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 Will attend to all orders and commissions in their
 line of business, with punctuality and dispatch.
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 TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.
 Nutt's Building, North Water Street,
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 N. B. I have a large and Secure Timber Pen
 where I will put all Timber 1st with me for sale at
 as small charge as is made by any other Agent in
 this place.
 W. B.
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 ATTORNEY AT LAW.
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 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. G. N. FENNEL.
 July 13, 1848.

FREDERICK CLARK,
 MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF
 CABINET FURNITURE
 CHAIRS, BEDSTEADS, WRITING DESKS, MAT-
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DEROSSET & BROWN,
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 BROWN & DEROSSET.
 NEW YORK.
 GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
 March 17, 1848. 1-y.

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 FORWARDING AND COMMISSION
 MERCHANTS,
 WILMINGTON, N. C.
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GEORGE S. GILLESPIE,
 AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
 TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.
 Will take liberal cash advances on consignments
 of produce.
 March 17. 1

GEORGE W. DAVIS,
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 ENGINEERS AND MECHANISTS
 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. 85-ff.

LIFE INSURANCE
 IN THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND SO-
 CIETY, OF LONDON,
 AND
FIRE INSURANCE
 IN THE ETNA INSURANCE COM-
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 OR, IN THE
 HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY,
 OF NEW YORK,
 May be effected by application to
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 COMMISSION MERCHANT,
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 Liberal advances made upon consignments of all
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 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.
 Refer to
 R. P. Hall, Esq., } Wilmington.
 O. G. Parsley, Esq., }
 J. A. Taylor, Esq., }
 J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
 Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
 Messrs. Tucker, Smyth & Co., } New York.
 Messrs. Thompson & Hunter, }
 Alexr. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia }
 Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Christon, S. C.
 H. F. Baker, Esq., }
 Jan. 2, 1849. 123-ff.

SPIRIT BARRELS.
 A Good supply of empty Barrels. For sale low
 in lots to suit purchasers, by
 DeROSSET & BROWN. 160.
 March 1.

WOODEN AND WILLOW WARE.
 A Large variety, for sale low at
 HOWARD & PEDEN'S. 147
 Feb. 27.

J. R. BLOSSOM,
 FORWARDING AND COMMISSION MERCHANT.
 WILMINGTON, N. C.
 Liberal Cash advances made on consignments to Mr.
 Benjamin Blossom New York.
 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,
 COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
 AND
 GENERAL AGENTS.
 Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 3 1848. 85-ff.

Dr. B. MUNSEY,
 HOMOEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,
 AND
 DENTIST,
 MARKET St., 6 Doors above Front St.
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JOHN T. RUSS,
 INSPECTOR OF
 TIMBER AND LUMBER.
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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.

HARRISS & DRAKE,
 General Commission Merchants,
 WILMINGTON, N. C.
 REFERENCES:
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 " E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia. }
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COTTON YARN.
 10 Bales, B. C. Yarns assorted numbers, for
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 J. C. LATTA. 94-ff.
 Oct. 24.

A Fine Set of Teeth for 25 Cents.
 White Teeth, Poul 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-
 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
 foulest teeth delicately white, and make the breath
 deliciously sweet.
 PRICE 25 OR 37 1/2 CENTS A BOX.
 Sold in Wilmington, by Lippitt & Willkings.

COW PEAS.
 500 BUSHELS, for sale by
 HOWARD & PEDEN. 117
 Feb. 27.

CORN.
 100 BUSHELS CORN Just Received per rail
 read and For sale by
 HARRISS DRAKE. 140.
 Feb. 18

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

FEATHERS.
 30 BAGS live Goose Feathers, from Interior of
 the State, where the good article is produced.
 For sale by
 R. W. BROWN.
 Nov. 25.

A MORNING OR EVENING CALL,
 AT SCOTT, KEEN, & Co's.
 CLOTHING ESTABLISHMENT.
 ESTABLISHES the fact, that the cheapest Cloth-
 ing in Wilmington, for GENTS, YOUTHS
 and CHILDREN, are to be found at this Estab-
 lishment. Late arrivals have replenished their
 clothing, enabling them to challenge a more general
 assortment, or at prices within 25 per cent as low as
 they are now offering this stock, which consists prin-
 cipally of Overcoats, Cloaks and Coats, of every de-
 scription—Dress frocks and Business.
PANTS.—Of all kinds including black and fan-
 cy Cassimeres.
VESTINGS.—Silk and Satin of various and
 superb patterns; White, Cassimere.
GLOVES.—Kid, Silk, Cassimere, of all colors
 and quality.
Stocks and Cravats.—Of the latest styles.
Children's Clothing.—In great variety of qual-
 ity and pattern. Feb. 15—147.

FIGS.
 20 DRUMS fresh Turkey Figs. For sale at
 HOWARD & PEDEN'S. 124.
 Jan 6.

BUTTER! BUTTER!!
 10 KEGS Goshen Butter, just received per Steer.
 G. W. Davis and for sale by
 WM. NEFF'S. 141
 Feb. 13.

SELLING OFF AT COST.
 WE have concluded to change our business, and
 are now selling off our Stock of Dry Goods,
 Hardware, Iron, &c. at New York cost. We have al-
 so on hand a supply of choice Wines, Liquors, Teas
 and other Groceries, which will be sold at reduced
 prices. All persons wishing to purchase, will find
 to their advantage to call at our Store, as the Stock
 is large and was bought cheap.
 ANDERSON & YOUNG. 141-ff.
 Feb. 13, 1849.

LARD! LARD!!
 3 BBLs first quality Lard just received at
 GEO. MYERS. 137.
 February 3.

PEAS AND BEANS.
 WHITE Beans and Black and Grey eye Peas
 just received per Rail Road for sale in lots to
 suit by
 DEROSSET & BROWN. 142
 February 15, 1849.

CHEESE! CHEESE!! CHEESE!!!
 25 BOXES a prime article, just received and for
 Sale at
 WM. NEFF'S. 141
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ORANGES AND LEMONS.
 20 BOXES Oranges.
 20 " Lemons. Just received and for sale by
 J. WILKINSON & Co. 142
 February 15.

GROCERIES, &c.
 NEW crop Molasses, Sugar, hds., and bls.,
 Coffee—Loaf and Powdered refined Sugar,
 at
 R. W. BROWN'S. 140-1m.
 Feb. 10.

BACON & LARD.
 600 Lbs. Wayne County Hams. For sale
 by
 GEO. MYERS. 143.
 Feb. 17.

ORANGE COUNTY BUTTER. Just received
 and for sale by
 GEO. MYERS. 143.
 Feb. 17.

EXPECTED HOURLY,
 Per Schr. Ira Brewster.
 50 Smoked Tongues;
 300 lbs. of beef;
 25 boxes Cheese;
 great variety of all kinds, low for
 cash by
 GEO. MYERS. 244
 Feb. 20.

CAMPHRE.
 CAN be had at 40 cents per gallon. It is only nec-
 essary to give it a trial, as we are convinced that
 Those who try it,
 Will come and buy it.
 CARROLL & FENNEL. 140
 Feb. 10.

RICE.
 300 CASES fresh Rice With Half and
 Small Rice for sale by
 DEROSSET & BROWN. 142.
 February 27, 1849.

SPECIAL NOTICE
 I HAVE Sold out and transferred my entire Stock
 of Groceries & Provisions, to Mr. GEORGE MYERS,
 who will continue the business at the old Stand, and to
 whom I recommend my former customers and
 friends.
 E. R. WOOD.
 N. B. I have declined business preparatory to
 leaving this place, (early next month), and desire an
 immediate settlement, pro and con, with all persons
 having with me unsettled accounts.
 Jan. 25, 1849. E. R. W. 123-ff.

APPLE BRANDY.
 100 BBLs. Apple Brandy, for sale by
 DeROSSET & BROWN. 147-ff
 Feb. 27.

HARD WARE.
 12 DOZ. Corn Hoops, assorted from 0 to 4.
 1 do Steel Garden Hoops,
 1 do Grubbing do 1 and 2,
 1 do Digging Knives, 11, 12 and 13 Inch.
 1 do Axes do,
 1 do Manure forks long handled,
 1 do do do short do,
 6 do Frying Pans,
 6 do Axes, long and short Blitt.
 6 do Curry Combs
 50 pair bright Traces
 Files, Saws, Locks, Screws, Nails, and all sorts
 of hardware, for sale low at
 HOWARD & PEDEN'S. 127
 Feb. 27.

**How Pat Macnamara got his Outfit, or the Ad-
 miral at Fault.**

The following amusing incidents we ex-
 tract from 'Sketches of the Queen's Bench,'
 a series of excellent papers now in course
 of publication in one of the English mag-
 azines, written by the author of 'Stories of
 Waterloo.' We have not given the whole
 article, but only that portion which will be
 most interesting to our readers.—
 Miss H— was married when sixteen
 to a man on the wrong side of forty. In
 arranging her union, her parents treated
 her like a child, regulated her settlement,
 and told her, when called upon to sign the
 deed for the first time, the name of the hap-
 py man to whom her hand had been legal-
 ly assigned, and with as little ceremony
 as a horse is knocked down at Tattersall's
 to the best and highest bidder. Her huge
 lord was of the Borean school, rude, noisy,
 and swore, as antiquated troopers used to
 swear. A slash of the cutlass across the
 cheek does not add much to personal beau-
 ty; and although a wooden leg is a very
 honorable substitute for a flesh one, still a
 boarding school girl's prejudice is strong
 in favor of the latter supporter. Sir
 Hannibal regulated his household as he did
 his ship— He was, in truth, what is termed
 'a tout hand.' At the sound of his stun p,
 cook and house-maid held their peace,
 'Dreading the deep damnation of his 'Bah'
 while his lady wife scarcely dared to bless
 herself without permission.
 When promoted to his flag and a com-
 mand, the martinet habits pursued for a
 dozen years in his domicile and ship under-
 went no change, and the laws of Medea
 and Persians were never more absolute
 than the port regulations of the single-
 legged commander. One grave offence
 in the eyes of Sir Hannibal was, a young-
 ster appearing on shore, unless he were
 'in full rig,' and wo unto the unhappy re-
 fer upon whom the rear admiral could
 pounce in mufu.

In a seaport, like an inland village, scan-
 dal will occur; and, as in earlier life, the
 West Indies had been the scene of his ex-
 ploits, it was maliciously whispered that
 he had there committed an amatory escapade
 and when 'Bacchi plenus' had married a
 woman of color. Report further stated
 that, tired of his black beauty the admiral
 had drawn the spic, allotting to the lady
 of his former love a small annuity to
 support herself and one youthful pledge of
 mutual affection.
 Late one fine afternoon, Sir Hannibal
 was taking a digestive stroll after an early
 tiffin, when on rounding the corner of a
 street, he ran against an unhappy midship-
 man who had ventured on shore in a round
 hat.
 'Hallo, youngster, what ship do you be-
 long to?' roared the commander.
 'To the Penelope,' stammered the reefer.
 'What is your name, eh?'
 'Pat Macnamara.'
 'You have no cocked hat, it would ap-
 pear, eh? Well, we'll try and find you one.'
 And taking the victim by the arm, he
 crossed the street, and entered an out-fitter's
 shop.
 'This young gentleman requires a cock-
 ed hat,' said the admiral. 'Supply him
 with what he wants, and I will see you
 paid.'
 And with a grin of satisfaction, he bade
 the alarmed midshipman 'Good morning,'
 and toddled down the street. Mr. Mac-
 namara watched him until he had stumped
 round the corner and then, turning coolly
 to the counter, he selected a handsome
 chaparran.
 'How devilish particular my father is,'
 said the reefer, as he examined his person
 with great satisfaction in the pier-glass.
 'Your father, sir?' returned the astonished
 hatter.
 'Yes,' said the unblushing midshipman.
 'The thing's not generally known, for my
 stepmother is so infernally jealous, that if
 she discovered Sir Hannibal had a suc-
 cessor in his estates, there would be the
 devil to pay and no pitch hot.'

Now Mr. Gubbins, the out-fitter, had
 heard the West Indian story whispered
 quietly at his counter, and Mr. Macnamara
 being exceedingly swarthy, he concluded
 him to be the half-caste heir of the wooden
 legged commander, and great was his civi-
 lity accordingly.
 'Was there any other article he could
 show him?' and stocks, shirts, and pocket-
 handkerchiefs were rapidly paraded. Mr.
 Macnamara thought he might as well com-
 plete his outfit at once, settled himself on a
 chair, and most generously encouraged
 trade by an extensive selection. The ar-
 ticles were to be directly sent to the sally-
 port where the boat was waiting for him,
 and Macnamara was ceremoniously bowed
 out of the shop, he having given the out-
 fitter a monetary hint that he was to take
 care when he handed the bill to his papa
 that his step-mother was not present.
 Three days passed. The admiral was
 taking his usual stroll, and perceiving Mr.
 Gubbins disengaged he stumped into the
 shop, and took a chair beside the counter.
 'So he, Mr. Gubbins—brought you a
 customer, other day; that yellow chap you
 sold out.'

'He is a little dark, Sir Hannibal; but,
 Lord! he's a fine off handed young gen-
 tleman. I assure your honor, when he told
 me of the relationship, that I supplied him
 with the best articles and charged the low-
 est figure.'
 'The relationship?' exclaimed the ad-
 miral. 'Why, who the devil is he related
 to?'
 'I never,' said Mr. Gubbins, in reply,
 and simpering as he bowed, 'name any
 thing entrusted to me in confidence; but
 I never saw a stronger likeness to a looker
 in my life. Lord! Sir Hannibal, had the
 young gentleman not mentioned it himself,
 I should have guessed it in a moment.'
 'Guessed what?' roared the admiral.
 'That I had the honor to supply your
 son?'
 'Whose son?'
 'Yours, Sir Hannibal.'
 'Hell and furies!' shouted the infur-
 riated commander. 'I have no son.'
 'Not, as the young gentleman explain-
 ed to me, by her present ladyship, but by
 a black gentlewoman in Jamaica. Indeed,
 he considerably mentioned that I was not
 on any account to hand you his little bill
 in the presence of his step-mother, for that
 she was a regular white sergeant, and you
 dare not buckle on your leg without per-
 mission.'

Sir Hannibal stared; his eyes dilated
 'Until each strained half of sight seem'd bursting from
 his head.'
 Heaven and earth! it was quite evident
 that he had been humbugged; but that he,
 before whose wrath a whole ship's com-
 pany trembled, and to whose order the
 perfect spider-brusher dared not offer a
 reply—that he should be represented as
 rough ridden by his wife, and debarred
 from using his wooden substitute, without
 obtaining feminine permission before he
 strapped it on! Why, a saint, laden heav-
 ily with psalm-books, could not listen to
 the charge with a common patience!
 'You did not let the young scoundrel
 take away the hat?' inquired the old
 gentleman, suspiciously.
 'The hat?' exclaimed the astonished
 tradesman. 'Ay, and six-and-twenty pounds
 worth of general out fittings besides—
 Why, on your respected guarantee, he
 might have carried off the shop, contents
 and all.'

The admiral, dreaming of nothing short
 of the annihilation of this young and nefar-
 ious delinquent, stumped out of the
 shop, and, bent on speedy vengeance
 headed to the pier. His barge was promp-
 tly on the water, and the crew of the Pen-
 elope were marvellously surprised to see
 the dreaded functionary, at this unusual
 hour, pulling directly to the frigate.
 'What the devil drives old lumber-toe
 this way, and at this time?' inquired one
 idler from another, as standing on a cano-
 nade he scrutinized the approaching boat
 through his telescope.
 'No friendly errand, you may depend
 upon it. I can even now remark that
 there is a cockle in his wig. But here
 comes the skipper.'

And as the captain came on deck, the
 youngsters moved away.
 Ten minutes brought Sir Hannibal along-
 side, and an honorable reception placed him
 and his wooden supporter in safety on the
 frigate's quarter-deck. The unusual and
 unexpected evening call had excited a gen-
 eral curiosity over the ship; and hundreds
 were listening anxiously to learn what
 might be the cause of this mysterious visit.
 The admiral was no whisperer—and all
 doubt as to the object of his coming was
 speedily put to rest.
 'Muster your midshipmen,' roared the
 single-legged commander. 'You have, Cap-
 tain Blackwood, a d—d scamp among the
 lot.'

'If you made the number half a-dozen,
 Sir Hannibal, you would come nearer to
 the mark. May I inquire the name of the
 manna's subject after whom you so particu-
 larly inquire?'
 'He calls himself Macnamara.'
 'No such name upon our muster-roll. De-
 scribe him, if you can, personally.'
 'A tall, wiry, devil-may-care-looking
 chap, dark eyes and hair, and yellow as a
 kite's