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September 29, 1867.

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DRS. GIBBON & MCCOMBS, having associated themselves in the practice of Medicine and Surgery, respectfully tender their professional services to the citizens of Charlotte and surrounding country.

From a large experience in private as well as Field and Hospital practice, they feel justified in proposing to pay special attention to the practice of Surgery in all its branches.

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Dec 11, 1865.

MILLER & BLACK,

Wholesale and Retail Dealers in

Groceries, Provisions & Produce,

AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

Trade Street, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Have now in Store and will keep constantly on hand a full and select stock of the above articles for sale, to which they respectfully invite the attention of their friends and the public generally.

R. M. MILLER, W. J. BLACK.

September 23, 1867.

English Blue Stone.

A fresh supply of this fine article for sale low at

SCAR'S DRUG STORE.

For sale at

SCAR'S DRUG STORE.

Hair Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Combs and various articles of Perfumery, Fresh supply, just received at

SCAR'S DRUG STORE.

September 9, 1867.

COOKING STOVES,

OF THE LATEST AND MOST SUPERIOR PATTERNS.

D. H. BYERLY, Springs Building, Charlotte, N. C.

has for sale "Superior's" Anti-Just Cooking Stoves," which, for every variety of cooking and great economy in fuel, cannot be surpassed by any Stove heretofore used.

Everybody who has used one of these Stoves testify that, for convenience in cooking, durability and cleanliness, they are far preferable to all other patterns. Call and see them.

D. H. BYERLY has also on hand a good assortment of Tin, Japan and Sheet-Iron Ware—such articles as are necessary for house-keeping.

TIN-WARE made to order at short notice on reasonable terms.

REPAIRING promptly executed.

D. H. BYERLY,

Springs Building, Charlotte, N. C.

March 25, 1867.

H. M. PHELPS.

"Home, Sweet Home!"

There's no place like Home!

I am happy to inform my old friends of Charlotte and the surrounding country, that I have again returned and resumed my old business among them, and am fully prepared to offer them the

Cheapest Stock of Goods

Having been at any other establishment in the City. Having recently lived in the Northern States, and with my old experience in the business of Goods, I am not prepared to say I will sell "below cost," or at a reduction on the original cost, or "at and below New York prices," but that I will sell as cheap, if not cheaper, than any other House, and at a small profit. As my stock was purchased for Cash, consequently I can afford to dispose of articles at a slight advance.

I have now in Store, and am constantly receiving, a choice assortment of

Dry Goods,

Ladies' Trimmings of the latest styles, Linen Table Damask, Linen Diaper, and all kinds of Flannels, Calicoes, brown and bleached Sheetings, black and colored Alpaca, Ladies' and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, &c., &c.

H. M. PHELPS.

March 11, 1867.

Opposite the Court House.

GROVER & BAKER'S

Premium Sewing Machines,

495 Broadway, NEW YORK.

For sale by BREM, BROWN & CO.,

Sept. 30, 1867. 3mdp Charlotte, N. C.

ROBERT P. WARING,

Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Office, 3 doors West of Dewey's Bank, and opposite Carson's new store.

September 2, 1867.

SADDLES AND HARNESS.

Robert Shaw & Son,

Third Door from the Mansion House,

RESPECTFULLY inform the public that they have a large stock of Saddles and Harness on hand, which they offer to the public at low prices.

Anything in the way of SADDLES, HARNESS, Bridles, Martingales,

COLLARS, &c., will be furnished or made to order. As we are regular mechanics, we think it will be to the advantage of all to buy from us. We warrant our work.

REPAIRING neatly executed at short notice and on reasonable terms.

R. SHAW, W. E. SHAW.

Oct 14, 1867.

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Rank and File.

The battle rages in its fury. Let the captured languish, and the wounded die. The fight goes on. What matters? There are yet enough to fight it out to victory.

The record's brief. The field is won. The few who fought successful or escaped unhurt. Receive their laurels, thoughtless what is due To the brave thousands trampled in the dirt.

So on the constant battle-field of life, How many conquer and how few survive The conquest. Few who triumph o'er their strife Or reap a harvest worth the seed they give.

God hides forever from us what we do In the short life he gives us here below. We may not live to read our story through We plant the vine but cannot see it grow.

We sow our seed and die. Time passes on, And when beneath the radiant summer skies The harvest comes to greet us we are gone. Another reaps it, sows again and dies.

But though we perish if in age or prime; Of harvest from our labors we are sure— When God shall ripen it in his good time— That other hands shall garner up its store.

The work and worker both have passed away, Forgotten triumphs and neglected arts, All rest together, with their master clay, Once huddled brains and throbbing, aching hearts.

They fell on watch or fighting in the van, Or in the forlorn hope of some great strife, All nameless in the history of men, The "Rank and File" upon the field of life.

Cooper Shop.

I have removed my Cooper Shop to the one formerly occupied by Mr. Crowell as a wagon shop, near Mr. Jamison's Blacksmith shop, on the street leading by the Court House, where I would be pleased to see all those who desire work done in my line. New work or repairing done at short notice. Give me a call and your work shall be done satisfactorily.

House keepers who want water conveyed through their houses by pipes, will apply to the undersigned.

Oct. 14, 1867. GUS SCHNIDER.

HOTEL FOR RENT.

On Wednesday, the 6th day of November next, I will rent on the premises, in Charlotte, N. C., to the highest bidder, for three years from the first of December, the well known Charlotte Hotel, so long kept by Maj. J. B. Kerr.

Charlotte is a prosperous and rapidly growing city, with but one hotel in the business part of it. For many years two hotels were well sustained, until one man became lessee of both.

The public convenience and business interests of the city imperatively require that this House shall be re-opened. The rents to be paid quarterly, and secured by bond and security.

F. S. DEWOLFE,

Adm'r of J. B. Kerr, dec'd.

Sept. 23, 1867. 6w

C. M. Query's New Store.

FALL AND WINTER GOODS.

A new stock of Fall and Winter Goods is now in Store for sale at reasonable prices.

Ladies Dress Goods, Bonnets, Trimmings, &c., of all descriptions, in large quantities.

Shoes, Hoop Skirts, Gloves, Yankee Notions, and Fancy Goods, in great variety.

Mrs. QUERY would inform her friends that she has spared no pains in selecting her stock of Millinery and Trimmings, and having had a long experience in the business feels satisfied that she can please all who will favor her with a call.

Bonnets and Hats made and trimmed to order, on the most reasonable terms and at shortest notice.

Dresses Cut, Fitted, Trimmed and made on reasonable terms and at short notice.

Our terms are strictly Cash. Our motto is, small profit, and just dealing to all.

October 14, 1867.

Groceries and Confectioneries.

NISBET & MAXWELL

Are now receiving and have in Store a large and well selected stock of Groceries, Confectioneries and Notions, to which we invite the attention of our friends and the public generally. Thanking them for their very liberal patronage heretofore bestowed, we hope by strict personal attention to business to merit a continued share of the same.

Call and examine our goods and prices before purchasing elsewhere, as we are determined to sell goods in our line as cheap as any other house in the city. Country Merchants will find it to their interest to examine our Stock.

Sept. 16, 1867. NISBET & MAXWELL.

Sugar, Coffee and Molasses,

A full Stock of all grades, for sale at

NISBET & MAXWELL'S.

Sole Leather.

1,000 pounds good Sole Leather for sale at

NISBET & MAXWELL'S.

Tobacco, Snuff and Cigars,

Of the best brands, for sale at

NISBET & MAXWELL'S.

Pipes.

A large assortment of common and fancy Pipes, for sale at

NISBET & MAXWELL'S.

Soap.

A large lot of Toilet and Bar Soap, for sale at

NISBET & MAXWELL'S.

Toys and Yankee Notions,

A large assortment, for sale at

NISBET & MAXWELL'S.

Exchange on New York.

Drafts on New York and other Northern cities furnished at par by

CITY BANK OF CHARLOTTE, Trade Street.

Bank Notes.

The highest prices paid for North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Virginia Bank Notes at

CITY BANK OF CHARLOTTE, Trade Street.

Six per cent Interest.

Deposits received subject to sight checks and six per cent interest allowed at

CITY BANK OF CHARLOTTE, Trade Street.

Specie.

Gold and Silver Coin, U. S. Notes, Government Securities and Mutilated Notes of all kinds, bought on liberal terms at

CITY BANK OF CHARLOTTE, Trade Street.

Oct. 7, 1867.

A Texas Heroine.

The subject of the following notice, says the Galveston Citizen, still lives in Fort Bend county, Texas. The incident related is well known to old Texans, but may be new to some of the rising generation or new settlers. We copy from a lecture of Rev. Fontaine, delivered at the Richmond Athenaeum. Speaking of the early history of Texas, he gave an account of Gen. Long's effort to revolutionize this country, in 1891, in which the heroic devotion of a woman is incidentally portrayed, in illustration of the many gallant events which mark the early days of our country's history.

Gen. Long, it will be remembered, served under Gen. Jackson in the Seminole war, and at the battle of New Orleans. He married, when twenty-two years of age, a celebrated beauty and heiress, of Nashville, only sixteen years old. When he formed the design to invade Texas, Mrs. Long entered fully into the plan, and placed at his disposal her immense wealth. With this he armed and equipped 300 men, entered the country, and was everywhere successful. Near the Gulf coast, on Bolivar Point, opposite Galveston, he formed a fortification, where he established his headquarters. He was elected President of the Republic—a full cabinet was appointed and a regular government organized. At that time Irtubide was overrunning Mexico with the design of making himself supreme ruler of the State. Being jealous of the success and power of Gen. Long, he proposed to him, through an agent, that they should unite their forces, which would strengthen their authority, the one over Mexico, the other over Texas. Gen. Long unwisely heeded the traitorous proposition. Before leaving the fort, he assigned to his wife 75 men, with directions to hold the place until his return. He soon after reached the headquarters of Gen. Irtubide, who, as soon as he got possession of his rival, caused him to be assassinated. Time passed on. Mrs. Long heard nothing of the sad fate of her husband. The seventy-five men under her charge became dissatisfied, provisions were exhausted, and they became clamorous to return to the "States." She told them that Gen. Long had directed her to remain until his return, and that she should do so, "dead or alive."

Every man deserted her to retrace their steps to their homes, leaving her with an infant and nurse, a young girl of twelve or fourteen years of age the sole occupants of the fortification. She kept the flag of the stars and stripes floating from the walls—fired the morning and evening salute, and beat the reveille. The Mexicans and Indians thought the place was still garrisoned, and kept at a respectful distance.

A year elapsed and still no tidings of her gallant husband reached her lonely abode. During all this time she subsisted by gathering oysters from the beach and shooting birds that flew about the fort. In 1821, Gen. Austin invaded Texas, and seeing a flag floating from a fortification near the Gulf, supposed that the noted Lafitte had established himself there. He sent in a flag of truce, and what was his surprise to find this place, in the midst of inimical Mexicans and savage Indians, manned by a solitary woman!

NEW FIRM.

W. Boyd & M. D. L. Moody

Have formed a copartnership, and will continue the Grocery, Provision & Commission BUSINESS at the old stand of W. BOYD, in the Springs Building. They will in a short time have a full stock of New Goods as cheap as the cheapest, and as good if not better, than any firm in Charlotte.

They solicit the patronage of new customers as well as the continuance of old friends.

October 14, 1867. BOYD & MOODY.

GREAT ATTRACTION,

Under the Sign of the Elephant.

PRESSON & GRAY

Would respectfully invite their friends and acquaintances and the rest of mankind to call and examine their Stock of Goods before purchasing elsewhere. Their Stock consists of

GROCERIES,

Embracing everything in that line. Also a well selected Stock of

BOOTS AND SHOES, HARDWARE, CUTLERY, CROCKERY, &c.

Also a small and well assorted Stock of

Dry Goods,

And Notions. All of which we will sell as Cheap, if not cheaper, than the Cheapest—our motto being Quick Sales and small Profits.

PRESSON & GRAY.

Charlotte, Oct. 14, 1867.

New Foundry and MACHINE SHOP.

TATEM, ROOKE & CULPEPPER,

PRACTICAL MECHANICS,

Have opened a Foundry, Machine and Blacksmith Shop, at the old stand of J. M. Howie, where they will execute, in the very best style and finish, all work in their line.

They are prepared to make all sorts of CASTINGS for Steam Engines, Mills, Factories, Water-wheels, Cane Mills, Farming Implements, and, in fact, every thing pertaining to their business.

Particular attention will be paid to the REPAIRING of all kinds of Machinery.

All work shall be done in the very best style, with the best Material, and at living prices.

All kinds of work for GOLD MINES executed with skill and dispatch.

Remember, we are practical workmen, and will warrant all our work. Give us a call.

TATEM, ROOKE & CULPEPPER.

October 14, 1867.

NEW BOOT AND SHOE STORE.

I am now receiving from the Manufacturers North the most complete assortment ever offered in this market of Boots and Shoes.

I will sell by the case to Merchants at New York prices, and to the Retail Trade I will sell as low as any one.

I keep Mills' best Shoes for Ladies, Misses and Children, and Gentlemen's Boots of all kinds.

French Calf Skins, American Calf, Pig Skins and Sole Leather of all kinds.

I feel thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore bestowed on me.

Be sure and look for the Green Sign-board.

J. B. MEACHAM.

Between 1st National and Dewey's Bank.

October 14, 1867.

Rags! Rags!

The highest CASH PRICE paid for RAGS at

June 8, 1867. B. KOOPMANN'S.

Chemical Report on the Lepidoptera Striata.

BY PROF. RAINS.

This plant belongs to the Leguminosae order and is embraced in that portion called *Papilionaceae*, or related to the peas and beans in its mode of flowering. It is perennial and grows into a shrub or small bush, having several branches arising immediately from a tap root, having a firm woody fibrous structure, with a rough exterior. These branches, in the older plants, constitute a large proportion of the entire weight or substance, and have at regular intervals, or partial joints, small trefoil leaves. From the junction of these trefoils with the stems arises a single papilionaceous, very small, pink flower, which is succeeded by a single seed or pea, enveloped in an outer husk, supported by a calyx of five rough brown leaflets, enclosing a smooth black tough sack; this contains the dicotyledonous single seed.

Accompanying this report there is a pencil sketch by the camera lucida and microscope of the different parts of the seed, as above described. It will be seen from this that whilst the seed is quite small, it is too large to be wafted away by the winds, and thus distributed throughout the country; whilst the very tough, smooth, black sack which holds each seed would prevent its being digested by the cattle which should browse on the plant, and thus would be carried and dropped in various and numerous places. Some of the seeds would probably also escape whole through the digestive organs of small birds, who probably gather it as food, and thus might be widely disseminated in a comparatively very short space of time.

The plant has a large proportion of the peculiar aromatic substance or essential oil, which imparts the odors of hay and dried grasses, which even in its growing state can be readily perceived and becomes very strong in the process of drying. It is possible that this constituent may possess certain qualities which may make it, at least at first, somewhat disagreeable to cattle, which can only be known by observation, whilst in the older shrubs the rough and tough fibres of the stems may, to a certain extent, irritate their mouths.

From the hasty chemical analysis which I have made of this plant, appended below, it will be perceived that it approaches more nearly to the field pea vine or pea hay in composition than to other vegetables, though it differs from it in having a much larger proportion of most of the inorganic constituents, particularly as regards the phosphoric acid and oxide of iron. The amount of this acid—existing mainly in combination with lime and magnesia—is indeed remarkable, and surpasses most vegetables in this respect. This fact, joined to the large proportion—over 881 per cent—of lime, soluble silica, and other inorganic constituents of plants, cause it to be very exhaustive to the soil whilst growing, and thus will destroy most of the grasses among which it may chance to grow. It will prove highly injurious to growing corn and cotton by abstracting so largely of their sustenance in the soil; whilst at the same time if it can be made palatable and easily of assimilation to cattle, perhaps by being finely cut or boiled, it may prove a nutritious food, yielding a valuable manure.

ANALYSIS OF THE LEPIDOPTERA STRIATA.

(in 1,000 parts of the thoroughly dried plant.)

Potash } 2.50

Soda } 30.00

Lime } 4.00

Magnesia } 1.00

Alumina } 75

Oxide of Iron } 30.94

Silica } 3.00

Sulphuric Acid } 25

Chlorine } 9.00

Phosphoric Acid } 81.44

Amount of Ashes

In addition to the constituents contained in the ashes of the plant as given above, there exists in the green or dried vegetable a notable proportion of Nitrogen, fully equal to that contained in the field pea hay and clover and perhaps more. This element is the important constituent of muscle or the lean portion of meat, as well as the basis of the Alkaloids or medicinal virtues of plants, which exists as the active principles of coffee, tea, tobacco, opium, peruvian bark, &c. Thus the plant under consideration not only possesses a large proportion of the mineral constituents of manures, but also a full share of the nutritious or flesh forming element, and probably a certain proportion of an active alkaloidal principle; whether this last component, if it exists, will prove beneficial, remains to be proved by experience; certain it is that the alkaloids when taken in moderate quantities are valuable stimulants, not restricted to mankind as is generally supposed but also valuable, in the small portions nature has supplied in many vegetables, to cattle and animals of the farm generally.

The young plant is succulent, and in rich soils has a large proportion of leaf like growth; in plants of more than one years growth, the branches or stems become tough and woody, and when used as hay would require fine cutting; such older plants, however, are much richer in mineral constituents and hence more valuable as manures. Their long tap roots extending deeply into the soil draw up from below a rich supply of earthy salts which are stored away in their branches and stems as components, and thus in the manure pile or when turned under by the plough, supply valuable materials to the growing crop. The very strong hay odor which the dried plant emits, might possibly keep away noxious insects from grain in the barn in which it may be stored.

This vegetable appears to have a remarkable capability of adapting itself to all kinds of soils, and hence its constitution must vary accordingly within certain limits.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. W. RAINS.

CURE FOR NEURALGIA.

Common red pepper pods steeped in brandy or whiskey, and the mixture applied with the hand to the parts afflicted, gives almost