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Feb'y 3, 1855.

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Address, Toomer, Harnett Co., N. C.
Feb. 16, 1856. 85-y

ANDREW J. STEDMAN,
Attorney at Law.
Having removed to PITTSBORO, N. C., will attend regularly the Courts of Chatham, Moore and Harnett Counties.
April 11, 1855. tf

DR. K. A. BLACK,
OFFICE Front Rooms, over Dr. S. J. Hinsdale's Chemist and Drug Store.
Feb'y 7, 1856. 84tf

JAMES C. DAVIS,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
All business intrusted will be promptly attended to. Address Montpelier post office, Richmond county, N.C
October 1, 1855. 1y

MARBLE FACTORY,
BY GEO. LAUDER.
Nearly opposite to E. W. Willkings' Auction Store, Fayetteville, N. C.
Oct. 1, 1855. y

FOR SALE
AT REDUCED PRICES,
For CASH or on Short Time,
250 Carriages, Barouches,
ROCKAWAYS & BUGGIES *of every description.*
Many of which are finished, and the balance being finished daily; among which are many *new* and *beautiful* styles, and are *every fine Carriage.* Some of them very light, and all made in the best manner and of the best materials. My facilities for doing Carriage work are *greater* than any establishment south and I certified and am determined to sell work of the *best quality* as low as it can be built for by any one.

☞ Those who are indebted to me will please pay up as my business requires my outstanding debts to be collected. A. A. McKETHAN.
August 25, 1855. tf

FREIGHTING ON CAPE FEAR RIVER.

At a meeting of the Boat owners interested in navigating the Cape Fear River between Fayetteville and Wilmington,

On motion, D. McLaurin was called to the Chair, and R. M. Orrell was appointed Secretary.

On motion of James F. March,

Resolved, That from and after the 1st day of January, 1856, *Cash will be required upon the delivery of all Freights* at Wilmington and Fayetteville respectively.

On motion of J. D. Williams,

Resolved, That each of the Steamboat Companies on the Cape Fear River, from and after the 1st of January, 1856, will carry Guano from Wilmington to Fayetteville at 10 cents per bag; Lime at 25 cents per cask, and ground Plaster at 30 cents per cask, and that a REDUCTION OF 20 PER CENT. from the printed and established rates on all other articles will be made from and after that date, all Cartage and Drayage being paid by the Shippers.

On motion of James Banks,

Resolved, That the foregoing be published in the Town papers.

D. McLAURIN, Chair'n

R. M. Orrell, Sec'y
Dec. 24, 1855. 78-tf

GROCERIES AND HARDWARE.

The subscriber has in Store a good assortment of Goods in the

GROCERY AND HARDWARE LINE;

all of which will be sold wholesale or retail, or bartered for country produce, on terms the most reasonable. A small lot of SADDLERY for sale cheap.

Give us a call. G. W. I. GOLDSTON.

N. B. Any of my friends in the country having business to transact in this place, such as renewals, &c., can have it done on the usual terms, by sending same to my care. G. W. I. G.
Fayetteville, Sept. 29, 1855 tf

Council, Ray & Co.,
HAY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE,
Are now receiving their FALL STOCK of STAPLE and FANCY

DRY GOODS,

In which may be found FOR THE LADIES: Plain cold, Plaid, White and Black DeLAINES; CASHMERES and MERINOS; Plain and Fig'd Fancy and Black SILKS; Cloth MANTLES and CLOAKS; Cloak CLOTH; SKIRTS and SKIRTING; Merino VESTS; BONNETS; EMBROIDERIES, &c.

FOR GENTLEMEN:

Hats; Boots and Shoes; Vestings; Cassimeres; White, Black and Fancy Stocks and Cravats; Ready-Made Clothing, &c.

—ALSO—

Linseys, Kerseys and Plaids, Blankets, Brogans, Table Cloths and Covers, Allendale Sheetings, Children's Kid Gloves, Wool Sacks and Comforts, Youths' and Boys' Clothing, English and Italian Crapes, Dimity, Embroidery Silks and Braids.

A good assortment of Ladies', Gentlemen's and Children's BOOTS, SHOES, and GAITERS; GLOVES, HOSIERY, &c.
Sept. 20. 64-tf

FOR SALE,
100 Spirit Turpentine BARRELS, first quality.
March 11th. A. W. STEEL.

SPRING GOODS FOR 1856.

B. F. PEARCE

IS NOW OPENING a large and well selected Stock of

SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS.

Among which, may be found for the Ladies,

Black and colored Silks, Silk Tissues and Bareges, Challies and Battiste, Brilliantes, Printed Lawns, Jaconets and Organdies, Jaconet, Swiss, and Plaid Muslins, Embroidered Swiss Muslin, Edgings and Insertions, Collars and Undersleeves, Embroidered Flirts, Corded, Cactus, Grass, and Whalebone Skirts, Crape, Silk, and Straw Bonnets, and a large and handsome assortment of French, English, and American Prints, Gloves, Hose, &c.

FOR THE GENTLEMEN.

Cloths, Fancy and Black Cassimeres; Vesting, White, Brown and Blue; Linen Drills; Irish Linen; Drapd'Ete; Farmer's Satin; Farmer's Drill; Moleskin, Panama, Leghorn, and Palm Leaf Hats; and a large assortment of Ready-Made Clothing, &c., &c.

Also

Boots and Shoes; Umbrellas and Parasols, Bleached and Brown Shirting and Sheeting and every variety in the Yankee Notion line, which will be sold at a small advance for CASH, or on time to punctual customers, either at Wholesale or Retail.

B. F. PEARCE,
Late Pearce & Ferguson.
Hay Street, Fayetteville, March 22, 1856. 90-tf.

WANTED

At my Bucket Factory, 2½ miles South of Fayetteville, on the Wilmington Road,

3,000 JUNIPER LOGS,

from 8 inches in diameter to the largest sizes; 8 feet long, and clear of knots, for which a liberal price will be paid.

G. H. MAKEPEACE.
Fayetteville, March 26, 1856. 3m

J. C. POE,
DEALER IN
STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,
HATS, CAPS, BOOTS, SHOES, AND
Ready-Made Clothing.
Particular attention paid to Ladies' Dress Goods and Trimmings.
HAY STREET, FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
November 3d, 1855. tf

FOR SALE.

TWO THOUSAND ACRES OF LAND, nine miles from Fayetteville, lying directly on the Southern Plank Road, and on each side of Big Rockfish. One of the best Turpentine sections in the county, with convenient improvements for a family residence; with a small corn mill on a never failing stream, and a first rate situation for a Turpentine Distillery and Store.

A. A. McKETHAN
Feb'y 9, 1855. tf

WE ARE NOW RECEIVING AND EXPECT TO KEEP UP A LARGE STOCK OF GROCERIES.

WE OFFER

150 Bags Coffee—Rio, Laguira and Java,
15 Hhds. Sugars,
50 " Molasses,
1,000 Sacks Salt,
75 Bbls. Sugars,—coffee, crush'd & powder'd
125 Bags Shot,
45 Kegs Powder,
20 Hhds. Western Bacon,
3,500 Lbs. N. C. "
50,000 Segars, assorted qualities,
100 Boxes Cheese,

With every other article in our line. All of which we will dispose of low for CASH, or exchange for produce or naval stores.

D. & W. McLAURIN.
June 2d 48-tf

☞ Just received, a few doz. genuine East India CASTOR OIL, (for my retail.) Also, Citrate of Magnesia and Congress Water.

J. F. FOULKES
April 2, 1856.

A. M. Campbell,
AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION MERCHANT,
East side of Gillespie street,
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.
October 1, 1855.

BOARDING.
Private and Transient,
FRONT STREET, WILMINGTON, N. C.
L. MALLETT.
March 1, 1856. 2m

JAMES D. NOTT,
DAGUERREAN ARTIST.
[Successor to J. S. Wear.]
ROOMS on Hay street, over the Jewelry store of Messrs Beasley & Houston, where he will be happy to wait on all those who wish to procure a
GOOD LIKENESS
of themselves or friends.
Fayetteville, October 27th. tf

S. M. THOMAS,
DEALER IN
FANCY AND STAPLE DRY GOODS,
READY-MADE CLOTHING,
Hats, Caps, Bonnets, Boots and Shoes, Sheetings, Cotton Yarns, Kerseys, Blankets, &c., &c.
Corner Market and Gillespie St., Fayetteville, N. C.
Dec. 22. 77-tf

ALWAYS ON HAND AND FOR SALE CHEAP,
A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
DRY GOODS & GROCERIES,
Together with a general assortmeng of
FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC WINES AND LIQUORS,
Which I am anxious to sell or exchange for Produce of any kind usually sold in this Market.

W. H. CARVER.
Hay Street, near the Market.
Nov. 10. 71-tf

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the Subscriber are hereby notified to come forward and settle by the 1st of April next, or they will find their notes and accounts in the hands of an officer for collection. He can be found at the old stand where he formerly done business.

R. D. DAVIS.

CLOCK REPAIRING.—The Subscriber repairs Clocks at short notice at his old stand on Person street. He will warrant a Clock for twelve months, after passing through his hands. Give me a trial, and if satisfaction is not given I will make no charge.

R. D. DAVIS.
March 1, 1856. 3m.

WANTED.

A TEACHER to take charge of the Male School in Stricklandsville, N. C. One that is fully competent and can come well recommended, as no other need apply. One that has experience in the profession, preferred. Location healthy and pleasant, and on the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad. As the School contemplates opening about the 15th of April, early application is desired. Applicants will please address either of the trustees, at Stricklandsville, North Carolina.

M. K. DEVANE,
J. B. B. MONK,
L. A. MERRIMAN,
A. M. BARKLEY,
I. PETERSON.

March 13, 1856. 90-4t

In order to close out the remaining Stock of Goods now on hand,

We offer them on the following terms: to Cash buyers at New York cost; to prompt time buyers at New York cost with charges added.

We have many desirable GOODS in store, viz:

DRY GOODS,
HARDWARE, BOOTS AND SHOES,
Hats, Caps and Bonnets,
READY-MADE CLOTHING.

Merchants and others will find many desirable goods in our Stock, and which can be bought at great Bargains. We are determined to sell out this Spring.

To those who are in arrears to us we would simply state that we want money and must have it. It will afford us much pleasure to give receipts in full to all who are in our debt.

HALL & SACKETT.
March 27. 91-tf

A CARD.

DR. HENRY C. ROBINSON offers his professional services. He will be associated in practice with his brother, Dr. Benj. W. Robinson.
March 24, 1856. 1m.

FOR SALE OR RENT,

The Dwelling at present occupied by the subscriber, situated on Hillsboro' Street, adjoining the premises of Hugh Gilmore, Esq. Apply to J. G. Smith.

A. E. GIERSH.
March 29, 1856. 91-tf

OLD RYE WHISKEY.

W. DRAUGHON has just received a supply of Hon. R. C. Puryear's Celebrated *OLD RYE WHISKEY.* He will be supplied with this superior Whiskey as the demand increases.

W. Draughon is my only authorized agent for the sale of my Whiskey in Fayetteville.

R. C. PURYEAR.
March 26. 91-tf

SPRING GOODS FOR 1856.

We are now receiving an unusually large Stock of SPRING AND SUMMER GOODS,

Which we will sell very Cheap for Cash, or on the usual time to Wholesale buyers exclusively.

Our Stock will consist of a general selection of

STAPLE AND FANCY DRY GOODS,
Silk and Straw Bonnets,
Boots, Shoes, Umbrellas,
Ready-Made Clothing,
Dress Trimmings,
With a great variety of notions.

☞ Those owing us notes past due are earnestly requested to make immediate payment.

STARR & WILLIAMS.
March 22, 1856. 90-tf

NEW GOODS.

The subscriber has just received and offers for sale a large and well selected STOCK OF DRY GOODS, Bonnets; Panama and Leghorn HATS, ladies and misses Hose, gents' half Hose, ladies, misses and gentlemen's BOOTS and SHOES, a large assortment.

Also, 50 Bbls planting yellow IRISH POTATOES. Blacksmiths' Bellows, Anvils, Vices, Stocks and dies; Trace Chains, Corn Shellers, Straw Cutters,

Sugars, Coffee and Molasses,

And a large stock of HARDWARE and CUTLERY, which I will sell low for cash or exchange for country produce. Give me a call before purchasing elsewhere.

PETER P. JOHNSON.
March 22d. 4t

PUBLIC NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN, that Books of Subscription to the capital stock of the Central Railroad, from Beaufort Harbor via Kenansville, Clinton, Fayetteville, and West, will be opened on Thursday, the 10th day of April, 1856, and remain open according to the terms of the Charter until further notice, at the following places and under direction of the following named persons, Commissioners in the Charter, viz:

In the county of Onslow, at the office of the Clerk of the County Court at Jacksonville, and at the Post Office Rich Lands. E. W. Foutville, G. J. Ward, J. H. Foy, Robert White, John A. Averitt, Jr., Owen Huggins, L. W. Humphrey.

In Carteret county, at the office of Dr. M. F. Arendell at Beaufort. Dr. M. F. Arendell, J. F. Bell, L. T. Oglesby.

At the store of G. W. Taylor at Carolina City.—Col. Wm. N. Dennis, H. S. Bell, Capt. Levi Oglesby, Bridge Arendell.

In Duplin county, at the office of the County Court Clerk at Kenansville.—Major Owen R. Kenan, David Reid, Isaac B. Kelly, Wm. E. Hill, Wm. J. Houston, Stephen Graham.

In Sampson county, at the office of the County Court Clerk at Clinton.—Thomas I. Faison, Dr. Thomas Bunting, Wm. McKay, Patrick Murphy, Wm. Faison, J. R. Beaman, Alfred Johnson.

In Cumberland county, at Fayetteville, at the office of A. A. McKethan.—Thomas R. Underwood, Randal McDaniel, Jesse G. Shepherd, Edward L. Winslow, John C. Blocker.

Form of Subscription:

The Undersigned agree to take the number of shares of $100 each, set opposite to our names respectively, in the Central Railroad Company; and in all respects to comply with the terms of the Charter.

Names	Residence	No. of shares	$ Cash	Work

Subscriptions may be made payable in work, and may specify whether for grading or cross-ties; and stockholders shall in every case have preference in taking Contracts, when bids are the same or at Engineer's estimate.

As soon as one hundred thousand dollars are subscribed, the Commissioners of Onslow county are to be notified, and they are required to call a meeting of Stockholders to organize the Company.

March 15, 1856. 90-3m

DR. JOHN W. PAGE,
Barclaysville, Harnett County, N. C.
DR. PAGE is now permanently located at Barclaysville, and offers his professional services to the public. He will give strict attention to Obstetrics and the diseases of women and children.
March 14th. 4m

GEORGE McDUFFIE,
INSPECTOR OF TIMBER AND LUMBER,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
All business entrusted to him will meet with prompt attention.
Nov. 24, 1855. 6m

JAMES KYLE

IS now receiving his SPRING SUPPLY of CHEAP GOODS, among which are

Irish Linens, Lawns and Diapers,
French, Scotch, and Domestic Lawns,
Calicoes—French, English and Domestic,
French, Scotch and Domestic Ginghams,
Embroid'd and Plain Crape Shawls and Scarfs,
3-4 to 10-4 Bleached Shirting and Sheeting,
French and Irish Linen Drilling,
Black and Colored Silks,
Bonnets and Bonnet Ribbon,
Bolting Cloths, Nos. 5 to 10,
Joseph Repka's Cottonades,
Colored Granadine and Barege,
Linen Cambric Handkerchiefs, assorted,
Blay Linens, 3-4 to 4-4, very cheap,

With many other articles, all of which have been purchased by the Package at the lowest rates, and will be offered at the lowest prices, by wholesale or retail, for Cash or on time to punctual customers.

March 29, 1856.

NEW GOODS,
At Floral College, Robeson county.

The subscriber respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has just received a large and varied assortment of Goods at Floral College, consisting of

DRY GOODS,
GROCERIES, HARDWARE, &c.,

which he offers for sale cheap. Call and examine his stock, as he feels sure that he can give satisfaction both in price and quality.

Thankful for the liberal patronage heretofore extended him, he hopes in future to merit a continuance of the same.

C. BLACK.
April 4, 1856. 92-3m

EQUITY LAND SALE.

In pursuance of a Decree of the Court of Equity for Cumberland County, at Special Term, February 1856, in the petition of Eliza McLaurin vs. Janet A. McLaurin, I will expose to public Sale, at the Court House in Fayetteville, on Monday of Superior Court, the 28th day of April next, ONE TRACT OF LAND, containing 125 Acres, in Cumberland county, on the east side of Cape Fear in Flea Hill District, about 5 miles from Town, adjoining the Lands of Mrs. Jarrott, Samuel Cain, D. McLaurin, and others. The said Land is valuable Swamp Land, part of which is well timbered.

Terms of Sale, 6 month's credit. Bond and approved security required from purchaser.

W. A. HUSKE, C. & M. E.
April 4th. 92-3t

WESTERN RAILROAD OFFICE,
April 1, 1856.

An instalment of 5 per cent. upon the Capital Stock of this Company is called for, payable on the 1st day of May next; and also, Monthly calls of 5 per cent., until the 1st day of January 1857, when the whole amount will be due.

By order of the Board of Directors.

JNO. M. ROSE.
Treas'r W. R. R. Co.

REMOVED.

I have removed my Stock of CLOTHING AND FURNISHING GOODS, from my old stand in the Fayetteville Hotel Building, to the Store formerly occupied by Messrs Hall & Sackett, Hay Street, opposite Edwin Glover's Jewelry Store, where may be found at all times a complete Stock of

READY-MADE CLOTHING,

Suited to the taste of buyers and to the Season.

Gentlemen and Youths will always find goods to suit from the crown of the head to the sole of the foot. All of which I am determined to sell as cheap for cash or credit of 90 days to punctual customers, as any other house in the city.

Money wanted for old accounts.

The Speckled Shirt still on hand, and Coats and Pants to match.

I am now receiving direct from New York my

Spring Purchases,

The whole will be to hand in a few days. Call and examine before purchasing elsewhere.

JAS. McPHERSON.
One Door west of Messrs Worth & Utley.
April 3. 92-tf

Fresh Spring Goods.

J. A. PEMBERTON has just received a large and desirable Stock of

STAPLE AND FANCY SILK GOODS,

Embracing a great variety of

LADIES' DRESS GOODS,

Consisting of Plain, Plaid and Fig'd Summer Silks; Berages; Tissues; Crape de Paries; Chalies; Organdies, plain and in Robe Patterns; Embr'd. Floanced, Col'd and White Evening Dresses. A few Rich Col'd and Black Moir Antique Silks. A large and beautiful assortment of

EMBROIDERIES,

Collars, Sleeves, French Embr'd Flirts, Basques, &c.; Plain and Embr'd Crape Shawls—a few very superior; Embr'd Silk and Lace Mantles, &c.

Hats; Plain Straw and French Lace Bonnets; a few very superior Col'd and White Crape and Silk ditto, of the very latest styles.

Particular attention is invited to a large and well assorted stock of

Ready-Made Clothing,

for Men and Boys, made in the latest Styles and warranted workmanship.

The above Stock was selected with great care, and embraces every article usually kept in the Dry Goods line. Buyers would do well to call and examine the above Stock before purchasing.

J. A. PEMBERTON.
March 29, 1856. 91-tf.

A CARD.

MR ARCH'D N. McDONALD, (late of the firm of Shemwell & McDonald) takes pleasure in announcing to his friends and the public generally, that he is now doing business with Mr J. A. Pemberton, where he would be pleased to have them call and see him. Mr P. has a very desirable Stock of Fresh Goods, comprising everything in the Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dress line which he will take great pleasure in exhibiting.

ARCH'D N. McDONALD.
March 29. 91-tf

CROCKERY.

I HAVE received my Spring supplies of EARTHENWARE AND LOOKING GLASSES. Country Merchants are invited to examine my stock. They will lose time, and not save money, by ordering from the North themselves.

W. N. TILLINGHAST.
Dealer in China, Glass and Earthenware.
March 22, 1856. 91-6w

BOOTS AND SHOES.

We are receiving our SPRING AND SUMMER Supply, consisting of a very large and general assortment of Gents', Ladies', Boys', Misses', and Children's Boots, Gaiters, and Shoes, with a large assortment of Servants' Shoes.

—ALSO—

Trunks; Calf, Goat, Lining, and Binding Skins; Shoe Thread; Lasts; Pegs, &c.

Which we offer very cheap for CASH, or on time to prompt customers.

S. T. HAWLEY & SON.
March 22. 1856. 90-5t.

C. COLDEN MURRAY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AGENT FOR
MURRAY'S "REGULAR LINE" OF WILMINGTON PACKETS.
62 *South Street, NEW YORK.*

The undersigned may be found at the Office of C. Colden Murray, 62 South street, where orders for every description of Goods will receive his prompt and personal attention.

P. MALLETT.
March 20, 1856 y

FOR SALE,

That valuable Dwelling House and Lot on Hay Mount, formerly owned by Hiram Winsley, Esq. The House is comfortable, the location healthy and pleasant, and is a very desirable one. Apply to

LEON BELLINGRATH.
March 29, 1856. 91-4t

MOLASSES.

10 Hogsheads New Crop MOLASSES.
Also, 50 Boxes Fayetteville Mould CANDLES.
For sale by
STEEL & FULLER.
March 27, 1856. 91-tf

NORTH CAROLINIAN.
FAYETTEVILLE, N. C.

POETICAL CURIOSITY.—A curious performance is given in the following poem of different biblical texts:

Cling to the Mighty One,	Ps. lxxxix. 19.
Cling in thy grief,	Heb. xii. 11.
Cling to the Holy One,	Heb i. 12.
He gives relief.	Ps. cxvi. 9.
Cling to the Gracious One,	Ps. cxvi. 5.
Cling in thy pain,	Ps. lv. 4.
Cling to the Faithful One,	1 Thess. v. 24.
He will sustain.	Ps. xxviii. 8.
Cling to the Living one,	Heb. vii. 25
Cling in thy woe,	Ps. lxxxvi. 7.
Cling to the Loving One,	1 John iv. 16.
Through all below.	Rom. viii. 28, 3.
Cling to the Pardoning One,	Is. iv 7.
He speaketh peace;	John xiv. 27.
Cling to the Healing One,	Exod. xv. 26.
Anguish shall cease,	Ps. cxlvii. 3.
Cling to the Bleeding One,	1 John i. 7.
Cling to his side;	John xx. 27.
Cling to the Risen One,	Rom. vi. 9.
In Him abide.	John xv. 4.
Cling to the Coming One,	Rev. xxii. 20.
Hope shall arise;	Titus ii. 13.
Cling to the Reigning One,	Ps. xcvi. 1.
Joy lights thine eyes.	Ps. xvi. 11.

Paddy and the Lovers,

OR, AN UNSOCIABLE BEDFELLOW.

A few months since, a son of Erin, about eight o'clock one evening, called at a country inn in the western part of Pennsylvania, and demanded lodgings for the night. It was evident from his appearance and actions that he and liquor had been quite jolly companions throughout the day. The Landlord was a lazy good natured soul, and had imbibed rather freely that day himself.

"If I give you a light and tell you where the room is you can find the place?" said the landlord.

"Och and it's meself that can do that most illegantly. Just show me the way, an' I'll find it as aisy as the Holy Virgin showers down blessings upon the sinful," rejoined the Irishman.

The directions were given him and also a candle. He was directed to go to a room on the second floor in the house. By the time he had reached the top of the stairs, his light had become extinguished and had forgotten in what direction he was to go. Seeing rays of light issuing from a room, the door of which stood slightly ajar, he reconnoitered the inside of the room, and found it to contain a bed in which lay a man, and a stand with a small lighted lamp upon it. Feeling disinclined to make any further search for the room to which he had been directed, he divested himself of his clothing and quietly crept into bed. He had been in but a few moments, when a young lady and gentleman entered the room. The Irishman eyed them closely. They seated themselves on the chairs, in close proximity to each other, and after chatting merrily for a short time the young man threw his arm around her waist in a very cousinly manner, and imprinted a kiss upon her tempting lips. There was a witchery in it which demanded a repetition. The scene amused the Irishman vastly, and being free from selfishness, he concluded that his sleeping companion should be a participant with him in the enjoyment of the scene, nudged him, but his companion stirred not. He put his hand upon him and found that he was tightly locked in the embrace of death. Synonymous with this discovery, he bounded out of the bed, exclaiming:

"Murther! murther! Howly Saints of Hiven protect me!"

He had scarcely touched the floor with his feet before the young lady and gentleman were making rapid strides towards the stairway, terror being depicted on their countenances. They had just reached the top of the stairs when the Irishman came lashing along, as though the fiends of Erebus were closing at his heels, intent on making him their prey, and the whole three went tumbling down the stairs, and it is hard to determine which of the three reached the foot of the stairs first.

The landlord stood aghast as the Irishman rushed into the bar-room, with nothing between him and nudity but a garment vulgarly styled a shirt, the hair on his head standing upon end his eyeballs ready to leap from their sockets, and he gasped for breath. It was a sight that would have made a man laugh who had worn a vinegar face from the day of his birth. Nothing could induce him to seek a bed that night again. When the young lady and gentleman found that it was not the corpse that had so unceremoniously bounded from the bed, they returned to the room, (they being the watchers for the night,) and doubtless commenced their courting at the point where it had so suddenly broken off.

THE BEST WAY.—*Jenny*—"Well, Annie, how did you get along with that stupid fool of a lover of yours? Did you succeed in getting rid of him?"

Annie—"Oh! yes! I got rid of him very easily. I married him, and have no lover now." (Spoken in a modest manner.)

ANCIENT FAMILIES.—It is well known that the Highlanders are great sticklers for hereditary honors, and trace back with the greatest veneration the origin of families into the remotest ages. An amusing instance of this tenacity to hold to the dignity and antiquity of their kindred may be found in the case we subjoin:

A dispute arose between Campbell and McLean upon the never ending subject. McLean, would not allow that the Campbells had any right to rank with the McLeans in antiquity, who, he insisted, were in existence as a clan from the beginning of the world. Campbell had a little more biblical lore than his antagonist, and asked him if the clan McLean was before the flood? "Flood! what flood?" said McLean. "The flood that you know drowned all the world but Noah, and his family, and his flocks," replied Campbell. "Pooh! you and your flood," said McLean; "my clan was afore the flood." "I have not read in my Bible," said Campbell, "of the name of M'Lean going into Noah's ark." "Noah's ark!" retorted M'Lean, in contempt, "who ever heard of a M'Lean that had not a boat of his own?"

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A Short Patent Sermon.

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I will draw a melancholy discourse this morning from the following text:

"Laugh and grow fat."

My Hearers:—I have lately thrown my cogitating apparatus considerably out of gear in attempting to make out whether laughter produces fat, or a good layer of the adipose promotes laughter. The conclusion I have arrived at is, that laughter is, generally speaking, the spontaneous production of an oleaginous soil, and has little or nothing to do towards adding aught to its richness. It is the naturally contented mind, my friends, that tends to corporeal fatness; and when fatness is once obtained, laughter takes root therein, and branches out and blossoms, like sunflowers on the southern side of a pig-sty. Take one of your wo-begone, God-forsaken hypochondriacs—the whole of whose self-manufactured misery seems to have crawled into his countenance—the very cast of whose mildewing eye is enough to rub all the polish from a pair of patent-leather boots—let him possibly be electrified into a cachinating par oxysm, long and loud, and no more fat will gather upon his ribs than honey-dew upon the sapless role-leaves of an old maid's bonnet. Why? Because the maggots of melancholy that continually prey upon his mind are not to be frightened from their favorite repast by the most startling guffaw that ever shook the quiet realms of Cheerfulness. Take too, one of your pale, wafer-lipped, weasel-visaged skin-flints, who indulges in moonshiny smiles at the remotest prospect of a bargain, and who is more redundant of smirks and bows than a disowned California dog is of fleas—move him into fits of audible mirthfulness as often as you may, still he will be as slim as a shitepoke fed upon hair-snakes, if he were to live long enough to be the grand-dad of the little Beelzebubs that may happen to be born somewhere about the middle of the next century.

Now, my brethren, behold yonder happy mortal, with a soul wrapped up in a thick blanket of fat—with a knob plump and shining as a pumpkin in October—whose merry little optics twinkle like twin stars at the summit of Mount Diabolo—whose "fair round belly, with good capon lined," is an object of envy to all walking shadows" that stalk the earth. All his ideas swim, like preserved sardines, in the richest and sweetest of oil; every expressed thought slides out sleek and greasy, and the whole tenor and tone of his voice are like the inner bark of slippery elm. His mind dwells in such comfortable winter quarters that he never feels otherwise than happy and cheerful. He feels so good that laughter—not of your coarse, horse-fashioned kind, but the fine, short-furred sort—peeps out, ever and anon, from its fat fold, and causes every "varmint" to take to its hole, like rats and goblins damned, at the morning cockcrow.

What, my friends, do you suppose brought this laughter-breeding human to the verge of obesity? It was not laughing at either stage or street farces; nor at the freaks and follies of a ridiculous world; nor at every new-fangled and odd fashion, that makes organ grinders' monkeys almost grin themselves into convulsions; nor hyena-like, at the most ridiculous of legislative proceedings—nor was it even at such comical preaching as mine. No: it was the genial spirit of contentment that diffused a cheering warmth throughout his whole system—fertilized his heart, and furnished a good soil from which future spontaneous laughter was to spring, like the dandelion and mushroon, after a gentle rain and nurturing sun. He never drove pigeon-eyed peace from her domicil by sweating, fighting and swearing for politics, nor wrangled flesh from his bones in behalf of orthodoxy, universalism, atheism, nor any of the vulgar isms of the day—nor kept himself as lean as Pharaoh's lousiest calf by chasing a hammered sixpence from San Diego to the Bay of Kamscatka. By keeping in good fellowship with himself and his stomach—by maintaining good humor—meddling with no one's business but his own—exercising patience at the fitful blowing of adverse winds, and bound to be happy whether or no—he, at last, accumulated the adipose, if not a superabundance of the "filthy;" and now mirth inspiring laughter will jerk itself out, in defiance of morbid melancholy, sepulchral ministers, ominous doctors—aye, even the d—l himself!

My brethren: I like to see smiling countenances—faces wearing smiles that warm while they glow, instead of shedding a cold, phosphorescent glare, like rotten wood or stinking mackerel at midnight—smiles that reflect none of the borrowed light of affectation, for design or intrigue. I also love to hear a respectable, mild-drawn, heart-born laugh, when summoned by an appropriate occasion; but as for an inveterate, clownish, haw-hawing, horse cachinating habit, I despise it—am ready to howl at it like a dog at a fish-horn blown in his ear. Your spasmodic fits of loud laughter, my friends, instead of gathering an extra coat of fat upon your bones, is far more likely to consume what little tallow may have been permitted to conglomerate in the region of your ribs. Excessive laughter, my heedless brethren, is moreover not unattended with danger: you might possibly snap one of the "thousand strings" with which the harp of the human system is strung—and then where would any more laugh come from? History informs us, if memory doesn't trick me, that Timoleon the younger, killed himself with laughter at seeing an ass eat figs. So, you see, he snapped his fiddle-string, and laid down and died—like another jackass! Take warning, my incredulous brethren, and keep a taut rein upon your risible propensities; for, in this comical age, far more dangerous sights beset the inexperienced laughing philosopher than a donkey munching over a basket of figs. Some folks, of ticklish, touch-wood dispositions, might jeopardise their lives to see you pitch into the eleven o'clock free-lunch, or mark with what ludicrous avidity our public servants pick up and devour the people's money—like so many geese at a corn-crib!

Keep up good cheer, my friends, let come what may come; live temperately, that good digestion may wait on appetite; endeavor, by your own jolly good nature, to make all happy around you, and you will stand a good chance to grow fat—and then laugh!—laugh your way down the gentle declivity to the tomb. "Die-a-laughing," for aught I care. So mote it be!