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Particular attention paid to receiving and forwarding of Goods. Orders filled on the best terms, when cash is enclosed, or produce in hand.
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Will make liberal cash advances on all consignments of produce.
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MANUFACTORY,
Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.
THE subscriber takes this method of informing his friends and the public generally, that he has taken the store formerly occupied by Porter and Blakeslee, and immediately opposite the Chronicle Office, where he is now opening a complete assortment of
Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Trunks, Martingales, Valises, Carpet and Saddle Bags, Collars, Whips, Spurs, Bits, &c. &c. &c. &c
All of which will be warranted of good manufacture and materials, and will be sold low for CASH.
Having long experience in the above business, he flatters himself that he will be able to render *full satisfaction* to those who may be disposed to patronize him.
It is his intention to keep no Books, but to adopt the CASH SYSTEM, by which means he will be able to furnish articles much cheaper than they have heretofore been bought in this market.
☞REPAIRING of all kinds done at the shortest notice. JOHN J. CONOLEY.
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BEST Canal Flour. For sale, by
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TO RENT.
SEVERAL well finished offices, in the fire proof building on *Water Street,* over the stores of Smith, Mitchell & Gadee.
That large and convenient Wharf on Eagle's Island, opposite Town and known as the site of the *Phœnix Distillery.* 220 feet front, and running back 1600 feet with convenient dock. Warehouse 40 by 90 feet, negro quarters, &c. all in good repair. Apply to H. Nutt.
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HAVE just received per Schrs E. S. Powell and R. W. Brown,
At their General Ship Chandlery and Family Grocery Store,
The following supply of GOODS, which they offer for sale on most accommodating terms, viz:

20 BBLS. Mess Beef.		20 " Rio do.	
20½ " Family do.		20 St. Domingo do.	
20 ¼ " Packet do.		6 chests Yg. Hyson Tea,	
1000 lbs. Smoked Beef.		10 " Black do.	
20 ½ bbls. Beef Tongues,		12 boxes Lemon Syrup.	
20 " Mess Pork,		6 " Lemons.	
20 " Prime do.		10 boxes Sperm Candles	
20 boxes Cheese,		20 ¼ " "	
40 bbls. Canal Flour,		20 " Tallow "	
20 ½ " "		30 kgs Cut Nails, as. sizes.	
30 " Pilot Bread,		20 do. Ship Spikes,	
20 ½ " "		500 lbs. cop. Sheath. Nails,	
20 " Navy "		100 lbs. Copper Tacks,	
20 ¼ " Soda Biscuit,		60 kegs No. 1 White Lead,	
3 hhds. Porto Rico Sugar,		10 " Lynn " "	
6 bbls. Crushed Sugar,		20 " Black Paint,	
10 " Powdered "		50 Cans Imperial Green,	
1000 lbs. Loaf "		30 " Paris "	

10 bags Laguira Coffee.
A general assortment of Summer Clothing. A general assortment of Wood and Willow Ware.
Also, per Schr. Wilmington, and Brig Duffell:
30 boxes Tobacco; 10,000 Spanish Segars, assorted Brands; 30,000 American do.
3 casks first rate French Brandy, with Custom House Certificates. And 5 casks London and Philadelphia Porter.
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THE Subscriber has on hand a general assortment of Goods in his line, together with *Rockaways, Buggies, Trotting Waggons,* and *Sulkies,* all of which he will sell low. Purchasers are respectfully invited to call at the Old Stand, North Side of Market Street.
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AGENCY OF CAPE FEAR STEAM BOAT COMPANY,
March 11, 1846.
THE *Cape Fear Steam Boat Company,* having thoroughly placed in order the favorite Steamer, *Cotton Plant,* and are building Lighters of the most approved style, and peculiarly adapted to the low stages of the River, are prepared to give despatch to Goods for Fayetteville, and the interior, on the *most favorable terms.* The keel of a new Steamer has been laid, which will soon be completed, of such light draft of water, *as to suit all stages of the River; and which, in lightness of draft,* WILL NEVER BE SURPASSED.
Goods will be received and forwarded promptly thro' Wilmington, *free of all charges for Storage, Drayage, Wharfage, and Commissions;* and will be attended to at Fayetteville, *free of Commissions.* Goods can be stored there, up town or at the river, as shippers may desire.
The Cape Fear Steam Boat Company are determined to carry Goods on as favorable terms as any other Company; and from the long experience of their agents at Wilmington and Fayetteville, have no doubt of giving their friends *entire satisfaction.*
E. W. WILLKINGS,
Agent at Fayetteville.
ROB'T. G. RANKIN,
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EMPTY SPIRITS TURPENTINE BBLS.
A CONSTANT supply of the above barrels for sale by SANDFORD & SMITH.
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5,000 BUSHELS TURKS ISLAND SALT for Sale by
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FEELING the inconvenience of the closing of the Book Bindery in Wilmington, we have made arrangements with a Charleston Binder to execute work from this place at *Charleston prices!* Those having Books to bind, in fact, any work that is executed at a Bindery, can have it done *well* and *expeditiously* and at 25 per cent lower than they have been in the habit of paying, by leaving it at the Office of the Commercial.
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COTTON TWINE.—10 Bales Cotton Seine Twine, assorted and numbered. Just received and for sale by NEFF & WARNER.
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SADDLES AND BRIDLES.
THE above articles are sold at the lowest prices, by
Sept 26. 81 E. PETERSON.

HAY of good quality, for sale in lots to suit, by
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50 BBLS. Baltimore and N. Y. Inspection Mess Beef,
60 " " " " Prime Pork.
50 " & half do. Superfine Flour, New Wheat,
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3 Bbls. New Salmon, 10 Qrls. Codfish,
20 Half Bbls. E. M. Beef, and Beef Tongues,
25 Boxes Cheese, 25 Boxes smoked Herring,
15 Firkins Orange County Butter,
5 Pieces White Beans, 10 Bbls. Kill Dried Meal,
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For Sale, *cheap low,* by
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25 BARRELS Mess Pork. For sale by
JOHN GAMMELL.
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50 BARRELS N. O. Whiskey,
10 do. Apple Brandy,
10 do. Spanish Brandy,
10 do. Malaga Wine,
3 Hhds. Sugar.
2,000 lbs. N. C. Bacon.
for sale by A. MARTIN.
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To the honorable the next General Assembly of North Carolina:
APPLICATION will be made at your next Session, for a *Charter of Incorporation* for a Mutual Marine and Fire Insurance Company, to be located in the town of Wilmington.
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NOTICE.
APPLICATION will be made to the ensuing Legislature, for the passage of an act authorizing the proper authorities to re-organize the Fire Department, and requiring all Free persons of color in the town of Wilmington, to enroll themselves for Fire Duty.
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40 TONS Coal, 25 Bales Hay. Daily expected per Schr Joseph Lybrand, from Philadelphia, for sale by J. MULOCK.
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THE subscriber has removed to the new Store in *North Water Street,* two doors above *Princess Street,* where he offers for sale, in addition to Goods before advertised,
150 Bales prime Eastern Hay.
5,000 lbs. Superior North Carolina Bacon.
300 Bushels Cow Peas.
Oct 22. [92] A. MARTIN.

COPARTNERSHIP.
THE subscribers have formed a Copartnership, under the firm of McMillan & Co., for the transaction of a general retail business at *White Hall, Bladen County.*
DUGALD McMILLAN,
THOS. H. LANE.
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'Dearest and beloved Helena,

'I send you the accompanying gold to appropriate it to the purpose of which you spoke to me yesterday. I would wish my angel to have divine forethought, in order that I might anticipate your least wish.—Can I ever confer upon you a hundreth part of the happiness which you bestowed upon me since the commencement of your love? Adieu, adored Helena: it is not your Prince who addresses you, it is the most devoted of your lovers.

'P S. Take great care of the little girl, of whom I often think. In a month hence I shall visit her nurse.'

This letter bore the signature of the reigning Prince, as absolutely as the daily proclamations and ordinances. The poor husband's brain nearly turned at the reading of this epistle. He was seized with a species of furious madness—he rushed from the house without his hat, the purse still firmly clutched in his hand, and arrived breathless and panting in the midst of the joyous throng who had assembled for the purpose of celebrating his nuptials with their favourite maid. At the sight of his feverish and excited appearance, the music stopped, and the dancers became motionless.

Fritz, unable to restrain himself a moment longer, stopped before Helena, his countenance haggard, and his dress in disorder.

'Here miserable woman,' cried he, in a voice of thunder, 'here is your gold. Keep it to assist you in duping others. I shall not touch the wages of infamy.'

In speaking thus, he threw the purse at the feet of Helena, but she making a sudden bound, caught him by the arm, exclaiming while tears rushed down her cheeks:—'Fritz, my own dear Fritz, what have I done? why address to me these fearful words?'

Fritz became maddened with rage.

'The Prince!' he exclaimed; 'The Prince!—approach me not—touch me not with your sinful hands—get quickly out of my sight, if you would not have me to commit a crime that hell itself would tremble at.'

Thus saying he pushed her rudely from him, and the poor Helena staggered and fell back in the midst of the crowd.

They raised her up—she had fainted and was insensible; and while some bathed her temples, others interrogated her with more curiosity than discretion. When consciousness was restored, her eyes wandered around in search of Fritz. Seeing that he had disappeared, Helena covered her face with her hands, and sobbed bitterly.

No more was required to convince many of her former friends that the young woman was guilty. They dispersed silently. Poor Helena was conducted home by a few more compassionating than the rest, where she abandoned herself to despair, with that purse full of gold which she had formerly considered to be the source of all her happiness.

As Fritz heard nothing of his wife during the two years that followed this adventure, we shall content ourselves with succinctly relating the history of his life during that period.

After the violent scene which had tended in no small degree to break the marriage contract, Fritz quitted the town. He wandered heedlessly on until the approach of night warned him to seek for rest and refreshment. He entered a little inn, and called for wine, which he commenced hurriedly drinking, in hopes of drowing reflection by the repeated draughts, and showing by his abstracted air that he was immersed in the deepest sorrow.

Whilst he endeavoured to soothe his sorrow with potent draughts of wine, a man entered and without the least ceremony placed himself opposite to him at the same table.—This personage had a most equivocal appearance, but certain superfluous articles of dress announced him to be above want. He was familiar and open in his manner, and immediately invited our poor fugitive to take a few glasses with him. Drinking, they chatted, and their sympathies ripened according as the glasses were repeated.

Fritz, at length, related the cause of his grief, and wept tears of tenderness and displeasure at the remembrance of his lost Helena.

'But if she was perfidious,' added he; 'it is all over now—I shall never see her again.'

'That is well said,' replied the unknown. 'A man ought to show his spirit under such circumstances, and despise the woman who sought to dupe him.'

'I shall certainly endeavour to forget her,' said Fritz, assuming a tone of resolution; but in the mean time what am I to do?

'That is a very wise question,' replied the stranger; 'you must be guided by circumstances; but in the mean time allow me to offer you a little Rhenish wine, which they say, possesses great powers of inspiration.'

'With all my heart,' said Fritz. 'We shall say a few words to that excellent companion, they call Rhenish wine.'

They drank and talked, and talked and drank. Fritz could never afterwards recall to his memory how so sudden a friendship had sprung up between him and his Scotch friend. Neither could he tell how he had signed the papers which his companion had presented to him, or why he had refused the gold which his comrade had offered him—and, above all, after having fallen asleep upon a chair in the little inn, he had awoke in his barracks.

When they placed upon him the cockade of the prince, he found it impossible to repress his just indignation. Wear the colors of the Prince—the man who had robbed him of his happiness! At this idea the blood rushed to the face of Fritz. His dignity had received a check, which years alone could blot out.

He threw down the piece of money and the cockade, and trampled them under his

From the London World of Fashion

THE LOST TREASURE.

"All's not offence that indiscretion finds,
And dotage terms so."

SHAKSPEARE.

Between the Grand Duchy of Baden and Prussia, in the midst of the black forest, reposes the charming little town called Furstemberg. The day after Low Sunday, in the year 1780, was kept as a holiday in all the work-shops of the shoemakers in that little town, for it was the marriage of Fritz Habler, the gayest and most skillful of the cordwainers in the principality, with Helena Wanburn, the fairest and loveliest straw plaiter in the surrounding district.

At an early hour in the morning, Fritz appeared at the door of his future wife, who joyously awaited his appearance, surrounded by her bridesmaids, who were occupied in lacing her bodice with pale pink ribbon, and placing upon her brow the wreath of orange blossoms, which shed o'er the last moments of her maiden life, the sweetest perfume of this expiring flower. Fondly he took her hand and led her to the altar.

'Helena, do you accept Fritz Habler for your lawful husband?'

'Fritz Habler, do you accept Helena Wanburn to be your lawful wedded wife?'

Never did young hearts respond more joyously, or with greater fervour to these questions, asked by their venerated clergyman, and they quitted the church full of this world's happiness.

On their return from the church, they directed their steps to an arbour which had been gaily decorated for the occasion. When the company were about sitting down to regale themselves with a slight repast, they they discovered that the bride and bridegroom had disappeared. A deputation was immediately formed to seek them.

During this time Fritz and Helena walked joyously through the town, unmindful of the gaze of the spectators, and alone sensible of their own pure happiness. When they arrived at the bride's house, the young and blooming girl opened an old trunk, and drew from thence an old leather purse, at the same time displaying to the view of her astonished husband its contents—a quantity of gold florins.

'This is the surprise that I have reserved for you till this hour, my beloved Fritz.—Now, have I not added to your happiness? This purse contains ten thousand florins!'

'Why that is a considerable sum,' said the astonished Fritz.

'Considerable and delightful, my own love,' said Helena.

'Yes, delightful indeed,' said Fritz; 'but how have you acquired this vast treasure?'

'Oh, that matters not, love. Can you not receive Heaven's gifts without inquiry?'

'Yes, if they come from Heaven; that is precisely what I want to know.'

'I assure you this gold belongs to me, or rather to you now, for have not I given myself and all my worldly possessions to my own dearly beloved husband?'

'But still my beloved, there is some further explanation necessary; you must let me know——'

Here the lovers were interrupted by joyous roars of laughter in the adjoining room, together with a loud knocking at the door

'It is our friends, who come to seek us,' said Fritz. 'I conjure you, Helena, while we are yet alone, tell me of the purse?

'No not to-day; some other time if I find you fond, affectionate, and wise, and that you are not suspicious or jealous.'

On saying these words she opened the door. Her appearance was the signal for loud applause and clapping of hands,

'Fritz—Fritz! where is Fritz?' demanded several voices at once.

'Let us take away the bride,' said one of the party,' and I warrant the bridegroom will not linger long behind.' The bridegroom's man here advanced, and offering his arm to Helena, led her triumphantly away, followed by the admiring throng

Fritz rejoiced in being left a moment to consider his extraordinary accession of fortune. Already his good luck had frightened away his gaiety and made him uneasy and thoughtful. He took hold of the purse, and his eyes dilated at the sight of the gold. His imagination now revelled in the possession of a handsome and well stocked shop—Helena enthroned therein behind an ebony counter, with all the fashion and wealth of the place pressing in crowds around the beautiful bride, who was insensible to all the homage she received, having neither eyes nor ears for any save himself. Already in imagination did he arrange the clothing he would wear, infinitely more costly than his present suit, and thought with delight of how proudly he would walk through the town, and be looked upon with respect as one of its richest merchants; even the workmen his ancient companions, saluting him with humility, and how he would return their courtesy with a patronizing and benevolent air.

In order to assure himself of the truth of this glowing picture, he plunged his hand into the purse, and amongst the gold he felt a roll of paper, which he hastily drew forth. It was a note and contained these words, which were well calculated to restore his mind to the truths of reality —