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

**F. J. LORD & CO.**  
Ice Factors & Commission Agents.  
Nov. 25, 1848. 103-1y-p.

**M'CALLER & M'RAE,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS, and GROCERS,  
formerly occupied by Hall & Armstrongs,  
NORTH WATER STREET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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AND GROCERIES,  
CORNER OF DOCK & WATER STREETS,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**JOHN D. LOVE,**  
DEALER IN  
CABINET FURNITURE,  
BEDSTEADS, CHAIRS, ARMCHairs, &c.,  
ROCK SPRING,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Dec. 14, 1848.

**SCOTT, KEEN & CO.**  
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AND DEALERS IN  
SUPERIOR  
Ready Made Clothing,  
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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**CORNELIUS MYERS,**  
MANUFACTURER,  
AND DEALER IN  
HATS, CAPS, UMBRELLAS AND  
WALKING CANES, &c.  
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**A. B. SMITH & Co.,**  
COMMISSIONERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS  
RALEIGH N. C.  
Fayetteville Street,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Will attend to all orders and commissions of their  
clients, with promptness and dispatch.  
Harris & Drake, Chas. Manly,  
J. O. Watson, Esq.,  
Edw. Shaw, Esq.,  
J. B. J. Daniel,  
Wm. W. Mordock, Esq.,  
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AUCTIONEER  
AND  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Liberal advances made on all consignments  
in the North, or on Produce from the West.  
Office 2 doors on the Wharf, South side  
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COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
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205 KING WHARF OF W. A. SMITH'S PRODUCE STORE,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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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.  
N. B. I have a large and Secure Timber Pen  
where I will put all Timber lot with me for sale at  
as small charge as is made by any other Agent in  
this place.  
Sept. 29, 1848. W. B.  
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**B. I. HOWZE,**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
WILMINGTON, No. Ca.  
Will practice in all the Courts of Wayne, Duplin  
and New Hanover Counties.

**JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON,**  
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Grocers & Commission Merchants,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
WALWAYS 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, O. N. FENNEL,  
July 13, 1848.

**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.  
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COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
AND GENERAL AGENT,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**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,  
OF NEW YORK,  
May be effected by application to  
DEROSSET & BROWN.  
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**BENJAMIN BLOSSOM,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
NEW YORK.  
Liberal advances made upon consignments of all  
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References:  
Messrs. J. & D. McKas. } Wilmington.  
G. W. Davis Esq. }  
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AGENT FOR THE CAPE FEAR  
STEAM SAW MILL,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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orders for Lumber.  
a. 1, 1849. 82-1y-c

**CASHWELL & BLOSSOM,**  
GENERAL COMMISSION  
AND  
FORWARDING MERCHANTS,  
Nos. 1 & 2, DICKENS' BLOCK,  
North Water St. Wilmington, N. C.  
Liberal Cash advances made on consignments of  
Timber, Lumber, and Naval Stores.  
April 3, 1849. 8-12m.

**LIFE INSURANCE,**  
MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.  
SURPLUS OVER \$100,000.  
Slaves Insured.  
J. A. BLOSSOM, Agent.  
8-10-7p.  
April 3, 1849.

**HERON & MARTIN**  
General Commission Merchants,  
37 1-2 North Wharves,  
PHILADELPHIA.  
REFER TO  
Messrs. FUGG WATSON & SONS, } Phila.  
J. C. D'ARCY, Esq. }  
Wm. S. NEILSON, Esq. }  
ROBERT NEILSON, Esq. }  
Messrs. MOSES, TAYLOR & CO., } New York.  
J. H. HOWZE, & Co. }  
J. & D. M'RAE, }  
Geo. HARRIS, Esq. }  
April 5, 1849. 9-1f.

**HOT AND COLD BATH.**  
AT THE  
VERANDAH BOWLING SALOON.  
by J. A. MORRIS,  
March 31, 1849. 7-1f.

**GEO. HARRIS,**  
General Commission Merchant,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight  
and purchasing cargoes for vessels.  
Refer to  
E. P. H. H. Esq. }  
O. G. Parley, Esq. }  
J. A. Taylor, Esq. }  
J. D. Bellamy, Esq. }  
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }  
Messrs. Tucker, Smith & Co., }  
Thompson & Hunter, }  
Alexr. Hutton, Jr., Phila. }  
Messrs. Williams & Butler, }  
H. P. Baker, Esq. }  
Jan. 2, 1849. 123-1f.

**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,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**F. J. LORD & CO.,**  
Agents for the  
VAUTILUS 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 24 North Water Street.  
Oct. 24, 1848.

**W. M. HARRIS, EUGENE S. DRAKE**  
**HARRIS & DRAKE,**  
General Commission Merchants,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
References:  
O. G. Parley, Esq. }  
Col. John McKas. }  
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }  
Will Peck, Esq. }  
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co. }  
Joseph Utley, Esq. }  
Messrs. James Turner & Sons, Baltimore. }  
K. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia. }  
Thompson & Hunter, }  
Pillsbury & Sandford, }  
Hunting & Tutts Boston. }  
J. & G. P. Otisob, Kennebec, Me. }  
September 14th, 1848. 77-1f.

**MOLASSES.**  
150 Hhls Prime new Crop Cuba Molasses, just  
arrived per Brig Anson, and for sale by  
J. HATHAWAY & SON.  
Feb. 27. 145.

**TURNER'S ALMANAC.**  
TURNER'S North Carolina Almanac, for 1849  
for sale at The Commercial Office.  
Feb. 24. 146-1f

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

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

**COMMISSION**  
AND  
**AUCTION BUSINESS,**  
AT  
**WILL PECK & SON'S**  
COMMISSION AND AUCTION STORE,  
RALEIGH, N. C.  
CONTINUED AS USUAL.  
All business entrusted to us, shall be  
executed promptly and Faithfully  
WILL PECK & SON.  
Raleigh, March 29, 1849. 5-12-1w.

**NOTICE.**  
THOSE persons indebted to the Cape Fear S. S.  
Bank, are hereby notified that during the  
year 1849, are requested to make immediate  
payment to the undersigned, they having on the 31st  
Dec. last relinquished the General Agency of that  
Bank to the undersigned, and all 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 satis-  
faction.  
A constant supply can be found at the Store of  
S. P. POLLEY, and will also be delivered to cus-  
tomers wherever desired by Mr. William Blaney.  
March 3, 1849. A. H. VANBOKKELLEN.  
149-1f.

**COGNAC BRANDY!**  
In Half Pipes for sale on consignment by  
JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON.  
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**NORTH CAROLINA BACON!**  
HAMS, Sides and Shoulders. For sale by  
F. J. LORD & CO.  
March 10. 152.

**PROPOSALS**  
For publishing in the town of Goldboro', N. C.  
a paper to be entitled  
**THE GOLDBORO' PATRIOT.**  
\$2.50 per Annum—Payable in all cases in  
ADVANCE.  
THE subscriber proposes to publish in the town of  
Goldboro', a weekly paper under the above title  
the first number of which will be issued on the  
1st of March. The very general desire expressed for  
such a paper has induced him to make the attempt, and  
he speaks for its fostering care of the commu-  
nity.  
The increasing prosperity of the town of Gold-  
boro' and the convenience of the ad-  
jacent country, admonishes him that he should endeavor  
to participate in the gratifying spirit of the times.  
The subscriber has no doubt but his paper will meet  
with liberal encouragement from the people generally,  
both in town and country—as all must see the  
advantages of such an establishment to this divi-  
sion of the country.  
The PATRIOT will be Democratic in its political  
character; and while the Editor will be firm and  
decided in behalf of his political friends, he will en-  
deavor to be just and courteous to his political oppo-  
nents.  
WILLIAM ROBINSON,  
Goldboro', N. C. March 21, 1849. 4.

**BOOK KEEPER DISCHARGED!**  
IN consequence of the unpleasant results from long  
credit and the trouble in collecting, I am compelled  
to adopt a new system, so that after the 15th of  
March, 1849, no credit will be given at this establish-  
ment, as I prefer less business and giving no  
credit to the disagreeable necessity of being obliged  
to collect accounts to law.  
S. P. POLLEY.  
N. B. All accounts and notes due the late firm of  
Hart & Polley will, if not paid by the 15th inst., be  
put in the hands of an attorney for collection.  
March 1. 148

**NOTICE.**  
THE Subscriber having obtained letters of Ad-  
ministration on the estate of **Phillip Baza-  
dore**, at the March Term, 1849, of the Court of Pleas  
and Quarter Sessions for the County of New Han-  
over hereby notifies all persons indebted to his estate  
to come forward and make payment, and those  
having claims against said estate, notified to pre-  
sent them within the time prescribed by law, or this  
notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
WM. BLANEY, Adm'r.  
March 27. 5-6w

**NOTICE.**  
THE Subscriber would take the  
method of calling the attention of  
the citizens of Wilmington and vic-  
inity to the largest and best assortment of summer  
Hats ever offered in this place. My assortment em-  
braces every variety of Men's, Boys' and Children's  
Hats, and will be sold very low for CASH. Persons  
wishing to purchase anything in the above line will  
find it to their advantage to call at the Hat Store,  
C. MYERS, Hatter.  
April 5. 9.

**NOTICE.**  
THE undersigned have formed a Copartnership  
under the firm of CASHWELL & BLOSSOM  
for the transaction of a forwarding and General Com-  
mission Business. Any Business entrusted to us  
will have our prompt attention.  
D. CASHWELL,  
JOS. R. BLOSSOM.  
April 3, 1849. 8-2m.

**COAL.**  
500 BUSHELS Bituminous Coal now landing  
and for sale by  
W. L. SMITH.  
April 5, 1849. 9.

**HAY.**  
100 BALES Hay prime, Landing. For sale by  
W. L. SMITH.  
April 5, 1849. 9

**TO PRINTERS.**  
I HAVE for sale a lot of entirely new SMALL  
PICA type for the office of the late Commer-  
cial Review, consisting of 319 pounds. It is hand-  
some, fine and of approved make. This font is  
now in use, and will be sold for good six months  
paper, bearing interest for one per cent less than  
cost; or \$100 per cent less than cost, for CASH.  
B. I. HOWZE,  
Commercial Office.  
March 23, 1849. 2-1f.

From Wright's (Phila.) Casket.  
**NATIONAL CONVENTION OF THE  
FRIENDS OF COMMON SCHOOLS.**  
The undersigned, deeming that the great  
cause of Popular Education in the United  
States may be advanced, and the exertions  
of its friends strengthened and systematized,  
by mutual consultation and deliberation, respec-  
tfully request the friends of Common  
Schools and of Universal Education through-  
out the Union, to meet in Convention, at the  
city of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, the 22d  
day of August next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., for  
the promotion of this paramount interest of  
our Republican Institutions.  
We have only room for the following influ-  
ential names from among the large number of  
warm friends of Popular Education, who  
have signified their acquiescence in this call.  
Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D. D., Philadel-  
phia.  
George M. Wharton, Esq., President of  
Board of Controllers of Public Schools, Co.  
of Phila.  
Hon. Joseph R. Chandler, Pres't. of Board  
of Directors of Grand College, Phila.  
John S. Hart, A. M., Pres't. Central High  
School, Phila.  
Alfred E. Wright, Editor of "Wright's  
Casket" and "Paper," Phila.  
Townsend Holmes, State Sup. of Public  
Schools of Penn.  
Christopher Morgan, State Sup. of Public  
Schools of New York.  
Dr. T. F. King, State Sup. of Public  
Schools of New Jersey.  
Hon. Henry Barnard, Com. of Public  
Schools of Rhode Island.  
Seth P. Peers, State Sup. of Public Sch'ls.  
of Connecticut.  
William G. Crosby, Sec. of Board of Educa-  
tion, Maine.  
Richard S. Rust, Com. of Public Schools,  
New Hampshire.  
Hon. Ira Mahew Sup. of Public Instruc-  
tion, State of Michigan.  
Samuel Galloway, State Sup. of Public  
Schools, Ohio.  
Robert J. Breuninger, D. D., Sup. of Pub-  
lic Schools, Kentucky.  
Hon. Horace Mann, for 12 years Sec. of  
Board of Education, Mass.  
S. S. Randall, Esq. for 11 years Dep. Sup.  
of Public Schools, State of New York.  
Ex-Gov. Horace Eaton, State Sup. of Pub-  
lic Schools of Vermont.  
H. S. Cooley, Esq., State Sup. of Common  
Schools, Ill.  
Thomas H. Benton, Jr., State Sup. of Pub-  
lic Schools, Iowa.  
Hon. Salem Town, N. Y.  
Judge Willard Hall, Delaware.  
M. B. Leggett, Esq., Editor of School  
Journal, Ohio.  
Asa D. Lord, Esq., Editor of Ohio School  
Journal.  
D. L. Swain & A. M. Pease of the Univer-  
sity of North Carolina.  
Prof. J. H. Ingraham, Nashville, Tenn.  
Judge E. Lane, Sandusky, Ohio.  
A. Church, D. D., Pres't. of University,  
Athens, Geo.  
Prof. M. L. Stoeber, Penn. College, Gettys-  
burg.  
H. B. Underhill, Principal Natchez Insti-  
tute, Miss.  
James L. Enos, Editor of North Western  
Educator, Chicago, Ill.  
Edward Cooper, Esq., Editor of District  
School Journal, Albany, N. Y.  
Philip Leadsey, D. D., President of Uni-  
versity of Nashville.  
A. D. Bachie, LL. D., Sup't. of U.S. Coast  
Survey, Washington.  
H. W. Heath, LL. D., Maryland College  
of Teachers.  
Local Committee of Arrangement.  
The following named gentlemen have ar-  
ranged to act as a Committee of Arrange-  
ment for the National Common School Con-  
vention?  
HON. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, Chairman.  
ALEXED. E. WRIGHT, Cor. Secretary.  
James J. Barclay, William Martin,  
George Enslin, Jr., John Miller,  
Dani. M. Fox, Mordocii L. Dawson,  
Jos. Gowerthwait, S. S. Randall,  
Edward C. Biddle, J. Engle Negus.

Communications in reference to the  
proposed Convention should be addressed to  
the Corresponding Secretary. Those intend-  
ed for publication, should be addressed to  
the Editor of the Casket.  
State Common School Convention for the  
National Common School Convention, which  
is to assemble in Philadelphia on the 22d  
of August next, beg leave respectfully and  
earnestly to recommend to the friends of Com-  
mon School Education in the several States  
of the Union to assemble in State Conven-  
tion, at their respective capitals, or at some  
central location, on or before the FOURTH  
DAY OF JULY next, for the purpose of ap-  
pointing delegates to the National Convention,  
and transacting such other business in refer-  
ence to the interests of Common School Edu-  
cation within their borders, as may be deem-  
ed expedient. It is desirable that the number  
of delegates from each State be at least equal  
to its representation in Congress, and that a  
full delegation should, as far as may be prac-  
ticable, be secured. State or Local Con-  
ventions of Teachers, Superintendents, or other  
assemblies of the friends of education, are  
also requested to appoint delegates to the pro-  
posed National Convention.  
Editors and publishers of newspapers  
throughout the Union, are earnestly request-  
ed to publish this notice, together with the  
notice recommending the National Common  
School Convention.  
By order of the Committee.  
JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, Chm'n.  
A. E. WRIGHT, Cor. Sec.

**FOR THE PRESS.**  
We give below an extract of a letter from  
a distinguished friend of popular Education  
in Tenn. We have never found the "Press"  
backward in giving their aid in any thing re-  
lated to advance the general good, and trust  
they will not be in this instance.  
"I trust, sir, that the wishes and hopes of  
the friends of a National Common School Con-  
vention, will be completely realized; that the  
intelligent and sterling men of the nation will  
respond to the call with that readiness and  
spirit which the importance of the measure  
demands, and that the convention will create  
an era from which the intellectual prosper-  
ity of the country will benefit date."  
It is to be hoped that the gentlemen of the  
Press through the land will not call  
through the columns of their respective jour-  
nals. Placed as they are at the head of the  
most powerful engine for the creation and di-  
rection of popular opinion, it should be re-  
ceived by them all as a privilege, to have  
the control of an influence which can be ex-  
erted to no noble an end as the proposed  
National Convention; and I am very much de-  
ceived in my estimation of their intelligence,  
patriotism and courtesy if they do not cheer-  
fully help you."

**FIRE SIDE GAMES.**  
The following is an extract from an am-  
using article under the above head, in  
chambers, Edinburgh Journal:  
But of all these fire-side games, the most  
charming, fascinating, tantalizing and dif-  
ficult to achieve, is the making of cento verses.  
Dante-rimes is very easy, indeed, compared  
with it, and consequently far inferior to it as  
an art. In case of our readers should not know  
what cento verses are, we will quote for  
their enlightenment the following passage on  
the subject from D'Israeli's "Curiosities of  
Literature": "In the 'Centuriad' we find a  
good account of the cento. A cento primar-  
ily signifies a cloak made of patches. In  
poetry, it denotes a work wholly composed  
of verses or passages taken promiscuously  
from other authors, only disposed in a new  
form or order, so as to compose a new work  
and a new meaning. Ausonius has laid  
down the rules to be observed in composing  
centos. The pieces may be taken either  
from the same poet, or from several, and the  
verses may be either entire, or divided into  
two—one half to be connected with another  
half taken elsewhere, but two verses are  
never to be taken together. Agreeably to  
these rules, he has made a pleasant nuptial  
cento from Virgil. The Empress Eudoria  
wrote the life of Jesus Christ in centos taken  
from Homer, and Proba Faecia from Vir-  
gil."

After speaking of such very elaborate per-  
formances, we are almost ashamed to offer  
our readers a few cento verses, the product  
of our own family circle. But as they may  
give them amusement for a moment, and will  
serve as an example of the kind of thing, we  
will set them down here:  
"On Linden when the sun was low,  
A frog he wold a-wooing go;  
He signd a sigh and breathed a prayer:  
Nods but the brave deserve the fair.  
A gentle knight was pricking o'er the plain,  
And note he smid, melancholy slow;  
His steed and pommel shall his flight restrain,  
Or who would suffer being here below!  
The youngest of the sister arts  
Was born on the open sea,  
The rest were slain in Chevy-Chase,  
Under the greenwood tree  
As morn the sunbeams' with the nightingale,  
And says—remembrance saddening o'er each  
brow—  
Awake my St. Johns!—leave all meaner things!  
Who would be free, themselves must strike the  
blow.  
It was a friar orders gray,  
Still harping on my daughter;  
Sister spirit, come away,  
Across this stormy water.  
On the light fantastic toe,  
Othello's occupation's gone,  
Maid of Athens, ere I go,  
Were the last words of Marmion.  
There was sound of revelry by night  
In Thebes' street three thousand years ago,  
And comely virgins come with garlands dight  
To censure Faic, and pious Hope forgo.  
Oh! the young Lochinvar has come out of the  
west,  
An under-bred, fine spoke fellow was he;  
A buck dropping in, an expansion of chest,  
Far more than I once could foresee.  
Now, I dare say it seems a remarkably  
easy thing to the reader to make a cento  
verse; we can assure him that it is often a  
very difficult thing to make a legitimate one;  
but then it must be confessed that it is extrem-  
ely interesting and amusing to chase a fitting  
line through all the poets of one's acquaint-  
ance, and catch it at last. Any person who is  
anxious to try the difficulties of cento veres-  
making may do so, and greatly oblige us by  
finding a fourth line to the following. It has  
baffled our skill and memory many times:  
"Who music, heavenly maid! was young,  
And little to be trusted,  
The first the creature found a tongue,  
From the Swanee Banner.

**AVARIABLE IMPROVEMENT.**  
This is truly the era of invention—we pro-  
gress rapidly. It is but a few weeks since  
we chrouched the very valuable invention of  
Mr. Dymon—we are now called on to make  
mention of another which will prove very  
beneficial by another resident of the District.  
Mr. J. S. BOSSARD has invented a very novel  
Machine for pounding Rice, by which this  
valuable grain can be prepared with more  
ease and at a great saving of labor and time  
In fact the great merit lays in the great saving  
of motive power. This is effected by the use  
of a greater number of lifters—twelve being  
introduced instead of the present four. Its  
simplicity, the beauty and facility with which  
it prepares the grain, the great diminution  
of power required to put it in action, are all  
considerations that cannot be otherwise than  
interesting to those familiar with the produc-  
tion for Market.  
Its construction differs in a few points only  
from the original rice machine, but these  
points seemed to have removed the greatest  
obstacle in the preparing this great staple of  
our state. By the additional number of lift-  
ers, their position on the shaft, and the reduc-  
tion of their length gives to the lever in its  
mechanical operation on the press a power  
similar to that of the jack-screw. They are  
easily to get with high interest, from the  
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