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PAVILION HOTEL,  
Corner of Hazel and Meeting Streets,  
CHARLESTON, S. C.  
Where he will be happy to see all his  
NORTH CAROLINA FRIENDS.  
July 14, 1849. 50-11.

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Fayetteville Street,  
RALEIGH, N. C.

Will attend to all orders and commissions in their  
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The undersigned having received the Agency of  
the AUGUSTA INSURANCE AND MARINE  
COMPANY OF AUGUSTA  
Will issue Policies on Vessels, Cargoes, Freight &c.  
at as reasonable rates of Premiums as any other  
establishment of the kind in the Country. The Capital  
of this Company is \$375,000.  
Wilmington, Aug. 19, 1849. 82-11.

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IN THE NATIONAL ASSURANCE SO-  
CIETY, OF LONDON,  
AND  
**FIRE INSURANCE**  
IN THE AETNA INSURANCE COM-  
PANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.,  
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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AUCTIONEER  
AND  
COMMISSION MERCHANT  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Liberal Cash Advances made on all consignments  
from the North on Produce from the Country.  
Office 2 doors on the West, South side of  
Market Street.  
April 15, 1849. 9-11c.

**CORNELIUS MYERS,**  
MANUFACTURER,  
AND DEALER IN  
HATS, CAPS, UMBRELLAS AND  
WALKING CANES, &c.  
WILMINGTON, N. C., Market-st.  
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AGENT FOR THE SALE OF  
TIMBER, LUMBER, NAVAL STORES &c.  
Will make liberal cash advances on all consignments  
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General Commission Merchant,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**WILLIAM NEFF,**  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN  
SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES  
AND GROCERIES,  
CORNER OF DOCK & WATER STREETS,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
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**FOR SALE**  
AT THE OFFICE OF THE COMMERCIAL,  
RATES OF TRANSPORTATION  
ON THE WILMINGTON & RALEIGH  
RAIL ROAD.  
RATES OF FREIGHT  
Between Wilmington & Charleston.  
Revised July 4, 1849. Price 25 cents.

**JUST RECEIVED,**  
AT MAYER'S CHEAP STORE.  
10 PIECES of fine superior assorted colors of  
Broad Cloth.  
6 pieces of first quality of Oil Cloth.  
500 pair of Blankets, suitable for servants.  
4000 yards of double Mill Kersey.  
200 pieces of French, English and American prints  
of Calicoes.  
All of the above articles will be sold at the lowest  
cash prices.  
JOSEPH MAYER.  
Oct. 18, 1849. 97-11.

**NOTICE.**  
THE subscriber offers for sale, his Sound  
Place, known as SHADY HALL, and  
several other tracts connected, containing in  
all 620 acres. I will sell any quantity to suit pur-  
chasers. I will sell 500 acres on the East side of  
the Cape Fear, 7 miles below Wilmington.  
ALSO,  
My entire Crop and Stock of Cattle, Horses, Hogs,  
Boats and Scares, Household and Kitchen Furni-  
ture.  
Aug. 30th, 1849. D. M. BRYANT. 70-11.

**CANDLES.**  
SPERM, Adamantine and Tallow Candles, as-  
orted. For sale by D&ROSSSET & BROWN.  
Nov. 24. 107-11.

**A. G. BOWERS & BROTHER,**  
Watch and Clock Makers,  
Jewellers, &c., &c.  
Opposite the Chronicle Office, Front street,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.

RESPECTFULLY inform the citizens of  
Wilmington and country generally, that they  
have taken the Store opposite the Chronicle  
Office, where their personal attention will be given to  
the repairing of every description of  
Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Plated and  
Silver Ware,  
All of which will be executed in a style of workman-  
ship not surpassed by any other establishment, and  
warranted to give entire satisfaction.  
In offering our services to the public, we feel satisfied  
that a trial is only requisite to secure the good  
will and a continuation of the patronage of all who  
may favor us in the foregoing undertaking.  
N. B. Having made arrangements at the North  
we are enabled to keep for sale, at as low prices as  
any other establishment, every description of GOLD  
and SILVER WATCHES, fancy and other Clocks,  
with a variety of fine JEWELRY, &c., too numer-  
ous to mention.  
Wholesale and retail orders supplied at the  
shortest notice.  
Oct. 15th, 1849. 91-11c.

**PORK AND BEEF.**  
50 BBLs. Mess and Prime Pork;  
10 half do. Family Beef;  
500 lbs. Smoked do.  
100 Pickled Tongues;  
Just received and for sale by W. M. NEFF.  
Nov. 22. 109.

**HAY! HAY!!**  
200 BALES superior quality Malle Hay, daily  
expected for sale by  
W. M. M. HARRISS, Agent.  
Nov. 20. 105.

**CAMPINE AT FORTY CENTS.**  
MY PUREST CAMPINE, will be sold from  
my wagon and at the store of J. G. Duffin at  
FORTY CENTS PER GALLON.  
C. DUFFIN.  
Nov. 1. 97-11.

**NEW ARRANGEMENT.**  
THE Subscribers have this day entered into co-  
partnership under the name and firm of  
G. & C. BRADLEY & Co.,  
and will hereafter carry on the BOOT & SHOE  
Business in all its branches, at the old establish-  
ment. Their assortment will be kept complete at  
all times.  
June 4th, 1849.  
N. B. By the above arrangement it becomes ab-  
solutely necessary that all accounts due the late firm  
of G. & C. BRADLEY should be settled immediately.  
June 5, 1849. Jour. and Chron. copy. 35-11.

**GENESSEE FLOUR.**  
20 HALF bbls. Extra. WM. NEFF.  
For sale by Nov. 22. 108.

**CIGARS.**  
300,000 ASSORTED Brands of Cigars,  
just received at Mayer's cheap  
cash Store, which is offered at a lower price than  
ever offered before in this place.  
Oct. 18 1849. JOSEPH MAYER. 91.

**100,000 CIGARS,** Various Brands, for  
sale by WM. NEFF. 119.

**FOR RENT.**  
THE Office now occupied by E. Dickin-  
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WM. NEFF. 118  
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**AN OVERSEER WANTED.**  
BY the subscriber T. D. MEARES. 118-11.  
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**COW PEAS.**  
150 BUSHELS Cow Peas. Just received per  
Railroad. MARTIN & CROLY.  
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**BRICK.**  
20,000 SUPERIOR quality, daily expected  
for sale by WM. M. HARRISS, Agent.  
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**PICKLES.**  
FORTY boxes assorted Pickles, Sauces &c. for  
sale by ALEX. MACRAE, Jr.  
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**TAILORING!!**  
THE subscriber has resumed his business in Wil-  
mington, and will carry on the TAILORING  
BUSINESS in all its various branches. He is in  
possession of all the latest styles, and from his past  
experience in the business he feels satisfied that he can  
please the taste of the most fastidious. A trial  
is all that he asks to convince the most skeptical.  
He guarantees all work that he does to fit, and to be  
made in a workman-like manner.  
S. R. ROBBINS.  
May 15, 1849. 26-11.

**BILLS OF EXCHANGE.**  
A FRESH supply of very handsome Bills of Ex-  
change, for sale at the Commercial Office.

**GLUE.**  
50 BBLs. Superior American Glue, warranted.  
For sale by BARRY, BRYANT & ADAMS.  
Nov. 1. 97.

**TRUSS HOOPS.**  
OF approved manufacture. For sale by  
J. R. BLOSSOM.  
Oct. 29. 92-11.

**CARRIAGE MAKING.**  
Market street, about 300 yards above the  
Episcopal Church.  
THE Subscribers would respect-  
fully inform the inhabitants of  
Wilmington and vicinity, that they  
have in their employ experienced workmen at the  
various branches, and are therefore enabled to man-  
ufacture all kinds of riding Vehicles, in the latest  
style and best manner, and would respectfully solicit  
the attention of all persons wishing anything done  
in our line, as we are determined to give satisfaction.  
Black-smithing of all kinds, also, all kinds of re-  
pairing done, in the neatest manner, and at reduced  
prices.  
N. B. Sign and ornamental Painting done in  
the best manner and at short notice.  
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**FEATHERS.**  
20 BAGS Feathers, just received and for sale by  
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**COUNTRY MERCHANTS.**  
PLANTERS, and others visiting Wilmington to  
buy goods, are requested to call and examine my  
stock and prices for any description of Hats or Caps.  
My arrangements are such as to be able to furnish  
every description of Hats and Caps at the regular  
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Sept. 29. C. MYERS, Hatter. 83.

**STEAM PACKING, HOSE & BELTS.**  
S. P. POLLEY, Agent for the Boston Belting  
Company, will keep constantly on hand,  
and for sale, various kinds of Belts, Hose, and Steam  
Packing.  
All orders punctually attended to.  
June 30, 1849. 46-11.

**CROCKERY.**  
A GENERAL assortment of China, Glass, and  
Earthenware, now open for inspection, and for  
sale low for cash, at ALEX. MACRAE'S, Jr.  
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**FOR SALE.**  
THE HOUSE and Store on second St.  
Terms easy. The Store at present oc-  
cupied by J. K. Curry. Apply to  
RUSSELL & KENDRICK.  
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**FOR SALE.**  
CUT Nails, assorted;  
Shot & full assortment of;  
Packing Yarn, from Italian  
Jute and Sunn.  
For sale by R. W. BROWN. 100.  
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**CIDER.**  
6 BBLs. prime Jersey Cider, for sale by  
ALEX. MACRAE, Jr.  
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**SHOT.**  
50 BAGS Shot. For sale by  
HOWARD & PEDEN.  
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**A JOG IN THE FRUIT GARDEN.**  
When winter comes, it is worth while  
to look about a little, and see how you stand  
in the garden and orchard.

Go into your kitchen garden; if your soil  
is poor and worn out and full of insects,  
this is the very time of all others to do for  
it, and here is my prescription, which I  
have proved over and over again. Clear  
off the plot of ground to be renovated,  
and cover it with a good dressing of fresh  
stable manure, with the litter in it. Begin  
at one side of the plot, and throw up the  
soil into ridges, digging it about, eighteen  
inches deep, and mixing the manure thro'  
the soil as you dig. Here let it be all winter.  
The atmosphere and the frost will  
have a good chance to do their best in  
bettering the quality of the soil itself; and  
the essence of the manure will not only  
be all taken up by the soil, but its coarse-  
ness will be broken down by the spring, so  
that your plot will be in the best possible  
order for vegetables when the swallow  
comes.

If you are troubled with grubs and in-  
sects in the ground, you must also treat it  
with a dose of salt. Scatter any refuse or  
coarse cheap salt over the earth before you  
begin to ride it up, at the rate of a bushel  
to the eighth part of an acre—or eight  
bushels to the acre. Put on at this season,  
it will do no harm to anything vegetable,  
and will thoroughly rid you of those en-  
terprising little gentry that crawl out of  
the ground in May and June and quietly play  
Guy Faux to the roots and stems of the  
tenderest things that the pot boils.

In the review of your forces at this  
season, before they go into winter quarters,  
it is ten to one you will find, staring you  
in the face—possibly not ten paces from your  
doorsteps—some excellent old friends,  
whose acquaintances you begin to be asha-  
med of and are sorely tempted to cut  
at once. I mean some good old fruit trees,  
still very sound and healthy, but utterly  
refusing, for years past, to bear any good  
fruit.

The soil is probably pitifully run out;  
run out, past the power alone of stable ma-  
nure to bring it up again. It is run out, as  
the chemists say, in "lime and the phos-  
phates." But it can be renovated, just as  
surely as there is manure and lime and the  
phosphates to be had; and you may set  
at rest it now if you please, for this is the  
best time in the world to begin.

Now to do this well and thoroughly will  
cost from two to three dollars a tree, labor  
and all included.

Supposing we commence with a middle-  
aged pear or apple tree, with a sound con-  
stitution, which has been suckling for some  
time past on half pay. Now it is all very  
well to say that this tree don't want animal  
manure. Its roots have been in the same  
place for twenty-five or thirty years, with  
only a little sprinkling of something stimu-  
lating over the tops of the soil, which the  
grass indeed has pretty much taken to it-  
self, or a slight yearly dressing of compost  
(if it has stood in the garden) which the  
vegetables have devoured. Look at its  
little, short-jointed shoots and unthrifty  
growth, and you will see that, first of all,  
it wants manure.

Very well. Now clear away everything  
in the shape of trees, shrubs, bushes, or  
vegetables of all kind that stand within  
fifteen feet of the trunk of this tree. Next,  
bring a good two horse wagon load of  
fresh stable manure, and trench it under as  
deeply as the roots will let you, and particu-  
larly beyond where the roots extend. It  
is as foolish to put manure within five or  
six feet of the trunk of a tree, as it would  
be to pour drink over the back of a thirsty  
man. At the very outside of the roots trench  
the soil two feet deep, and mix the manure  
with it—leave it rough and loose for the  
winter, for it is there—at this outside limit  
—that the roots will get a good living  
again.

But this is not the whole which is to be  
done. Remember that lime and the phos-  
phates must be supplied; for it is above all  
these that poor soils grow poor. It would  
not do to put them in with the fresh ma-  
nure, since they would not agree well to-  
gether, but would go to decomposing one  
another, instead of making a succession of  
good dinners for the "feeders"—that is to  
say, the little fibres of the roots.

But next spring, as early as the soil is  
dry, you must apply to each large tree,  
manured in the fall, two bushels of ashes  
and a peck of plaster or gypsum; and, if it  
be a pear tree, a half bushel of bone dust.  
If it is an apple tree, you may substitute a  
peck of air slaked lime for the plaster—  
Spread this evenly over the soil that was  
dug and manured last autumn, and mix it  
through the whole with a stout three pronged  
fork. This will bring the soil to a good  
condition again, and the old tree will spe-  
cially commence making new roots—setting  
new fruit buds, and the next season, begin  
to bear fine fruit again. And this I do not  
give you from theory, but from actual trial  
under the most favorable circumstances.

I do not tell you to prune your tree,  
because I very much doubt the wis-  
dom of it the first year. I would only see  
that the bark is clean and smooth, and give  
it a little more soft soap, if necessary, in that  
quarter. After the tree has begun to ex-

hibit signs of feeling the fall gas you have  
given it—my twenty months hence—then  
you may, if needful, prune it moderately.  
When, indeed, the tree is partly decayed or  
broken or full of tangled and cross limbs,  
I would be a little severe with it at all,  
but not otherwise.

This is the season when a broad old digger  
should go over his peach and plum  
trees, scrape away the earth about the bot-  
tom of the trunks, and look for that little  
rascal, the peach worm. If he is there,  
expecting that "there is a good time com-  
ing," now that he is in such comfortable  
winter quarters, you will know it by the  
gum, by which the tree always shows to  
its natural protector, the presence of its  
enemy. Wherever you see this gum, take  
your knife, open the bark, and take out the  
vile grub. If he stays there a few months  
longer, he will completely circumnavigate  
the trunk; and, after he has been round  
the world in this manner, there are no more  
peaches for you. It is a matter of five  
minutes to a tree; and, if you grudge that  
pains, for rascals, the grub will take five  
months at it, and get the better of you.

If you are planting fruit trees, don't be  
too cautious to get "good trees," and  
apricots, peaches, and so forth, in sunny,  
sunny places, on the south side of walls,  
fences and gardens. Such are, depend on  
it, the very spots to kill them—between the  
extra heat of midsummer, and the constant  
freezing and thawings of the trunks in  
winter. You had better choose a west, or  
if not too far northward, even a due north-  
ern exposure. The latter is much the best  
in the Middle States.

Never plant a tree with small roots and  
a large top—when the roots have been made  
small by the spade in digging—without  
making the latter small also. There must  
be some ballast in the hold to carry so  
much sail on the mast, as an old salt would  
say; and you will gain in the health and  
size of the tree, three years hence, by  
shortening back the ends of the longest  
limbs till you have struck a fair balance  
between the part that collects food and the  
part that consumes it.

**THE  
ACCOMMODATING JUDGE.**  
—  
A WESTERN STORY.

There is a spirit in the sons of the far west,  
which we can trace through all ages and  
almost every clime, as having peopled  
those living midway between savage and  
civilized life; and, though their fearless  
recounters with death must rank it under  
the name of chivalry, there is of a mixture  
which, in polite society, we would term fe-  
lonies, or mayhap something harsher.

The incongruous compound may better  
be explained by the following anecdote, in  
which I shall consider myself in the place  
of a deceased friend from whom I heard it.

While on the frontier of Texas, several  
years since, I stopped at a small town and  
put up at a tavern where the luxury of the  
table more than compensated for smallness  
of the house. My supper was prepared  
and I seated myself to partake of it. I had  
hardly done so, when the door opened and  
a huge mass of man entered. His head  
was bound by a check handkerchief of cot-  
ton, tied in a bow knot in front, and from be-  
neath its edge behind stuck a rough and  
bristly mass of jet-black hair. His body  
was protected from the weather by a tight-  
fitting buckskin hunting-shirt; while leg-  
gins and moccasins of the same material  
enveloped his legs and feet; a belt of un-  
dressed deer-hide buckled about his waist,  
supported two pistols of huge dimensions,  
and from it was suspended a leather scab-  
bard containing a knife, the handle of  
which was a fawn's tooth of its length.—  
He placed his rifle in a corner, and took off  
the belts which hung over his brawny  
shoulders, suspending his shot-pouch and  
powder-horn which were curiously wrought,  
and told of Mexican artist. Having thus  
partly unburdened himself, he pulled a stool  
near the fire, for the night was damp and  
chilly, and, slapping his muscular hands  
on his thighs, seemed to peep with his keen  
eyes into the crackling fire, which roared  
up the wide chimney.

"Landlord, gi' me some liquor—I have  
money!"

The landlord glanced at his guest and  
hesitated a moment, but the stranger raised  
his eyes; the effect was magical; in an  
instant, the well-filled whiskey-bottle and  
tin tumbler were at his elbow.

"Landlord, hang that on the rifle; but  
stop, gi' me that knife first," and he hand-  
ed the waist-belt, pistols, and scabbard to  
the host, whilst he thrust the knife into the  
bosom of his hunting-shirt. As the inn-  
keeper was obeying the bidding of his stran-  
ger visitor, the latter poured the tumbler full  
of whiskey and tossed it off at a swallow.

"Landlord," he cried again, "I want  
something to eat—I've money for that too.  
There was a deep-tone in his voice that  
disturbed me mysteriously.

The additional plate was laid on the ta-  
ble, and the stranger seated himself oppo-  
site to me. He had a face—a careless in-  
dependence on it; but the cautious man-  
ner in which he asked, "I hope I ain't one  
too many here, stranger," excited my sur-  
prise. I assured him that I was pleased  
rather than otherwise, as I disliked eating  
alone.

"Enough said," answered he, "there's  
my fist," and we shook hands over the ta-  
ble. His appetite was in proportion to his  
bulk, and we discoursed but little until af-  
ter supper, when he continued a conversa-  
tion in which he evinced a sound mind, al-  
though his language was rough and full  
of provincialisms.

During the talk I ingratiated myself in  
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