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(From the Albany Morning Express.)

A GREAT STOVE!

Two Barrels of Flour Baked in 12 Hours.

WITH 43 POUNDS OF COAL.

YESTERDAY, WANDS & KINNICUTT, corner of Greenbush Beaver streets, baked in TWO BARRELS of Wing's Julian Mills Flour, IN TWELVE HOURS, with Forty-Three Pounds of Coal, in one of

STEWART'S COOKING STOVES.

The fire was made at 9 o'clock in the morning, and was not touched during the day, and when we were in the house in the evening the fire was strong enough to bake for three or four hours. Such a stove as this is really

A GREAT "INSTITUTION,"

and can do as much work as some of the baker's ovens in our city. The bread is to be given to the poor of the city. In a week or ten days there is to be another baking,

EXPRESSLY FOR THE LADIES

of which due notice will be given.

THE STEWART STOVES

FOR SALE BY

JOHN INGERSOLL & CO.,
my7-tf No. — Superior St.

STOVES

AND ENAMELED GRATES.

W. L. MARVIN, NO. 9 PUBLIC SQUARE, (south side) has just received fresh from the manufactory, one of the largest and best assortments of

ENAMELED GRATES,

Ever brought to this market. He always keeps on hand the best, newest and most approved styles of COOKING and PARLOR STOVES

Manufactured Expressly for this Market, and Warranted to give perfect satisfaction.

He also is constantly supplied with an assortment of Wooden Ware and House Furnishing Articles, and has on hand and manufactures a large stock of Tin, Copper and Sheet Iron Ware, all of which MUST AND WILL BE SOLD, at wholesale or retail, for cash

At Prices to Suit the Times!

All kinds of JOBBING, ROOFING, EAVE TROUGHING, &c., &c., done in the most workmanlike manner, and on SHORT NOTICE.

☞ The proof is the pudding is in the chewing of the string. ☞ Persons call before purchasing elsewhere, at the old and well known stand of

P. S.—Buck's Patent Hotel Cook Stoves, two sizes, $50 to $75 each.

W. L. MARVIN,
mr25:dkwly 5 No. 9 South side Public Square.

Plumbing, etc.

M. PATTINSON,
PRACTICAL HOUSE AND SHIP PLUMBER,
No. 7 Park Row, back of Old Court House, on Square.

MANUFACTURE AND KEEP constantly on hand a complete assortment of Copper, Lead and Iron Bathing Tubs, Shower Baths, Plain and Fancy, China Wash Basins, Water Closets, common Lift & Force Pumps of the best description. Also, L. Wasbtaff & Co. Patent Italian Stone Filterer, and all other articles in this line of business.

Having had over twenty years experience in this branch of mechanism, and most of the last year was employed in the principal houses in town, I feel confident of giving satisfaction to all who may favor me with their patronage.

Hydraulic Pipe, Closets and Basins fitted up in the best and most approved style.

Orders in the city and country promptly attended to.—Jobbing executed with neatness and dispatch

feb16: 281

Cleveland Plumbing Works.

ATWATER BLOCK, FOOT OF SUPERIOR STREET.

J. B. Barnes & Co.,

PROPRIETORS.

THE ATTENTION OF THOSE intending to use the water from the

Water Works

is called to the great facilities of the above establishment for doing every description of

PLUMBING WORKS,

including the fitting up of

BATHING ROOMS,

Hot Water Fixtures and Fountains,

The proprietors keep constantly on hand every description of the

Best Finished Plumbing Materials,

or doing the most perfect work, comprising their choice selection of

Fountains,

of different sizes and patterns;

BATHING TUB,

of Wood, lined Tinned Copper and Zinc,

Lead and Galvanized Pipes,

the best and most improved

WATER CLOSET FIXTURES,

Hydrants, Porous Glass Filters, Brass and Plated Cocks,

including the Patent Self Closing Cocks recently introduced and highly recommended for non-absorbent pot and cup closet.

STEAM HEATING APPARATUS

For heating Dwellings, Hotels, Stores, &c., of the latest approved kind, put up and warranted to give satisfaction.

A large and efficient force of experienced workmen kept constantly on hand, expressly to attend to repairing and jobbing work.

Particular attention is invited to their facilities for fitting up HOTELS, DWELLINGS, SHOPS, SALOONS, BATHING SALOONS, &c., in a perfect manner, and on the most reasonable terms. may29

Plumbing and Steam Work

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Can be procured of J. B. BARNES & CO.
jan18:dtf Atwater Block

Machinists &c.

H. KONIGSLOW,
Manufacturer of all kinds of
SMALL MACHINERY, LATHES, MODELS,
Rolling Mills for Jewelers and Dentists
SEAL AND OTHER PRESSES &c.
TURNING AND FINISHING GENERALLY,
54 Superior street, American Buildings, Cleveland, O.
Opposite the Weddell House. aug20 1?2

Hats, Caps & Furs.

E. STAIR & CO.
Have Received the
FALL FASHIONS
FOR
GENTLEMEN'S SILK HATS.

☞ We particularly call the attention of Young Gentlemen to our

YOUNG MEN'S STYLE,

Which is a most beautiful and becoming Hat.

aug23 E. STAIR & CO., 15 Superior Street.

TRUNKS! TRUNKS!!

JUST RECEIVED, Direct from Manufacturers, an invoice of Ladies' and Gents' Trunks, Traveling, Leather Bag, and Polisons.

B. BUTTS & CO.,
aug21 No. 25 Superior st.

MUSARD HAT—Just received and quite new in style, at

B. BUTTS,
aug21 No. 25 Superior street.

BENGAL HATS.—Drab Plaid Hats—for Spring and Summer—at

B. BUTTS.
aug21 No. 25 Superior street.

LADIES' RIDING HATS AND GAUNTLETS.—Five assortment now opening at

B. BUTTS & CO., 25 Superior St.
may29

SUMMER CASIMERE HATS.

L. BENEDICT & SONS

Are selling a beautiful

PEARL CASIMERE HAT,

For Summer wear.

They also have a full Assortment of Fashionable Black Cassimere and Silk Hats, at

15 SUPERIOR STREET.

CHILDRENS' FANCY SUMMER HATS—In great variety, just opened at

L. BENEDICT & SONS, 15 Superior St.
aug13

PALM LEAF HATS—White and Colored, for Men and Boys, at wholesale and retail.

L. BENEDICT & SONS.
aug13

YOUNG MEN'S STYLE OF SILK HATS—Just received. The prettiest style ever offered for young men.

AT BENTON'S,
aug5 Under Judson House, 23 Superior St.

E. STAIR & CO., ARE PREPARED to furnish the

Spring Fashions

FOR

GENTLEMEN'S HATS.

The quality, style and finish of our

HATS

are (as usual) unexposed. mh18

1858.

Spring Style of Hats

OPENED

SATURDAY, MARCH 6th.

BY

L. Benedict & Sons.
mh6 15 SUPERIOR ST.

Coal Dealers

1858.

WM. I. PRICE. LEMUEL CRAWFORD. DAVID MORRIS.

PRICE, CRAWFORD & MORRIS, (Successors to CRAWFORD, PRICE & CO.)—Dealers in Briar Hill, Massillon Ridge and Cuyahoga Coal, by the cargo. Office, corner next Pier, Cleveland, Ohio.

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DEALERS IN LEHIGH, LACKAWANNA, Briar Hill, Chippowa, Tallmadge and New Castle

COAL.

Office No. 5 Quincy's Exchange, Yard foot Superior Street. apr19

NEWBERRY LUMP COAL.—This superior article of BITUMINOUS COAL, which is particularly adapted to domestic purposes, as well as for forges and smith use, can be had of the undersigned Agents for the Company.

Orders for city or foreign trade will be executed with dispatch, and Boat Blacksmiths and others in need of a quality which will not fail to please, it will at either of our offices, or at the store of Gaylord & Hammond, No. 10 Superior st.

SCOVILL & WHEELER.
jel7 No. 81 River street and C. & P. Coal Pier.

COAL—COAL.

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET IN your Winter supply. We are daily receiving additional articles of Stovepipe Coal, which we will sell at low rates. Persons wishing to purchase will do well to give us a call. All orders through the Post Office promptly attended to. Offices and Yards on C. & P. R. R. Pier and at C. & P. R. R. Machine Shop Lake street.

JOHN HAYS & CO
may6

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11 Water Street, Cleveland, Ohio.

DEALERS IN GOLD AND SILVER Coin, Foreign and Domestic Exchange, Uncurrent Money and Land Warrants. Collections in the United States, Canada and Europe, promptly attended to.

Agents for the Liverpool and New York Screw Steamship Line. Passage can be secured either for or from Liverpool at the lowest rates. Passage can also be secured from Liverpool to New York, Quebec and New Orleans, by the regular lines of sailing Packets. Drafts furnished for any amount, payable through all the Continent of Europe and Great Britain and Ireland. For further particulars apply at the Banking and Exchange Office of

J. HERDMAN & CO.,
mp12-dtf 11 Water street, Cleveland, Ohio.

H. H. WHITMAN. S. W. STANDART. W. SCANDRET

WHITMAN, STANDART & CO.—Bankers, and Exchange Brokers and Dealers in Foreign and Domestic Exchange, No. 1, Superior street. We draw direct on London and will furnish Drafts for any amount, payable at all the principal points in England, Ireland, Scotland, France and Germany. Collections made on all accessible points throughout the United States and Canadas. mhe19

Millinery.

BONNETS.—A LARGE STOCK AT greatly reduced prices.

MORGAN & ROOT
jul16

BONNETS—At half price the whole stock. jul16

W. WARREN

MILLINERY GOODS.

BONNETS! BONNETS!

At Wholesale and Retail.

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED A large stock (recently purchased at greatly reduced prices, and can offer BARGAINS. Also a large and very choice assortment of TRIMMED BONNETS, that we now offer cheaper than ever before. Also, FRENCH FLOWERS, a great variety and of very choice variety.

Also—FRENCH DRESSES,	FRAMES,
ENGLISH do	CROWNS,
TARLETANNES,	WIRES,
RIBBONS,	REEDS,
JOINED BLONDES,	BRAIDS,

Also, a large stock of

BONNET RIBBONS.

And everything pertaining to the Wholesale or Retail Millinery Trade, can be found in great variety of style and quality and the lowest possible prices at

MORGAN & ROOT'S.
jun21

MILLINERY GOODS.—MORGAN & ROOT are daily receiving from Manufacturers and Auctions a large assortment of Millinery Goods, and have now opening.

100 Cases Bonnets, all varieties;
50 Cartons French and American Flowers.

Also, all the Minutiae of Ladies Head-gear, which will be sold Wholesale or Retail, at as low asking low prices, as the same can with the times, at the

CITY MILLS STORE.

TO THE LADIES.—We have just received a large and choice lot of new Ribbons, Flowers, Feathers, and some choice and new patterns for Winter Bonnets, all of which have been bought very cheap and will be sold at 25 PER CENT LESS THAN FORMER PRICE. Call early and make a selection while the assortment consists. At

SHAW & Co.'s,
dsep 12 Superior st.

ANOTHER INVOICE OF REAL SHAKER BONNETS.

A large stock of Rosin Crash, bought cheap.
Bleached and Brown Shaker Towels.
Barnsley Linens; Pillow Case ens and Sheetings
Damask Table Diapers and Cloths, Doilies, Napkins,
Damask Bordered Towels and Towelings.

TAYLOR, GRISWOLD & CO.
aug20

BONNETS!—LADIES BONNETS! We have bought too many of them! Unless the ladies buy two or three apiece we shall fail to sell them all. As an inducement we shall offer them so cheap there will be no economy in having the old ones "done over," as the new will be cheaper than the old one "fixed up."

MORGAN & ROOT
aug13

CHILDREN'S STRAW HATS—We have just received from Auction a large stock of Leghorn and Colored Straw Hats suitable for Boys and Girls, of all sizes, which we will offer lower per cent below the market prices, at

S. HYMAN & CO.'S,
aug7 Corner Superior and Public Square

MISSES FLATS AND SHAKER BOODS—The goodness now ready—come and get one while you can—they are pretty.

AT BENTON'S,
28 Superior St., Opt. Public's Old Store.

THE GENUINE ORIGINAL, North Union, Ohio Shaker Bonnets, colored. The finest in market—received this day per "John," and for sale cheap.

TAYLOR, GRISWOLD & CO
aug19

50 DOZ. KID GLOVES—The very best imported; and will be sold at 75 cents per pair.

E. RAYMOND & CO.
dec9

CITY & NEWS ITEMS

TUESDAY MORNING, AUG. 24, 1858

PLAIN AND ORNAMENTAL PRINTING.

☞ Plain and Ornamental Printing of every description done at the Printing Establishment of the *Leader* Office, on the latest improved and most rapid steam presses, in the best style, on short notice, and at reasonable rates. Particular attention paid to Black work. Every description of Binding done, especially Blank Books, Ledgers, Journals, Sales Books, Receiving Books, &c., &c.

☞ For late City News, see third page.
For Market Reports and Marine News, see fourth page.

"HOW HE LOST HIS WATCH AND TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS IN CLEVELAND."—Such is the caption of a story in the Bucyrus *Journal*, prefaced after this wise:

"Curious things happen in this world every day—some sad, and some excessively funny, and it is a pity that more of them do not come to the surface to amuse and instruct us. One came to our knowledge the other day, which we think embodies enough of the dramatic and startling to interest our readers, and we give it."

It seems that some four weeks ago, two Bucyrus men came to Cleveland. Transacting their business during the day, they took a ramble through the streets of the city in the evening; sat in the Park, and chatted—and looked upon the Lake by moonlight till they were weary. Finally one of them, D., who was considerably the senior of J., proposed a "spree,"—to which J. stoutly dissented. But D., the old sinner, resolved to "go it alone," if J. would not accompany him, and was left by the latter upon the threshold of a drinking house, occupied by both males and females. J. here left him to return to the hotel, and had proceeded but a few steps when D. overtook him, and placed in his keeping a gold watch and chain worth $150 and two hundred dollars in money, with a request to take care of them until morning. J. took them, returned to the hotel, and retired to his room and bed, but could not sleep. A thought came upon him which filled his very soul with fear and dread. He had read a thousand accounts of men being seen to enter houses of ill-fame, and never being heard of again.—Suppose D. should meet this horrible fate! Good heavens! His watch! His money! everything he had taken away from Bueyrus was in his possession. And to make the matter worse, he knew the clerk of the hotel, who was standing in the door as the two passed out and had spoken to them, and as ill fortune would have it, was standing in the door as he came back alone, and had even asked where D. was. The more he pondered upon it, the more frightened he became. He dwelt upon the subject so long that he became almost crazy. He got up and struck a light. Putting his hand under his pillow, he drew forth that dreadful watch, and the more dreadful pocket-book—the two silent and fearful witnesses against him—innocent though he was—in case through any mishap D. should not return. Should he be killed—(and in the place he was, what more likely?)—how should he account for the watch and money being in his possession? The whole dread circumstance passed in his mind. The clerk had seen them go out together, he had seen J. come back alone. D. was missing and J. had his pocket book containing his money and his watch! Hundreds of men have been hung on slighter evidence than that. He went to bed again and passed a miserable night. Visions of prisons, of cells and of gallows passed before him continually, and he blessed the morning when it returned. He went down to breakfast, but D. was not there. He enquired of the clerk, but he had seen nothing of him since the evening they had walked out together. Good heavens! His worst fears were realized. He walked about feverishly till nine o'clock. D. made not his appearance.

J. felt now certain that he had been foully dealt with, and sat down to consider how he might save himself from the danger his good nature led him into. A happy idea struck him. The only evidence against him was the watch and money. Could he rid himself of these, he was safe. No sooner thought than done.

A happy idea struck him: rushing down to the pier at the foot of Water street, he hurled the watch and money as far as he could out into the Lake. He then returned up Water street; passed the Police Court on his way back, and on its steps met his friend D! not dead or stabbed, but alive—and with his clothes torn, his eyes swelled, his face swelled, and with a swelled head. J. was astonished and astounded! He thought of the watch and the money, and that he would have to repay them—and was almost sorry that D. was not dead. When he broke the news to D. the rage of the latter was intense—and at one time he took J. by the throat for the purpose of throttling him. When he cooled down, however, he told J. that he had got into a fight with the inmates of the house at which he had stopped the evening before, was arrested, conveyed to Johnson street, arraigned, convicted and fined; and when J. suggested to him the awkwardness of being exposed to the good people of the pious village of Bucyrus, speedily came to a satisfactory arrangement with J., and then returned to his home, a wiser, and it is to be hoped, a better man. And so ends this "ower true tale."

MERCHANTS' DESPATCH.—We have much pleasure in calling the attention of business men and others to this old established and reliable Despatch Freight Line. It is controlled and managed by prompt and responsible men, and its largely increased business and extended facilities for the rapid and safe transmission of freight are good indications of the success it is recieving. We have had frequent occasion to transact business with the Company, and have invariably found them punctual, faithful and reliable—our goods have been delivered to us at the earliest possible moment, and always in perfect order. We heartily commend the Merchants' Despatch to the public, confident that they will not be disappointed in anything we have said, or that any one will regret having committed any amount of business to their charge. H. K. BOYLSTON, the agent in this city, will be found at the Company's office, in Johnson's New Brick Block at the foot of River street, and business entrusted to him will be in good hands and promptly attended to.

FINISHED.—Capt. JOHNSON's new brick Warehouse at the foot of River street, has been completed; and the second story has been divided off into offices, occupied by the following gentlemen: H. K. BOYLSTON, Agent Merchants' Despatch; W. D. CUSHING, Agent N. Y. & Erie R. R.; JOHN REESE, Agent Lake Shore Despatch; CRAWFORD & PRICE, Coal Dealers; TOD, YATES & TAYLOR, Coal Dealers; and B. H. BARNEY, Agent Great Western Despatch.

Prof. Campbell—Emancipation in Jamaica.

Prof. ROBERT CAMPBELL, of Philadelphia, a native of Kingston, Jamaica, and a resident of the Island until about five years since, delivered an interesting lecture in the Wesleyan Church, Monday evening, on Emancipation in Jamaica and the condition of the colored race in the British West Indies. On the subject of Emancipation in Jamaica, Prof. C said:

It will be remembered by all who have examined the British Abolition Act, that though it nominally interested immediate freedom, yet at the option of the local governments of the several islands, it permitted what is known as the apprenticeship system.

After alluding to the justice of emancipation and compensation to the owners, this act declares the expediency of some measure to secure the industry and good conduct of the manumitted slaves for a limited period. To effect this, it divided the slaves whose names were at the the passage of the act registered, into predials and non-predials. The first, comprising such as were engaged in Agriculture, were to serve their owners as apprentices until 1840; the second, comprising all other slaves over six years of age, were to serve until 1838. It was of course provided, that although the people should continue in servitude, yet their condition should be as much as possible ameliorated; and special magistrates were appointed by the British Government to enforce the provisions of the law. But many of these men were soon found in open complicity with the planters; others again having a desire to do justice, were still inefficient, lacking force of character. The few others able and determined to do justly, were, through the devices of the planters, kept in the dark respecting the condition of their apprentices, who themselves deemed it wise to bear their grievances in silence, since otherwise they but aggravated them.

In Jamaica and most of the other Islands the system was adopted.

Nothing could be more short sighted and conducive to the ruin which has overtaken so great a proportion of the slave-holding class of Jamaica. Knowing that their power and authority must soon cease, they determined to make the most of it while it lasted, and hence they made the yoke for more galling. The negroes were at a loss to recognise in what their new freedom consisted. They had now to endure wrongs to which they had hitherto been strangers, even the law being construed against them.

The wiser portion of the slave holding community began, however, to perceive to what consequences the practice of the planters would lead, and with a view of averting them as much as possible, and also of conciliating the dissatisfied laborers, began to discuss the idea of curtailing the period of apprenticeship.

Finally measures to this end were adopted, so that on the 1st of August, 1838, four years after the passage of the act, the whole slave population of Jamaica were made legally free. But regeneration was not to be acquired so suddenly by men inured to the office of slave driving. The majority seemed determined that the freedom of the black man should avail him in his labor no more than his slavery, hence, so far from mitigating his condition, new and more grevious burthens were imposed. In short a sort of infatuation seemed to have seized every one, making good the adage that "those whom the Gods would destroy they first make mad."

The peasantry were as much abused as before, and redress was equally wanting. Their wages scarcely enabled them to live as well as when they were slaves. For houses which they had themselves built, and which they were consequently accustomed to regard as their own, every individual engaged on the estate was required to give one days' labor of each week for rent. A result of this was that when large families were so engaged the amount claimed was exhorbitant. Those who dared to complain were driven from their homes, their huts demolished or burnt; and their cocoanut and other fruit trees ruthlessly hewn down. In short, the condition of the unfortunate laborers was indeed worse than that of slaves. The negroes had their friends, however, and those friends nobly came forward to aid them. Land was purchased and distributed in lots to those who gave promise eventually to pay their cost. They aided also in erecting suitable dwellings on them. The intention of this was to render the laborers only so far independent of their previous masters as to be able to choose their employers, working always to the best advantage. But it had an effect somewhat different. The laborers soon found that by the cultivation of only a few feet of land they could procure for themselves and families far more of the comforts of life than is afforded by the 12 or 18 cents per day which the sugar estates were willing to pay them for their labor, and the consequence was that whenever any of them could raise a few dollars the first care was to invest it in land. Thus in a short time the estates began to be denuded of laborers, and what is called the ruin of Jamaica began. But which of you, placed in the position of these people would not have done the same thing? Indeed if I could find one here who would act otherwise, I think I would thereby be afforded good evidence of the defectiveness of his humanity.

It is convenient of course for the proprietors and overseers of West Indian estates to ascribe the reaction of their own folly to the indolence of the negro, and their statements are too readily believed in this country where everything prejudicial to the black man is eagerly seized to sustain the almost universally prevailing slavery. But let America be warned. That slavery even here shall cease, I am as fully assured as of the existence of a God of Justice. And although this nation of church-going Atheists may refuse to recognize it, yet it shall not be delayed.

To make up for the deficiency of labor thus created, Coolies from Madras and Calcutta were imported, but they soon too became as wise, and as soon as possible left the estates to their inevitable fate. Since I have left the island, Chinamen were imported for the same end, and I have already learned that they will not suit. The consequence is that in many localities one would travel through sugar estates which were in times past considered flourishing but now abandoned, and are as a Southern editor expresses it "slumbering in rank and wild luxuriance," while in other localities you would travel for many miles more and see the lots of the peasantry in good cultivation, and producing abundantly such things as are commonly consumed on the island.

Most of those who have interested themselves in this question, have viewed it in a partial light. They have seen the ruin of the planter, but the corresponding success and elevation of the laborer is disregarded. I assert from the utmost familiarity with the circumstances that in proportion as the curse of slavery hangs like an incubus on the neck of the oppressor, so the blessings of liberty have attended the path of the innocent.

The laborer now enjoys comforts to which he was before a stranger. His house is well furnished; he affords his substance to the wayfaring man; his children are spared from the field for the school; his Sabbath is a day of rest; and when the labors of the day close, he can recline beneath his own vine and figtree, none daring to make him afraid.

But I would not have it concluded from what has been said, that there are no prosperous sugar estates in the country, or that the negro refuses to work for his former master under every circumstance.

Wherever the newly emancipated slaves were wisely and fairly treated—wherever they could perceive a difference between slave and freedom—they have generally continued to work for their original masters. This is so on the majority of the estates that are now cultivated profitably. Of course individuals from every one of them have occasionally left to better their fortunes, having before them numerous successful examples; but the mass have in such cases continued to labor within sight of the graves of their fathers. This is also the case to a greater extent in some of the other islands, particularly in Antigua and Barbadoes, where the planters foreseeing some of the consequences of adopting the apprenticeship system, concluded either to dispense with it at once, or to shorten the term considerably. In these instances gratitude entirely obliterated from the mind of the slave all remembrance of his past sufferings, and he readily complied with every fair offer of remuneration.

There are two interests involved in the question of emancipation, that of the master and that of the slave, the proprietor and the laborer. Many, particularly in America, and they are not confined to the enemies of the negro, seem to entertain the opinion that the welfare of the black man and the success of his master are indissolubly connected, and that any indication of failure in the latter implies the worst consequences to the former, and hence the retribution of heaven—the ruin of the slave-owner is taken for the ruin of Jamaica.

Jamaica is not ruined. Things are but reversed. Those beautiful and extensive estates shall soon be purged. The chains and whips, and the sighs of the desponding bondsman, and the tears of his anguish, and blood-drops of his heart and life are still upon them. When they are purified, and the walls of their dungeons, with the last remnant of oppression, shall crumble and decay, then shall they be made to yield as of old their rich and golden harvests.

All that is now wanting for the perfect development of the innumerable resources which are commanded by the peasantry of Jamaica, is that direction to their enterprise which might be afforded by study and observation of the means which have contributed to the progress of other nations; and when that point is obtained she will doubtlessly re-assume the position in wealth and enterprise which she once filled; with this difference, however, that whereas her first prosperity grew out of injustice and wrong—her last will arise from the honest industry of her once oppressed but now avenged people.

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