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JOSEPH E. 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.

T. SOUTHWAYD & CO., ENGINEERS, BLACKSMITHS, BRASS AND IRON FOUNDERS. All orders in the line will be punctually attended to.

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.

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ANDERSON & LATIMER, COMMISSION MERCHANTS SOUTH WATER STREET, WILMINGTON, N. C. Sep. 27, 1850.

ALFRED MARTIN, AUCTIONEER, COMMISSION MERCHANT, AND GENERAL AGENT. Wilmington, N. C., Oct. 3, 1851.

JOSEPH H. FLANNER, General Commission Merchant, WILMINGTON, N. C. Oct. 9th, 1850.

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, GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS, March 17, 1851.

GEO. H. KELLY, COMMISSION MERCHANT. Next door to A. A. Wannet's, on North Water street, to the sale of all kinds of Country Produce, such as Corn, Peas, Meat, Bacon, Lard, &c.

THOS. F. GAUSE, Commission Merchant & Auctioneer, Office in Hall's upper building, North Water Street.

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

CORNELIUS DUPRE, WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN Drugs, Medicines, Chemicals, Paints, Oil, Dye Stuffs, Glass, Perfumery, Claret, Old Liquors, Fancy Articles, &c., MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, N. C.

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

MILES COSTIN, COMMISSION MERCHANT, WILMINGTON, N. C. REFER TO E. P. Hall, Esq., Pres't Branch State Bank.

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

WILKINSON & ESLER, CASH DEALERS IN Confectionary, Fruit, Nuts, Toys, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, Tobacco, Segars, &c. WHOLESALE AND RETAIL, MARKET STREET, WILMINGTON, N. C.

McRAE & HARRISS, IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN CHINA, GLASS, AND EARTHENWARE, 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.

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T. C. WORTH, Commission and Forwarding Merchant, WILMINGTON, N. C. 143-12 m. Feb. 19, 1851.

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.

ELLIS, RUSSELL & Co. GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS WILMINGTON, N. C. CHAS. D. ELLIS, HENRY P. RUSSELL, JOSEPH S. RUSSELL. Jan. 25, 1851.

JOHN STRUTHERS & SON'S MARBLE AND SAND STONE YARD, No. 380 HIGH STREET, PHILADELPHIA. Marble Monuments, Tombs and Grave Stones constantly on hand.

MORE & GALLAGHER, IRON FOUNDERS, AND MANUFACTURERS OF WROUGHT AND CAST IRON RAILINGS, RIDGE ROAD & COATES ST. PHILADELPHIA. All orders attended to with promptness and dispatch.

SOUP DIGESTERS. An invaluable article, to the epicure, dyspeptic, or even poor man. "It makes Soup what is Soup!" ROBINSON. August 28.

FLOUR. 60 BBLs. Canal Flour, for sale by J. HATHAWAY & SON. Sept. 13.

GLASS WARE! GLASS WARE!! JUST Received from New York, a large quantity of various sizes, Sugar Tincture and Salt Mouth Bottles, Toilette Bottles, fancy Perfumery, &c. &c. Also, a large assortment of Window Glass.

FIRE INSURANCE. THE undersigned having received the Agency, in preparation 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.

RED ASH EGG COAL. 200 TONS of best quality, landing and for sale in lots to suit purchasers, at \$5 per ton, for Cash only.

RAISINS, RAISINS. 50 BOXES new crop, for sale by GEO. MYERS. Oct. 15.

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.

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

SAIL MAKING. THE Subscriber having located himself in the town of Wilmington, for the purpose of carrying on the Sail making business, would respectfully inform the Merchants and Masters of vessels, that he is prepared to operate, and feels confident of giving satisfaction to all who may employ him.

DAILY EXPECTED PER SCHOONER H. PRICE. 30 BARRELS New mess Beef; 10 do do Prime do; 123 Boxes Cheese. For sale by JOHN C. LATTA. Feb. 5.

HAMS AND LARD. 25 HAMS and 1 barrel Lard, just received, and for sale by J. C. LATTA. Sept. 17.

EMPTY SPIRITS BARRELS, 200 SECOND Hand Spirits Barrels, large size, in good order, for sale by D. ROSSET & BROWN. July 24.

SUNDRIES. JUST received—50 bags Coffee, Rio, Laguayra, St. Domingo, Java, and Mocha; 25 bags sweetened chocolate; 10 hds. P. R. Sugar; 100 lbs. double refined oil, crushed, powdered and granulated Sugar; 200 boxes Candles, all kinds and grades; 25 do. Java, 45 and 50 and 60 in fancy boxes, 6 lbs each; 100 lbs. 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.

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

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

RATES OF FREIGHT. RATES of Freight on the Wilmington and Raleigh Railroad, and on the Company's Branch 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.

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.

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

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.

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

ANOTHER SCIENTIFIC WONDER. DR. J. S. HOUGHTON'S GREAT DYSPEPSIA CURE! Pepsin. The True Digestive Fluid, or Gastric Juice Prepared from Receipt, or the fourth stomach of the Ox, after directions of Baron Liebig, the great Physiological Chemist, by J. S. Houghton, M. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

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THE MONOMANIC.

AND HOW HE WAS CURED.

ST. STEPHEN'S COVE, IN A small town, not far from one of our largest maritime cities, lived a tight-fisted old codger named Jacob Peevins. There were two peculiarities that made him an extraordinary man. In the first place, though he was quite wealthy, and allowed himself all the comforts of high living, yet he was never known to bestow a penny farthing or to grant a tit of delicacy to his servants; and in the second place, what was still more wonderful, he greatly believed himself to be haunted by a ghost.

On the first subject he was a perfect monomaniac, and so earnestly had he believed in the truth that he would lay awake at night and talk with the ghost which he imagined to be standing by his bedside, and more than once had he arisen from his bed, and offering his arm to his ghostship, walked forth into the open air, and those who had met him on such occasions, and tried to convince him that he was entirely alone, were forever afterwards banished from his favor. He knew that the ghost was with him, for he felt the spirit's arm entwined with his own.

"Patrick," said Mr. Peevins one day, "he stopped in one of his walks and addressed his gardener, 'do you believe in ghosts?' 'Ghosts, sir?' 'Yes—ghosts.' 'Faix, sir, an' I'm thinkin' it's meef that'll be a ghost afore long,' returned the honest Hibernian, as he leaned upon his shovel and wiped the sweat from his brow.

"Perhaps when you are dead." "An' I'll be that same, sir, you may depend upon it, afore long. If ye'don't give me more to ste and drink. By me now, sir, I havn't tasted a drop of the comfort since I've been upon your place.

"But do they not see ghosts in your country Patrick?" asked old Peevins, seeming not to notice the man's delicate hint. Patrick knew his master's weak spot and he determined for once to humor him. "My country, sir? Ghosts in my country? Ah, ye'd better believe it, sir. Faix, many's the time I've talked wid 'em men when they'd be ather comin' into the house."

"The old man's eyes sparkled at this information," and bidding Patrick drop his shovel, he ordered him to follow him into the house, where he demanded a full explanation of all the circumstances attendant upon ghostly visits in the old world. Pat Mulrooney had the gift of gab? to perfection, and for half an hour he entertained his credulous master with the most marvellous and wonderful accounts of Irish ghosts.

"And this is all true, Patrick?" "Every word of it, sir." "And ghosts have been known to kill persons?" "When they've been ather dishyin' them, sir, not widout."

"Mr. Mulrooney," said Peevins, having suddenly conceived a great respect for his gardener, "you are the first man of sense with whom I have conversed for a long time. I think you mentioned something about drink."

"Go to that drawer at the head of my bed, and bring me that bunch of keys." Patrick did as desired. "There—take that one and go down and unlock my wine cellar. On the ground, upon the right, you will see a row of bottles—Bring one of them up here. Only one, and be sure that you unlock the door."

When "Mulrooney" returned, he received the joyful intelligence that he might "indulge," and it is hardly necessary to state that the peculiar power of the "outgrown" attraction so strong that the bottle was emptied ere it left his lips.

Pat Mulrooney felt extremely happy that he had been allowed once more to partake of that stream of exhilaration which had become endeared to him by the memory of the pangs of his native hills but ye felt that half so well pleased and satisfied as did his master. Jacob Peevins had at length found a man who could, from experience, sympathize with him in the peculiar visitation that Providence had fixed upon his fate.

One night, when the winds blew vigorously around the old mansion, and the stars seemed to peep forth as if half-ashamed of their meagre light, the old monomaniac laid in his bed awaiting the appearance of his nocturnal visitor. Just as the clock struck twelve, his chamber door was slowly opened, and the ghost appeared. Indeed, the man or woman who had seen that presence, would have been half convinced that old Peevins was right in his ghostly faith.

Slowly and majestically, the ghastly apparition approached the head of the old man's bed, and with a prophetic air it swayed to and fro before him. Most people would have been frightened by the apparition, but not so with Jacob Peevins. The ghost was his very ideal of existence, and as the pale visitor stood by his bed he attempted to arise from his recumbent position, but in this he was frustrated, for as he made the first motion his spirit departed, pronounced in a tone deep and sepulchral.

"Mortal, to ye sight I've come, I'll not harm ye if you're dumb. Stir not from your downy bed. For on that thought this deed."

Jacob was startled with this announcement, but still he was pleased, for never before had he received such direct, palpable evidence of his favorite theory—or, rather, such convincing proof of his predominant faith—as this.

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