My name is Campbell," he said at length, without further preface, "and by trade I am a cabinet maker. To begin at the beginning. When I was twenty, and that is not so long ago as you may think, I received an offer to go to New York. I was engaged to be married to a sweet cousin of mine. Poor Ellen! I could not go without her, and yet It was, they said, owre young to marry. Still the offer was good, and rather than I should lose the opportunity of advancing myself, they all consented it should be a wedding. The day after our happy union we sailed for the far west.

"We reached New York in safety; I entered upon my employment with a firm and settled determination to secure, if not fortune, at least competence. Wages were in these days very high; I was a good workman; my master had confidence in me, and besides my wages as journeyman, paid me a salary as his foreman and clerk. As I determined to lose no opportunity of advancement, I kept all his books after my regular day's work was done. I saved more than half my earnings, and was as happy, I believe, as an industrious honest man can be; and if he, sir, cannot be happy, I know not who can."

"You are right," said I; "an honest, sober, industrious workman, with ample employment, respected by his masters, with a little family around him, should be the happiest of created beings. His wants are all supplied, without the cares and troubles of wealth."

"So it was with me; I was very happy. At the end of ten years I had saved a large sum, and then, and only then, my wife presented me with my first and only child.

"With the consent, and by the advice even of my employers, who had my true interests at heart, I determined to start in business for myself; but not in New York. New Orleans was a money making, busy place, and thither I removed. My success was unexpectedly great; my own workmanship was eagerly bought up, and I employed many men at the enormous wages of the south. Two misfortunes, however, now clouded my felicity; both attributable I fear, to my desire for independence. The south did not agree with my wife, and ere I could restore her to a genial climate she died. Sir, my sorrow was the sorrow, I hope, of a man and a Christian; but I felt it sorely. He only who has seen wife or child removed from him by death, can estimate my feelings Existence for a time was a blank. I worked mechanically, but no more did her cheerful voice encourage my labours. I ate, I drank; ah, sir I felt was then I missed her; at the morning meal, at dinner, over the tea board. As my eye rested on the empty chair on the opposite side of my little table, I could not see in it the accustomed form; and then my heart seemed to turn cold, and the very blood to cease to flow. He who has not lost a wife or child, knows not real sorrow in this world. It is the severest trial man ever is put to. Well, sir, she died, and I was left alone with a little image of herself, my Ell. A gayer, happier being never lived—always smiling, always singing. In time, she brought back some glimpse of joy to my soul.

"One morning I awoke with a peculiar sensation at my heart—I had caught the yellow fever. I will not detail the history of this illness. Suffice, that it was three months ere I was restored to health; and then, by some extraordinary accident, it proved that I was blind; while my business was gone from me. I knew not what to do. You know, sir, the usual course of ruined men in New Orleans; they sell off secretly, shut their shutters, write G T T (Gone to Texas) on the door, and are no more heard of. But I, sir, could not do this. I was, however, no longer fit for business; a quiet retreat in the woods was my best course of proceeding. Besides my health was shattered, and I should not have lived in New Orleans. Accordingly, I contrived to raise a thousand dollars when I wound up my accounts, and with this and a negro slave, I and my child started for Texas. Blind, I was not fit to cope with men, and my object, therefore, was to retire, as far as was consistent with safety, into the woods.

"Eight years ago I journeyed up this river, and reached this very spot, Francisco, my negro, was a devoted and faithful fellow, and worked hard, because I was a good master to him. *We* erected a hut upon yonder shore; it was a laborious operation; but it was at length completed. I have said I was a cabinet maker; so was my negro; we therefore furnished the place elegantly for a backwoods dwelling.

"Now to speak of my daughter. When we left New Orleans she was eight years old, and up to that age had been educated most carefully, her existence being, of course, that of a town girl. You know, sir, the lazy luxurious habits of the pestilential city, and how little they fit one for roughing life in the woods. Well, Nelly was transplanted hither, preserving and increasing her accomplishments, and yet has she become a perfect prairie bird. Her fingers ply the rude needle required to make these coarse garments, she and Francisco prepare them for use. We have a female slave, Francisco's wife, but hers is outdoor work; and Nelly makes butter, cooks, ay, sir, and even cleans, and she is quite happy, singing all day long; and if an hour can be found for a book, she is in paradise.

"Singular as it may seem, I do most of the hunting; at all events, all the wild fowl shooting. With the dawn I am up; and in my dug out, which I pull while Nelly steers, I land here, and conceal myself in the bushes, while she returns to prepare breakfast. With my loss of sight *I* have gained an additional strength of hearing. I can detect immediately the approach of the ducks and geese on the water, and if once they come near enough, I am sure not to waste my powder and shot. After about a couple of hours she returns for me. Her time is now nearly up; you shall see her, and breakfast at New Edenburgh."

At this instant a diminutive sail caught my eye at the distance of a hundred yards. Rising, I perceived a small canoe gliding before a slight breeze which had arisen, and rapidly approaching. The foresail and main sail concealed its occupant; but presently a melodious voice was heard carolling a merry ditty.

"There is my child said Campbell, his voice hushed to a whisper; 'tis my child. I never hear her sing but *I* see her mother before me."

"Well, father,' cried *Nelly,* taking in her little sail; 'no ducks for me to pick up! not one. You are unlucky this morning."

At this moment she caught sight of my naval uniform, and stopped short. This gentleman was kind enough to pick them up for me, and you must give him a seat in the boat.

Nelly approached. Though tanned by the sun, one could still see the blue-eyed Scotch girl in her. Light curls fell from beneath a vast straw hat over her shoulders, while a simple fur pelisse, and buckskin moccasins, with red worsted stockings was all her visible attire. But never had I seen anything more graceful or beautifully elegant. A woman, and yet a girl, she had evidently the feelings of the first, with the joyous artlessness of the second. We were friends directly, while I mentally compared her with my interesting Irish friends, Mary Rock and her sister.

In a few minutes more we were sailing for the shore, and in a quarter of an hour were in sight of New Edinburgh. To my surprise I discovered a substantial log-hut several outhouses, Indian cornfields, while pumpkins, &c. flourished around in abundance. Two cows were grazing in the neighbourhood; as many horses were near them; while pigs and fowls were scattered in all directions. I was amazed, the blind Scotchman's industry was so novel in Texas. I expressed my surprice. "Eight years of perseverance can do much,' said Campbell quietly; 'thank Heaven I am happy, and my *Nelly* will not be left a beggar.' 'But you must find her a steady, hard-working young fellow for a husband,' replied I, 'to preserve all this.' 'I think,' said he, smiling, 'If you were to ask Nelly, she would tell you that that was done already.' The slightly heightened colour of the maiden was her only answer, and at that moment we reached the landing, where the negro couple and their picaninnies were standing. The slaves were sleek and hearty, and showed their white teeth merrily.

Campbell led the way to the house, which was, for Texas, superabundantly furnished. Comfort was everywhere, and abundance. The breakfast was, to a hunter, delicious, consisting of coffee, hot corn cakes, venison, steaks, and wild honey, while a cold turkey graced the centre of the board. What I enjoyed, however, better even than the breakfast, was the attention of the daughter to her blind father. He seated himself at the board, and Nelly having first helped me, supplied all his wants with a care and carefulness which was delightful to behold. *She* anticipated all his desires, her whole soul being seemingly bent to give him pleasure. She was, in fact, more like a mother with a child, than a daughter with a father in his prime of life. Breakfast concluded, we talked again of his history, particularly since his arrival in Texas.

The routine of the day was simple enough, as they explained to me. The negroes, overlooked by the father and daughter, worked in the fields from dawn until six in the evening, the father fashioning some rural implement, an axe or plough handle, while the daughter plied her needle. They breakfasted at half-past six, dined at half past eleven, and supped at six; after this last meal, Nelly generally read to her father for two hours. Their library was good, including several standard works, and the four first volumes of Chamber's Edenburg Journal."

Campbell went out into the air after a while to talk to the negroes, and I was left alone with Nelly. I took advantage of his absence to learn *more of* her character. *Never* was I more delighted. Not a regret, nor a wish for the busy world of which she read so much: while it was quite clear to me that her lover, whoever he was, had only succeeded by promising to reside with the father. To leave her blind parent seemed to her one of those impossibilities which scarcely even suggested itself to her mind. Yes! Nelly Campbell was a sweet creature, perhaps the only truly romantic recollection I bore with me from Texas.

I remained with them all day; *I* visited their whole farm; I examined Nelly's favorite retreat, in a grove at the rear of the house, and then I left them. We parted with a regret which was mutual; a regret which, strange to say, was quite painful on my side, and I never saw them again. *Still* I did not lose sight of them. I always wrote by the steamer to *Nelly*; and many a long letter did I obtain in reply. More and more did I discover that she was a daughter only, and that even a husband must for a time hold a second place in her heart. *At* length she wrote—'And now sir, I am married, and *I* am very happy, though I almost sometimes regret the step, as I can no longer give my whole time to my dear blind father. He is, however, so happy himself, that I must resign myself to be less his nurse, especially as the only quarrel John and I ever have, is as to who shall wait on him. If he has lost part of his daughter, he has found a son.' This picture of happiness made me thoughtful, and I owned that, great as is the blessing of civilisation, and vast and grand as are the benefits of communion with your fellows, a scene of felicity might yet be found in the woods. Though *I* am a strong lover of mankind, and wish to be among them, and to enjoy the advantages of civilisation, yet do I think, if I were an old blind man; I would be a backwoods squatter, with a daughter such as *Nelly,*

I heard no more from them, as I soon after returned to *England,* and the busy life of the world and other avocations have always prevented me writing. Should I however, ever visit Texas, my first care will be to run up the Trinity, and once more enjoy hospitality at the table of the Blind Squatter.