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CARROLL & FENNEL.
Grocers & Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
HAVE ALWAYS ON HAND A GENERAL ASSORTMENT OF
FAMILY GROCERIES, LIQUORS, WINES, &c.
AND WILL PAY PARTICULAR
Attention to the sale of all kinds of Produce
S. J. CARROLL, C. F. FENNEL,
July 13, 1848.

F. CLARK,
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF
CABINET FURNITURE,
CHAIRS, BEDSTEPS, WRITING DESKS, MAT-
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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159 FRONT ST. NEW YORK.
March 17 1848. 1-y.

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Nos. 5 & 6, SOUTH WHARVES,
PHILADELPHIA.
We are prepared to make liberal advances on ship-
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O. G. PARLEY, Esq., do.
J. A. TAYLOR, Esq., do.
AMER PATTON, Esq., New York.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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ENGINEERS AND MACHINISTS,
Wilmington N. C.
THE ABOVE FIRM HAVE ERECTED AN EXTENSIVE
Iron and Brass Foundry,
TOGETHER WITH
Machine and Blacksmith Shops,
Where orders for every description of work in their
line of business, will be expeditiously and
faithfully executed. 55-1f.
July 25, 1848.

MARTIN & CRONLY,
AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
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A LOT of A. B. Allams & Co's. superior No. 1
Ploughs. Just received and for sale, by
M'KELLAR & M'RAE, 126.
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REFRIGERATORS AND SHOWER BATHS,
At Reduced Prices.
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Sept. 19.

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HARRISS & DRAKE,
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
REFERENCES:
O. G. PARLEY, Esq., Wilmington, N. C.
Col. John McKee, do.
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, do.
Wm. Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., Fayetteville, N. C.
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia.
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" Pillsbury & Sandford, do.
" Hunting & Tufts, Boston.
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W. BRANSON:
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.
Nutt's Building, North Water Street,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Sept. 28 1848. 83-c.

N. B. HUGHES,
AUCTIONEER
AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
RALEIGH, N. C.
Solicits consignments, and will attend to all busi-
ness entrusted to him, and pledges himself that all
consignments and business shall be strictly done in
conformity to the wishes of his employers.
REFERENCE:
T. LOMON, Esq., Wilmington.
E. W. WILKINS, Esq., Fayetteville.
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JOHN D. LOVE,
DEALER IN
CABINET FURNITURE,
BEDSTEPS, CHAIRS, MATTRASSES, &c.,
ROCK SPRING,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
THE Subscriber having received the Agency
of the
Camden Insurance Company, N. J.
CHARTERED 1832.
WITH A CAPITAL OF \$100,000,
in Wilmington and vicinity, will issue Policies on
cargo, freight and vessels out of this port; and also
take Fire risks on as reasonable terms as any other
Institution. Losses sustained will be promptly and
thoroughly adjusted and paid, and in case of difference
the Courts of North Carolina will be acknowledged.
A. MARTIN, Agt.
Dec. 14, 1847. 116-1y-c.

A Fine Set of Teeth for 25 Cents.
White Teeth, Foul Breath, Healthy Gums.
Yellow and unhealthy teeth, after being once or
twice cleaned with
JONES' AMBER TOOTH PASTE,
have the appearance of the most beautiful Ivory, and
at the same time it is so perfectly innocent and exqui-
sitely fine, that its constant daily use is highly advan-
tageous, even to those teeth that are in good condition,
giving them a beautiful polish, and preventing a pre-
mature decay. Those already decayed, it prevents
from becoming worse—it also fastens such as are be-
coming loose, and by perseverance it will render the
loosest teeth delicately white, and make the breath
deliciously sweet.
PRICE 25 OR 37 CENTS A BOX
Sold in Wilmington, by Lippitt & Wilkings.

Dissolution.
THE Partnership heretofore existing under the
name and firm of Hart & Polley, is this day dis-
solved by mutual consent, those indebted to the same
either by note or account are requested to call and set-
tle before the first of August, or their notes and ac-
counts will be left in the hands of an Officer for col-
lection. L. A. Hart is authorized to settle all the af-
fairs of the Concern.
LEVI A. HART,
S. P. POLLEY.

NOTICE.
THE undersigned would respectfully inform the
public that he has purchased L. A. Hart's right
and interest in the late concern of Hart & Polley,
where he will continue the business as usual, with the
exception of LONG CREDIT.
S. P. POLLEY, 33
June 1.

MOLASSES.
50 BBLDS Superior retailing Molasses. For
sale by BARRY BRYANT & Co. 76.
September 12, 1848.

NOTICE.
THE subscriber has this day entered into a Co-
partnership with L. J. Jones, for the purpose of
carrying on the Boot and Shoe business in all its
branches, at his old stand in Market street, under the
firm of GRAY & JONES.
All persons indebted to me, either by note or ac-
count, will please call and settle, as the old business
must be closed up.
CHAS. GRAY, 70-1f.
Wilmington, Aug. 16th, (29th).

COFFEE! COFFEE!
160 BAGS of prime quality St. Domingo Caf-
fee in store. For sale in lots to suit pur-
chasers. Apply to HARRISS & RUSSELL,
Sept. 28. 83-1f. 22 North Water st.

GLUE.
20 BBLDS. superior, just landed from schr. Abi-
gail Haynes, and for sale by
BARRY, BRYANT & Co. 82-1f.
Sept. 26.

MARSEILLES Quilts and Counterpanes, for sale
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APPLES
25 BBLDS. Apples. For sale at
HOWARD & PEDEN'S, 58.
Oct. 10.

THE CITY HOTEL.
Adjoining the Court House Square
RALEIGH, N. C.
HAS been recently thoroughly repaired, and
greatly improved by the addition of a large
number of pleasant and commodious rooms which
are not excelled by any in the City. The table al-
ways furnished with the best that can be procured,
and the charges are as moderate as can be afforded.
The stables are in good order, well furnished with
proprietor, and attended by careful and experienced
Out-
Mrs. Lawrence would respectfully invite
the attention of the members of the approaching
Legislature and the travelling public to the advantages
presented by this establishment.
Single, Sept. 12 1848. 78-1y-w-t.

10,000 Cords Pine Wood.
PROPOSALS will be received until 1st Novem-
ber next for the delivery of ten thousand cords Pine
wood for the Steam Boats of the Wilmington
and Raleigh Rail Road Company. To be delivered
during the year 1849—on board the Steamboats or on
the wharf as may be required.
Bidders will please state the kind of pine, dead or
living and the price of each.
JNO. A. TAYLOR, S. Agent.
Sept. 12

BROADCLOTHS, Casimeres, and Vestings of
every variety, for sale by J. S. WILLIAMS, 83-
Sept. 28.

NEW YORK
FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.
THE subscriber respectfully announces to the
public that he is hourly expecting the following
articles of Cabinet Furniture, which he will offer to
those about buying, at exceedingly low prices.
4 Marble Top Wash Stands,
2 Mahogany Dining Tables, a new style,
3 do. Tea Tables,
6 do. Wash Stands,
4 do. Dressing Tables,
2 do. Dressing Bureaus,
4 Walnut Tea Tables,
4 Marble Top Wash Stands,
2 Walnut half French Bedsteads,
10 fine Maple Bedsteads, double width,
6 fine Half Mattresses,
8 Moss do.
6 children's Trundle Bedsteads,
12 low post single do.
2 handsome Side Boards,
12 painted Wash Stands,
12 do. Sink Wash Stands,
Towel Racks, Lamp Stands, &c.
ALSO,
12 large Arm Rockers,
12 Canoe seat and back Nursing Chairs,
5 dozen Fancy Chairs,
24 do. Top Arm Chairs,
12 do. Hair Cushions,
12 Misses Sewing and Rocking Chairs,
12 table chairs for children,
12 Sick Chairs,
12 painted Rockers,
6 dozen common Stool Chairs.
F. CLARK,
Front st., near Market, 62-1f.
Oct. 2.

LIFE INSURANCE.
Agency of the Hope Mutual Life In-
surance Company.
THE subscriber has been appointed Agent for the
above Company, and is now prepared to receive
applications for life insurance—he is also prepared
to receive applications for insurance on the lives of
Slaves.
This institution incorporated in 1846—with a lib-
eral and perpetual charter, and duly organized accord-
ing to law has commended the business of LIFE
INSURANCE—on the MUTUAL principle. The
NET PROFITS being divided annually among the in-
sured, according to the Act of Incorporation. The
rates of premiums conform with the usage of other
similar companies. For the convenience of parties
insuring, it is left to their option when the pre-
mium exceeds \$25, to pay one half in cash, and a
secure payment of the residue in 12 months, by an
approved note bearing interest at six per cent.
The lives of married men may be insured for the
benefit of their wives and children, so that upon the
decease of the insured the wife if living, or if not,
then his children will receive the amount payable by
the policy, free and clear of any claim by the cred-
itor of the deceased.
For the greater security of parties insuring with
this company, the Trustees have provided an indemn-
ity fund, to the amount of \$25000 to meet losses that
may accrue upon policies issued by the company
which is to remain until a capital exceeding that
amount shall have been realized from the receipt of
premiums when it will be no longer necessary, and
may be withdrawn.
The following is a list of the officers and trustees
for the ensuing year, viz:
TRUSTEES,
Nathaniel Wood, Samuel K. Satterley,
Sheldon Baldwin, Cyrus H. Bardsley,
Dennis Perkins, John W. Lewis,
John A. Davenport, Alex. N. Holly,
Alexander H. Dana, William T. Minor,
Charles J. Taylor, Walter Ayres,
James Hamilton, Philip S. Galpin,
James Souther, Wm. L. Brewer,
Era Wood, James Dimon,
Joseph B. Nones, Charles Whiteley,
Joseph D. Warren,
Stephen H. Hoyt, Theodore Davenport.
ALEXANDER N. HOLLY, President,
JOHN W. LEWIS, Assistant President,
JOHN A. DAVENPORT, Vice President,
ROSEWELL HOYT, Secretary,
WM. WELLS, General Agent.
Any information will be cheerfully given on applica-
tion to the Agent.
Dr. James H. Dickson has been appointed Exam-
ining Physician for the Company.
THOMAS SANDFORD, Agent,
Sept. 28th, 1848. 83-1y-c.

FOR NEW YORK
THE fast sailing BRIG SEAMAN, Captain
John Sharp, will have dispatch for the above
port. For freight or passage, having super-
ior accommodations. Apply to the Capt. on board
or to
HARRISS & RUSSELL,
Oct. 5th.—86-2t. 17 North Water St.

NOTICE.
THE subscribers have this day entered into Co-
partnership under the firm of MARTIN &
CRONLY, for the transaction of a General Auction
Commission and Agency business, at the late stand
of Cronly, Walker & Hall.
A. MARTIN,
M. CRONLY, 85-1f.
Oct. 3.

From Chambers' Edinburgh Journal.
THE PRIVY COUNSELLOR;
OR
IT IS POSSIBLE.

Privy Counsellor Stryk had perpetually
upon his tongue three words that had be-
come to him a kind of proverb—"It is possi-
ble." It often happened that he used these
in the reports made by him to the ministers
in full council; and when this occurred, a
smile, such as is usually given to our neigh-
bors' weaknesses, played upon the lips of
his colleagues.

Privy Counsellor Stryk, nevertheless,
was held in high consideration. The differ-
ent rulers of the electorate, in their turn,
showed their appreciation of his varied in-
formation and talents by always employing
him. Every one did justice to his ability
and tact—may, perhaps, a little overrated
him; and Stryk, open, upright and consid-
erative, was looked upon as a deep and
subtle politician, with a penetration and
farsightedness little short of the gift of
prophecy. And all this reputation he owed
solely to the three words—"It is possible."

Often, however, they escaped him al-
most involuntarily; yet when they had
once escaped him, he thought himself
bound to follow up and maintain their con-
sequences. Thus this saying exercised the
greatest influence upon his opinions,
his habits and all events of his life. Who
could believe it of a man so learned and
enlightened? And yet it was not only
possible, but true.

He was himself fully aware of this in-
fluence, but yet not only did he remain con-
stant to his three words, but he was seri-
ously anxious to impress his only son with
the same conviction of their omnipotence.
The young man, who, like most other
young people, thought himself much more
clear sighted than his old father, considered
this as nothing more than a very singular
mania.

"This little oddity, my dear father," he
said, "may be excused in you, but my
adopting it would be considered a mere
piece of affectation, a ridiculous copying of
you."
"It is possible, my dear Frederick," said
the privy counsellor; but you may let laugh
those that will, when you have in those
three words the secret of prudence, repose,
security, of happiness. Think not that this
maxim became habitual to me by mere
chance. I adopted it upon sad experience
that led to mature reflection. I owe it all
that I have, all that I am. The misfor-
tunes of my youth, and despair made me
first lay hold of it;—and once hold of, I
raised myself by its help, and reconquered
fortune. The little patrimony bequeathed
to me by my parents only sufficed to en-
able me to subsist while studying at the
university; and yet because I carefully avoid-
ed debt, I passed for having a comfortable
competence, and welcomed into society
that would have disdained me, had people
known that I was all the while contented
with bread and milk as my whole dietary.
I was well received, and generally esteem-
ed, yet I had but one bosom friend amongst
the men, and but one lady had ever engaged
more than a passing thought; and
pretension to her, the daughter of a general
officer, was hopeless, and would have re-
mained so, had not fortune, smiling upon me
most unexpectedly, I was made chamber-
lain to the dowager-duchess, with a good
pension; and shortly after, a cousin died in
Batavia, and left me a considerable prop-
erty. Unwilling, in my first hours as an
accepted lover, to leave my Philippina, I gave
full powers to my friend Scheene Miller,
the friend of my heart, my second self and
despatched him to Amsterdam.
"You never before mentioned this friend
to me," said Frederick.

"It is possible," answered the privy coun-
sellor, "and I will soon tell you why. Alar-
med for his health by his long delay and
total silence, I sacrificed love to friendship,
and tearing myself from my Philippina,
while she, overcome with grief was yet
fainting in her mother's arms, I set out for
Amsterdam. Suffice it to say, I discovered
that my best friend had deceived me, and
was by this time in America with the
whole of my cousin's bequest. 'It is im-
possible!' I cried, 'it is impossible!' But
soon I was obliged to say, 'It is possible!'
And I flew back to Philippina, to soothe
the feelings wounded by the treachery of
my friend, and again I was compelled to
say, 'It is possible,' when the first greeting
on my arrival at home was the announce-
ment that, three days after the letter con-
veying the tidings of my loss, my betroth-
ed had become the bride of another. I
spare you my agonies. Henceforth I be-
lieved everything possible but good to me;
and no matter how improbable any sug-
gestion seemed, I replied, 'It is possible!'
In these three words was embodied my
whole system of practical philosophy. I
kept continually repeating them, till at
length they became a comfort in sorrow—
an antidote to despair. When I said to my-
self, 'Canst thou ever be happy in this
world?'—my lips formed the words, 'It is
possible,' and the event justified the almost
mechanical hope. I adopted the maxim,

and no longer lived in an ideal world, sup-
plied either by angels or devils—the youth-
ful heart seldom knows any medium.
Henceforth good fortune had no power to
intoxicate, for I thought of its instability,
and said, 'It is possible,' and misfortune
could neither surprise nor wholly depre-
ss me, for I was prepared for anything. Men
in general act in the ordinary, as well as
the more important concerns of life, upon a
sudden impulse, for which they can hardly
account, and of which they are almost un-
conscious. Take my advice, my son, adopt
my maxim, were it only to give you the
power of self-possession, and make you
ready either to die or to suffer. Repeat it
till you have made it your own. This, at
least is possible.

The favorite phrase of our privy coun-
sellor sometimes proved unpropitious; but
he was not easily dejected. For instance,
one day when the elector presided in per-
son in the usual, some debate arose upon
the late French Revolution of '93; and as
the many changes were mentioned in the
people who once idolized their Kings, the
elector exclaimed, 'The French are the
most abominable race on the face of the
earth;—no other nation could act as they
do.' Can you fancy my subjects ever be-
ing seized with such madness—ever abjuring
their allegiance to their Prince? What
is your opinion Stryk? said a lord to him.
The counsellor, just then in a fit of ab-
sence, had only half heard what the elec-
tor said, and shrugging his shoulders, said
mechanically, 'It is possible.'
The elector turned pale. 'What do you
mean?' he exclaimed. 'Do you think that
a day can ever dawn when my subjects
will rejoice in my downfall?'
'It is possible again said the counsellor;
—but this time he said it advisedly. Noth-
ing is more uncertain than popular opin-
ion; for a people is made up of men who
have each an individual interest, which
they prefer to that of the Prince. Any
new order of things begets new hopes—
Whatever may be the degrees of love, and
however well deserved, borne by the peo-
ple to your highness, I would not swear
that they would not, in new circumstances,
forget the benefits of their Prince, and that
we might not see the electoral arms bro-
ken, to give place to the tree of liberty.'

The elector turned his back upon him,
and Stryk was disgraced; while every one
cried—'What a fool, with his 'It is possi-
ble!'
A few years after, the victorious French
passed the Rhine; the elector, with all his
court, took flight. As he departed, he saw
the tree of liberty planted, and the armorial
bearings of the electorate broken publicly
by the people.
Stryk being looked upon as a victim to
the despotism so lately overthrown, was
soon installed in the office which his talents
so well fitted him to fill; and by his diplo-
matic ability, contributed not a little to the
establishment of the new order of things;
while, notwithstanding his natural order of
character, he never suffered himself to be
carried away by political enthusiasm.
But attaching himself to no party, he be-
came an object of suspicion to all. When
Jacobins treated him as a suspected royalist,
and the royalists as a disguised Jacobin.
Still he cared not what name they gave
him, and quietly went on with his of-
ficial duty.
One day a commissary of the republic
arrived in the new department, and was
received with the greatest honors. All
were crowding around him, all eager to
pay their court, and some amongst them
ventured to throw out insinuations against
Stryk, and the unweariness of his republi-
can opinions. The commissary made no
remark at the time; but one day, at a
public dinner, at which many toasts went
round in honor of universal liberty, the
rights of nations, and the triumphs of the
republic, he suddenly turned to Stryk,
saying, I marvel that kings yet dare to re-
sist us for they do but thus accelerate their
own ruin. The revolution will make the
circumference of the globe. What hope is left
to them? Do they dream of ever again
bringing back the Bourbons? Even that
they are! all Europe must perish first!
What think you, Citizen Stryk, can a re-
publican man admit that monarchy can ever
be re-established in France?
'It is possible,' said Stryk.
'How possible?' cried the commissary,
in a voice of thunder. 'His words of
liberty has never loved it. It is impossible
to see a public functionary holding such
opinions. Can you state any grounds for
them, citizen?'
'It is very possible,' answered Stryk, calm-
ly. 'Free Athens first became accus-
tomed to Pericles, then to a king of Macedon.
Rome had at first its Triumvirate,
then a Caesar, and at length a Nero. Eng-
land had its Commonwealth, bowed before a
Cromwell, and recalled its king.'
'What are you at with your Romans,
you Athenians and your English? I hope
you do not dream of comparing them with
the French? But I forgive your false
views; you have not the honor of being
born a Frenchman.'

The forgiveness was not, however, a
complete one, for Stryk lost his office, and
underwent some persecution, as an utterer
of language not sufficiently respectful to
the republic.
Some years afterwards, Bonaparte be-
came first consul, then consul for ten years,
next consul for life, and finally emperor
and king. Stryk was immediately reinstat-
ed in his office, as being ostensibly one of
the moderate party. He enjoyed more fa-
vor and credit than ever; his predictions
had been again accomplished, and he pass-
ed for a consummate politician. Napoleon
changed the face of the world, and disposed