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J. & D. McRAE & Co.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Particular attention paid to procuring freights and purchasing cargoes for vessels.
JOHN McRAE, DONALD McRAE, JOHN W. K. DIX.
August 1, 1851.

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.

T. SOUTHWAYD & CO.,
ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS, AND IRON FOUNDERS.
All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.
CORNER MCLARY & NORTH WATER STS. WILMINGTON, N. C.
May 16, 1851.

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 19, 1850.

GEO. MYERS,
Wholesale and Retail Grocer,
KEEPS CONSTANTLY ON HAND
Wines, Teas, Liqueurs, Provisions, Wood and Fish, Soap, Sausages, Confectionaries, &c. &c.
SOUTH FRONT STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 23.

WILLIAM M. HARRISS,
GENERAL
COMMISSION MERCHANT
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.
REFERENCES:
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Wilmington, N. C.
Col. John McRae, Wilmington, N. C.
Messrs. Dudley & Huntington, Fayetteville, N. C.
Messrs. James Corner & Sons, Baltimore.
" E. A. Souders & Co., Philadelphia.
" Thompson & Hunter, New York.
" Pillsbury & Sanford, New York.
" Hunting & Taft, Boston.
" J. & G. P. Pitcomb, Keene, Me.
July 17th, 1851.

J. HATHAWAY & SON,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
J. HATHAWAY. J. L. HATHAWAY.
Oct. 15.

CHADBURN & HOOPER.
General Commission Merchants,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
July 17, 1851.

BUSINESS CARDS.
GEO. HARRISS,
General Commission Merchant,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
STRICT attention given to procuring Freights and purchasing Cargoes for vessels.
REFERENCES TO
F. P. Hall, Esq., Wilmington.
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Wilmington.
J. A. Taylor, Esq., Wilmington.
J. D. Bellamy, Esq., Wilmington.
Messrs. Ballard & Huntington, New York.
" Thompson & Hunter, Philadelphia.
Alex'r. Herron, Jr., Philadelphia.
Messrs. Williams & Butler, Charleston, S. C.
H. F. Baker, Esq., Charleston, S. C.
Jan. 2, 1852. 122-1f.

ANDERSON & LATIMER,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
SOUTH WATER STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Sep. 27, 1850. 82-1y-c.

MARTIN & CRONLY,
AUCTIONEERS,
COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
AND
GENERAL AGENTS.
Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 3, 1851. 85-1f.

JOSEPH H. FLANNER,
General Commission Merchant.
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 9th, 1850. 87-1y-c.

WILLIAM NEFF,
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.

GEO. H. KELLY,
COMMISSION MERCHANT.
Next door to A. A. Wannat's, on North Water street, 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. Alex. McRae, "
E. P. Hall, Wilmington, Wiley A. Walker, "
Dec. 13, 1850. 115-1y.

SAVAGE & MEARES,
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
EDWARD SAVAGE. GASTON MEARES.
May 2, 1851.

ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.
(Late Barry, Bryant & Adams.)
COMMISSION MERCHANTS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan. 1, 1851. 123

CORNELIUS DUPRE.
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN
Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Patents, Oil,
Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Cigars,
Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c.,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Prescriptions carefully compounded by experienced persons.
March 29, 1851.

J. C. LATTA.
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
AND GENERAL AGENT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Oct. 1, 1850. 87

MILES COSTIN,
COMMISSION MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
REFER TO
E. P. Hall, Esq., Pres't Branch State Bank.
Thos. H. Wright, Esq., Pres't Bank
Gape Feet,
O. G. Parsley, Esq., Pres't Commercial Bank.
Dec. 19, 1850 118-1f.

THOS. D. BARRY.
Commission Merchant and Ship Broker,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Jan. 21, 1851. 131-1f.

WILKINSON & ESLER.
CASH DEALERS IN
Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco, cigars, &c.,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,
MARKET STREET,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Nov. 30, 1850. 10-1f.

McRAE & HARRISS.
IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE AND
RETAIL DEALERS IN
CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHEN-
WARE,
AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS.
West side Front street, between Market and Dock streets,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
October 2, 1851.

EMPTY SPIRITS TURPENTINE BARRELS.
200 EMPTY Spirits Turpentine Barrels, in good order, for sale by
GEO. HARRISS.
Oct. 14.

BUSINESS CARDS.
T. C. WORTH;
Commission and Forwarding
MERCHANT,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Feb. 19, 1851. 143-12 m.

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 room is in the basement story of Mr. H. E. Nixon's Dwelling House, opposite the Jail, Wilmington, N. C.
April 5, 1851. 9-1y.

ELLIS, RUSSELL & Co.
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS
WILMINGTON, N. C.
CHAR. D. ELLIS, HENRY P. RUSSELL, JOS. B. RUSSELL.
Jan. 26, 1851. 133.

JOHN STRUTHERS & SON'S
MARBLE AND SAND STONE YARD,
No. 300 HIGH STREET,
PHILADELPHIA.
Marble Mantels, Monuments, Tombs and Grave Slabs constantly on hand. Every description of ORNAMENTAL WORK AND STATUARY Executed and imported. Orders for public or private Buildings executed with promptness and dispatch.
N. B. Designs will be sent for Mantels, Monuments and Grave Stones, and all work shipped insured from breakage when required.
Oct. 4. 85-1y-c.

MORE & GALLAGHER.
IRON FOUNDERS,
AND MANUFACTURERS OF
WROUGHT & CAST IRON RAILINGS
RIDGE ROAD & COATES ST.
PHILADELPHIA.
All orders attended to with promptness and dispatch—work warranted.
Oct. 4. 86-1y-c.

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.

FLOUR.
60 BBL'S Canal Flour, for sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Sept. 13. 77.

CONSULATE OF HAYTI,
64 Commercial Wharf, Boston, 6th 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 authorized to administer an oath) of the State or United States Government.
B. C. CLARK.
23-1f.

GLASS WARE! GLASS WARE!!
JUST Received from New York, a large of Vials of various sizes. Spirit Tincture and Salt Mouth Bottles, Toilette Bottles, fancy Perfumery, &c. &c. Also, a large assortment of Window Glass. For sale by
J. C. DUPRE,
Druggist and Chemist.

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. 68-1f.

RED ASH EGG COAL.
200 TONS of best quality, landing and for sale in lots to suit purchasers, at \$6 per ton, for Cash only.
Persons ordering will please send the money, as no Coal will be delivered without it.
DROSSET & BROWN.
Oct. 23. 94

RAISINS, RAISINS.
50 BOXES new crop, for sale by
GEO. MYERS.
Oct. 16. 91.

SHIPPING ARTICLES.
A HANDSOME edition of Shipping Articles. Just printed and for sale at The Commercial Office, equal to any as yet imported "from New York."
Orders for a Room or more will be filled at a cost of 10 to 20 per cent. cheaper than they are in New York.
Nov. 10, 1851. 102-1f.

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

HOUSES TO RENT.
Capt. G. Potter having given me the Agency for renting his houses, in Wilmington— all persons who wish to secure a place early, may do so by calling on the subscriber. I offer the following for rent from the 1st day of October next, to October 1st, 1852, viz. 1 large and comfortable 3 story brick tenement on Toomer's alley, with Bakery and Store attached.
One dwelling on the corner of Walnut and Water streets, 2 stories high, with Store in the basement. One Store House adjoining the above. The Riseley House on the corner of 4th Street. The House and Lot adjoining, on Boundary St. Also a number of desirable Cottages in the neighborhood of the Dry Pond.
A. A. B. SOUTHALL.
August 2, 1851. Journal copy. 89-1f.

DISTILLERS OF TURPENTINE.
I HAVE reduced the price of my SPIRIT BARRELS to \$1.00 delivered at any place in Wilmington. After Christmas they will be extra sale. Persons wishing contracts by the year on these terms. HOOP IRON for sale at \$85 per ton.
A. MORGAN.
Wilmington, Nov. 11th, 1851. 102-1fms. 97-1y-w.

Office Wilmington & Raleigh Rail Road }
Company, August 11th 1851. }

THE Freight trains for }
leave on Monday's Wednesday's, and Friday's }
Freight must be at the Depot by 1 o'clock on Saturday's, Tuesday's and Thursday's. }

JOHN NUTT,
Transportation Agent,
August 12. 63.

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 neglected, 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 special 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 & Hirsch,
" Sangston & Co.
" Barthlow, Gwyn & Co.
" Rley & Pendleton,
" Cushings & Bailey,
" John Murphy & Co.
" Moore & Griffin.
August 19, 1851. 66-6mo-a.

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

CIGARS! CIGARS!!
10,000 NOSEGAY Regalia Cigars;
2,000 No. 5,000 Primavera Regalia "
1,600 La Sultana Havana Cigars;
2,000 La Anoda Havana Cigars. A few boxes of choice chewing Tobacco, and a fine assortment of Cigar cases and Tobacco wallets. For sale by
C. DUPRE,
Druggist and Chemist.
Oct. 25. 95.

JUST OPENING
AT THE HARDWARE STORE.
THE most beautiful assortment of fine Pocket Cutlery, ever brought to this part of the country.
J. M. ROBINSON.
August 23. 70.

EMPTY SPIRIT BARRELS.
150 LARGE Sizes, just received and for sale by
ELLIS, RUSSELL & Co.
June 26. 44.

FAYETTEVILLE FLOUR.
5 BARRELS Superfine Fayetteville Flour, just received and for sale by
JNO. C. LATTA.
Nov. 22. 107.

RATES OF FREIGHT.
RATES of Freight on the Wilmington and Raleigh Rail Road, and on the Company's Boats to Charleston, revised and corrected December, 1850; just printed and for sale at the office of The Commercial, at 25 cents per copy.
Dec. 21. 119-1f.

NEW YORK LIFE INSURANCE CO.
THE agency of this establishment for the town of Wilmington, has been conferred upon the undersigned who is prepared to afford all requisite information and to receive application for LIFE INSURANCE upon as reasonable terms as any other institution of the same character in the country.
H. NUTT, Agent.
August 23 H. & J. copy. 68-1f.

NEW GOODS.
WE have received a part, and daily expecting the balance, of our Fall Stock of Groceries and Ship Chandlery, which was purchased direct from the Importers and manufacturers, and selected with great care. We respectfully invite our customers and the public to call and examine our stock, as we are determined to sell at the lowest prices. Our stock consists in part of—
300 bags Rice, Laguna, St. Domingo, Java, and 25 bbls. P. R. Sugar; [Mocha Coffee; 200 bbls. refined, crushed, powdered, and granulated Sugar; 100 bbls. coffee crushed do. Teas of all varieties, Green and Black; 200 boxes Soap; 300 " Sperm, Adamantine, and Mould Candles; 100 " Lemon Syrup; [dles; 1,000 reams Wrapping Paper; 200,000 Cigars, a 1 grades and kinds; 100 boxes Tobacco—a fine article; 100 bbls. Whiskey, Brandy, Gin, Rum, Wines, [Cordials, of every variety and quality; Butter, Lard, Rice, Flour, Salt, Pepper, Spice, Ginger, Mustard, Cassia, Nutmegs, Cheese, Crackers, Bread, &c.
Cordage, Duck, Blocks, Anchors, Chains, Lanterns, Compasses, and every article required on board of ships.
We also have a large stock of Wooden and Willow Ware, Hardware, Dry Goods, &c., besides numerous articles not mentioned. Please call and examine our stock.
HOWARD & PEDEN.
Sept. 18. 79.

DEEDS FOR SALE.
Warranted Deeds, and Deeds for Mortgagee and just printed, in correct form, for sale at The Commercial Office.

EMPTY SPIRITS BARRELS.
200 SECOND Hand Spirits Barrels, large size, in good order, for sale by
DROSSET & BROWN.
July 34. 47.

SUNDRIES.
JUST received—300 bags Coffee, Rio, Laguna, St. Domingo, Java, and Mocha; 26 bags sweet spicy chocolate; 10 bbls. P. R. Sugar; 100 bbls. double refined loaf, crushed, powdered and granulated Sugar; 200 boxes Candles, all kinds and grades; 25 do. Jud's patent do., 4s 5a and 6a, in fancy boxes, 6 lbs. each; 100 bbls. Whiskey; 50 boxes Cheese; 200 packages new Raisins; 200,000 Segars, at Baltimore prices; 100 boxes fine Chewing Tobacco; 10,000 new two bushel Gunny Bags. For sale at the lowest prices, by
HOWARD & PEDEN.
Nov. 20. 106.

COFFEE.
100 BAGS extra Rio, for sale by
ADAMS, BROTHER & Co.,
August 5. 90.

COFFEE.
50 BAGS Rio Coffee. For sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Sept. 13. 77.

BILLS OF LADING, &c.
FOLIO POST BILLS OF LADING bound in Books, and sheets, also Letter Sheets—with variety of mercantile blanks, for sale at The Commercial Office.

PLANTATION BROGANS,
House Street Shoes, &c. at Wholesale and Retail
No. 30 EAST BAY, CHARLESTON, S. C.
THE subscriber, Agent for the South Carolina Shoe Factory, at Charleston, S. C., and the Cheraw Factory, at Cheraw, S. C., will offer for sale in this market by the lot of Sept., a large supply of Southern made Plantation Brogans and house servants' Shoes, together with a general assortment of Boots and Shoes, which will be sold at the lowest market prices for goods of a similar quality.
A. A. PRINGLE,
Dealer in Brogans, Boots and Shoes,
No. 30, East Bay.
Aug. 15, 1851. 86.

SPIRIT BARRELS.
100 AFFLECK'S superior Spirit Barrels, for sale by
J. C. LATTA.
Nov. 22. 107.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.
THE subscribers have this day formed a co-partnership under the style of McRAE & HARRISS, and have taken the new granite front store, lately erected by Capt. G. Potter, on Front between Market and Dock streets, where they will always keep a complete wholesale and retail stock of CROCKERY AND FARMING IMPLEMENTS,
to which they invite the attention of merchants and others.
Being IMPORTERS, we feel confident we can sell articles in our line on as favorable terms, and of as good quality, as can be purchased in the United States.
ALEX. McRAE, Jr.,
N. T. HARRISS.

NOTICE.
THE subscriber having formed a co-partnership with Mr. N. T. HARRISS, is desirous of closing up his old business, and begs leave to urge upon those indebted to him the necessity of a prompt settlement of their bills. He at the same time tenders his thanks to his former customers for their kind patronage, and solicits a continuance of the same to the new firm.
ALEX. McRAE, Jr.
October 2, 1851. 85.

BROTHERS LINE.
THE Steamer Brothers and Tow Boats, Stevenson and David Levin are prepared to forward with DESPATCH, all goods consigned to the Proprietor.
The Steamer Brothers is of LIGHT DRAUGHT, and well suited to run in low water. She possesses power, and speed, and is admirably adapted to towing, and can accommodate about 20 passengers.
The Proprietor contemplates running the Boat himself, and will give special attention to way freight and naval stores; to towing, and will also attend to the comfort and convenience of Passengers.
From his long experience Agent in Wilmington of the several Steam Boat Companies, he thinks he can give satisfaction.
To Merchants in the interior he would say, that all Goods shipped by him, will be delivered to their Agents in Fayetteville. His Agent in Wilmington is JOHN C. LATTA, to whom all communications may be addressed, as Agent of the Steamer Brothers.
JOHN BANKS, Proprietor.
May 15. Salisbury Watchman, Greensboro' Patriot, Fayetteville Observer, and Carolinian, and Ashboro' Herald, please copy 4 weeks, and send bills to this office.

GROCERIES.
40 BAGS prime Rio Coffee;
10 " Laguna do.
7 bbls. P. R. Sugar;
40 boxes and 13 casks prime Cheese;
25 barrels Mocha Coffee;
100 barrels Sap. Flour, assorted brands;
15 kgs Goshen Butter;
10 boxes (5's) Tobacco;
20 " Soap;
5 bbls. Bacon, Sides and Hams;
30 boxes Raisins;
20 barrels Lamp Oil;
For sale by
J. HATHAWAY & SON.
Nov. 20. 106.

PORK AND HAMS.
80 BBL'S. Mess Pork;
10 casks superior Canned Hams;
Daily expected from Baltimore and for sale by
J. & D. McRAE & Co.
Oct. 28.

JUST RECEIVED,
PER SCHR. Wm. HART FROM PHIL.
100 OZS. Sulph Quinine F. & W.
100 ozs. Sulph Quinine, German;
5 bbls. Epson Salts. Sulphum, Nitric and Murtric Acids. Also, a large assortment of choice Chemicals from the laboratory of Pomroy & Weightman. For sale cheap at
C. DUPRE'S,
Drug Store.
Oct. 25. 95.

JUST RECEIVED.
A FEW Casks of fine Liquors, for Medicinal purposes. For sale by
C. DUPRE,
Druggist and Chemist

THE VALUE OF A CENT.
A little thing to write about, you may say, but trifles light as air make and mar our fortune; then, are they not important enough to be noticed?
Suppose a child were starving in the streets—what then? Why, a penny would buy him bread enough to recruit his dying energies. Depend upon it, a cent, properly disposed of, may at certain times, do more good than a million at others.
A friend of ours was returning once through a busy thoroughfare to her home. Her intention was not to purchase any thing, and she happened to have in her purse but one cent. Passing by a little stand, she now saw some very large, rich-looking oranges for sale at a penny a piece. She spoke for one, took the cent from her pocket, when suddenly a thought arrested her; she could not help it, but involuntarily stayed her hand; it was this; I have just left a luxurious table; I have had all I wanted, how foolish in me to spend even this cent when I may come across some poor beggar child to whom it may be a treasure. She replaced the cent and went on her way.
A long distance was before her but she came to the head of a narrow alley, she passed for a moment; something seemed to draw her irresistibly towards the place; she knew a poor widow who lived there, a lady-like woman, who supported her children by her own industry, and she thought she might just look in upon her for a moment, to ascertain if she was comfortable.
The widow was sitting by a small fire, her five children ranged around the hearth, she entered; the former made her welcome, but in subdued tones; and her friend saw she had been weeping. With great delicacy she inquired the cause.
"To tell you the truth, Mrs. M., said the widow, while her cheek arched, I have today spent my last farthing for bread for these children; and though I have work, yet my money was advanced and I cannot get more till it is finished to-morrow. My oldest boy came running home a few moments ago from the upper part of the city, saying that a letter was in the penny postman's box, with my name upon it, and the post-mark of my native town. It may be of the greatest importance; but I am a stranger in this neighborhood; I don't like to expose my poverty by borrowing, and yet I have not one cent."
"And I am sorry to tell you that one penny is all I have at present," said our friend; but that will enable you to get what you wish, and I hope you will find good news in it."

The letter was sent for. It was written by her father's sister, a good and pious woman, and a dependent. She begged her to come to her early home, from which her father had long ago expelled her, for marrying a poor man; the old gentleman was dangerously ill, and might die any moment, he had spoken of her, he seemed to fret kindly towards her; and if she could hasten there, his forgiveness might be obtained, and her five children made comfortable.
"There was no time to be lost; on foot and alone, the widow set out, travelling secure in her poverty, six weary miles.
By midnight, her feet, for the first time in twelve years, pressed upon the threshold of her father's princely mansion. The good aunt met her with tears. Tired and travel worn as she was, she yearned to behold her old father before he died; she hurried to his chamber, glided to his bedside, and without speaking flung upon her knees, beseeching only his forgiveness, his blessing. How should the demon of vindictiveness longer rule in that dying man's heart? He looked upon the hollow, grief-worn cheek of his surviving child, and forgot the past; he held forth his feeble arms, and she fell upon his bosom.
The old father died with the dawn, but not before he had affixed a codicil to his will, making his child and her children heirs to most of his large estate; and to-day the poor shirt-sleever, who was stitching himself into the grave, lives beloved and respected by rich and poor; her children, well-educated, promise to become blessings and honors to her. Upon her mantle, in the best room, is a gilded and transparent vase, containing one cent; and she often reminds her friends, that through the instrumentality of so trifling a sum, she became enabled to do all the good for which hundreds of hearts bless her daily.
So you see, reader, that a penny is sometimes of great value.—Oliver Branch

What if you are homely as a fog but—Don't cry about it. Let goodness of heart make up for outward looks. A lady with eyes that resemble peered onions, and as crooked as politician's creed, a nose like a hoe, and a mouth that stretches from ear to ear, and opens like a jack-knife, will be more respected and beloved, by those whose good opinion is worth one's pains to secure, if she possesses a good heart and a kind disposition—than if she was beautiful as Milton's Eve, with a corkscrew disposition and a heart of lead. The wise never judge from the complexion of the skin or the symmetry of the form, but by the virtues of the heart.

GENIUS VS. COMMON SENSE.
There is a lower kind of discretion and regularity which seldom fails of raising one to the highest stations in the court, the church and the law. It must be so; for Providence who designed the world should be governed by many heads, made it a business within the reach of common understanding; while one great genius is hardly found in ten millions. Did you ever observe one of your clerks cutting his paper with a blunt ivory knife? did you ever know the knife fall going the true way? whereas if he had used a razor or pinking knife, he had odds against him of spoiling it, a whole sheet.

Swift to Baltimore.