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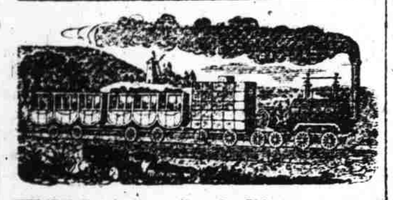

THE Subscriber offers for Sale on accommodating terms, the Summer Residence, formerly owned by Mr. M. Campbell, and situated on Masonborough sound.

R. QUINCE.

Mared 25th, 1837. 11 3-t.

RAIL-ROAD OFFICE.
Wilmington, July 1st, 1836.

AT a meeting of the Board of directors of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail-Road Company this day, the following Resolution was passed and ordered to be published, viz:

Resolved, That Interest be exacted from such Stockholders, as shall fail to pay their instalments within the time prescribed by public notice.

True copy from the minutes.

JAMES S. GREEN, *Secretary.*

July 1. 1836 33—tf

RAIL ROAD OFFICE,
Wilmington, Dec. 17th, 1836.

AT a late Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, the following Resolutions were passed and ordered to be published.

Resolved—That a Discount be allowed, at the rate of six per cent per annum, for all anticipated payments of subscriptions to the stock of this Company; to be estimated after all the payments of other subscribers, shall have been made: and the amount then refunded agreeably to the same.

Resolved—That Interest be allowed on all Instalments paid not less than thirty days before they are due.

True copy from the Minutes.

December 23th, 1836 J. [illegible] GREEN Sec'y.

RAIL ROAD OFFICE.

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NOTICE.

AS Agent of the Rail Road I find it *absolutely* necessary to enforce the law against persons trading with negroes. This is therefore to warn all persons against trading with any of the hands on the Road, without an express *written* pass from myself or some one of the Engineers.

A. McRAE, *Superintendant.*

Wilmington, Febr. 3d, 1837. 4 t f

Fayetteville and Western RAIL ROAD.

NOTICE is given that the Books of Subscription to the Stock of this Company are opened at the Bank of the State.

An instalment of Two Dollars on each share will be required at the time of subscribing.

By the Commissioners
JAMES OWEN.
AARON LAZARUS.
ALEXR. ANDERSON.

Wilmington, Feb. 24th, 1837. 7 t-f.

A CARD.

Mrs. Sarah Jane Corbin, respectfully informs her friends and the Public, that she intends re-opening her school on the 1st of November.

TERMS per QUARTER.

Spelling, Reading, Writing & Arrithmetic, $4.
The above, with Grammar, including Parsing & Exercise, $5.
The above, with Geography, History, Rhetorick, Philosophy & Mythology, $6.

For Fuel 12 1-2 cents per month.

Also Lessons in Practical Writing and Stenography will be given to Young Ladies between the hours of 12 M. and 2 P. M. having qualified herself for that purpose.

Wilmington, Oct. 28, 1836. t-f.

FOR SALE.

Just received, and for Sale by the Subscriber:
50 Bales Hay,
50 Kegs of first quality Lard.

J. H. BREWSTER.

February 2d, 1837. 4.—t-f

FOR SALE.

CLARENDON HOUSE.

THE undersigned Attorney for the Heirs of J. L. Wright, deceased, will offer for Sale under the Court House, on the 15th day of April next—if not previously disposed of—the above valuable property. To persons wishing to establish a first rate Hotel, the above presents inducements seldom met with. The house is roomy—the location central—and in every respect the most eligible in this place. And when it is remembered that the Rail Road must bring a very large number of travellers to our town, 'tis believed that but few situations in the country, will present greater pecuniary advantages. Persons wishing to purchase are invited to view the premises, and call on

WILLIAM A. WRIGHT.
Attorney.

March 31st, 1837. 123-t.

The Subscriber offers for Sale, the three story brick Dwelling House, situated on the North side of Market street, and at present occupied by Christopher Dudley, Esq. W. A. W.

W. WARE,
DENTIST.

Office South Side of Market Street, on door above the office of the WILMINGTON ADVERTISER.

OFFERS his professional services to the public. He is prepared to perform *all* operations on the TEETH. He can supply his patients with any kind of *artificial* Teeth they may prefer. He has on hand Washes for the Mouth, Tooth Powder of the best description, and Drops or the tooth ache.

Wilmington, Sept. 25, 1833. c-tf.

TIMBER LAND.

I WISH to sell at a fair price, 4 Tracts, of 640 Acres each, of well timbered Land, situated on both sides of Little Cohira, on South River, and Black Mingo run in Sampson county, and on Black Mingo and Black River Run in Cumberland County. Persons wishing to purchase, can apply for particulars to me in Fayettville, or to W. C. Lord, in Wilmington.

C. P. MALLETT.

March 17th, 1837. 10 t-f.

$50 Reward.

RANAWAY from the Subscriber, near Chapel Hill, on January 27th last, a Negro Fellow, named Amos, about 22 years of age. He is about 5 feet, 9 inches in height, dark complexion, slender built, stoops a little forward in walking, speaks low, but tolerably quick when spoken to; his upper teeth on the right side are somewhat defective. When last heard of he was on the road to Wilmington, where I purchased him of John W. Hamilton, on the 1st day of November last. He took with him a small Bay Mare, with blazed face, one white foot, and hip shot in her left hip.—The above reward will be given to any person who deliver him to me or secure him in such way that I may get him again.

BURRHUS CHEEK,
Chapel Hill, Orange Co., N. C.

February 10th, 1837. 5 t-f.

$10 REWARD.

ABSCONDED on Sunday the 6th instant, from the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Kea, in Bladen County, a Negro Fellow by the name of Peter. He is five feet 6 or 7 inches in height, of dark complexion, shows his teeth when spoken to, has three or four small scars on the breast, took with him a copper watch, and clothing consisting of old black coat, and blue Satinet Pantaloons with others not recollected. Peter was formerly owned by William Kea deceased, and is said to have a Wife at Robert McRackan's on Town Creek, where he is no doubt well known, his former master having resided in that neighborhood for a number of years. He is now hiring in Wilmington. The above reward will be given if he is lodged in any Gaol, or delivered to the Subscriber

[illegible] Administrator
16th 1836. t—f.

$100 Dollars Reward.

WILL be given for my man Ben, who absconded on the 15th inst. he is about five feet or 10 inches high, and of very dark complexion—as Ben is very well known about here, I deem it unnecessary to give a more particular description of him. He has many relatives and acquaintances about Topsail Sound, it is likely he is lurking about there or in this place. The above reward will be given for his apprehension and delivery to me, or the Jailor of New-Hanover county, and an addational reward of fifty dollars for sufficient testimony to convict any white person of harbouring him.

A. M. LASPEYRE.

Wilmington, Aug. 17, 1836 32—tf

SADDLE, HARNESS, and TRUNK
MANUFATORY.

THE Subscriber would inform his friends and the public, that he still continues business at the old stand of John A. Taylor, Esq. where he has just opened a general assortment of articles in his line, purchased by himself in New York. Thankful for past favors, he solicits a continued share of patronage

S. D. WALLACE.

N.B. Wanted, a journeyman harness maker, to whom, employment will constantly be given by the day or job.

Oct. 7, 1836. 40—tf.

JUST RECEIVED,
Pr. Schr. Repeater, from New-York,

10 Bbls. Whiskey,
10 do. Rum,
6 do. Sugar,
3 do. Filberts,
2 do. Almonds,
20 Bags Coffee,
9 Boxes Tobacco,
6 do. P. A. Cheese, a prime Article.

Also

A good Assortment of
DOMESTIC DRY GOODS,

"as cheap as the cheapest, and as good as the best."

SALMON STRONG.

Wilmington, March 24th, 1837. 11 t-f.

FOR SALE.

Just received pr. Schr. Factor from New-York, and Schr. Flor del Mar, Boston,

20 Bbls. N. Y. City Prime Pork,
20 " do Beef,
20 " No. 3. Mackerel,
20 " Fresh Potatoes,
50 " N. E. Rum,
40 Bags Rio Coffee,
30 Bundles Hay,
100 Drums fresh Figs,

and a fresh supply of

PATENT BALANCES and FURNITURE.

Apply to

BARRY & BRYANT.

March 31st, 1837. 12 t-f.

NEW GOODS.

ONE of the Subscribers has just returned from the North with a large assortment of

DRY GOODS,

which they offer at wholesale or retail on the most reasonable terms. Country Merchants, and others, wishing to purchase fresh and cheap Goods, would do well to call on the Subscribers before purchasing elsewhere. They likewise keep constantly on hand a large assortment of

Japan, Tin and Britannia Wares,

all which can be had at the lowest prices.

PORTER & SHELTON.

February 24th, 1837. 7 t-f.

☞ The Manufactory of Tin Wares carried on by the Subscribers as usual at their old Stand in Market street, between the Court house and Town-hall.

Valuable Property
For Sale.

THAT valuable Plantation in the County of Brunswick, known by the name of *Walden*, situated near the sea shore, about forty miles from Wilmington, on the Georgetown (S. C.) main road, and seven miles from the State line, containing 1500 acres, or more, 3- to 400 acres of which is in high swamp, and well adapted to the culture of Cotton, Corn, Oats, Peas, or any thing else. This land is so situated, that the water which falls upon it, runs off in opposite directions, emptying itself into Little River on the West, and Shallotte River on the East, which prevents its ever being inundated by freshets. About 25 or 30 acres is now under cultivation, and will produce as much, for what I know, as any land in the State. The ballance is well covered with White and other Oaks, Black and Sweet Gum, Ash, Poplars, Swamp Palmetto, &c. &c. The residue of the tract is of Hammock and Pine land, calculated for Timber, Turpentine, Tar, &c. The range for Cattle is excellent, having the benefit of a large salt marsh, and the Hog range not to be beaten. Fish and Oysters of the best kind, are to be obtained within one and a half miles of the settlement, in great abundance. The advatanges of Shallotte and Little Rivers are very great, when vessels of considerable size can approach within five to seven miles of the settlement, and carry produce to any market. The settlements are new, and in pretty good order; the water is excellent, and the situation not only pleasant, but very healthy. I well sell the place as it now stands, a part of the crop planted, and the ballance under way, with a good stock of Cattle and Hogs, Oxen, Carts, plantation Tools, and about 200 Bushels of Corn, Fodder, Pease, &c., and hire the Negroes for the ballance of the year.

Also:

1000 to 1500 acres of Turpentine land, with four tasks of new boxes cut, work shops, &c. attached,—situated on Smith's Creek, about five or six miles from Town, and about two from the Creek, where flatts can receive Turpentine or Tar at any season, and in one tide bring it to Town

My Terms shall be made accommodating.

HENRY NUTT.

Wilmington, March 24th, 1837. 11 t-f.

☞ Persons indebted to me are respectfully invited to call and settle, as further indulgence cannot be granted.

H. N.

HENRY NUTT,

PROPRIETOR OF

The Eagle Distillery,
and Dealer in Naval Stores,

IS prepared to supply orders for Spirits of Turpentine, Bright and Black Varnish, Rosin, Pitch, &c.

Wilmington, March 24th, 1837 11 t-f.

FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE, THE
Following Blanks, Viz

Bills of Sale for Negroes,
Charter Parties,
Notes of Hand,
Deeds,
Bills of Exchange,
Bills of Lading,
Shipping Articles,
Writs of Ejectment,
Crew Lists,
Inward Foreign Manifests,
Outward Foreign Manifests,
Entry of Merchandize,
Cape-Fear Bank Checks,
Bonds to appear and take the benefit of the Insolvent Act,
Warrants,
Ca. Sa's—Justice of the Peace,
Fi. Fa's—Justice of the Peace,
Subpoenas,
Ca Sa's Superior Court,
do. County Court,
Bail Bonds, County & Sup. Court,
Subpœnas, County Court,
Sheriff's Recognizances—Superior and County Court.
Venditioni Exponas, Constable's Levy,
Administrator's Bonds,
Marriage Licence and Bond,
Appearance Bonds, Justice Peace,
Slave Manifests,
Guardian's Bonds,
Negro Bonds,
Inspector's Bills,
Notes of Hand, bound in Books of 1 Quire each.
Constables' bonds for the delivery of property under execution,
Bills of Sale for Vessels,
Power of Attorney,
Bills of Sale, of Goods and Chattels,
Tables of Gold Coins,
Venditiona Exponas.
Hospital Returns.

LOST,

A Note made by the Subscribers for Two Hundred and Sixty Dollars, dated 20th inst., payable Four Months after date. Endorsed by Mr. Dougall, and payable at either of the Banks in this place. All persons are cautioned not to trade for the above Note, as it will not be paid.

Dec. 31, 1836.

BRADLEY & DICKSON.

SHOES, HATS &c.

The Subscriber having purchased the Stock in trade and taken the stand of Mr. Asa A. Brown, has recently made large additions to the Stock, and now offers to his friends and the public generally a very great assortment of goods in that line Such as BOOTS, SHOES, HATS, CAPS, &c. also, a large supply of ready made CLOTHING, (some extra fine,) Saddles & bridles, Blankets Sheetings & Shirtings, Calicoes, and other dry Goods also Sugar & Coffee.

THOMAS SMITH

Wilmington, Oct. 28, 1836. t

Hollow Ware, Wood Screws, Sad Irons, &c.

THE HOWELL WORKS COMPANY,

No. 238 Water, near Beekman street,
NEW-YORK,

HAVE received the past season, and are now constantly receiving large and extensive additions to their Stock of the above Goods, which now consists of the following assortment, suitable for the Southern and Western Markets, viz:

HOLLOW WARE of Superior Quality, consisting of about 1500 Tons, viz.
Pots of 22 different sizes, from 3-8 to 50 Gallons.
Kettles, 15 sizes, from 3-8 to 18 Gallons.
Bakepans or *Ovens*, 7 different sizes.
Tea Kettles, 6 do.
Skillets, 6 do.
Flat Spiders, 6 do.
Covered Spiders 2 do.
Griddles, 4 do.
Fire Dogs, 6 do.
WAGON BOXES, from 1 1-2 to 4 3-4 inches
CART do. " 5 to 7 inches.
WOOD SCREWS, 50,000 Gross, Iron and Brass, from 3-8 in No. 3, to 3 in No. 24, of a superior quality and finish, and less than "*James*" imported prices
SAD IRONS, assorted in Casks of about 500 lbs each, for retailing.
TAILORS' & HATTERS' IRONS, assorted sizes.
SASH WEIGHTS, 100 Tons, assorted from 1 3-4 to 20 lbs.
BELLS for Plantations, Steamboats, Churches, &c. made to Order—also *Steam Engines*, and other Machinery made to order.

The above assortment of Goods, is particularly recommended to the attention of SOUTHERN AND WESTERN MERCHANTS, and are offered for sale at the lowest prices, and upon the most favourable terms. It is believed to be the largest and best assortment ever offered for sale by any one establishment in the United States.

Merchants, by forwarding a request per mail, can have a printed circular, with description of goods, prices, and terms, from which no deviation is ever made, furnished by return of mail. All Orders will receive immediate attention.

New-York, March 17th, 1837. 10 4-t.

CRAWFORD HOUSE,

Corner of Crawford and Queen streets,
PORTSMOUTH, VA.

THE Proprietor respectfully announces to the Public, that this new and spacious establishment, which for more than 12 months has been in successful operation, is still open, and ready for the reception of travellers. The Crawford House, built exclusively for the accommodation of the public, has during the past year received many improvements which cannot fail to strike the attention of the traveller and promote his comfort. Gentlemen travelling with their families can be furnished with separate parlors, independently of the Ladies' ordinary. Connected with his establishment are extensive Stables, with careful and experienced ostlers.

Travellers going either South or North will find this a most desirable and convenient House, it being situated a few steps only from the Rail Road Depot, and place of departure of the cars. They are further informed that careful and trusty Porters will be in attendance to convey their baggage to and from the establishment free of expence.

S. B. PARKER.

March 24th, 1837. 11 4-t.

For Sale.

Cheap for Cash, or good 90-days paper

2000 Bushel Salt,
100 Bags Coffee,
50 Bbls. Sugar,
25 Kegs and Boxes Tobacco,
40 Kegs Lard,
30 Bbls Flour,
1000 Boxes Table Salt,
100 Bbls. Fish,
25 Bbls. New-York City Prime Pork,
5 Casks Cheese,
10 Bbls. Whiskey,
10 Bbls. Apple Brandy,
10 Casks Wine,
10 Casks Cordials,
10 Bbls. Apples,
100 Drums Figs,
100 Boxes and half Boxes Raisins,
Hhds. Leaf-Tobacco,
Boxes (containing 12 Bottles each) warranted first Quality Port Wine,
also Boxes of old Madeira Wine,
1-4 Cask best French Brandy,
10 Kegs Butter,

with a great variety of other goods.

The above Goods received by late arrival, and for Sale by

J. H. BREWSTER.

January 13th, 1837.

Evening School.

AN Evening School will commence on Tuesday of next week, at the Academy, for those young Gentlemen who may desire to attend; to be conducted under the care of Mr. E. M. S. SPENCER. Schools every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday evening, from 7 to 9 o'clock.

TERMS.

For English Branches $3 00,
" Languages - - $5 00.

Wilmington, March 24th, 1837. 11 t-f.

PLANING MILL.

THE Wilmington Planing Mill has been rebuilt, and is now in operation. A Stock of well seasoned flooring boards is on hand, and orders will be punctually attended to.

Apply to

A. LAZARUS.

February 10th, 1837. 5 t-f.

FRESH RAISINS.

Just received from New York
50 Boxes fresh Raisins of recent importation,
" do. Refined Candles.
" do. Soap.

Also Negro Cloths, Blankets, Calicoes, and general assortment of Dry Goods.

For sale, at low prices, by

S. N. CANNON.

Wilmington, Dec. 2d, 1836. t-f.

NOTICE

IS hereby given that, pursuant to an order of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road Company, a fifth Instalment, of ten Dollars on the Share, will be required of the Stockholders on or before the first day of April next.

E. B. DUDLEY, Prest.

Wilmington, Jan. 20th, 1837. t-f.

POETRY.

THE DRUM.

I hate that drum's discordant sound,
Parading round and round and round;
To thoughtless youth it pleasure yields,
And lures from cities and from fields,
To sell their liberty for charms
Of tawdry lace and glittering arms;
And when Ambition's voice commands,
To march, and fight, and fall, in foreign lands.

I hate that drum's discordant sound,
Parading round and round and round;
To me it talks of ravaged plains,
And burning towns, and ruin'd swains,
And mangled limbs and dying groans,
And widow's tears, and orphans' moans,
And all that Misery's hand bestows,
To fill the catalogue of human woes.

SCOTT OF AMWELL.

TO A DAISY.

Bright flower, whose home is every where!
A pilgrim bold in Nature's care,
And oft, the long year through, the heir
Of joy or sorrow.

Methinks that there abides in thee
Some concord with humanity,
Given to no other flower I see
The forest thorough!

And wherefore? Man is soon deprest;
A thoughtless thing! who, once unblest,
Does little on his memory rest,
Or on his reason.

But thou would'st teach him how to find
A shelter under every wind;
A hope for times that are unkind,
And every season.

WORDSWORTH.

LITERARY.

April 7.—The day of the birth, and also that of the death, of Raffaello Sanzio da Urbino, whom the universal voice of posterity has recognized as the Prince of modern Painters, and designated by the enthusiastic appellation of "the divine Raphael." No rival, at least, has ever been placed beside Raphael except Michael Angelo. Of the two illustrious contemporaries the former may perhaps be appropriately styled the Shakspeare, the latter the Milton of Painting. Dignity and imposing grandeur of design are the reigning characteristics of Michael Angelo; the highest dramatic power which has ever been displayed by the pencil, and the representation of passion with all the force of life, are the qualities that chiefly give their wonderful fascination to the works of Raphael. Raphael was born at Urbino in 1483. By the time he had reached the age of twenty-five he had so greatly distinguished himself that he was invited by Pope Julius II. to paint in fresco the chambers of the Vatican. From this time till his death, in 1520, at the early age of thirty-seven, he was employed in the execution of a succession of great works, chiefly for that pontiff and his successor, Leo X. His most famous performances are, his picture of the School of Athens in the Vatican, the Transfiguration, and his Cartoons on subjects taken from the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles, which were brought to England by Charles I., and are now to be seen at Hampton Court, upon the payment of a shilling for each party. Like Michael Angelo, Raphael was an architect as well as a painter, and among other buildings, superintended the erection of part of the cathedral of St. Peter's. But his untimely death interrupted his prosecution of this and other great works on which he was engaged, leaving him, however, although with a glory gathered in comparative youth, with no living superior, and followed by no equal in succeeding times.

April 10.—This is the birth-day of the celebrated Dutch writer, Hugh de Groot, better known by his Latin name of Grotius, who was born at Delft in 1583. Grotius was a prodigy of youthful talent and acquirement. When only fourteen he prepared an edition of a Latin author, Martianus Capella, in which he showed extensive classical and historical erudition. At the age of sixteen, having already made a journey to France, and been presented to Henry IV., who honoured him with the gift of his picture and a gold chain, he entered upon the profession of an advocate at Delft. From this time he continued till his death to take an active part in political transactions; but still found leisure to write a vast number of books, most of them distinguished for their learning and ability. The book by which he is now principally known is his famous treatise on the law of nations, entitled, 'On the right of Peace and War.' It was first published at Paris in 1625. Another of his productions, which is still very popular, is his treatise, 'On the Truth of the Christian Religion,' written, like the former, in Latin, but which has been translated into every language of Europe. Grotius wrote a great part of this work, while confined by a rival political faction in the castle of Louvenstein, from which, however, after nearly two years' detention, his wife contrived to get him conveyed away in a chest, which she pretended was full of books. Grotius died in his sixty third year, on the 38th of August, 1645.

April 11.—The birth day of the late Right Honourable George Canning, who was born in London, in the year 1771. His father, an Irish gentleman of good family, died the same year in which his son was born. At the usual age young Canning was sent to Eton, where he soon distinguished himself by the brilliancy of his talents. While there he made the first public trial of his literary powers in 'The Microcosm,' a very clever periodical work, which he carried on in conjunction with some of his schoolfellows, and of which he was the projector and editor. In 1787 he removed to Christ Church, Oxford, intending to adopt the profession of the law. But while yet at the University, his reputation for ability obtained for him the notice of Mr. Pitt, who brought him into Parliament in 1793. Mr. Canning's official career belongs to the history of his country, and especially that period of it during which he was Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs. The system of foreign policy with which his name is associated has caused his memory to be held in honour; and although he opposed Parliamentary Reform, as well as other popular measures, yet his steadfast support of Catholic Emancipation for a long series of years, and the protection he afforded to the cause of freedom on the Continent, and in South America, are proofs of his attachment to his celebrated toast of "*Civil and Religious Liberty all over the World.*" In April, 1827, he was appointed Prime Minister by George IV, and continued to hold the offices of First Lord of the Treasury, and Chancellor of the Exchequer till his death, on the 8th of August in the same year, at the Duke of Devonshire's villa at Chiswick, after a short illness. His death at so early a period after his accession to power called forth a deep feeling of grief in his own country, and, perhaps, a still stronger and more general feeling on the Continent, where medals were struck in memory of the British minister.

EXCELLENCE NOT LIMITED BY STATION.

There is not a more common error of self-deception than a habit of considering our stations in life so ill-suited to our powers, as to be unworthy of calling out a full and proper exercise of our virtues and talents.

As society is constituted, there cannot be *many* employments which demand very brilliant talents, or great delicacy of taste, for their proper discharge. The great bulk of society is composed of plain, plodding men, who move "right onwards," to the sober duties of their calling. At the same time the universal good demands that those whom nature has greatly endowed should be called from the ordinary track to take up higher and more ennobling duties. England, happily for us, is full of bright examples of the greatest men raised from the meanest situations; and the education which England is now beginning to bestow upon her children will multiply these examples. But a partial and incomplete diffusion of knowledge will also multiply the victims of that evil principle which postpones the discharge of present and immediate duties, for the anticipations of some destiny above the labours of a handicraftsman, or the calculations of a shopkeeper. Years and experience, which afford us the opportunity of comparing our own powers with those of others, will, it is true, correct the inconsistent expectations which arise from a want of capacity to set the right value on ourselves. But the wisdom thus gained may come too late. The object of desire may be found decidedly unattainable, and existence is then wasted in a sluggish contempt of present duties; the spirit is broken; the temper is soured; habits of misanthropy and personal neglect creep on; and life eventually becomes a tedious and miserable pilgrimage of never-satisfied desires. Youth, however, is happily not without its guide, if it will take a warning from example. Of the highly-gifted men whose abandonment of their humble calling has been the apparent beginning of a distinguished career, we do not recollect an instance of one who did not pursue that humble calling with credit and success until the occasion presented itself for exhibiting those superior powers which nature occasionally bestows. Benjamin Franklin was as valuable to his master as a printer's apprentice, as he was to his country as a statesman and a negociator, or to the world as a philosopher. Had he not been so, indeed, it may be doubted whether he ever would have taken his rank among the first statesmen and philosophers of his time. One of the great secrets of advancing in life is to be ready to take advantage of those opportunities which, if a man really possesses superior abilities, are sure to present themselves some time or other. As the poet expresses it, "There is a tide in the affairs of men,"—an ebbing and flowing of the unstable element on which they are borne,—and if this be only "taken at the