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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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HARDWARE, IRON,
STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
Front street, 2 doors South of
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
Wilmington, May 4, 1850. 22

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ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERY & NORTH WATER STS.
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May 16, 1850. 27

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GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANT
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels
REFERENCES:
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Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., } Fayetteville, N.C.
Joseph Utley, Esq.,
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July 17th, 1850. 52 tf

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CASH DEALERS IN
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco Segars, &c.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
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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

BUSINESS CARDS.

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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.
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Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia
Messrs. Williams & Butler, } Charleston, S. C.
H. P. Baker, Esq., }
Jan. 2, 1851. 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., }
" J. H. Brower, & Co., } New York
" J. & D. McRae, }
Geo. Harriss, Esq. } Wilmington.
April 5, 1850. 9-tfc.

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AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
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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 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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W Caraway, " Gen. Alx. McRae, "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 13, 1850. 115-1y.

SAVAGE & MEARES,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
EDWARD SAVAGE. GASTON MEARES
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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 28, 1850. 6

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THE undersigned having received the Agency of the
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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 Capital of this Company is $375,000.
H. NUTT.
Wilmington, Aug. 19, 1850. 65-1y.

J. C. LATTA.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N.C.
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General Commission Merchants,
BALTIMORE,
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March 13. 153-3m-p.

WEST & HEWLETT,
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N C.
REFER TO—
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G. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,
Barry, Bryant & Adams, E. P. Hall,
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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. 95-tf.

B. T. ELDER & CO.
Commission Merchants,
CORNER OF PRATT AND COMMERCE ST., BALTIMORE.
Agents for the sale of Provisions, and American Produce generally.
Also, for purchasing Coffee, Sugar, Grain &c. to order.
REFER TO
Messrs. J. & D. McRae & Co., }
" DeRosset & Brown, } Wilmington.
" Savage & Meares, }
Feb. 1, 1851. 136-3mos-p.

COACH MAKING.
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.

J. & D. McRAE & Co.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON N. C.
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MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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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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J. HATHAWAY & SON.
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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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O. G. Parsley, " Commercial Bank.
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J. & D. McRae & Co., "
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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, }
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.
Feb. 13. 141.

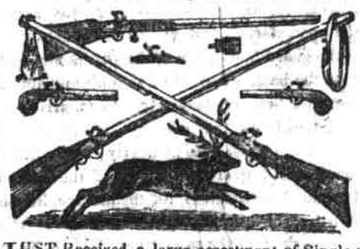
RECEIVED PER A. J. DeROSSET.
20 BARRELS good Mess Pork;
10 Kegs prime Goshen Butter;
10 Bags Rio Coffee.
Sugar in Hhds, and barrels, for sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
March 1. 148.

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

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 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 BRLS. 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.
Contractors and Builders
Dec. 22, 1849. 119.

B. E. PEAS.
25 BAGS just arrived. For sale by
MARTIN & CRONLY.
March 22. 3.

FLOUR.
150 BBES., 40 half bbls., for sale low by
SAVAGE & MEARES.
March 27. 5.

ROSIN STRAINERS.
FROM No. 18 to 100, of a superior quality, for sale by
POLLY & HART.
March 29. 6.

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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NORTHERN ADVERTISEMENTS.

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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.
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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 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.
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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.
Book Binding executed in any style.
FRANCIS & LOUTREL,
Manufacturing Stationers,
77 Maiden Lane, N. Y.
LEWIS FRANCIS,
CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
May 5. 51-wat-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, 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, 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 19. 15

PINE OIL! PINE OIL!
Refined 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, } Wilmington, N. C.
Barry, Bryant & Adams, }
Geo. W. Davis, }
J. & D. McRae & Co. }
June 27, 1850. 45-12m.

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 toease by
A. G. BOWERS & BROTHER
(Sign of the Big Watch, Pr. St. Wilmington, N.
Nov. 5 100

From the Flag of Our Union.

THE FINAL THROW;
OR,
THE GAMBLER'S PERIL.

BY FRED HUNTER.

On a cold winter's night, many years ago, when the famous Crockford maintained his magnificient gaming-house in the very heart of London, a little domestic scene was enacting at a private dwelling in the vicinity of Regent street, which offers food for reflection to those who are disposed to be wise in season.

A noble looking young man, in the highest state of excitement, was pacing his own drawing room, in a fit of the veriest passion—plainly laboring under some frightful mental distress! The apartment was elegantly furnished, and there seemed to be a show of luxury in its varied and superb appointments.

'No!' he said, 'it is not too late—*all* is not yet gone! The house, the furniture, the horses, the plate, all the personal chattles are covered, sacrificed, devoured—but *that locket* is left us. It's a mere bauble, but *she* values it. Naturally enough, too! It was her mother's—but there is no other resource—I must risk it! He has followed me, with the certainty of Fate, until he has swallowed *all*—all, save that!

'Fortune will favor me now. The fickle goddess cannot be thus ever coy, surely. I shall *win!* I know I shall win—I feel it—certain! I shall retrieve my now shattered, ruined fortune. I shall return to Eloise with a light heart, recovered means, and never again——'ah! she comes.

A lovely woman entered the drawing-room at this moment; but she was pale as the water-lily, and evidently distressed.

'Alfred,' said the gentle wife, in her tenderest accents, 'I am weary with watching for you. You did not return last night, as you promised.'

'No, no; I was detained—'

'The time *has* been, Alfred, when you would not leave your wife to her lonely pillow—but I do not chide you. You have come back again safely, and I am happy.—You will not go out to-night, Alfred?'

'Yes. Business—that is, Eloise—'

'Do not go again, to-night, Alfred,' said the poor wife beseechingly; 'do do not leave me so soon, again.'

'Eloise!' responded the husband, fiercely, 'I *must* go again! This is my last visit there.'

'Oh Alfred! What strange infatuation.'

'Eloise, I am done with it, from this night forward. Be my fortune what it may, I tell you it is my last venture—so help me God!'

The wife gazed upon her youthful husband's face, and the strange fire that lit up his full dark eye forbade further caution; she knew he had resolved upon tempting fate once more—and O, how earnestly did she hope and pray that this might *really* be his last error!

'Who he is, Eloise—who this strange banker is, that has thus robbed me of every shilling I ever possessed—whence he comes, or where he acquired his accursed dexterity and cunning, I know not—nor is he known in London. There is a slight-of-hand with him—he is a juggler—a devil, Eloise! and I must be even with him, I tell you I *must!*'

A sigh escaped the sad wife's lips, and this was her only response.

Now, Eloise,' continued the husband, approaching her, and placing his hand about her neck, in a strangely earnest and excited manner, 'as I have told you, all is gone—all save *this*!' and, at the word, he quickly drew from his wife's neck the glittering diamond locket, which encased her mother's miniature.

A wild, mad, defening shriek went up from the lungs of Eloise, as she saw that precious memento of the 'loved and lost,'—her mother's gift, and a faint presentiment—thus ruthlessly torn from her possession.—Dearer than her own life she valued this, and the little suspected that Alfred would be driven to this extreme.

'O, Alfred! Husband!—do not rob me of that cherished gift!' cried the wife. 'Do not risk that treasure! Alfred—one moment!'

But he had gone! Like a madam, a frantic maniac, as he was for the moment, he dashed along the pavement, clutching the diamond locket closely in his gripe, and making the best of his way to the gambling-house, where, within the six months past, he had been fleeced of his entire fortune.

As he left the door of his house, an old man entered it. He was intimate in the family, evidently,—for he found his way at once to the drawing-room, unannounced.—As the stranger entered, Eloise looked up, and exclaimed:

'Father, father! Have you seen him?'

'—ah! daughter—be calm. This drama is well nigh over. I have seen him—he is on his way to the den where he has sacrificed so much, and where, to-night, I am satisfied, he will make his last visit!'

'What mean you, dear father?'

'You shall see anon, daughter. Alfred is not depraved; he is young, inexperienced, impulsive, reckless, indiscreet. Cheer up—all will end right, I trust. He will play to-night desperately, I do not doubt—if he can command the means.'

Eloise quickly informed her parent that he had possessed himself of her mother's miniature, which he knew was set in a locket of brilliants—and, intrinsically worth some two hundred pounds. The father said 'good night, daughter!' and hastily departed, in a state of great excitement.

Half an hour afterwards Alfred might have been seen at the side of the roulette table, at which his old acquaintance presided—the man who had stripped him of his patrimony, within the previous half year.—

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