

the month of January this establishment caught fish weighing altogether 15,000 kilos, having caught in one haul 1,800 kilos. Next week 200 baskets of fish will be sent to this market.

It gives us pleasure to note that in accordance with a notice published by the Ministry of War on December 21st, 1885, the Government will not recognize the cession or transfer of the right to public lands conferred by the law No. 1623, which may have been or hereafter be effected by the private soldiers comprised in the law. The General who recently asked for about 200,000 acres of land to be allotted to him will therefore, probably, be disappointed.

The E. P. has issued a decree to the effect that all importing merchants who solicit the registration of their firms in the custom house of the Republic and who are under judgement or have been sentenced owing to contrabands or custom house defraudations must deposit a guarantee which will vary between \$10,000 and \$30,000 m/n which will be deposited in the Bank of the Nation to the order of the Finance Minister.

A scientific commission is fixing the geographical situation of Cape San Antonio Lighthouse light-house. The building occupies a hectare of land which has been raised a metre above the natural soil. The tower, constructed of granite, is 60 metres in height and its light can be seen at a distance of nearly 25 miles. There is a spacious house for the keepers and inspectors and ample room for storage of materials. There is a separate store for petroleum for a year's consumption. There is also a store of apparatus and appliances of all kinds for assisting ships in distress. The metallic parts of the tower were manufactured by the Société des Forges de St. Denis, France, and the illuminating apparatus was supplied by F. Barbier and Co. of Paris. It is an alternating light of 30 seconds' duration. The place nearest to the lighthouse is Ajó, which is at a distance of seven miles—B. A. Herald.

No one can spend ten cents to better advantage than by procuring a bottle of «Bijou» «Grab Apple Blossoms», which the Bazar Enciclopedico, Twyford and Co., and many others are selling at this price. This Perfume is becoming more and more popular, and deservedly so.

INTER-ASTRAL COMMUNICATION.

M. CAMILLE FLAMMARION, IN THE «NEW REVIEW.»

Towards the end of July a lover of astronomy wrote me that a very aged lady, Madame Guzman, who died on June 30 last, in Pau, had been deeply interested, especially during her last years, in the descriptions of the planet Mars which I have given in my works, and the theoretical possibility set forth therein of communication between our planet and the neighbour worlds. Furthermore, expressing in her will a desire peculiarly astronomical, she made the following legacy:—A prize of 100,000 francs is bequeathed to the Institute of France (Science Section) for the person or no matter what nationality, who shall discover within ten years from the present time a means of communicating with a star (planet or otherwise) and of receiving a reply. The testatrix has especially in view the planet Mars, upon which the attention and investigations of savants have been directed already. If the Institute of France does not accept the legacy it will pass to the Institute of Milan, and in case of a new refusal, to the Institute of New York. The Academy of Sciences has accepted the legacy. Such a discovery, doubtless, does not lie in the near future, therefore the testatrix was wise in authorising the Institute to apply the income of the fund to meeting the expenditure for investigations that should result in increasing our knowledge of the physical construction of the planets. I confess frankly that I am very proud of having contributed indirectly to this addition of 100,000 francs to the capital of the Academy of Sciences, designed to encourage astronomical research, and I hope that some day the legacy will reach its destination.

But it is far from the cup to the lips, from the idea to the reality. To enter into communication with the inhabitants of Mars it would be necessary to photograph them: «Hallo! are you there?»—and then it would be necessary that they should be there—and that they should understand. Mars already communicates with the earth by attraction and by light. The space which stretches between the worlds does not separate them; on the contrary, it unites them. All the stars touch each other by the attraction of gravitation, and neither Venus, nor Mars, nor Jupiter approaches the earth even at a distance of millions of leagues, without our planet feeling it and being displaced by sympathy. And light also throws a bridge from the earth to the heavens. Astronomers analyse these two kinds of communication. What we long for now, and what probably will come to pass some day, is a more subtle means, a means more human. The idea in itself is not at all absurd, and it is, perhaps, less bold than that of the telephone, or the phonograph, or the photophone, or the kinetograph. It was first suggested with respect to the moon. A triangle traced in luminous lines on the lunar surface, each side from twelve to fifteen kilometres long, would be visible from here by the aid of our telescopes. We observe details even very much smaller; for instance, the peculiar topographical formation noted in the lunar circle of Plato. It follows, then, that a triangle, a square, or a circle of the dimensions

stated, constructed by us upon a vast plain by means of luminous points, reflected in the day-time by solar light and lighted at night by electricity, would be visible to the astronomers of the moon, if such astronomers there are, and if they have optical instruments as good as our own. The logical consequence is most simple. If we should observe upon the moon a correctly constructed triangle, we should be somewhat puzzled, we should distrust our eyes, we should ask whether the chance of lunar formations could have given birth to a regular figure. Without doubt we should in the end admit this exceptional possibility; but if, all at once, we should see the triangle change into a square, then, some months later, be replaced by a circle, we should admit, logically, that an intelligible effect proves an intelligible cause, and we should think with some reason that such figures reveal without question the presence of a geometer upon the neighbour world.

When on a beautiful starry night we examine this world through the telescope; when we see these polar snows that melt in the summer, these continents clearly defined, these Mediterranean seas with their great gulfs, this delightful and varied geographical configuration; and we cannot refrain from asking whether the sun that lights this world as it does our own shines upon nothing living there, whether these showers fertilise nothing, whether this atmosphere is breathed by no living being, and whether this world of Mars, which whirls with such rapidity through space, is like a railway train travelling empty, without passengers, without merchandise? The idea that the earth on which we are could take its course as it does about the sun without being inhabited by any manner of creature seems so inconsistent that it is difficult to entertain it. By what permanent miracle of sterilising the forces of nature, which act there as they do here, could they remain eternally inactive and unfruitful? It is understood, then, that we must apply to the planet Mars the idea originally suggested in regard to the moon. The distance of this world is such that, although it is far superior to the moon in volume, it yet appears, when it is nearest to us, to be sixty-three times smaller. Nevertheless, it is clear from this that a telescope of only sixty-three magnifying power shows Mars with the dimensions that the moon appears to have to the naked eye; and that a magnifying power of 630 gives it a diameter, ten times greater than that of our satellite as seen by the naked eye, and a surface a hundred times greater.

But if we ever attempt to put into practice any project whatever for communication between this world and our own, the signals must be established upon a much greater scale. It will not be a matter of constructing triangles, squares, and circles measured by a few kilometres, but the figures must be a hundred or more kilometres in extent, and always upon the hypothesis first, that Mars is inhabited; secondly, that the inhabitants are versed in astronomy; thirdly, that they have optical instruments of sufficient power; fourthly, that they observe our planet with care—a planet which is to them a splendid star of the first magnitude, the morning or the evening star, and, in fact, the most brilliant star in their sky. We are, indeed, for them «l'étoile du Berger» or our Venus, and their mythology ought to erect altars to us.

Do you find this quadruple hypothesis absurd? If we should put the question to the vote before all the people in the world, there is no doubt as to what the reply would be. Without troubling ourselves to seek the opinion of the natives of Central Africa, or of the islands of the Pacific Ocean—addressing ourselves only to the numerical majority of the population of Europe, it would be safe to wager that they would not even understand the question; for the majority of men do not know that the earth is a planet and that the other planets are earths.

Tobacco, «Pioneer Brand» Sole Agents, Danckelmann and Schrader, Calle 25 de Mayo 233.

COMMERCIAL

STOCK EXCHANGE. Montevideo, Feb. 20, 1892. Closing quotations. Cédulas A, cash, 26. Mortgage Certificates, cash, 26.20. National Bank, cash, 9.40, end of month, 9.40. National Bank Notes, cash, 68.

The market shows no change whatever. Prices as before. Operations quite without interest. National Bank shares opened 9.40 and closed the same after a temporary oscillation to 9.60. 2330 shares sold. \$1000 Notes went at 68. The only other sales were \$3000 Cédulas A at 26, and \$10,000 Mortgage Certificates at 26.20.

Table with columns for National Bank Notes, Cédulas A, National Bank, Mortgage Certificates, and their respective prices.

Table titled National Bank Notes showing various bank notes and their values.

BUSINESS NOTES. The killings in the up-river saladeros up to Feb. 15 were as follows.—Fray Bentos 40,000, Guaviyu 1000, Nuevo Paysandu 6000, Casa Blanca 5,300, Mercedes 7,500, Garbino, 2000, Spangenberg 2000, Gaaleguay 1000. Total 60,300.

—For want of quorum the meeting of shareholders of the Caja Nacional Uruguaya is adjourned until 4 p.m. on Tuesday next.

—Gold opened in B. Aires yesterday at 333.02 and closed at 343.46.

—Exchange upon London was quoted in Rio Yesterday as weak at 113/4 d per milreis. Jerked beef 520 to 580 reis the kilo, stock 6,300, 000 kilos.

—3000 arr. wool were sold in feria yesterday at 22 1/2 to 23 reales fleece according to quality. 1500 arr. wool, first medium, were sold in baraca and 1200 arr. merino and saxony at 21 reales fleece. Sras. Halgiera and Goitechea have sold 3500 arr. wool 2nd good at 25 1/2 reales.

—Saladero produce. Casa Blanca has sold a cargo of 600 pipes of tallow at 11 5/8 the arr. p.o.b. in Paysandu, to be delivered till end of March. Spangenberg in Gaaleguaychu has sold a cargo of 800 pipes of tallow at \$11.25 Argentine gold, the 100 kilos, put in B. Aires, equal to 12 reals arr. here, to be delivered in March. Also, a cargo of 8000 qq. jerked beef, habanera y bonita for the Span. bk. Isidro Pons, at 29 r.f. the q., p.o.b. to be delivered in March. A Cerro saladero has sold a cargo of about 6500 qq. jerked beef, bonita y habanera at 29 r.f. the q. to be delivered in April. A Cerro saladero has sold 300 cuarts. tallow for the Pacific at 12 1/2 r. the arr. to be delivered in March.

Table listing various stocks and shares with their respective prices and denominations.

Onzas, (336.71 2/3), ps. m/n, cash, 64.80. Sovereigns, (338.28 2/3), cash, 17.05. Empréstito Interno, cash, 62.20. Do. end of month, 62.70. Cédulas G, cash, 29. Do. J, cash, 30. Do. K, cash, 29.90. Do. L, cash, 29.80. Do. M, cash, 30.20. Do. N y O, cash, 29.80. Do. P, cash, 30.60. Do. A, nacionales oro, cash, 29. Do. A, nacionales, papel, cash, 34. Muelle Catalinas, cash, 7.40. Banco Español, cash, 80. The Eolo sail.

MARITIME

ARRIVALS AND SAILINGS. Montevideo, Feb. 20, 1892. —Str. Centauro from Asunción, 38 pass. —Str. Paraguay from Havre, 3 pass. for B. Aires. —Str. Denderah from Valparaiso, 3 pass. —Str. Venus for Salto with pass. —Str. Comercio for Salto with pass. —Str. Karnak for Hamburg. —Str. Sorata for Valparaiso: 15 pass.

SHIPPING NOTES. —We quote the following from the circular of Bossio and Selvas (late J. Cole) dated Paysandu, Feb. 15. —Vessels despatched from 31st January to date.—Lilly G. Fray Bentos, 1,215 Pipes Tallow, Orders, Liebig's.—Ballucia s. s., Fray Bentos, 18,635 Salted Hides and 5,000 Bags Guano, Antwerp, Liebig's.—Vessels Loading.—Alma, Fray Bentos, Tallow, Orders, Liebig's.—Kathir Chief, Fray Bentos, Guano, Orders, Liebig's.—Hattie G. Dixon, Paysandu, Dry Hides and Bones, N. York, Hufnagel Plattner and Co.—Maggie Andrews, Paysandu, Bones, N. York,

Estracto de Tabaco de Virginia. South Down Sheepwash PARA CURAR. La Sarna de las Ovejas LIBRE DE VENENO. El mejor antisarico conocido. El unico que hasta hoy ha dado resultado completo segun numerosos certificados en nuestro poder. Adoptado en Europa, Australia, Estados Unidos de N. America, Africa y por todos los estancieros y criadores en el Rio de la Plata. Precio: \$0.70 el kilogramo al contado. Envase: Cajones con 10 latas a 5 kilogramos—50 kilos. barriles de más o menos 100 kilos cada uno. Unicos Importadores, Aug. G. Linck y Cia. Buenos Aires, Cuyo 546.—Montevideo, Piedras 201, esquina Misiones. 263 pm.

CONVINCING EVIDENCE

By Messrs. Ronald and Rodgers circular on the River Plate Wool Auctions for the week ending January 8, 1892, we notice that of all the wools sent from Uruguay, including the following estancias,—Campana, Martin Chco, San Roque, San Carlos, Los Altos, Santa Emilia Santa Rita, San Pedro, Estanzuela and Miguetele, those dipped in COOPER'S DIP realised 1d. to 1 1/4d. per lb. more than the others.

SOLE AGENTS FOR URUGUAY Ashworth and Co. 136—Calle Sarandi—136 260 pm.

Botica Inglesa, «Hutchinson» Family Dispensing Chemists. Calle 25 de Mayo, esquina Ituzaingó. Montevideo. Carter's Little Liver Pills. Cadbury's Cocoa. Pear's Glycerine Soap. Unscented Soap. Transparent Wash Balls. Otto of Rose Soap. Shaving Soap. 265 pm.

Hufnagel Plattner and Co.—B. C. Cromwell, Gaaleguaychu, Bones, Philadelphia, Hufnagel Plattner and Co.—Pippo Savona, P'du and Casa Blanca, Tallow, Orders, Arming Brauss and Co.—Vessels Disengaged.—Palмира G., 402 tons reg., 700 dead weight, 100 a. t., Italian veritas, built. December 89.—Linda, 425 tons reg., 650 dead weight, 100 a. t., Italian veritas, built.—Alaska, 150 tons reg., 250 dead weight, a. t., French veritas.

MAIL STEAMERS. LEAVING TO-DAY. —The str. RIO NEGRO will leave TO-DAY for Santa Cruz, Dunkirk and Havre. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 1 p. m. maritime agency 2 p.m. —The str. ABYDOS will leave TO-DAY for Hamburg. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 10 a. m. maritime agency 11 a. m. —The str. GIAlVA will leave TO-DAY for Barcelona, Genoa and Naples. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 11 a. m. maritime agency 12 m. OTHER DATES. —The str. EOLO will leave Feb. 22 for B. Aires only. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 4.30 p. m. maritime agency 5.15 p. m. —The str. CITTA DI GENOVA will leave Feb. 22 for Rio Janeiro, Las Palmas, Genoa and Naples. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 12 m. maritime agency 1 p. m. —The str. TOTANES will leave Feb. 22 for Hamburg. —The gunboat BEAGLE will leave Feb. 22 for the Falklands. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 1 p. m. maritime agency 2 p. m. —The str. CENTAURO will leave Feb. 23 for B. Aires and intermediates to Asunción. Correspondence at G. P. O. till 4.30 p. m. maritime agency 5 p. m. —The str. BRITANNIA will leave Feb. 26 for Rio Janeiro, Lisbon, Vigo, Bordeaux, Plymouth and Liverpool.

WANTED, for the British Hospital, Montevideo, a Probationer. Applications with testimonials or recommendations to be addressed to the Hon. Secretary, British Hospital, Casilla No. 48. t.17. Feb. 25

TEACHER.—A young lady with experience in teaching of others her services to teach English, Spanish and Music. Apply «A. B. C.» this office. t401.

ENGLISH BANK OF THE R. P. Advertiser is willing to purchase personal credits on this Bank up to \$4000 nominal, at market rate. Apply at this office from 1 to 4 p. m., or by letter to «Bacon.»

TO LET. Two well furnished rooms with windows to street, suitable for single gentlemen. Central position. Calle Colon 107, corner of 25 de Mayo.

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PACIFIC STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY. PORTNIGHTLY LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN Liverpool, The River Plate, and Valparaiso. The Magnificent steamers of this Company are appointed to sail as follows FROM MONTEVIDEO. New Accelerated Itinerary.—Montevideo to Europe in 18 days. FOR EUROPE. FOR THE PACIFIC.

Britannia. Captain H. Brown. 26th February 1892. for Rio Janeiro, Lisbon, Vigo, Bordeaux, Plymouth and Liverpool.

Aconcagua. Captain G. E. P. Cook. 10th March 1892. for Rio Janeiro, Bahia, Pernambuco, Lisbon, Bordeaux, Plymouth and L'pool.

Sorata. Captain C. Adey. 19th February 1892. for Sandy Point, Coronel, Talcahuano and Valparaiso.

Iberia. Captain G. Massey. 29th February 1892. for Sandy Point, Coronel, Talcahuano and Valparaiso.

All the above steamers run in connection with others of the same Company which trade up the Pacific Coast as far as Panama.

The steamers Aconcagua, Galicia, Britannia, Iberia, Liguria, Potosi, Sorata, are illuminated with electric light.

Every steamer has on board a doctor and a stewardess. The Company issues return tickets available for twelve months.

The Company has now decided to leave the Electric Light available all night for the passengers, excepting only in the Saloons & Smoking rooms where it will be turned off at the usual hour.

In future each steamer will carry a French Chef-de-cuisine and table wine (Claret) will be served gratis to all passengers.

In accordance with arrangements entered into, through tickets are issued at Montevideo and Buenos Aires to New York in connection with the well known Steamers of the Cunard Line.

—AGENTS— WILSON SONS & CO. LIMITED— MONTEVIDEO, SOLIS 55; BUENOS AIRES, Reconquista 365. SANTOS, RIO JANEIRO, BAHIA, PERNAMBUCO, and ST. VINCENT, G. V. 95 pm.

The New Zealand Shipping Company Limited. FLEET OF STEAMERS. Rimutaka, Kuapehu, Tongararo, Aorangi. Shaw Savill and Albion Company Limited. FLEET OF STEAMERS. Ionic, Doric, Coptic, Arawa, Tainui.

The new and magnificent Steamers of this Line call at Rio Janeiro on their homeward voyage for Plymouth and London from New Zealand every month.—All the steamers carry passengers of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. class and are illuminated with electric light.

Table with columns for STEAMER, TONS REG., TO SAIL FROM RIO JANEIRO, and dates.

Through fares to London from Montevideo: 1st class £35—2nd £20—3rd £12. For passages and further information apply to WILSON, SONS & Co. LIMITED AGENTS. Montevideo, Solis 55. Buenos Aires, Reconquista 365. and Rio Janeiro 95 pm.

LLOYD BRAZILEIRO LINEA DEL SUD. Salidas los dias 1, 12 y 25 de cada mes. PELOTAS. Saldra el 25 de Febrero a las 8 a. m. con destino a Rio Grande, Pelotas, Porto Alegre, Santa Catalina, San Francisco, Itajay, Parana, Antonina, Cananea, Iguapé, Santos y Rio de Janeiro.

LINEA DE MATTO GROSSO. Salidas, los dias 12 y 27 de cada mes. Servicio con los vapores «Rápido», «Diamantino» y «Ladario», RE PAQUETE.

LADARIO. Saldra el 27 de Febrero a las 4 p. m. con destino a Buenos Aires, Rosario, Paraná, La Paz, Esquina, Guaya, Bella Vista, Corrientes, Asunción, Villa Rica, Recibe pasajeros, carga, encomiendas y dinero a flete. Por informes dirigirse a la agencia. 129—CALLE PIEDRAS—129. ENRIQUE SA.—Gerente.

LA PLATENSE FLOTILLA COMPANY LIMITED. ITINERARIO A REGIR HASTA NUEVO AVISO. SALIDAS DE MONTEVIDEO. Domingo Lúnes > Venus para Buenos Aires. Martes > Cosmos para Buenos Aires y Uruguay. Jueves > Saturno para Buenos Aires y escalas hasta Asunción. Viernes > Eolo para Buenos Aires. Sábado > Venus para Buenos Aires y Uruguay. P. Christophersen. 144—Piedras—144 121 pm.

Lamport & Holt's Line. LIVERPOOL, BRAZIL & RIVER PLATE STEAMERS. Regular service between Antwerp and the River Plate. The Steamers of the Lamport and Holt Line leave this port regularly on every alternate Monday of each month, taking 1st and 3rd class passengers, cargo and specie, for all their ports of call. The steamer LEIBNITZ will sail the 1st March for BAHIA, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and LONDON. The steamer BELLAURA will sail the 6th March for LIVERPOOL direct. The steamer PASCAL will sail the 6th March for ANTWERP direct. The steamer MASKELYNE will sail the 16th March for RIO JANEIRO, BAHIA, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP and LONDON. The Company's steamers leave Rio Janeiro regularly every Saturday for New York. Agents in Montevideo C. R. Horne & Co. Calle Piedras 138. 117 pm.

The English School. 194—SORIANO—194. Head Master, Thos. Jelfries Ash. The Course of instruction includes first class English, Spanish, French, Mathematics, Drawing, etc. No extras for languages. Boarders, Half-boarders, and Day pupils received. Applications to Mr. Ashe, English Club, or at the School. There are vacancies for two boarders at present. N. B. Classes resume work on February 1, 1892. 113 pm.

AMERICAN DENTISTS. BOURSE AND HILL. CERTIFIED SPECIALISTS. 351—SARANDI—351. The new system and great secret of placing crowns and bridges of gold and porcelain, and beautiful artificial teeth without plates, practised in full perfection and security, for the first time in this capital, by the specialist surgeon-dentist W. E. Hill, sarandi 351, is a true and notable advance in dental science. Witness the following certificate of the eminent North American specialist, Dr. Horsey.—CERTIFICATE. Dr. Horsey, Surgeon-Dentist of New-York, Specialist in crown and bridge work. I certify and declare that Dr. W. E. Hill, surgeon-dentist, is entirely competent to practise with all safety dental crown and bridge work. I also certify that Dr. Hill has performed in my presence a number of these works of the most difficult description, completely and perfectly, proving to me that he is the only person in Montevideo who possesses the true secret of this novel, useful and notable process, the only one who has the apparatus, the experience, knowledge and skill indispensable to be able to employ with success the most modern positive and beautiful process as yet known in dentalscience. 192 pm.

AMUSEMENTS. Nuevo Politeama. (CORNER OF QUEGUAY AND COLONIA) Grand European Circus Company of P. Serbino. 60 Artists. 15 Clowns. 25 trained Horses. Elephants, etc. Performance every evening at 9 p.m. Sundays and holidays at 2.30 p.m. Change of programme nightly. Cibils Theatre. Saturday 27, Sunday 28, Monday 29 and Tuesday March 1. Grand Masked Balls. To commence at 10.30 p.m. Entrance \$1.

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Sirion Flanders.

(A SHORT STORY.) (Continued) Sirion always felt that a word from John Bloomfield had a value in her eyes that she accorded to no one else; yet she never forgot what Miss Bloomfield had told her, that John thought she had lowered herself by taking a place as nursery governess, and in her heart she despised him for doing so.

She had heard the Rector say of his churchwarden that he was a man with his wits about him, who was making money fast, and with youthful independence, and perhaps a little scorn for the money she had so little of, Sirion said bitterly: "Money! Every one—even the best—cares more for money than for anything else in the world."

"Money is a great power," said Mrs. Dowlas, looking up, a little astonished at the bitterness of her tone. "Yes, I know; but every one thinks more of that than of anything else."

"Not more, Sirion. It is right to appreciate the power for good that money gives, and I am sure that John Bloomfield is one who will always use that power right." "I don't know; I wish he were poor again. I think he was nicer as he used to be."

Mrs. Dowlas had long been watching her opportunity to say a word to her young governess, and she said it now in her own peculiar and downright fashion. "My dear, I'm sorry you're so hard on John Bloomfield. You rarely say a good word for him, and when you speak to him you don't look as if you liked him."

"Why should I like him?" asked Sirion hotly. "Because he's a good man and true, and because he likes you." "You're mistaken. He despises me for earning my living in service."

"I don't believe it, not for a moment," Mrs. Dowlas declared emphatically. "John Bloomfield would never despise any woman for doing her duty. Nonsense, Sirion! I never saw a man more pleased than when I told him you were to stay in the place. You forget that it was he who proposed your having the organ and the choir."

Sirion had not forgotten, and she had not forgotten the thrill of pleasure she had felt when she knew who had done her this kindly service; but now, by Prudence's help, she had come to think that the Rector's churchwarden had merely helped a poor girl with little means, as he would have helped any young servant-girl in the parish in whose father he had felt an interest.

"That was his kindness," she said. "Then give him credit for his kindness," said Mrs. Dowlas. "Sirion, I've never betrayed a secret before, but I think you're so unwise to throw over your best friend that, as he didn't actually forbid it, I will tell you that it was John who put down that stone cross to your father's memory, and that it is he who pays George Salmon to take care of the garden and provides the flowers. He didn't wish you to know, at present. What do you think of him now, Sirion?"

unsatisfactory account of his son's doings from the old Squire at their next meeting, John Bloomfield decided in his own mind that it was his duty, as Sirion's executor and her father's friend, to warn her of her lover's character. She was still but a child, he said, though his sister called her a consummate flirt and a double-dyed hypocrite.

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