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WILMINGTON, N. C.

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Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear,  
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B. P. Hall, State Bank.  
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STRICT attention given to procuring Freight  
and purchasing cargoes for vessels.

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Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., Fayetteville, N. C.  
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J. A. Taylor, Esq.,  
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SHIP CHANDLERY, SHIP STORES  
AND GROCERIES,  
CORNER OF FRONT & MARKET STREETS  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Dec. 7th 1850.

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WILMINGTON, N. C.  
BROWN & DEROSSET,  
NEW YORK.  
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS,  
March 17, 1851. 5y.

**GEO. H. KELLY,**  
COMMISSION MERCHANT.  
Next door to A. S. Myers, on North Water street  
will attend to the sale of all kinds of Country Pro-  
duce, such as Corn, Potatoes, Bacon, Lard, &c., and  
will keep constantly on hand a full supply of  
Groceries, &c.  
References.  
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(Late Barry, Bryant & Adams.)  
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN  
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil,  
Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars,  
Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c., &c.  
MARKET STREET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Preparations carefully compounded by experi-  
enced persons.  
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COMMISSION MERCHANT,  
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General Commission Merchants,  
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Will receive and advance on Consignments, and pay  
particular attention to filling orders for produce, &c.  
Refer to Messrs. Derosset & Brown.  
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Auctioneers, Commission Merchants  
AND  
GENERAL AGENTS,  
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REFER TO—  
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O. G. Parsley, G. W. Davis,  
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IMPORTER AND DEALER IN  
HARDWARE, IRON,  
STOVES, NAILS, &c., &c.,  
Front street, 3 doors South of  
Market street,  
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General Commission Merchants,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Particular attention paid to procuring freights  
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CASH DEALERS IN  
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Ar-  
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WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,  
MARKET STREET,  
WILMINGTON, N. C.  
Nov. 30, 1850. 30-ff

**JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.**  
General Commission and Forwarding Merchant.  
Prompt personal attention given to Consign-  
ments for sale or shipment,  
And liberal cash advances made on Consignments to  
cash or to my New York friends.  
Wilmington, Jan. 30, 1851. 135 ff

**T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,**  
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON  
FOUNDRIES,  
All orders in the line will be punctually at-  
tended to.  
CORNER MILLBURY & NORTH WATER STS.  
WILMINGTON, NO. CA.  
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**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 coun-  
try produce solicited. Cash advances made on con-  
signments.  
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**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.  
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**WILKINSON & ESLER,**  
WOULD respectfully invite those wishing good  
Cigars to call and examine their large assort-  
ment, among them may be found:  
10,000 Principe, Justo Sanz, good;  
20,000 Regalia, Lion, Jenny Lind, and Mensu-  
rado;  
10,000 Havana, La Nacional, prime;  
10,000 Lady in the cage handsome;  
15,000 Panitulas La Terrestre, do  
17,000 De La Vuelta, and enough to walk;  
20,000 half Kezalla, Jocolinal, very superior;  
15,000 Wandering Jew, very cheap;  
5,000 El Gallo, fine;  
14,000 La Cathedral;  
20,000 Low price, various qualities.  
Our stock of Cigars &c., is much larger than ever  
offered in this place, and at lowest cash prices.  
Call on  
WILKINSON & ESLER,  
Market street.  
March 14. 1

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

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,**  
NEW HANOVER COUNTY.  
CATHARINE M. CAMPBELL,  
In Equity.

WILLIAM S. CAMPBELL,  
JAMES G. CAMPBELL,  
MARGARET CAMPBELL,  
JULIA WADDELL AND  
FRANCIS M. WADDELL,  
PATRICK MURPHY.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court, that  
I, William S. Campbell, James G. Campbell, Mar-  
garet Campbell, Julia Waddell and Francis M. Wad-  
dell are non-residents of this State, they are hereby  
notified to be and appear at the next term of our  
said Court of Equity, to be held for the County of  
New Hanover, at the Court House in Wilmington,  
on the fifth Monday after the fourth Monday in  
September next, then and there to plead, answer or  
demur to Complainant's bill, otherwise the same  
will be taken pro confesso and heard ex parte as to  
them.  
Witness Thomas D. Meares, Clerk and Master of  
our said Court of Equity, at office the 16th day of  
June, 1851.  
T. D. MEARES, C. & M. E.  
(Pr. adv. \$7.50.) 40-5w.

**EMPTY SPIRIT BARRELS.**  
150 LARGE Sizes, just received and for sale  
by  
ELLIS, RUSSELL & CO. 44.

**TOBACCO! TOBACCO!!**  
3000 DOZ. superior Smoking Tobacco;  
500 lbs. Virginia Leaf;  
100 boxes Colorado Tobacco, (superior);  
200 " Cabinet " (prime);  
2000 lbs Scotch Shuff for sale low by  
WILKINSON & ESLER.  
June 26. 44.

**SHOULDERS.**  
5 HIDS prime Western Bacon, (Shoulders) jus-  
t received. For sale by  
J. HATHAWAY & SON. 44.

**CORN, OATS, PEAS, HAY &c.**  
1000 BUSHELS. White Flint seed  
6000 " " Mealing  
3000 " Yellow  
800 " Oats  
700 " Cow Peas, now landing;  
ALSO, IN STORE.  
Hay, Oats, Meal, Hommony, Bran, Horse and  
Cow feed, for sale by  
ELLIS & MITCHEL. 151.

**PORTRAIT PAINTING.**

J. MASSALON, Portrait Painter, would respect-  
fully inform the citizens of Wilmington and the  
surrounding country, that he has permanently lo-  
cated himself in this place, and will be happy to re-  
ceive the patronage of any ladies or gentlemen who  
may wish to procure faithful likenesses of them-  
selves 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  
the Mozart Hall, Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.  
April 5, 1851. 9-ly

**STOVES AND GRATES.**  
JUST RECEIVED

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  
furnished Ware, Steak  
Dishes, Coffee Urns, Hig-  
gins, Tea Trays, Waiters,  
Platform and other Scales,  
and a variety of other ar-  
ticles too numerous to men-  
tion.  
Oct. 10. POLLEY & HART. 89

**DEEDS FOR SALE.**

Warrant Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage and  
judgment, in correct form and for sale at the  
Commercial Office.

**SPORTSMEN, ATTENTION!**

JUST received a large assortment of Single and  
J Double barrel, Bird, Duck and Deer Guns of the  
finest finish and latest style, made by those celebra-  
ted makers CHASE & SOSS, and others of known  
celebrity. Guns of all weights and calibre, also,  
Powder Flasks, Shot Pouches, Game Bags, persun-  
Caps, and in fact the best collection of sports-  
men's goods ever offered in this market. Gentle-  
men please call and examine.  
POLLEY & HART. 85

**BILLS OF LADING, &c.**

FOR POST BILLS OF LADING bound  
in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with  
variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at "The Com-  
mercial Office."

**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 perman-  
ently located himself here, he will be enabled to pay  
strict attention to the quality of the work; and 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 Wil-  
mington. 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.  
123-6m-p.

**GLUE,**  
ENGLISH and American, constantly on hand,  
For sale by  
ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.  
May 13. 25 12mc

**MULLETS, MULLETS.**  
25 BARRELS Mulletts, for sale by  
W. NEFF. 40.

**COFFEE.**  
70 BAGS Coffee, Rio and Laguira, for sale by  
ANDERSON & LATIMER. 35.

**ORANGES, LEMONS & CANDIES,**  
TOGETHER WITH every possible variety of Nuts,  
Preserves, Jellies, and Pickles, have just come  
to hand and can be found at all times, fresh, at the  
family grocery.  
GEO. MYERS. 37.

**A CARD.**

GEO. BOWERS respectfully informs the citi-  
zens of Wilmington and surrounding country,  
that he has purchased from Messrs. A. G. BOWERS  
& BROTHER, all the stock on hand, comprising an  
assortment of Gold and Silver Watches, Clocks,  
Jewelry, and other goods now in store; and in or-  
der to make room for a new stock of rich imported  
Jewelry, &c., would call the attention of all persons  
desirous of saving 25 per cent, to come forward and  
avail themselves of the chance now offered. All  
and every description of Watches, Clocks, Jewelry,  
&c., carefully, accurately, and promptly re-  
paired, in a workmanlike manner. Warranted to  
perform well, or the money refunded.  
G. Bowers feels confident, from his long and ex-  
perienced practice in the above business, that a  
single trial will secure the good will and confidence  
of all who may favor him with a call.  
Front Street, Wilmington, N. C.  
June 14. 39-1m.

**COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.**  
ROBERT G. RANKIN is a partner in our  
House from this date.  
ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.  
July 14. 47.

**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, Sugars and Spuff of all kinds which re-  
tailers and others can select from, at lowest prices.  
WILKINSON & ESLER.  
April 22. 16.

**LIME! LIME!! LIME!!!**  
600 BBL'S. Limestone White Lump; Also  
selected Plaster, Plastering Hair, and  
Blue Black, Hydraulic Cement; 1000 bu's. Lime-  
stone for sale by  
J. C. & R. H. WOOD.  
Contractors and Builders.  
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**COTTON YARN.**  
6 BALES of Blant Creek Factor, 7 to 10's;  
Shirting; at  
GEO. H. KELLEY'S,  
May 27. J. H. & N. C. Telegraph copy. 27.

**ANOTHER SCIENTIFIC WONDER.**  
DR J. S. HOUGHTON'S  
GREAT DYSPEPSIA CURE!



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 furnish-  
ing 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 Dyspepsia, curing cases of debility, emaciation,  
nervous decline, and Dyspeptic consumption, sup-  
posed to be on the verge of the grave. The Scien-  
tific Evidence upon which it is based, is in the  
highest degree curious and remarkable.  
Baron Liebig, 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 dis-  
solved 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, through-  
out 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, describ-  
ing 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 dis-  
solved in water by the patient. These Powders con-  
tain 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., Philadel-  
phia, 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 Medi-  
cines.  
Wholesale and retail, by A. C. EVANS &  
BROTHER; W. H. LIPPITT & Co., and C. DE-  
PRE, Wilmington, N. C.  
May 13. 25 12mc

**TOBACCO.**  
10 BOXES Nelson's superior pound lumps,  
For sale by  
ANDERSON & LATIMER.

**N. C. BACON.**  
8000 LBS. Hams, Sides and Shoulders, in  
store, and for sale low by  
SAVAGE & MEARES. 35.

On Hand and for Sale to Close Consignments  
50 barrels Family Flour,  
5 hds. Muscovado Sugar;  
5 bbls. Porto Rico  
5 hds. Western Shoulders;  
5 barrels Whale Oil,  
10 boxes Candles;  
20 boxes Soap;  
1 barrel  
5 half barrels Saleratus,  
50 boxes Window Glass;  
5,000 Havana Segars, a good article;  
10 Coils of best Italian Packing, for sale, low,  
for cash, by  
ELLIS, RUSSELL & Co. 42.

**HOEY & CO.'S  
EXPRESS.**

For CHARLESTON, SAVANNAH, and the  
INTERIOR OF S. CAROLINA AND GEORGIA.  
Freight, Packages, Parcels, Specie, Jewelry, and  
valuable articles of every description, for Charle-  
stown, Savannah, and the interior of South Carolina and  
Georgia, forwarded with great dispatch and upon  
the most reasonable terms.  
Particular attention paid to the collection of  
Drafts, Notes, Bills, etc., on Charleston, Columbia,  
Augusta, etc. and returns made with fidelity and  
promptness, in New York city funds.  
W. W. WHITE, Agent, Charleston, S. C.  
June 24, 1851. 43-2mo-c.

**HAY.**  
80 BALES prime Eastern hay, landing from  
Brig H. Kellogg, for sale by  
ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.  
June 25. 43-

**A STORY FOR MOTHERS.**

**THE CHILDREN AND THE NOVEL**

BY MRS. CAROLINE A. SCULLY.

'Well there' muttered Mrs. Lee, in a  
somewhat peevish tone, as she laid down  
her babe; 'thank fortune, as the last one is  
ubed and asleep. Now for a little comfort.'  
Carefully drawing the blankets around the  
tiny form, she rested one hand for a few mo-  
ments upon the gently heaving breast, stir-  
red the cradle with the other, singing the  
while a low lullaby.

Assured from its soft breathing, and quiet  
limbs, that it was indeed asleep, she turned  
from it quickly, drew her low rocker to the  
stand, picked up the light, and took, from  
underneath, a miscellaneous pile in her work-  
basket, an uncut novel.

'What a beautiful title!' said she, all traces  
of weariness vanishing with electric rapidity  
from her countenance. As her eye glided  
over its pages, the dull look they had worn  
all day disappeared, and the light of anticipa-  
ted joy flashed in its stead.

'I know that I shall be pleased with it. I  
feel that it will be interesting,' continued she.

'What charming names the author has  
chosen. None of your Johns and Hannahs,  
your Roberts and Margarets—oh no! here is  
noble Rodrigo, poetic Clarence, sweet  
Florida, saintly Theresa; why there is not  
an ordinary name in the book. The writer  
must be one of unusual taste!'

Having hastily cut the leaves, she shaded  
her brow with one hand, grasped the charm-  
ing book with the other, as though it were  
polished gold and she a miser, and commen-  
ced, in the phrase of enthusiastic novel read-  
ers, to devour the pages.

Rapidly did her eyes run over the first  
chapter. But then—she turned her head  
with a quick, impatient movement. Did she  
not hear a noise in the cradle? Yes, a little  
hand was lifted from beneath the cover.

'Too bad, too bad; he'll be awake all the  
evening now,' and she glided with a noise-  
less step to the child's side.

'But the eyelids were still closed—the  
measured breath of slumber stole gently from  
the half-parted lips, and the offending hand  
rested in quiet beauty upon the soft neck.'

It was a fair, sweet babe, whose little  
heart had throbb'd above some short sorrow.  
As it lay there, the spell of slumber sleep  
upon his brow, it seemed the type of all things  
pure and blest. Eden, with all its luxuriance  
never charmed the gaze of Eve with such a  
picture. The holier feelings of the mother's  
breast were touched, as if by a hand from  
heaven. The angel began to trouble the  
deep waters of her soul as she stood beside  
that cradle-bed; and when, after a vigil of  
several moments, the child still sleeping, she  
bent her head and imprinted upon its lips  
the kiss of love, the healing wave flowed for  
an instant, then ebbed, for the novel was not  
yet read.

Resuming her seat, Mrs. Lee again took  
her book. But the fiction seemed to have  
lost some of its fascination. For some time  
her glance vacillated between its finely  
printed pages and her heaped-up basket.—  
She even put on her thimble and threaded a  
needle. But a moonlight scene, where, in  
a huddle of hawthorn, the noble lover draws  
a trembling girl to his bosom, and pours into  
her ears the bewitching words of wild  
courtship, acted like magic on the reader's  
mind, and she became absorbed in the fol-  
lowing picture.

'The second and third chapters were so  
perused, and she was entering with interest  
upon the fourth, when a sweet voice from the  
trundle-bed called out, 'Mother, mother,  
mother!'

Her ear caught the sound, but it made no  
impression upon her mind till it had been  
several times repeated, then turning quickly,  
in no very gentle voice, she exclaimed, 'what  
do you want, Lizzie? I thought you were  
asleep an hour ago.'

'I have been asleep, mother,' answered the  
daughter, in a timid tone, 'I waked up—  
cause—'

'Because you were a naughty girl and  
wanted to plague me. Strange that I can't  
have a minute's comfort!' and going hastily  
to the bed, she drew the clothes around the  
child, and made her shut her eyes, and go to  
sleep.

'I want a drink, mother; I can't sleep, I am  
so thirsty.'

The mother looked around; there was nei-  
ther pitcher nor glass in the room.

'It's always just so. I never forgot to bring  
water but you are sure to want some. Why  
didn't you drink last night, when I had a  
whole pitcher full for you?'

'I wasn't thirsty last night. Do please  
give me a drink, and I'll go right to sleep.'

'I'm not going to run down stairs to-night;  
so just run over and