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found a general assortment of groceries for both Town
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MANUFACTORY,
Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.
THE subscriber takes this method
of informing his friends and the public gener-
ally, that he has taken the store formerly occu-
pied by Porter and Blakelee, and immediately opposite
the Chronicle Office, where he is now opening a com-
plete assortment of

Saddles, Bridles, Harness, Trunks, Martingales,
Valises, Carpet and Saddle Bags, Collars,
Whips, Spurs, Bits, &c. &c. &c.
All of which will be warranted of good manufacture
and materials, and will be sold low for CASH.
Having some experience in the above business, he
flatters himself that he will be able to render full sat-
isfaction to those who may be disposed to patronize
him.
It is his intention to keep on 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.
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SEVERAL well finished offices, in the fire proof
building on Water Street, over the stores of Smith,
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That large and convenient Wharf on Eagle's Island
opposite Town and known as the site of the Phoenix
Distillery, 220 feet front, and running back 1500 feet
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sortment of Goods in his line, together
with Rockaways, Buggies, Trotting Wagons,
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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THE Cape Fear Steam Boat Com-
pany, 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
sail 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 deter-
mined 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. WILLINGS,
Agent at Fayetteville.
ROBT. G. RANKIN,
Agent at Wilmington.
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50 DOZEN, in quart Bottles, of the real French
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200 PRIME North Carolina Bacon Hams, just
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HERRINGS.
50 BOXES very superior smoked HERRINGS, just
received, and for sale, by
Nov. 10. [100] J. & W. L. MCGARY.

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50 " & half do. Superfine Flour, New Wheat,
5 Bbls. Sounds and Tongues, 5 Bbls. No. 1
Mackerel,
3 Bbls. New Salmon, 10 Qls. Codfish,
20 Half Bbls. F. M. Beef, and Beef Tongues,
25 Boxes Cheese, 25 Boxes Smoked HERRING,
15 Firkins Orange County Butter,
5 Tierces White Beans, 10 Bbls. KIL Dried
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THE subscribers have formed a Copartnership,
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purchasers on any wharf designated in town, without
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the above named articles on as favorable terms as can
be procured from any other establishment.
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WE have just executed in a superb style, bound up
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THE COUNTESS VAN OSTROEM.

A FRAGMENT.

CHAPTER I.
THE ORATORY.

It was in the month of September. The
night was fierce and furious. The city of
Rotterdam was enveloped in a thick and mis-
tery darkness, from time to time illumined
by the frequent and vivid flashes of lightning,
with its accompanying peals of thunder.—
Not a window on that terrific night hazarded
a single ray of light; not a blind remained
undrawn in the long line of houses and pal-
aces that border the quays. All was dark
and dismal as a tomb.

At the extremity of the grand Boulevard,
which extends from one extremity to the other
of the harbor, in a sumptuous villa, known
to all the aristocracy of Holland by the bril-
liant fete of which it had been the theatre
for the last two years—was a woman, still
young, and of exquisite beauty, notwithstanding
her extreme paleness, and who three days
before had been the queen of her first autumnal
ball, now given up to the most frightful
agony.

The room which the Countess Van-Ostroem
had chosen for her sleeping apartment
since her widowhood, was on the ground floor
of the pavilion, looking upon a vast and volu-
tuous garden. This room had been original-
ly appropriated to an oratory, and still pre-
served several of the ornaments consequent upon
its first destination. The walls were clothed
with tapestry, enriched with religious
paintings from the most celebrated artists of
the Flemish school, and the floor was faced
with the most beautiful marble of Carrara.

Few changes had taken place in the decora-
tions. The curtains of the bed and windows were
of sky blue damask, fringed with gold of
the richest pattern; and save a few articles
of female furniture, and the costly couch, no-
thing in that chamber would lead you to be-
lieve that it was aught but an oratory.

A large fire place, the hearth of which was
two degrees higher than the remainder of the
room was hid in a moment by sliding panels,
artfully disguised, and presented the appear-
ance of an elegant altar, which was surround-
ed by a marble statue representing the Vir-
gin and child.

But why had this woman, young and bril-
liant, surrounded by the homage, and mixed
up with pleasure of the highest and best society
in Rotterdam, contrary to all usage, and
perhaps in opposition to her own taste, se-
lected this oratory for a sleeping apartment?

That is what we hope to inform
our readers of.

CHAPTER II.
THE FAITHFUL WIDOW.

The Countess Van Ostroem was married
at eighteen, and in two years after became a
widow. Her grief was inconsolable at the
death of her husband. She shut herself up
for entire days in the oratory we have de-
scribed, without allowing even her waiting
maid to enter. She soon manifested a deter-
mined resolution not again to leave it, and
thus cloistered herself in the midst of this
smiling villa, so renowned for its former bril-
liant fetes.

A bed and a few indispensable articles of
furniture were brought down, and from this
period the daily cares which that chamber
required were confided to an old and trusty
servant named Brigitte, who having been the
nurse of the Countess, had obtained more than
ordinary favour in her service. But even
Brigitte herself never entered alone into this
mysterious oratory. The Countess over-
looked all her movements there, and watched
even her very looks; and after the old woman
would leave the room, the Countess would
herself lock the door with extreme care, and
never let for a moment out of her own pos-
session the key.

This strange and unaccountable conduct
continued for six years, yet in the minds of
those by whom she was surrounded, a single
suspicion unfavourable to the Countess had
never arisen. If it at first appeared some-
what extraordinary, all was soon accounted
for by the extreme grief of her young mis-
tress; and having accounted for it thus, they
thought no more upon the subject.

The beautiful widow continued immersed
in a profound sorrow. Time, that inflexible
remedy for healing the wounds of the heart,
was powerless with her. For ten years she
was clothed in the deepest mourning, and
separated from that world she had sworn
never again to mix with; she contemplated
each day with deeper grief the image of the
Count, pressed it to her heart, and bathed it
with tears. For ten years she had lived in
might be said only with the dead, when all
on a sudden upon the portal of the garden
when chance had thrown into her hands,
she trembled as if she had received an elec-
tric shock, passed her hand across her brow,
looked joyous and happy, and rang the bell
with haste and impetuosity.

Her attendants attentive to her slightest
signal, hastened to answer the appeal, and
in obedience to the Countess's order, with-
drew from her wardrobe her mourning ha-
bilitments, and replaced them with dresses
rich and elegant.

The villa, which had been for so many
years sad and silent, was suddenly to be

enlivened; flowers and fete, pleasure and
tolly, light and loveliness, shone around and
about it.
This sudden return to the pleasures of the
world might appear strange to those surround-
ing the Countess Van-Ostroem, who had for
the last ten years shut herself up so imper-
ceptibly in her mysterious oratory; but we easily
account for that which gives us pleasure,
without too minutely inquiring into the cause,
thus her faithful servants beheld with joy and
delight this unlooked for change.

CHAPTER III.
THE RETURN TO PLEASURE.

The first soiree the Countess gave af-
ter her protracted mourning, reunited to-
gether all the fashion and elegance of Holland.
All that was noble and elite, all that was e-
legant and distinguished, formed together
their congress under the auspices of pleasure.

Never was fete more brilliant. Never
did the queen of loveliness receive greater
homage; yet the Countess did not find in all
this triumph the happiness she had promised
herself. Oft the invitations she had sent
out, one remained unanswered—the Marquis
de la Mainerie, Colonel of the French Hus-
sars, whose return to Amsterdam, the Gazette
had a week before announced. This man,
whose name alone had operated so powerfully
upon the mind of the inconsolable widow,
and caused a change which was at once sud-
den and marvellous—this man, for whom
this brilliant fete was given, had not deigned
to respond to the invitation. His cruel and
unlooked for absence poisoned all her joy,
but yet nothing in her graceful manner and
expressive countenance betrayed the inward
misery of the soul.

Women of fashion have the art of making
their gracious smiles an impenetrable mask
—it is the privilege of their education.
Poignant as was the disappointment of the
Countess, she yet contrived, for a feature,
but pressed on through the throng, followed,
admired, and courted, wherever she went.

Other fetes still more splendid than the
former were given, and still the French Col-
onel was invited; but appeared not.
This state of things continued for two years,
when upon a night three days prior to the
one we have endeavored to describe in our
first chapter, the villa was even more than
usually brilliant. The gardens appeared
fresher, the exotics more rare and beautiful,
the carpets more magnificent, and the paint-
ings more exquisite. All bespoke the palace
of luxury and opulence.

A swarm of beautiful women and youthful
dancers invaded at an early hour the splen-
did suite of rooms appropriated to the ball.—
The orchestra was artistically concealed be-
hind a beautifully constructed mass of verdure
and flowers, and threw upon the crowd, in-
toxicated with harmony and joy, its magic
sound.

The light which fell in white cascade
from twenty lustres of crystal and gold, ad-
ded its perfumed brilliancy to the elegance
and exquisite taste displayed by the sumptuous
and enchanting votaries of pleasure. The
shght was truly a brilliant one—the young
—the beautiful, the gay, vying with each
other in grace and agility, and so voluptu-
ous was the scene, that a beholder would have
imagined that he was suddenly transported
into an ideal world, or that it was the realiza-
tion of one of those gorgeous fairy tales, by
which the mind of youth is amused.

The quadrilles had just ended, and the
fair and panting girls were about being led
to a seat by their enamored partners, when a
slight movement, accompanied by a stifled
whisper, drew the attention of the jealous
joyous multitude towards the door of the
drawing room.

The Countess, who had according to us-
age, opened the ball herself, directed her foot-
steps towards the entrance, and had scarcely
proceeded as far as the middle of the apart-
ment, when a French officer, of noble and
commanding appearance, apparently about
thirty years of age, and wearing the uniform
of a Colonel of Hussars, appeared at the
door. A lady of about nineteen was lean-
ing proudly on his arm, whose exquisite
grace and beauty at once struck the behold-
er.

The Countess, who had at first only per-
ceived the Colonel, darted forward eagerly to
receive him, when the servant announced,
"The Marquis and Marchioness de la Main-
erie."

These last words crashed for ever a hope
fondly cherished, and struck as a thunderbolt
upon the beautiful widow. She became pale
as death, staggered, and fell senseless on the
ground, before a friendly arm could be
stretched out to receive her.

Five minutes afterwards the villa was de-
serted and the Countess, in her robe embroi-
dered in gold, and the choicest flowers grace-
fully entwined in her raven hair, was ex-
tended without sense or motion, upon the bed
in the oratory.

The Colonel, who was married scarcely a
month, and had long withstood the Countess's
invitations, but was forced to accept the one
we have above described to gratify his youth-
ful bride, fled hastily into France, in order to
avoid the scandalous reports circulated by
those who had witnessed the Countess's agi-
tations.

CHAPTER IV.
THE MARQUIS DE LA MAINERIE.

At length arrived the dreaded third day,
and with it an increase of bad