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STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
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ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels
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Joseph Utley, Esq.,
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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REFER TO
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J. A. Taylor, Esq., } Wilmington.
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Messrs. Ballard & Huntington,
Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., } New York.
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Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
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Wm. S. Neilson, Esq.,
Robert Neilson, Esq.,
Messrs. Moses, Taylor & Co., } New York
" J. H. Brower, & Co.,
" J. & D. McRae, } Wilmington.
Geo. Harriss, Esq.
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AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
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W Caraway, " Gen. Alx. McRae, "
E. Pedin, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
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GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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.
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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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BALTIMORE.
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WEST & HEWLETT,
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N. 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.

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Commission Merchants,
CORNER OF PRATT AND COMMERCE ST., BALTIMORE.
Agents for the sale of Provisions, and American Produce generally.
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Feb. 1, 1851. 136-3mos-p.

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COACH-MAKING, JOBBING AND REPAIRING
Horse-shoeing, &c., done with neatness and dispatch:
Corner of Third and Princess Street: opposite Nixons's Livery Stable.
N. S. NEALE.
Wmington, N. C., April 1 1851. 145-tf.

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General Commission Merchants,
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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.
REFERENCES.
Gourdin, Matthiessen & Co }
George A. Hopley, } Charleston S. C.
Alonzo J. White,
Tandy Walker, Esq., - - - - Greenville S. C.
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Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liquors, Provisions, Wood and Willow Ware, Fruit, Confectionaries, &c. &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, }
Mr. J. M. Robinson, } Wilmington,
Jan. 18. 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.

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
B. I. HOWZE.
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RECEIVED PER A. J. DeROSSET.
20 BARRELS good Mess Pork;
10 Kegs prime Goshen Butter;
10 Bags Rio Coffee.
Sugar in Hhds, and barrels, for sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
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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.
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DEEDS FOR SALE.
Warrantee 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 CHANER & 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.
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. B. WOOD.
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B. E. PEAS.
25 BAGS just arrived. For sale by
MARTIN & CRONLY.
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FLOUR.
150 BBES., 40 half bbls., for sale low by
SAVAGE & MEARES.
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ROSIN STRAINERS.
FROM No. 18 to 100, of a superior quality, for sale by
POLLY & HART.
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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.

NEW SPRING & SUMMER GOODS.
WE have just received the handsomest and most beautiful assortment of fancy Dry Goods that ever was brought to this or any other market.—Ladies and Gentlemen are invited to call and examine.
Country merchants are particularly invited. Orders will be promptly attended to.
We also have on hand a splendid assortment of Spring and Summer Clothing, which we keep entirely up stairs. We have them made up ourselves, and do not want to pay profit to others. We are able to sell them cheaper than any House.
S. & D. TELLER.
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VACCINE! VACCINE!!
A FEW Scabs of fresh Vaccine Virus, to be found at
C. DePRE'S,
Drug and Chemical Store,
Market St.
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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.
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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, Portfollios, Cards, Quills, Wax, Wafers, Steel Pens, Chessmen; Wallets, Writing Desks and every variety of Fancy Stationery.
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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.
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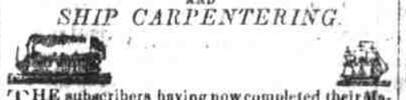
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
Manufacturing Stationers,
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.
LEWIS FRANCIS,
CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
May 45. 31-w&t-tf.

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, Crumb, Carriage and Horse Cloths, Sailors' and Travelling Bags, Gold Diggers' Exploring, and Military Goods, Diving Dresses, Beaux 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, Life 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

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 all 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 18. 15

PINE OIL! PINE OIL!
Reduced in Price and improved in Quality.
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.

CAPE FEAR
MARINE RAILWAY
AND
SHIP CARPENTERING.



THE subscribers having now completed their Marine Railway, are prepared to take up Vessels of any size. They pledge themselves that all work done by them shall give satisfaction, both as to charges and workmanship. They have a large force employed, which will enable them to perform all work with dispatch.
They are also prepared to build any size Vessel, from a PILOT BOAT up to a SHIP; and will warrant that their work will compare favorably with any done here or elsewhere, and upon as reasonable terms.
Always on hand a large stock of Timber, &c.
SAMUEL BEERY & SON.
REFER TO
P. K. Dickinson, }
DeRosset & Brown, }
Barry, Bryant & Adams, } Wilmington, N. C.
Geo. W. Davis,
J. & D. McRae, & Co. }
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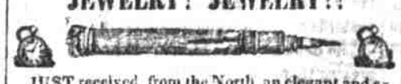
JEWELRY! JEWELRY!!



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. 100-1

THE CODE OF HONOR.

Two young men, one with a leather cap on his head and military buttons on his coat, sat in close conversation, long years ago, in the bar-room of the —— Hotel. The subject that occupied their attention seemed to be a very exciting one, at least to him of the military buttons and black cap, for he emphasized strongly, knit his brow awfully, and at last went so far as to swear a terrible oath.

'Don't permit yourself to get excited, Tom,' interposed a friend. 'It won't help the matter at all.'

'But I've got no patience.'

'Then it is time you had some,' coolly returned the friend. 'If you intend pushing your way into the good graces of my good lady Mary Clinton, you must do something more than fume about the little rivalry that has sprung up.'

'Yes; but to think of a poor milk-sop of an author—author—pah!—scribbler!—to think, I say of a spiritless creature like Blake, thrusting himself between me and such a girl as Mary Clinton; and worse, gaining her notice, is too bad! He has sonneteered her eye-brows, no doubt—flattered her in verse until she don't know who or where she is—and in this way become a formidable rival. But I won't bear it. I'll I'll—'

'What will you do?'

'Do? I'll—I'll wing him! That's what I'll do. I'll challenge the puppy and shoot him.'

And the young Lieutenant, for such he was, flourished his right arm and looked pistol balls and death.

'But he won't fight Tom.'

'Won't he?' and the Lieutenant's face brightened. 'Then I'll post him for a coward! That'll finish him. All women hate cowards. I'll post him—yes, and cowhide him in the bargain, if necessary.'

'Posting will do,' half sarcastically replied his friend. 'But upon what pretext will you challenge him?'

'I'll make one. I'll insult him, the first time I meet him, and then if he says anything challenge and shoot him.'

'That would be quite gentlemanly—quite according to the code of Honor,' returned the friend quietly.

The young military gentleman we have introduced was named Redmond. The reader has already penetrated his character. In person he was quite goodlooking, though not the Adonis he deemed himself. He had fallen deeply in love with the 'acres of charms' possessed by a certain Miss Clinton, and was making rapid inroad upon her heart—at least he thought so—when a young man well known in the literary circles, made his appearance, and was received with a degree of favor that confounded the officer, who had already begun to think himself sure of the prize. Blake had a much readier tongue, and a great deal more in his head, than the other, and could therefore, in the matter of mind, at least, appear to much better advantage than his rival. He had also written and published one or two popular works. This gave him a standing as an author. Take him all in all, he was a rival to be feared, and Redmond was not long in making the discovery. What was to be done? A military man must not be put down, beaten off, by a mere civilian. The rival must be gotten rid of in some manner. The professional means, was, as has been seen, tho't of first—Blake must be challenged and then the course would be clear.

A few days after this brave and honorable determination the officer met the author in a public place, and purposely jostled him rudely. Blake said nothing, thinking it possible that it was an accident. But he remained near Redmond, to give him a chance to repeat the insult, if such had been his intention. It was not long before the author was still jostled in a still ruder manner than before, at the same time some offensive word was muttered by the officer. This was in the presence of a number of respectable persons, who could not help hearing, seeing and understanding all. Satisfied that an insult was intended, Blake looked him in the face for a moment, and then asked, loud to be heard all around—

'Did you intend to jostle me?'

'I did!' was the angry retort.

'*Gentlemen*, never do such things.'

As Blake said this with marked emphasis, he looked steadily into the officer's face.

'You'll hear from me, sir.'

And as the officer said this menacingly, he turned and walked away with a military air.

'There's trouble for you now, Blake. He'll challenge you!' said two or three friends who instantly gathered around him.

'Do you think so?'

'Certainly, he is an officer, fighting's his trade.'

'Well, let him.

'What'll you do?'

'Accept the challenge of course.'

'And fight?'

'Certainly.'

'He'll shoot you.'

'I'm not afraid.'

Blake returned with his friend to his lodgings where he found a billet already from Redmond, who was all eagerness to wing his rival.

On the next morning two friends of the belligerants were closetted for the purpose of arranging the preliminaries for the fight.

'The weapon?' asked the friend of the military man. 'Your principal, by the laws of honor, has the choice; as also to name time and place, &c.'

'Yes, I understand. All is settled.'

'He will fight, then?'

'Fight? Oh, certainly. Blake is no coward.'

'Well then name the weapons.'

'A pair of goose-quills.'

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