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TAKE pleasure in informing my friends, that I am prepared to give all business entrusted to me efficient and personal attention. I have a wharf for Naval Stores, with ample accommodations, Spirit House, and Warehouse. Consignments of Naval Stores for sale or shipment; and all kinds of country produce solicited. Cash advances made on consignments.

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ALEX. DeRIE, Jr.
IMPORTER OF
CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHENWARE,
and wholesale retailer 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 7

WILLIAM H. 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. Hall, Sickett & 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, " }
" J. & J. P. 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.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.

REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq., }
O. G. Parsley, Esq., }
J. A. Taylor, Esq., } Wilmington.
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., } New York.
" Thompson & Hunter, }
Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, } 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., } Phil'a.
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.
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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. Winnett'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 constantly on hand a full supply of Groceries, &c.

References.
Willes Hall, of Wayne, John McRae, Wilmington,
W. Conaway, " G. m. Alx. McRae, "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 13, 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, 1 9 11'-tf.

CORNELIUS DuPRE.
WHOLE SALE AND RETAL DEALERS IN
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars, Old 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 Capitol 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,
HOMEOPATHIC PHYSICIAN,
Front st., one door south Messrs. Polley & Hart.
Dec. 23, 1849. 120-6

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Cash advances made on consignments to me, or to my friends in New York.
Oct. 2 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. 82-1y-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.
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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. 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.
REFERENCES.
GOURDIN, MATTHIESSEN & Co } Charleston S. C.
GEORGE A. HOPLEY, }
ALONZO J. WHITE, }
TANDY WALKER, Esq., - - - - Greenville S. C.
May 21, 1850. 29-1y-c.

J. HATHAWAY & SON.
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
J. HATHAWAY. J. L. HATHAWAY.
Oct. 15. 91

GEO. MYERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, 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. "
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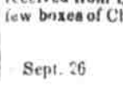
FOR SALE.



A Good family Carriage, suitable for a Hack, of good and substantial material, will be sold or exchanged for a light buggy. Apply at the *Commercial office.*
July 9. 48.

CIGARS! CIGARS!!
25,000 SUPERIOR Havanna, Regalia and Principe Cigars, favorite brands, just received from Baltimore and for sale cheap. Also a few boxes of Chewing Tobacco by
C. DuPRE, Druggist,
Market Street.
Sept. 26 83

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 tid swamp land, under fair embankments, with an upland situation, twenty acres or upwards of which are enclosed. Said place, from its situation 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 not perhaps suit themselves better. Conditions can be made convenient to the purchaser. Persons wishing to purchase can call upon the subscriber, and see for themselves.
W. M. D. MOORE.
Jan. 1. 1-3-2m

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 comaissions.
JOHN J. CONOLEY.
June 13. 39

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 elegant impression, which will be sold in sheets or quires, 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 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-t

THE NORTH CAROLINA MUTU
LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
RALEIGH, N. C.
THE above Company has been in operation since the 1st of April, 1848, under the direction of the following Officers, viz:
Dr. Chas. E. Johnson, President,
Wm. D. Haywood, Vice President,
James F. Jordan, Secretary,
Wm. H. Jones, Treasurer,
Perrin Busbee, Attorney,
Dr. Charles E. Johnson, } *Medical board of*
Dr. Wm. H. McKee, } *Consultation.*
Dr. R. B. Haywood, }
J. Hersman, 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 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 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. R. 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.

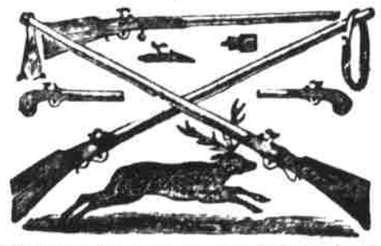
CROTON INK.
If you want good black writing Ink use the Croton; flows freely from the pen and retains its color; also Indelible, Carmine and copying Inks.

PAPER & STATIONERY.
All sizes and styles of writing Paper at Mill price; Tissue, Colored, Drawing and Perforated Paper, Envelopes, Gold Pens, Note Papers, Scrap Books, Portfolios, 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&t-tf.

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

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

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.

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

CEMENT.
A SUPPLY of first rate, constantly on hand, and for sale by E. J. LUTTERLOH, Ag't.
Oct. 12. 90-tf.

NEW SP'TS TURP'TINE BARRELS.
OF large sizes, and first quality workmanship for sale by
J. R. BLOSSOM.
March 21. 3-tf

From Scott's weekly Paper.

LINES
ON THE DEATH OF A FAVORITE CAT.

BY SANGUIS.

Grimalkin's dead, that good old cat,
We ne'er shall see him more,
His coat, though chiefly silver white,
With black, was varied o'er,
Full fourteen years his steps he led
O'er life's uncertain track—
He had one spot upon his head,
And three upon his back.

Where'er he heard the well known call
Of "puss," he came in haste—
Two ears, both white and rather small,
Upon his head were placed.
And prompt to save the garnered grain,
The plundering rat he slew—
His face was quite demure and plain,
And he had whiskers too.

He lived in peace with nought to dread—
No care his joys to break—
But, when the festive board was spread,
He *sometimes* took a steak.
To drive invading foes away,
In strife he would engage—
His tail was somewhat dappled grey,
And shorter grown by age.

But good old Tom is sleeping now,
Nor heeds misfortune's frown;
When angry looks o'errpread his brow,
His tail ran up and down.
Though oft to roam he had a mind,
Yet home to him was sweet—
To purr he sometimes was inclined,
But never wet his feet.

His varied sports when life was young
Beguiled my early hours;
To him in childish glee I sung,
And wreathed his neck with flowers.
I shared with him a thousand plays—
His pranks were ever new—
He never mewed on stormy days,
As many kittens do.

Thus varied scenes he journeyed through,
Nor drew his parting breath,
Until to good old age he grew,
And silent slept in death.
Though now he lies in calm repose,
His fate we sorrow at—
For every body said he was
A fine old Thomas Cat.

IMPORTANT INVENTION.

An Automaton Sempstress.—Mr. Allen B. Wilson, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, has recently obtained a patent for a machine, by which sewing of all descriptions is executed in a very rapid manner, and in fineness and strength superior to hand work.

The simplicity of the mechanism, its diminutiveness, and the amount of work which it accomplishes are truly astonishing. A single machine occupies so little space that it can be put inside a man's hat, and yet by the turning of a small crank, the instrument will sew *ten times faster* than any sempstress. It can be used for any kind of sewing, fine or coarse, or for embroidery. Every part of a man's dress, coat, vest and pantaloons—button holes excepted—can be made by this machine, also, ladies dresses, shirt bosoms, capa, collars, &c. In fact there is scarce a single branch of needlework to which this instrument cannot be applied, sewing ten times faster, finer, and stronger than by hand.

A DUELLING ANECDOTE.

Two Spanish officers recently met to fight a duel outside the gates of Bilboa, after the seconds had failed to reconcile the beligerents. "We wish to fight—to fight to death," they replied to the representations of their companions. At this moment, a poor fellow, looking like the ghost of Romeo's apothecary, approached the seconds, and, in a lamentable voice, said, "Gentlemen, I am a poor artisan, with a large family, and if you would—" "My good man, don't trouble us now," cried one of the officers, "don't you see my friends are going to split each other? We are not in charitable humor." "It is not alms I ask for," said the man; "I am a poor carpenter, with eight children, and my wife is sick; and having heard that those gentlemen were bout to kill each other, I thought of asking you to let me make the coffins."

At these words the individuals about to commence the combat burst into a loud fight of laughter, and simultaneously throwing down their swords, shook hands with each other, and walked away.

SHOCKING DEATH.

An old man, named Collier, aged about sixty-one or two years came to a sudden and awful death on Wednesday last, at Branchville. The old gentleman was walking round and gazing about, and having stopped on the railroad track, was, without previous notice, suddenly run upon by the locomotive "Rio Grande," attached to a borthen train and his head and arm completely severed from his body. The body was then caught under the ash-pan, rapped up, and mangled in a frightful manner. Persons ought to be exceedingly careful how they venture on the railroad track, and engineers should be made to pay dearly for thus trifling with human life when they have the note of warning always in their reach, and fail to use it.

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