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SILKS, MILLINERY,
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162 Broadway, N. Y.
HAS NOW IN STORE AND IS DAILY
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and offering the Lowest Prices, a complete as-
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various styles and designs, consisting of
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The undersigned would invite the attention of
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**COMBS and Brushes, Tooth, Paint, Hair, Nail,
Scrubbing Whitewash and other Brushes,
Course and Fine Combs for sale by
I. DISOWAY.**

**JUST received at GOHN & WISEL'S a new
lot of Yellow and Loose Trimmings; Also, a
good assortment of Gentlemen's and Ladies' Fagnet
Kid Gloves. Call early and examine.
December 21st, 1852.**

Children's Fancy Hats!
INFANTS' Plush, and Satin Turbans, Childrens
White and Coloured Beaver Hats; Youths
Kosuth Hats and Cloth Caps, &c. Just receive
and for sale by
EMMET CUTHBERT.

"What pleasure can exceed
The smoking of the weed?
A lot of Cigars of various grades and prices
also some fine smoking and chewing Tobacco, for
sale by
I. DISOWAY.

**VENTIAN RED, SPANISH BROWN, YEL-
LOW OCHRE, Chrome Yellow and Green
for sale by
JAS. W. CARMER, Druggist.
November 5th, 1852.**

INSURE YOUR PROPERTY.
FIRE INSURANCE can be effected in the
North Carolina Insurance Company on
Houses Furniture, Goods, &c. by application to
ALEX. MITCHELL, Dr.
Old County Wharf.

TO TIMBER GETTERS.
WANTED to purchase 200,000 or more feet
of Ton Timber of the best quality, for
which the highest cash prices will be paid.
TAYLOR & HOOPER.
June 15, 1852.

Cloths, Cussiners, Vestings, &c.
BLACK and Coloured French Cloths, French
Lassiers, of the latest style, Cashmere, Silk
and Satin Vestings, in large variety for sale by
J. M. F. HARRISON.

Merino Goods, &c.
LADIES' Silk and Merino Vests, Gents' Silk
and Merino Shirts, a large supply of a su-
perior quality, just received and
for sale by
J. M. F. HARRISON.
Jan. 14th, 1853.

Ready Made Clothing.
A SUPPLY of Ready Made Clothing of Su-
perior workmanship, and latest style, for
sale very low by
J. M. F. HARRISON.
Jan. 14th, 1853.

**SUPS CARB SODA, and Tartaric Acid in
general use for Buckwheat Cakes, &c., just at
and for sale by
I. DISOWAY.**

**BURNING FLUID.—A supply constantly on
hand, and for sale by
J. W. CARMER.
November 5th, 1852.**

**GLASS of various sizes from 6 by 8 to 24 by
30 inches—for sale by
JAS. W. CARMER, Druggist.
November 5th, 1852.**

Jewelry, Jewelry, &c.
GOLD WATCHES, low priced, medium and
fine quality, Breast Pins, Ear Rings, Finger
Rings, Pencils, Pens and Cases, &c. &c. just re-
ceived and which will be sold very cheap by
J. M. F. HARRISON,
Jan. 14th, 1853.

Merinos, DeLaines & Cashmeres.
THE subscriber would call the attention of
purchasers to his large and varied assort-
ment of Merino Cashmeres and DeLaines, which
he is selling very low.
J. M. F. HARRISON,
Fire Proof Buildings Pollok Street.

**FLUID LAMPS.—A large and handsome as-
sortment of Glass & Metal Fluid Lamps
just to hand by Selr, lone and selling at
J. W. CARMER.
Jan. 4, 1853.**

LIME! LIME!
200 BARRELS THOMASTON LIME—
In good order, just received and for
sale low,
JOHN BLACKWELL,
Newbern, April 25th 1851. 17

AGENCY FOR SEINES, &c.
ALEXANDER MITCHELL will receive or-
ders for SEINES of any dimensions made by
Machinery in the most approved manner. He will
furnish the netting only, or with Corks, Lead and
Lines, hung ready for immediate use if desired.
New-Berne, Aug. 24th 1853 33

Gloves, Hosiery, &c.
JUST received, a large supply of Ladies' Kid
Gloves, Silk Lace Mitts, Silk, Merino and
Cotton Hose, Silk, Merino and Cotton 1 1/2 Hose,
Gents' Kid and Silk Gloves, &c. and for sale by
J. M. F. HARRISON,
Pollok Street.
January 14th, 1853.

FOR SALE IN NEW BERNE.
MY HOUSE of Craven Street now occupied
as a Watch Maker's shop and dwelling
house. It is a very convenient house and has a
fine Baguerrean Galley in the rear which can be
converted into three bed rooms or would make a
good school room. The whole house is in good or-
der. For further information apply on the pre-
mises.
ELIJAH FERGUSON.
New-Berne, Nov. 22d, 1852. 17

JUST RECEIVED.
A FULL supply of School Books, embracing par-
ticularly the books recommended by the su-
perintendents of Common Schools in Craven Coun-
ty, Common School Speaker, Little Speaker, Lovell's
School Dialogues—For sale at the Newbern Book
Store by
WM. H. MAYHEW

JUST RECEIVED.
50 Bbls. Baltimore and Canal Flour.
20 half bbls. Canal Flour.
2 dozen Britannia Family Mitts.
1 Case Burning Fluid.
For sale by
ALEX. MITCHELL
Old County Wharf.
June 8th, 1852. 17

**COUGH REMEDIES &c.—Wistar's Balsam
of Wild Cherry, Martins Syrup of Wild
Cherry, Swain's Wild Cherry Syrup, Stahl's
Anodyne Cherry Expectorant, Ayer's Cherry
Expectorant, Thompsons' Toy and Wood Naphtha,
Jayne's Expectant, Rassa Cough Syrup, Puck's
Cough Syrup, Cod Liver Oil. For sale by
July 4, 1853. JAS. W. CARMER.**

**KID GLOVES.—A new supply just received
and for sale by
EMMET CUTHBERT.
January 4, 1853.**

**ARE you not in want of Bernard's Cholera and
Diarrhoea Remedy? A Medicine so justly
celebrated for diseases peculiar to the season—if
you are, call at Carmer's and procure a bottle, at
once.
June 8th, 1852.**

**BURNING FLUID.—A supply just received
and for sale by
JAMES W. CARMER.
January 4, 1853.**

Boots, Shoes, Gaiters, &c.
The World over may say what it can,
But for selling cheap Boots and Shoes Harrison
is the man.

**LARGE supply of Gents' Fine Boots and
slippers, Ladies' Gaiters, Morocco Buskins, and
French Slippers, just received by
J. M. F. HARRISON,
Smith Creek Bridge, Craven Co., N. C., No. 10.
REVOLVING SALES.**

**THE subscriber will build or repair, (at a short
notice) any kind of
CARTS OR WHEELS,
WHEELS OR CARTS,
and all kinds of
MACHINERY,
on short notice.**

**BOYTON
1853.
SPRING AND SUMMER
CLOTHING.**

For the Southern Market.
JAMES WILDE, JR., (late of firms of C. T.
Longstreet & Co., and Wilde, Bates and
Taylor) still continues to hold out at the old
stand, 54 NASSAU STREET, NEW YORK, where he
will have in readiness, both for early and late pur-
chasers, the largest and choicest stock of
SPRING AND SUMMER CLOTHING
to be found in the United States. Importing
his Goods, together with his perfect knowledge of
the HOME MARKETS, gives him the greatest
facilities of getting up his stock
AT THE LOWEST RATES,
and in the latest Styles. The patrons of the
above named firms, and Southern Merchants in
general, would do well to examine our stock be-
fore purchasing.
New York, Jan. 1st, 1853. 12m.

**MALE AND FEMALE
ACADEMY.**
WILL commence its fourth session in the new
building, 15th of February and close its
scholastic year 15th Dec. 1853. Organization
and charges as heretofore. Mr. Murphy excepted,
whose services, if necessary, will be supplied by
a competent Assistant. For particulars address
the principal.
JAMES H. BRENT,
Smithville, N. C.
Weekly Journal, and Fayetteville Observer,
insert 6 months and send \$1 to Principal, im-
mediately.
January, 4th 1853. 1 6m.

**NEW DRY GOODS!—Just received per
late arrivals, 5, 6, 9, 10 and 11-4 Brown and
Bleached Sheetings,
3 and 4-4 do do do Domestic
Super, Lancaster Welsh Flannels,
Extra Plush Canton Flannels,
"A. C. A." Bed Tickings,
Three-thread Stain Cold Hose,
Infants' Woolen Boots,
Clark's Spool Cotton.**

ALSO,
A large lot of Narrow Velvet, Gimp and Braid
Trimming,
Gilt Edged Velvet Trimming Buttons,
Drab, Blue Green and Cherry Florencs,
Heavy Black Silk Fringes,
Oil Silk, &c., &c., &c.
Ladies' Super, all Wool and Merino Vests.
EMMET CUTHBERT.
January 4, 1853.

**NORTH CAROLINA
MANUFACTURE.**
SAMUEL OLIVER & SON Agents for "the
Johnston Little River Manufacturing Compa-
ny" will be constantly supplied with Cotton Yarns
made by the above Company—which will be fur-
nished to Merchants at New York prices. Their
Yarns are a superior article and warranted equal
to any brought to this market.
New-Berne, December 9th 1852. 43 0/1

**C. B. HATCH & CO.,
MANUFACTURERS AND IMPORTERS OF
Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods.**
No 97 William Street,
Midway between Maiden Lane and John Street
NEW YORK.
Established in 1844.

97 MERCHANTS will find at this estab-
lishment a full assortment of the latest
styles (embracing the most approved Lon-
don and Paris Fashions) of
97 Shirts, Stocks, Cravats,
Suspenders, Linen Collars, Dressing
Robes,
97 Hosiery, Handkerchiefs, Under Garments
Money Belts, Gloves, Shoulder Braces,
&c. &c.
And every description of Goods appertain-
ing to the Furnishing Business, which will
be sold at the lowest Market prices.
January, 1853. 2 4ms

**JUST RECEIVED per Sch. I. W. Hughes, 126 pairs
superior Black and Coloured Kid Gloves.
1 Dozen Black Lace Vails,
48 Dozen coloured spool Cotton,
80 Dozen White and coloured Wadding,
60 Dozen Black and coloured Trimming Braids,
100 lbs. Cotton Batting,
12 lbs. Fine Black Sewing Thread,
30 lbs. Black and coloured Carpet Warp,
Fine Collars and other Embroideries, &c. &c.
EMMET CUTHBERT.**

AN EXCELLENT POEM.

THE FARMER'S CORN SONG.
BY JOHN G. WHITTELL.

Heap high the farmer's wintry board!
Heap high the golden corn!
No richer gift has Autumn poured
From out her lavish horn!
Let other lands, exulting, glean
The apple from the pine,
The orange from its glossy green,
The cluster from the vine.
We better love the hardy gift
Our rugged vales bestow,
To cheer us when the storm shall drift
Our harvest fields with snow.

Through vales of grass, and meads of flow-
ers,
Our plows their furrows made,
While on the hills the sun showers
Of changeful April played.
We dropped the seed of our hill and plain,
Beneath the sun of May,
And frightened from our sprouting grain
The robber crows away.
All through the long, bright days of June,
Its leaves grew bright and fair,
And waved in hot mid-summer's noon,
Its soft and yellow hair.

And row, with Autumn's moonlit eyes,
Its harvest time has come,
We pluck away its frosted leaves,
And bear the treasure home.
There, richer than the fabled gifts,
Apollo showered of old,
Fair hands the broken grain shall sift,
And knead its meal of gold.
Let rapid idlers loiter in silk,
Around their costly board;
Give us the bowl of sump and milk,
By home-spun beauty poured.

Where'er the wild kitchen hearth
Sends up its smoky curls,
Who will not thank the kindly earth,
And bless our farmer girls!
Then shame on all the proud and vain,
Whose folly laughs to scorn,
The blessings of our hardy grain,
Our wealth of golden corn.
Let earth withhold her goodly root
Let mildew blight the rye,
Give to the worm the orchard's fruit,
The wheat fields to the fly.
But let the good old crop adorn
The hills our fathers trod;
Still let us, for his golden corn;
Send up our thanks to God!

INTERESTING STORY.

THE BEAUTY OF BARBICAN.

There is a story current in the neighborhood
of St. Giles's, Crispigate Without, in connec-
tion with a headstone, now only about a foot
above the surface of the crowded church-yard
of that parish—the church itself, by the way, was
Milton's burial place—on which may still be
faintly discerned, that the name of the tenant
below was Charles something, beginning with a
P. This tale seems to me of sufficient interest
and significance to warrant its being introduced
to a wider circle.

Michael Benson, a tin-plate smith, drove it,
appears, a thriving trade in Red Cross Street
Barbican, about the middle of the eighteenth
century, and ultimately amassed considerable
wealth. He was reputed a somewhat odd, ec-
centric, hard grained man, whose bark, however,
was much worse than his bite, which mood of
mind was ascribed by elder gossips to his having
been crossed in love by one Lucy Andrews, the
daughter of a plumber and glazier, and popularly
known in the days when the second George was
king, as the Beauty of Barbican. This fascinat-
ing damsel unhappily preferred the showier at-
tractions of a non-commissioned cavalry officer
to the less glittering though far more solid pre-
tensions of the industrious and thrifty smith;
and the Mays and Valcan story of classical anti-
quity had its Crispigate version by the union,
in the church of that name, of the fair and faith-
less Lucy with the dashing sergeant of dragoons.
Honest Michael was at first greatly staggered
by this heavy, and it seems, quite unexpected
blow; but he soon recovered his equilibrium, ad-
dressed himself with hearty zeal than ever to his
large and arduous, and, as previously stated, so
successfully, that compassionate candidates for
the office of healing the wounds inflicted by the
fickle Lucy were by no means wanting; but Mi-
chael Benson would have none of them. Per-
haps the treachery of the Beauty of Barbican had
inspired him with a general distrust of the de-
spaired sex; or, which is likelier, her image still
lived in his memory with a freshness beside
which their feeble charms showed dim and pale.
This last was the conclusion arrived at by those
more intimate friends of the smith, who knew
how, at convivial and unguarded moments, his
heart would leap to his lips; and this opinion re-
ceived, in the autumn of 1745, a striking confir-
mation. Following close upon the news of Jon-
ny Cope's brilliant battle with the Highlanders
at Preston Pans, there came news of Lucy's hav-
ing been killed there, and that the Barbican Beauty,
now a forlorn widow, with a young family, was
temporarily sojourning in the neighborhood of
Carlisle. Michael Benson for some time ap-
peared to treat this intelligence with contempt
or indifference—it was not really, with mistrust and dis-
belief. It was not a very long time before he
had reached him from a reliable source, for in Fe-
bruary, 1746, he suddenly disappeared from Red
Cross Street, and did not show himself again for
nearly three weeks. His trip to the north—
whether it was soon ascertained the steps of
the stalwart and faithful swain had been direc-
ted—had, everybody admitted, greatly improved
him both in looks and temper. His morose
manner fell off like a garment; and, reverting to
the other extreme, he grew languishingly elo-
quent upon conjugal felicity, and the inexpress-
ible forlorn condition of wretched bachelors.
His house, too, was newly fitted and furnished
up, as a suitable residence for a man of family
and substance; and, finally, he admitted, in

whispered confidences to his cronies, that the en-
suing month of great joy would see him united
in holy wedlock to the bereaved widow of the
slain dragon. Vanity of vanities—all is vanity!
Fate had decreed that barbarous beauty should
be Michael Benson's death, or ruin. Whilst as-
sisting to fix a new and flaming sign over his
shop, the laddey upon which he stood slipped and
he was precipitated with stunning violence to the
pavement. It was at first believed that he was
mortally hurt, and this, it was subsequently
manifest, must have been his own impression
upon recovering consciousness; but ultimately
skilful surgery and a good constitution brought
him through; and by the time bright-eyed, bliss-
bringing May was at hand, he had almost re-
covered his old health and vigour—only to en-
counter a severer stroke than he had yet suffe-
red. A letter reached the impatient Benedict ex-
pectant one morning, with the intelligence that
Sergeant Haselgrove had never been dead at all
that he had been severely wounded only, and taken
prisoner, in General Cope's illustrious cam-
paign, and detained without the power of com-
municating with his sorrowing wife and friends,
till released by the catastrophe of Culloden!
Poor Michael was flung back upon a sick-bed
again; but this hurt, like that caused by the fall
from the ladder, was found to be curable; and
false-promising May had not departed, when his
re-strung energies were once more concentrated
upon the sordid realities of life and business.
And herein, at least, fortune did not jilt or play
the fool with him; year after year found him
wealthier, stouter, jollier; and he had not yet
lived half a century, when he was elected to the
civil common council for the ward of Crispigate.
This elevation proved an unfortunate one, by
stimulating for some time a growing taste for
the pleasures of the table; and corpulence, gout,
and ineffectual apoplexy soon displayed their fatal
ensigns. Business becoming distasteful, he de-
termined on resigning it in favor of his orphan
nephew, Charles Passmore, who had been for some
time the managing man of his establishment,
and retiring for the remainder of his days to the
sweet rural life of Islington—in which then sylvan
parish he possessed considerable property—as
soon as a house he had commenced building,
near the spot where the Angel Tavern now
stands, should be completed.

"Man proposes; God disposes." Michael
Benson was sitting alone one evening after the
close of the day's business, revolving this and
other pet projects in his mind, when a letter was
brought him, with a message that the bearer, a
young woman in deep mourning, waited for an
answer. He snatched the letter, muttering as he
did so peevish expression of annoyance at be-
ing disturbed; but no sooner had his glance fall-
en upon the superscription, than a flash of wild
surprise broke over him, and he rose up, and with
swimming eyes a touching appeal to feelings of
long-syne, from his ever-beloved Lucy, in behalf
of her only remaining child, who would only de-
liver it after the writer's death. Mrs. Hasel-
grove's husband had preceded her to the tomb,
to which she herself was then fast hastening—a
dark and awful passage, but cheered and illumined
by the certainty she felt, that for her sake Lucy
would find a home with the good Michael, whose
honest worth and deep affection the writer had
learned rightly to value when too late. The
perusal of this letter profoundly agitated Michael
Benson, and it was some time before he could
master himself sufficiently to ring the bell, and
direct the bearer of the note to be shewn in.
He had extinguished the candles, probably to
mask from the young girl thus solemnly com-
mitted to his charge, the emotion which almost
convulsed him; and it was by the softening light
of the moon and stars, which streamed in through
the uncurtained window, that he silently perused
her features, and recognised in them the image
of the Lucy of his love. The timid, trembling
girl seemed to quail before his eager, scrutinising
gaze; but when he presently found words to as-
sure her, that the request of her dying parent
should be sacredly, religiously fulfilled, she threw
herself in an ecstasy of sorrow and thankfulness
into his outstretched arms; whilst he, utterly
overwhelmed, wept and sobbed with an equally
passionate vehemence.

The unexpected and charming addition to his
household, quickened for a time the sluggish-
ness of the civic councillor with a more healthy
life; but habits of indulgence are seldom perma-
nently eradicated in elderly persons. They gradu-
ally regained their wonted ascendancy; and Lu-
cy Haselgrove had only been about three months
with him, when a lightning stroke of apoplexy
revealed how nearly they had already brought
him to the tomb. Surgical aid having been
promptly obtained, he was for this time quit for
the night and an ever present dread of a second
visitation "He was very lucky," remarked the
surgeon, addressing Charles Passmore, that I
was within call; for even a brief delay in such
cases is a pretty sure passport in another world."
The nephew made a cold, matter-of-course re-
ply which struck the medical gentleman at the
time contrasted oddly with the quick bright dash
that at the same moment suffused his pale fea-
tures. No further comment was, however, made,
and the conversation terminated.

Charles Passmore is described as a bold, stub-
born, unprincipled, yet withal specious young
man, precocious alike in ambition and avarice,
which master-passions, it will be seen, he hesi-
tated at no means, however base to gratify. Mi-
chael Benson, it seems, at first cherished a hope
that a mutual liking might spring up between
his nephew and adopted daughter; but this he
early found was out of the question. Charles
Passmore had views in a far higher quarter,
which he doubted not the possession of his un-
cle's property would enable him to realize; and
gentle, retiring, sensitive Lucy Haselgrove could
feel no sympathy for the rude, irascible person
who, from the first day of her abode in Red Cross
Street, had manifestly regarded her with ex-
treme, and of late, quite savage dislike. This
feeling was, no question, excited by the apprehen-
sion, soon converted into certainty, that a con-
siderable share of the wealth to which he
considered himself exclusively entitled, would
be bequeathed to her. Two legacies, amount-
ing £1000, divided between Guy's and Bartho-
lomew's Hospitals, in a will otherwise exclu-
sively in his favor, executed by Mr. Benson some
five or six years previously, had greatly offended
him; and how much was this ire inflamed when,
in addition to that deduction from his coveted
inheritance, he heard his uncle express his deter-
mination to secure Lucy a handsome maintenance,
and this, too, without delay.

This resolution was stated in his presence to
Mr. Aspern, an attorney of Coleman Street,
whom Michael Benson had hastily sent for,
warned, probably, by internal premonitions, that
the night in which no man can work was at hand.
The instructions given were brief and emphatic:
£5000 to Lucy Haselgrove; £1000 to the hospi-
tals, as aforesaid; and the residue, estimated
at the business amount of £12000, to his ne-
phew; and the will to be ready for execution on
the following day. Mr. Aspern promised com-
pliance, and took his leave, followed a few mi-