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REFER TO
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Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear,
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank, } Wilmington, N. C.
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Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
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E. P. Hall, " State Bank.
O. G. Parsley. " Commercial Bank.
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STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels
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Messrs. Ballard & Huntington,
Will Peck, Esq., Raleigh, N. C.
Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., } Fayetteville, N. C.
Joseph Utley, Esq.,
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia
" Thompson & Hunter } New York.
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" Hunting & Tufts, Boston
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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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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 1851. 1-y.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.
Next door to A. A. Winnett's, on North Water st will attend to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, such as Corn, Peas, Meal, Bacon, Lard, &c., and will keep constantly on hand a full supply of Groceries, &c.
References.
Willes Hall, of Wayne, John McRae, Wilmington,
W Caraway, " Gen. Alx. McRae. "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 13, 1850. 115-1y.

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AND
AUCTIONEERS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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May 2, 1850. 1.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.
Dec. 11, 1850. 11-tf.

CORNELIUS DuPRE.
WHOLE SALE AND RETAL 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, 1851. 6

J. C. LATTA.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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HALL & LONEY,
General Commission Merchants,
BALTIMORE.
Will receive and advance on Consignments, and pay particular attention to filling orders for produce, &c.
Refer to Messrs. DeRosset & Brown.
March 13. 153-3m-p.

WEST & HEWLETT,
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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C. W. Davis, O. G. Parsley,
Barry, Bryant & Adams, E. P. Hall,
George Harriss Edward Cantwell.
Oct. 6. 1850 96-1y-c

J. M. ROBINSON,
IMPORTER AND DEALER IN
HARDWARE, IRON,
STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,
Front street, 3 doors South of
Market street.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Wilmington, May 4, 1850. 22

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(Late Barry, Bryant & Adams.)
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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.
Wilmington, N. C., April 1 1851. 145-tf.

J. & D. McRAE & Co.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON N. C.
Particular attention paid to procuring freights and purchasing cargoes for vessels.
JOHN MACRAE, DONALD MACRAE, JOHN W. K. DIX.
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WILKINSON & ESLER.
CASH DEALERS IN
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco, Segars, &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

T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERY & NORTH WATER STS.
WILMINGTON, NO. CA.
May 16, 1850. 27

WILLIAM A. GWYER,
GENERAL AGENT, FORWARDING
and Commission Merchant.
I TAKE pleasure in informing my friends, that I am prepared to give all business entrusted to me efficient and personal attention. I have a wharf for Naval Stores, with ample accommodations, Spirit House, and Warehouse. Consignments of Naval Stores for sale or shipment; and all kinds of country produce solicited. Cash advances made on consignments.
April 18 1850. 15

ALEX. MacRAE, Jr.
IMPORTER OF
CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHEN-WARE,
and wholesale and retail dealer in all kinds of
FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
South Side of Market St.,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
November, 9, 1850. 102.

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. 8-tf

WILKINSON & ESLER,
WOULD respectfully invite those wishing good Segars to call and examine their large assortment, among them may be found:
10,000 Principe, Justo Sanz, good;
20,000 Regalia, Lion; Jenny Lind, and Mensurado;
10,000 Havana, La Nacional, prime;
10,000 Lady in the cage handsome;
18,000 Pantillos La Terrestio, do
17,000 De La Vuetta, old enough to walk;
20,000 half Regalia, Jicolinoal, very superior;
15,000 Wandering Jews, very cheap;
8,000 El Galleo, fine;
14,000 La Cathedral;
20,000 Low price, various qualities.
Our stock of Segars &c., is much larger than ever offered in this place, and at lowest cash prices.
Call on WILKINSON & ESLER,
Market street.
March 14. 1

JUST IN TIME!
THE following articles we have just received:
3 doz. Silk under shirts;
4 doz. Gauze merino "
5 " patent Drawers;
20 doz. Linen Coats, assorted;
100 doz. Gents. half Hose;
50 doz. fine assorted Shirts, with a great many other articles, all of which will be sold very cheap. Call soon and get bargains at
S. & D. TELLER'S
May 15. 27.

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.
June 27, 1850. 45-12m-p.

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

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.

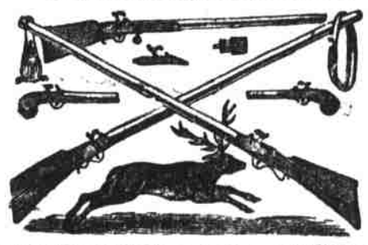
STOVES AND GRATES.

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.
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 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.
Oct 3 80

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.*

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.
March 13. 153.

TO TURPENTINE DISTILLERS.
THE subscriber would inform the *Distillers of Turpentine*, that he has now on hand at his Cooper Shop in this place, a supply of *seasoned timber*, sufficient for the present year; and that those who were disappointed in getting work last year, may rely upon being served this, as he has added greatly to his former arrangements; and having permanently located himself here, he will be enabled to pay strict attention to the quality of the work; and should any casks made by him prove bad, he will exchange them, or return the price of such casks: also, from the first of March next, he will deliver them *free of charge*, at any point in or around Wilmington. Hereafter his casks shall be marked with the letters A. M., on either head, so that the work may be known. The price will be $1 75 per barrel of 40 gallons. Should any change be made in these prices, due notice will be given in this paper.
A. MORGAN.
Jan. 16. 129-6m-p.

BACON SIDES.
25 HHDS. Western Sides. For sale by
ELLIS, RUSSELL & CO.
April 26. 17.

WOODEN WILLOW WARE.
A LARGE assortment, for sale by
HOWARD & PEDEN.
May 13. 26.

RECTIFIED WHISKEY.
15 BBLS. Rectified Whiskey;
5 " Old Rye do.;
N. E. Rum, Rose Gin, and a full assortment of Wines, PERRIN & HARTSFIELD.
May 24. 30.

LOOK AT THIS.
100 BOXES Sweet Oranges;
25 do French Lemons;
75 do Superior Eleme Figs,
50 Drums Extra Smyrna do;
10 Bags do Naples Walnuts;
5 Baskets Superior Olive Oil;
Imported and Domestic Segars. For sale low by
WILKINSON & ESLER.
May 22. 29.

GLUE,
ENGLISH and American, constantly on hand, for sale by ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.
May 3 11.

NOTICE EXTRA.
OWING to the increased demands of our Trade in the following articles we have been induced to enlarge our Stock of Fruit, Confectionary, Nuts, Tobacco, *Segars* and Snuff of all kinds which retailers and others can select from, at lowest prices.
WILKINSON & ESLER.
April 22. 16.

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,
Contractors and Builders.
Dec. 22. 1850. 119.

PIANOS.
MRS. H. WHITAKER has this day received at her Music Room, two more of those fine ROSEWOOD PIANOS warranted in every particular.
All those in want of a Piano would do well to call soon at her Music Room on Market Street opposite the Episcopal Church: Also, Piano and Guitar Music constantly on hand.
Wilmington, May 20. 28-1mo-p.

COTTON YARN.
6 BALES. of Blunt Creek Factor, 7 to 10's;
3 " " " " Shirting;
1 " " " " Sheeting; at
GEO. H. KELLEY'S.
May 27. [U. H. & N. C. Telegraph copy. 27.

GREAT CURE FOR DYSPEPSIA!
ANOTHER SCIENTIFIC WONDER!
DR. J. S. HOUGTON'S PEPSIN!
The True Digestive Fluid, or Gastric Juice!
Prepared from Rennet, or the fourth stomach of the Ox, after directions of Baron Liebig, the great Physiological Chemist, by J. S. Houghton, M. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
This is a great Natural Remedy for Indigestion, and Dyspepsia, curing after Nature's own Method, by Nature's own Agent, the Gastric Juice. Pepsin is the chief element, or Great Digesting Principle of the Gastric Juice—the *Solvent of the Food*, the *Purifying, Preserving*, and *Stimulating* Agent of the Stomach and Intestines. It is extracted from the Digestive Stomach of the Ox, thus forming an Artificial Digestive Fluid, precisely like the natural Gastric Juice, in its Chemical powers, and furnishing a complete and perfect substitute for it. By the aid of this preparation, the pains and evils of Indigestion and Dyspepsia are removed just as they would be by a healthy Stomach. It is doing wonders for Dyspeptics, curing cases of debility, emaciation, nervous decline and Dyspeptic consumption, supposed to be on the verge of the grave. The Scientific Evidence upon which it is based, is in the highest degree curious and remarkable.
Baron Leiebig in his celebrated work on Animal Chemistry, says, "An Artificial Digestive Fluid, analogous to the Gastric Juice, may be prepared from the mucous membrane of the stomach of the Ox, in which various articles of food, as meat and eggs, will be *softened, changed, and digested, just in the same manner as they would be in the human stomach.*"
Half a teaspoonful of pure PEPSIN, infused or dissolved in water, will digest or dissolve *Five Pounds Roast Beef in about two hours out of the Stomach.*
Dr. Houghton's Pepsin, is sold by nearly all the dealers in fine drugs and Popular Medicine, throughout the United States. It is prepared in Powder, and in Fluid form—and in Prescription vials for the use of Physicians.
Private Circulars, for the use of Physicians, may be obtained of Dr Houghton or his Agents, describing the whole process of preparation and giving the authorities upon which the claims of this new remedy are based. As it is not a secret remedy, no objection can be raised against its use by Physicians in respectable standing and regular practice. Price in Fluid form, One Dollar per bottle.
PEPSIN IN POWDER.
Sent by Mail, Free of Postage.
For convenience of sending to all parts of the country, the Digestive matter of the Pepsin, is put up in the form of Powder, with directions to be dissolved in water by the patient. These Powders contain just the same matter as the bottles, and will be sent by mail, free of postage, for one dollar sent (post paid) to Dr. J. S. Houghton, M. D., Philadelphia, Pa.
☞ Observe this!—Every bottle of the genuine Pepsin bears the written signature of J. S. Houghton, M. D., sole Proprietor, Philadelphia, Pa.
☞ Sold by all Druggists and Dealers in Medicines.
Sold, wholesale and retail, by A. C. EVANS & BROTHER; W. H. LIPPITT & Co., and C. DuPRE, Wilmington, N. C.
May 13. 25-12mo

PATENT DRAWERS.
A NEW Supply, just received, direct from our New York House at
SCOTT & BALDWIN'S.
May 31. 33.

CONSULATE OF HAYTI,
64 Commercial Wharf, Boston, 5th March, 1851.
THE undersigned gives notice, that in accordance with a law passed at Port au Prince, on the 24th December last, vessels arriving in Hayti from the U. States on or after the 16th April next, must be provided with Duplicate Manifests of their cargoes, certified by a Consular Agent of Hayti, if there shall have been one at the port of loading, otherwise the documents may be verified before an officer (duly commencement to administer an oath) of the State or United States Government.
B. C. CLARK.
May 8. 23-tf.

FLOUR AND BACON.
100 BBLS. Superfine Flour;
10 hhds. Shoulders, just received per Schr Ann Elizabeth, and for sale by
J. & D. McRAE & Co.
June 3. 43.

CANDLES.
50 BOXES Sperm, Adamantine, and Mould, Candles, for sale by
HOWARD & PEDEN
May 10. 25.

N. C. BACON.
8000 LBS. Hams, Sides and Shoulders, in store, and for sale low by
SAVAGE & MEARES.
June 5. 36.

SALT! SALT!! SALT!!!
2,500 SACKS superior ground Alum Salt, now landing from Br. Bark Bee, and for sale by
J. & D. McRAE & Co.
June 5. 35.

CYPRESS SHINGLES.
20,000 LARGE size, for sale by
SAVAGE & MEARES.
May 29. 32.

A SONG OF IRELAND.

A health to the Isle that, though trampled in scorn
By the merciless minions of power,
May rise from the dust with a grandeur new-born.
And shatter her chains in an hour:
A voice from the graves that the Tyrant hath filled
Cannot always be pleading unheard;
And the whirlwind of wrath, though for centuries stilled,
May burst from repose at a word.

'Mid the tempest of strife and the tumult of wrong,
How many bright names gild the gloom,
The monarchs of speech and the masters of song,
A halo of life, 'round the tomb;
These names cannot die, for the nation's great heart,
Hath enshrined them, the deeper in ill—
Let the last blow be struck and the last hope depart—
She will cling to them faithfully still.

O! Erin! the world has been cold to thy doom!
Few flowers have been strewn on thy bier—
And the pride of thy glory and blush of thy bloom
Have passed, without blessing or prayer;
Yet across the wild waves may the desolate son
Of thy blighted dominions find rest,
And a haven of peace for the the Exile be won,
In the fairer homes of the West.

O! still we will trust, a New Era may rise,
On the fair Isle of Emmett and Moore,
When a true light shall burn in her long-clouded, skies,
And the night of her mourning be o'er:
A health to her now, and a health to her then—
And death to oppression's stern sway—
The West hath the hearts of a million of men,
That will pray for her triumph that day.

A Touching Little Story from Life.

A gentleman was one day visiting some destitute families in one of the poorest parts of London. After climbing a number of stairs, which conducted to the top of one of the houses, he observed a ladder leading to a door close upon the slates. He thought it most unlikely that any living being would be found dwelling there; but, in order to satisfy himself, he resolved on ascending the ladder. On reaching the door, he found it so low that he was obliged to stoop before he could enter.

"Is there any one here?" he enquired.

"Come in," answered a feeble voice.

He entered, and found a little boy the solitary tenant of this wretched home. There was no bed—no furniture of any kind. Some straw and shavings in one corner formed the poor little fellow's seat by day, and his couch by night.

"Why are you here?" inquired the kind visiter. "Have you a father?"

"Yes, sir."

"Have you a mother?"

"No, sir; mother is in the grave."

"Where is your father? You must surely weary very much for his coming home in this dark, solitary place?"

"No sir, replied the boy, sorrowfully.—"my father gets drunk. He used to send me out to steal, and whatever I stole he spent in drinking."

"Does he not make you do so still?"

"I went," replied the boy, "to the Ragged School, and I was there taught the words, 'Thou shalt not steal.' I was told about heaven and hell—that Jesus Christ came to save sinners—that God punishes the bad and loves the good; and I resolved from that time I would steal no more. Now," continued the little sufferer, "my father himself steals, and then he gets angry at me, and is cruel to me, and whips me, because I will no longer steal."

"Poor little boy!" said the gentleman, deeply interested in the sad history. "I am sorry, indeed, for you. You must feel very lonely here."

"No," said the other, with a smile on his face,—"I am not alone. God is with me; Christ is with me. I am not alone!"

The gentleman took out his purse and gave him a small trifle, promising that he would come back again and see him on the morrow.

"Stop!" said the little fellow, as his kind visiter was preparing to go down the ladder; "I can sing."

And so saying he commenced, in simple strains, the beautiful hymn with which he loved to cheer his solitude:

"Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,
Look upon a little child,
Pity my simplicity,
Suffer me to come to Thee.

"Fain would I to Thee be brought,
Gracious God! forbid it not;
In the kingdom of Thy grace,
Give a little child a place!"

The gentleman was touched with the tale of distress, and the character of the desolate child; and the next day he told the case to a lady, whom he knew would feel interested in him. The lady requested that he would kindly accompany her to the boy's dwelling, to which he readily consented. Taking along with her a bundle of clothes which might be useful to him, they made their way together up the dark stairs of the house, till they reached the ladder. On ascending the steps, and coming to the door, they knocked; but there was no reply. Again: but still no voice as before calling "Come in." The gentleman opened the door. The bed, the straw the shavings were just as he had left them. The boy was there, too but he was DEAD! The boy lay on the bed of straw—but the spirit had fled away to the God who gave it!