



Journal continued.

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Tues: 22 Letter from Wilson saying Miss W. cannot go to L'pool, and strongly urging me to pay them a visit. This at present will not suit as I have decided to go to the Isle of Man. Tho' a dull morn^g. I made all preparation, and in good time made for the boat, the Tamwald, which sailed directly after 10'cl. with a large number of passengers, men, women, & children. The sea at first proved moderately quiet, but gradually became rough, causing a great deal ^{of sickness}. All the women & children, and most of the men were apparently suffering. Tho' I was not affected it proved a disagreeable passage to me. The crowded state of the vessel - the vomiting - and still more, the spray lashing over the sides, made me anxious for the termination of the voyage, which occurred at 6.30. A dense crowd on the pier-head awaited our arrival; and when landed many people offered cards to the passengers in search of accommodations. I accepted of one which led me to Mr. Sutherland's No 1 South Quay, where I soon landed & had tea. Having no luggage, and being anxious for a stroll, I proposed payment, which the Mrs did not then deem necessary: so out I went cruising around for over an hour, and finding my previous idea of Douglas a very misty one. Got very tired before reaching my lodgings again, when I went to bed. Dull but fine day.

Wed: 23 Slept badly, but lay easily. Rose at 7. Wrote a few lines to Ann announcing my safe arrival. After breakfast settled my bill, finding it quite moderate, more so than I expected. I then made for the bay northwards in search of shells, but could find nothing new - only some 6 species of well-known univalves. Among them however was a live specimen of English cowrie (*Trivia europaea*) the 1st I ever met with. Of bivalves - the only specimens were a small variety of the common mussel - not another species could be seen. Altogether I was greatly disappointed. My feet too failed me sadly: was scarcely able to stand on them: still I managed back into town by 4 P.M. and had a salt-water bath. Find^g myself considerably refreshed after tea I ventured out again, work^g my way up to Douglas Head where stands a fine hotel commanding a splendid view over the town, the bay, and the country to the N.W. Was much pleased. Return^g slowly, I landed among the narrow, crooked, ill regulated lanes of Douglas which, tho' dignified by the name of streets, are a disgrace to the authorities. Never met their match before. On the high ground outside, the suburbs have a very pleasing appearance. A neat little R.W. station too has considerable attraction for a stranger. Have some tho^t of paying Castle town a visit tomorrow. Dull but fine

Thur: 24 Slept well. Bright sunny morn^g. At 8.30 took the train for Castle town. Few passengers. Country hill & dale, everywhere under cultivation. Wild flowers in great abundance. Stopped at stations Santon, Ballasalla, and lastly Castle town, surrounded by a wide extent of low arable land. The station is nearly a mile from town, approach^g which an ancient castle becomes very conspicuous. At the entrance to the town, a tiny bridge crosses a tiny stream flowing into a dock or quay, as at Douglas. Shells being a main object of my visit I made direct for the beach eastward, which was rocky, full of rough stones, and well sup-

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plied with sea-weed, a great nuisance to me. Several species of *Littorini* very abundant, but not a single bivalve, or anything new. On my return to town paid a visit to some small ruins on a gentle eminence close to the beach, and near King William's College, a very conspicuous building. My feet by this time failed me much, still I perambulated apparently every street in Castletown, which tho' narrow & winding are less annoying than many of those in Douglas while a pleasing square stands in front of the castle. Got a solitary name seems fixed to my street. I now tried the shore westward to no purpose; then made back to town, and finally to the station where I rested $3/4$ of an hour waiting on the train from P. Coir. A good many people were in attendance on the train which was filled with a band of children return^g from a procession. They had their colors with them, and caused quite a commotion when leaving the station for C.T. I got off at 6.45 and had a pleasant ride to Douglas arriving at 7.25

Frid: 25 Was somewhat annoyed in bed by fleas, but made short work of them in the morn^g. The morn^g proved damp & foggy. Wrote Wilson & posted the letter after breakfast. Notwithstanding the fog I ventured out into the suburbs, exploring the country for some miles round about. In the front garden of a gentleman's house was amused for some time watching the motions of a couple of mice sporting about, or seeking food. Tho' within a few yards they never took the slightest notice of me. Made back to the crooked streets of the old town, and lastly to the seaside promenade just as high water approached. Many people were out enjoying the situation. The fog had entirely cleared off, and tho' coolish - it was beautiful. Approach^g tea-time I made my way to No 1 S.Q., where I rested for upwards of an hour. Had then a quiet even^g walk thro' what is called the "nummery" - a beautiful retreat on the River Douglas. The owner of the property is living abroad and strangers are permitted the privilege of walking in the grounds. Return^g on the N. or opposite side of the river, I met & had some conversation with a hale, hearty man of 83. It was now draw^g near bedtime

Sat: 26 Slept well. Sunny & windy. Wrote & posted a few lines to W.H. - then made for the station where I took the train for Peel at 9.0'd. Had 2 young men, one indeed a youth, only late arrivals, in the carriage with me, and we got on very friendly discussing about this, that, and the other thing. The scenery along the route was really interest^g. And everywhere cultivated except on the summits of a few high & distant hills. We stopped at 3 stations before reach^g Peel, a quaint old place, much less than Douglas. Lead^g the carriages the 1st object that draws attention is a large fleet of fishing vessels lying in the quay, which adjoins the station. Accomp^g my 2 friends to the pier-head, which lies in the direction of the castle - we decided to have a peep at such imposing remains - They stand upon a small rocky islet, the path to which is dry at low water, as it then was. Still we had a penny each to pay, and 2 more on enter^g the ruins, which no doubt to a lover of Antiquities would be a great treat. They are certainly very picturesque, and cover the whole surface of the little isle, sacred as we were told. Returned to town, I parted from my friends & went to search for shells on the beach, but to my surprise could not see a single one of any des-

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scription. Never experienced the like before. Of course I had to give it up and prosecute my researches in town, the streets of which proved about as irregular as those of Douglas. Every street however bore a name, lately affixed. There was no stir, and save the fishing boats little to be seen in the way of business. A large fleet of the boats moved out into the bay apparently to fish, and being in full sail produced a rather pleasing picture. Turned my attention next to the various roads leading into the country; and, lastly, climbed the high ground adjoining the castle, and which commands a splendid view over the town, and adjacent country. The day proved lovely for such an ascent. Made in short the most of my time and at 4 o'clock took my departure homewards. At St John's station my 2 evening companions turned up again: they had been to see a waterfall some few miles off. Reached Douglas at 5, I moved on to the promenade to spend an hour or so at high water: then home to my lodgings to tea, &c. Had a short walk to the Market Square, which is always very busy on a Saturday evening. Just as I got back, Hales, a room mate, advised me to Duke St. to order a box of hippies, &c. He would stand treat - yea or nae, and took me to the "Star Hotel, singing salmagundi - we had a single dram and a couple of songs. The room was well patronised.

Sun: 27 Damp morning, but rain has only been very light. Ventured out for a walk of some 3 miles along the Castletown Road. Scenery pleasing. Returned to dinner - all the lodgers & family dining together on roast beef & plum-pudding. Had new potatoes, the 1st this season for one. Tho' still occasionally drizzling I ventured out again towards the light-house, Port Skillion, and Douglas-head, where many strangers, men & women, were found this way. Rain, which had ceased for a time, was resumed occ^o by bluster^o winds, and I hurried home again to find some drink^o going on which I did not approve of. One of the lodgers is an inveterate toper, and I do not like it. We all had tea together. I have come to the conclusion of return^o to Lpool by Tuesday's boat, and accordingly wrote Ann saying so. Had to buy note paper & envelopes.

Mon: 28 Slept remarkably well. Look^o out at 5.30 it was still wet & gloomy; rain however ceased soon after. Had breakfast as usual at 8, and by 9 was again on the streets, but rain return^o drove me back to No 1 S.G. to chat with the Mrs., a Scotchwoman who has travelled much and full of information. Dinner was but shortly over when the rain ceased once more and I made towards the North end of the bay in another attempt for shells. It was useless. Seeing some men climb an almost perpendicular rock close to the bay, I felt a desire to follow, and finding a sort of track began to climb also. With much difficulty I succeeded, but resolved never to attempt the like again. Got on to the main road for Laxey, and by a lane to another road which led towards Douglas on high ground. My feet being very sore did not venture out again. Have fully made up my mind to return to Lpool tomorrow.

Tues: 29 Slept well. Tho' very dull it is dry. Got breakfast and settled with the Mrs. as usual. Gave her also a hint, but not quite clear, about my departure, which she seems anxious to delay. However when I got out I took care to be near the pier, and finding the King's Bay all ready went on board. We sailed exactly at 9, with a good many passengers, several of

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whom I had previously seen on the streets of Douglas. Fine, quiet voyage: no reeling or pitching, while a few only, chiefly women & children, got sick. Tho' foggy in the distance, it proved a fine dry day up till 2 P.M. when rain fell and cont^d gently till our arrival in Lpool half an hour afterwards - making the voyage just 5½ hours. Glancing at N.B.'s on my way home: I was succeeded in finding a N.C. 3^d edition, which I purch^d for Canada. At Nols, found matters much as I expected: Tom-tit still in motion, tho' ceased striking; the state of the gas meter taken; &c. What I did not expect - the bill for the Gr: Por Ratis awaited me, and it never was heavier. Set to work, squar^d up acct^s, &c. Tho' feeling well in other respects I am as dizzy as ever. Posted the N.C. without reading it, and took a walk into town to see N.B.'s. Rain kept spitting more or less -

Wed: 30 Dull, damp morn^g. A strange letter by post proved to be Brook's bill for plumbing, Speke. Str. £2.14.10! It perfectly staggered me. Copy^d my diary to and from the S. of M. Busy writing all day. Rec^d a visit of W.H. at noon, and at tea-time a party called for my name to a new Directory. Not a word of the Courts who have never inquired for me since I left. They will clearly require stirring up. The day cont^d very dull with occasional slight showers. Strolling out at 6 it became suddenly almost dark; but eventually lightened up again. N.B.'s announce some remarkable events: for instance - a thunder storm in which 100 people were killed and 500 are missing. The Evening Record, it seems, has ceased; and the Albion will tomorrow change into an even^g paper at a ½. Soon after my return home a T.G. arrived, being the 2^d on hand unread. Com^d the previous one.

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Thur: 1 It has been rain, but now a fine morn^g. 62°-66°. Still busy at my Diary. A.M. Walked out at 2 P.M. The floods in the S. of France are announced as most disastrous; no less than 2000 lives being lost. Went to the Tel. Off: to learn the correct time. Walked also round by no 5 Leonard St. the residence of Mrs H., the wife of my room-mate in Douglas. Shortly afterwards it came on to rain heavily, accomp^d by a bright flash and a loud peal. Found temporary shelter for near an hour; when it slackened and allowed me to get home, only however to escape another heavy downfall, which finally ceased at 6. In the mean time I examined the shells bro^t home, and they are a poor return for my expectations when leaving Lpool: I was then confident of finding not only a new species or two - but considerable improv^t to 4 or 5 rare species already in the collection. At 7, had fully an hour's stroll, finding the Albion out for certain as an even^g paper. That it will succeed I very much doubt. On my return picked up the T.G., and very interesting it is.

Frid: 2 Wakened very early this morn^g by a thunder storm roaring loud & long, accomp^d too by heavy rain. By the time I rose it was a fine morn^g. 64°-62°. Busy with my new shells, a few of which will not disgrace the collection. Among them is a perfect Black L. obtusata, the 1st I have seen. W.H. looked in at 12.30, with the Daily Courier announcing a cheap excursion to Kirkcubright which I mean to think over. Walk after dinner learn^d that Dr. Kenealy has met a rough reception in Lpool: and I am not sorry. Puff this

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afternoon caught & eat another sparrow, and it always surprises me how she succeeds. The even^g. No. 2 mention the lightning this morn^g. struck several houses in L'pool & a church in Bhead. Even^g. very pleasant. Read the D.C. on my return to No. 6.

Sat: 3 Very wet morn^g. 62°-58°. Study^g over "Glover's Guide to the I. of M."

A.M. The rain, which poured down heavily, only slackened at 1.40 sufficient to let me out for the N.C. When back to No. 6. found W.H. had left me the D.S., and was gone to meet his cousin, Capt. Mills. Sat down to the D.S., and while thus engaged No. 2 called and paid his rent. As to No. 4, who is now 4 months behind, I am contemplat^g strong measures.

Rain did not fairly cease till after 3 o'cl., and turn^g out a fine even^g. I took home the D.S., &c. and had the pleasure of meeting Capt. Mills, his sister, Joe H. &c.

Sun: 4 Most brilliant morn^g. - Not a cloud visible. 60°-57°. Read^g and eventually fin^g the N.C. The floods at Toulouse are indeed a sad occurrence. Never remember reading anything similar so disastrous. W.H. & children looked in at noon.

He met with a bit of an accident last night, when going to bed. Had an even^g. stroll and it was lovely. Altogether a brilliant day.

Mon: 5 Still brilliant. 64°-61°. Full of anxiety I started for Speke Stn. and

came on poorly enough - No. 10 only furnish^g 10/ out of £2.5.9. No. 14. nothing at all. No. 12 had a little sauciness about her pantry door being off, and a rain-drop in the little bedroom: but what vexed me most was to learn the water-pipe had bursted in No. 16 - the same for which a bill of £2.14 odd had been sent me. Calling on Brooks about it. the Shop was closed. Called also on Jones, who was non cat. Made them direct for Castle Stn. to deposit my "Papebook" at the bank. Home in good time for dinner, and to square up rent-book, &c. - Sadly put about by Court's faithless promises, and seriously thinking of putting the bailiffs in No. 4. Picked up the J.G., at which I have been occasionally glancing. After tea, posted the N.C., & went townwards to learn the Sultan of Larzibar had arrived in L'pool. Wish him all success. Streets very animated: here & there however an inebriate, or bit of a row. Splendid day.

Tue: 6 Dull, 66°-64°. Quite out of patience at Co's conduct. I called early to find him non est. Gave the Mrs a bit of my mind. With a face of brass she returned the call - exculpating herself, and say^g she was off to find Co. Between them and Widow Mr. Crac. I have much to think of. Read^g the latest J.G. Walk, P.M. When back to No. 6, found the widow had sent 15/6 and her rent-book, as promised. So far well.

She generally obscured the sun came out powerful for at least 3 hours, mid-day. Dur^g my even^g. walk it was again dull but lovely. Streets very animated. Encountered a great crowd in front of the Dispensary, R.R. Some bloody work it appears had occurred. As I expected, the Courts never showed face.

Look^g out, however, at 9.20, they actually turned up and paid 2 months rent - relieving me of much uneasiness, for I was fully determined to see the bailiffs in the morn^g.

Wed: 7 Like yesterday, dull & quiet. 65°-66°. Study^g over my will, which I have some thro^g of employ^g a solicitor to make out. Was interrupted by H. Little who called seemingly to borrow money, but I did not take the hint and she cut. What a cheek to be sure! Walking

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out P.M. - I called at Dr. S.'s for a box of pills, but was kept provokingly long by the appt. who even then would not take the money. Tho' it very strange. Went on to 63 Wt. P. - the residence as I expected of Gray, Solicitor, but the house was empty, and it then flashed across my mind that G. was dead. Study^d over R. 12's & excursion bills. Being warm was glad to get home again, to finish the latest T.G. A still later one, however, arrived early in the even^g, and it carried one of the stamps I sent across the Atlantic, as a pencil note testified. Start^d out then for my even^g walk - I landed at 11 James str. for excursion bills but found the office closed. On my return to No 6 a strange letter awaited me - it was from a Reg^d Radcliffe wanting to purchase my houses in Blythe Str. I cannot conceive how he got such an idea into his head, but will probably give him a call.

Thur: 8 Dull. 66° - 62° Puddled about Radcliffe and the purchase of my houses - I called at his office, A.M. and tho' wait^d a cons. time did not see him; one of the clerks however took down particulars of my property. R. is evidently an estate agent; but why he should make such a proposal to me does seem strange. Got several excursion bills, and when home overhaul^d them W.H. looked in. Had my usual walk, P.M. to see London R. 12's, &c. but was glad to get home again, it was so close. The sun indeed never came out, while Cons. fog was seen in the distance. The even^g proved delightful. During my walk thru in Scho str. I encountered the strangest object in the shape of humanity, that ever met my gaze - a mere child without any legs and but little body walking steadily on its arms and hands as feet. The crowd was too dense to have more than a momentary view, but such as it was I will never forget.

Frid: 9 Very wet morn^g. 64° - 59° Read^d & fin^d the latest T.G., which is on this occasion too much taken up with church meetings and other matters of no interest to me. Gas bill sent in. Slaughter^d flies - being my 1st attack on them this season. Tho' numerous - they do not appear in such quantities as formerly. The rain poured down heavily till noon, when it changed to gentle showers. At 1, W.H. bro^t the D.S., and showed me some attempts at writing & composing by Polly which was really creditable for a mere child. Ventured towards at 3.20 to see R. 12's, but was soon driven home by the rain, which was never long absent. At tea-time it poured down heavily again, turn^d out a very wet even^g and confin^d me to the house, but fortunately I had the D.S. to take up attention.

Sat: 10 Dry & windy. It blow indeed all last night very loud, and even felt cold in bed. 61° - 58° Fin^d the D.S. - return^d it at noon. Afterwards got the W.G. to take up attention. A long extract from Dr. Kenealy's opinion of I'pool, tho' cleverly worded, is a most disgusting article. He ought in short to be kicked out of the country. Very windy, and indeed sunny till 4 P.M. when it became cloudy. At 5 it began to spit turn^d out a showery even^g. Towards 8, however, I made for 64, encount^d P. by the way and had some chat. Found W.H. from home and did not stay; but luck would have it - we met and landed at 64. The consequence was a walk, including the Mrs & children, round by W.D.R. to Cab. Hall; approach^d which it came on to rain smartly, and we all took shelter in the parlor. Here an elderly gent introduced himself & a poem on a deceased friend named Wright, and the meeting proved very agreeable *pro tem*.

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Sun: 11 Cloudy & dry, but look^g. showy, as it proved. 61°-59°. Read^d. the W.C.

The Sultan of Lambar's visit gives me much pleasure. Notwithstand^g. the aspect of the day, I ventured on a walk, P.M., to Tubbrook, and round by Lisburn La. &c. It kept fine and a beautiful wen^o. followed, clear & breezy. P. true to time. After a little confab, we took a walk round by Beckf. R. N. &c, landing eventually in "Shepps". As usual he took care that I should both lead the way and spend most. But we also had the advantage of a round from a person named Lewis with whom we got into conversation.

Mon: 12 Sunny with occas. spits, but has clearly been dry all night. 60°-57°.

This is the Orange anniversary and I should not be sorry if it were to pour down upon their meeting in Sheil-park. The vagaries of Tom-tit actually confound me. When wound up yesterday, as on a previous occasion, he lost time rapidly and I had to help-
now^o. him forward. This morn^g. at 8 he was 3 min. behind my watch - at 11 he was 5 min. a head and gain^g. rapidly. Since last cleared he has never been the same clock as formerly. The party fix^g. the new stops on the water-pipes commenced operations in Plythe str. causing considerable nuisance. Fin^o. & posted the W.C. after dinner when out to see R. B's. &c. It was become a splendid sunny day, and streets very throng with people generally in holiday attire. Sanger's procession caus^g. great interest. Reach^d. Beck R. homewards - I^o. passed on the opposite side on his way to "Shepps", but took no notice of me, tho' there was no one near us. Mean fellow! Even^o. stroll. Yast crowds on the streets. Many wearing orange favors. Occasional inebriates, &c.

Tues: 13 Still dry. 61°-59°. Tom this morn^g. is 15 m. ahead! and must be bro^t. to bay. Musing over my shells, and feel^g. desirous of another trip to the seaside. Start^o. out at 1.30, found it spitting, but on I went. It soon ventuated in gentle but constant rain, advising me to return sooner than intended. Rain indeed never ceased; slack^o. however at 6.40 - I ventured out to wen^o. R. B's, and encountered several rows.

Wed: 14 Dullish but dry. 60°-59°. Study^g. over my shells with a view to improving the arrangement. By noon it began to spit, doing so for long. Moo^o. out after dinner I took my umbrella, and it proved useful, for constant tho' gentle rain now ensued. On my return home picked up Shenstone. Short out after tea, and was caught in a smart rain which proved the forerunner of a very wet even^o. Could not go to P's - as arranged: the T.G. however arrived to take up attention.

Thur: 15 Has rained all night and is still wet. 60°-57°. St. Swithin and no mistake. Soon after 9 o'cl. however, rain, as far as retiefs, ceased, turn^g. to the most gentle spitting for many hours unceasingly. Wind too strong from the East. Read^d. the latest T.G. and really interest^g. it is. Had my usual walk, P.M., while still spitting, which finally ceased at 3 o'cl. and considerably bright^o. up. Called for & got my Pop-book, bal^o. up with the addition of £6.1.3 nit. - scarcely 2 1/2 p.c., but will cover the Poor-rates now due. Even^o. cool, but semi-clear. Had then a pleasant walk. Streets very crowded. Inebriates, row accidents, &c. once in a while.

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Frid: 16 Bright sunny Morn. - and glad to see it. 60°-57°. Read^d and eventually fin^d the F.S., which contains a long article on "toughened glass" that perfectly astonishes me. Glass it appears can be made that will not crack. Directly after dinner made for the gas-off: and paid my midsummer bill. N.B.'s announce great destruction to life & property thro' bursting of a reservoir in the W. of England. Strolling leisurely homewards. Sun very powerful: found it up to 100°. What a change! After tea got the D.S. which records the destruction of Lindcluden Ho. by fire. Ventured again into town. It was now a lovely even^g, with great animation on all leading thoroughfares.

Sat: 17 Not a cloud visible, and hardly a breath of wind. 63°-59°. Masons early, at work fix^g the traps to the new stop-cocks. Puff bro^t in another sparrow! Fin^d & took home the D.S. at noon. Sky then getting overcast with a thundry look, which however eventually cleared off and bright & hot the afternoon turned out. 100°. Got the N.C. which teems with interest^g matter. When discov^d the body of the Snowdon tourist was quite naked, and he seems to have been out of his mind. Early in the even^g the Ho called and sat some time on their way to the Gaiety-theatre. Started out myself at 8, on a longish walk includ^g Bruns: R., Lond: R., Byron St., Scot: R., &c. &c. Encount^d many lively scenes, but not a single row: inebriates too were rather scarce.

Sun: 18 Very dull, and to my surprise has been cons: rain. Falls close - 66°-65°. While strapping the razor to shave, I cut the thumb of my left hand. Never did so before. Found Tom-tit motionless, and set him agoing. Read^d and eventually fin^d the N.C. The floods in S. Wales, &c. are really astonishing - apparently surpassing anything thing of the kind in this country. The day cont^d dry, and by 4 P.M. the sun came out to shine occasionally. Even^g walk to Kensington water-works. Never saw so many people there before - even religious services were going on. But all along my route by Shiel R. &c. thousands upon thousands were enjoy^g the even^g air.

Mon: 19 Dull soon turn^d to gentle rain. 66°-64°. My thumb, which yesterday caused me both pain & anxiety, is quite at ease this morn^g, and likely to be all well again in a day or two. In the face of constant rain I started for Speke. Str. and came on moderately well, but strange enough, on my return home, discov^d I had cheated myself out of 3^s - hav^g given No 10 credit for 3^s more than rec^d. Mistakes we are told will occasionally happen; but I detest such. Jones had a workman attend^d to the roof of No 10, but he himself was non est, even at the shop. Found a total stranger occupy^g B's shop in S.D.R. Rain ceased just as I got home only for a short time. The P.M. turned out very wet, pour^d down fearfully. Slacken^d at 6 o'cl. I posted the N.C., and was encouraged townwards to see N.B.'s; but caught it heavy enough and was glad to get home again. At 8.15, it was barely spitting, and I took home a small parcel to 64 U. St., learn^g of a strange occurrence at Crosby where Kate D's sister has been misjap^g for a whole week, and is supposed to have commit^d suicide. Tomtit keeps mov^g on all right, only gaining a little, without play^g the same trick he did last week when wound up, which looks more mysterious than ever.

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Tues: 20 Damp, foggy morn. 65°-62°. My mind keeps wander. a good deal as of late respect. various objects I want completed: - the seaside too is constantly recurring to me. Started after dinner to pay my Poor Rates, calling 1st at Harper Str, but they were not ready: so I turned my attention to N.B's, and home again to avoid the spitting, which now set in. By 4 P.M. it turned to constant rain confin. me to the house: the even. indeed turned out fearfully wet. Nevertheless a fresh F.G. arrived.

Wed: 21 Dull, even some spitting; but no rain of consequence has fallen this morn. 63°-60°. By 10 O'Cl. the sun was shun. in semiclear fashion resulting in a fine day. Read. the F.G. and much interested in it. Walk, P.M. study. excursion bills, &c. Visit of Mrs. W.H. at tea-time to say the missing woman has turned up - and that Mr. Gracie has died very suddenly at Dumfries. Long even. walk, and pleasant it was to be out. Encount. several rows in all of which low Irish women were the actors.

Thurs: 22 Dull, but dry: 63°-61°. Soon after 9 it began to rain, falling gently for nearly an hour when it ceased to become a fine day. Overhaul. some of my latest musings with intent to correct copies. Shortly after noon, W.H. brot. me the D.C. contain. an admirable letter by John Bright on the convict Orton, who is pronounced the "greatest criminal of our time." Walk, P.M. to see N.B's, &c. Went to the Land: Stage, having some thro. of crossing to see the carcass of the whale now beached at N. Ferry, but the state of the tide, &c. decided me not to go. The sun too was then very powerful. Made slowly home again to the D.C. Long ev. walk, and it was delightful. In Commutation R. met Gibson unseen for long.

Frid: 23 Cloudy, but sunny & dry. 64°-65°. Pondered what to do: spent however some time slaughter. flies which have become exceeding numerous. At noon took home the D.C., and saw Whalley's reply to Bright. Ret. with the D.S. & 2 more P.F. Met Dick Miller, unseen for long. He had not heard of Bill S's death. The D.S. detained me at home. Tho' not particularly interest. - it announces the death of R. Mr. Adam, watchmaker, an old family acquaintance. Even. walk. N.B's record the withdrawal of the Shipping bill - causing a fearful scene in the H. of C. At 8 took home the D.S. It then began to spit - turn. out eventually a wet night.

Sat: 24 Dry again, but showery-look. Windy, too. 63°-57°. Journal. - Killing flies, &c. At noon called on the H's, who were prepar. for an out to Wallasey. After dinner got the W.C., and sat down to it. Much interest. Plimsoll's attack on the H. of C. is most extraordinary. Sunny & breezy. At 6.30, however, a smart shower came suddenly down; still a fine win. followed. Strolled out at 8, call. eventually at 64 just as the H's got back. Sat. fully an hour chatting on the trip, &c.

Sun: 25 Cloudy. 62°-59°. Shower at breakfast time. Read. the W.C. Walk, P.M. out beyond Clubmoor, return. by Cherry La. Amf. cemetery, &c. Sun very brilliant - but tempered by a sharp breeze. At 6, another heavy shower fell, followed by bright sunshine, & out again I went, meet. P. in Breck R. on the opposite side. He was in comp. of another man and never looked across to me. On I went however to W.D.R., Boaler Str, &c., &c. Very many people out. Youths often in large groups, and sometimes very noisy.