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WILMINGTON, N. 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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GENERAL
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WILMINGTON, N. C.

STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels
REFERENCES:
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Gol. John McRae, }
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington. }
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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

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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.
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H. F. Baker, Esq., }
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PHILADELPHIA,
REFER TO
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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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COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
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Dec. 7th 1850

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WILMINGTON, N. C.
BROWN & DEROSSET.
NEW YORK.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
March 17 1851. 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.
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General Commission Merchants.
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.
March 28, 1851. 6

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H. NUTT.
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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,
George Harriss, Edward Cantwell.
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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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REFER TO
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" DEROSSET & BROWN, }
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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.
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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.
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GEORGE A. HOPLEY, }
ALONZO J. WHITE, } Greenville S. C.
TANDY WALKER, Esq., - - - - }
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Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
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E. P. Hall, " State Bank.
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Surgical and Mechanical Dentist.
Office over Mr. Krostine's Store, Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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W. G. BROWNE,
PORTRAIT AND MINIATURE PAINTER.

REQUESTS persons who wish to have Portraits painted, or to view his collection of Paintings, to visit his Gallery in the Masonic Hall, between the hours of 9 and 5 o'clock.
April 5. 9-tf

PORTRAIT PAINTING.

J. MASSALON, Portrait Painter, would respectfully inform the citizens of Wilmington and the surrounding country, that he has permanently located himself in this place, and will be happy to receive the patronage of any ladies or gentlemen who may wish to procure faithful likenesses of themselves or any member of their family. He flatters himself, from his long experience in the art, that he will be enabled to give satisfaction. His rooms at Mr. Love's Furniture Establishment, Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.
April 5, 1851. 9-1y.

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.
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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 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 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.
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.*
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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. DuPRE'S,
Drug and Chemical Store,
Market St.
Feb. 18. 13.

MESS AND PRIME PORK.

40 BBLS., for sale low by
SAVAGE & MEARES.
March 27. 5.

EDINBURGH ALE.

IN casks of 7 dox pints each, prime quality, for sale by
ANDERSON & LATIMER.
March 29 6-tf

PORK.

50 BBLS. Mess Pork; 10 do. Rump do. For sale by
ANDERSON & LATIMER.
March 29. 6-tf.

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For all kinds of business, Banks, Public Office, County clerks, sets of books with Printed heading for Lodges, Divisions and others. Hotel Registers, Time Books, Notes, Drafts, Copy Pass and Memorandum Books.

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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, Cases, Quills, Wax, Wafers, Steel Pens, Chessmen; Wallets, Writing Desks and every variety of Fancy Stationery.

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LEWIS FRANCIS.
CYRUS H. LOUTREL,
May 25. 21-w&1-tf.

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

SASH, BLIND
AND DOOR AGENCY.
Formerly conducted by Guy C. Hotchkiss

THE publicare 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 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, }
Dellosset & Brown, }
Barry, Bryant & Adams, } Wilmington, N. C.
Geo. W. Davis, }
J. & D. McRae, & Co. }
June 27, 1850. 45-12m-p

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
S. G. BOWERS & BROTHER
(Sign of the Big Watch) Ft. St., Wilmington, N.
Oct. 16 1850. 100-tf

PRINTING INKS.
HUTCHINSON & Co.
No. 13 Spruce street, New York,
Wholesale manufacturers of the best black
ENGLISH PRINTING INKS.

For Steel and Lithographic Printing, and for Fine Book and Job Work, which they warrant to be composed of the purest materials, and to work easy upon all ordinary presses.

The combinations in these Inks, are such as to give a richness and permanency to work superior to any other Inks now in use. Sold at prices varying from 75 cts. to $4 per lb., put up in cans, and forwarded to order.

H. & Co. also manufacture colored Inks of every shade and quality, varying from $1 to $25 per lb.
March 27. 6-3m

From Sartain's Magazine.

THE MANTUAMAKER.

BY MRS. C. M. STARK.

'Would that my spirit witness bore me,
That, like this woman, I had done
The work my Maker put before me,
Duly from morn till set of sun.'

In one of the narrow dirty streets of New York, in a miserable attic, lay a young girl of apparently seventeen. Her face bore the traces of great beauty, but the crimson cheek and brilliant eye showed but too plainly that consumption had set its seal upon her, and that her days on earth were numbered.

'I wish it was later,' she murmured, glancing towards the open window, through which the rays of a September sun were shining. 'It is so hard to lie here alone, suffering so much. I hope Fanny will obtain leave to return home early this evening—I know she means to ask it.' The tears rose to the eyes of the poor girl, as she thought of the devoted affection of her only sister, a girl of nineteen, who earned a living by sewing for one of the fashionable mantuamakers of the day. The room, although scantily furnished, was neat, and the invalid's bed clean, though coarse. A small stand stood by the bed, on which was a pitcher of water, a phial, and a wineglass, and on the pillow lay an open Bible. The young girl had earned a support as a tailoress; but a neglected cold, taken by carrying some work home late one wet evening, had prostrated her on a bed of sickness, from which she was destined never to rise. Untiring were the cares bestowed upon her by her sister. She watched with her at night; and many were the humble, earnest prayers of the occupants of this small room to their Heavenly Father, that he would enable them to bear patiently his chastening hand.

But we hasten to a different scene.

A gay carriage drove up to Mrs. Bennett's fashionable establishment, and a beautiful young girl descended, and entered the shop. 'Mrs. Bennett, I must have a new dress for this evening; I have just bought a love of a dress, and I intend wearing it to Mrs. Green's ball.' 'To-night, Miss Norton!' said Mrs. Bennett; 'it is impossible for me to have your dress ready in time. It is now past one, and I could not promise you a ball-dress on so short a notice.' 'Oh, nonsense, Mrs. Bennett,' said the lady petulently, 'I *must* and *will* have the dress; and if you will not make it, why I must carry my custom elsewhere.' The mistress of the shop looked distressed. 'Really, madam, I would do anything to oblige—but surely you have some other dress equally suited to the occasion; I sent you home three, only ten days since.' 'I have worn them all,' interrupted the beauty, impatiently. 'Let your girls leave off all their work, and turn upon my dress, and I will pay anything extra you may have the conscience to charge—only do not disappoint me—and send the dress home by an experienced hand, that I may have any alteration made at the last moment, if required.' So saying, Miss Norton entered her carriage, and drove to the jeweller's shop, to select a new set of ornaments for the occasion.

Mrs. Bennett took the gauze left in her hands, and selecting from her well filled shelves a satin corresponding in hue, and trimmings to match, went into a back room.—Some twenty young girls were busily plying their needles. The room was close and warm, and many of its occupants looked jaded and worn with their labors. From six to seven, with a short interval of half an hour for dinner, were the regular hours required for their attendance at the shop; but when there was a press of work, they were often obliged to remain and work extra hours, and ten, and eleven, and even twelve o'clock often arrived before they were released from their health-consuming toil. The table and chairs of the room were littered with shreds of delicate gauzes, rich silks and satins. Can we wonder, when we hear of the often-told tale of the seduction and ruin of one of these delicate class of girls, surrounded by temptation, their hands employed upon material which would so well set off the beauty of the worker, and the voice of the tempter ever at hand to offer the lure! And if remaining true to themselves, stinted in their food, poorly paid, they work from Monday morning until Saturday night, week in and week out, until a premature decline but too often closes their career. Such is the not exaggerated history of too many of these poor girls.—Could one of the beauties, whose gay costume has cost many hours of harrassing toil, bear but one hour of the suffering so inflicted, she would hesitate ere she ordered a new dress on short notice. But to our tale.

'Here is a new dress,' said Mrs. Bennett, addressing her forewoman, 'and it must be finished before nine o'clock to night. Take half-a dozen of the girls, and see that it is done in time.'—'They will have to remain extra time, madam in order to do so,' said the forewoman. 'Well, let them stay then; I am not going to lose one of my best customers to suit their laziness. If any one grumbles,' she said, on leaving the room, 'let me know; I do not want grumblers to work for me—they may seek employment elsewhere.' A young lady, seated near the forewoman, cast a deprecating glance toward her. 'I cannot help it, Fanny,' was the reply to the mute appeal; 'I would like to have you go home early to poor Ellen, who I know needs you so much,—but what can I do?—You are one of our fastest workmen, and to finish this dress, with all its trimmings, will require all the exertion our best workers can bestow.' The tears rose in Fanny's eyes and a sensation of choaking came in her throat. But it was all in vain; and making a violent effort to subdue her agitation, Fanny commenced, with trembling fingers and aching heart, the

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