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Will attend to all orders and commissions in their line of business, with punctuality and dispatch.  
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Jan. 1, 1849.

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**G. & W. A. GWYER,**  
MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS IN  
ABINET FURNITURE,  
In all its varieties.  
Bedsteads, Cotts, Mattresses, Looking Glasses, &c. &c.,  
FRONT STREET, NEAR MARKET.  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**BANK CHECKS.**  
CHECKS on the several banks in this place bound in Books, and in sheets, for sale at the Commercial Office.

**SALT.**  
1,000 SACKS Liverpool; 50 sacks fine Blown, in store and for sale by  
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HOWARD & PEDEN.  
Oct. 4.

**CASHWELL & BLOSSOM,**  
GENERAL COMMISSION  
AND  
FORWARDING MERCHANTS,  
Nos. 1 & 2, Dickinson's Stores,  
North Water St. Wilmington, N. C.  
DAVID CASHWELL. JOS. B. BLOSSOM.  
Cash advances made on consignments of Timber, 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. References.  
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Messrs. MOSES, TAYLOR & CO., } New York.  
" J. H. BOWEN, & Co., }  
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**GEO. HARRISS,**  
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STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.  
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O. G. Parsley, Esq., }  
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Alexr. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia }  
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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.

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AUCTIONEERS,  
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**H. L. BUTTERFIELD,**  
PAVILION HOTEL.  
Corner of Hazel and Meeting Streets,  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
Where he will be happy to see all his  
NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS.  
July 12, 1849. 50-11.

**OLDS & ANDERSON,**  
Grocers & Commission Merchants,  
No. 141 Front Street New York.  
One of the partners being a native of North Carolina, and the other a Northern man with twenty years' experience in City trade, the interests of their patrons in the 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 P. OLDS. F. R. ANDERSON.  
May 22, 1849. 29-6m.

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

**ANDERSON & LATIMER,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
SOUTH WATER STREET,  
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**SHIPPING ARTICLES.**  
FOR SALE at the Commercial Office, an elegant edition of Shipping Articles, embracing the laws of Congress relative to the Merchant's Service.

**WRAPPING PAPER.**  
450 REAMS for sale by  
W. L. SMITH.  
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**NOTICE.**  
FROM and after the first January, 1849, no Freight will be transported or delivered, without the freight being paid.  
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**AGENCY OF**  
Navillus (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.  
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**GLUE.**  
GERMAN and American Glue, of prime quality for Distillers. For sale by  
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**DISTILLERY FOR SALE.**  
THE Pot Still distillery at Falmouth Depot, on the Hall Road, lately owned by John Christie, will be sold at a fair price, for further particulars apply to  
JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON.  
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**BILLS OF LADING, &c.**  
FRENCH POST BILLS OF LADING bound in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with a variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The Commercial Office.

**CAMPINE! CAMPINE!!**  
40 CENTS PER GALLON.  
For sale at the Store of  
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**PATENT MEDICINES**  
JUST received 6 dozen Sands Sarasaparilla; also, Old and Young Townsends do. 12 doz. Swaynes Syrup of Wild Cherry; 12 " Vermifuge; 12 " Dead Shot 6 German Bitters; 4 Epsom, Sarsap and Queens delight For sale at usual prices, by  
A. C. EVANS & BRO.  
Also, Bernard's Cholera Remedy just to hand.  
July 10. 49.

**NEGROES WANTED.**  
THE Subscriber wishes to hire a limited number of Negroes either Men, Boys, or Women, for whom he will pay liberal wages.  
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August 31, 1848. 71-11.

**TO TRAVELLERS GOING NORTH.**  
LEAVING the wharf at the foot of Laurens st. daily at 3 p. m. after the arrival of the Southern cars, via WILMINGTON and WELDON, N. C. PETERSBURG, RICHMOND, WASHINGTON, BALTIMORE and PHILADELPHIA. The public is respectfully informed that the steamers of this line, from Charleston to Wilmington, are in first rate condition, and are navigated by well known and experienced commanders, and the Railroads are in fine order, thereby securing both safety and despatch. A THROUGH TICKET having already been in operation is now continued in permanent arrangement from Charleston to Philadelphia. Passengers availing themselves thereof, will have the option either to continue without delay through the route 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 thence to Philadelphia. Through Tickets to Philadelphia at \$20 each, can also be had from E. 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 inquire of  
L. C. DUNCAN,  
at the American Hotel, 89  
Charleston Aug. 2.

**The Great Mail Route from Charleston, S. C.**  
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Charleston Aug. 2.

**DISSOLUTION.**  
THE Partnership of Jewett & Co., is this day dissolved, by agreement of the parties. O. G. Parsley is hereby fully authorized to settle all demands against or due to said firm. Persons having claims will please present them at once.  
O. G. PARSLEY,  
R. BRADLEY,  
S. JEWETT.  
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**PREPARED GUANO.**  
FARMERS, Planters and Market Gardeners, are respectfully informed that the above celebrated Fertilizer, admitted by practical farmers in and others who have used it repeatedly throughout the United States and West Indies on every variety of vegetable and articles usually raised in the different States, to be the cheapest, most durable and fertilizing Manure—and whom Certificates recommending its use in pamphlet form, with directions, can be had gratis. It destroys worms, insects and flies, and prevents blight, mildew and rust. For sale by  
HOWARD & PEDEN,  
Agents for the Manufacturers.  
Sept. 22, 1849. 50-11.

**HOW BLACK BEN LOST HIS TEETH.**  
Wanting a shave, a few nights since, I sauntered into a barber's shop in the vicinity of Chatham street. Among the neat and tidy looking "colored gemen," who were in waiting, there was one of ink blackness whose benevolent expression of countenance induced me to avail myself of his professional skill in preference to the others. I noticed that his front teeth were uncommon white and beautiful, and I complimented him on their pearly purity. He smiled, showing them still more plainly, and said "Dose teeth were made by Mr. Blaisdell, the dentist, dar de fact!"

I thought the fellow was joking, and I replied, "I suspect that they were made by a more skillful dentist than he."  
"No, sir," said he, "Mr. Blaisdell made 'em, and put 'em in, sure; I'll tell you how it was. I lost dose four teeth aboard a canal boat, when I was a green hand. I'd been aboard ship, and I thought I would just try de canal for a change. Well, de very first day out I lost dose teeth, curious enough, I tell you. De captain told me, to get my dinner; Ise soon down de cabin, and whar cuttin' up whar steak was left—when I hear him sing out, "Look out ahead!"

Tinkin' he wanted me, I grab de steak in my fist and jump up de ladder—when I got dere I look towards de stern, and ask um if he call, but bress you, I no sooner got de words out of my mouf, and de steak back, when somethin' catch me by de head and squeeze it right down on de boat, and de brief night out of my body. When de brief come back, I whar layin' on de bank of de canal, and dere whar a whole lot ob folks standin' round—den I hear, dem say, "poor mudder dead!"—so tinks I, dat can't be possible—den I try open my mouf, but dat feel so berry quate I luff it alone—tout I move my leg—but every time I try I couldn't do it—so den I luff it alone and lay still. Den de doctor come—he put he finger on my wrist, and feel my head a little bit—and den he say Ise got a expoun fracture ob de skull. Tinks I, dis nigger am dead, certain, dat's a fac. Arter while dey pick me up, and I tinks dey whar goin to berry me—dat I couldn't stand, so I sing out, "Whar de debil de matter? whar you goane wid me?" De captain here me and come up and say, "Ben, how do you feel?" so I tell him I feel so quare bout de mouf, den he laugh dech I ask him whar de matter—who hit me on de head and hold me fas. Den he tell me dat when he holloed dere was a bridge ahead, and jis as I pop my head out it catch me, and dat de boat whar tight, an dat I slip under de fus jise, and when de boat come up it catch de steak 'tween it and de jise and started de teeth right out my head—he say dat arter dey pull up de plank, and got me out, dey find de beef steak stickin fas to de jise wid de whole four teeth clare through it—ya, yah! yi! here Ben roared dat show dis nigger luck! Ise de whole jaw fore um gib an inch!" Ben finished me off, and I left, not a little tickled with his yarn.—Sp. Times

**THE FIGHTING DOCTOR.**  
The hero of the following short sketch was a native of Kentucky. His father was a farmer in moderate circumstances, living a few miles from Louisville, who managed by great labor and scrupulous economy to give his favorite and first born son an excellent education, embracing the degree of a doctor of medicine. Young Menefee was remarkable from the earliest period of his intellectual development for an intense and burning ambition, such as could brook no rival in whatever he undertook, while the glorious gifts of a magnificent brain and mighty physical constitution seemed to furnish the surest guarantees for the ultimate reality of his every hope. By prodigious exertions day and night, he stood foremost in all his classes at college, and graduated with an éclat that obscured the fame of all competitors; so that had the rising star of his genius met with no adverse shock to hurl it away from its appropriate and radiant orbit, imagination can scarcely assign a limit to the splendor it might have attained. But, unfortunately, a hostile collision occurred, at the very commencement of his career, to arouse the sleeping volcano of his darkest passions, and project the course of his ambition at a dangerous tangent from the circle of a peaceful life.

He had a young and beautiful sister, who was seduced and betrayed by a fashionable villain of Louisville, one James Murray, a lawyer, and universally regarded as the most desperately brave duelist that Kentucky—the land so prodigal of heroes—ever produced. While the father and mother of the ruined girl were weeping tears of despair, John, then only twenty years of age, armed himself, and proceeded in search of his enemy. He found him in the court house, immediately after an adjournment, and without uttering a word, attacked and belabored him dreadfully with a cowhide. Murray,

on his part, fought like a lion; but in vain; for the fiery determination of force and concentrated wrath appeared to have given young Menefee the strength of a dozen men. He blinded his antagonist with quick and countless blows, dashed from his hand every pistol the other succeeded in drawing from his pocket, and faggellated him till he was literally covered with blood. A challenge was the consequence—Menefee accepted on these conditions:—That the meeting should take place at a certain spot the ensuing morning, directly after sunrise. Three pistols were to be loaded—each foe should take one and fire by turns at a mark ten paces distant. Whoever hit nearest the centre should then have the remaining pistol, and shoot at his adversary's head. If he missed, the other should be entitled to a shot, and so on by alternation till one of them should fall dead! These ferocious terms were mutually accepted, and the principals and seconds met accordingly on the banks of the Ohio River, six miles below the falls.

The seconds measured off ten paces, and then made a black spot with moistened gunpowder about as high as a man's heart, on a slender oak tree. They then loaded the three pistols, handed one to each principal, and retained the third to be given to the successful marksman. The antagonists then cut a peck of earth for the first shot. Murray drew the queen of diamonds, Menefee the ace of spades, and so won the first fire. He immediately took his stand, turned his right side to the tree, let the hand which grasped the weapon, now, at full cock, fall until the dark muzzle reached below his knee, fixed his flashing blue eye steadily a moment on the mark, and then, swift as thought, raised and pulled trigger. Unfortunately, the pistol "hung fire," as it is called in the backwoods—that is, the flash in the pan was seen first, and then the explosion of the load in the barrel, sounded long, like a double report. Under such circumstances most persons would have missed the tree, but as it was, Menefee's bullet barely cut the upper edge of the mark. An excellent shot!

Murray now took his position. He was a famous level shooter, having previously slain three men in as many duels, sending his ball directly through their brains. He raised slowly, poised a deliberate aim, stood several seconds motionless as a statue at which the muzzle of his pistol was pointed, and fired. The crack was short and sharp as the peal of a bell; and when the blue wreaths of curling smoke cleared away, the black spot on the oak was not to be seen—the white bullet-hole bored into the splintered wood occupied its place. The seconds then gave Murray the third pistol, and he stationed himself ten steps from his unarmed adversary, who in the meanwhile seemed calm and fearless, as if an unconcerned spectator, without the slightest symptom of either alarm or surprise. According to the terms stipulated, Murray might choose his own time, after the elevation of his weapon, to fire; and the thought appeared to cross his soul to torture his antagonist by a cruel and unnecessary delay. He raised his right hand gradually, and fixed a mortal aim at Menefee's head, in which posture he continued for more than two minutes. But Menefee still betrayed no emotion. Not a nerve shook—his face paled not a shade. A bitter smile of scorn writhed on his purple lip, and his gleaming blue eye, gazing fiercely into that of his deadly foe, seemed to the wondering seconds like a ball of fire, so intense and vengeful was its glare. At length he called out in a voice purring and shrill as the shriek of a trumpet:—

"Murray, you'd—thoward, why don't you shoot! Are you afraid to shoot?" And whether it was that the position of Murray's arm, so long extended, affected the nerves, or that he became excited by the mocking taunt, or was surprised at the terrible tones of his enemy's voice, or quailed with preternatural dread before the lightning of his burning blue eye, it is impossible to say; but at least, whatever might be the cause, a remarkable change passed over his features. His cheek grew pallid—his pale lip quivered—his hand shook. He fired! The ball merely grazed Menefee's left temple without effect.

Then the seconds reloaded the pistol and placed it in the hands of Menefee, and the parties again assumed their proper stations. The youthful avenger of a sister's shame wanted not an instant. He was in too great a hurry to finish his work for suspense. Quick as the flash of a sunbeam, he elevated his weapon and fired. With the roar of the explosion, without a sigh or a groan, Murray dropped dead in his tracks. His right eye had been shot out. Menefee fled the country, and settled in Conway county, Arkansas. Thenceforth the whole current of his thoughts and passions appeared to be changed. The earthquake of moral wrath, which had burst upon from the profound abysses of his soul, had ploughed out a new passage for the march of ambition—a passage stained with ineffaceable blood! Before, his heart had burned with unquenchable enthusiasm; to excel in knowledge, in variety, depth, and extent of attainments; but now he coveted superiority only in desperate deeds—the bloody achievements of brute bravery. Not to say the truth, could he have selected a more appropriate field in the wide world for beligerent purposes than Arkansas they afforded. Political strife raged with incredible fury. No man could be a leader either in the parties of the state, or in those of a county, unless he stood ready at all times to defend his principles at the point of the bowie-knife and the muzzle of the pistol. To enunciate all the duels fought by op-