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 CABINET FURNITURE,
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 MERCHANT TAILORS,
 AND DEALERS IN
 SUPERIOR
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A. B. STIFF & Co.,
 AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS
 RALEIGH N. C.
 Fayetteville Street,
 RALEIGH N. C.
 Will attend to all orders and commissions in their line of business, with punctuality and dispatch.
 References to
 H. ACCORDY CHAR. MANLY,
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 Hon. J. R. J. DANIEL,
 GEO. W. MORDECAI, Esq.,
 DR. C. L. HURTON,
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 AUCTIONEER
 AND
 COMMISSION MERCHANT,
 WILMINGTON, N. C.
 Special Cash advances made on all consignments in the North, or on Produce from the Country.
 Office 2 doors on the Wharf, South side of Market Street.
 April 5, 1849. 9-f.

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 MARKET St., 6 Doors above Front St.
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 WILMINGTON, N. C.
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 WILMINGTON, N. C.
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 WILMINGTON, N. C.
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 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 left with me for sale at a small charge as is made by any other Agent in this place.
 Sept. 28, 1848. 63-c.

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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. F. CARROLL, O. W. FENNEL,
 July 13, 1848.

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

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

GEORGE W. DAVIS,
 COMMISSION MERCHANT,
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J. C. LATTA,
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 AND GENERAL AGENT,
 WILMINGTON, N. C.
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LIFE INSURANCE
 IN THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND SOCIETY, OF LONDON,
 AND
FIRE INSURANCE
 IN THE AETNA 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.
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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.
 Jan. 1, 1849.

G. & W. A. GWYER,
 MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN
CABINET FURNITURE,
 In all its varieties,
 Bedsteads, Cots, Mattresses, Looking Glasses, &c. &c.,
 FRONT STREET, NEAR MARKET,
 WILMINGTON, N. C.
 GEORGE GWYER, W. A. GWYER,
 May 15, 1849. 26.

CASHWELL & BLOSSOM,
 GENERAL COMMISSION
 AND
 FORWARDING MERCHANTS,
 Nos. 1 & 2, Dickinson's Store,
 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 \$700,000.
 Slaves Insured.
 J. R. BLOSSOM, Agent.
 April 3, 1849. 8-10-p.

HERON & MARTIN
 General Commission Merchants,
 37 1-2 North Wharves,
 PHILADELPHIA.
 REFER TO
 Messrs. THOS. WATSON & SONS, } Phila.
 Jas. Q. DAWSON, Esq. }
 W. S. NAILOR, Esq. }
 ROBERT NELSON, Esq. }
 Messrs. MOSES TAYLOR & CO., } New York.
 J. H. BRADY & CO. }
 J. & D. McRAE, } Wilmington.
 Geo. HARRIS, Esq. }
 April 5, 1849. 9-f.

GEO. HARRIS,
 General Commission Merchant,
 WILMINGTON, N. C.
 STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing cargoes for vessels.
 March 1, 1849.

REFER TO
 K. P. Hall, Esq., }
 O. G. Parsley, Esq., } Wilmington.
 J. A. Taylor, Esq., }
 J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
 Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, } New York.
 Messrs. Tooker, Smith & Co., }
 Messrs. Thompson & Hunter, }
 Messrs. James Cooper & Sons, } Philadelphia.
 Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Cheston, S. G.
 H. P. Baker, Esq., }
 Jan. 2, 1849. 123-f.

SPIRIT BARRELS.
 A Good supply of empty Barrels. For sale low in lots to suit purchasers by
 DEROSSET & BROWN.
 March 1, 1849. 160.

JOHN HALL,
 Commission Merchant,
 WILMINGTON.
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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.

WM. M. HARRIS,
HARRIS & DRAKE,
 General Commission Merchants,
 WILMINGTON, N. C.
 REFERENCES:
 O. G. Parsley, Esq., } Wilmington, N. C.
 Col. John McRae, }
 Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
 Wm. Post, Esq., Raleigh, N. C. }
 Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., Fayetteville, N. C. }
 Joseph Usher, Esq., }
 Messrs. James Cooper & Sons, Baltimore. }
 E. A. Squier & Co., Philadelphia. }
 Messrs. Thompson & Hunter, New York. }
 Pillsbury & Sandford, }
 Huntington & Tufts, Boston. }
 J. & G. P. Titcomb, Kennebec, Me. }
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MARTIN & CRONLY,
 AUCTIONEERS,
 COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
 AND
 GENERAL AGENTS
 WILMINGTON, N. C. Oct. 3, 1848. 85-f.

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

SPERM, Adamantine and Tallow Candles. For Sale by
 GEO. MYERS.
 Feb 16. 140.

STRAINED HONEY.
 100 GALLS. Strained Honey, for sale by the quart, gallon or barrel at
 HOWARD & PEDEN.
 April 12. 12

COAL.
 500 BUSHELS Bituminous Coal, now landing and for sale by
 W. L. SMITH.
 April 5, 1849. 27.

SHIPPING ARTICLES.
 FOR SALE at The Commercial Office, an elegant edition of Shipping Articles, embracing all the laws of Congress relative to the Merchant's Service.
 100 BUSHELS For sale by
 J. C. LATTA.
 Jan. 25. 136.

RYE!
 5000 BUSHELS of Choice Rye, just arrived per Brig Annapolis, and for sale by
 J. HATHAWAY & SON.
 March 22, 1849.

TO PRINTERS.
 I HAVE for sale a font of entirely new SMALL TYPE purchased for the office of the late Commercial Register, consisting of 315 pounds. It is handsome face and of approved number. This font is now in case, and will be sold for good six months paper, bearing interest for ten per cent less than cost; or fifteen per cent less than cost, for CASH.
 B. I. HOWZE,
 Commercial Office.
 March 22, 1849. 2-f.

WRAPPING PAPER.
 450 REAMS for sale by
 W. L. SMITH.
 May 1, 1849. 20.

NOTICE.
 FROM and after the first January, 1849, no Freight will be transported or delivered without the freight being paid.
 ROBT. FENNER,
 Transportation Agent, W. & R. R. Co.
 Dec. 30, 1848. 22-f.

TO RENT.
 THE OFFICE in London's Building, next door to the Law Office of David Reid Esq., is for rent on the first of October next cheap. Apply at the Office of
 THE COMMERCIAL.
 May 5. 22-f.

LEMONS AND APPLES.
 40 Boxes just landed;
 20 bbls. Russett Apples. For sale at
 J. WILKINSON & CO'S.
 May 5. 22.

PORK! PORK!!
 25 BARRELS nice Mess New York city inspection and inspected in Wilmington for sale by
 GEO. HARRIS,
 Murphy's Building.
 March 31, 1849. 7-f.

AGENCY OF
Nautilus (Mutual Life) Insurance Company.
 PERSONS holding Policies in this office are notified that Scrip Certificates for their Shares of profits in the business of the Company are ready for delivery at the Agency office, 23, North Water-st.
 F. J. LORD & Co. Agents.
 Oct. 24. 94-f.

GRIST MILL.
 THE subscribers have started a Grist Mill in connection with their Saw Mill, and can furnish Meal and Housney of prime quality, and at very short notice.
 JOHN McRAE & Co.
 Feb. 8, 1849. 139-f.

TURPENTINE STILL FOR SALE.
 A TURPENTINE STILL with Cap, Arm, Worm, &c. Doors, Tub, and all other necessary fixtures, in prime order, of either of the following sizes viz: 12, 18, 20, 24, or 30 Barrels yellow Dipping Turpentine. Enquire of, or address by letter to
 A. H. VANBOKKELEN.
 Wilmington March 20, 1849. 2.

KEEP the insects off. Mosquito Netting, various kinds and qualities, for sale by
 J. S. WILLIAMS.
 May 17. 27

EMPTY BARRELS.
 500 LARGE size Spirit Barrels in good order For sale in lots, apply to
 GEO. HARRIS.
 May 17. 27-f.

SPIRIT BARRELS!
 225 Empty Spirit bbls. large size and in prime order. For sale low by
 BARRY, BRYANT & CO.
 Jan 18. 129.

COMMERCIAL BANK STOCK.
 10 SHARES Commercial Bank Stock, for sale by
 J. HATHAWAY & SON.
 Feb. 24. 145

FOR SAN FRANCISCO CALIFORNIA DIRECT!
 THE new A. J. Copper lined and copper lined, of live oak and red Cedar built Barque JOHN A. TAYLOR, Master, will sail as above, early in April. She can take the bulk of 200 tons freight and 100 passengers. For particulars apply to
 GEO. W. DAVIS.
 Feb. 14. 142.

FLOUR.
 20 Barrels Extra Canal Flour, 20 half do do do
 For sale by
 HOWARD & PEDEN.
 Feb. 2. 137.

CAMPINE.
 CAN be had at 40 cents per gallon. It is only necessary to give it a trial, as we are convinced that those who try it, will come and buy it.
 CARROLL & FENNEL.
 Feb. 10. 140

NEW ORLEANS SUGAR.
 5 HHDS. Bright straw color. For sale by
 BARRY, BRYANT & CO.
 May 3, 1849. 29-f.

PANTS! PANTS!!
 OUR assortment larger than we ever before offered, consisting of Doe Skin and Summer Cas., Print & Alford Lotion, &c. In fact every style now in use, of the latest fashion. Call and see of
 SCOTT, KEEN & CO.
 May 19.

FOR SALE.
 40 HHDS Superior retailing Sugar, daily expected by Steer. John Story, from the West Indies, by
 GEO. W. DAVIS.
 May 17, 1849. 27.

AN ADVENTURE IN A CEMETERY.
 The following sketch is taken from a Russian tale, of great power and interest, published in the April number of *Tait's Magazine*. The writer, a lady, engages a droshka to carry her to the residence of the parents of some of her pupils. The driver, a sinister looking rascal, carries her to a lonely place and attempts to rob her.

"At length, projecting my head out of the window, I saw in the distance what appeared to be the white walls of a park or shrubbery. I beheld trees rising here and there, but no sign of a house. This, perhaps, is the villa, said I to myself, and all my fears will then be at an end. The driver now slackened his pace, and presently descended and walked at the horse's head. Every thing aroused my suspicions, though I knew not why. Presently the droshka stopped, and I saw a gate opening into the walled enclosure. Coming up to the door, he said, 'You must alight here.' 'Here' I exclaimed, 'in this lonely place!' 'Do as I command you,' he said. 'I shall do nothing of the kind,' I replied. 'You agreed to take me to the villa K—, and I shall not alight until you have done so.' 'This folly is absurd,' he answered; listen to what I say. We are now many miles from St. Petersburg, distant from any habitation, and if you shriek or call out no one will hear your voice. There is not a living soul within five miles of us. This is the door of the cemetery, and unless you alight instantly and deliver up your purse to me, I will stab you to the heart and throw you into one of the graves.' The cold-blooded determination with which this was uttered curdled my whole frame. For a moment or two, I was struck dumb. Not a hope of escape presented itself. I was there alone, at the mercy of a murderer, and there remained nothing for me but to submit. I cannot accurately detail all the thoughts which thronged upon my brain at that moment. Fear was uppermost, but the figures of those I loved stood prominently forward; not, however, far off, but crowding around me, and passing swiftly away. The greatest agitation now took possession of me. I prayed and besought him to have mercy on me, and offered him half my worldly wealth if he would spare my life and take me back. But he would listen to no terms. Self-reproaches rushed over my mind, and mingled bitterly with my fears. Why was I so blind, so foolish, to accompany the man at all! Why did I suffer my want of courage to prevent my asking the advice of some inhabitant of the town, instead of trusting myself blindly to this suspicious-looking man! Becoming impatient of my long silence, which was, in fact, the silence of despair, he roughly seized me by the arm, and dragged me from the carriage. I had no power to resist. I was utterly destitute of hope. There was not a sound near. All in the great solitude around me was echoes and void. I uttered a long piercing shriek as he flung me on the cold ground, and bade me deliver my purse. A vain desire to make myself heard overcame me. I repeated my shrieks, which he now tried to stifle, by placing his hand over my mouth. I rose to my feet and fled from him. The door of the cemetery was open, and I rushed in, pursued closely by my enemy. The moon had for some time been disappearing behind a heavy heap of what seemed snow clouds, and now she utterly deserted me at a most unfortunate moment, for I stumbled every instant against a grave-stone or mound I traversed with the awfulness of lightning those habitations of the dead, not heeding in my terror the little respect I showed them. But soon his heavy hand seized me again by the shoulder, and dragged me back. My despair lent me strength. We closed and struggled. I forgot his superior power, and determined to resist death to the last. Upon his breast he wore the medal with his name engraved upon it. Without any object in view but that of avenging myself at the moment, I seized firmly hold of it, and in the struggle I tore it off. This circumstance he did not at the time notice, but, in spite of my resistance he snatched between his teeth that he would soon end it; and, as I sunk almost exhausted on the ground in that lonely spot, I heard him unclasp a knife. With a startled bound I was on my feet again, and the man for life began to earnest. I flew rather than ran, with the medal still in my hand. I cared not where I fled. Now I went straight before him, now avoided him by passing in and out of

CURIOUS CONJECTS.
 While the late Edmund Burke was making preparations for the indictment before the House of Lords, of Warren Hastings, Governor-General of India, he was told that a person who had long resided in the East Indies, but who was then an inmate of Bedlam, could supply him with much useful information. Burke went accordingly to Bedlam, was taken to the cell of the man, and received from him, in a long, rational, and well-conducted conversation, the results of much and varied knowledge and experience in Indian affairs, and much instruction for the process then intended. On leaving the cell, Burke told the keeper who attended him, that the poor man, whom he had just visited, was most inquisitively practiced upon; for that he was as much in his senses as man could be. The keeper assured him that there was sufficient warranty and very good cause for his confinement. Burke, with what a man in office once called 'irish impetuosity,' known to be one of Burke's characteristics, insisted that it was an infamous affair, threatening to make the matter public, and even to bring it before Parliament. The keeper then said, 'Sir, I should be sorry for you to leave this house under a false impression; before you do so, be pleased to step back to this poor gentleman's cell, and ask him what he had for breakfast.' Burke could not refuse compliance with a request so reasonable and easily performed. 'Pray sir,' said he to his Indian Counselor, 'be so obliging as to tell me what you had for breakfast?' The other, immediately putting on the wild state of the man, cried out; 'Hobnais, sir! It is shinned to think how they treat us! They give us nothing but hobnais!' and went on with a 'descent wild' on the horrors of the country of Bethlehem Hospital. Burke said no longer than that his departure might not seem abrupt; and, on the advantage of the first pause in the talk, was glad to make his escape.

FIRE AND LOSS OF LIFE.—The beautiful residence of Mrs. Freme, near Battletboro, (Vt) was destroyed by fire on Monday morning. The Battletboro Phoenix gives the following particulars of this calamity: The inmates of the house were six males, consisting of Mrs. Freme, her two sisters, and two domestics. One of the latter was seriously bruised in jumping from a window; all the rest escaped without harm except the lady of the mansion, whom perished in the flames! There is every reason to suppose she was suffocated by the heat and smoke, so that her end was not as painful as might at first appear. Mrs. Freme was an opulent widow lady of English origin. She was of most amiable and engaging manners, and known far and near for her benevolence to the poor and distressed. Her brother, Capt. Eben Wells, and his family, lived near by, and into their hearts will the affliction sink deepest. Mrs. Freme's ma son was handsomely finished and furnished, and contained, among other valuables, several splendid pictures. Three horses—including the noble span whose grace and fleetness our citizens have often observed and admired—were burnt in the stable.

A country clergyman being opposed to the use of the violin in the church service, was however, overruled by his congregation, who determined to have one. On the following Sunday, the pastor commenced the service by exclaiming, in his usual accents, 'You may recollect that on the forty-fifth psalm'