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OR, IN THE  
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May be effected by application to  
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In all its varieties.  
Bedsteads, Cots, Mattresses, Looking Glasses,  
&c. &c.,  
FRONT STREET, NEAR MARKET.  
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GEORGE GWYER. WM. A. GWYER.  
May 15, 1849.

**BANK CHECKS.**  
CHECKS on the several Banks in this place  
bound in Books, and in sheets, for sale at the  
Commercial Office.

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100 BALES superior quality Maine Hay, daily  
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WM. M. HARRISS Agt.  
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Blown, in store and for sale by  
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**CASHWELL & BLOSSOM,**  
GENERAL COMMISSION  
AND  
FORWARDING MERCHANTS,  
Nos. 1 & 2, Dickinson's Stores.  
North Water St. Wilmington, N. C.  
DAVID CASHWELL. J. B. BLOSSOM.  
Cash advances made on consignments of Tim-  
ber, Lumber, Naval Stores, &c. Also, on shipments  
to our friends in New York.  
April 3, 1849. 8-12m.

**BENJ. BLOSSOM & SON,**  
General Commission Merchants,  
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LIBERAL ADVANCES MADE UPON CONSIGNMENTS.  
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Messrs. THOS. WATSON & SONS, } Phila.  
" J. C. DACOSTA, Esq., }  
" Wm. S. NELSON, Esq., }  
" ROBERT NELSON, Esq., }  
" J. H. BOWEN, & Co., } New York.  
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" Geo. HARRISS, Esq., }  
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**GEO. HARRISS,**  
General Commission Merchant,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight  
and purchasing cargoes for vessels.  
Refer to  
E. P. Hall, Esq., } Wilmington.  
" O. G. Parsley, Esq., }  
" J. A. Taylor, Esq., }  
" J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }  
" Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }  
" Joseph Udey, Esq., } New York.  
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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.

**MARTIN & CRONLY.**  
AUCTIONEERS,  
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AND  
GENERAL AGENTS.  
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**H. L. BUTTERFIELD,**  
PAVILION HOTEL.  
Corner of Chapel and Meeting Streets,  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
Where he will be happy to see all his  
NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS.  
July 12, 1849. 50-f.

**OLDS & ANDERSON,**  
Grocers & Commission Merchants,  
No. 141 Front Street New York.  
One of the partners being a native of North Caro-  
lina, and the other a Northern man with twenty  
years' experience in City trade, the interests of their  
patrons in shipping to, and buying from them will  
be well protected.  
Strict attention paid to consignments of Cotton,  
Grain, Naval Stores, Lumber, and every kind  
of Produce; and all orders for Groceries and  
Merchandise generally promptly attended to, at  
the lowest City prices.  
LEWIS F. OLDS. F. R. ANDERSON.  
May 27, 1849. 39-6m.

**DEEDS FOR SALE.**  
Warrants Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage on land.  
Just printed, in correct form and for sale at the  
Commercial Office.

**SHIPPING ARTICLES.**  
FOR SALE at The Commercial Office, an elec-  
tion of Shipping Articles, embracing all  
the laws of Congress relative to the Merchant's  
Service.

**WRAPPING PAPER.**  
40 REAMS for sale by  
W. L. SMITH.  
July 4, 1849. 20.

**NOTICE.**  
From and after the first January, 1849, no Freight  
will be transported or delivered without the  
order of the  
ROBT. PENNER,  
Transportation Agent, W. & R. R. Co.  
Dec. 30, 1848. 122-f.

**AGENCY OF**  
NAUTILUS (Mutual Life) Insurance Company  
DEPOSITORS holding Policies in this office are notified  
that their Policies are for their Shares of  
profits in the business of the Company are ready for  
delivery at the Agency office, 21, North Water-st.  
F. J. LORD & Co. Agents.  
Oct. 24. 94-f.

**GLUE.**  
GERMAN and American Glue, of prime quality  
for Distillers. For sale by  
DEROSSET & BROWN. 125.  
Jan. 6.

**DISTILLERY FOR SALE.**  
THE Turpentine distillery at Palmetto Depot, on  
the Rail Road, lately owned by John Christian,  
will be sold at a fair price, for further particulars apply  
to  
JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON.  
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**BILLS OF LADING, &c.**  
IN BOOKS, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with  
a variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The Com-  
mercial Office.

**CAMPINE! CAMPINE!!**  
40 CENTS PER GALLON.  
For sale at the Store of  
J. G. BAUMAN.  
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**PATENT MEDICINES.**  
JUST received 6 dozen Sassafras Pills;  
J also, Old and Young Townsend's do.  
12 doz. Swayne's Syrup of Wild Cherry;  
12 " " Vermifuge;  
12 " " Dead Snail;  
" German Bitters; 4 Epsom, Sarsap  
and Quinine Pills. For sale at usual prices, by  
C. C. EVANS & SONS.  
Also, Bernard's Cholera Remedy just to hand.  
July 10. 49.

**LAW NOTICE.**  
THE Subscriber, assisted by an experienced and  
competent Attorney, in the City of Washington,  
prosecutes and settles all manner of claims upon the  
U. S. Government. Particular attention given to  
those arising under the Pension and Bounty Laws.  
Address (post-paid)  
ED. CANTWELL,  
Wilmington, N. C.  
Aug. 11, 1849. 62-3m.

**NEGROES WANTED.**  
THE Subscriber wishes to hire a limited number  
of Negroes either Men, Boys, or Women, for  
whom he will pay liberal wages.  
P. GIARD.  
August 31, 1848. 71-f.

**TO TRAVELLERS GOING NORTH.**  
THE Great Mail Route from Char-  
leston, S. C.  
LEAVING the wharf at the foot of Laurens at  
8 o'clock daily, after the arrival of the South-  
ern cars, via WILMINGTON and WELDON, N. C.  
PETERSBURG, RICHMOND, WASHINGTON,  
BALTIMORE and PHILADELPHIA.  
The public is respectfully informed that the steam-  
ers of this line, from Charleston to Wilmington, are  
in the first rate condition, and are navigated by well  
known and experienced commanders, and the Rail-  
roads are in the order, thereby securing both safety  
and despatch. A THROUGH TICKET having al-  
ready been in operation is now continued as a per-  
manent arrangement from Charleston to Philadel-  
phia. Passengers availing themselves thereof, will  
have the option either to continue without delay  
through the route or otherwise, to stop at any of the  
intermediate points, renewing their seats on the line to  
suit their convenience. By this route travellers may  
reach New York on the third day during business  
hours. Baggage will be ticketed on board the  
Steamer to Weldon, as likewise on the change of  
cars, at the intermediate points from hence to Phila-  
delphia. Through Tickets to Philadelphia at \$20  
each, can alone be had from S. WINSLOW, Agent  
of the Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road Company,  
at the office of the Company, foot of Laurens street,  
to whom please apply. For other information in  
quiere of  
L. C. DUNCAN,  
at the American Hotel.  
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**REMOVAL.**  
S. R. FORD has removed his MARBLE YARD to  
S. Dock street, 2d door from Wm. Neff's.  
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**NOTICE.**  
ALL persons indebted to JOHN R. HAWES are  
hereby notified that he has made an assignment  
to me. They are requested to come forward and  
settle immediately.  
THOS. D. NEARNS, Assignee.  
Aug. 20th 1849. Jus. copy 4w. 70-6w.

**DISSOLUTION.**  
THE Copartnership of Jewett & Co., is this day  
dissolved, by agreement of the parties. O. G.  
Parsley is hereby fully authorized to settle all de-  
mands against or debts due to said firm. Persons  
having claims will please present them at once.  
O. G. PARSLEY,  
R. BRADLEY,  
S. JEWETT.  
Wilmington, N. C., May 23, 1849. 74-6.

**NOTICE.**  
NOTION Carriage, suitable for Root Sells, for  
cash by  
J. S. WELLS.  
Sept. 1.

**MRS. SCRUGGINS GONE A 'FISHIN.'**  
BY HER.  
Mrs. Scruggins has spent a few weeks  
in the country, very pleasantly, she says,  
and with nothing to disturb her, but the  
fear that the cholera might attack some of  
her relations or friends who remained in  
the city. In a quiet gossip the other day,  
between herself and Mrs. Jones, the latter  
named lady stated, that, in her opinion, all  
kinds of fish, but more particularly cat-  
fish, were improper articles of food during  
the prevalence of the cholera.

"Speaking of 'cat-fish,' remarked Mrs.  
Scruggins, puts me in mind of a fishin  
party as was got up for our special ben-  
efit when we was out in the country; I say  
so, because Mrs. Skinkle and Mr. Jones,  
and his sister Sally Jones, was all boardin  
at the same house with me. I s'pose you  
don't know Sally Jones, and it ain't won-  
derful if you don't, cause she is just from  
Washington city, and brought out all the  
latest fashins; and such fashins! gracious!  
she wore a cravat round her neck, and  
had a little collar turnin over it just like  
one of the lords; she says that Down East  
the females ar- gettin to wear standing  
collars too; between me and you Mrs.  
Jones, I don't know where this ere fashin  
is going to lead us females to. I s'pose you  
young feminine the other day a gallopin  
about (on horseback of course) with a  
saw- bat on her head, and s'posed out in a  
doubled breasted coat, with two rows of  
buttons in front, and ornamented with a  
little short skirt behind. If she hadn't been  
sittin sideways, I'd never know'd but that  
she was one of the lords. Mr. Skinkle says  
that the wimmin are gettin dreadful mascu-  
line in their sacks and Congress boots and  
so forth, and he's feared they'll all tuck  
up the pantaloons as well. I told him  
as how—  
"But you were talkin about a fishin party,  
Mrs. Scruggins," said Mrs. Jones, rather  
impatently.

"Well, I declare, so I was; that's the  
way with me, always a convinjin from the  
pint. As I was sayin, Miss Sally Jones  
had just arriv from Washington city, and  
in course she put on airs in the country, like  
as if she thought country peo, le didn't know  
nuthin. There was besides them I've told  
you about some six or eight others, among  
whom was two middle aged lords and  
one young man all on 'em from St. Louis.  
The young man was studyin law, and had  
just come out to rustify awhile, and restor-  
ate his health, which was declinin with  
great rapidity—in consequence, he said,  
of extense application. He didn't say what  
he'd been pavin himself too, but Mr. Skin-  
kle thought he'd been drinkin too many  
cobbles. In course Mr. S was a joker, for  
who ever head of a christian among cobbles,  
much more drinkin 'em. I thought this  
ere limb of the law, as people calls 'em,  
was remarkably soft. Miss Mat Caustic  
who was along with us, told me in secret,  
that in her private opinion, Mr. Charley  
Green, the said limb of the law, was as  
green as grass, and 'twas a deposition of  
' Providence that such a blade as him wasn't  
carried off last spring by the army worm,  
which ravaged the country round St. Lou-  
is. Miss Mat Caustic is dreadful sharp,  
and in spite of the limitedness of her edu-  
cation, she's well informed and knows a  
ting or two. She told me, arter makin  
me promise to tell nobody as long as I lived  
that she knew lots of secrets about the  
boarders, and she was determined to keep  
'em. I thought that like a good many other  
femalics, she'd keep 'em agoin, but in  
course didn't tell her so.

"There was a nervous feminine along  
with us; she was dreadful stout, and look-  
ed like she'd never been sick a day in her life,  
but she was so nervous! the least noise al-  
most pitched her into convulsive fits; she  
kept complainin all the time how bad a  
appetite she had, and how everything upset  
her system. To hear her talk, one would  
think that it torn it would eat more than  
she did; but gracious! to see her eat; ar-  
ter complainin to me for two mortal long  
hours afore dinner, she sat down to the  
table, and drank two cups of tea, eat three  
wonderful large slices of corn bread, took  
a very small piece of ham, a very small  
piece of boiled chicken, a very small pat-  
ter or two, or three, and wound up with  
two very small pieces of pie; and would  
you believe it, in the afternoon she com-  
plained of ner nerves, and sed that lately  
she never had no appetite. I didn't say no-  
thin, but I just thought that if I keep board-  
in house and she boarded with me I'd  
charge her double price when she was sick,  
and believed his wife was the sickest, deli-  
cate feminine that ever was; sometimes  
when some of the boarders kicked up a fuss  
or got to arguin pritty loud he'd cum and  
ax 'em very polite if they'd please not to  
make such a noise, his wife's nerves was  
so easily affected. I s'pose every body  
has their hobbies which they ride; a young  
man, who was one of the four great sons  
of the narrow lady, had his hobby. Such  
talk as he'd tell about Kentucky, and the  
people that lived 'er, and what he'd done,  
afore they cum to Missouri; gracious when

he was talkin about goin a swim, he sed  
that talkin of fishin put him in mind of  
the time him and two others went a fishin  
in the Lickin River. They used up all  
their bait, he sed, but that didn't make any  
difference, for the water was so clear, they  
could see the fishes swimmin along close  
to the steep banks; then he sed, that all  
he had to do was to whistle, and when the  
fishes raised up their heads to see what was  
goin on, he'd drop the hook down their  
throats an' haul 'em up; now did you ever?  
Mr. Skinkle sed that he'd seen some very  
inventive genuses aforesaid, but that there  
young man James, as he was called, had  
the most liveliest imagination he ever  
heard tell on, and that he really believed—  
"But, Mrs. Scruggins, do tell me about  
the fishin party," cried Mrs. Jones, who had  
been listenin very impatiently to the old  
lady's gossip.

"Well I will. There was so many on us  
that you know we had to go in a wagon.  
The nervous feminine, howsunever couldn't  
think of being jolted up in a wagon with no  
springs, so her husband took her in a bug-  
gy. Mr. Simkins, who keeps a store in the  
country, fixed up his wagon, and somers-  
or other, he managed to stow away seven  
or eight of us not includin himself. There  
was me and Miss Mat Caustic, and Miss  
Sally Jones, and Mr. Jones and Mr. Green,  
and James, and a married feminine whose  
name was Mrs. Hoppy; me and Mrs. Hop-  
py was good friends, at least she seem'd to  
think a heap of me, but I found out differ-  
ent afterwards. There wasn't a boarder in  
the house that Mrs. Hoppy didn't have her  
private opinion about; but misfortunatly,  
she always expressed her sentiments (confi-  
dentialy, you know,) to her feminine  
'quaintances, and in a country boardin  
house, people have nuthin else to do but  
talk about each other. Its wonderful how  
the country air sharpens people's appetites  
for scandal. Mrs. Hoppy went a hoppin  
about, first to one and then the other, tellin  
everything she know'd an good deal more.  
If she'd been a 'porter for a newspaper, she  
couldn't have worked harder. After a'd  
started on the road to the river, she  
turned and sed; ses she, Mrs. Scruggins,  
where is Mr. Skinkle?"

"He's comin with Mrs. Tutt," ses I.  
"Between you and me, Mrs. Scruggins,  
ses she, 'tis my private 'pison that Mrs.  
Tutt ain't enny better than she should be.'  
"You don't say so?" ses I.  
"Yes, I do," ses she; 'I've know'd Mrs.  
Tutt a long time, but it wasn't 'till lately I  
found it out.'  
"Found what out?" ses I, kinder quick  
like.

"I'd never have thought it," sed Mrs.  
Hoppy, shakin her head slow, and lookin  
awful solemn.

"In course I wanted to know what Mrs.  
Hoppy had found out; but the best way to  
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high, don't you think all she'd found out  
was that somebody had seen somebody, who  
had heard somebody say that Mrs. Tutt was  
a desperate character, and made her hus-  
band stand round; and that every on in a  
while they'd kick up a bit of a row in  
which Mr. Tutt allys cum off second best;  
and enny body that went to interferin got  
their faces scratched good for their pains.

Well, while we was talking about Mr.  
Tutt, Mr. Simkins was drivin at a great  
rate. Mr. Simkins said he was an uncon-  
om good driver; but I tuk notice that he  
run over stumps and pitched into gulleys  
and ruts very often; but then I didn't  
blame him, for Miss Mat Caustic was sit-  
ting long side of him, and he was so ab-  
sorbed up with her, that I thought it was  
a wonder we wasn't upset, or the horses didn't  
run away, or some sich cat-a-strophy taken  
place. Miss Sally Jones was in a dread-  
ful way! every stump we'd run over she'd  
give a little fashionable screech, and then  
she'd say in a die-a-way kind of voice she  
had, 'O, Mr. Green! I really am awfully  
frightened.' Mr. Green told her there  
wasn't enny danger, not the least in the  
world, that he'd protect her if the horses  
run away; with that Miss Mat Caustic  
laffed, and sed she know'd sum peo-  
ple (she didn't mention names) who had enuff  
to do takin care of themselves, and then  
arter takin a deal of trouble they didn't  
half do it. Mr. Green looked, as Mr. Scrug-  
gins used to say, like a 'poor boy at a corn  
shuckin,' he didn't have nothin to say; but  
Miss Sally Jones fired up and sed, ses she

"I have observed in my intercourse with  
the doc langs that, as a class, they never  
tries to be witty or sarcastic aforesaid, and  
its my 'pison that such a display  
is only worthy of the canal (canaille).  
"Good gracious!" ses I, who ever heard  
tell of a canal's being sarcastic afore? to be  
sure I've heard tell of their overflowin,  
but then 'twasn't with wit—'twas wit-  
water, and awful muddy water it was, too!"

With that all 'em laffed, 'cept Miss  
Jones—she turned up ter nose and went to  
whisperin to Mr. Green.

Well, we went along right merrily, and  
didn't meet with no accident, and that  
wasn't a very bad one. Mr. Simkins was  
so busy talkin to me, and lookin at Miss Mat

he was talkin about goin a swim, he sed  
that talkin of fishin put him in mind of  
the time him and two others went a fishin  
in the Lickin River. They used up all  
their bait, he sed, but that didn't make any  
difference, for the water was so clear, they  
could see the fishes swimmin along close  
to the steep banks; then he sed, that all  
he had to do was to whistle, and when the  
fishes raised up their heads to see what was  
goin on, he'd drop the hook down their  
throats an' haul 'em up; now did you ever?  
Mr. Skinkle sed that he'd seen some very  
inventive genuses aforesaid, but that there  
young man James, as he was called, had  
the most liveliest imagination he ever  
heard tell on, and that he really believed—  
"But, Mrs. Scruggins, do tell me about  
the fishin party," cried Mrs. Jones, who had  
been listenin very impatiently to the old  
lady's gossip.

"Well I will. There was so many on us  
that you know we had to go in a wagon.  
The nervous feminine, howsunever couldn't  
think of being jolted up in a wagon with no  
springs, so her husband took her in a bug-  
gy. Mr. Simkins, who keeps a store in the  
country, fixed up his wagon, and somers-  
or other, he managed to stow away seven  
or eight of us not includin himself. There  
was me and Miss Mat Caustic, and Miss  
Sally Jones, and Mr. Jones and Mr. Green,  
and James, and a married feminine whose  
name was Mrs. Hoppy; me and Mrs. Hop-  
py was good friends, at least she seem'd to  
think a heap of me, but I found out differ-  
ent afterwards. There wasn't a boarder in  
the house that Mrs. Hoppy didn't have her  
private opinion about; but misfortunatly,  
she always expressed her sentiments (confi-  
dentialy, you know,) to her feminine  
'quaintances, and in a country boardin  
house, people have nuthin else to do but  
talk about each other. Its wonderful how  
the country air sharpens people's appetites  
for scandal. Mrs. Hoppy went a hoppin  
about, first to one and then the other, tellin  
everything she know'd an good deal more.  
If she'd been a 'porter for a newspaper, she  
couldn't have worked harder. After a'd  
started on the road to the river, she  
turned and sed; ses she, Mrs. Scruggins,  
where is Mr. Skinkle?"

"He's comin with Mrs. Tutt," ses I.  
"Between you and me, Mrs. Scruggins,  
ses she, 'tis my private 'pison that Mrs.  
Tutt ain't enny better than she should be.'  
"You don't say so?" ses I.  
"Yes, I do," ses she; 'I've know'd Mrs.  
Tutt a long time, but it wasn't 'till lately I  
found it out.'  
"Found what out?" ses I, kinder quick  
like.

"I'd never have thought it," sed Mrs.  
Hoppy, shakin her head slow, and lookin  
awful solemn.

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