The Commercial.

WILMINGTON, N. C.:

THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1855.

THE CASE OF MISS BUNKLEY,

THE ESCAPED NUN.

Disastrous Influence of Convents—Strange Interpretation of the Vow of Chastity—Rivalry—Jealousy.

The following is an extract from the pages of the unpublished pamphlet of Miss Josephine M. Bunkley, says the New York Herald, who made her escape from the Convent at Emmitsburg, Frederick county, Md., some months since. It will be read with interest.

Miss Bunkley says, at the conclusion of the last chapter, I said that convents, and religious communities of a similar nature, are favorable to neither moral nor bodily health. As regards their disastrous influence on the physical frame, there can be no doubt, as I have satisfactorily shown, and it is not denied, even by those most interested in upholding them. The Mother Superior of St. Joseph's, in her remarkable letter, did not attempt to controvert this point, although she maintained that it was the result of the pious and charitable offices to which the sisters had devoted themselves, in attending hospitals and ministering to the sick. But the fact is, that most of the sickness in the community arises from the unremitted and laborious servile duties, and exhausting nature of what are termed devotional exercises, the fatiguing forms and attitudes in which are more assimilated to torture than to meditation and worship.

If weakness, sickness, and a shattered constitution—the natural results of over tasked strength—had been the only considerations against which I had to contend, I might still have been an inmate of St. Josep's—an unwilling one, certainly, as I was thoroughly convinced of the grievous mistake I had committed—but still, they would not have proved sufficiently potent in urging me to the desperate venture of an attempt to escape from its walls. I call it a desperate venture, because a failure to accomplish my object would have been attended with consequences which even now I shudder to contemplate; and no trifling cause could have prompted an effort, the detection of which would have exposed me to fearful punishment. But other incentives, combined with the physical and mental suffering I constantly endured, forced me to make the trial of escape from a place, the atmosphere of which teemed with danger and pollution.

This part of my subject I approach with doubt and diffidence, and with feelings which sensitive minds can fully appreciate. Yet, conscious of the purity of my motives, and convinced that the public have a right to know the circumstances and causes which influenced my action—at the same time, conscious that it is due to myself and friends to declare it—I shall endeavor to discharge this unpleasant duty with truth and candor.

I entered the Institution of St. Joseph's under the complacent impression and implicit belief, that among the "Sisters of Charity" I should find an entire devotedness, an unselfish, pure dedication to the service of the Almighty. I had heard and read so much of their pious life, their earnest efforts to comfort the afflicted, tend the sick and console the dying, that I entertained the most exalted ideas of their Christian perfection. The short time, too, I remained at the institution as a visiter, with the assurance of the Superior, confirmed the favorable effect on my mind, and I therefore became a member of the community under most propitious auspices to view matters in the most friendly light. But I was speedily disappointed. The rose-color tint in which the sisterhood had appeared to my eager glance, gave place to the sombre reality when I was enabled to see things aright. My anticipations were unrealized, my feelings shocked, and my enthusiasm from fever heat cooled down to zero. Although many were perfectly sincere and conscientious in the practice of their devotions and discharge of duties, yet among these so much superstitious reverence prevailed as to excite contempt and pity. I allude especially to the respect paid to pictures and images, which, although the Catholic church says they are only intended to direct the mind to a devout contemplation of the originals, were here viewed in a light that savored of idolatry. In the garden of the Superior, where we were sometimes permitted to walk, is placed a statute of St. Vincent, the founder of the order. This figure was held in great estimation. No one passed it without a lowly and reverential obeisance. I have often seen and heard it addressed as a living being. Many of the sisters would approach it timidly, with their hands clasped in the attitude of prayer, and after a profound salutation, exclaim, in beseeching tones—"Pray for me, father!"

The older or "professed sisters" are treated with much more leniency, and lead a more easy life than the novices. Many of those rather advanced in age occupy their own rooms, where they are served by the younger inmates, and are not compelled to attend strictly to all the services. In the "Community room" they have "parties," with music and refreshments, and to which the priests are invited; but none of the younger sisters are admitted, or allowed a share of the delicacies provided for the occasion, although, for the most part, it is their duty to prepare them. Of occurrences and acts in the "community room" of course I can give no account, as "seminary sisters" are not allowed to enter there at any time, except when summoned to the Superior, or sent with a message. But enough passes without to excite sorrow and disgust.

It will be recollected that I mentioned the three vows required to be observed by the Sisters of Charity, in common with the nuns attached to all Catholic convents—Poverty, Chastity and obedience. The interpretation of the first of these is sufficiently plain, the intention being to enrich the religious establishments with the property—if they should possess any—of the members of the community, as it is more likely they would donate it to the institution to which they were attached, than dispose of it in any other way—being prevented by their vow from retaining it themselves, even if it was not, as is the case, placed at the disposal of the Father Superior, when they assume the habit.

Of the other two obligations some explanation is necessary, and the peculiar ideas inculcated by the priests in regard to their breach and observance, will, perhaps, prove novel and startling to the unsophisticated denizens of the world without, to whom Jesuitical casuistry and doctrine are unknown studies.

A *religeuse*, or sister, is bound by her "rule" not to touch the hand of a man, not even of her father, brother, confessor, or any priest; but—mark the distinction—should one of the last mentined class, especially a priest of Lazare, take her hand, with whatever intention, she must not withdraw it. Her vow of obedience has supremacy over all others.

Again: a sister is required by her vow of chastity not to look a man in the face; not to raise her eyes when speaking to, or addressed by, the Father Superior, her Confessor, or any other priest, nor to permit her thoughts to dwell upon an individual of the other sex. If she breaks this rule—for thought will sometimes overleap prescribed bounds—especially with regard to a priest, she is commanded by the rules to acquaint him and the Superior with her fault, and request a change of place. But—mark the distinction again—if her Confessor, the Superior, or any other Lazarist, order her to think of them favorably, she is commendable in so doing, for she proves herself obedient.

I would here solicit the earnest attention of the candid and honest reader to the diabolical craft and cunning here displayed. If a young girl is thoughtlessly betrayed into an infraction of the rules just mentioned, and discloses her error as required, the priest, so informed, can either take advantage of her confession or not, as he may feel inclined, or as his judgment of the character of the offending sister may determine. Sometimes policy may induce him to express a holy horror of the offence, for the sake of exalting his own sanctity, especially if he entertains an aversion for the penitent, or may deem her an unsuitable subject for his schemes. On the other hand, should their own evil desires induce them to plan the moral destruction of a sister, how great an advantage they possess for its accomplishment by this doctrine of passive and meritorious obedience? To be plain, the whole matter amounts to this: the sisters are taught that their vow of obedience is supreme—that the expressed will of the Superior must be regarded as the voice of God; and that if the vow of chastity is violated by the will of those exercising authority over them, no sin can be imputed to them because they are doing right by preserving inviolate the vow of obedience.

As the result of these pernicious and demoralizing doctrines, a lamentable state of things, I grieve to say, existed among a portion of the community. It was some time, so little suspicion of the truth was entertained, before I understood or appreciated the symtoms of the malady raging around me. When the light dawned upon my mind, it was accompanied with a shock as if of electricity, which paralyzed me for the moment—I almost doubted the evidence of my senses—but with the reaction was formed the resolution to escape at all hazards, only hastened to its execution by subsequent events. And here let me add again, for I would not be misunderstood, that I do not mean to include the whole sisterhood in one sweeping charge of immorality. Far from it. Many are pure in their feelings, and sincere in their desires to serve God, however erroneous and ill-founded they may be. Many would be glad to be free from their bonds, and like a liberated bird, sing carols at their release. But others, as I have said before, are infatuated with their lot, and no inducement would be sufficient for their voluntary departure. Infractions of moral duty, and departures from right are the consequences of the system; and the errors of the sisterhood are justly chargeable to the reverend guides and directers, who inculcate such mischievous tenets.

As might naturally be expected, an extensive system of favoritism prevails within the walls of the institution, not only as regards the Mother Superior, who dispenses indulgencies and partialities among those on whom she wishes to attach to herself but with the Priests and certan members of the community. Jealousy also exercises a potent influence among the sisterhood. It is no rare sight to witness the features of a beautiful girl convulsed and distorted with passion, when she passes a rival, who exults for a season in the triumph she has achieved, but who, poor deluded victim, soon has to experience the same sensation of anger and revenge at her desertion for more attractive objects of priestly desire and favor.

The power conferred upon the "reverend fathers" by the Popish doctrine of confession affords them great facilities to accomplish their purposes. The utmost importance is given to a strict and punctual attendance at the confessional, which may be truly called the throne of the Catholic ecclesiastic; for, armed with the self-assumed authority of God, in whose stead he officiates on earth to the supplicating slaves prostrated before him, he deals from thence the terrible anathema of the Church to the disobedient and refractory—dispenses his "absolution" to the faithful and submissive—and prescribes the "penance" to be observed as an expiation for sin. Seated in the confessional, he is empowered in virtue of his arrogated position, to propound queries, which, from the lips of others, would be deemed flagrant insults. Kneeling there, the young maiden answers questions calculated to eradicate every feeling of modesty—woman's highest charm—and lays bare before that inquisitive search of her "spiritual director" every secret thought, every incipient sensation, every impulse of her humanity.

SEIZUIE OF COUNTERFEIT MONEY.

The Cincinnati Gazette of Thursday announces the detection and arrest in that city of a gang of counterfeiters who have been circulating spurious and counterfeit money throughout the Western country on an extensive scale. The Gazette says:

"The police were unable to learn any definite information whereby they could make any arrests until yesterday morning, when they assertained that a man named Georgh H. Cody, well known East and West, was about leaving the city with a package of 'coney' in his possession. The officers watched for his arrival on the landing, and about twelve o'clock they observed Cody go on board the steamer Bostona with a package in his hand. The officers arrested him and found the package to be $5,530 in finished bank notes of the denomination of $5's and $10's on the Farmers' Bank of Charlestown, Va. The plates are altered from those of another bank, the dies are genuine, but a portion of the filling, which is very badly done is counterfeit; paper good. The police lodged Cody in the Hammond street station-house, and then proceeded to the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, in Fulton, where they found upwards of twenty thousand dollars of the same denomination and same plate, but not filled up. Several of the sheets looked as if they had been freshly printed. They also got the ink, pen, &c. used for making the signatures, &c. to the notes.—Mrs. Williams was also lodged in the station-house, and a detachment of policemen was sent in search of the plates, papers, and presses, a clue to which they have obtained, We suppose the parties arrested will have an examination in the Police Court to-day.

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SIDNEY KOPMAN.

March 29. 6-tm-c.

NOTICE

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We now offer our magnificent and well-selected stock of *superior made Clothing*, consisting chiefly of Customer work; also, a splendid assortment of fine French Cloths, Doeskins, Cassimeres Drap Detes d'Orleans' Ornuns Cloths, and a large and beautiful variety of Vestings, Hosier, and Gentlemen's Furnishing Goods, at *unprecedented low prices*. This sale will furnish a fair opportunity to any one desirous to engage in the Merchant Tailoring Business, to buy either a portion or the whole stock, and continue the business in the same Store, as it is for rent after the first of June, 1855. This Establishment has been doing an excellent business ever since it went into operation, and the only reason for closing out the same is, because all our attention is required at our principal Stores.

KAHNWEILER & BRO.

April 21. Daily H. and J. copy 1 week. 16.

NEW AND FRESH GROCERIES.

THE subscriber has just returned from the North with a choice variety of Groceries, Wines, Teas and Liquors; Lea & Perrin's Worcestershire Sauce; John Bull Sauce; English Pickles, of every variety; Preserves, Jellies and Confectionaries; Fruits, Brandy Peaches, Brandy Cherries, Bolter Butters, Catsups, of all kinds; Layer Raisins, whole, half and quarter boxes, extra; Figs, Dutch Flat Cheese, Preserved Ginger, Bouche and Starr Champaigne, of the finest grades; Old Government Java Coffee; Rio, Laguayra and St Domingo do.; 100 boxes A. M. Candles, cheap; 1 pipe of that Extra Crescent Brandy, from Custom House, Wilmington; 50 cases Extra Claret Wines; 10 barrels fine old Rye Whiskey, for retail; Madeira, Sherry, Port, Muscat, Scuppernong, and every variety of Liquors, on retail; Patent Sperm, and Sperm Candles; Bay Rum; Colgate's and Fancy Soaps; Hiram Smith's Flour, in bbls., half bbls. and bags; Vermacilla, Macaroni, Currants, Citron, every variety of Nuts; Rasberry and Cherry Syrup, by the gallon; Mackerel, Salmon, Corned Beef, Beef Tongues, Smoked Beef, Y. Powders, Extracts, Oils Stuffed Olives, something new; Anchovies, Sardines, Fresh Lobster; Fancy Baskets; Key Baskets; 20 cases old Dry Madona; Buckwheat; extra Goshen Butter, and everything that constitutes a well-selected stock of Groceries. Wholesale and retail, at the Original Grocery.

March 31. GEO. MYERS.

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100 BBLS choice Planting Potatoes, yellow and 40 bbls. Apples, just received and for sale by W. M. SHERWOOD & CO.

Feb. 20. 141.

CLARENDON IRON WORKS,

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HENRY M. DRANE, Agent.

March 17. 1 tf.

BUTCHERS' IMPERIAL FILES.

JUST received a full supply.

April 3. J. M. ROBINSON.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NORTH CAROLINA.

THE Regular Annual Convocation of this body will be held in Wilmington on Monday, the 4th day of June next. Subordinate Chapters are requested to be punctual in sending their representatives, as matters of much importance are to be acted on.

H. P. RUSSELL, Grand Secretary.

April 10. 11-tm.

GRATIS!

Just Published, a New Discovery in Medicine.

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March 10. 149-6m-p.

THE LONDON INTELLIGENCER

SAYS: "The great book of the day is Mr. Kingsley's Westward Ho! It seems to be in everybody's hands." "*Westward Ho!*" is for sale at S. W. WHITAKER'S.

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GOLDSBORO' FEMALE COLLEGE.

THE third Session of this Institution commences on Wednesday, the 3rd of January, 1855, and ends on the 3d of June 1855.

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We return thanks for the unexampled support we have had and believe it will be continued. For further information apply to the President of the faculty, or myself.

WM. K. LANE, Pres't. Stockholders.

Dec. 9th, 1854. 111-tf.

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YOUNG MEN

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Oct. 13. 90-1y-c.

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Aug. 22.

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March 30. M. ROBINSON.

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March 29. 6-tf.

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July 11. 49-tf.

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April 7. 1 tf.

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April 28.

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Nov. 4. J. R. BLOSSOM. 97.

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Nov. 2. C. DePRE & Co.

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Wilmington, N. C., May 18. 27

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Wholesale Druggists, Wilmington, N. C.

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Oct. 5. Wholesale Druggists, Wilmington.

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AN agreeable Refrigerant and Laxative. This preparation is extensively used in the form of *solution or liquid Citrate*, and has given very general satisfaction. Frequent applications for a preparation in the form of Powder, of similar nature, and properties, have suggested the advantages that might result from its introduction in that form, especially when the bulk and weight of the *liquid Citrate*, (an article so justly esteemed both by physicians and in private families wherever it has been used,) would interfere with its being sent to great distances; it is destitute of bitterness, and by its pleasant acidity of taste and its effervescing character, is rendered a very agreeable and refreshing drink, at the same time that it is a good substitute for Epsom salts or other saline purgatives. Sold by Dr. A. O. BRADLEY, Druggist.

Dec. 12. 112-tf.

BATCHELORS, FAMILIES, HOTELS, Steamboats, &c., can be furnished with mattresses, beds, pillows, bolsters, sheets, pillow cases, blankets, comforts, spreads, towels, tablecloths, &c., by calling on

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April 8. Upholsterers.

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Jan. 9th, 1855. 123-1y-c.

CLOTHES DRYING MACHINES!

W. L. S. TOWNSHEND has still on hand a few Clothes Drying Machines; a great convenience and great saving of labor—also an assortment of Jelly Strainers and patent metal Milk Pans.

March 6. 147.

P. R. SUGARS.

IN hhds. and bbls., for sale low by

Jan. 20. MOORE, STANLY & CO.

HOOP IRON.

OF the best American manufacture.

Nov. 4. J. R. BLOSSOM.

CHEMICALS--JUST RECEIVED:

1,000 OZ. German Quinine;
500 do. French do;
50 lbs. Calomel;
20 do. Syr. Iodid Iron;
25 do. Blue Mass;
50 do. Vallett's Mass;
50 gallons Sp'ts Nitre;
40 do. Aq Ammon;
20 bbls. Epsom Salts;
10 do Copperas. For sale by

C. & D. DePRE, Wholesale Druggists,

Oct. 5. 86.

AUBURN STILL FOR SALE.

THE Plantation of the subscriber, near Raleigh, and on the Central Rail Road, is not yet disposed of. A description has already been given—but no one will of course make so important a purchase without visiting the premises.

Apply to Wm. R. POOLE, Esq., who lives near the place, or to the subscriber.

T. LORING.

Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 28, 1854.

DISTILLERS' GLUE.

A SUPERIOR article, constantly on hand, and for sale in quantities to suit purchasers, by

March 29. WM. A. GWYER.

FURNITURE WAREHOUSE.

THE subscriber has just received by late arrivals from New York and Boston:

40 fine Bureaus;
20 " Sofas;
10 " Ward Robes;
5 Book Cases;
4 doz. fine Spring Mahogany Chairs;
2 " " " Rock. do;
40 " Cane Seat and Windsor Chairs;
50 Bedsteads; 40 Tables;
40 Wash Stands and Toilet Tables;
10 " Sinks and 20 fine Office Chirs;
Card Tables, Lounges, &c. For sale low for cash, by

S. M. WEST.

April 7 10-tf.

FROM FAYETTEVILLE

Per Steamer Fanny Lutterloh.

25 BBLS. Super Flour; 10 bbls. family do for the cash only, at GEO. H. KELLEY'S.

Feb. 10. J H and N C T copy. 137.

MARSAILES QUILTS, and MOSQUITO NETTING, for sale low, for cash, at

WILKINSON & ESLER'S,

April 17. Upholsterers and Paper Hangers.

NOW is the good time to have your rooms Papered, as we have opened our latest paterns of Hangings, Borders and Decorations.

WILKINSON & ESLER,

April 17. Upholsterers and Paper Hangers.

LARGE STOCK OF FURNITURE.

THE subscriber would respectfully invite the attention of the public, to his very large and complete assortment of Furniture now being received and recently selected by himself at the Manufactories: during the present month, his stock will be complete and consist in part of the following articles.

Plain, Scis Drawing Room Furniture, in Damask and Hair Cloth;
Setts Painted Chamber Furniture,
50 Sideboards, Secretaries and Book Cases;
50 Sofas and Tete a Tetes;
100 Bureaus;
100 Wash Stands, marble and plain;
100 Rocking Chairs;
75 Nurse do.
125 Tea and Dining Tables;
75 Centre, Card and Sofa do.
75 Toilet do.
100 doz. Chairs, cushioned, cane and Windsor;
250 Bedsteads, in mahogony, walnut maple and iron;
Wardrobes mahogony and stained;
Office Furniture;
Children's Chairs;
Ottomans, Foot Stools;
A fine assortment of Looking Glasses;
Teapoy's Whatnots Hat Stands;
Settees, Work Tables;
Work Boxes, Paper Hangings;
Window Shades, &c. &c.

A FEW VERY FINE PIANO FORTES, and in fact almost any article that may be desired, in connection with furnishing Dwellings Hotels, Offices or Society Rooms—From Steel.

J. D. LOVE.

Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 9, 1853 76.

HOOP IRON.

THE subscriber is constantly receiving consignments of this article, of the best quality, and offers it at the lowest market rates.

JOSEPH R. BLOSSOM.

Nov. 21. 104-tf.

DR. E. SEYMOUR'S

Celebrated Galvanic Abdominal Supporters

THIS is to certify, that C. & D. DePre, Druggists of Wilmington, N. C., are my sole agents for the sale of the above Supporters for this place and vicinity.

E. SEYMOUR.

Wilmington, N. C., March 23, 1854.

We most respectfully call the attention of the Medical Profession of the State to an examination of the above Supporters. C. & D. DePRE.

March 23. 3-tf

FILES! FILES!! FILES!!!

JUST received a full assortment of Butcher's *genuine* Saw Files. Also, the double tang extra Mill Saw Files. J. M. ROBINSON.

April 5. 9

GLUE.

10 BBLS. Prime American, just received and for sale by ADAMS, BRO. & Co.

Oct. 26. 93.

BACON HOG ROUND.

1400 PIECES North Carolina Bacon, a splendid article for sale by

July 18. C. DePRE & CO.

DENTAL PRACTICE.

WE attend to the Surgery of the Teeth and Mouth from 10 o'clock, A. M., until 5 P. M.

For a gold stopping, $3; but if large or difficult from $4 to $5, &c., &c.; Cleaning teeth, from $5 to $2; Separating a tooth, $1; Extracting a tooth, from $1 to 50 cents; a Pivot tooth, from $10 to $5.

K. SPENCER.

Wilmington, Nov. 28th, 1854. 107-6m c.

TOBACCO.

50 BOXES various qualities, for sale at Factory prices. T. C. & B. G. WORTH.

Jan. 27. 131.

WHITE LEAD & SPANISH BROWN.

100 KEGS Pure, extra and No. 1 White Lead; 25 bbls. Spanish Brown; to close consignment. MOORE, STANLY & CO.

Oct. 28. 94.

ENTIRE NEW NOTICE.

BY W. L. S. TOWNSHEND—30 bbls. of assorted Whiskes's; 5 do. Old Kennedy Whiskey; 1 half pipe Renault Brandy; 2 qur. cask Gauter Frere's Brandy; 1 qur. Old Tom Gin; 1 qur. Ansinck Port Wine; 1 half pipe Scuppernong Wine; also Madeira Sherry, &c.; East India Pale do.; Navy Bread; Pilot Bread; 25 boxes assorted crackers. The above have just come and for sale cheap.

Feb. 13. 133.

NOTICE.

HAVING determined on closing up our business in Wilmington, *immediately*, we now offer for sale, AT COST, all our stock of Groceries, Provisions, &c., &c. Merchants and dealers are invited to call and examine the goods—nearly all of which have been purchased for cash and at the lowest market rates.

N. B.—All parties indebted to us MUST *make* IMMEDIATE PAYMENT.

April 10. FREEMAN & HOUSTON.

SASH, BLIND AND DOOR AGENCY.

Formerly conducted by Guy C. Hotchkiss.

THE public are hereby informed, that I have been appointed agent for the sale of Window Sash, Blinds and Doors, manufactured by the New Haven Com., and am prepared to fill all orders in the above line. The quality of the work of the New Haven Com. is well known in this market. Builders and all persons in want of the above articles, are requested to send in their orders, and they will be promptly filled. Terms invariably cash on delivery.

WM. A. GWYER.

General Agent Commission and Forwarding Merchant.

April 18. 15

DISSOLUTION.

THE Copartnership heretofore existing under the name and style of SUTTON, SOUTHMAYD & CO., was dissolved on the first of March. The business of the late firm will be settled by SOUTHMAYD & BRO.

WM. SUTTON,
THOS. SOUTHMAYD,

March 6th, 1855. CHAS SOUTHMAYD.

COPARTNERSHIP.

THE subscribers have formed a Copartnership, under the name and style of SOUTHMAYD & BRO., for the purpose of carrying on the Blacksmith, Iron and Brass Foundry and Machinery Business, in all its branches, at the stand formerly occupied by SUTTON, SOUTHMAYD & CO., and would solicit a share of patronage.

THOS. SOUTHMAYD,

March 6th, 1855. CHAS. SOUTHMAYD.

☞ In consequence of above dissolution it has become necessary that all notes and accounts due the late firm, be settled immediately. The subscribers will pay all debts due by the late firm.

SOUTHMAYD & BRO.

Wilmington, March 6th, 1855. 143-tf.

DAILY EXPECTED

PER FIRST PACKET—100 boxes Oranges and Lemons; 20 bbls. Apples.

Cocoanuts by the hundred.

For sale, wholesale and retail, by

March 31. WM. H. DeNEALE.

PRIME NEW ORLEANS MOLASSES.

40 BBLS. in good order; 15 half bbls. do. do. Low for cash, at

GEO. H. KELLEY'S.

Dec. 16. J., H., N C T & S. Age copy 114.

NEWS.

ARRIVAL OF THE ILLINOIS.

EIGHT DAYS LATER FROM CALIFORNIA.

NEW YORK, May 13.—The steamer Illinois arrived here this morning from Aspinwall via Kingston. She did not put into Havana as reported by a dispatch received from New Orleans, but the news received from there, which is the same as that we have here, was obtained from the steamer El Dorada. The steamer Illinois brings about 700 passengers, and $1,115,000 in treasure.

The advices by the Illinois are to the 17th ult.

The steamship Golden Age, which left San Francisco on the 17th of April with 750 passengers and $1,300,000 in treasure on board, struck a sunken rock on the night of the 25th ultimo, off the Island of Quibo, about 5 miles from Panama.

The disaster to the steamer Golden Age is reported by Purser Hull as follows: On the 29th of April, at 2 o'clock, A. M., the steamer struck on a sunken rock off the South West end of the Island of Kicaron, and commenced leaking bad