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**ALEX. MACRAE, JR.**  
IMPORTER OF  
CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHEN  
WARE,  
and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of  
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,  
South Side of Market Street,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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IMPORTER AND DEALER IN  
HARDWARE, IRON,  
STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,  
Front Street, 3 doors South of  
Market Street,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**T. SOUTHWARD & CO.**,  
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON  
FOUNDERS.  
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.  
CORNER MILLBURY and NORTH WATER STREETS,  
WILMINGTON, NO. CA.  
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GENERAL  
COMMISSION MERCHANT  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight  
and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.

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

**WILKINSON & ESSLER**,  
CASH DEALERS IN  
Consignment, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles,  
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,  
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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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J. D. Bellamy, Esq.,  
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington,  
Messrs. Tinker, Smith & Co.,  
Thompson & Hunter,  
Alex. H. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia  
Messrs. Williams & Butler, Charleston, S. C.  
H. F. Baker, Esq.,  
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General Commission Merchants,  
37 1-2 North Wharves,  
PHILADELPHIA.

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J. S. C. DAGGETT, Esq.,  
W. S. NEWMAN, Esq.,  
ROBERT NELSON, Esq.,  
Messrs. MOSE, TAYLOR & CO.,  
J. H. BOWKER & CO.,  
J. & D. McRAE,  
460. HARRISS, Esq.,  
April 5, 1850. 9-ffc.

**MARTIN & CROLY**,  
AUCTIONEERS,  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
AND  
GENERAL AGENTS,  
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**JOSEPH H. FLANNER**,  
General Commission Merchant,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Oct. 30th, 1850. 87-ly-c.

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

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

**GEO. H. KELLY**,  
COMMISSION MERCHANT.  
Next door to A. A. WATSON, on North Water street  
will attend to the sale of all kinds of Country Pro-  
duce, such as Corn, Peas, Meal, Beans, Lard, &c.,  
and will receive constantly on hand a full supply of  
Groceries, &c.

**ALEXANDER MATTHEWS**,  
INSPECTOR OF LUMBER AND TIMBER,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
March 19, 1850. 1-ff.

**SWAGE & MEARES**,  
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS  
AND  
AUCTIONEERS,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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General Commission Merchants,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**CORNELIUS DUPRE**,  
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN  
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oils,  
Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars,  
Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c., &c.,  
MARKET STREET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Prescriptions carefully compounded by experi-  
enced 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, Cargoes, Freight &c.  
at a reasonable rate of Premiums in any other In-  
stitution of the kind in the Country. The Capital  
of this Company is \$475,000. H. NUTT,  
Wilmington, Aug. 19, 1850. 65-ly.

**J. C. LATTA**,  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
AND GENERAL AGENT,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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FASHIONABLE MILLINERY AND DRESS  
MAKING ESTABLISHMENT,  
On Second St. opposite Mr. O. G. Parsley's.  
ALWAYS ON HAND  
A handsome assortment of Cloaks and Man-  
tillas of the latest style.  
Nov. 19, 1850. 105-ly-c.

**WEST & HEWLETT**,  
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants  
AND  
GENERAL AGENTS,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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G. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,  
Barry, Bryant & Adams, E. P. Hall,  
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**DR. W. E. FREEMAN**,  
HOMEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,  
Front St., one door south Messrs. Polley & Hart,  
Dec. 23, 1849. 120-0

**JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM**,  
General Commission Merchant,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Cash advances on consignments to me, or  
to my friends in New York.  
Oct. 23, 1850. 93-y.

**JOS. B. RUSSELL**,  
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.

**ANDERSON & LATIMER**,  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
SOUTH WATER STREET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Sep. 27, 1850. 82-ly-c.

**LIFE INSURANCE.**  
THE MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE INSU-  
RANCE, continues to take Risks on Lives  
on fair terms.  
SURPLUS OVER 1,000,000.  
JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM, Agt.,  
Dec. 12, 1850. 94-ff.

**LIFE INSURANCE**  
IN THE NATIONAL LOAN FUND 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  
DEROSSSET & BROWN,  
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**J. E. TOOMER**,  
COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
AND GENERAL AGENT,  
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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**J. & D. McRAE & Co.**  
General Commission Merchants,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Particular attention paid to procuring freights  
and purchasing cargoes for vessels.  
JOHN McRAE, DONALD McRAE, JOHN W. McRAE,  
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COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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Wilmington, N. C.,  
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commer-  
cial Bank,  
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**T. C. WORTH**,  
Commission and Forwarding  
MERCHANT,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**MOLASSES.**  
50 HHDs. prime sweet Cuba Molasses, for sale  
by  
J. HATHAWAY & SON,  
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**WM. ALLSTON GOURDIN**,  
FACTOR,  
No. 4 East-Bay Charleston South Carolina,  
is prepared to make LIBERAL ADVANCES ON  
CONSIGNMENTS OF  
RICE, COTTON, CORN, SUGAR, FLOUR,  
GRAIN, HAY, &c.

**J. HATHAWAY & SON**,  
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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**GEO. MYERS**,  
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,  
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND  
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provision, Wood and Iron-  
line Ware, Feeds, Confectionaries, &c., &c.  
SOUTH FRONT STREET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
AND  
GENERAL AGENTS,  
THOS. F. GAUSE. JOHN C. BOWDEN.  
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O. G. Parsley, Commercial Bank  
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J. & D. McKee & Co.,  
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30 Gross Clay Pipes, for sale by  
J. B. RUSSELL,  
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**COW PEAS.**  
50 BUSHELS, for sale by  
DEROSSSET & BROWN,  
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**CEMENT.**  
A SUPPLY of first rate, constantly on hand, and  
for sale by  
E. J. LUTTERLOH, A. C.  
Oct. 12. 99-ff.

**VALUABLE REAL ESTATE FOR SALE**  
THE subscriber offers for sale his plantation in  
Brunswick County, at the brick house Ferry, 2  
miles from Wilmington, where are about twenty  
acres of old swamp land, and four embankments,  
with an upland situation, twenty acres or upwards  
of which are enclosed. Said place from its situa-  
tion on the river, and at the junction of two public  
highways is thought to command a fine prospect for  
doing a variety of profitable business apart from its  
farming advantages. Persons desiring a situation for  
trade, or merchandize, for opening a public house  
and stables, or for carrying on timber, lumber and  
turpentine business could perhaps suit themselves  
better. Conditions can be made conformable to  
the purchaser. Persons wishing to purchase can  
call upon the subscriber, and see for themselves.  
W. M. D. MOORE,  
1-3-20  
Jan. 1.

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

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 more 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 Saddlery, Whips,  
Sulley Harness, Saddle Bags, Saddles,  
Gentlemen's Ladies' 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,  
Fanny 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 custo-  
mers.  
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 harness, and will, through the season a good  
assortment of Fly Nets.  
All are invited to call and examine my Goods,  
whether in want or not, as I take pleasure in show-  
ing my assortment to all who may favor me with a call.  
Harness and Coach Trimmings sold at a fair price  
to persons buying in bulk.  
Also, Whips on wheels.  
All kinds of Riding Vehicles bought and sold on  
commissions. JOHN J. CONOLEY,  
June 13. 29

**BACON AND LARD.**  
4000 LBS. Bacon Shoulders  
Lard in Kegs and Barrels just received  
and for sale by  
J. HATHAWAY & SON,  
Sept. 10. 10

**BILLS OF EXCHANGE.**  
A FRESH supply of Bills of Exchange, an ele-  
gant impression, which will be sold in sheets  
or bound in books to order, just received  
and for sale at THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE.  
Jan. 26. 133.

**JEWELRY! JEWELRY!!**  
JUST received, from the North, an elegant and ex-  
tensive assortment of Jewellery, Gold and Silver  
Watches, Clocks, Plated Ware, 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 com-  
mencement in business, and having now procured  
a complete stock, we will in future be able to  
despatch, at the shortest notice, every description of  
requisite requisite to adjust and accurately time—  
Chronometers, Horizontal, Duplex, Lever, Repeat-  
ing, and Vernal Watches.  
N. B. Clocks, Jewellery, 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. C.  
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:  
Dr. Chas. E. Johnson, President,  
Wm. D. Haywood, Vice President,  
Jas. F. Jordan, Secretary,  
Wm. H. Jones, Treasurer,  
Perrin Jones, Attorney,  
Dr. Chas. E. Johnson, Agent for Raleigh,  
Dr. Wm. H. McKee, Agent for Wilmington,  
Dr. R. B. Haywood, Agent for Columbia.

This Company has received a charter giving  
advantages to the insured over any other Com-  
pany. 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 re-  
presentative of the husband or any of his creditors.  
Organized on purely mutual principles, the life  
members participate in the whole of the profits  
which are divided annually. Besides, the appli-  
cant for life, when the annual premium is over \$25  
may pay one bill in a Note.  
All insurances for insurance against the Company will  
be held within ninety days after proof of the death  
of the party is furnished.  
Six years 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  
show a very large amount of business—more than  
thirty insurances being effected during the year—  
All C. on applications on business of the Company  
should be addressed to  
JAN. F. JORDAN,  
Secretary,  
Raleigh, April 1, 1850. 84-1.

**BILLS OF LADING, &c.**  
POLIO POST BILLS OF LADING bound  
in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with  
a variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The Com-  
mercial Office.

**LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!**  
6000 BUSHELS of the best White Lumps; Also  
combined Plaster, Finest Hair, and  
the Brick Hydraulic Cement, 1000-bbls. Lime  
for sale by  
J. C. & R. WOOD,  
Contractors and Builders,  
Dec. 27, 1850. 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 Ledgers, Day-books and others. Hotel Registers,  
Time Books, Notes, Drafts, Copy Books and Memo-  
randum Books.

**COPY YOUR LETTERS!**  
By the use of Francis Manifold Letter Writing  
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, 250  
and 500.

**CROTON INK.**  
If you want good black writing Ink use the Cro-  
ton; flows freely from the pen and retains its color;  
also indelible, Caroline and copying Inks.

**PAPER & STATIONERY.**  
All sizes and styles of writing Paper at Millinery,  
Tissue, Colored, Drawing and Perforated Paper, Enve-  
lopes, Gold Pens, Note Papers, Scrap Books,  
Portfolios, Cards, Quills, Wax, Water Proof Pens,  
Glossy, White, Writing Desks and every variety  
of Fancy Stationery.

**DIARIES FOR 1851.**  
From the full up size to the smallest pocket edi-  
tion 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 50 Cts. and \$1. Sent by Mail free.  
Book Binding executed in any style.  
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,  
Manufacturing Stationers,  
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.

**DEEDS FOR SALE.**  
Warrants Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage or Land  
just printed, in correct form and for sale at the  
Commercial Office.

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

**SPORTSMEN, ATTENTION!**  
JUST Received, a large assortment of Single and  
J Double barrel, Bird, Duck and Deer Guns, of the  
best finish and best style, made by those cele-  
brated makers CRAIG & STOKES, and others of known  
reputation. Guns of all weights and calibre, also,  
Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Game Bags, persus-  
sion Caps, and in fact the best collection of sports-  
men's goods ever offered in this market. Gentle-  
men please call and examine.  
POLLEY & HART,  
Dec. 7. 86

**TO RENT OR SELL.**  
FROM the lot of Oct. next, my store on  
the south side of Market street, now occu-  
pied by the Rev. Mr. McDaniel.  
THOS. D. MEARES,  
Sept. 19. 89-ff

**IN FULL BLAST.**  
**PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER.**  
J & D SCOTT are now offering at their Wood  
and Coal Yard, for sale, 3000 bushels "Red Ash"  
and "Peach Orchard Coal," 2000 Bushels Charcoal,  
150-bbls. Blacksmith's Coal; 1500 cords oak, ash,  
and black jack wood; 600 cords pine, do.  
Families, Hotels and Stores supplied at short no-  
tice. Also, any order for Coal sent from the Country  
will meet with prompt attention. Apply at  
Wagon's wharf, to  
J. & D. SCOTT,  
Nov. 7. 101-ff.

**STOVES AND GRATES.**  
JUST RECEIVED  
Large Supply  
SHIP PARLOR  
CHURCH  
AND OFFICE  
STOVES!  
of the BEST and  
most approved  
PATENT  
wholesale & retail  
ALSO,  
an assortment of  
GRATES & FURNACES,  
Solar, Campbell, Field  
and Oil Lamp, plate and  
Japanned Ware, Steak  
Dishes, (offer Trays, Big  
Dishes, Tea Trays, Wallers,  
Platform and other scales,  
and a variety of other arti-  
cles too numerous to men-  
tion.  
POLLEY & HART,  
Oct. 10. 89

**FRESH ARRIVALS.**  
C. P. O. Sugar & Crashed do;  
Admirable Candles;  
Laguira 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.

**FOR SALE.**  
A FIRST rate second hand Buggy and Harness,  
apply to  
W. E. SMITH, or  
August 15. 65

**GUNNY BAGS.**  
5000 GUNNY Bags in bales, for sale by  
ANDERSON & LATIMER,  
Dec. 7. 113

[FOR THE COMMERCIAL.]  
THE  
**DEVIL AMONG THE TAILORS,**  
IN WILMINGTON.

Mr. Editor:—You probably observed a  
great agitation among a certain portion of  
our worthy citizens the early part of last  
week; I mean the gentlemen who wield the  
needle and shears, commonly styled, Tail-  
ors. But as you possibly may not be ac-  
quainted with the cause and nature of the  
mysterious affair, I will give you what in-  
formation I have on the subject, which may  
be interesting to you and some of your read-  
ers, if you make it public through your  
paper.

You no doubt have heard of the old say-  
ing, viz: "The Devil among the Tailors."—  
Well! that saying was certainly realized.—  
The Devil actually made his appearance  
among them. He showed his cloven feet—  
swelled his tail and cut up his many fantas-  
tic capers, producing general agitation of  
the—wonder, and speculation. As far as I  
understand the particulars I will relate them.

In the early part of last week every Body  
Tailor forsook his counter and shears, and  
every journeyman, the shop-board and needle.  
They were passing to and fro, through the  
streets evidently absorbed by some matter  
of momentous import! Every Body seemed  
to consider it as of exclusive interest to him-  
self, for he passed along wrapped in deep  
thought, and was often seen to enter and  
pass out of a certain hotel many times in the  
day, while the journeymen collected in small  
groups at the corners of the streets or at the  
coffee houses and seemed to discuss the sub-  
ject with great interest and seriousness. At  
length the greater part of the journeymen  
had collected at one of the above mentioned  
places, consisting of men from many countries,  
speaking many languages and brogues.

The all exciting subject was again renewed  
which absorbed the whole of their dis-  
course. I being close by felt interested enough  
to be eaves-dropper, while I pretended to  
read a newspaper.

"By St. George, gentlemen," said an Eng-  
lishman who began to feel a rising of spirits.  
"I tell you it is true. I have it from good au-  
thority. It is capable of doing more in one  
hour, than a thousand of us can do in a day,  
and that without board, washing or clothes.  
Now gentlemen, it is up with us, 'Othello's  
occupation is gone,' as Shakespeare says."

"Mein Gott," exclaimed a German.  
"Mon Dieu! est il possible?" exclaimed  
a Frenchman.

"Oh!" "By my soul, it is the rare Anti-  
christ or the Devil," said a son of the Em-  
erald Isle.

"Yes gentlemen," continued the Eng-  
lishman. "Now is the winter of our discontent."  
By this event we are made worse than the  
negro slaves around us; by placing our in-  
dustrial efforts and bodily powers in competi-  
tion with machinery. All our talents as  
workmen will be of no avail against the  
ravenous untrusting power of a thing like this;  
all the fruits of our labor will be swept from  
us; for labor we shall have none. No longer  
can we raise our heads as honest and in-  
dependent workmen; no longer shall be ca-  
pable of supporting our families; no longer  
shall we be able to buy a horn; Oh horrible!  
There are but two things left us of which to  
choose:—Either to pack up our kit and off to  
California, or united stand in open rebellion  
to this monster power, which will play the  
devil with us."

"Look-here gentlemen," said a native  
from somewhere. "I'll be dog darned if the  
Englishman isn't right—their's my senti-  
ments exactly. We must rise in rebellion to  
this damned eternal critter, whatever it be;  
machine, monster or devil. Who cares for  
it? I don't. May be eternally squeezed  
into something less than nothing, when my  
daughter is up I could not knock it to the other  
side of creation. Come boys follow me, we  
will go and see it any how—whooop!"

The rest of the group having assented to  
the speech of the last speaker, fortified their  
resolve with a little more of the Aqua vitæ;  
then started in a body to the place where the  
object of their wrath and curiosity was said  
to be. I followed at a small distance feeling  
as much curiosity if not indignation as they  
did, to behold this wonderful thing which so  
much aroused and alarmed them. They  
arrived at the hotel, entered, and ran up  
stairs and soon found the room, opened the  
door and rushed in much to the surprise of  
those within. I slipped in as one of the party.  
When we entered we found several  
Boas Tailors, and several other persons out  
of the profession, seated around the room,  
and in the centre stood the object which had  
excited so much commotion among our party.  
It was not a monster of flesh and blood as  
some supposed; neither was it old Nick him-  
self as others supposed; but simply a machine  
of many complicated parts which, though to  
us quite incomprehensible, yet gave evi-  
dence of forming one connected whole, de-  
signed and adapted to some particular end  
and use. Close by the machine stood a  
gentleman of very thin visage, a very pointed  
beard, a very thin lip, a very thin nose, and  
a very lean speculating eye; he was one of  
the proprietors and director of the working  
phenomenon. I will give an explanation of  
it in his own words as well as I can recollect.  
When he perceived our entrance, with a very  
bland smile and polite bow he passed the  
compliment of the day; wished us to be  
seated, and said something to the effect that  
he was glad gentlemen of so honorable and  
respectable a profession chose to honor him  
with a visit to test the powers of his machine.  
This cordial reception immediately put a stop  
to the belligerent and destructive propensi-  
ties of our party; so they sat themselves  
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