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April 18 1850. 15

ALEX. MacRIE, Jr.
IMPORTER OF
CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHENWARE,
and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
South Side of Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
November, 9, 1850. 102

J. M. ROBINSON,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN

HARDWARE, IRON,
STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
Front street, 3 doors South of
Market street.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Wilmington, May 4, 1850. 22

T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERRY & NORTH WATER STS.
WILMINGTON, NO. CA.
May 16, 1850 27 tf.

WILLIAM M. HARRISS,
GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANT
WILMINGTON, N. C.

STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels

REFERENCES:
O. G. Parsley, Esq, } Wilmington, N.C.
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Messrs. Ballard & Huntington. }
Will Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., } Fayetteville, N.C.
Joseph Utley, Esq., }
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia.
" Thompson & Hunter } New York.
" Pillsbury & Sandford, }
" Hunting & Tufts, Boston.
" J. & G. F. Titcomb, Kennebunk, Me.
July 17th, 1850. 52 tf

GEORGE ELLIOT,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND AGENT
FOR THE SALE OF TIMBER, LUMBER.
WILMINGTON N. C.
Jan. 1, 1850.

WILKINSON & ESLER.
CASH DEALERS IN
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco, Segars, &c.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 30, 1850. 10-tf.

GEO. HARRISS,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

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REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq., }
O. G. Parsley, Esq., }
J. A. Taylor, Esq., } Wilmington.
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
Messrs. Pooler, Smyth & Co., } New York.
" Thompson & Hunter, }
Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Bacot, } Charleston, S. C.
H. F. Baker, Esq., }
Jan. 2, 1850. 123-tf.

HERON & MARTIN
General Commission Merchants,
37 1-2 North Wharves,
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, } Wilmington.
Geo. Harriss, Esq. }
April 5, 1850. 9-tfc.

MARTIN & CRONLY.
AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
Wilmington, N.C., Oct. 3 1850. 85tf.

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 9th, 1850. 87-1y-c.

WILLIAM NEFF,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN
SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES AND GROCERIES,
CORNER OF DOCK & WATER STREETS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 7th 1850

DEROSSET & BROWN.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
BROWN & DEROSSET.
NEW YORK.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
March 17 1850. 1-y.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.

Next door to A. A. Worth's, on North Water st will attend to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, such as Corn, Peas, Meal, Bacon, Lard, &c., and will keep constantly on hand a full supply of Groceries, &c.

References.
Wiles Hall of Wayne, John McRae, Wilmington,
W. Conway, " Gen. Alex. McRae, "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 14, 1849. 115-1y.

ALEXANDER MATTHEWS:
INSPECTOR of LUMBER and TIMBER,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 19, 1850. 1-tf.

SAVAGE & MEARES,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
EDWARD SAVAGE. GASTON MEARES
May 2, 1850. 1.

LEIGHTON, CHADBOURN & CO.,
General Commission Merchants.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 11, 1849 11-tf.

CORNELIUS DuPRE.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars, Oil Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c.,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Prescriptions carefully compounded by experienced persons.
March 28, 1850. 6

MARINE INSURANCE.

THE undersigned having received the Agency of the
AUGUSTA INSURANCE AND BANKING COMPANY OF AUGUSTA GA.
Will issue Policies on Vessels, Cargos, Freight &c at as reasonable rates of Premiums as any other Institution of the kind in the Country. The Capital of this Company is $375,000.
H. NUTT.
Wilmington, Aug. 18, 1850. 55-1y.

J. C. LATTA.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 1 1849. 87

MRS. SHAW'S
FASHIONABLE MILINERY AND DRESS MAKING ESTABLISHMENT.
On Second St. opposite Mr. O. G. Parsley's.
ALWAYS ON HAND
A handsome assortment of Cloaks and Mantillas of the latest style.
Nov. 19, 1850. 105-1y-c.

WEST & HEWLETT,
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

REFER TO—
Potter & Kidder, John Dawson,
G. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,
Barry, Bryant & Adams, E. P. Hall,
George Harriss, Edward Cantwell.
Oct. 26. 96-tf

DR. W. E. FREEMAN,
HOMŒOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,
Front st., one door south Messrs. Polley & Hart.
Dec. 26, 1850. 120-tf

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Cash advances made on consignments to me, or to my friends in New York.
Oct. 1850. 87-y.

J. A. B. RUSSELL,
COMMISSION & FORWARDING MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

ANDERSON & LATIMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
SOUTH WATER STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Sep 27, 1850. 93-1y-c.

LIFE INSURANCE.

THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSURANCE, continues to take Risks on Lives on fair terms.
SURPLUS OVER 1,000,000.
JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM, Agent.
Dec. 12, 1850. 93 tf.

LIFE INSURANCE
IN THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND SOCIETY, OF LONDON,
AND
FIRE INSURANCE
IN THE ÆTNA INSURANCE COMPANY, OF HARTFORD, CONN.,
OR, IN THE
HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY, OF NEW YORK.
May be effected by application to
DEROSSET & BROWN.
March 17, 1850. 108

J. E. TOOMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT.
NORTH WATER STREET
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 7, 1850. 137-1y.

J. & D. McRAE & Co.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON N. C.
Particular attention paid to procuring freights and purchasing cargoes for vessels.
JOHN MACRAE, DONALD MACRAE, JOHN W. K. DIX.
August 1, 1850. 59.

MILES COSTIN,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq., Pres't Branch State Bank, }
Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear, } Wilmington, N. C.
O. G Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank, }
Dec. 19. 118-tf.

T. C. WORTH:
Commission and Forwarding
MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 19, 1850. 143-12 m.

MOLASSES.
50 HHDS. prime sweet Cuba Molasses, for sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Nov. 9. 102.

WM. ALSTON GOURDIN,
FACTOR,
No. 1 East-Bay Charleston South Carolina.,
IS PREPARED TO MAKE LIBERAL ADVANCES ON CONSIGNMENTS OF
RICE, COTTON, CORN, SUGAR, FLOUR, GRAIN, HAY, &c.

REFERENCES:
Gourdin, Matheissen & Co } Charleston S. C.
George A. Hanckel, }
Alonzo J. Walker, }
Tandy Walker, } Greenville S. C.
May 21, 1850. 27 1y-c.

BARRY, BRYANT & ADAMS.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
July 17, 1850. 72

J. HATHAWAY & SON,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON N. C.
J. HATHAWAY, J. L. HATHAWAY.
Oct. 15. 74

GEO. MYERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Tobacco, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c. &c.
SOUTH FRONT STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 28. 109.

GAUSE & BOWDEN,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
THOS. F. GAUSE. JOHN C. BOWDEN.

REFERENCES
Alexander McRae, President W. & R. R.
E. P. Hall, " State Bank.
O. G. Parsley, " Commercial Bank.
John Dawson, Merchant.
J. & D. McRae & Co., "
P. K. Dickinson & CO. "
Dec. 7, 1850. 112.

PIPES.
30 Gross Clay Pipes, for sale by
J. R. OUSSELL.
Nov. 5, 1850. 100

COW PEAS.
50 BUSHELS, for sale by
DeROSSET & BROWN.
Nov. 12. 103.

NEW MILLENERY GOODS.

MRS. V. R. PEIRSON has just received and is now offering, a splendid assortment of Goods, comprising all of the most desirable styles suited to the season.

Also, a good assortment of Trimmings, suitable for Ladies' Dresses—in fact, every variety of FANCY GOODS usually kept in a store of the kind.

Mrs. P. takes great pleasure in announcing that she has engaged Miss HART, of Philadelphia, who is fully skilled in all the various arts of Millenery, and would be very happy to have the Ladies call and examine the articles produced by her skill.

Mrs. P. returns her thanks to her friends and the public, for the very liberal patronage heretofore received.

MRS. V. R. PEIRSON, Agent.
Oct. 24. 95.

OUR MOTTO IS "TO PLEASE,"
AT THE
Wilmington Saddle, Harness, and Trunk Manufactory.

THE subscriber respectfully informs the public that he has recently received additions to his stock of Saddle and Harness Mountings, &c., the latest and most improved style, and is constantly manufacturing, at his store on Market street, every description of article in the above line. From his experience in the business, he feels confident that he will be able to give entire satisfaction to all who may favor him with a call. He has now on hand, and will constantly keep a large assortment of

Coach, Gig and Sulkey Harness; Lady's Saddles, Bridles, Whips, &c., Gentlemen's Saddles, Whips, Spurs, &c. &c.,

all of which he will warrant to be of the best materials and workmanship. He has also a large assortment of Trunks, Valises, Saddle and Carpet Bags, Satchels, Fancy Trunks, &c., and all other articles usually kept in such establishments, all of which he offers low for CASH, or on short credit to prompt customers.

Saddles, Harness, Trunks, Medical Bags, &c. &c., made to order.

In addition to the above the subscriber always keeps on hand a large supply of String Leather, and has now, and will keep through the season a good assortment of Fly Netts.

All are invited to call and examine my Goods, whether in want or not, as I take pleasure in showing my assortment to all who may favor me with a call.

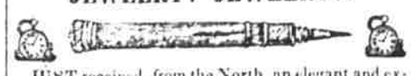
Harness and Coach Trimmings sold at a fair price to persons buying to manufacture.

Also, Whips at wholesale.

All kinds of Riding Vehicles bought and sold on commissions. JOHN J. CONOLEY.
June 13. 39

WESTERN BACON.
8 HHDS. Shoulders for sale by
DeROSSET & BROWN.
Nov. 12. 103.

BACON.
8 HHDS. Western Sides;
2 casks " Hams;
2 " " Shoulders;
10,000 lbs. North Carolina assorted Hams, Shoulders and Sides, for sale by
DeROSSET & BROWN.
Sept. 28. 84.

JEWELRY! JEWELRY!!


JUST received, from the North, an elegant and extensive assortment of fine Jewelry, Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks, Plated Ware and Musical Boxes, to which we would call the attention of Ladies and citizens of Wilmington and surrounding Country.

We will continue to sell goods in the above line at prices that will not fail to merit the continuance of the patronage we have received since our commencement in business, and having now procured a competent assistant, we will in future be able to despatch, at the shortest notice, every description of repairing requisite to adjust and accurately time.—Chronometer, Horizontal, Duplex, Lever, Repeating, and Vertical Watches.

N. B. Clocks, Jewelry, Plated Ware, and Musical Boxes, promptly and in a workmanlike manner repaired, and warranted to please by
A. G. BOWERS & BROTHER
(Sign of the Big Watch) Ft. St., Wilmington, N.
Nov. 5. 100-1

THE NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
RALEIGH, N. C.

THE above Company has been in operation since the 1st of April, 1845, under the direction of the following Officers, viz:
John H. Johnson, President,
A. D. Haywood, Vice President,
J. F. Jordan, Secretary,
W. H. Ross, Treasurer,
F. J. Haigh, Attorney,
Dr. C. E. Johnson, } *Medical board of Consultation.*
Dr. Wm. H. McKee, }
Dr. R. B. Haywood. }
J. Hearsman, Gen'l Agent.

This Company has received a charter giving advantages to the insured over any other Company. The 5th Section gives the Husband the privilege to insure his own life for the sole use of his Wife and Children, *free* from any claims of the representatives or the husband or any of his creditors.

Organized on purely *mutual* principles, the life members participate in the *whole* of the profits which are declared annually. Besides, the applicant for life, when the annual premium is over $38 may pay one half in a Note.

All claims for insurance against the Company will be paid within ninety days after proof of the death of the party is furnished.

Slaves are insured for one or five years, at rates which will enable all Slaveholders to secure this class of property against the uncertainty of life.

Slave insurance presents a new and interesting feature in the history of North Carolina, which will prove very important to the Southern States.

The last four months operation of this Company shows a very large amount of business—more than the Directors expected to do the first year—having already issued more than 200 Policies.

All Communications on business of the Company should be addressed to JAS. F JORDAN, *Secretary.*
Raleigh, April 1, 1850. 8-tf.

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.*

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!
600 BBLS. Lincolnville White Lump; Also calcined Plaster, Plastering Hair, and Fire Brick, Hydraulic Cement; 1000 bbls. Lime &c.; for sale by
J. C. & R. B. WOOD.
Contractors and Builders.
Dec. 22, 1849. 119.

Account Books,
PAPER & STATIONERY ARTICLES.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
77 Maiden Lane, New York.

INVITE Merchants, Dealers and all who require articles in their line, to call at 77 Maiden Lane, New York. We offer every variety of Blank Book, Paper and Stationery, at very low prices. As we both manufacture and import all goods in our line we are enabled to sell cheap and offer inducements to buyers. Orders receive prompt attention.

BLANK BOOKS,
For all kinds of business. Banks, Public Office, County clerks, sets of books with Printed heading for Lodges, Divisions and others. Hotel Registers, Time Books, Notes, Drafts, Copy Pass and Memorandum Books.

COPY YOUR LETTERS!
By the use of Francis' Manifold Letter writer, Letters and copies are written at the same time; the Ink is contained in sheets; the pen never wears out; both expeditious and economical; price $1, 2, 2,50 and 5,00.

CROTON INK.
If you want good black writing Ink use the Croton; flows freely from the pen and retains its color; also Indelible, Carmine and copying Inks.

PAPER & STATIONERY.
All sizes and styles of writing Paper at Millprice; Tissue, Colored, Drawing and Perforated Paper, Envelopes, Gold Pens, Note Papers, Scrap Books, Portfollios, Cards, Quills, Wax, Wafers, Steel Pens, Chessmen; Wallets, Writing Desks and every variety of Fancy Stationery.

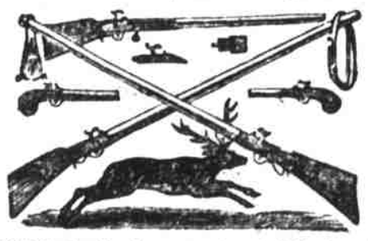
DIARIES FOR 1851,
From the full Cap size to the smallest pocket edition containing Almanac Time and Interest Tables, a space for memorandums for every day in the year, &c., suitable for business. Professional or Private use. Price 50c 75c, and $1. Sent by Mail free.
Book Binding executed in any style.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
Manufacturing Stationers,
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.

LEWIS FRANCIS,
CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
May 25. 31-w&1-tf.

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

BUTTER AND CHEESE.
21 FIRKINS prime Goshen Butter,
50 boxes Cheese For sale by
ANDERSON & LATIMER.
Nov 16. 104

SPORTSMEN, ATTENTION!



JUST Received, a large assortment of Single and Double barrel, Bird, Duck and Deer Guns, of the finest finish and latest style, made by those celebrated makers CHANEE & SONS, and others of known celebrity. Guns of all weights and calibre, also, Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Game Bags, percussion Caps, and in fact the best collection of sportsmen's goods ever offered in this market. Gentlemen please call and examine.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct 3 86

TO RENT OR SELL,

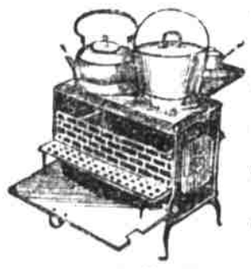
FROM the 1st of Oct. next, my store on the south side of Market street, now occupied by the Rev. Mr McDaniel.
THOS. D. MEARES.
Apply in his absence to ED. G. MEARES.
Sept. 19. 80 tf

IN FULL BLAST.
PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER.

J. & D. SCOTT are now offering at their Wood and Coal Yard, for sale, 300 tons "Red Ash and Peach Orchard Coal." 2000 Bushels Charcoal, 100 do. Blacksmith's Coal; 1500 cords oak, ashe, and black jack wood; 800 cords pine, do.

Families, Hotels and Stores supplied at short notice. Also, any order for Coal sent from the Country will meet with prompt attention. Apply at Walker's wharf, to J. & D. SCOTT.
Nov. 7. 101-tf.

STOVES AND GRATES.



JUST RECEIVED
A
Large Supply
OF
SHIP PARLOR CHURCH AND OFFICE
STOVES!
of the BEST and most approved PATTERNS.
wholesale & retail
ALSO,
an assortment of

GRATES & FURNACES, Solar, Camphine, Fluid, and Oil Lamps, plain and japanned Ware, Steak Dishes, Coffee Urns, Biggins, Tea Trays, Waiters, Platform and other Scales and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct. 10. 89

PORK AND BACON.
JUST received and for sale by
ELLIS & RUSSELL.
Sept. 3. 73

FRESH ARRIVALS.
CANAL Flour;
P. O. Sugar & Crushed do.;
Adamantine Candles;
Laguyra Coffee;
Western Bacon, Sides & Shoulders;
Mess Pork, city inspected;
Western & N. C. Lard. Just received and for sale by J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Sept. 17. 79.

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10 CASKS new Rice in Store, and for sale by
BARRY, BRYANT & ADAMS.
Nov. 5. Chronicle copy. 100.

FOR THE COMMERCIAL.

To the Author of "Heavenly Recognition."

I've oft remembered thee in tears,
With fortune frowning on my lot;
And onward through the lapse of years,
I'll still *forget thee not*—
Forget thee! never, till the day
This heart lies mouldering in the clay.

I'd almost said, I'll weep no more,
Tho' "life's frail ties are riven;"
Since "those we've known and loved on earth,
We'll know and love in Heaven"—
To that dear world I lift my cries;
O, may we meet beyond the skies.

"There we shall know, as we are known,"
Forgotten all our former pains;
No severing hand shall ever come
When our Redeemer, Jesus, reigns—
There, tho' we're parted here below,
There's heavenly union where we go.

GRAVITER.

A DOWN EAST FISHERMAN'S LUCK,

Or, Capt. Spinnet's Adventures with the Pirate.

BY SYLVANUS COBB, JR.

There lived not many years ago, on the eastern shore of Mt. Desert, which is a large island off the coast of Maine, an old fisherman by the name of Jedediah Spinnet, who owned a schooner of some hundred tons, burden, in which he, together with four stout sons, was wont to go, about once a year, to the Grand Banks for the purpose of catching codfish. The old man had five things, upon the peculiar merits of which he loved to boast—his schooner and his four sons. The first had seen her sixth year, and was a stout, well built craft, but as for beauty and remarkable speed, she could not be said to possess much of either quality. The four sons, however, were all that their father represented them to be, and no one ever doubted his word when he said that their like was not to be found for fifty miles around. The oldest was thirty-two, while the youngest had just completed his twenty-sixth year, and they answered to the names of Seth, Andrew, John, and Samuel.

One bright morning in early spring, Captain Spinnet was sitting upon the bottom of a small skiff which had been keeled upon the beach, earnestly engaged in smoking an old pipe, and congratulating himself on his possession of the schooner, which lay at anchor about a cable's length from the shore, when he was aroused by the approach of a stranger. The new comer was a man of about fifty years of age, very good looking, and, withall, one whose appearance betokened the man of wealth.

"Good morning, sir," said he, as he came up to the spot where the old fisherman was sitting.

"Same to you sir," answered Spinnet, removing the pipe from his mouth, and at the same time enveloping his head in a cloud of smoke.

"Can you inform me where I can find Capt. Spinnet?" asked the stranger.

"Well, you needn't go any further, for I reckon I'm the only Capt. Spinnet in this quarter."

"Ah, I'm glad of that, for I feared you had gone to sea."

"If you'd a'come a day later, I guess you would 'ave found me gone."

"Then I'm just in time."

"P'haps so," laconically replied the fisherman, as he gave another whiff at the old pipe.

"You have been recommended to me as a man who might be trusted."

"I never get trusted, stranger. I'm one o' those kind as pays every thing on the nail."

"Ah, you misunderstood me," said the new comer, with a smile. "I alluded to your faithfulness when placed in charge of an important trust."

"That's it, eh! Then I'll find a man that says Jed Spinnet ain't as honest as a hard silver dollar, I'd like to see him," and the old man's fist came down with a tremendous thump upon the bottom of the boat.

"I don't doubt it in the least," replied the stranger; and now I'll tell you what I want of you. I have a large quantity of goods not far from here, which I wish to have carried to Havana. Do you think you could find the way there?"

"Just give me a true chart, and I reckon I can put Betsy Jenkins through anywhere."

"Who is Betsy Jenkins?" asked the stranger, while another smile played around his mouth.

"Do you see that schooner out there?"

"Yes."

"Well, that's Betsy Jenkins," replied the old fisherman, as he cast a look of pride at his favorite craft.

"That depends all tewgether 'pun circumstances, stranger."

"The business is honest, the cargo is light, and the pay shall be good. You must have it on board before the week is out, and get out as soon as possible."

"You say the cargo is light—might I ask what it is?"

"I said it was light, because there is but little of it; but what there is, is iron machinery for putting up steam engines on the sugar plantations. The vessel in which it was shipped from Liverpool was cast away near Gouldsborough, and now I must find some other conveyance."

In less than an hour it was settled that the Betsy Jenkins should be "put through" to Havana, and all the preliminaries were satisfactorily arranged to that effect. Capt.

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