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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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AND AGENT
FOR THE SALE OF TIMBER, LUMBER.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco, Segars, &c.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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REFER TO
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PHILADELPHIA,
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ROBERT NEILSON, Esq., }
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GEO. HARRISS, Esq. }
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NEW YORK.
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March 17 1850. 1-y.

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W. Caraway, " Gen. Alex. McRae, "
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INSPECTOR of LUMBER and TIMBER,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 19, 1850. 1-tf.

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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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WHOLE SALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN
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MARKET STREET,
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Prescriptions carefully compounded by experienced persons.
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H. NUTT.
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Nov. 19, 1850. 105-1y-c.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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.

ANDERSON & LATIMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
SOUTH WATER STREET.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Sep. 27, 1850. 82-1y-c.

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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
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May be effected by application to
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Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear, } Wilmington, N. C.
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank, }
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T. C. WORTH:
Commission and Forwarding
MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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.
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GEORGE A. HOPLEY,
ALONZO J. WHITE,
TANDY WALKER, Esq., - - - - Greenville S. C.
May 21, 1850. 29-1y-c.

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Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
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AND
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O. G. Parsley, " Commercial Bank.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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WHOLESALE GROCERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
IMPORTERS OF RIO COFFEE, &c.
EXCHANGE PLACE,
Opposite the Exchange Hotel,
BALTIMORE.
REFER TO:
Messrs. DeRosset & Brown, } Wilmington,
Mr. J. M. Robinson,
Jan 1- 130-3mp.

BUSINESS CARDS.

DR. JAMES E KEA,
Surgical and Mechanical Dentist.
Office over Mr. Agostine's Store, Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan 30, 1850. J. & N. C. T. copy 3m. 135-tf.

B. T. ELDER & CO.
Commission Merchants,
CORNER OF PRATT AND COMMERCE ST., BALTIMORE.
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" DeROSSET & BROWN, } Wilmington.
" SAVAGE & MEARES, }
Feb. 1, 1851. 136-3moep.

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
General Commission and Forwarding Merchant
Prompt personal attention given to Consignments for sale or Shipment.
And liberal cash advances made on Consignments to me or to my New York friends.
Wilmington, Jan. 30, 1851. 135-tf.

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COMMISSION MERCHANT,
130 WATER STREET, N. Y.
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Feb. 6. 133-1m

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THE best kind of Razors, just received from the best English Manufactories, for sale cheap, and warranted by
J. M. ROBINSON.
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A SUPPLY of first rate, constantly on hand, and for sale by E. J. LUTTERLOH, Ag't.
Oct. 12. 90-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
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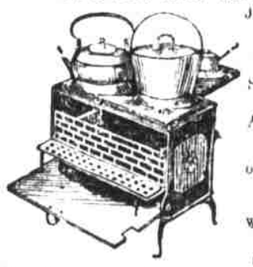

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POLLEY & HART.
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FROM the 1st of Oct. next, my store on the south side of Market street, now occupied by the Rev. Mr. McDaniel.
THOS. D. MEARES,
Apply in his absence to ED. G. MEARES.
Sept. 19. 80-tf

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, hickory, 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.

DEEDS FOR SALE.
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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.
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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.
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BILLS OF LADING, &c.
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FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
Manufacturing Stationers,
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.
LEWIS FRANCIS,
CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
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RUBBER GOODS.
UNION INDIA RUBBER COMPANY,
19 Nassau St., New York.
Manufacture and have for sale on favorable terms the largest stock of
"Goodyear's Patent Metallic Rubber Goods"
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Jan. 16. 129-3m

MANHATTAN LIFE INSURANCE CO,
(CITY OF NEW YORK)
CASH CAPITAL $100,000.
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This Company insures persons whilst travelling in public conveyances against *Accidental Injury or Death*, at rates not exceeding one cent per hour.
The person injured will receive from $200 to $500 according to the severity of the injury. This Company also insures all persons without regard to age, sex or health, against DEATH BY ACCIDENT from any cause. Also, *Life Insurance on the Mutual Plan*, for a term of years or for life, whereby the person insured participates in the profits of the Company.
Applications for Life Insurance received, and Accident Policies issued by EDWARD CANTWELL Esq. Attorney at Law, Agent, Wilmington N. C.
Jan. 21, 1850. 131-4m.

CANNON'S LINE OF
BALTIMORE PACKETS.
THE subscriber intends running a regular weekly line of Packets between Wilmington and Baltimore, consisting of six A. 1. fast sailing schooners,
Constitution, Sarah Conner, Virginia Griffith, Palestine, Gazelle, Geo. W. Robinson.
Persons purchasing goods in Baltimore and wishing them forwarded without delay, will please direct them shipped by this line.
JOHN W. CANNON, Agent,
Baltimore, Md.
J. & D. McRAE, Agents, Wilmington, N. C.
Jan. 25, 1-51. 133 tf
Fayetteville Observer, and Salisbury Watchman, copy 3 months.

OUR INTENTION AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR SPRING & SUMMER.
IN addition to our already accomplished corpse of cutters, we have succeeded in securing the services of one of the most eminent Pants and Vest cutters known in the fashionable world. Under his direction and supervision, those Garments will hereafter be manufactured--so that we can promise the greatest inducements known in our
MERCHANT TAILORING DEPARTMENT.
Our recent importations of Cloths, Cassimeres and Vestings, presents an unusually attractive selection, comprising the most beautiful and choice assortment of patterns ever offered in this Country, in time for Spring trade. One of our Cutters will visit Wilmington and exhibit a portion of this splendid assortment, and will receive orders for suits at the time.
We wish it destinctly understood that in our business in all its departments, we defy competition.
SCOTT & BALDWIN,
Market St.
Feb 13 141.

A Swollen Head And The Manner Of Treating It.

Smith and Rogers are *good*-looking, middle-aged gentlemen, and very clever, worthy, and talented fellows, too, and tolerable prosperous in the affairs of the world; but strange to tell, they will occasionally get out on a bit of a lark, without the advice and consent of their constitutional advisers—*id est*, their wives. Now, it happened last week that, after "making a night of it" together, and indulging in a brief morning nap, they met at the barber's.

"*Good morning*, Smith," said Rogers.—"How do you find yourself?"

"Pretty bright, Rogers," said Smith,—"head a little queer though."

"Ah, indeed!" said Rogers. "Fact—does look a little queer."

"What?" said Smith. "*Look* a little queer! What do you mean by that?"

"Why, Smith, I don't mean any offence.—I only think your head *does* look a little queer. I think it's swelled *some*."

Smith's face was well lathered, clear up to the temples, and his long hair, brushed backwards, hung over the chair. He suddenly leant forward, and dropping the towel from his neck, and looking into the serious face of Rogers with amazement, he exclaimed:

"You don't mean to say that?"

"But I do, though," said Rogers; "yet it may be only a notion of mine."

"Oh!" said Smith; and he threw his head back again, and the lathering process went on.

By this time Rogers had completed the insertion, around Smith's hat, under the leather lining, where it fits the head, of a copy of the Baltimore "Sun," which he showed to Robinson, a friend who just then stepped in, at the same time placing the point finger of the right hand alongside of his nose, and casting a sly glance towards Smith.

"Good morning, Smith," said Robinson; "how do you find yourself this morning, old friend?"

"Pretty bright, Robinson,' said Smith. 'I hope you are well, my friend.'

"Quite well, I thank'ee, Smith—quite well. But how, what—eh, your head, Mr. Smith; isn't ch—eh—swelled some?"

"Swelled some!' exclaimed Smith; 'swelled some! Eh! how—eh! Robinson, what do you mean?'

"Oh, nothing, Smith, nothing. I *did* think—but it's nothing, I suppose. I thought there was a little tension of the skin—enlargement of the ——a swelling, in fact; but I suppose it's a ——'

"You suppose *i.s* what?'

"Nothing, oh nothing, only just a notion of mine, Smith,' said Robinson. 'It couldn't be that a man's head could spread out of a sudden, I should think.'

"I should think not," said Smith.

The barber was now done with him. "I should think not!' And he repaired to the glass to put on his cravat. 'I should think not, indeed!" and as he surveyed his polished face and sleek hair, he was evidently pleased. "No, no, my boys," he said with a smile. 'Smith has a hard head; Smith's head don't swell for a single frolic!" and Smith laughed a glad kind of laugh, which seemed to indicate an agreeable condition of the inward man, such as a man realizes when he is pleased with himself and the rest of his race.

The barber gently pied the wisp to Smith's back, and Smith's gloves were neatly drawn on, and the barber's boy, as he smoothed its silky surface, said in a soft tone, 'Hat, sir *your* hat?'

"Yes,' said Smith—'yes, thank'ee boy—but! what!—my hat!—yes!—how's this!—too small!—eh, Rogers, that is *my* hat!—why!"

"Smith,' said Rogers, 'the fact is, I think your head is swelled—some.'

"Pshaw!" said Smith, hesitatingly, "that c-a-n-t be; yet—how is this?"

"Depend upon it Smith," said Robinson, "your head *must* be swelled—some."

"Why it can't be, said Smith, very hesitatingly. "It can't be Robinson; how could—but does it really look so?—yet this hat's a——"

"Well, Smith," Robinson continued, "I don't see how a good rubbing could do any harm, especially if cologue should be freely used; and—"

"The fact is," said Smith, "my head would feel better after a little rubbing, I am sure"—and, with the barber's assistance, off went coat vest, and cravat, and down sat Mr. Smith.

"Glug-glug-glug!" said the bottle, and its liquids flowed gratefully over the unfortunate head of the perplexed Mr. Smith; and the palms of the barber's hands played freely around and about it.

"Ah!" said Mr. Smith—"ah!" and again and again he inhaled with a long inspiration the reviving perfume, and then for a time he closed his eyes and gave himself up to the soothing manipulations of the silent and assiduous barber. At length, after the towel, and the comb, and the brush, had been successively applied, and the neck had been well rubbed, and the external head once more presented the appearance of order and neatness, Smith arose and was about to attire himself once more, while his two friends were profoundly absorbed in the morning papers.

"Smith,' said Rogers, suddenly, "try your hat on first. See if you are really benefitted."

Smith took up the hat, from which Rogers had quietly extracted one fold of the paper, and placed it gently upon his head. He took hold of the brim on each side, and drew it down.

"Rogers," said he, "there is improvement; but—my hat will not come on."—Smith said this with some solemnity.

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