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Patent

COTTON PRESS.

THE Subscriber informs his friends and the public in general, that he has invented a new and useful

Machine for Packing Cotton

IN SQUARE BALES.

By the power of a lever acting on a fulcrum, which drives the follower that presses the Cotton into the bale.

The power of this Machine is such, that from 300 to 350 lbs. of Cotton can be pressed into two breadths of 42 inch Bagging, 4 feet 6 inches long, with considerable ease and in a very short time; and 500 lbs. can be pressed into less than 5 yards of the same kind of bagging, by observing the proper process. The superior advantages are clearly manifest, for in addition to the small quantity of bagging required, which certainly is an object, two hands can with ease pack from 10 to 12 bales in one day. The simplicity of this machine, and its superior power, are greatly admired by mechanical artists, and in fact, by all who have seen it. By a mechanical demonstration, it is proven that the power of the Lever and its concomitants are equal if not superior to any, even to the Wedge, if properly applied. From the high and frequent encomiums which have been paid on the invention, the Subscriber is induced to offer it to the public as something worthy of their notice. Any person that may want, can apply to the Subscriber at Halifax, N. C.

Patent letters having been obtained from the proper authorities, all persons are prohibited from making or using the same, without legal right. All infringements will meet with the rigor of the law, made and provided in such cases. Any mechanic wishing to be benefited by the invention, may by paying a moderate sum, secure individual District or State rights; the same are offered to farmers and all others. It is hoped that the certificates annexed, relative to the performance of the press, will be satisfactory, without enumerating others.

LEWIS LAYSSARD.

Halifax, N. C. Aug. 25, 1827. 2-9

SOUTH-CAROLINA, }
City of Columbia. }

I do certify that the Rev. Lewis Laysard has erected a Cotton Press, agreeable to his Patent, at my plantation, fifteen miles above Columbia, and that it has been put in operation as far as packing two bales, and from the report of my overseer, it will pack 100 lbs. of Cotton into a yard of Bagging; that it has been examined by Mr. James Boatwright and Mr. Nathans, two experienced mechanics, who think highly of the mode of packing Cotton.

SAMUEL GREEN, P. M.

Columbia, S. C. April 6, 1827.

SOUTH CAROLINA, }
Lancaster District. }

I do hereby certify that Lewis Laysard, of Halifax county, North-Carolina, has built for me a new invented Cotton Press, the performance of which Press on a fair trial so far surpasses my expect-

tations, and also that of any invention I have ever seen or heard of, in the act of nice performance of packing Cotton, that I feel it my duty to recommend to the public for their advantage, the above described presses. Witness my hand, the 22d June, 1827. A. COIEL.

The public are informed that the Subscriber has constituted Mr. F. S. Marshall, of the town of Halifax, N. C. his agent for the states of Virginia and North-Carolina—and Mr. John Workman, of Camden, S. C. his agent for the districts of Lancaster, Fairfield, Darlington, Chester, Chesterfield and York, in South-Carolina, from whom Rights may be obtained.

LEWIS LAYSSARD.

Extract from an advertisement of Mr. Workman.

"He deems it unnecessary for him to bestow any encomiums upon this improvement in the art of compressing Cotton. Suffice it to say, that the ease and cheapness with which it can be erected, and the small force required to work it, are sufficient to recommend it; saying nothing of its superior power and durability."

BACON;

Corn, Herrings, &c.

THE Subscriber has for sale low for Cash, Bacon, Corn, Herrings, Flour, and Lard—3 or 4 boxes of Hats—

ALSO, A GOOD

Assortment of course Shoes.

The above articles being on consignment, and sold entirely for Cash, persons wishing to purchase would probably be able to buy them cheaper than at any other house in this place.

They are therefore respectfully solicited to call upon

JAS. SIMMONS.

Halifax, 12th July, 1827.

Notice.

WILL BE SOLD, at Mount Prospect, on the 22d September next,

A likely young Negro Girl,

Belonging to the estate of Zachariah Manor, dec'd. An indulgence of six months will be given the purchaser, on his executing a bond with responsible security for the purchase money.

J. J. PHILLIPS, Adm'r.

Aug. 30, 1827. 2-4

\$10 Reward.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber, living 3 miles south of Mount Prospect, N. C. on the 13th August last, negro LUKE, about 50 years old, 6 feet high, and dark complexion. It is deemed unnecessary to give a further description of him, as he is well known in Halifax and Edgecombe counties, as a house carpenter and millwright. Luke is supposed to be lurking in the neighborhood of Wm. Sturdivant, near Hill's Bridge; in Halifax county, where he has a wife, or, in the neighborhood of Mrs. Elizabeth Porter, in this county, where he formerly lived. I have also understood that he has been in the habit of visiting the upper part of Halifax county, near Blake Baker's. He has recently been seen in this county, with a broadax, and then said he was in search of work. The above reward will be given to any person who will deliver said negro to me, or confine him in any jail so that I get him again.

EDWIN L. MOORE.

Sept. 13, 1827 4-3

\$25 Reward.



RANAWAY from the Subscriber, on the 23d of July last, a negro boy named GEORGE; he is about 17 or 18 years of age, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches in height, dark color, a pert lively look, and in speaking is apt to stutter a little; he has lost most of his fore teeth, and has two or three distinct scars on his throat, occasioned by a rising some time since. Said boy was purchased about 18 months since, from Mr. Mathew Cluff, of Norfolk, at which place he was raised, but has frequently been to Elizabeth-City, in this State, and the boy said that he had been several times at sea. I expect that he will attempt to get either to Elizabeth-City or Norfolk. A reward of **Twenty-Five Dollars** will be given to any person who will apprehend said boy and lodge him in any jail, so that I can get him again. Masters of vessels and all other persons are hereby forbid harboring, employing, or carrying off said boy, under the penalty of the law.

SAMUEL FARMER.

Edgecombe County, N. C. } 3-3
Septem. 4, 1827. }

The Norfolk Herald and Elizabeth-City Star will please give the above three insertions, and forward the account to this office for collection.

Look Out !!

THE Subscriber feels it incumbent on him to caution the public against the arts of a genteel Swindler, who in the early part of March last visited this place under the name of B. W. BIRGE, and acted in the following manner:—he arrived in the stage from Norfolk, and being desirous to get a private conveyance to Raleigh, was directed to apply to me; at his earnest request, I furnished a horse and gig with a negro boy, who was to return with the gig. On leaving the Hotel he informed the Bar-keeper that he would pay the amount of his bill to me—and on his arrival at my house, he told me that he had sent home a \$100 U. S. bank note, which he pretended he wanted to get changed, and which I proffered to do at my house—and said he would send the amount of my bill with my boy on his return. I gave the boy \$3 75, to bear his expenses—this said Birge took in his possession; when the boy returned from Raleigh, he informed me that Birge only expended 50 cents on the horse between this place and Raleigh, and it was with some difficulty he could get seventy-five cents from him to bear his expenses back—the boy also said that Birge first endeavored to persuade him to go on to Salisbury, and finding this ineffectual, he tried to force him. Before Birge started, he enquired if I would sell the horse, and my price—on the return of the boy the only thing sent by him was the following letter:

"RALEIGH, March 9, 1827.

"Mr. Shurley—Dear Sir: I arrived in this place last evening, and am happy to inform you that your horse has proved to be one of the best that I ever drove—and if there is any way that you can send him to me at New-York, I will pay you one hundred and thirty dollars for him, which is ten more than the price you named, and that will make the amount even between us, being the balance due for the use of him. Any person going to the north, would be glad of the opportunity to take him on—and I hope you will not fail to send him, and you may depend on receiving the cash for him by the first mail after he is delivered to me in U. States money. Should you not send him, please write me at New-York, and I will send you the balance due immediately on receipt of your letter. Yours with respect,

"B. W. BIRGE."

The public would do well to be on their guard, as the said Birge is a man of prepossessing appearance, and is well calculated to deceive the unsuspecting.

HENRY SHURLEY.

Tarborough, Sept. 12, 1827.

Cotton Yarn.

THE Proprietor of the Factory now in operation at the Falls of Tar River, respectfully informs his friends and the public, that he has now on hand a large quantity of

COTTON YARN,

Of all the numbers from 4 to 20, but principally of the coarser numbers; which he is disposed to sell low for Cash, or in exchange for good Cotton. His machinery is in part new, and all in thorough repair, and superintended by an experienced and skilful manager; and he thinks his Yarn may be recommended as equal to any in the United States.

JOEL BATTLE.

Falls of Tar River, } 3-12
Aug. 30, 1827. }

Announcement of the Drawing.

COHEN'S OFFICE—114, Market-st. }
Baltimore, August 6th, 1827. }

We have the pleasure to announce that the drawing of the

GRAND

Literature Lottery,

Of the State of Maryland, will take place in the City of Baltimore, on Wednesday the 17th of October, and will be completed on that day—This Lottery is the most brilliant in the United States; containing, besides the Capitals of 20,000 DOLLS. and 10,000 DOLLS. no less than TEN prizes of TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS each!

SCHEME:

1 prize of	\$20,000	is	\$20,000
1 prize of	10,000	is	10,000
10 prizes of	2,000	is	20,000
10 prizes of	1,000	is	10,000
10 prizes of	500	is	5,000
20 prizes of	200	is	2,000
20 prizes of	100	is	2,000
40 prizes of	50	is	2,000
100 prizes of	20	is	2,000
150 prizes of	10	is	1,500
300 prizes of	5	is	1,500
9000 prizes of	4	is	36,000

9662 prizes, amounting to \$114,000
Subject to the usual deduction of fifteen per cent.

The Cash for the whole of the Prizes can be had at COHEN'S OFFICE, the moment they are drawn.

Whole Tickets,	-	\$5 00
Halves,	-	2 50
Quarters,	-	1 25
Eighths,	-	0 62½

Orders from any part of the United States, either by mail (post paid) or private conveyance, enclosing the Cash or Prize Tickets in any of the Lotteries, will meet the same prompt and punctual attention as if on personal application.

Address to

J. I. COHEN, Jr. & BROTHERS,
Aug. 6, 1827. Baltimore.

Dr. Good, in his book of nature, tells us that there is iron enough in the blood of forty-two men to make a plough share—weighing, generally from 22 to 24 pounds. This is a singular proposition; but as the learned doctor is a gentleman of high respectability, and scientific research, it deserves a ready credit. We should like to know the quantity of brass which is incorporated into the system, either in blood or bone, of some individuals.

Gazette.