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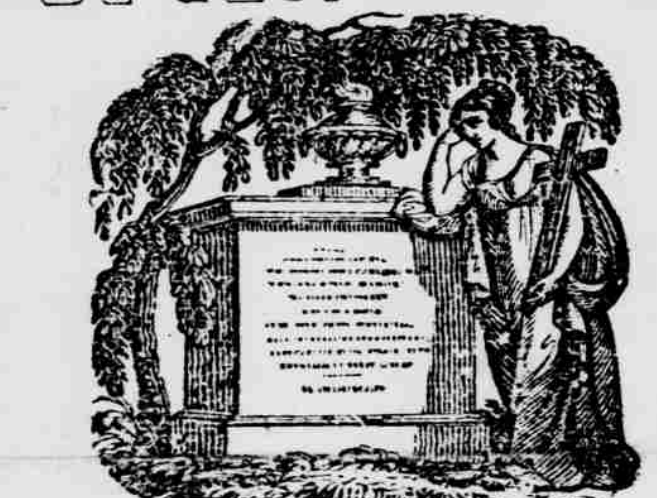
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For any quantity over 6 quires, 60 cts per quire.

MARBLE FACTORY.
BY GEO. LAUDER.



Nearly opposite to E. W. Wilkings' Auction Store.
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
Oct. 1, 1851—Y

The largest Stock of Goods ever offered by us.
We are now receiving much the LARGEST STOCK of

Dry Goods,
Hats, Caps and Bonnets, Shoes,
Boots, Umbrellas, &c.

Ever offered by us in this place, to which we particularly invite the attention of Merchants, as we are determined not to be undersold.
STARR & WILLIAMS.
Aug. 28, 1852. 705-11

D. & W. McLAURIN
Have just received, in addition to their former Stock,

100 kegs Nails,
10 hds. Sugar,
20 hds. granulated ditto,
60 bags Coffee,
50 pieces Diaper Bagging,
7 bales Gunny Cloth,
45 coils Rope,
6 tons Sweets and English Iron,
50 kegs pure and extra White Lead,
50 boxes Window Glass,
45 bags Dry and Buck Shot,
25 kegs FFG Powder.
Also, Lard and Crushed Sugars,
Bar and Fancy Soaps,
Mackerel, in barrels and half barrels,
Cheese, spice, pepper, ginger, nutmeg,
madder, Spanish brown, salts, saltpetre, saleratus,
nutmegs, mace, cloves, yeast powders, sperm
candles, &c., with a general assortment of
DRY GOODS.
BOOTS & SHOES, HARDWARE & CUTLERY.
We offer the above Goods at low prices, for
cash or good paper.
D. & W. McLAURIN.
September 18, 1852.

FLORAL COLLEGE.
The exercises of this Institution will commence on Monday the 17th January 1853.
The liberal patronage extended to this School has induced the Trustees to increase the facilities of Education, by adding to the present efficient Faculty, two Ladies of high literary attainments.
Miss Drew, a Lady of experience and extended reputation in the science of Music, will take charge of this department of instruction.
Miss Miller, a Lady of high intellectual attainments, will act as assistant Teacher in the Literary course.
As to healthiness, this school has been in operation about twelve years and no case of Fever has been known in the Institution.
The Trustees would say to those who may be disposed to patronize their school, that with the arrangements made, they can furnish facilities for Education of a high order, both in the Literary and ornamental branches.
The Preparatory Department will in future comprise more advanced studies. Tuition from \$5 to \$12.—In the College proper, \$15 per Session. Music on Piano Forte \$20; on Guitar \$15; Vocal or Sacred \$2. The other ornamental branches in proportion.—Board \$7 per month.
P. K. NASH, Pres't.
Jan 1, 1853. 723-3t

Turpentine Tools,
Including Collins & Co's best Turpentine Axe,
J. & T. WADDILL.

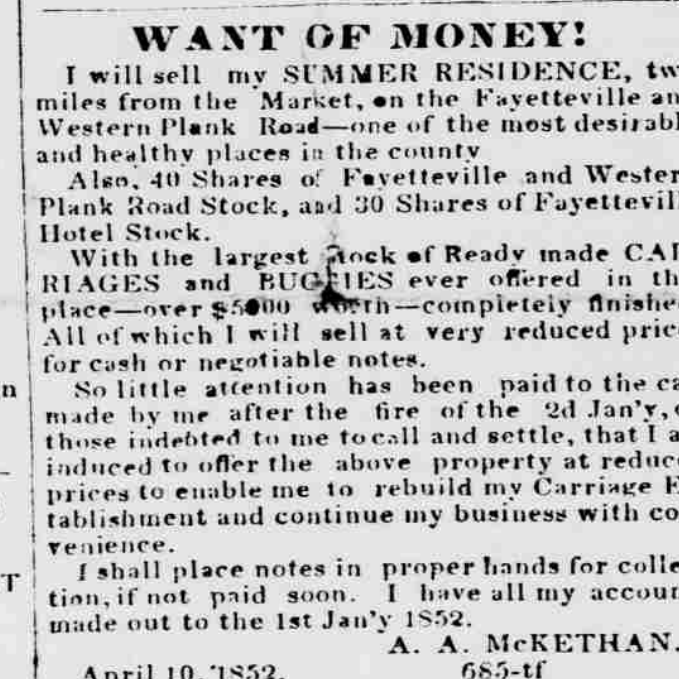
Colored Daguerreotypes.
My room is again open for the reception of visitors, or those who may want Likenesses of themselves or families, single or in groups, and in every style imaginable, for I have recently purchased a variety of fancy cases to suit all tastes.
Hours for children from 11 a. m. until 1 p. m. instructed in the Art given, and apparatus furnished if wished. My room is in the same place, Benbow's buildings, near Cape Fear Bank.
T. O. SMITH.
Nov. 6, 1852. 3m

THAT POLISH, HOW IT SHINES!
10,000 boxes
sold within the last 9 months.
A. J. WOODWARD returns his thanks to the public for the unprecedented encouragement he has met with in the manufacture and sale of his celebrated Polish, and at the same time wishes it understood that he always keeps a supply on hand for wholesale or retail.
Experience has proved that this Polish is unsurpassed for quickness in putting a gloss on boots and shoes, and also in preserving the leather.
Persons wishing to oil their boots can use this Polish with equal success immediately afterwards; the leather should be rubbed as soon as the Polish is applied, before it dries.
The Polish can be found at the store under the Carolinian Printing Office.
Fayetteville, Feb'y 21, 1852. 675-1y

E. C. HALL,
OF ROME,
Successor of Hall, Sackett & Co.
Has now on hand a general assortment of
Dry Goods, Saddlery, Hats, Caps, Shoes,
Hardware, Groceries.
A much larger and more general stock than ever offered in the East side of the Cape Fear—which he is prepared and determined to sell to punctual customers, either at wholesale or retail, at greatly reduced prices.
He would call particular attention to his stock of BOOTS AND SHOES. The assortment is unusually large, and of every quality and style and having been bought for Cash, he can and will sell them very low.
You that wish Bargains will find it to your interest to give the Stock an examination before buying elsewhere.
Always on hand, a general stock of GROCERIES.
May 1, 1852.

WANT OF MONEY!
I will sell my SUMMER RESIDENCE, two miles from the Market, on the Fayetteville and Western Plank Road—one of the most desirable and healthy places in the county.
Also, 40 Shares of Fayetteville and Western Plank Road Stock, and 30 Shares of Fayetteville Hotel Stock.
With the largest stock of Ready made CARRIAGES and BUGGIES ever offered in this place—over \$500 worth—completely finished. All of which I will sell at very reduced prices for cash or negotiable notes.
No little attention has been paid to the call made by me after the fire of the 20th Jan'y on those indebted to me to call and settle, that I am induced to offer the above property at reduced prices to enable me to rebuild my Carriage Establishment and continue my business with convenience.
I shall place notes in proper hands for collection, if not paid soon. I have all my accounts made out to the 1st Jan'y 1852.
A. A. McKETHAN.
April 10, 1852. 685-1f

C. W. ANDREWS,
Dealer in Stoves,
AND MANUFACTURER OF
PLAIN AND JAPAN
TIN WARE,
Copper, Tin Plate and Sheet-Iron Worker.
I have in my employment competent workmen, and am prepared to do all kinds of work, either in COPPER, TIN OR SHEET-IRON.
I have on hand all the necessary materials and machinery for making Factory Cans and Drums, and to do all kinds of factory work that can be done by any similar Establishment in the State.
Also, for sale, Patent Factory Can Rings, varying from 12 to 14 inches; Drum Heads, &c.
ROOFING, GUTTER & LEADER PIPES put up in the best manner.
Also, just received, a full supply of COOKING STOVES, of the most approved patterns, some of them very large for hotel and plantation use.
Always on hand a good assortment of TIN WARE.
C. W. ANDREWS,
South-east corner Market Square.
May 15, 1852. Y



At J. M. Beasley's
New Jewelry Store, Hay street,
Near the Market House.
May be found an unusually large and rich variety of WATCHES, 30 hds. Swiss Watches, 50 hds. City Swiss Watches, 20 -- large size No. 2 Mackerel, 10 half size No. 2 do, 20 bbls. Fresh caught Mullet, 50 boxes Dried Herring, 100 bbls. Planting & eating Potatoes, 10 hds. superior Bacon.
J. M. BEASLEY.
Dec. 11, 1852. 2m

JUST RECEIVED.
1000 Sacks Liverpool Salt,
1000 bushels Alum, ditto, in bags,
30 hds. sweet Molasses,
50 bbls. City Swiss Pork,
20 -- large size No. 2 Mackerel,
10 half size No. 2 do,
20 bbls. Fresh caught Mullet,
50 boxes Dried Herring,
100 bbls. Planting & eating Potatoes,
10 hds. superior Bacon.
D. & W. McLAURIN.
Dec 4, 1852. 1f

HEAD-QUARTERS.
43d Regiment N. C. Militia.
Randallville, Jan'y 4th, 1853.
The Officers and Privates of the 43d Regiment N. C. Militia, will attend at the usual parade ground (Cross Roads) on Saturday the 29th inst. for the purpose of electing a Colonel Commandant to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Col. Peter C. Smith.
JAMES C. DAVIS,
Lt. Col. Com'd'g.
724-3t

Office of the C. F. and D. R. Nav. Co.,
PITTSBOROUGH, Jan'y 3, 1853.
Notice is hereby given, that there will be a meeting of the Stockholders of the Cape Fear and Deep River Navigation Company, in Wilmington, on Monday the 17th, and at Summerville on Saturday the 22d of January, inst. By order of the Board of Directors,
J. J. JACKSON, Treas'r
of the C. F. and D. R. N. Co.
724-3t

Office of the C. F. and D. R. Nav. Co.,
PITTSBOROUGH, Jan'y 3, 1853.
Notice is hereby given, that sealed proposals to execute the work yet remaining to be done on the line of Cape Fear and Deep River Improvement, until the 11th day of February next. By order of the Board of Directors,
J. J. JACKSON, Treas'r
of the Company.
724-3t

SEED RYE FOR SALE.
J. & T. WADDILL.
Jan'y 8, 1853. 3t

BRICK FOR SALE.
The Subscriber has for sale 150,000 hard burnt Brick, which he is willing to sell at the lowest market price. And he intends to keep a supply constantly on hand.
HU. McPHERSON.
Jan'y 8, 1853. 3t

JUST RECEIVED,
30 dozen half bright Steel Hoops,
20 -- polished do. extra.
10 -- Collins' & Simmons' Turpentine Axes,
10 -- heavy Timber.
For sale by THOS. J. JOHNSON,
Near the Bank of Cape Fear.
Jan'y 8, 1853. 724-1f

DENTAL SURGERY.
W. F. BASON, M. D., D. D. S.,
Having pursued a regular course in Medicine and Dental Surgery, respectfully offers his services to the citizens of Fayetteville a portion of each year.
Rooms for the present at the Fayetteville Hotel.
Jan'y 8, 1853. 724-1f

Understanding that Dr. Bason intends visiting Fayetteville, we take pleasure in saying to our friends and acquaintances that no one has ever visited this place who has operated so extensively and with such success. We have known Dr. Bason for several years, and have had the benefit of his skill in our families, and do most cheerfully recommend him as a Dentist, &c., every way worthy the regard and confidence of those who may need his professional services.
CITIZENS OF SALISBURY.
From J. F. E. Hardy, M. D.
"In the setting of Artificial Teeth, Dr. Bason excels any I have seen either in city or country."
From W. D. Whitted, M. D.
"Dr. Bason's instruments for the extraction of Teeth and roots are infinitely superior to anything of the kind I have ever seen."

From the Asheville Messenger.
"The professional skill of Dr. Bason is too well known in this State to need our praise; we deem it sufficient to let our citizens know that he is among us."

State of N. Carolina—Cumberland County.
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—December Term, 1852.
Daniel Baker vs. Wm. S. Latta.
Attachment—Levied on Negroes and other property.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that William S. Latta, the defendant in this case, has absconded or concealed himself so that the ordinary process of law cannot be served on him, it is therefore ordered that publication be made for six weeks in the North Carolina Gazette for the defendant to appear before our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Cumberland at the Court House in Fayetteville on the first Monday of March next, and plead, answer or demur to the petition, or the same will be taken pro-confesso as to them and heard ex parte.
Witness, John McLauren, Clerk of our said Court at Office in Fayetteville the first Monday of December Anno Domini 1852. J. McLAURIN.
724-6t

State of N. Carolina—Cumberland County.
Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—December Term, 1852.
Jones Stevens, Administrator of Susan Hicks, against Fielding Stevens, Malcolm Stevens, Reddin Stevens, children and heirs at Law of Martha Stevens, dec'd., and Benjamin Christian and wife Jennie.
Petition for the sale of Real Estate.
It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants in this case are not inhabitants of this State, it is therefore ordered that publication be made for six weeks in the North Carolina Gazette, notifying the defendants to appear before our next Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for the County of Cumberland at the Court House in Fayetteville on the first Monday of March next, and plead, answer or demur to the petition, or the same will be taken pro-confesso as to them and heard ex parte.
Witness, John McLauren, Clerk of our said Court at Office in Fayetteville the first Monday of December Anno Domini 1852. J. McLAURIN.
724-6t

NOTICE.
Having obtained an order of Court to that effect, I will sell on Thursday the 6th day of Jan'y, next, to the highest bidder at the Court House in Fayetteville, O.S. HUNDRED ACRES OF LAND on Big Rockfish Creek, including the Falls on said creek, nine miles from Fayetteville, the property of the late J. C. Davis.
Terms of sale—Three months credit for an approved note payable at Bank.
NEILL R. BLUE, Adm'r.
Dec. 18, 1852.

The above Sale is postponed until Monday the 7th day of February next.
Jan'y 8, 1853. 724-4t

CUMBERLAND SUPERIOR COURT OF LAW.
A Special term of Cumberland Superior Court of Law, for the trial of Civil causes, will be held on the second Monday in February 1853. Suitors and Witnesses are hereby notified thereof, and will govern themselves accordingly.
D. G. MACRAE, Clerk.
December 4, 1852. 719-1C

Dissolution.
The Partnership heretofore existing under the name of Branson & Black is this day dissolved by the terms of the agreement. The business of the Firm will be settled by the undersigned.
C. BLACK.
Jan'y 1, 1853. 723-3tpd

THE NORTH CAROLINIAN.
Fayetteville, N. C.

FOREIGN ITEMS.
The steamer Asia, from Liverpool, arrived at New York on the 5th inst. In the British House of Commons, Dec. 16th, the debate on the extension of the Exchequer to extend the term of the present direct taxation, was held, and the question taken on the 17th. The result was the defeat of the Ministry by a majority of 19. It was expected that Ministers would tender their resignation on the 18th. A Council was held on the 17th, and immediately on its rising, a telegraphic message was dispatched to the naval authorities at Gosport to have a steamer in readiness for the arrival of the 3 o'clock express by which the Earl of Derby would proceed from London, in order that he might voyage to Osborne without loss of time. The premier would place his resignation in the hands of the Queen on his arrival at Osborne.
These must now, it is said, be a coalition cabinet, made up of Whigs, Peelites, Moderates, and Radicals. The London Times, several days ago, spoke of Messrs Cobden and Bright as probable members of the new Ministry. Lord Aberdeen has been spoken of to take the lead in the Lords, and Mr Gladstone in the Commons.

APALLING AND FATAL ACCIDENT.
We received last evening, by telegraph the lamentable intelligence of an accident which occurred yesterday in a train of cars on the Maine railroad, in which Gen. Pierce, the President elect, and his family were passengers. The despatch states, and we fear but too truly, that the only son of General Pierce, a boy of ten years of age, and of the fairest promise, was instantly killed! Mrs. Pierce, too, was very seriously injured, and is said to have narrowly escaped death. General Pierce was himself much stunned, but most fortunately sustained no further or dangerous injury. Ten or twelve other passengers were also more or less wounded at the same time. The sad accident is said to have been caused by the breaking of the axle-tree of one of the cars.

The earnest and respectful sympathy of the whole country will follow Gen. Pierce and his excellent lady to the home which has been thus suddenly and mournfully bereaved.—Washington Union, Jan. 7.

RE-ELECTION OF SENATOR DOUGLAS.
On the 5th inst., Hon. Stephen A. Douglas was re-elected U. S. Senator from Illinois, for six years from and after the 3d day of March next. The vote in the Legislature stood as follows: Douglas (Dem.) 75; Gillespie, (Whig.) 19; Cullens, (Free Soil.) 11.

DEATH OF SAMUEL J. RAY.—The Savannah papers of yesterday announce the death at Macon, on Thursday, of Samuel J. Ray, Esq., editor of the Telegraph. He was a writer of marked ability, and his journal has been long distinguished as one of the truest and ablest champions of State Rights in the South.

AS EXTRAORDINARY LAMP.—Among the number of patents recently taken out in England is one by E. Whele, for a candle lamp of very novel character. The lamp has a dial or clock face, and as the candle burns, the hands mark the hours and minutes correctly, and a hammer strikes the time. As a chamber light for a sick room, it marks the time, and can be set to strike at any given periods, when the patient requires attention. As a night light, it marks the time on a transparent dial, and rings an alarm at any stated period, and in ten minutes afterward extinguishes the candle, or will continue to strike every second until the party gets out of bed and stops it; and, if a very heavy sleeper requires to be roused, it will fire off a percussion cap. As a table lamp it marks the time and strikes the hours, and has a regulator and index, by which may be ascertained the amount of light and economy of consumption of the various candles of different makers.

AGRICULTURE AS A SCIENCE.—The Study of Agriculture scientifically, we notice, has of late been introduced into some of the higher academies and colleges of the North-west. At the academy of Ovid, Seneca county, N. Y., where this step has been taken, the text books adopted are Silliman's Chemistry, Norton's Agricultural Chemistry, Wood's Botany, Dana's Mineralogy, and Hitchcock's Geology. There cannot be a doubt that the proper study of agriculture in our schools and colleges will have a tendency to improve the tillage of the earth, and to increase immensely the useful products of the soil. The scientific principles applicable to the subject are too little understood or appreciated, and far too generally neglected by the practical agriculturists of the country.

NORTHEASTERN RAILROAD.—It will be perceived by the advertisement in another column that proposals are invited for the graduation of twenty miles of this Road. We are glad to see this prompt action on the part of the management, and accept it as an earnest that this important work will be pressed forward to completion at an early day.—Charleston Mercury Dec. 8.

JAMES BOWIE.
THE NAPOLEON OF DUELLISTS.

On the evening of the 4th of June, 1835, the steamer "Rob Roy" started from St. Louis to New Orleans with a full cargo of passengers. Immediately after leaving the "good headway," to adopt a favorite buckwheat phrase, one person attracted universal attention by the annoying eagerness with which he endeavored to win a party at cards. Indeed, his attentiveness and persevering industry, that he became inviolable and one of the most successful players on board. His administration of the chastisement which the society bestowed, was so judicious, that the mighty bone and muscles, with swarthy features, bearing the impress of many a scar; piercing dark eyes, that seemed to possess the powers of blasting the beholder—cold, gleaming eyes, such as haunt the memory painfully; a rank luxuriance of coal black hair, immense whiskers and moustache. This savage looking figure was habited in the costliest clothing, and adorned with a profusion of jewelry, while the outlines of several murderous weapons were plainly distinguishable beneath his gaudy vest and superfine coat. Nor did he need these to render him an object of terror. A connoisseur in the science of beligerent gymnastics, would have confidently pronounced him a match for any five men on the deck, without any aid from lead or cold steel.

At length, after many failures, he prevailed on a wealthy young merchant of Natchez to join him at a game of poker. They sat down beside a small table near the bar, and were soon absorbed in that most perilous of all excitements, of which the two alluring ingredients are the vanity and pride of individual skill, and the uncertainty of general hazard. At first the stakes were small, and the run of the cards seemed wholly in favor of the merchant; but presently they bet more freely, and gold eagles and hundred dollar notes were showered down on the board with extravagant ardor; and the current of fortune changed—ebbed away from the young merchant, and flowed to the professional gambler in a stream like the ocean's tide. As usually happens in such cases, his want of success only piqued and maddened the loser, and he sought to recover himself by venturing such desperate ventures as could not but deepen and confirm his ruin.

And thus they continued during that long summer night. The intensity of their excitement became equivalent to insanity. Every nerve was strung—every energy of the brain was taxed to the utmost—their teeth were set as those of antagonists in the tug of mortal strife—the sweat rolled from their brows like great drops of rain. The passengers formed a circle around the players, and looked on with that interest which extraordinary concentration of intellect and passion never fails to inspire even in bosoms that shudder at the excess. The merchant and the gambler attracted all eyes, and kept many awake and gazing till morning. Among the latter was one presenting a countenance so piteous that it might have melted hearts of marble to tears. A pale and exquisitely beautiful face peeped incessantly from the half opened door of the ladies' cabin, weeping all the while as if oppressed by some dreadful sensation of immediate sorrow. It was the merchant's lovely wife weeping her farewell to departing hope!

There was one spectator, also, whose appearance and actions excited almost as much curiosity as the players did themselves. He was a tall, spare man of about thirty, with handsome features, golden hair, keen blue eyes of preternatural brightness, and his firm, thin lips were a perpetual smile—a mysterious smile of the strangest, the most in-cutable meaning. With the exception of his red calico shirt, his person was dressed wholly in buckskin, ornamented with long flowing tassels, and wild figures wrought out of variegated beads, after the fashion of some western Indians. He stood close beside the card table, and held in his left hand a sheet of paper, in his right a large pencil, with which ever and anon he dashed off a few words, as if engaged in tracing the progress of the game.

Still the merchant and gambler persevered in their physical and mental toil. The dial of the stars, with its thousand fingers of golden fire, pointed to the world-shadows of midnight; but still they did not pause. It still was "shuffle and cut, and pass, ante up, and I call you, and rake down the pile." Towards morning a tremendous storm arose. The red lightning flashed awfully—the hail poured down like a frozen cataract, the great river roared till it rivalled the loud thunders of heaven; and the very pilot at the wheel was alarmed. But the mad players heard it not. What was the tumult of the raging elements to them whose destiny hung on the turning of a card? And the smiling blue-eyed stranger in buckskin still stood by them, with his pencil and paper, calmly noting the development of the game.

Finally the storm passed, as the beautiful day-beam came out like a thing of glory in the gray east. Then the infuriated merchant, distracted with his heavy losses, dared the climax of folly. He staked five thousand dollars, comprising his last cent of money in the world, on "two pairs of kings."

The whiskered gambler "called" him;

they showed hands; the blackleg had "two pairs of aces," and "raked the board." The merchant dropped to the floor as if he had been shot through the brain, and that beautiful young wife flew to his side and fell shrieking upon his bosom.—They were both borne away insensible to the ladies' cabin.

As he deposited his winnings in his pocket, the gambler emitted a hoarse laugh that sounded frightful as the chuckle of a fiend; but he instantly lost color, as a low, calm voice remarked in his ear—
"Villain, you play a strong hand at many different games, but here stands one that can beat you at all of them!"

The turned, met the glance of those keen blue eyes so preternaturally bright, and shuddered, but he immediately gained his presence of mind, for he was no coward, and then he frowned till his shaggy brows met like the coil of a serpent, and demanded sternly—
"Beggar, who are you to banter a gentleman thus rudely?"

"I am James Bowie, of Texas," the other answered with a ringing laugh, and you are John Lafitte, a bastard of the old pirate!"

The gambler reeled in his chair as if he had been struck with a thunderbolt, but recovered again from the shock in a moment, and asked in a firm tone—
"What game do you wish with me?"

"Poker first, and pistols afterwards, if you play foul!" replied Bowie.

"Very well," rejoined the other, and they took their seats at the table.

For a time the success seemed about equally balanced, the gain and loss being alternate.—At last the gambler ventured one of his skillful manoeuvres in dealing. Bowie smiled strangely as his quick eye detected the trick. He said nothing, however, but looked at his hand, and bet five thousand dollars, staking the money in ten large bills.—The gambler went five thousand dollars higher, which resulted in a "call."

Bowie held "four jacks;" but, with his habitual fiendish chuckle, his antagonist showed "four queens," exclaiming as he did so—
"By heaven, the pile is mine!"

"Not yet," shouted Bowie, as with both hands he raked the heap of notes to the tune of twenty thousand dollars, into his pocket.

Choking, and purple with rage and shame, the gambler roared—
"To the hurricane deck, and let pistols be trump this turn!"

"Good as gold!" replied Bowie, and the two hastily ascended the stairs and assumed their separate positions—the gambler over the stern, and Bowie over the prow.

At that instant the sun was just rising in a cloudless sky. Nature looked sublime—a bride worthy her Almighty Husband and God. The woods and waters appeared as parts of one divine picture, with the boundless blue of heaven for its background. The broad-bosomed river rolled away like an immense sheet of burnished silver, speckled here and there with a flash of golden bubbles; shining fishes gambolled in the sparkling wave; and all the bright birds—these sweet singers, whose life is a dream, and that dream only music—chaunted their wild anthem to the new day; while the two great duellists, the most deadly ever known in the southwest, stood with cocked pistols eye to eye, and their fingers fixed on the hair triggers, prepared and waiting to slay and be slain.

"I am ready. You give the word," cried Bowie, in his clear, ringing voice, and with that inseparable smile of strange meaning on his lips.

"I am ready. Fire!" shouted the gambler, in tones, murderous as death.

The two pistols roared simultaneously.—Bowie did not move, though he had barely escaped with his life, for the bullet of his foe had cut away one of the golden locks of his yellow hair. The gambler was shot through the heart, and dropping on the brink of the deck, had almost tumbled into the river. He was buried by the squatters at the next wood yard. And thus perished justly a wastard son of the great pirate Lafitte.

There never was a jury empanelled in the West who would have brought in a verdict against any man for killing him and more especially under the circumstances, because public opinion pronounced that "he ought to be killed." And such were the desperadoes that Bowie commonly exterminated.

The generous victor immediately proceeded to the ladies' cabin, and restored the winnings of the gambler to the young merchant and his beautiful wife, who both received the boon as a gift from heaven, with as much gratitude as joy.

COUNT AND DISCOUNT.—A citizen who had two sons, the elder of whom was a fine gentleman and the other always attentive to business in his father's banking concern, gave to them the appellations of *Count and Discount*.

EPICURUS ON BURKE.—After Burke had finished that extraordinary speech against Hastings, a friend of the latter made the following impromptu, which to our mind can hardly be surpassed:
"Oft have I wondered that on Irish ground No venomous reptile ever yet was found; The secret stands revealed in Nature's work. She saved her venom to create a Burke."