

SOME ODD ADVERTISEMENTS.

The papers are full of minor pitfalls, into which the unwary are continually falling, sometimes with their eyes wide open.

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weak cry of the destitute gentlemanman to be allowed to slave in a nursery 'for the sake of a home.' Vehement love sends its voice imploring through the world after a graceless boy, side by side with the announcement of the landing of a cargo of lively turle, or the card of a bug-killer.

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ISRAEL W. SUTCLIFF, Importer and Manufacturer of GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS, 296 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

FISH AND POTATOES. Daily Expected from Nova Scotia. 300 BBL'S. fresh caught No. 3 Mackerel, 200 " Herring, salted, 20 boxes Codfish, containing 100 lbs. each.

SACK SALT. 750 sacks about, for sale by the WILMINGTON MALE AND FEMALE SEMINARY.

DR. R. F. HIBBARD'S WILD CHERRY BITTERS. FOR NERVOUS WEAKNESS AND GENERAL Debility—These Bitters are highly serviceable in all dyspeptic affections; they assist digestion; restore the tone of the stomach; stimulate the liver, and create an appetite.

FOR SALE. A LIGHT and strongly built Buggy. RUSSELL & BRO.

VINEGAR! VINEGAR!! JUST received from Philadelphia. 35 bbls, best Clarified Cider Vinegar, superior article.

CIGARS! CIGARS!! JUST RECEIVED, 50,000 choice Havana Cigars, for sale by C. & D. DePRÉ.

QUININE! JUST RECEIVED, by Adams & Co's Express, 300 cts. Zimmer's German Quinine. For sale by W. M. A. GWYER.

DISTILLERS' GLUE. A SUPERIOR article, constantly on hand, and for sale in quantities to suit purchasers, by W. M. A. GWYER.

TURPENTINE STILL FOR SALE. A T. Leeburg, in the Wilmington and Weldon Railroad Road. The said still will run 12 bbls Virgin Dip Turpentine.

NOTICE. THE undersigned having now some frigate workmen employed, is prepared to manufacture Boots and Shoes to order at short notice.

NO. 3 MACKEREL. 45 BBL'S. fresh, for sale by ADAMS, BRO. & CO.

PICKLED HERRING. 50 BBL'S. prime Nova Scotia, just received, and for sale by ADAMS, BRO. & CO.

VALUABLE TO INVALIDS. WE have just put up retail, 1 cask Port Wine, 1 Madeira, the best article ever offered in this market.

LEMOSYNE. 50 BOXES just received by L. N. BARLOW.

DESIRABLE WHARF TO RENT. THE large and convenient Wharf near the Railroad, known as the Gillespie Wharf is for rent, it is well adapted to the Naval Store business, having Warehouses and Sheds.

WOOD WARE. A N assortment of Kegs, Buckets, Pails, Tubs, &c., for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

EMPTY SPIRIT BARRELS. 350 EMPTY Spirit Barrels, just received, for sale by ADAMS, BRO. & CO.

THE TRI-WEEKLY COMMERCIAL. Published every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 25 per annum, payable in Advance.

RATES OF ADVERTISING. 1st insertion 50 cts. 2d 25 cts. 3d 12 cts. 4th 6 cts. 5th 3 cts. 6th 1 1/2 cts. 7th 75 cts. 8th 50 cts. 9th 25 cts. 10th 12 cts. 11th 6 cts. 12th 3 cts.

NEGRO PASSES. A NEW form of Passes, containing sanitary provisions approved by the Commissioners, and a number of others interested in the welfare of our colored population, is just issued at the office of The Commercial.

PAINTS, OILS, DYE-STUFFS. 20,000 LBS. pure and extra White Lead; 5,000 Gallons. Linseed Oil; 25 bbls. Red Ochre; 50 lbs. Chrome Green; 10 lbs. Veratrin Red; 300 lbs. China Yellow; 25 bbls. Lamp Black; 8 bbls. Coarse and Java Varnishes; Terra D'India, Amber and Prussian Blue; Logwood, Annatto and Madder.

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NOTICE. THE subscriber having qualified as special Administrator upon the estate of Cornelius Myers deceased, and having been authorized to collect in the debts due said estate, hereby notifies all persons indebted by note, or account, or otherwise, to make immediate payment, as it is desirable that the business be speedily closed.

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NOTICE. THE Hardware business heretofore conducted by J. B. ROBINSON, will from this date be carried on by J. M. ROBINSON & CO. All the accounts of the old firm are now made out, and must be closed by note or otherwise.

KENAN T. MORGAN, FORWARDING & COMMISSION MERCHANT, CHERAW, S. C. 5-6-m-c.

100 KEGS, assorted, for sale by GEORGE HOUSTON.

SASH AND BLIND FACTORY. THE Wilmington Sash and Blind Factory is in operation again, and is prepared to execute all orders at short notice for Sashes, Blinds, Doors, Screens and Brackets of any shape or figure.

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PROSPECTUS OF THE N. C. CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. THE North Carolina Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, having determined to issue a weekly paper bearing the above name, the subscribers are authorized to issue this prospectus.

It is intended to publish a family newspaper, which will be devoted to religious, moral, and political topics, and to the dissemination of useful information, and to the maintenance of the doctrines and usages of the Methodist Church, shall be devoted to the interests of every class of readers. It is intended to be published weekly, and to be equal in value to any other paper of the kind published in the State. It is adapted to the wants of our people, and its entire insufficiency of the existing 'Advocate' is a publication of our own paper, and we cordially expect the hearty co-operation of the Members of our Church in all parts of the State and Conference, and hope to make the paper as interesting and instructive as to attract patronage from the public generally.

The 'Advocate' will be published at \$1.50 a year and the first number will be issued as early as practicable after the next Session of our Conference. It is believed that the publication will be commencing on the 1st of January, 1856. It is respectfully urged to secure and forward the names of subscribers, particular attention being paid to the names of the Ministers of the Gospel, post offices and Counties. Those who may have no opportunity of subscribing through the agents, will be glad to receive directly to Rev. Wm. E. Peil, Fayetteville, N. C.

The payment will be expected upon the issue of the first number. The location of the publishing office will be determined at the Session of Conference. WILLIAM E. PEIL, WILLIAM CARLISLE, RUFUS T. HEPLER, JAMES T. BLOOM, WILLIAM BARNES, July, 1855.

100,000 COPIES! STEAMBOAT DISASTERS ON THE WESTERN WATERS AND STEAMBOAT DIRECTORY. THE undersigned have now in course of preparation a NEW STEAMBOAT DIRECTORY, which will contain over two hundred pages, and will be published in a durable and useful manner. It will contain a complete list and description of all the Steamboats on the Western, Southern and Northern Waters. The length, model, speed, power, and tonnage of each boat, where and by whom they are run, the names of the Captains and Officers, their age, &c., &c. The Directory will contain a list of all the Steamboats on the Western, Southern and Northern Waters, since the application of steam to navigation, and a sketch of the first boat built for the Ohio and Western Rivers.

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MISCELLANY. A NEGRO STEALER TAKEN AND FEARED IN MISSOURI. THE MANNER IN WHICH THE COAT IS AFFEDED to a negro stealer in Parkville, Mo., under the code of Judge Lynch. The man's name was Atkinson, and he was declared guilty by a committee of citizens of attempting to run off with a mulatto slave girl. After the decision of the extra judicial court had been rendered, some of the committee went for tars, others for a bag of feathers; the rest stood guard before the office door. Tar enough was brought to besmear the entire population of Parkville, and feathers sufficient for at least a dozen coats.

'Now, stranger, to save trouble, off with your shirt.' With imperturbable coolness, and without opening his lips, the prisoner doffed his linen and flannel. As he wore neither vest nor coat, this ceremony was soon concluded. 'He's obedient,' said one of the crowd, 'it's best for him.' 'He's got off too d—easy,' said another.

'That's a fact,' said a third. By the time the prisoner was naked from the loins upward, said Capt. Wallace, 'Come out here,' said Capt. Wallace, 'we don't want to smear the floor with the tar.' Silently and carelessly Atkinson followed them.

Messrs. Bird and Hughes then cut two paddles—sticks about a yard long, and broad at one end—and proceeded slowly (amid the laughter and jests of the crowd, which Atkinson seemed neither to see nor care for) to 'lay it on,' at least half an inch deep, from the crown of his head to his wrist; over his arms, hands, cheeks, brow, hair, arm-pits, ears, back, breast and neck. As he was besmearing Atkinson's cheeks, one of the operators jocularly observed that he was 'touching up his whiskers,' which of course produced great merriment among the crowd. All this while the only outward sign of mental agitation that the prisoner exhibited was an extraordinary activity in chewing and expectorating.

'Guess you've got enough on—put on the feathers,' said an idle member of the committee. 'You are doing it up brown,' said a voice to the operators, flatteringly. 'Yes, sir,' said one of the operators with a laugh, as he took hold of the bag of feathers and threw a handful on the prisoner's back. 'No, it's better to put them on in handfuls,' said a voice.

Messrs. Bird, Hughes, Boyden and Samuel Johnson then took hold each of the end of two long poles, which they placed so as to form an extemporé St. Andrew's cross. 'Sit on there,' said one of them, I forget who, to the tarred and feathered man. 'Why, they're going to ride him on a rail,' said a voice beside me. 'Seizes the d—scoundrel right,' replied his companion. 'He ought to be hanged,' rejoined the first voice.

'A person near the prisoner, as Atkinson calmly put his legs over the poles and sat on the part where they joined. The four citizens named then raised him in the air—placing the end of the poles on their shoulders—and carried him through the street, which was thronged with people, down to the wharf and back. Just as the grotesque procession, amid shouts of laughter, ironical remarks, and other indications of popular opinion, reached the wharf, the steamer Martha Jewett arrived there. I boarded her, and when I landed again found that the procession had changed into several circles of talkers, the poles had disappeared, and the prisoner in his grating habiliments with them. He left Parkville that evening.

THE SHORTEST WAY. Some twelve years ago, Napoleon (Indiana), was celebrating for two things, one for the causing of propensities of his citizens, and the other for the great number of cross-roads in its vicinity. It appears that an Eastern collector had stopped at Dayton to spend the night and gain some information respecting his future course. During the evening he became acquainted with an old drover who appeared well posted as to the geography of the country, and the collector thought he might as well inquire in regard to the best route to different points to which he was destined.

'Well, sir,' said the drover, 'you had better go to Napoleon, and take the road leading nearly north.' 'The traveler noted it down.' 'Well, sir, if I wish to go to Edinburg?' 'Then go to Napoleon and take the road west.' 'Or to Indianapolis?' added the collector, 'eyeing the drover closely, and thinking he was being imposed on.' 'Go to Napoleon and take the road north-west.' The collector looked at his note book; every direction had Napoleon on it, he began to feel his mettle rise, and he turned once more to the drover with—'Suppose, sir, I wanted to go to the devil?' 'The drover never smiled, but scratched his head, and after a moment's hesitation, said: 'Well, my dear sir, I don't know of any shorter road you could take than to go to Napoleon.'

GOOD MOTHERS. What is wanting, said Napoleon, one day, 'Mad. Campas,' in order that the youth of France may be well educated? 'Good mothers,' was her reply.

A SUGGESTION. A New York paper suggests a national subscription, through the churches and otherwise, for a fund toward building a Norfolk suitable monument to the memory of the doctors and nurses who sacrificed their lives for the good of others. It would be a simple matter for such congregation or person, thinking such a monument due,—to forward without ceremony a contribution to Mr. Whitehead, the acting Mayor of Norfolk, and the papers would acknowledge the receipt.