

## Miscellaneous.



Selected for the Free Press.

### THE LADIES' PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS...*Guy*.

Sirs! We, the Maids of Exon City,  
Th' Maids! good lack, the more's the pity!  
Do humbly offer this petition,  
To represent our sad condition;  
Which once made known, our hope and trust is,  
Your honored House will do us justice.  
But lest our tender sense of wrong,  
And volubility of tongue,  
Should make us trespass on your leisure,  
And speechify it out of measure,  
To save our breath, and eke your time,  
We clog our fluent speech with rhyme.  
First you shall hear—But can't you guess  
The reason of our sad distress?—  
(Plague on the Widows that compel us  
Thus to petition 'bout young fellows!)  
But we were saying—you must know,  
Tho' blushing we declare our woe,  
A maiden was designed by nature  
A weakly and imperfect creature,  
So liable to err or stray,  
Her wants require a guide, a stay;  
And then so timorous of spirits,  
She dreads to be alone at nights!  
Say what she will, do what she can,  
Her heart still gravitates to man;  
From whence 'tis evident as light  
That marriage is a woman's right;  
And therefore 'tis prodigious hard  
To be of such a right debarred:  
Yet we, poor souls, can't have the freedom  
To get good husbands, tho' we need 'em!  
The Widows, Sirs!—Their art denotes,  
Them *Marchivels* in petticoats!  
These plagues, with heads on mischief running,  
Exceed by far the fox in cunning!  
They cut us out, are still before us!  
"Adore us!" Nay, 'tis ten times worse,  
Deuce take 'em! (but we should not curse)  
For tho' our number is not small,  
There's hardly one amongst us all,  
*Scarce one*—'tis true as—G's in Clo'ster,  
Can get a Strophon to accost her!  
No single creature e'er is seen,  
With bearded chin and manly mien,  
But what they have him in a minute!  
Web! sure there is some witchcraft in it.

**The Assassin of Smolensko.**—The following dreadful event lately occurred in the neighborhood of Smolensko, in Russia. The owner of a lonely cottage being out on the chase, a beggar, in all appearance old and weak, entered in at noonday, and asked alms of the woman who was at home with only her two young children. The kind hearted woman invites him to rest himself, while she goes out to get something for him to eat and drink. After the beggar had satisfied his hunger, he, to the no small astonishment of the woman assumed a different language and with a threatening voice, demanded the money, which he said, her husband had in the house. The wretch rushing on her with a large bread knife, to force her to acknowledge where it was deposited, she declared herself ready to give him what money she had and for this purpose mounted a ladder to a trap-door leading to the loft above. As soon as she had mounted, she drew up the ladder after her, so that it was impossible for him to get at her. Finding that she disregarded his menaces, he seized the two children and swore he would either kill or maim them, if she did not immediately come down and deliver him the money as she had promised. The woman however, remained in the loft, and endeavored to force a hole through the thatch and call for help. While she was thus employed, the monster cut off the children's ears and noses; and at last killed the poor maimed innocents, scornfully proclaiming to the mother the murder he had committed. The latter having with great exertions made a hole in the roof, called aloud for help. Her cries were heard by an officer who was passing by in an open carriage, who sent his servant (while he remained sitting in the carriage) to enquire what was the matter. The servant hastened to the spot, but on entering the cottage was met by the murderer, who plunged the knife in his heart, so that he fell and expired without a groan. The officer, surprized at his delay, went himself to the cottage, where perceiving the horrid scene, he attempted

to stop the flight of the murderer, and with his sabre cut off all the fingers of his right hand, but was not able to hinder him from embracing the opportunity to escape through the door as it stood open. The woman had, while all this was passing made her way through the roof, and run to the village, which was a considerable distance to fetch assistance. Meanwhile, the husband on his way home, meets the blood-stained murderer, whom he recognises as the beggar who frequents that part of the country. The hypocrite, concealing his fears under affected lamentation, held up his mutilated hand, saying, "Make haste! There is in your house a murderer, an officer, who had killed your children, and likewise a man who attempted to defend them, and from whom I have narrowly escaped in the condition you see." The terrified countryman, while the atrocious villain hastens to escape, flies, with his loaded gun in his hand, to his cottage, perceives through the open door the officer and the bloody corpse of his children, takes him of course for the murderer, levels his piece, and shoots him dead on the spot! The wife coming up with the villagers, hears the shot, sees the officer fall, utters a piercing cry, and exclaims: "What have you done! You have killed our deliverer—not he, but the beggar is the murderer of our children!" The husband, whose whole frame is shaken by the horrors of the scene, and more by his own rash deed, stands a few moments petrified and motionless, falls back in a fit and expires!

**An effective Laughter.**—The editor of the Bristol Gazette tells of an acquaintance of his, who when he laughs, "shakes the room so that the spiders peep out of the cracks to see what is going on."

**Not bad.**—An old gentleman in Kentucky, as the sun goes down on Saturday night, daubs up the entrances to his beehive to prevent the little fellows from working on the Sabbath.

**The reason why**—A small lad asked permission of his mother to go to a ball. She told him it was a bad place for little boys. "Why, mother, didn't you and father use to go to balls when you were young?" "Yes, but we have seen the folly of it," answered the mother. "Well, mother," exclaimed the son, "I want to see the folly of it too."

**Sympathetic Ink**—The following affords a sympathetic ink very far superior to any, as yet, in use: dissolve a small quantity of starch in a saucer with soft water, and use the liquid like common ink; when dry, no trace of the writing will appear upon the paper, and the letters can be developed only by a weak solution of iodine in alcohol, when they will appear of a purple color, which will not be effaced until after long exposure to the atmosphere. So permanent are the traces left by the starch, that they cannot, when dry, be affected by India rubber; and in one case, a letter which had been carried in the pocket for a fortnight, had the secret characters displayed at once, by being very slightly moistened by the above preparation.

**Female Pockets again in favor.**—We perceive from the London Court Journal, that the revived fashion of pockets in each side of the ladies' dresses, is increasing in favor. Reticules and baskets therefore will go out of use; and the dandies will have nothing to dangle on their left arm, while they gallant the ladies with their right.

It is stated at the anniversary meeting of the Ladies Bible Association at Spaulding, England, that a calculation had been made at Birmingham, respecting the proportionate value of the services of gentlemen and ladies as collectors for charitable and religious purposes, and it was found that one lady was worth thirteen gentlemen and a half.

1. There are three companions with whom you should always keep on good terms:—1st, Your Wife. 2d, Your Stomach. 3d, Your Conscience.

## COTTON GINS.

THE Subscriber, who for several years past, has been engaged in the

**Gin Making business,**  
In Kinston, has established himself  
IN GREENVILLE,

Where he carries on the above business in all its various branches. All those who wish to supply themselves with Gins of the best quality, are respectfully solicited to apply to the Subscriber personally, or by letter. All orders for Gins will be promptly executed. From the Subscriber's long experience in his business; and from the approbation which his work has hitherto met with, he hesitates not to promise entire satisfaction to all who may see fit to extend to him their patronage. Gins out of order will be expeditiously repaired. The Subscriber takes the liberty of calling the attention of those who wish to procure new Gins, or to have old Gins repaired, to the expediency of applying to him in time. When all wait as is usually the case, until the work is wanted, it causes such a pressure of business, that many are obliged of necessity to submit to a longer delay than they wish.

**ALLEN TISON,**

In connexion with this establishment, carries on  
**The Lock and Gunsmith business,**

He also makes *Saw Mill Boxes*, and *Mill Inks*, and *Gadgets*, of a composition invented by Daniel Peck, of Raleigh—*Grist Mill Spindles*, with *Steel Collars*, (turned.) These articles equal to any manufactured in the United States.

All letters and orders must be directed to the Subscriber, at Greenville.

**HENRY CHAMBERLAIN.**

July 12, 1833.

## Flour & Molasses.

THIS day received, 30 barrels superfine Family FLOUR, 10 hog-heads prime MOLASSES—also, 3 hog-heads SUGAR.

**J. W. COTTEN.**

5th June, 1834.

## Gents. Fashionable Hats.

27 cases assorted black, light and dark drab beaver HATS, of every shape and quality—also, boys black Hats and fancy CAPS, just to hand, at the Cheap Cash Store.

**JAS. WEDDELL.**

April 22, 1834.

## At Rountree's,

NEAR THE BRIDGE, ON MAIN STREET,

May be found a new supply of

**Goods, Wares and Merchandize,**

Strictly applicable to the present and approaching season—consisting of *Staple and Fancy Dry Goods*—Hats, Lorillard's best Snuff, Shoes and Boots, Fancy and common Soap, Saddlery—Hardware, White Lead & window Glass, Glass and Crockery, Castor Oil—Lemon Syrup, Bruce's best Tin, Black Ink & Copal Varnish, Apple Brandy, in bottles, Rum and Whiskey, Powder & Shot—Pearlash, Malaga Wine & Porter, Northern Flax, Loaf, lump & bro Sugars, Picked Cotton, to retail, Coffee, Teas & Chocolate, Ladies Baskets, New clean Rice, Churns and Tubs, Molasses—Nor'n Butter, 5,000 lbs excellent Bacon,

And many minor articles, all of which are respectfully offered upon the most accommodating terms to purchasers.

Tarborough, June 10, 1834.



## ATTENTION,

**Edgecombe Cavalry!**

YOU will muster at your usual parade ground in Tarborough, on Saturday, the 25th of October next, armed and equipped for a general muster. By order,  
**C. C. KNIGHT, 1st Serg't.**

Aug. 29, 1834.

## Land for Sale.

BEING anxious to move to the West, I offer for sale the Tract of Land whereon I now live, containing

**About One Thousand Acres**

It is a healthy situation, in Nash county, on Stony Creek, about three miles above the great Falls of Tar River, with a commodious two story dwelling house (new,) and other out houses; apple and peach orchards sufficient to make 15 or 20 barrels brandy, besides other fruit trees. The land is of tolerable good quality and well watered. On the said Stony Creek (a constant stream) there is an excellent grist and saw mill, cotton machine, &c. (on solid rock foundation,) all in good order. Long credit can be given if it best suits the purchaser, or negroes will be taken in part payment.

**TIMO. TERRELL.**

2d September, 1833.

## PAMPHLETS.

Published and for Sale at this Office.

A PATRIOTIC DISCOURSE...the North Carolina Whig's Apology for the Kehukee Association...and, A Basket of Fragments, by the Rev. Joshua Lawrence. Also, A Review of Clark's defence and justification to the Kehukee Association, written by a lay member of the Association...and, Occurrences in the life of Elder Joseph Biggs, wrote by himself.  
Tarborough, August 9.

## CORFIELD KING,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

RESPECTFULLY informs his friends and customers, that he has received from New York his supply of

**Spring Goods...such as...**

Drab and mixt Cassimeres, for summer wear, Green summer Camblet—linen and crape Drill, Fancy Canton—figured Vesting, Gentlemen's black buckskin Gloves, Black patent bombazine and satin Stocks, &c. &c.

All of which he will sell low for cash, or on a short credit to punctual customers—together with his former stock of Cloths and assortment of trimmings. Gentlemen's clothing made and trimmed in the most fashionable style and at the shortest notice—all orders will be thankfully received and punctually attended to.

Tarborough, May 6, 1834.

## Henry Johnston,

MERCHANT TAILOR,

WISHES to inform his customers and the public, that he has just received from New York his Spring Supply of

**Fashionable Goods,**

Consisting of the best and most fashionable goods in his line of business—among them are: Fine black & white beaver Hats, of the best quality. A most splendid assortment of Cloths, Cassimeres & Vestings, from the best quality to the most common. Fine crape Camblets and Bombazines, best quality. Umbrellas, Stocks, Gloves, &c. Russian belts, for gentlemen—Suspenders, Crape linens, a beautiful article for summer wear, Fine linen Bosoms and Collars, &c.

These goods were selected by himself at reduced prices, and will be sold low for cash or on a short credit to punctual customers. Gentlemen wishing to purchase the above articles, are particularly invited to call and examine for themselves, as he is confident he can please such. All orders from a distance will be punctually attended to, and on as good terms as if the persons were present.

Tarboro', April 24th 1834.

**Received this Day,**

**At the Cheap Cash Store,**

Ladies satin, kid, and Prunella French SHOES, an imported article, finished in the most recent and fashionable style—also, Gents best calf-skin BOOTS, SHOES and PUMPS, of an excellent quality.

**JAS. WEDDELL.**

April 24, 1834.

## Cotton Yarn.

THE Subscribers having purchased of Mr. John Parker, all his interest in the COTTON FACTORY at the Falls of Tar River, the firm of Battle & Parker is therefore dissolved.

The Subscribers have now, and expect to keep constantly on hand, a full supply of the

**Very best Cotton Yarn,**

Of all numbers, from 4 to 18 inclusive; and are prepared to supply all demands for the above article on the most liberal terms. They are willing to deliver the Yarn to Merchants in all parts of the State (as far as their means will permit) making the usual charges for conveyance; or deliver it at the Factory, on terms as good as can be obtained elsewhere.

**BATTLE & BROTHERS.**

Falls of Tar River, Dec. 10. 20

N. B. The Machinery is entirely new, and of the latest and most improved kind.

## Mrs. A. C. Howard.

HAS just received her Spring Supply of Goods, consisting of pattern silk and Tuscan Bonnets, French straws, (a new and splendid article,) open straws, elegant head dresses, silks, satins and gauzes, puffs and curls, ribbons, flowers, &c. all of which she will sell on her usual accommodating terms. Mantua-making executed as usual.

Tarborough, May 7, 1834.

## 75 Dollars Reward.

ESCAPED from the Subscriber, while encamped at the house of Col. A. Watt, in Rockingham county, (N. C.) on the night of the 10th of May last, a

**Negro Man, named John.**

He is about 30 years old, about 5 feet 11 inches high; no marks recollected; had on a home-spun jeans long coat, and common thread and cotton pantaloons. John was purchased from Archibald Forbes, in Pitt county, near Greenville, and it is probable he will endeavor to get back to the same neighborhood.

The above reward of **Seventy-Five Dollars** will be paid to any one who will apprehend and lodge the said Negro in any jail, so that the Subscriber can get him again. Letters addressed to the undersigned, at Buckingham Court House, (Va.) will receive immediate attention.

**JOHN I. MORRIS.**

July 5, 1834.

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## Printing press for sale.

A SUPER ROYAL Printing Press, on the old mode of construction, can be procured on reasonable terms. Apply at this Office.