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E. W. WILKINGS, Esq., Fayetteville.  
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AND DEALER IN  
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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Store on North Water Street, Parsley's block.  
Oct. 14, 1848. 90-yc

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Fancy & Staple Dry Goods Store.  
ONE DOOR WEST OF WM. SHAW'S DRUG STORE  
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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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N. B. I have a large and Secure Timber Pen  
where I will put all Timber left with me for sale at  
a Small charge as is made by any other Agent in  
this place. W. B.  
Sept. 28, 1848. 82-c.

B. I. HOWZE,  
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Will practice in all the Courts of Wayne, Duplin  
and New Hanover Counties.

WILLIAM J. CLARK,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
RALEIGH, N. C.  
Sept. 12th, 1848. 76-w. tri. c.

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. N. FENNEL.  
July 13, 1848.

FREDERICK CLARK,  
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF  
CABINET FURNITURE  
CHAIRS, BEDSTEADS, WRITING DESKS, MAT-  
TRASSES, PILLOWCASES, &c.  
FRONT STREET, NEAR MARKET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
April 11th, 1848. 11-ly.

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BROWN & DEROSSET,  
NEW YORK.  
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS  
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J. & W. L. McGARY,  
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION  
MERCHANTS,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
March 17, 1848. 1-y.

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AGENT FOR THE SALE OF  
TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.  
All marketable cash advances on all consignments  
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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
THE ABOVE FIRM HAVE ERRECTED 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.  
July 25, 1848. 55-ly.

LIFE INSURANCE  
IN THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND SO-  
CIETY, OF LONDON.  
AND  
FIRE INSURANCE  
IN THE ETNA INSURANCE COM-  
PANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.,  
OR, IN THE  
HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY,  
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Liberal advances made upon Consignments of all  
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Messrs. J. & D. McRAE,  
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J. R. BLOSSOM Esq.  
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AGENT FOR THE CAPE FEAR  
STEAM SAW MILL,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Strict attention given to the faithful execution of all  
orders for Lumber. 124-lyc  
Jan. 1, 1849.

GEO. HARRISS,  
General Commission Merchant,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight  
and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.  
Refers to  
E. P. Hall, Esq., } Wilmington.  
O. G. Parsley, Esq., }  
J. A. Taylor, Esq., }  
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }  
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }  
Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., } New York.  
" Thompson & Hunter, }  
Alex'r. Heron, Jr., Philadelphia }  
Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Charleston, S. C.  
H. F. Baker, Esq., }  
Jan. 2, 1849. 123-ly.

ELLIS & MITCHELL'S  
GRAIN STORE, Murphy's Building, near  
Wesley's dock.  
SEED Wheat and Rye; North Carolina Corn;  
Sow Peas; Fresh Ground Meal and Hominy;  
White Hominy Beans; New Corn Meal and Buck-  
wheat and Rye Meal; Blackeyed Peas; Oats; Fayetteville  
and Canal Flour, barrels and half barrels, n w  
crop; Hay; Cow and Horses feed constantly on  
hand, and for sale.  
Nov. 2.

J. R. BLOSSOM,  
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Liberal Cash advances made on consignments to Mr.  
Benjamin Blossom New York.  
J. R. BLOSSOM.  
AGENT FOR THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSU-  
RANCE COMPANY.  
Capital liable for Losses, about \$700,000.  
Dec. 19, 1848. 119-6m-c.

MARTIN & CRONLY,  
AUCTIONEERS,  
AND  
GENERAL AGENTS.  
Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 3, 1848. 65-ly.

Dr. B. MUNSEY,  
HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,  
AND  
DENTIST,  
MARKET St., 6 Doors above Front St.  
Dec. 23, 1848. 120-6mo.

JOHN T. RUSS,  
INSPECTOR OF  
TIMBER AND LUMBER,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Oct. 14, 1848. 90.

F. J. LORD & CO.,  
Agents for the  
NAUTILUS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE CO  
Accumulated Capital, \$130,000.  
ALSO FOR THE  
EAGLE LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE CO.  
Capital, \$100,000.  
Will take risks on lives of Slaves.  
Office 23 North Water Street.  
Oct. 24, 1848.

W. M. HARRISS, EUGENE B. DRAKE  
HARRISS & DRAKE,  
General Commission Merchants,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
REFERENCES:  
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Col. John McRae, }  
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }  
Will Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.  
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., } Fayetteville, N. C.  
Joseph Utley, Esq., }  
Messrs. James Cotner & Sons, Baltimore, }  
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia, }  
" Thompson & Hunter, } New York.  
" Pillsbury & Sandford, }  
" Hunting & Tutts, Boston. }  
" J. & G. P. Ticecomb, Kennebunk, Me. }  
September 14th, 1848. 77-ly.

COTTON YARN.  
10 Bales, B. C. Yarns assorted numbers, for  
sale by J. C. LATTA.  
Oct. 24. 94-ly.

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 ex-  
quisitely fine, that its constant daily use is highly advan-  
talous, 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 1/2 CENTS A BOX.  
Sold in Wilmington, by Lippitt & Wilkings.

FEATHERS.  
2000 lbs prime live geese Feathers, for sale  
by W. L. SMITH.  
Dec. 12. 115-6

CORN.  
100 BUSHELS CORN Just Received per rail  
road and For sale by HARRISS DRAKE.  
Feb. 10. 140.

BUTTER.—Fresh Goshen Butter. For sale by  
HOWARD & PEDEN.  
Feb. 3. 127.

CORDED and Marcellis Skirts for sale by  
J. S. WILLIAMS.  
Feb. 6. 138.

11 & 12-4 Superior Marcellis Quilts for sale by  
J. S. WILLIAMS.  
Feb. 6. 138.

MOLASSES, MACKEREL AND COFFEE.  
20 Bhd. Serinam Molasses, superior quality  
heavy bodied and light colored—60 bbls. No. 3  
Mackerel and 20 half do No. 2—69 bags St. Domingo  
Coffee, per brig Niger, and for sale by  
BARRY, BRYANT & CO.  
Jan. 16. 129.

HAY.  
50 BALES prime Hay in Store, for sale by  
W. L. SMITH.  
Feb. 6, 1849. 128.

FRESH BEAT RICE,  
WHOLE, Half and Small Rice in casks and in  
casks, a fine article for retailers, for sale by  
F. J. LORD & CO.  
Dec. 15. 117-ly.

SUGAR FOR SALE.  
HOURLY expected, 6 bhd. of prime Porto Rico  
Sugar, on consignment, selected for the retail  
trade, and for sale by  
E. DICKINSON.  
Jan 11. 127.

LARD.  
50 Barrels New Leaf Lard,  
50 Kegs do do  
For sale by HOWARD & PEDEN.  
Feb. 3. 137.

BUTTER & LARD.  
10 Firkins prime Mountain Butter.  
10 " new N. C. Lard. For sale by  
J. & W. L. McGARY.  
Jan 6. 125.

CODFISH.  
3 Quintals Codfish. Just received and for sale by  
CARROLL & FENNEL.  
Jan 6. 125.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.  
THE subscriber having taken out Letters of Ad-  
ministration upon all and singular the Goods  
and Chatties, rights and credits, that are of the  
Estate of Michael Haseloo, deceased, at December  
term 1848, of New Hanover County Court, hereby  
gives notice to all persons having claims against his  
estate, to present the same within the time pre-  
scribed by Law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of  
recovery.  
All persons indebted to said intestate, are re-  
quested to come forward and settle.  
JOHN G. BAUMAN, Admr.  
Wilmington, Dec. 14, 1848. 116-3m-w.

NOTICE.  
FROM the present date, no charge will be made for  
Rafts obstructing the Dock and Wharf adjoining  
my Distillery lot, and they will in no case be allowed  
to do so, but when left there will be turned aside  
without discrimination.  
WILL. O. JEFFREYS.  
Dec. 23, 1848. 120-ly.

HOTCHKISS'S VERTICAL WATER WHEEL.  
W. BRANSON is Agent for the above Wheels in  
this place. He will take pleasure in showing  
the Castings to any person who may desire to see  
them. There will be found at his office a supply of  
Wheels, Cranks or Gudgeons, at all times for sale  
at a low price.  
Dec. 7, 1848. 113-ly.

SOAP AND CANDLES.  
25 Boxes superior pale soap;  
20 " Tallow Candles—assorted sizes, on con-  
signment. For sale low by GEO. HARRISS.  
Feb. 10. 140.

FAYETTEVILLE FLOUR.  
50 BARRELS Super. Fine and X, for sale of  
WM. NEFF'S.  
Feb. 13. 141

LIQUORS!  
40 BARRELS Apple Brandy;  
25 do. Cider Brandy; for sale low to  
close consignment. Apply to  
GEO. HARRISS,  
17 North Water street.  
Jan. 2, 1849. 123-ly.

HAY! HAY!!  
50 BALES, a superior article, landing from Schr.  
Lamarine, from Bath.  
Apply to  
GEO. HARRISS,  
17 North Water street.  
Jan. 2, 1849. 123-ly.

CRADLE and Crib Blankets, Superior quality, for  
sale by J. S. WILLIAMS.  
Dec. 2. 113.

MARLBORO' and Manchester Stripes, for sale  
by J. S. WILLIAMS.  
Jan 20. 141

WINE!  
20 QR. Casks Teneff Wine, just received  
and for sale at very low prices, by  
DEROSSET & BROWN  
Feb. 1. 136

TO RENT.  
THE Store on the South side of Market at  
adjoining Mr. Augustine's.  
ALSO,  
The pleasant office above, with bedroom attached  
The store and office will be rented separately or to-  
gether. Apply to THOS. H. WRIGGLEY.  
Feb. 1. 137.

NEW LARD.  
20 KEGS North Carolina Leaf Lard for sale by  
DEROSSET & BROWN.  
February 27, 1849. 142.

SEGARS.—100,000 Segars, Various Brands and  
quality. For sale by HOWARD & PEDEN.  
Feb. 3. 137.

From the N. O. Crescent.  
HAMS VERSUS SHOULDERS.  
A STRIKING SKETCH.

Mr. Crescent.—I have often dwelt with  
pleasure on the character of the hardy pio-  
neers of the Far West. Among them none  
were more truly noble, brave or generous,  
than the Bargemen. The following tale  
will faintly describe some of the scenes of  
their wild life.  
In the fall of 1840 my business required  
me to travel through a part of the Wabash  
valley. As darkness was closing around  
one evening in the latter part of October, I  
found myself in possession of all those ex-  
quisite pleasures or enjoyments to which  
the poor fated traveller is sometimes con-  
demned. I had the satisfaction of knowing  
that I was the only human being within  
five miles. The road I was travelling was  
one that led through a dismal swamp. It  
had been but lately opened and was of the  
order of ancient railroads, but being new  
and running through a forest, this one boasted  
of huge logs instead of fence rails as a  
crossway. The considerate beings who  
had opened it in order to add to the com-  
fort of the belated and wearied traveller  
had generously thrown on it about eight-  
teen inches of dirt, which, having the bene-  
fit of plenty of rain, had been worked by  
other travellers into a delightful mire which  
made a horse's foot pop as he drew it out,  
to the great delight of industrious horse  
shoers, and the dread and disgust of all li-  
vly stable men. To add to these enjoy-  
ments was the satisfaction of having jour-  
neyed a long distance that day, weary and  
tired, a cold sleeting rain beating in my  
face, the night dark as Egypt, I had an  
appetite savage as a cannibal. My pa-  
tience had long since been exhausted, when  
I found myself once more on a good road,  
and in a short time I reached the banks of  
the Wabash. I snatched the horn from the  
stake on which it hung, and blew with as  
good a will as ever horn was blown before.  
In a short time the answering signal of the  
ferryman on the opposite bank was given,  
and in the course of half an hour I was  
safely landed on the Illinois side. At about  
a quarter of a mile distant from the bank of  
the river I reached the high bluffs on which  
is situated the beautiful and flourishing lit-  
tle village of Mt. Carmil. There was at  
that date but one tavern in the place, but  
it was such in every sense of the word. A  
prince could not have avoided being satis-  
fied with its accommodations. In a short  
time after seeing my poor jaded horse well  
taken care of, I was invited into the supper  
room, where all the good things of the land  
lay spread out before me, and made them  
suffer in a manner astonishing to invalids.  
After supper I walked into the bar room,  
the common sitting room of taverns for gen-  
tlemen in those parts. An excellent fire  
blazed in the fire place, around which sat  
some six or eight persons who seemed all  
attentively listening to an old gentleman of  
sixty or sixty-five years of age. The atten-  
tion and respect shown him bespoke him to  
be a person of more than ordinary charac-  
ter. He was about six feet one or two  
inches in height, broad chested and shoulders,  
straight as an arrow, and taking him alto-  
gether, was one with whom but few even  
at his advanced age would care to measure  
strength.

Come uncle Joe, give us a tale of barge  
life; you know we never let you off when  
you come here without giving us a tale of  
some part of your former life," said one of  
the gentlemen addressing him.  
"Well, boys," said the old gentleman,  
"I'll tell you of a fight that took place not  
far from here, on the Wabash. As near  
as I can recollect, it was in the year 1816,  
that a merchant yard under Vincennes  
had a lot of salt down in Shawneetown,  
which he was much in need of. He char-  
tered one of the barges that lay there to go  
down and get it. The owners of the barge  
put on board the supply of provisions that  
was to do the trip, and gin the command  
to a man they had long and favorably  
known as a good pilot and one whom they  
knew would look to their interest be-  
fore he would to his own comfort. In  
shipping the crew they had procured all  
old bargemen, except one Louey Leblac.  
Now Louey had been a pilot in Vincennes,  
but for the last three or four years  
had been absent either tramping hunting  
injens or some such like amusements. He  
was now grown and well got up too, some  
twenty-two or three years old, and was  
about as purty a specimen of human nature  
as you would see in any day's travel in the  
thick settlements. Louey was a good  
natered, honest, jovial feller, and was a  
general favorite with every one on board.  
In sending the provisions on board, the  
owners had sent two boxes of bulk pork,  
in one of which was hams, and in the other  
shoulders. Now the Captain had gin order  
that none of the hams should be  
cooked until the shoulders was all eat up.  
Well, this went on very well some ten or  
twelve days, until at last it came Louey's  
turn to cook; it being then the custom for  
each one to cook turn about, at night and  
in the morning—enough to last all day, as  
we did not stop but once.

"Now," says Louey, boys, I mean to  
have ham. I have eat them fat shoulders  
till I'm nothing but grease.  
"If you do, the Captain will lick you,  
sartin shure," said one of them.  
"I don't care," says Louey, "I don't like should-  
ers all the time, when I can get hams."  
So Louey went down in the boat and got  
a fine large ham, and cooked it very nicely.  
He then called the boys to come and get  
their supper. Well, they all set down, and  
the Captain war helped to a piece. His  
commendation eating, when suddenly he stop-  
ped, jumped up, and looked as though he  
werent mentioned in the bill of fare at all.  
He axed, "Who cooked first ham?" The  
boys all knew there war a storm coming,  
and said nothing. Louey spoke up, and says  
he, "It war I, sir!"  
"Well, sir, didn't you know that I had  
gin orders that no one war to cook any of  
them hams till all the shoulders war eat  
up?"  
"Yes, Captain, but then I thought as how  
we had been eating shoulders now for some  
time, a change to ham would digest better."  
"You did, eh? Well, I always makes  
it a practise of jirking anybody that diso-  
bey my orders on my boat, and the way  
I'll jirk you in the morning will be aston-  
ishing to squalling babies."

"Well, Captain," said Louey, "I dos love  
ham, 'mazingly, and s'pose we say if I whip,  
we eat ham, an' if you whip, why should-  
ers are our doom. 'Ems my senti-  
ments."  
"Well," said the Captain, "if 'till gin you  
any satisfaction to dream of eating hams  
to-night, it are a bargain; but you need't  
think you are going to get off of a licking,  
for I'll gin you goss in the morning, as  
sure as grm's iron." With this he walked  
right on board the barge and got in his  
berth. He war so everlasting mad he  
couldn't eat.

It may be as well for me to state here  
that the Captain bore the rather enviable  
reputation of being the best man in Vin-  
cennes; the bully of the Wabash, and all  
the diggins in its neighborhood. He war n't  
zackly quarrelsome, but war quick, pas-  
sionate, and ternal death when he war rix.  
Next morning Louey went on board of  
the boat, and got two very large fine hams,  
and war going on shore with 'em, when  
the Captain seen him.  
"Hello, there! whar are you going with  
them are hams?" said he.  
"Why, Captain I am going to cook 'em.  
I thought as how I might as well be whip-  
ped for three as one."

This made the Captain's dander rix right  
up, and his hair curl so tight it began to  
be awfully painful. He walked the deck  
of the boat like a half-starved catamount,  
lashing himself into a monstrous fury—  
By-and-by, when the boys had nearly fin-  
ished their breakfast, he had got worked  
up to such heat he began to scorch. He  
could n't stand it any longer, he walked  
out to whear the boys war eating on the  
top of the bank, and begin to rair and car-  
ver terribly there; he would snort and  
sneal worse on a six-year old stallion,  
then he would bray, and finally he got  
down on the sand and began snorting,  
kicking and squealing, and swore he war  
half-hoss, half-sandar, with a small cross  
of the snag, and any craft what could float  
over him and did n't get snagged, most go  
to sea and never fear hurricanes.

This made Louey's blood bile. He just  
jumped right up, and began to shake worse  
nor a man with a three-year old agu on  
him. Then he got down on his all-fours  
and began to bellow and bawl so loud that  
his voice split all the saplings in the neigh-  
borhood. He scraped and pawed the  
sand so fast, and filled the air so full, the  
boys thought it war going to snow, and  
war just in the act of going to the boat to  
get their over-coats when the sand began  
to fall, and it came down thicker and fast-  
er than if you had cut the bottom out of  
the sea and let all the water fall through at  
wusht. Then he howled and rumbled, and  
bragged that his mother war an earth-  
quake and his father war a buffalo-bull,  
and that he would shake that ere sandbar  
so far into the bowels of the earth that it  
could n't be found with a ninety foot pole.

This brought 'em together, zip, zip—oh,  
milk and money, war n't it delightful to  
see 'em! they went at it with such good  
will. It war beautiful to see how close  
they hugged one another. If they had n't  
kicked and founced so you'd a thought  
they war kin and had n't seen each other  
since the flood. They soon got to the  
top of the bank, which led off sloping  
about sixty yards to the river; then they  
began to roll down, first one up, and then  
down came his first ca-chunk right into  
t'other's ribs, and before you could think,  
t'other war on top and down came his  
hammers of death, nip, nip. It war a ter-  
rible purty sight.

The boys war all on Louey's side for they  
liked his principles best. He war a real  
boss to look at, without spec or blemish;  
but he war an untired animal, and the  
great reputation of Shoulders, which war  
little short of Mike Fink's, at that time in  
those diggins, made them keep their  
mouths shut. The odds at betting, too,  
war purty considerable, in some instances  
two quart of red-eye to a punt were offered  
on Shoulders, though even those who stak-  
ed such great odds secretly hoped they  
would lose, so fared war they of Shoulders.  
They soon reached the bottom of the bank,  
whar, a beautiful log, about two feet  
through, lay half embedded in the sand  
right at the edge of the water. This stop-  
ped them, Luck would have it so, that it  
was Ham's time to be up, and the log would  
roll out of the way to give them a fair  
fight. Thar they stuck as fast as a double-