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Will attend promptly and diligently to collecting and settling all claims intrusted to his care.
Special attention given to the writing of Deeds, Conveyances, &c.
During hours of business, may be found in the Court House, Room No. 1, adjoining the clerk's office.
January 10, 1860.

J. A. FOX,
Attorney at Law,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
GENERAL COLLECTING AGENT.
Office at the Court House, 1 door to the left, down stairs.

Wm. J. Kerr,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
Will practice in the County and Superior Courts of Mecklenburg, Union and Cabarrus counties.
Office in the Beasley building opposite Kerr's Hotel.
January 24, 1860.

J. M. MILLER, M. D.,
Practitioner of Medicine and Surgery,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
May 10th, 1860. Office opposite Kerr's Hotel.

ROBERT GIBBON, M. D.,
PRACTITIONER OF MEDICINE
AND
OPERATIVE SURGERY.
Office No. 2 Lewis's corner, CHARLOTTE, N. C.
December 14, 1859.

JAS. T. DAVIS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
CHARLOTTE, N. C.
Will practice in the Courts of Mecklenburg and the adjoining counties.
The collection of claims promptly attended to.
March 14, 1859.

LEE & KERR,
ATTORNEYS AND COUNSELLORS AT LAW,
AND SOLICITORS IN CHANCERY,
Memphis, Tennessee.
Office over the Gayson Bank, on the Corner of Main and Madison Streets.
CHANCERY—4th Monday in May and Nov.
CRIMINAL—2d Monday in Jan., May and September.
COMMON LAW—1st Monday in March, July and Nov'r.
CRIMINAL—2d Monday in February, June and October.
GRANTLANDS CHURCH COURT, AKE—2d Monday in May and November.
Jan. 3d, 1860.

R. W. BECKWITH
Has constantly on hand
WATCHES, JEWELRY, PLATED WARE, &c.
Of the best English and American manufacturers.
Call and examine his stock before purchasing elsewhere.
Watch crystals put in for 25 cents each.
November 8, 1859.

RANKIN & MARTIN
Commission Merchants,
Wilmington, N. C.
ROBT. C. RANKIN. ALFRED MARTIN.
Aug. 30, 1859.

PEA MEAL.
We keep at our Steam Flouring Mill in this place Pea Meal for feeding cows and stock. Also, we have on hand at all times, Family, Extra, Superior and coarse Flour. We warrant our family flour.
Corn Meal and Grits can always be had at the mill.
J. WILKES & CO.
April 19, 1859.

COTTON SAW GINS.
Of the best quality, with to iron saws, moveable-chilled ribs and timed brush, and all other necessary improvements—delivered at any Railroad station in the State at \$2 per saw. These Grits took the premium at the S. C. State Fair in 1858 and 1859.
Planters wishing to purchase Grits of the subscriber, will do well to send their orders early, as there is generally a crowd of work late in the season.
March 20, 1860, 6m J. M. ELLIOTT, C. Willsburg, S. C.

PROPERTY FOR SALE IN Lenoir, N. C.
The undersigned wishing to move West, offers for sale his Town Property, consisting of Three Lots, one of which is a large and commodious building and all necessary out-houses. The others are well improved, one on an orchard of choice fruit, on the other a good Spring. Also, 8 acres of land near the village (part in cultivation). He offers also 350 acres of land in Watuga county, near a good turpentine, being one of the best stock farms in the county.
Lenoir is a beautiful Mountain Village, 18 miles from the W. N. C. Railroad. A tri-weekly stage line passes from Lincolnton, N. C., via Hickory Station and Lenoir to Abington, Va. Convenient Female College and Finley High School, both well conducted and successful institutions, are situated in the place. Any one wishing to buy will get a bargain by applying early to the subscriber at Lenoir, Caldwell co., N. C.
June 10th, 1860, W. G. GAITHER.

Immense Attraction! AT THE Great Clothing Emporium OF FILLINGS, SPRINGS & CO.

They are now opening at their large and capacious Store Room, the HANDSOMEST and CHEAPEST Stock of Ready-made Clothing ever offered in the State. Their stock comprises all the different kinds of Fancy Cut Linen and Merceries Business Suits, English and French Drap d'Ete and Alpaca Frocks and Suits; a large variety of Cassimere Pants—Fancy and Black; also, Fancy and Black Silk, Cassimere and Merceries Vests in endless variety.

Gent's Furnishing Goods,
Trunks, Valises, Hats and Caps, &c., &c. All of the above goods are of the latest styles and patterns.

MANUFACTURING DEPARTMENT.
FILLINGS, SPRINGS & CO. have also added to their Ready-made Clothing Stock, a Merchant-Tailoring Department, to which they call the special attention of their many friends and customers.

They intend making this department second to none in the State, either in style and quality of Goods, or in the manufacture of Garments.

At all times will be found a good stock of Black and colored Cloths, English, French and American Cassimere, and a variety of Vestings. Also, an assortment of Rock Island Cassimere.

They feel confident of their ability to undersell any other house in the State, from the advantages they have in getting their goods.

Their goods are bought by the quantity, by one of the Firm who resides in the Northern markets, which gives him the opportunity of taking advantage of the prices of goods, thereby saving at least Twenty-five per cent to the consumer.

Dimes saved are Dollars made! So try us.
F. FILLINGS,
J. M. SPRINGS,
J. M. P. HEATH.

April 10, 1860.

Large Arrivals OF SPRING & SUMMER GOODS, AT KOOPMANN & PHELPS'

They have received and are receiving a large stock of **Dry Goods,** Millinery and Ladies' Dress Goods in endless variety, suitable for the Spring and Summer trade.

Particular attention is called to their assortment of **Lace Shawls, Points and Mantillas.** They have a LARGER STOCK OF FINE GOODS than they have ever kept before.

A complete assortment of Goods, Cashimeres and Vestings always on hand, which will be made to order at the shortest notice.
Shop three doors south of the Mansion House.
Sept. 27, 1859.

\$100 REWARD!
RAN AWAY from the subscriber on the 1st October, a mulatto boy named SOLOMON. He is near six feet high, about thirty years old, tolerably bright, rather slim, and weighs about 175 pounds. He has a down look when spoken to. The end of the forefinger of his left hand has been cut off, and a sharp hard knot has grown on the end of it. I think he is lurking about Rocky River, in the lower end of Cabarrus county, where he was raised. All persons are forewarned not to harbor or assist him, under the penalty of the law. I will pay the above reward for his delivery to me, or his apprehension and confinement in any jail so I can get him.
WILLIAM HAMILTON,
Negro Head Depot, Union Co., N. C.
April 9, 1860.

TAXES.
The TAX LISTS for the year 1859 are now in my hands for inspection. Those liable to pay Taxes will please come forward and settle.
E. C. GRIER, Sheriff.
April 3, 1860.

Roofing, Guttering and Job Work,
Of all kinds, promptly attended to at
TAYLOR'S Hardware Store,
Opposite the Mansion House.

MANSION HOUSE
The undersigned having taken the above well-known and favorite Hotel, begs leave to inform the patrons of the house and the traveling public that he is repairing and refurbishing it and has made several changes which will add to comfort as a home and public resort. No effort shall be spared on the part of himself or assistants to render sojourners pleasant and comfortable.
H. B. WILLIAMS,
Charlotte, January 10, 1860.

**ANOTHER SOUTHERN MOVEMENT
CUBAN SEGAR MANUFACTORY.**
Segars and Tobacco Leaf direct from Cuba.

JOHN S. WILEY has returned to Charlotte from Cuba, where he bought a large and varied assortment of SEGARS, SNUFF, TOBACCO, &c., for this market, and is now opening some celebrated brands of Segars, among which may be found the following:
El Rico Habano, Mocha El Lillito, Rio Heodoro, Luchas's Golden, Flor del Tumas.

He manufactures Segars from the best Havana Tobacco, and keeps the best Smoking and chewing Tobacco, Lynchburg and Turkish Brands; Macabao, Rappee and three Scotch Snuffs; Powhatan Pipes; Snuff Boxes, Matches, Blacking, &c.; Meershaun Segar Holders and Pipes.
He respectfully invites the public to call next door to the Mansion House.
January 3, 1860.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
A song, a song for public schools,
Our people's proudest glory,
And while we sing, the nation's stars
Grow brighter at the story.
And higher floats those restless folds,
And higher still we follow;
And scorn a name whose only sound,
Like ringing gold, is hollow.
Then free as air shall knowledge be,
An open window's portal,
To every thirsty, earnest soul,
Who longs to be immortal.
Here rich and poor stand side by side
To quaff her purest chalice,
And never dream that deathless names
Belong to cot or palace.

The light of truth shall guide us on,
When glory lies before us,
"High Mikes, Might" emblazoned on
The banner waving o'er us.
A song, a loud exultant song,
Shall ring from sea to prairie,
And tell the world that mind, not gold,
Shall make our stations vary.

NEGROES WANTED.
I will pay good prices for fifteen or twenty YOUNG NEGROES.
Aug. 14, 1860. 2m ROBT. F. DAVIDSON.

NOTICE.
The valuable property, formerly the residence of R. P. Waring, Esq., containing about seven acres, will be sold on Tuesday of October Court if not sold privately before that time. Persons wishing to buy or examine, will call upon
W. A. OWENS, Attorney.
Aug. 7, 1860. 12-111

Valuable Town Property For Sale.
The Trustees will offer for Sale, at the Public Square in Charlotte, on the 14th of November next, (being Tuesday of Superior Court,) if not sold privately before, the CIRCUIT PARSONAGE, located in a pleasant portion of said town. There is a Kitchen, Stable, &c., on the premises. Persons desiring to purchase valuable Town Property would do well to examine this before the day of sale.
Terms easy and made known on the day of sale. The property will be shown by Mr. J. J. Beryhill to any one desiring to visit it.
Aug. 21, 1860. 26-4 THE TRUSTEES.

Hardware!! Hardware!!
A. A. N. M. TAYLOR
RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and the public generally, that he has added to his extensive stock of Hardware, consisting in part as follows:

Carpenters' Tools.
Circular, mill, crosscut, hand, ripper, panel, pruning, grafting, tenon, back, compass, web, and batcher SAWES; Braces and bits, Tread Knives, Chisels, Augers, Gimbets, Planes, Hatchets and Axes; Bitch, plastering, and pointing Tools; Saw-setters, Screw-plates, Stocks and dies, Planes of all kinds, Spoke-shaves, Steel-blade bevel and try Squares; Spirit Levels, Pocket Levels, Spirit level Vials, boring machines, Groggers, and in fact everything a mechanic wants, in great variety and at very low prices, at TAYLOR'S Hardware Store and Tin-ware Depot, opposite the Mansion House, Charlotte, N. C.
May 29, 1860. 11

Blacksmith's Tools.
Such as Bellows, Anvils, Vices, hand and slide Hammers, Battresses, Farriers' Knives, Screw-plates, Stocks and dies, Blacksmith's Placers and Tongs, Rasps and Files of every kind, Cut horseshoe and clinch Nails, Borax; Iron of all sizes, both of northern and county manufacture; cast, pig, blister and spring Steel; &c., for sale very cheap.
TAYLOR'S, opposite the Mansion House.

AT TAYLOR'S you can find the largest assortment of Cutlery, Guns and Pistols, of all the celebrated makes.
GLASS, of all sizes and qualities—both French and American. Also, Patty by the keg or pound.
WOODEN WARE, Brooms, &c., of all kinds.

Rope!! Rope!!
5,000 pounds of Manila, Jute and Cotton Rope, from 1 inch to 2 inches, at TAYLOR'S Hardware Store, Opposite the Mansion House.

Carriage Materials.
He would call special attention to his stock of the above goods, consisting of Springs, Axles, Hubs, Bows, Spokes, Shafts, Curtain frames, Knobs, Bands, Lining Nails, Damask, Sattinet, Cloths, Laces, Fringes, Embeleded and Patent Leather, Enamelled and Gilt Cast Iron, Paints of all kinds, dry and in oil; Varnish, Turpentine, Linseed Oil, Tyre and oval Iron, Bolts, and everything in the way of Carriage Trimmings, at prices that cannot fall to please, at the Hardware Depot of
A. A. N. M. TAYLOR,
Opposite the Mansion House.

Tin and Janned Ware,
A large assortment; Block Tin, Block Zinc, Tin Plate, Babbit metal, &c.
Stoves, the largest Stock, of all sizes, at TAYLOR'S Hardware Store and Tin-ware Depot, opposite Mansion House.

Agricultural Implements of all kinds.
Straw Cutters, Corn Shellers, Plows, Hoeks, Shovels, Spades, Forks, Axes, Picks, Mattocks, Grabbing Hoes, Trace Chains, Wagon Chains, Log Chains, Pruning and Hedge Shears, Fringing and Grinding Knives, garden Hoes and Rakes, wheelbarrows, Grain Cradles, grain, grass and brier Scythes, Bush Hooks, Wagon boxes; Hollow ware, such as pots, ovens and lids, skillis, spiders, stew-pans and kettles, Cauldrons from 20 to 120 gallons each; Iron and brass Preserving Kettles, Sheep Shears, &c., at TAYLOR'S Hardware Depot, opposite the Mansion House.

Ludlow's Celebrated Self-Sealing Cans, of all the different sizes, at TAYLOR'S Hardware Store, opposite Mansion House.

State of N. Carolina, Lincoln Co.
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, July Session, 1860.
Daniel Shuford vs. Osborne Wells.
Judicial Attachment—Laid on Lots Nos. 27 and 28, S. E. Square of Lincolnton.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Defendant is not a resident of this State; it is therefore ordered that publication be made for six weeks in the Western Democrat notifying the said defendant to be and appear at the next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Lincoln, at the Court House in Lincolnton, on the 8th Monday after the 4th Monday in August next; and there to show cause if any he has why the land levied on shall not be continued to satisfy Plaintiff's debt and costs.
Witness, W. R. Clark, Clerk of said Court, at office in Lincolnton, the 2nd Monday in July, A. D. 1860, and in the 80th year of the Independence of said State.
W. R. CLARK, C. C.
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The Western Democrat.

A correspondent at one of the Virginia Springs writes as follows:
"There is not, as I am informed, as much display and costly apparel this season as usual. The most of the ladies do not seem to be dressing for show, nor spending most of their time in showing the wardrobe. Some few are here who though probably seeking health, are not much concerned about it after all. If they are, certainly during half the night and sleeping half the day afterwards, is a very poor way to keep what health we have, much less of gaining more. The fact is, according to my way of thinking, (I suppose many of your readers think otherwise,) this bowing and scraping, forwarding and backing for hours amidst the dust of a ball-room, is not the most rational, innocent and hospitable exercise for young or old. I hope, at least, the time will soon come when the polka and waltz will be generally ignored."

From the Richmond Examiner.
SURGICAL OPERATION.
About a year since a young man named Ermbert, living in Wilmington, N. C., was assailed at night by ruffians and severely cut on the head with a knife, besides nearly having his arm separated from his body in two places. The wound in the head proved the most disastrous, as it left a puncture and a depressed fracture, and paralysis, epilepsy, and idiotcy supervened. Thus was a strong, powerful and intelligent man rendered one of the most pitiable in the list of casualties—a semi-paralyzed epileptic idiot. After being subjected to the experience of nine surgeons of Wilmington, two of whom most judiciously advised trepanning, and the remaining seven opposed the operation, the father of the young man brought him on to Richmond to consult Prof. Gibson, who performed the operation of trepanning on Monday, assisted by Dr. Cullen, and one or two other assistants.

Now, before the operation commences, imagine the condition of the patient—the idiotic expression of the eye; the palsied, nerveless hand; the shrunken features; the pale and hollow cheek—evidencing to the beholder only an intensity of suffering. The operation begins. The bone is laid bare by a crucial incision, and after a very little loss of blood from hemorrhage, the trephine is anxiously applied, down it goes until it touches the dura mater, and—blessed result!—on the withdrawal of the instrument, reason has again resumed her seat of the idiotic state has fled, the natural hand resumed its usual facial expression, his varying but conscious way!

Dr. Gibson having a keen appreciation for the feelings of the young man's father, brought him into the room, and on his approach a flood of tears poured down the cheeks of the son on recognizing his father, which he did by an eager grasp with the now intelligent eye. The old man could not speak for joy—tears of thankfulness relieved him; but words could not express his gratitude. The brain was relieved the moment the depressed portion of the inner table was removed. Prof. Gibson's long and justly celebrated as one of the most delicate and skillful operative surgeons in the United States.

Look out for Counterfeit Bills.—\$20 bank bills, purporting to be on "The Merchants and Planters' Bank of Georgia" are said to be in circulation. They bear the signatures of the President and Cashier of the Merchants and Planters' Bank of Savannah. There is no such institution in the State of Georgia as "The Merchants and Planters' Bank of Georgia." The signatures are said to be badly executed, and the plate entirely different from that used by "The Merchants and Planters' Bank."—*Asheville Spectator.*

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH.—The grand enterprise of the Episcopal Church in the South begins already to assume a tangible form. It is only a few years back that the project was started, and now over \$600,000 have been subscribed and paid in, ten thousand acres together have been purchased at Advance Mountain, Tennessee, and ten Dioceses are represented in the corporation. One wing of the building is to be constructed as a gallery of art, the lower story of which is to be used as an Academy of Design. Designs are invited from architects in all parts of the United States.

State of N. Carolina, Mecklenburg Co.
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—July Term, 1860.
Mary T. Barnett vs. James M. Barnett, Robert S. Barnett and William A. Barnett.
Petition for Dower.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the defendants in this case do not reside in this State, it is therefore ordered by the court that publication be made in the Western Democrat, a newspaper published in the town of Charlotte, notifying said defendants to be and personally appear before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions at the next Court to be held for said county, at the Court House in Charlotte, on the 4th Monday of October next, then and there to answer the petition of Mary T. Barnett for dower in the lands of her deceased husband, R. F. Barnett, and to stand to and abide by the proceedings had in said court in relation thereto.
Witness, W. K. Reid, clerk of said court at office in Charlotte, the 4th Monday of July, 1860, and in the 85th year of American Independence.
W. K. REID, Clerk.

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Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—July Term, 1860.
Rebecca Trout vs. W. K. Reid.
Rule upon Defendant to pay to Plaintiff moneys in his hand.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Jas. Trout, husband of the plaintiff in this case, is not an inhabitant of this State, but resides beyond the limits of the same, it is therefore ordered by the Court that publication be made in conformity to law in the Western Democrat, a newspaper published in the town of Charlotte, notifying said James Trout to be and personally appear before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, at the Court to be held for said county, at the Court House in Charlotte, on the 4th Monday of October next. Then and there to show cause if any he can, why the said estate shall not be made absolute.
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THE ABOLITION PLOT IN TEXAS AND OTHER STATES.

New Orleans dates have been received, containing Texas news.
New events had been occurring in various parts of that State, adding considerably to the excitement already existing there.
Among other things, it is stated that a man named Levee had been arrested on the charge of being concerned in the burning of the town of Henderson, and that the proof is almost positive against him.

The people are driving from the upper counties of the State every individual the least suspected of Abolitionism.

The town of Mount Vernon has been destroyed by incendiaries, one of whom was caught and hung. A plan to burn Sulphur Springs had been discovered. A slave negro preacher acknowledged that he and others had set apart a certain time to burn all the dwellings in the place, and commit other depredations, and then, in case they could not whip out the whites, they were to take all the horses they could lay their hands on, and fly to the Indian nation.

An attempt was made to burn Indianola, but it was discovered in time to prevent a serious loss.
The Crockett Argus says that considerable excitement exists in that and the adjoining county of Anderson. Several barns and one dwelling had been burned. These acts of the incendiaries were directly traced to negroes.

A white man implicated with the negroes had been hung near Ione.
A plot to burn and destroy had been discovered among the negroes in Tyler Prairie.
Various persons, had been ordered to leave the State.

Vigilance Committees were continually forming.
Alabama.
SERVILE INSURRECTION.—A most diabolical plot has been discovered with our negro population, contemplating the destruction of Talladega, the massacre of the citizens, and the ravaging of the surrounding country. The plan is extensive, deep laid and has been on hands some months. Suspicion was first aroused to the fact as much as three or four weeks since, but nothing was known of its extent or exact character, until about a fortnight since, when the plot was disclosed to the Messrs. Lane, by one of their negroes. This led to the examination of other negroes, who, upon being separately examined, testified to the same result. The concurrent testimony of many other slaves, subsequent to this, gives us the moral conviction that our citizens have been sleeping with all the barbarous calamities of a servile insurrection hanging over us.

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CHINESE IN CALIFORNIA.

Mode of Administering a Judicial Oath.
On the 11th of July a batch of Celestials were arraigned before Judge Creaner, in the District Court of Sonora, Tuolumne County, for the murder of one of their countrymen at Big Oak Flat, some months since. The Sonora Democrat thus describes a striking scene in Court during the trial:
When the witnesses were placed upon the stand, considerable difficulty was experienced with regard to their taking the required oath. The interpreter, an intelligent Chinaman, who took the obligation in the usual form—informed the Court that in order to administer an impressive oath to the witnesses, it would be necessary to conform to the custom of the Chinese, which was by cutting chicken's heads off and going through certain other ceremonies, such as burning paper, candles, &c. This announcement, and it was confessed, rather staggered the Court. Judge Creaner had never before been called on to do anything of the kind, although he had seen ten years' active service on the bench in California, and it was somewhat of a poser with him how to go about it. Finally, after being satisfied that by no other means could they be made to understand the solemnity and import of an oath, the requisite number of chickens were ordered, and pretty soon they made themselves heard in Court.

Then followed a scene which attracted the attention of all, and which we shall not soon forget. The chickens were taken out on the balcony of the court room, and there the half dozen witnesses repaired, after each received a piece of marked yellow paper, about the size of a man's hand. On the railing of the balcony, four colored candles—each six inches in length—were lighted, on the right and left of which were bundles of thin sticks, (we believe they are called Joststicks,) also on fire.

Pretty soon, after all the preliminaries had been satisfactorily arranged, one of the Chinamen stepped forward, and, after mumbling over some words, the exact meaning of which we failed to comprehend, knelt upon one leg, seized hold of a chicken with one hand and a hatchet with the other, and in a twinkling dealt the former a blow across the neck, which put an end to its earthly career. Then rising, immediately after the consummation of the bloody act, he bowed reverently three times before the lighted altar, which probably represented his Jost, lighted his yellow paper, cast it on the floor, and retired. Another came forward and went through the same operation, each sacrificing a chicken, until the whole number were thus sworn to tell "the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth," so help them Jost. After this ceremony was over, the witness proceeded to the witness stand, with a loud and loud jargon than is general in the Court. All this joshing was very funny and very novel to the "outside barbarians," who seemed to refresh it greatly, although John was in no wise disconcerted at their eager curiosity and derisive smiles. It was one of the scenes which are not witnessed every day, even in California, and we doubt whether in any other State of the American Union, such a proceeding has ever transpired. Truly may it be said, that our people enjoy many sights to which their brethren of the Atlantic States are entire strangers.

CROPS.—The wheat crop in this part of the state was very light, in many cases almost a total failure. The drought in July and August was very hard on corn, and greatly damaged all upland crops. The bottoms look fine and will yield well. The sweet potato crop is promising well, and there will be plenty of good hay made. —*Salis Watch.*

THE LAW OF EVIDENCE.—There is now before the House of Lords in England, a bill introduced by Lord Brougham, to amend the law of evidence, some notice of which may interest the profession here. It is proposed by this measure, to enable all defendants in criminal cases, as is done in civil, to give evidence for themselves, on oath, in cases of misdemeanor, in which the prosecutor himself is examined, the condition being that they must also submit to cross-examination, and to prosecution for perjury, if they make any false statement. There is every prospect that this bill will be passed this session.

AN UNMUTATED BRUTE.—A man named Patrick Connell was arrested in New York, recently, for beating his mother, a crime he had already served one year in the penitentiary for. The Express says:
When arraigned before the Captain's desk, Connell broke away from the officer and dealt his mother a powerful blow in the face with his fist, knocking her to the floor where she remained in a state of insensibility for nearly a quarter of an hour. While the poor woman thus lay before the grotesque scamp, he assailed her in the most foul and disgusting manner, calling her all the vile and disgusting names imaginable. Subsequently, when before Justice Kelley, Connell threatened that if his mother sent him up for this assault, he would murder her if he got out again. And addressing his mother, the wretch said, "get you a coffin made and buy a rope for me, for I will certainly kill you, if I hang for it." As soon as the complaint was perfected the despicable young rascal was committed to the Tombs for trial.

THE FOLLOWING will be valuable to persons desiring to master nautical terms with the view of making sea-faring a profession:
A noise was heard on deck, the dog-watch spring from his cabins, seized the gig-walk, and laying over the dead eyes of the booby, made him skin up the bow-sprit, catch hold of the sky scraper, which he used so freely on the keelson that he rubbed off the shoe of the anchor, which was caught by the cut barrows, who commented to spanker with the top sailed its way, grabbing the mosey's tail, which knocked a Jew's eye out of the Turk's head, caught the ship around the waist with one hand, boxed the compass with the other, till the cook cried, and the captain applied the beeches of the foresail to the inflamed eye of the astonished cook.

A man of a philosophical temperament resembles a cucumber; for although he may be completely cut up, he still remains cool.

ABOLITION PLOT IN SELMA.—The following startling news (says the Montgomery Mail) comes to us from a perfectly reliable source:
SELMA, ALA., August 20.—There is great excitement here while I write. A yellow man named Milton, belonging, I believe, to Dr. Gee, and who stays at the Gee House, in this city, was taken up about half an hour since as an accomplice in the insurrectionary conspiracy in this section. Milton has heretofore borne an irreproachable character in this city.

The Mayor has issued a call for a meeting of the citizens of Selma, to take immediate action on the subject. Considerable excitement prevails among the community. There is now no doubt of the existence of a diabolical scheme to incite insurrection in this section. It behooves all to be strictly upon their guard.

In the "first circles" no one speaks of perspiring any more; what was once called "sweating," and recently "perspiring" is now the "suffering a diminution of the tissues by evaporation."