THE COMMERCIAL.

PUBLISHED TRI-WEEKLY, BY THOMAS LORING.

VOL. 4—NO. 9. WILMINGTON, THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 5, 1849. Whole No. 475.

THE COMMERCIAL

is published every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, at $5,00 per annum, payable in all cases in advance by

THOMAS LORING,
EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR:

BENJAMIN I. HOWZE,
ASSOCIATE EDITOR.

Corner of Front and Market Streets,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

1 sqr.	1 insertion.	$050	1 sqr.	2 months,		$4
1 "	2 "	75	1 "	3 "		5
1 "	3 "	1,00	1 "	6 "		8
1 "	1 month,	2,50	1 "	1 year,		12

Twelve lines or less makes a square. If an Advertisement exceeds twelve lines, the price will be in proportion.

All advertisements are payable at the time of their insertion.

Contracts with yearly advertisers, will be made on the most liberal terms.

☞ All Advertisements inserted in the Tri-weekly *Commercial*, are entitled to one insertion in the *Weekly*, free of charge

JOB, CARD AND FANCY PRINTING executed in superior style.

The privilege of Annual Advertisers is strictly limited to their own immediate business, and all advertisements for the benefit of other persons, as well as all advertisements not immediately connected with their own business, and all excess of advertisements, in length or otherwise, beyond the limits engaged, will be charged at the usual rates.

AGENTS FOR THE COMMERCIAL

NEW YORK: Messrs. BROWN & DEROSSET.
BOSTON: FREDERICK KIDDER, Esq.

JOHN WALKER, JR.
AUCTIONEER & COMMISSION MERCHANT
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 17, 1849. 1-1y.

F. J. LORD & CO.
Rice Factors & Commission Agents.
Nov. 25, 1848. 109-1y-p.

M'KELLER & M'RAE,
LUMBER AND TIMBER AGENTS, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, and GROCERS,
Store formerly occupied by HALL & ARMSTRONG,
NORTH WATER STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
HECTOR M'KELLER. ALEX. M'RAE.
Nov. 11, 1848. 102

L. MALLETT,
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
Timber, Lumber, Naval Stores, &c.,
Nutt's Building, North Water Street,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 9, 1848. 101

BARRY, BRYANT & CO.,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 17, 1849. 1 tf.

WILLIAM NEFF,
(*Late of the firm of* NEFF & WARNER.)
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES AND GROCERIES,
CORNER OF DOCK & WATER STREETS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 7th, 1848. 113-tf.

JOHN D. LOVE,
DEALER IN
CABINET FURNITURE,
BEDSTEADS, CHAIRS, MATRASSES, &c.,
ROCK SPRING,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 14, 1848.

SCOTT, KEEN & CO.
MERCHANT TAILORS,
AND DEALERS IN
SUPERIOR
Ready Made Clothing.
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 21, 1848. 93-y.

CORNELIUS MYERS,
MANUFACTURER,
AND DEALER IN
HATS, CAPS, UMBRELLAS AND WALKING CANES, &c.
WILMINGTON, N. C., Market-st.
Oct. 17 1848. 91-tf.

JAS. T. MORRIS,
Lumber and Timber Inspector,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 12, 1848. 89-6m

JAS. T. MORRIS,
Agent for the Sale or Purchase of NEGROES,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 12 1848. 89-6m

A. B. SMITH & Co.,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS
Fayetteville Street,
RALEIGH N. C.
Will attend to all orders and commissions in their line of business, with punctuality and dispatch.
REFER TO
His Excellency CHAS. MANLY,
J. O. WATSON, Esq.,
MATHEW SHAW, Esq.,
Hon. J. R. J. DANIEL,
GEO. W. MUNDECAI, Esq.,
MAJ. C. L. HINTON.
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 12, 1849. 145-12m-c.

MARTIN & CRONLY.
AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 3 1848. 85-tf

J. HATHAWAY & SON.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
J. HATHAWAY. J. L. HATHAWAY.
March 3, 1849. 149.

W. L. SMITH,
(LATE OF THE FIRM OF SANDFORD & SMITH.)
AUCTIONEER AND
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Store on North Water Street, Parsley's block.
Oct. 14 1848. 90-yc

I. S. WILLIAMS,
Fancy & Staple Dry Goods Store.
ONE DOOR WEST OF Wm. SHAW'S DRUG STORE
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 14, 1848. 90.

W. BRANSON,
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES, &c.
Nutt's Building, North Water Street.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
N. B. I have a large and Secure Timber Pen where I will put all Timber left with me for sale at as Small charge as is made by any other Agent in this place, W. B.
Sept. 28 1848. 83-c.

B. I. HOWZE,
ATTORNEY AT LAW.
WILMINGTON, No. Ca.
Will practice in all the Courts of Wayne, Duplin and New Hanover Counties.

JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON. N. C.
February 13, 1849. 141.

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

CARROLL & FENNELL.
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. FENNELL.
July 1 3, 1848.

FREDERICK CLARK.
MANUFACTURER AND DEALER IN ALL KINDS OF
CABINET FURNITURE
CHAIRS, BEDSTEADS, WRITING DESKS, MATTRASSES, PALLIASSES, &c.
FRONT STREET, NEAR MARKET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
April 11th, 1848. 11-1 y.

DEROSSET & BROWN.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
BROWN & DEROSSET.
NEW YORK.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
March 17, 1849. 1-y.

J. & W. L. McGARY.
FORWARDING AND COMMISSION
MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 17, 1849. 1-y.

GEORGE S. GILLESPIE.
AGENT FOR THE SALE OF
TIMBER LUMBER, NAVAL STORES &c
will make liberal cash advances on all consignments of produce.
March 17, 1849. 1

GEORGE W. DAVIS.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 17 1849. 1

J. C. LATTA.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 10, 1848. 87

LIFE INSURANCE
IN THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND SOCIETY, OF LONDON,
AND
FIRE INSURANCE
IN THE ÆTNA INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.,
OR, IN THE
HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK,
May be effected by application to
DEROSSET & BROWN.
March 17, 1849. 108

BENJAMIN BLOSSOM,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
NEW YORK.
Liberal advances made upon Consignments of all kinds of produce.
References.
Messrs. J. & D. McRAE, G. W. DAVIS, Esq } Wilmington.
J. R. BLOSSOM Esq.
Dec. 19, 1848 116

HENRY P. RUSSELL,
AGENT FOR THE CAPE FEAR
STEAM SAW MILL,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Strict attention given to the faithful execution of all orders for Lumber.
Jan. 1, 1849. 124-1ye

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

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

WOODEN AND WILLOW WARE.
ALL varieties, for sale low at HOWARD & PEDEN'S.
Feb. 27. 147

Dr. B. MUNSEY,
HOMŒOPATHIC 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.

WM. M. HARRIS. EUGENE S. DRAKE
HARRISS & DRAKE.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
REFERENCES:
O. G. Parsley, Esq, Col. John McRae, Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, Will Peck, Esq. Raleigh, N. C. } Wilmington, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., Joseph Utley, Esq., } Fayetteville, N. C.
Messrs. James Corner & Sons. Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia.
" Thompson & Hunter, " Pillsbury & Sandford, } New York.
" Hunting & Tufts, Boston.
" J. & G. P. Titcomb, Kennebunk, Me.
September 14th, 1848. 77 tf.

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

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

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

FISH LINES AND HOOKS.
ALL varieties of Silk, Hemp, Grass and Co Lines; Hooks of all sizes and shapes, for at HOWARD & PEDEN'
Feb. 27. 1

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

BOSTON LINE OF PACKETS.
THE following VESSELS will sail regularly between this port and Boston, viz:
Brig WM. NICHOLS, Capt. Jas. Leighton.
Schr. MINNESOTA, Capt. Gilbert Leighton.
The above vessels are of the first class, and are commanded by experienced navigators.
HARRISS & DRAKE.
Jan. 11. 127.

REFRIGERATORS,
AND SHOWER BATHS. At F. CLARK'S.
March 20. 2.

GOSHEN BUTTER.
REALLY good and fine at R. W. BROWN'S.
March 10. 152.

SILK UMBRELLAS AND WALKING CANES.
ANY person wanting a good Silk Umbrella, or a genteel walking cane, will find a good assortment at C MYERS',
March 2—3. Hat Store, Market st

[NEW YORK
FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.
WILMINGTON, March 5th, 1849.
F. CLARK, begs leave to assure the public in general that he is now disposing of his large assortment of Cabinet Furniture, at Invoice prices, for the CASH, as he is determined upon closing his business by the 1st of April. All those in want of good Furniture at exceedingly low prices, will do well to call and examine for themselves.
Among the STOCK will be found,
Mahogany Wardrobes.
French Bedsteads.
Mahogany and Walnut Chairs.
Carled Maple and plain Chairs.
Sofas and Ottomans
Fine Marble top Bureaus.
Plain Dressing do.
High post Bedsteads.
Single and double Cots.
Stuffed and plain Rockers.
Nursing Chairs.
Ladies Sewing Chairs.
Ladies Work Tables.
Do. do Boxes.
Mahogany Sideboards.
Hair Mattresses.
Marble top Wash Stands.
Single and double Wash Stands.
Butler's Trays—Towel Racks.
Centre Tables—different styles.
Children's Cribs.
Mahogany and Cherry Cradles.
Sick Chairs and Night Cabinets.
Common Windsor Chairs.
Patent Windlass Bedsteads.
Dressing Tables, &c., &c., &c.
ALSO.
4 Shower Baths.
3 Refrigerators.
18 Writing Desks, suitable for Counting Houses, and Dwellings
In short every article belonging to the Furniture line. FREDERICK CLARK.
Those indebted to me are requested to make payment by the 15th of this month, at which time I shall place in the hands of officers for collection, all accounts due me. F. C.

MOLASSES.
150 Hhds Prime new Crop Cuba Molasses, just arrived per Brig Annawan, and for sale by J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Feb. 22. 145.

TURNER'S ALMANAC.
TURNER'S North Carolina Almanacs, for 1849 for sale at *The Commercial Office.*
Feb 24. 146-tf

JUST RECEIVED.
200 Lbs. Smoked Beef,
50 Beef Tongues,
30 Boxes prime Cheese,
10 Barrels Clarified Sugar,
25 Bbls. Apples—pippins,
20 ½ and 20 ¼ Boxes Raisins,
[illegible]
Boxes Oranges and 5 do. of Lemons,
For sale at the lowest prices for CASH by GEO. MYERS.
Feb. 24. 146.

JUST RECEIVED.
By Schr L P Smith.
New Style of Hats for Spring, 1849, also a fine lot Cap Covers for Sale by C. MYERS, HATTER,
March. 8th 1849.

GUNNY BAGS.
1000 BUSHELS Gunny Bags just received and for sale by BARRY, BRYANT & Co.
March 6, 1849. 150

NOTICE.
THOSE persons indebted to the Cape Fear S. S Mill, by note or account contracted during the year 47 or 48, are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned; they having on the 31st Dec. last relinquished the General Agency of that mill, it becomes necessary that all her accounts to that date should be immediately settled.
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
March 3, 1849. 149.

PINE OIL.
THIS article having been fully tested and proven to be Superior to anything heretofore in use, is now offered with full confidence of giving satisfaction.
A constant Supply can be found at the Store o S. P. POLLEY, and will also be delivered to customers wherever desired by Mr. William Blaney.
A. H. VANBOKKELEN.
March 3, 1849. 149-tf.

COGNAC BRANDY!
IN half Pipes for sale on consignment by JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON.
March 3. 149

NORTH CAROLINA BACON!
HAMS, Sides and Shoulders. For sale by F. J. LORD & CO.
March 10. 152.

FOR CALIFORNIA.
THE Nautilus, Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York, will take risks on the lives of persons going to California. Apply to F. J. LORD & CO.
March 10. 152.

NORTH CAROLINA BACON.
1000 Lbs. New Wayne Co. Hams, Sides and Shoulders. Just received per Rail Road and for sale by HARRISS & DRAKE.
March 10. 151.

OATS.
50 BUSHELS Oats, just received per Evergreen and for sale by HARRISS & DRAKE.
March 15. 154

NOTICE.
ALL persons indebted to the subscribers, are hereby informed that accounts are made out and ready for settlement, and if not settled before the 1st April ensuing, will be placed in the hands of an officer for collection.
HARRISS & DRAKE.
March 17, 1849. 1.

TIRADE OF THE TINLESS.

BY GEORGE L. RING.

'Tis strange to see, where'er you be,
How much importance clings.
Not to one's self, but dirty pelf,
The transitory things.
To have it as the greatest good,
To be without, a sin;
'Tis to be homely, base, and rude,
And all for want of tin.

My neighbor A., just o'er the way,
Is quite a pattern man;
'Tis needless I should ever try
His virtues here to scan.
But people whisper that in deal
He'll shave beneath the skin;
That for the poor he cannot feel—
But then he's got the tin.

Now as for me, though all can see
I'm clever all day long,
And good enough at stories tough,
And better at a song:
Yet still, for friends, with neighbor A.,
I hardly can begin;
I see them flocking o'er the way,—
Alas! I need the tin.

Quite young in life I sought a wife
To keep my elbows whole;
Celibacy I thought for me
Was getting rather dull.
I tried all arts to please the girls,
I was resolved to win;
I viewed their fee', their waists, their curls
But sharper looked for tin.

Miss Lucy made a great parade,
Eliza played and sang;
Kate had away smart things to say,
Peg's tongue had quite a tang.
But oh, amid the virgin throng,
Wherever I had been,
None charmed like Miss Almira Strong,
For she had lots of tin.

When I proposed, my love disclosed,
Said she, 'You can't come in;'
I found the boot on t'other foot,
'Twas I that lacked the tin.
I didn't faint, I din'nt swear,
But vowed, through thick and thin,
I'd sail for California, where
I'd dig up lots of tin.—Boston Museum.

From the Alabama Journal.

BENEFIT OF RAILROADS.

The effect of Railroads, in enhancing the value of real estate in the districts through which they pass, is a subject worthy of more general and thorough investigation than it has ever yet received. The great increase of trade already derived from our railroad, and its great advantages in many different ways—in enhancing the value of real estate and of capital invested in merchandise and transportation, causing an immense addition of travel through this route, and its beneficial effects on the general prosperity—are so manifest and apparent to all us to require no recapitulation. We were promised long since, some statistics, and would still be glad to receive them from any one disposed to take the trouble—they would surprise as well as interest. It would probably be a matter of some difficulty to arrive at anything more than a general estimate, but even this, if reached with due care, would be of value.

The subject has engaged in Tennessee, in connection with the Nashville Chattanooga railroad, and the increased value which its construction, even in its incomplete state, has given to property in the section through which it passes. A writer in the Nashville Union, who seems conversant with the facts, presents the following as the result of his inquiries:

"I have taken some pains to make up something like an average of the present rise above the value two years ago, and find it varies in the country from one dollar per acre, in the mountain, to as high as fifty nearest to Nashville; and that the lots adjoining the city have risen fully three hundred dollars an acre, and many of them more than that, and the lands out from three to ninety miles from Nashville have generally risen and actual sales made at advances varying from five to fifteen dollars an acre. And the valley lands beyond this point in the mountains have risen from three to ten dollars per acre, near the road line. I have then determined that a fair and very low average rise on the lands ten miles each side of the railroad woud be five dollars an acre already, which is a gain to the land holders of Tennessee, and on the line of road, of $64,000 per mile of road, equal to over three times the cost of the road, which will not be as much as $3,000,000, fully equipped and under way.—The rise in town property has been hi as great a proportion, at least $1,300,000, which added to the $9,628,000, would make $11,028,000.

"The mountain land, the least valuable in the State, lying within ten or fifteen miles of the railroad line, that would not, twenty years ago, command one cent per acre, is now ready sale at a dollar and upwards.

"These are facts worthy of consideration, particularly where there is scarcely a land or city property holder, whose stock is not already more than realized to him in the rise of his property."

A writer in the Baltimore American, in speaking of the subject, presents the following statement of the increase of population in some of the towns of Massachusetts, since railroads were extended to them,—during the five years between 1849 and 1815:

Roxbury 67 per cent.	Lowell 38 per cent.
Brookline 50 per "	Worcester 38 pr. "
Cambridge 33 pr. "	Springfield 33 pr. "
Chelsea 128 per "	Fall River 50 pr. "

From the N. Orleans Delta.

GREAT FIRE,

DESTRUCTION OF MILNEBURG.

About eight o'clock yesterday morning, a fire broke out in the restaurant of Mr. Cadish, at the extreme outer end of the row of buildings on the north side of the Ponchartrain railroad. The wind was blowing a gale from the north-east, and in a few minutes the whole row was in flames. Before the fire had accomplished the destruction of all within its grasp, on that side of the road, the buildings belonging to the Railroad Company, and the paling surrounding the Washington Hotel, were burning. Thence it reached the northern side of the town, and did not cease its ravages until every house, except two or three in that quarter, was reduced to ashes. Of the company's buildings, the carpenter's shop and the coach house were consumed, together with a new car, about a hundred cords of wood, a large quantity of tools and apparatus, and a considerable number of string-pieces and ties. The fire department in the Third Municipality, on hearing the alarm, promptly turned out.—Engine No. 9, and tender No. 8 were placed on a car, which drawn by No. 8's horse, reached the place about half-past 8. The limited means at the command the firemen, and the ficeness of the flames, backed by the violence of the wind, prevented them from accomplishing all that they aimed at.—In an hour and a half, or two hours, upwards of thirty buildings were consumed, and some of them two stories high, were burned to the earth in less than five minutes. The energies of the gallant fellows rose with the occasion, but all they could accomplish was to preserve the engine and blacksmith shop of the Railroad Company; to protect the Washington Hotel, which was at one time in danger, and to assist the victims of the conflagration in saving their furniture. The other buildings still standing, owe their preservation to being outside the limits of the stream of flame, which swept the town from end to end. A great error was committed in not sending the cars and locomotive to the city as soon as the fire broke out. Had this been done, a considerable force of the fire department might have been carried down. But instead of so doing, the cars did not run from 8 to 12, and the only engines taken down were Nos. 9 and 4, the latter of which was unable to obtain conveyance until some time after No. 9 with No. 8's tender had started.

It is impossible to estimate, with any accuracy, the value of the property destroyed.—It cannot fall short of $30,000, and comes generally upon a class who in losing their dwelling house or furniture lose their all. But very little furniture was saved. Numbers moved in time, but their little property was consumed in the road as readily as it would have been in the house. The following as far as we obtain them, are the names of the sufferers:

Mr. Cadish's restaurant and dwelling, Mr. Lanfant, Mr. Peabody, Mr. Boudron's restaurant and dwelling, Mr. McGill's Union Coffee-house, Mr. Jno. A. Erhardt's Railroad Coffee-house, ten-pin alleys and other building, Mr. Eugene Decaty's two houses, Mrs. widow McGill, German, Mr. Myert's grocery store and dwelling with contents, Mrs. widow. Deitz. Besides these and the Railroad Company, a number of other persons, whose names we did not learn, are sufferers.

The only buildings now standing are Mr. O'Neill's, (the railroad engineer,) Matthew Leniger's, Harman Turner's and James Flood's dwellings; Mr. Benard's grocery store, the Washington Hotel, and the engine and blacksmith shop of the railroad company—The ornamental grounds about the hotel have been damaged to some extent by the destruction of trees and shrubby. From all we could hear, but a small amount of the loss is covered by insurance. The only person reported fully insured is Mr. Erhardt. The value of the property lost, gives but a poor idea of the amount of suffering caused by the conflagration. As we have already observed, the persons whose property fell a prey, were nearly all in struggling circumstances and the majority have lost the earnings of years of toil. Their condition appeals strongly to the sympathies of our citizens, and we are gratified to observe that a public meeting is called for this evening, at Madam Caldwell's, in the Third Municipality, to take measures for their relief. From twenty to thirty families are left dependant upon their friends and fellow citizens for shelter. Many of them came to town on the cars yesterday, and were temporarily lodged by friends.—Those who remained, were provided for, as well as circumstances permitted, by the few who were so fortunate as to escape the general ruin. Not the least notable loss is the public school, which was swept with the rest. Under the charge of an accomplished preceptress it was prospering beyond expectation. One of the first acts of the authorities should be to provide a new school-house.

RAISING THE WIND.

"I MUST do something," said a shabby-genteel-looking individual, leaning back in his chair, and lifting his eyes to the ceiling.

"And so must I," was the response of a friend, who imitated the movement of the first speaker as closely as if it had been his own shadow.

"Before six months passes, unless some good fortune turn up, I shall be as completely out at the elbows and pockets as any poor devil in the land."

"Ditto. But, Dick, something must be done. Can't we hatch up a money-making scheme? Other people drive ahead at one plaguy thing or another, and why not we? Set your brain to work and concoct something. We're no fools."

Richard Handy, the individual addressed, swung himself back and forth for some minutes on the hind legs of his chair, with his eyes still upon the ceiling. At last he said, as he let his chair come to its true position on the floor—"I'll tell you what we might do, Harry."

"Well, speak out. Anything that promises to pay?"

"Start a magazine."