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and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of
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South side of Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
HARDWARE, IRON,

STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
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Market street,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Wilmington, May 4, 1850. 27

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, N. C.
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WILLIAM M. HARRISS,
GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANT
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for vessels
REFERENCES:
J. P. Hirsley, Esq. } Wilmington, N. C.
Col. John McRae, }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington } Philadelphia.
Hall, Sexton & Co. } Fayetteville, N. C.
Joseph Utley, Esq.
Messrs. Turner, Garner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co. Philadelphia.
" Thompson & Hunter } New York.
" Pillsbury & Sandford }
" Hunting & Tolles, } do
" J. & J. D. Pitcomb, Kennebunk, Me.
July 17th, 1850.

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

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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GEO. HARRISS,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freight and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.
REFER TO
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O. G. Parsley, Esq., }
J. A. Taylor, Esq., } Wilmington,
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, }
Messrs. Turner, Smyth & Co., } New York.
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Alex'r. Heron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Charleston, S. C.
H. F. Baker, Esq., }
Jan. 2, 1851. 123-tf.

HERON & MARTIN
General Commission Merchants,
37 1-2 North Wharves,
PHILADELPHIA,
REFER TO
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Wm. S. Neilson, Esq., }
Robert Neilson, Esq., }
Messrs. Morse, Taylor & Co., }
" J. H. Brower, & Co., } New York
" J. & D. McRae, }
Geo. Harriss, Esq. } Wilmington.
April 5, 1850. 9-tfc.

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

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 3d, 1850. 87-1y-c.

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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.

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COMMISSION MERCHANT.
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References.
Wilson Hall & Wayne, Donald Rae, Wilmington,
W. Caraway, Gen. Mc. M. Rae, "
N. P. Ives, Washington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 13, 1850. 115-1y.

ALEXANDER MATTHEWS:
INSPECTOR of LUMBER and TIMBER,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
March 12, 1850. 1-tf.

SAVAGE & MEARES,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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LEIGHTON, CHADBOURN & CO.,
General Commission Merchants.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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 2, 1850. 6

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THE undersigned having received the Agency of the
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H. NUTT.
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AND GENERAL AGENT,
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A handsome assortment of Cloaks and Mantillas of the latest style.
Nov. 19, 1850 105-1y-c.

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AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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G. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,
Barry, Bryant & Adams, E. P. Hall,
George Harriss, Edward Cantwell.
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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 ETNA 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. 1-y

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COACH-MAKING; JOBBING AND REPAIRING Horse-shoeing, &c. done with neatness and dispatch:
Corner of Third and Princess Streets opposite Nixon's Livery Stable.
N. S. NEALE, & CO.
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J. & D. McRAE & Co.
General Commission Merchants,
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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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WM. ALSTON GOURDIN,
FACTOR,
No. 1 East-Bay Charleston South Carolina.,
IS PREPARED TO MAKE LIBERAL ADVANCES ON CONSIGNMENT OF
RICE, COTTON, CORN, SUGAR, FLOUR, GRAIN, HAY, &c.
REFERENCES.
Gourdin, Matheesen & Co } Charleston S. C.
George A. Hurley, }
Alonzo J. White, }
Tandy Walker, Esq., - - - - Greenville S. C.
May 21, 1850. 29-1y-c.

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COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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GEO. MYERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Tobacco, Cigars, &c., &c.
FOUR FRONT STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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AND
GENERAL AGENTS
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E. P. Hall, " State Bank.
O. G. Parsley, " Commercial Bank.
John Dawson, Merchant.
J. & D. McRae & Co. "
P. K. Dickinson & CO. "
Dec. 7, 1850.

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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
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THOS. D. BARRY.
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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. DeRosset & Brown, } Wilmington,
Mr. J. M. Robinson, }
Jan. 15. 130-3mp.

BUSINESS CARDS.

DR. JAMES E KEA;
Surgical and Mechanical Dentist.
Office over Mr. Agostine's Store, Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan 29, 1850 J & N. C. Times 3m. 135tf.

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Commission Merchants,
CORNER OF PRATT AND COMMERCE ST BALTIMORE.
Agents for the sale of Provisions, and American Produce generally.
Agents for purchasing Coffee, Sugar, Grain &c. to order
REFER TO
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" DeRosset & Brown, } Wilmington.
" Savage & Mears, }
Feb. 1, 1851. 136-3mos-p.

FOR RENT.

A comfortable dwelling house near the corner of Market and Boundary Streets, can be rented on accommodating terms till the 1st of October next. Apply at this office or to
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Feb. 13. 141

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100 CASKS prime Rice, fresh from Mill. For sale by ANDERSON & LATIMER.
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RAZORS.

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.
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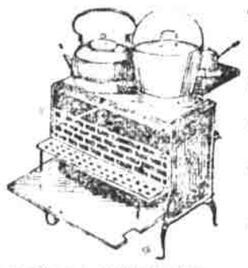

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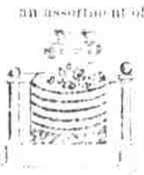
Large Supply
OF
SHIP PARLOR, CHURCH AND OFFICE
STOVES!
of the BEST and most approved PATTERNS which sale & retail
ALSO,
an assortment of



GRATES & FURNACES, Solar, Camphine, Fluid, and Oil Lamps, plain and japanned Ware, Steak Dishes, Coffee Urns, Biggins, Tea Trays, Waiters, Platforms and other Scales and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention.
POLLEY & HART.
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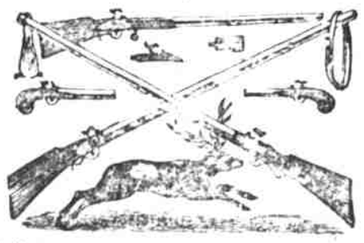
DEEDS FOR SALE.
WARANTO Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage of land just printed, in correct form and for sale at the Commercial Office.

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 the 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, on the great metropolis, which will be sold in sheets or pieces or bound in Books to order, just received and for sale at THE COMMERCIAL OFFICE.
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BILLS OF LADING, &c.
FOLIO POST BILLS OF LADING bound in Books, and loose also Letter Sheets—with a variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The Commercial Office.

LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!
600 BBLS. Lacadaville White Lime; 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
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BUTTER.
25 KEGS Goshen Butter, a prime article, for sale by ANDERSON & LATIMER.
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CORN, CORN, CORN.
3,000 BUSHELS prime, momently expected per schr. Courier, from Baltimore, for sale by J. & D. McRAE & 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
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For all kinds of business, Banks, Public Offices, County clerks, &c. of books with printed heading for Ledgers, Divisions and others. Notes, Registers, Time Books, Notes, Drafts, Copy Paper and Memorandum Books.
COPY YOUR LETTERS!
By the use of Francis' diamond Letter writer. Letters and copies are written at the same time; the Inks contained in the etc; the pens never wear out; both expeditious and economical; price $1, 2, 2,50 and 3,00.
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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.
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All sizes and styles of writing Paper at Millprice; Tissue Colored Drawing and Perforated Paper, Envelopes, Gold Pens, Note Papers, Scrap Books, Portfolios, Gutta Percha Pens, Wax, Wafers Steel Pens, Chessmen; Writing Desks and every variety of Fancy Stationery.
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From the 50 cts. size to the smallest pocket edition containing Alманac Time and Interest Tables, a space for memorandums for every day in the year, &c., suitable for business, Professional or Private use. Price 50c 75 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 5. 31-w&t-tf.

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"
in America. Warranted to stand all climates, consisting of Coats, Cloaks, Ponchos, Leggins, Pants, Caps, Sou'Westers, Blankets, Piano and Table Covers, Camels, Carriage and Horse Clothing, Sailors' and Travelling Bags, Gold Diggers' Exploring and Military Goods, Diving Dresses, Breast Pumps, Syringes and articles for Druggists and Surgeons, Engine and Factory Hose, Gas Tubing, Horse Fenders, Knapp's Patent Premium Cow milker, Machine Belting, Dolls, Toys, Fruit Preservers, Cushions, Pillows, Beds, Whips, Bridles, Wagon and Boat Floats, Boats, Knapsacks, Canteens, Water tanks, Pails, Fire Buckets, &c. Articles for the trade made to order.
Jan. 16. 129-3m

MANHATTAN LIFE INSURANCE CO.
(CITY OF NEW YORK.)
CASH CAPITAL $100,000.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Myndert Van Schaick,	Caleb S. Woodhull,
David Austen,	Edwin D. Magan,
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George Hastings,	

ALONZO A. ALVORD, Pres't.
C. Y. WEMPLE, Secretary.
This Company Insures persons whilst travelling in public conveyances against Accidental Injury or Death, at rates not exceeding one cent per day.
The person injured will receive from $50 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, Wmington N. C.
Jan. 21, 1850. 131 3m

SASH, BLIND
AND DOOR AGENCY.
Formerly conducted by Guy C. Hotchkiss.
THE public are hereby informed that I have been appointed agent for the sale of Window Sash, Blinds and Doors, manufactured by the New Haven Co. and am prepared to fill orders in the above line. The quality of the work of the New Haven Co. is well known in this market. Builders and all persons in want of the above articles, are requested to send in their orders, and they will be promptly filled. Terms invariably cash on delivery.
WM. A. GWYER.
General Agent Commission and Forwarding Merchant.
April 15. 15

BUNGS
OF the best make, and assorted sizes to suit, for sale by the barrel, or any quantity not less than five hundred, by JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.
Jan. 30. 135-tf.

BUTTER & POTATOES
10 KEGS superior Goshen Butter;
30 bbls. planting Potatoes;
5 " White Onions, just received, and for sale by PERRIN & HARTSFIELD.
Feb. 8 13

PINE OIL! PINE OIL!
Reduced to Price cost imported a Q[illegible]
PINE OIL of my manufacture can be obtained at the store of Messrs. POLLEY & HART, and will be furnished to customers by my Wagon every Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at the reduced price of Forty Cents per gallon. Warranted superior to any other for sale in this place.
Oct. 17, 1850. A. H. VANBOKKELEN.

FRIENDS AND FORTUNE.

Mr. Samuel Smithers, at the age of twenty-one, found himself in possession of freedom and a fortune. A rich old uncle, who had acted as his guardian upon the death of Smithers' father, had brought him up in great seclusion at a country town a good many miles from New York. After a decent interval, the young gentleman came to the great metropolis to see a little of life, and was, as might be expected, completely dazzled and bewildered by the splendors of Gotham.

One of his earliest visits was to Peale's Museum where he failed not to be smitten by the charms of a dancer and singer who, in all the glory of whiting, rogue, gauze and artificial flowers, pirouetted and warbled nightly to the admiration of a gaping crowd. Seeing herself the object of attraction to a young gentleman ostentatiously and richly attired, Miss Celestine Rigadoon addressed her notes and steps particularly to this unknown and very verdant admirer. He smiled his satisfaction; she replied by an answering smile; he threw her a bouquet; she pressed it to her heart and raised it to her lips. Poor Smithers was completely fascinated. Had it been possible, he would have declared himself upon the spot. As it was, he went to bed at the Astor, and dreamed of the enchantress, and the next morning called at her house and obtained permission of her mother to pay her a respectful visit. Tho' Miss Celestine was ignorant and conceited, her charms completely blinded the poor young gentleman, and when he took leave of her, he left his heart behind him.

On his second visit, he carried with him a Cashmere shawl, which was gratefully and gracefully accepted. At the end of the first week's acquaintance, he made her a present of a necklace of brilliants and a set of pearl ornaments which cost him five thousand dollars. It was a very extravagant present, but was not the lady destined for his bride?—Three weeks passed away in ecstacy, and the deeply enamored youth was all the while screwing up his courage to propose. Though infinitely superior to the foolish and volatile creature who had enslaved him, he considered himself so vastly beneath her, that she inspired him with as much awe as if she had been an empress, at the very least.

What, then, was the astonishment, horror and grief of Mr. Smithers, when one morning the waiter handed him the following note:

SIR: It gives me great pain to inform you that you are an egregious dupe. Though a stranger to you, I could not witness the injury done a gentleman of character and fortune, without protesting against it. Miss Celestine Rigadoon, of Barnum's, who is now seeking to plunder and deceive you, is an arrant coquette. She is engaged to be married to a French barber in Chatham street, and will only pretend to favor your addresses so long as she can obtain money of you. I am prepared to furnish evidence of the truth of my assertions, and for that purpose will wait upon you about dinner time.

Respectfully, your friend,
AUGUSTUS FLASHER.

Mr. Smithers' correspondent kept his appointment punctually. He was a young man of forty, with very black whiskers and a large amount of shirtcollar and jewelry, and stated that he was a commission merchant doing business in Wall street. His manners were exceedingly prepossessing, and after the intimate service he had done Smithers in opening his eyes to the mercenary character of Miss Rigadoon, Smithers could do no less than ask him to dinner.—That evening they went to the theatre together and the next day to the races on the Union Course. In short, they became very intimate, and Smithers, after having dismissed the false Celestine from his thoughts, blessed his stars for making him acquainted with an agreeable companion, a man of the world, and a true friend. Flasher taught Smithers to despise economy, got him a horse, dog cheap for five hundred dollars, bought tickets in his name for all the raffles going, and went with him to every place of amusement at his expense.

Flasher was engaged in a very flourishing business, according to his own account; but he soon developed a very singular mania for obtaining his friends autographs. He required, however, something more than mere autographs; it was necessary that they should be appended to little slips of paper called checks or sometimes figured on the backs of written documents, all having reference to sundry sums of money to be converted to the use of the aforesaid Augustus Flasher.

Going on at this rate, it is not at all surprising that after the lapse of a good many months, Smithers should receive a notice from the bank one morning, that he had overdrawn his account. At the same several trades-people presented their "little bill," a commercial term for very long accounts, with a polite request for immediate payment. Smithers sent his horse to Tattersalls, and then learnt for the first time that he was badly spavined, and not worth fifty dollars. He flew to his friend Flasher's, and found that gentleman was out of town. Several other intimate friends, whom he had obliged at various times, were conveniently absent when he called. After a desperate struggle to recall some of the scattered fragments of his fortune, Smithers in despair fled from the imperial city.

Some months after his departure, the following appeared in one of the Philadelphia papers:

"Among the bold adventurers who were among the first to explore the auriferous soil of California, a young man by the name of Samuel Smithers is particularly distinguished. Fleeing the profit to be derived from the exertion of a strong will and undaunted

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