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**General Commission Merchants,**
WILMINGTON N. C.
Particular attention paid to procuring freights and purchasing cargoes for vessels.
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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

**T. SOUTHMAYD & CO.,**
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MULBERRY & 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 country produce solicited. Cash advances made on consignments.
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IMPORTER OF
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Messrs. Hall, Sackett & Co., Joseph Utley, Esq., } Fayette. N. C.
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souder & Co., Philadelphia.
" Thompson & Hunter, Pillsbury & Sandford, } New York.
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WILMINGTON, N. C.
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Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, Messrs. Tooker, Smyth & Co., Thompson & Hunter, } 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.
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**DEROSSET & BROWN.**
WILMINGTON, N. C.
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NEW YORK.
*GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.*
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**COMMISSION MERCHANT.**
Next door to A. A. Wannet'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.
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W Caraway, " Gen. Alx.. McRae, "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
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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.
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REFER TO
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Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank Cape Fear,
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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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**LARD.**
10 BBLS. prime Lard, for sale by
ANDERSON & LATIMER.
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**OATS, OATS.**
2700 BUSHELS of Oats now landing from Schooner Dixon Swindle, from Hide county, and for sale by
ELLIS & MITCHELL.
August 7. 41.

**MEDICAL CARD.**
DR. WILLIAM GEO. THOMAS, having located in Wilmington for the purpose of engaging in the practice of medicine, offers his services to its citizens and those of the surrounding country, and trusts that his experience, with diligence in the discharge of the duties of his profession, will secure him a portion of their patronage.
He can be seen at his office on Front street, in the London Row, directly opposite the Hardware store of J. M. Robinson.
August 19, 1851. 66-t-1-o.

**SOUP DIGESTERS.**
AN invaluable article, to the epicure, dispeptic, or even poor man.
"It makes Soup what is Soup"
J. M. ROBINSON.
August 28. 70.

**TOBACCO AND CIGARS.**
RICHMOND Tobacco, superior quality, in half and quarter boxes
Cigars in 1-10 boxes, a good article, for sale low, by
ANDERSON & LATIMER.
July 31st. 58.

**C. DuPRE, DRUGGIST,**
WHOLESALE and Retail Dealer in Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Fancy Articles, Liquors, *Window Glass, French and American assorted sizes.*
The subscriber keeps constantly on hand a large and well selected stock, which he will sell as low as any Druggist in the *Southern Country.* Every article is warranted to be of the best quality and put up in the best style. Physicians and Merchants will do well to call and look for themselves before buying elsewhere.

DRUGS.
Eps. Salts; Glauber Salts; Castor Oil; Sweet Oil; Rhubarb Jolop; Ipecac; Arror Root; Cream Tartar; Carb. Soda; Gum Aribic; Assafoetida; Gum Camphor; Alex. Senna; Peruvian Bark; Borax, &c.

CHEMICALS.
Sulph Quinine; Iodine; Iodid. Mercury; Iodid. Potash; Calomel Eng. Blue Mass; Spts Nitre; Sulph. Ether; Spts. Hartshorn; Nit Acid; Syrup Iodid of Iron; Cit. Ferri et Quinine;

PAT. MEDICINES.
Sands Sarsaperila; Lee's Pills; Beckwith Pills; Peter's Pills; Moffits Bitters and Pills; Spencers Pills; Wrights Pills; Brandieth Pills; Dead Shot; Fanestocks Vermifuge; Cod Liver Oil; Ayers Cherry Pectoral; Swayne's Syrup Wild Cherry; Balsam Wild Cherry &c.

PAINTS & OILS &c.
Pure Lead; Ex. Lead; and No. 1. Lead, Verdegris in Oil; Chrome Greene in Oil and Dry; Paris Greene in Oil; Vermellion; Black in Oil; Spanish Brown in Oil; Ven. Red in Oil, &c.

All the above articles will be sold cheap at the Drug Store of
C. DuPRE,
Market St
Wilmington, July 19, 1851. 53.
Journal and Goldsboro Telegraph copy.

**OIL.**
A FEW barrels prime Oil for Machinery, or Lamps, for sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
July 8. 4

RECEIVED
**BY ADAMS & Co's. EXPRESS,**
35 DAYS FROM NEW YORK.
1 CASE of Soft Drab Brush Hats. Those who have been waiting for these Hats can now get them by calling at the Hat Store, Market street.
C. MYERS, Hatter.
July 31. 58

**HURRAH FOR THE BLOOMERS.**
*THEY HAVE ARRIVED!!*
JUST received from New York:
1 cask pure Port Wine;
10 kegs extra Goshen Butter;
10 boxes Cheese;
10 " English Dairy do;
2 tcs. Lard;
5 bbls. Irish Potatoes;
25 bags. Flour;
20 bbls do.
10 " Crackers;
10 " Crushed Sugar;
10 " Clarified do;
1 hhd. Porto Rico do.;
5 bbls. Fulton Market Beef;
3 bbls. No 1. Mackerel. For sale by
GEO. MYERS.
August 9. 62.

## 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 roomis at the Mozart Hall, 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.**
WARRANTEE Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgage on 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 86

**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.*

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

**EMPTY SPIRITS BARRELS.**
200 SECOND Hand Spirits Barels, large size, in good order, for sale by,
DEROSSET & BROWN.
July 38. 47.

**FULTON MARKET BEEF.**
JUST received per Schr. Charles Mills, 5 bbls. Superior pickled Beef; for sale by
PERRIN & HARTSFIELD.
July 8. 48-tf.

**COTTON SEIN TWINE.**
300 BBLS. Cotton Twine, for sale, by
HOWARD & PEDEN.
July 8. 48.

**WILLIAM S. READ.**
HOUSE and Ship Painter, Glazier and White Washer, Office under Commercial Hotel Wilmington, N. C.
Thankful for past custom, he respectfully informs the public generally, that he is prepared to execute all work in his line of business, and takes this method of soliciting a share of the public patronage.
July 10. 6 m. 49.

HATS! HATS! HATS!
**CAPS AND UMBRELLAS,**
*FALL FASHIONS.*

C. MYERS, is this day opening at his Hat store in Wilmington, a large stock of every variety and style of Hats Caps; Fall Fashions for 1851. Be sure to call at the Hat store of C. Myers, if you wish get something that is, good, pretty and cheap, in the way of Hats; extra Moleskin, Silk, Beaver and Fur Hats of every quality. Also, Jenny Lind and Union Hats, now landing from Schr. C. D. Ellis.

C. MYERS.
August 16. 65.

**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 Terresto, do
17,00 De La Vuetta, old enough to walk;
20,000 half Regalia, Jicolinas, 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

**EMPTY SPIRIT BARRELS.**
150 LARGE Sizes, just received and for sale by ELLIS, RUSSELL & CO.
June 28. 44.

## 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.

**N. C. BACON.**
8000 LBS. Hams, Sides and Shoulders, in store, and for sale low by
SAVAGE & MEARES.
June 5. 35.

On Hand and for Sale to Close Consignments
50 barrels family Flour,
5 hhds Muscovado Sugar;
5 bbls. Porto Rico "
5 hhds. Western Shoulders;
5 barrels Whale Oil;
10 boxes Candles;
20 boxes Soap;
20 " Starch;
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.
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**BILLS OF EXCHANGE.**
A HANDSOME edition of Bills of Exchange, just received, bound in Books of different sizes, and in Quires and Sheets, for sale at the office of *The Commercial*
June 19, 1851. 41.

**WHISKEY.**
125 BBLS, for sale cheap by
J. & D. McRAE & CO.
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**SUPERIOR SODA WATER,**
at A. C. EVANS & BROTHER'S
July 26. tf. 56

**COPARTNERSHIP NOTICE.**
ROBERT G. RANKIN is a partner in our house from this date.
ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.
July 1d. 47.

**RICE.**
20 CASKS for sale low, to close consignment, by ADAMS, BRO. & C.
July 3d. 47.

**DOMESTIC GOODS.**
A FULL Supply of Sheetings, Yarn and Osnaburgs constantly on hand and for sale at manufacturers prices, by
T. C. WORTH.
August 21. 3m. 67.

**FIRE INSURANCE.**
THE undersigned having received the Agency, is prepared to take risks *upon the most favorable terms* in one of the *best Insurance Companies in the country*, THE HARTFORD PROTECTION.
H. NUTT, Agt
August 23, 1851. H. & J. copy. 69-tf.

WHOLESALE WATCH AND JEWELRY STORE.
**L. H. MILLER & CO.**
IMPORTERS, Manufacturers and Jobbers of WATCHES, JEWELRY, & FANCY GOODS, have leased the Old Stand formerly occupied by Messrs. Canfield, Brother & Co. SOUTH-EAST CORNER OF CHARLES AND BALTIMORE STREETS, (No. 227,) which they are putting in complete order for the WHOLESALE WATCH AND JEWELRY BUSINESS, to be opened about the 20th of July.
In calling the attention of the trade to the new concern, we mention the fact that we are associated with one of the most extensive JEWELRY MANUFACTURING ESTABLISHMENTS in the country, which must give a decided advantage over all others in this market, for supplying dealers with Jewelry at manufacturers' prices, a feature in this branch of trade long since needed, between Baltimore and the Southern and Western Merchants.
We desire to call particular attention to the Watch department, which will at all times be supplied with a great assortment from the most celebrated manufacturers, and kept in perfect running order, so that purchasers may at once take them, with a written guarantee that they will perform correctly.
This branch of the business will receive the especial attention of one of the firm, whose extensive and practical knowledge of the business, will we hope, give us a place in the confidence of buyers.
We respectfully invite you to call upon us when you next visit our city, confidently believing that an examination of our Goods will prove to you, that they are better styles and cheaper than you have ever seen in this market, and assure you that no effort shall be wanting on our part to make the acquaintance one of mutual benefit.
L. H. MILLER & CO.
Old stand, formerly occupied by Canfield, Bro. & Co. S. E. corner of Charles & Baltimore sts.
REFERENCES:
Messrs. Wyeth, Blacklock & Co.
" Gwyn, Reid & Taylor,
" James Hodges & Brother,
" Hurst & Berry,
" Murdoch, Duer & Evans,
" Stellmann & Hinrichs,
" Sangston & &o.
" Barthlow, Gwyn & Co.
" Riely & Pendleton,
" Cushings & Bailey,
" John Murphy & Co.
" Moore & Griffin.
Aunust 19, 1851. 66-6mo-c.

**GLUE.**
25 BARRELS American;
20 " superior English;
just received, and for sale, by
ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.,
August 5, 90.

**TO THE PUBLIC.**
THE undersigned having entered into a Copartnership for the purpose of carrying on the
BOOT AND SHOE BUSINESS
in all its branches, take this method of informing their friends and the public that they will open about the 20th September, one of the most fashionable stocks ever offered in this market, all of which shall be of the BEST MATERIAL and WORKMANSHIP. They intend to MANUFACTURE LARGELY, and have procured the services of some of the best workmen in the country. They hope by strict attention and a determination to please, to merit a liberal share of patronage.
JONES & GARDNER.
R. J. JONES. THOS. H. GARDNER.
Sept. 2, 1851. 72 tf.

## A YANKEE IN A COTTON MILL.

BY 'GAMBOGE.'

Did you ever see, read, or hear tell of 'a green 'un in a cotton mill?'

Pray don't answer rashly; don't lose yourself among 'Yankees in Coal Screens,' 'Yankees in Hot Baths,' 'Yankees in Restaurateurs,' and answer unadvisedly, 'Yes!'—Mine is a Yankee in a new phase. His dilemma is a Yankee fix—'sui generis,' a live Yankee in the card room of a cotton mill!

The plain, unvarnished facts in the case, as politicians say, are these: A raw, straw-hatted, sandy-whiskered, six-footer—one of the purely uninitiated—came in yesterday from Greene, with a load of wood for the factory company. Having piled his wood to the satisfaction of the 'Squire,' he baited his team with a bundle of *Greene* grass, brought all the way from thence for that purpose.—Then, after investing his available capital in the purchase of root beer and gingerbread at Ham's, he started to see the 'city,' filling his countenance rapidly with bread, and chewing it vigorously as he went.

He reviewed the iron foundry and machine shop, and was just opposite the warp-mill as the 'hands' were going in from dinner. The girls were hurrying in as only factory girls can hurry, and Jonathan, unaccustomed to such an array of plaid shawls and hood bonnets, deposited his goad stick upon the stairs and stalked in 'to see what the trouble was.'

The clatter of the machinery, and the movements of the operatives, soon absorbed his whole attention. Being, however, of an inquiring turn of mind, and seeing much which was calculated to perplex one whose observations in mechanics had been confined to threshing machines and corn shellers, he began to push vigorous inquiries in all directions. In this way he made himself acquainted successively with the external and internal economy of 'picker,' 'beater,' 'lap-winder,' 'doubler,' and 'speeder.' By 2 o'clock he had extended his researches as far as the 'breakers,' and 'finishers.'

He reached the latter just as the card stripper was 'stripping the flats.' In this operation the cylinder of the card is exposed to view, and is seen revolving with a very pretty buzz. Not satisfied with contemplating the 'poetry of motion' at a safe distance, our hero must needs introduce himself between the cards to get a nearer view. This move brought his 'nether habiliments' into dangerous proximity with the gearing of the next card, and 'thereby hangs a tale.'

'You, I say! She goes pooty don't she, Boss?' said Johnathin, inquiringly.

'She don't do anything else,' responded the stripper. 'But you must be careful how you move around amongst the hardware.—It was only week, sir, that a promising young man from Oxford—a student at the Academy here was drawn into that very card, sir, and before any assistance could reach him, was run through and manufactured into No. 16, super extra cotton yarn.'

'I s—s—wow! I believe your joking!' stuttered Johnathan.

'Fact, sir,' continued Stripper, 'and his disconsolate mother came down two days ago, and got five bunches of that same yarn, as melancholy relics.'

'By the mighty! that can't be true.'

'Fact, sir, fact, and each of his fellow students purchased a skein apiece, to be set in lockets, and wear in remembrance of departed worth.'

'Is that a fact, now? Was he really carded, spun, and set in lockets?'

A scene of personal danger here shot across our hero's mind, and he began to retreat precipitately, without waiting for an answer.

There was not much room to spare between himself and the gearing of the card behind. Another step backwards completed the ceremony of introduction. His unwhisperables being of rare 'caliber,' the process of snarling them up into a knot was no way slow. Our hero 'gave tongue' instanter, and by the twentieth gyration of the embodiment, the music was melodious. His explosive tones were scientific and did honor to his knowledge of dynamics. Gen. Scott himself could not have protested more forcibly against an 'attack on the rear.'

'Oh! M-u-r-d-e-r!—let go! you h-u-r-t. Blast your pictur, let go! Ain't ye ashamed! Git out 'Taint pooty! Darnation seize you! Let alone me, can't ye? do!'

The gearing by this time had wound him up so that he was obliged to stand on tiptoe. His hands were revolving vigorously behind him, but he dared not venture them too near the 'seat of war,' lest they should be drawn into hostilities.

The card stripper threw off the belt, but the momentum of the cylinder kept it revolving, and our hero supposing it in full operation, burst out anew.

'Oh, stop her! do—I an't well, and I orter be at home. Father wants the steers, and mother's going to bake. Stop the tarnal machine, can't ye, do! Ain't ye got no feelin' for a feller in distress? O dear! I'll be carded and spun and made into lockets. Jerusa-lem!! How I do wish I was to Greene!'

The card was stopped at last, but Jonathan's clothes were so tangled in the gearing that it was no slight task to extricate him.—Like Othello, 'he was not easily moved,' and it was only by cutting out the whole of the 'invested territory,' that he was finally released.

'What are you about here?' said the overseer, entering.

Nothing, sir, only stripping flats,' answered the stripper.

Our hero not caring to resume his 'pursuit of knowledge under difficulties,' a pair of overhauls were charitably lent him, and he scattered suddenly towards Mill Hill giving a series of short hics with either leg on his way, as if to assure himself that he had brought away his full complement of limbs, from the 'cussed machine.'