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**S. M. WEST,**  
AUCTIONEER  
AND  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Annual Cash advances made on all consignments from the North, or on Produce from the country. 5 doors from the Market, South side of Front Street.  
April 5, 1849. 9-ly.

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AND GROCERIES,  
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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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Fayetteville Street,  
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Violent to all orders and commissions in their line of business, with punctuality and dispatch.  
Refer to His Excellency CHAS. MANLY,  
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HAVING disconnected himself from V. R. PIERCE, would inform his friends and the public in general, that he has taken the store on Front street, 5 doors from Market street, immediately opposite Dr. Bellamy's office, where he is prepared to carry on the  
**TAILORING BUSINESS,**  
in all its branches. Being in possession of the latest fashions, he will cut and make gentlemen's apparel at the shortest notice, in a style of workmanship and neatness of fit not to be surpassed by any in the State; and he hopes to merit a continuance of the patronage of his former customers and the public.  
Oct. 6, 1849. 85.

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THE cargo of Brig Callender, from St. Martina, State, about 5,000 bushels. Apply to  
GEO. HARRISS,  
18 N. Water st.  
Oct. 16—90 if

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

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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
strict attention given to the faithful execution of all orders for Lumber.  
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WILMINGTON.  
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AND  
**FIRE INSURANCE**  
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OR, IN THE  
HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK.  
May be effected by application to  
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NEW YORK.  
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**MARINE INSURANCE.**  
THE undersigned having received the Agency of  
THE AUGUSTA INSURANCE AND BANKING COMPANY OF AUGUSTA GA.  
will issue Policies on Vessels, Cargoes, Freight &c. at the most liberal rates of Premiums as any other Institution of the kind in this country. The Capital of this Company is \$2,500,000.  
H. N. LIPP.  
Wilmington, Aug. 18, 1849. 68-ly.

**BANA CABEAS.**  
CHECKS on the several banks in this port  
Obtain in Books and in sheets, for sale at the  
Commercial Office.

**REMOVAL.**  
S. R. FORD has removed his Marble Yard to  
No. 2 Dock Street, 2d door from Wm. West's.  
24-ly.

**HAMS AND LARD.**  
10 Bbls. and 20 cask prime North Carolina Lard  
1,000 lbs. Hams, received per Railroad, and  
for sale by  
J. HATHAWAY & SON,  
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6 BALES assorted sizes. For sale by  
J. HATHAWAY & SON.  
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5000 LBS. different kinds. For sale at  
J. WILKINSON & CO'S.  
Oct. 18. Journal copy. 90.

**BLAKE'S INDESTRUCTIBLE FIRE  
PROOF PATENT PAINT.**  
I hereby give notice, that I have been appointed  
Agent, for the sale of the above singular and  
truly valuable substance. It can be applied by any  
person that can use a brush; and soon, by exposure  
to the atmosphere, forms a complete coating of  
stone. Its adhesive properties are so great that  
it never cracks or scales off from the wood. It is  
particularly applicable to a southern climate, as  
the humidity of the atmosphere destroys the beauty  
of white lead, but cannot effect a change in this  
indestructible paint. Roofs of buildings coated with  
it are Fire Proof; it has been used on Steamboats  
and Railroad Cars with success; it is much cheaper  
than a tinued Roof, or even white lead; 100 lbs. will cover  
1000 superficial feet. Wholesale 4 cents per lb., at  
retail 5 cents; it can be procured at retail at the  
store of R. S. DRIVER and in barrels, of me, at  
my office. Terms cash on delivery.  
W. A. J. WYKER, General Agent  
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J. R. BLOSSOM, } Wilmington.  
J. & D. McRAE, & Co. }  
G. W. DAVIS Esq. }  
July 10, 1849. 49.

**JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.**  
General Commission Merchant,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Cash advances made on consignments to me, or  
to my friends in New York.  
Oct. 23. 93-ly.

**HERON & MARTIN**  
General Commission merchants,  
PHILADELPHIA.  
Refer to  
Messrs. THOS. WATSON & SONS,  
Jno. C. DACOSTA, Esq., Phila.  
Wm. S. NEILSON, Esq.,  
ROBERT NEILSON, Esq.,  
Messrs. MOSES, TAYLOR & Co., New York.  
" J. H. BROWER, & Co.,  
" J. & D. McRAE,  
" Geo. HARRISS, Esq., } Wmington.  
April 5, 1849. 9-ly.

**GEO. HARRISS,**  
General Commission Merchant,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight  
and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.

Refer to  
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J. A. Taylor, Esq., }  
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }  
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Messrs. Cooker, Smyth & Co., } New York.  
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**WILLIAM M. HARRISS,**  
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Joseph Utley, Esq., }  
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.  
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia.  
" Thompson & Hunter, } New York.  
" Pillsbury & Sandford, }  
" Hunting & Tufts, Boston.  
" J. & P. Titcomb, Kennebunk, Me.  
July 17th, 1849. 52 if.

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

**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. 60-ly.

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

**NEW GROCERY STORE.**  
THE SUBSCRIBER begs leave to inform his  
friends and the public generally, that he has taken  
the stand formerly occupied by Mr. J. H. KORNWELL,  
on the  
South side of Market Street, Four Doors from  
the corner of South Water Street,  
where he is now receiving an extensive assortment of  
GROCERIES, FARMING IMPLEMENTS,  
HARDWARE, &c.,  
to which he invites the attention of CASH CUSTOMERS  
particularly. Having purchased mostly  
for cash, he is prepared to offer inducements to persons  
dealing in a like commodity.  
ALEX. MACRAE, Jr.  
Oct. 12. 88.

**LARD.**  
For sale by  
J. R. BLOSSOM.  
Oct. 20. 92-ly.

**New Dry Goods Store.**  
THE subscribers have just commenced the Dry  
Goods business in this town, on Market street,  
adjoining the Drug store of the late Wm. Shaw, and  
second house from Front street, where will be found  
a large selection of  
**FANCY AND STAPLE GOODS,**  
of late importation, which they are determined to  
sell on as good terms, as they can be purchased in  
any city in the Union. Their goods having been  
purchased entirely for cash, will give them an opportunity  
of giving good bargains to their customers.  
They solicit those wishing to purchase, particularly  
the Ladies, to call and examine their stocks,  
whether they purchase or not, as they will take pleasure  
in waiting upon those who favor us with a call.  
One of the partners being connected with several  
establishments, he remains constantly in the Northern  
Cities. We shall be constantly receiving fresh supplies  
during the season.  
MYERS & DAVIS.  
Oct. 18. 91.

**A CARD.**  
THE subscriber is now prepared to see his customers  
and friends at the old stand on North side  
Market street, next door below J. Dawson & Co.,  
where he will serve them up with any kind of a Hat  
or Cap that may be desired. My stock is unusually  
large, and will be sold very low for cash. A call from  
those wishing to purchase is respectfully solicited.  
Prices to suit the times. C. MYERS, Hat-ter.  
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**ANDERSON & LATIMER,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
SOUTH WATER STREET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Sep 27, 1848. 82-ly-c.

**JOSEPH H. FLANNER,**  
General Commission Merchant,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Oct. 9th, 1849. 87-ly-c.

**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.

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

**DISTILLERY FOR SALE.**  
THE Turpentine distillery at Faisons Depot, on  
the Rail Road, lately owned by John Christian,  
will be sold at a fair price, for further particulars apply  
to JEFFREYS & LEIGHTON.  
April 10, 1849. 11.

**BILLS OF LADING, &c.**  
FOLIO POST BILLS OF LADING bound  
in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with  
a variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The  
Commercial Office.

**PATENT MEDICINES**  
JUST received 6 dozen Sands Sarsaparilla;  
12 doz. Old and Young Powment of the South  
12 doz. Swayne's Syrup of Wild Cherry;  
12 " " Vermifuge;  
6 " " Dead Worm;  
6 " German Bitters; 4 Eping, 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.

**TO TRAVELLERS GOING NORTH.**  
The Great Mail Route from Charleston, S. C.  
LEAVING the wharf at the foot of Laurens at  
10 daily at 3 p. m. 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 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 as now continued as a permanent  
arrangement from Charleston to Philadelphia.  
Passengers availing themselves thereof, will  
have the option either to continue west to  
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 thence to Philadelphia.  
Through Tickets to Philadelphia at \$20  
each, can 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 in  
quirt  
L. C. DUNCAN,  
at the American Hotel.  
Charleston Aug. 2. 59

**DISTILLERS AND COOPERS.**  
THE subscriber having removed his Cooper  
age, to the shop lately occupied by Mr. Thain,  
offers Hops Iron and rivets of the best quality, for  
sale at the lowest rates; wholesale and retail, and will  
deliver the article and return the money, if they do not  
suit, and has also ordered truss hoops and drawing  
knives, of the best quality, which he will sell cheap  
and warrant. In his absence all business will be  
done by his Foreman, Mr. Dorby. Money received  
and received as by himself.

**STAVES.**  
He also wishes to purchase White Oak bbl staves,  
and headings, for which he will give the highest  
market price, for as many as 50 thousand.  
A. MORGAN.  
Oct. 13. 89-2m-p.

**IRISH POTATOES.**  
25 BARRELS. For sale by  
J. HATHAWAY & SON.  
Oct. 25. 94.

**FIFTY DOLLARS REWARD.**  
WILL be paid for the delivery of my girl  
MARIAN, (known about Wilmington  
as Mariah Sintas) either to me at the 70 mile  
post on the Railroad, in Wayne County, or to Messrs.  
Cashwell & Blossom in Wilmington or to any Jail  
in the State. Marian ran away sometime in April  
last; she is about twenty years old, and of a  
light copper color. I will also give the above reward  
for evidence sufficient to convict any white person  
of harbouring her. All persons are forbid employing  
or harbouring her, as the law will be rigidly enforced  
against any person so doing. She is supposed to  
be lurking about Wilmington. E. PETERSON.  
Oct. 13. 89 if.

**LAMP OIL:**  
13 BBLs. Winter bleached Oil. Just received  
and for sale by J. HATHAWAY & SON.  
Oct. 21. 94

**GLUE.**  
OF the best kind, expressly for distillers, always  
on hand, and for sale by  
JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.  
Oct. 23. 93-ly.

**JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE.**  
5 BBLs. of Hiram Smith's best brand Canal  
Flour;  
10 half bbls. Extra Canal;  
10 qr. " " best Buckwheat;  
5 boxes " " "  
5 bags " " "  
Low for cash at  
GEO. H. KELLY'S.  
Oct. 27. Chron. copy. 95.

**SHOES.**  
A GOOD assortment, suited to the country trade  
of good quality, and at fair prices, by the case,  
for sale by  
W. O. JEFFREYS.  
Oct. 1. 85

**THE MAN WHO COULDN'T FIGHT.**  
A series of incidents in Arkansas Life.  
From the Sunday Times.

The beautiful little town of Van Buren, on the Arkansas river, near the Cherokee line, during its early history, was famous for the number and ferocity of its desperadoes, being the principal meridian and focus of rendezvous for gamblers, Indian traders, and all sorts of adventurers who had found it necessary to change their domicile from lands governed by the administration of a rigid criminal code. The half-breed "braves" from the Cherokee Nation, also flocked to the same site to drink, carouse, take a hand at cards, and exhibit their prowess in sanguinary "set-to's" with pistols and long knives. Such a state of society may be imagined—it cannot possibly be described. Not a sun performed its circuit that did not witness some dreadful single combat, with or without murderous weapons, while now and then dozens at a time, and by mutual agreement, marched from the rum shops out into the public square and encountered in mortal strife.

At this period Thomas A. Meyers emigrated to Arkansas, and opened a large grocery store in Van Buren, acting himself as the keeper and retailer. Such an occupation at that time required a man of the most determined courage, as the store had always a back room or shed attached, specially appropriated to gambling both by day and night, and where the players were supplied with the choicest liquors, and would be sure to bully the grocer out of his reasonable charges unless they were restrained by fear.

For a while, however, Meyers succeeded admirably. The half-breeds, loafers, and "chartered fighters," as they called themselves, held a caucus, and unanimously voted "that the new arrival was a dangerous subject, and had better be let alone." This verdict was altogether owing to the stranger's personal appearance, as military as might well be conceived. Tall, manly, and symmetrical in shape, with great endowments both of strength and agility, he would have had few equals in a fair contest with the arms of naked nature. But, by the cunning inventions of art, iron, steel and lead, and the thunder and lightning of gunpowder, are made to fight for the feeblest bosom; and thus dwarfs, and giants, provided both are alike the heirs of true courage, now stand on the same dead level. It was believed also that Meyers possessed the resolute will to handle those awful engines of destruction, where life and death hang on the touch of a trigger. His countenance betokened the perfection of bravery. His fine face generally wore a stern expression, and when that melted to a smile seemed sterner still. His eyes were exceedingly black, wild, penetrating, and restless, and had that cold, gleaming, metallic look, which may be regarded as the surest sign of thorough desperation. Besides, he carried an appalling supply of pistols, and a Bowie-knife fourteen inches in the blade. Hence, every body was respectful and obliging to the ostensible hero for a period of several weeks, during which an unusual calm reigned in the village.

At length a terrible affray occurred in Meyers' grocery. Half a dozen fire arms exploded in quick succession, and the deafening roar so frightened the keeper that he fairly took to his heels and fled from his own establishment. The fact settled public opinion as to his character.

"What a chicken-hearted coward, to run from his castle!" exclaimed General Cole, the Napoleon of frontier duellists and gamblers.

"Why, he hasn't the spunk of a dead possum!" hissed Bill Green, the dandy loafer, combing his perfumed "soap locks" with his long rosy nails.

"Let's drink his liquor and smoke his cigars and not pay him for them, because as how he's a coward," said Jack Warhawk, a huge half breed; and having enunciated this enthymem of genuine Cherokee logic, Jack leaped over the counter and began to fill glasses and hand out cigars, crying—"Toast to the brave, my boys! We'll never want while the world has chickens of the white feather."

all. He was impatient to fight, and as powerless to fly.  
There was no such hesitation in the conduct of Jack Warhawk. Brandishing his great knife with his right hand, he seized the flowing locks of Meyers in his left, and roared at the top of his lungs—  
"Down, coward!—down on your marrowbones, or, by the blue blazes, I'll cut out your heart!"  
Incredible as it may seem, Meyers, still holding his deadly revolver, loaded with six rounds, covered to the floor like a beaten hound, and begged most piteously for his life—a prayer which the mocking half-breed granted, on the condition that the other should treat the crowd for a whole week.

From that hour the unfortunate Meyers was subjected to every species of insult and outrage. The loafers would pull his nose for mere amusement; the half-breeds would spit in his face to make him treat; and General Cole, when intoxicated, would strike him with his cane, to cure him of cowardice, as he said. The poor grocery-keeper brooked all these gross indignities with the patience of a saint, and would sometimes meekly remonstrate—  
"Gentlemen, it is ungenerous to abuse me thus, for I have no courage. I cannot fight."

This continued for a whole year, when a change occurred that caused the insults of Meyers to rue their ignoble persecutions: He had a young and beautiful wife, whom he loved with the tenderest passion. One day, when the husband was absent, the hideous half-breed Jack Warhawk, instigated to the damning deed by the persuasion of General Cole, went to the grocery-keeper's private residence, and maltreated his lady in the most shameful manner.

Meyers returned home to find his beloved one drowned, as it were, in tears. He heard the harrowing tale without any external manifestations of extraordinary emotion. His face, it is true, became somewhat pale; his lips quivered an instant, and then settled to an expression rigid as a mouth of iron; and his wild black eye, it may be, shot a few more beams of penetrating fire; but he did not rave or mutter curses. He uttered not a whisper of menace; he did not even condole or sympathize with his afflicted wife. He only armed himself with that Bowie knife fourteen inches in the blade from hilt to point, and started for the village.

He came within sight of his enemy, then promading the public square and boasting of his villainous achievement. At this vision Meyers' lip curled into a hard smile, and his dark eye melted in a stream of tears. He approached till he stood nearly touching the half-breed, and then said, in a shrill, hissing whisper—  
"Watch, be quick! Draw, for on this spot one of us must die!"

And he waited till the other should be ready for the strife on equal terms. He did not have to wait long, for Jack, understanding that cold, glittering, snaky smile, and those hot, gushing tears, as the certain tokens of murderous madness, immediately unsheathed at the same moment with his adversary, and they began the dreadful combat, which indeed, was soon decided. Meyers parried three furious blows of the half-breed, and then, grasping his foe's clothing with his left hand, with his right plunged his knife up to the hilt in his heart. The Cherokee expired without a groan.

And now the inward and terrible passions of Meyers found vent in appalling explosions. His curses were fearful to hear; he spurned his fallen enemy with his foot, and wished aloud that he had a hundred lives, so that he might himself enjoy the pleasure of killing him a hundred times over. His wrath then changed to his other insults. He flew at the loafer, Bill Green, and tore out his "soaplocks" by handfuls. He sprung upon Gen. Cole, and pulled his nose till it was flattened between his fingers—all the while that gory knife dripping with his blood in his right hand! His enemies were so taken by surprise, terror stricken, stupefied, that for a space they seemed utterly incapable of voluntary motion.

The coward had suddenly become braver than the bravest. The equivoque of opposing feelings was destroyed forever; the sheer power of pure will had conquered physical fear! Does any one doubt our strange story? Let him address a letter of inquiry to the Hon. G. F. Paachel, of Van Buren, late a judge of the Supreme Court of Arkansas, and the fullest confirmation can be obtained.

But the tragedy did not end with the death of the half-breed; a greater victim was required to complete the explanation.

On the same evening, Gen. Cole called a special council of his friends to consult on the course he should pursue. There was but one opinion—that, as he had been insulted by a direct and gross public indignity, he must call his foe to the field of honor. Accordingly, on the following morn., a challenge was dispatched, which Meyers promptly accepted, and fixed the time at noon of the same day—the weapons to be double-barreled shot guns—distance ten paces!

The parties met on the sand beach, under the bank of the river above the village, and hundreds collected to witness the scene. The mortal belligerents were placed in position by their seconds, and the death-dealing guns—enormous double-barreled, reeled, with dark-yawning muzzles on the sand, in their hands. The spectators were much astonished at the strong countenance exhibited by their appearance. Gen. Cole was an experienced duelist, who had shot