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BUSINESS NOTICES.

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and Commission Merchant.

TAKE occasion to inform my friends, and the public generally, that I am prepared to give all business entrusted to me my personal attention. I have a wharf on Naval Stores, with ample accommodations, Spirits Turpentine, and Varnishes. Consignments of Naval Stores or other articles solicited, and liberal cash advances made on consignments.
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ALEX. MacRAE, 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.
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J. M. ROBINSON,
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. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERY & NORTH WATER STS.
WILMINGTON, NO. CA.
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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., Col. John McRae, Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, Will Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C. } Wilmington, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., Joseph Utley, Esq., } Fayetteville, N. C.
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia.
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" Hunting & Tufts, Boston.
" J. & G. P. Titcomb, Kennebunk, Me.
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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.
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General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

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REFER TO
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Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, Messrs. Tower, Smyth & Co., " Thompson & Hunter, } New York.
Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, H. P. Baker, Esq., } Charleston, S. C.
Jan. 2, 1850. 123-tf.

HERON & MARVIN
General Commission Merchants,
37 1-2 North Wharves,
PHILADELPHIA,

REFER TO
Messrs. THOS. WATSON & SONS, JNO. C. DACOSTA, Esq., WM. S. NEILSON, Esq., ROBERT NEILSON, Esq., } Phila.
Messrs. MOSES, TAYLOR & Co., " J. H. BROWER, & Co., } New York
" J. & D. McRAE, GEO. HARRISS, Esq. } Wilmington.
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AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 3 1850. 85tf.

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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.
Jan. 2, 1850. 1-y.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.

NOW LOADING A VESSEL on North Water street will attend to the sale of Naval Stores or Country Produce, Bacon, Corn, Flour, Meal, Bacon, Lard, &c., and will at all times be prepared to furnish a full supply of Groceries.

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Jno. C. Dacosta, Esq., Wm. S. Neilson, Esq., Phila.
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, N. C. } Fayetteville.
Dec. 12, 1850. 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.

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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, 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, Cargoes, Freight &c at as reasonable rates of Premium as any other Institution of the kind in the Country. The Capitol of this Company is $375,000.
H. NUTT.
Wilmington, Aug. 18, 1850. 65-1y.

J. C. LATTA,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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, G. W. Davis, Barry, Bryant & Adams, George Harriss, John Dawson, O. G. Parsley, E. P. Hall, Edward Cantwell.
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JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Cash advances made on consignments to me, or to my friends in New York.
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ANDERSON & LATIMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
SOUTH WATER STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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
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AND GENERAL AGENT.
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General Commission Merchants,
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

REFER TO
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T. C. WORTH:
Commission and Forwarding
MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 1, 1850. 145-12 m.

WM. ALLSTON 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, Matthiessen & Co, George A. Hopley, Alonzo J. White, } Charleston S. C.
Tandy Walker, Esq., - - - - Greenville S. C.
May 21, 1850. 29-1y-c.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
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GEO. MYERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c. &c.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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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Commission Merchant and Ship Broker,
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D. STUART & SON.
WHOLESALE GROCERS
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
IMPORTERS OF RIO COFFEE, &c.
EXCHANGE PLACE
Opposite the Exchange Hotel,
BALTIMORE.
REFER TO:
Messrs Dodd, Grant & Brown, Mr. J. M. Robinson, } Wilmington.
Jan. 18. 130 2op

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 fat swamp land, under fine 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 Saddle 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 be throughout 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. CONOLLY.
June 13. 50

BACON AND LARD.

4000 LBS. Bacon Shoulders
Land in Kegs and Barrels just received and for sale by J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Sept. 10. 90

BILLS OF EXCHANGE.

A FEW sets of Bills of Exchange on sheep-skin paper, which will be sold in sheets or quires on as reasonable terms as any other Books to order just received and for sale at THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE.
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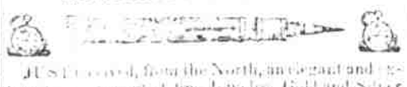
JEWELRY! JEWELRY!!



JUST received, from the North, an elegant and select assortment of fine Jewelry, Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks, Fancy 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 meet the continuance of the patronage we have received since our commencement in business, and having now procured a new, and 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. 103-t

THE NORTH CAROLINA MUTUAL
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, Dr. Wm. H. McKee, Dr. R. B. Haywood, } Medical Board of Consultation.
J. Heesman, 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.*

TOBACCO.

3 BOXES "Gravely's" best chewing Tobacco,
2 " "Eldorado" " "
1 " Mellow Ridge " "
PERRIN & HARTSFIELD.
Jan. 11 127-tf.

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 Offices, 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 can be copied while written at the same time, the Ink is not given to sheets; the pen never wears out; both expeditious and economical; price $1, 2, 2.50 and 3.00.

CROTON INK.

If you want good black writing Ink use the Croton; flows free 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, Portfolios, Cards, Quills, Wax, Wafers, Steel Pens, Chessmen; Wallets, Writing Desks, and every variety of Fancy Stationery.

DIARIES FOR 1851.

From the full flap 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 or 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 CHASEE & 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, ash, and black jack wood; 500 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 tarnished Ware, Steak Dishes, Coffee Urns, Bigelow, Tea Trays, Waiters, Platform and other Scales and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.
POLLEY & HART.
Oct. 10. 99

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.

CEMENT.

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

RAZORS.

THE best kind of Razors, just received from the best English Manufactories, for sale cheap, and warranted by
J. M. ROBINSON.
Wilmington, N. C. Dec. 3, 1850 111.

TAKING THE CENSUS.

BY OCEANUS.

'Madam, I have called to take the census.'

'The *senses*, is it; and what *like* do ye call the same?

'I wish to send a return to Washington of the number of your family.

'Shure, now, it's joking ye are. Is it Congressman you would make ov us?

'Oh, no, it's only to find out how many sons there are in the Union.'

'Well, thin, ax *mee* the questions, and if they are dacent, it's meself as will answer."

'Begin with the eldest, and inform me their names and occupations.'

'First there is Teddy—and a fine broth uv a boy is he—he's forty-five years, and is an elevator and discinder by thrade.'

'A what, madam? I do not understand.'

'It's Inglish I'm speaking, pure Malasian Inglish.'

'I do not apprehend you.'

'Apprehend *me*, is it, ye dirty loon? Its more nor the likes ov you can do, that same. For two pays I'd skin ye as I would a pratie.'

'Don't get into a passion; you misconceive me. I merely wished to say I do not understand your husband's trade.

'Why don't ye spake english, thin, Teddy carries up bricks for new houses and brings them down from old ones.'

'I perceive; he is a laborer.'

'Just the same, vulgarly speaking.'

'In what county was he born?'

'Ballinalee, County Longford, in ould Ireland, and may the devil burn the spalpeens that druv us from its grane sod.'

'Never mind, madam; I would willingly hear your grievances, but my time is precious. I have but six months to complete my return. Now, your name next if you please.'

'Me name's Biddy. Be the same token as I was blest be the praste be name of Bridget.

'Now, your age?'

'The roast ye, and is it a lady's age ye would be after axin her to her own face?'

'Madam, it is not my intention to insult you; but these questions must be asked, and there is a heavy penalty incurred by those who refuse to answer, which can be recovered by law.'

'Is it the law ye would be after threatening me wid, and me son Pat one of the Polace, too? Do ye think it's his blissid murthur he'd be saying in limbo, when it's only a word he'd have to spake to the Mare to git her out?'

'Am I to understand, then, you refuse to give you age?'

'Jist the same, and I defy ye to find it out.'

'It's not so very material, so I shall put you down at fifty years.

'Murther! and a lie is it ye would be afther sinding to the President? when he can say I am only forty two if he but tuk the trouble to examine the parish register in Roscommon, where—'

'Thank you, madam, and now we will proceed with the rest.'

'But ye haven't axed all the questions about myself, yit."

'I have your name, age, and place of birth.'

'Throe for ye, so ye have, ye cunning divil; and don't ye know my thrade?'

'Not at all; I have your husband's.'

'But it's my silf that thinks ye ought to put it down. I'm a char, and iv yerself or any uv yer frinds have any job in me line, going out to days work or the likes, ye can jist spake a good word for a dacent body?'

'I shall certainly always remember you!—Now for the next oldest.'

'That's Pat, and he's twenty-three, baring a few months.'

'I think you said he is a Policeman?'

'Yes shure, but can't ye put him down a Public Funshunary, as he calls himself? It sounds more illegand, and should the friends in the auld country iver happen to say the book ye are writing, it's proud they will be.'

'Who comes next?'

'The next will be Dennie. He is twenty one.'

'What is his occupation?

'Divil the thrade he's got! Isn't he waiting for a vakincy in some of the departments? and he will get it too, for he has a mighty influence at the Powls. He runs with the Fre Iugins, when they will let him pull the rope; and when they won't, why he jist hayves stones at thim. Independent is Dennis—highly independent.'

'Who next? Please give them to me in rotation.'

'Nixt come Maggy; she's nineteen—Thin Tim and Miles, they are siventeen next lady's day.

'Yis, sure, then were all tray uv them born twins; and thin there's Kate, she's fourteen; and Biddy, she's twelve; and Dan O'Connel, he's ten, thin comes Sucky, she's eight; and Luke, he's four; thin Jim, he's two, and—that's all at Present!'

'Why, madam, you have a large family, and are fortunate to have them all living, for I presume you have had no death in your family circle.

'And is it the grief uv my heart ye would be now rakin' up about my childer that is dead, waked and buried in ould Ireland?—Haven't I lost four as swate babes as iver was born?'

'Excuse me, but in enumerating your family I forgot to ask you how many was born in the country?'

'Jist none at all! Didn't we come over the deep say just a twelve month last Eayster?'

'Indeed! How came it then that your son is a public officer?'

'Why didn't he fight and vote at the powls last election, and what foor shouldn' he be awarded for his patriotism?'

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