

POETRY.

TO HIM I LOVE
If ever the dew drop was loved by the flower,
When panning it dropped in its hot summer bow;

STRANGE COMPANIE
A little child, a little child,
Upon its mother's knee,
With dimpled cheek, and laughing eye,

TENACITY OF LIFE IN A TORTOISE.
A water tortoise in the possession of Mr. J. G. Shute, of Woburn, Mass., an amateur Zoologist, has just died, after living in water two years and six months without food.

GIN.
ROSE and Imperial Gin, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

MISCELLANY.
From the Northern Journal March 26.
BEAUFORT HARBOR.
We are indebted to J. D. Whitford, Esq., President of the Atlantic & N. C. R. R. Company, for the following copy of a letter from Capt. George Johnson of the Barque Meldon, (recently arrived in Beaufort Harbour with a cargo of railroad iron) in reply to a note from Mr. Whitford making certain inquiries in regard to shipping facilities of Beaufort Harbour.

WHY IS PORTSMOUTH FORTIFIED.
The formidable defensive works in course of construction at Portsmouth, (England) have excited the surprise of some of the Paris journals, and the Assemblee Nationale thus expresses itself:

IMPORTANT TO NEGRO STEALERS.
We publish to day one of the series of acts passed by the General Assembly to provide more effectually for the protection of the slave interests of the State. Agents of the 'underground railroad,' and especially the negro-loving skippers of Yankee vessels frequenting the waters of Virginia, should give this law a careful perusal.

REMARKABLE CASE OF ABSTINENCE FROM FOOD.
We learn from the Rockingham (Va.) Register that Samuel Herly, who resides about two and a half miles from Spartanburg, in Rockingham county, has totally abstained from food for fifty-seven days!

A GLEAM OF SUNSHINE IN AN OMNIBUS.
We have been much impressed with the following simple anecdote in one of the New York letters of "Fidelus" to the Boston Transcript:

THE BODY OF ROBERT SCHUYLER.
We have good reasons for knowing that the body of this man, whose name alive was once so potent in Wall street, came here in the steamer Arago, from Havre, wrapped up like a package of goods.

A CLINCHER.
An American paper says in this is the method of catching tigers in India--A man carries a board on which a human figure is painted; and as soon as he arrives at the den he knocks behind the board with a hammer; the noise suddenly rouses the tiger, and he flies in a direct line at the board, and grasps it, and the man behind it clinches its claws into the wood, and so secures him.--English paper.

NEWELL'S PATENT SAFETY LAMP & LAMP FEEDER.
A NEW ARTICLE, warranted to prevent all accidents from the use of Burning Fluid, Carbide, and other Explosive, for the production of light. This invention is applied to all common Lamps and Lamp Feeders, also, to Solar, Camphene Lamps, Lanterns, &c.

MACHINE SHOP, PATTERN ROOM, BOILER SHOP, BLACKSMITH SHOP, IRON AND BRASS FOUNDRY, DRAUGHTS AND OFFICES.

RECEIVED THIS DAY.
10 BBL'S superior Monongahela Whiskey, universally procured to be the best brought to this market. W. L. S. TOWNSEND.

NEW JUVENILES.
MRS. POLLEN'S Twilight Stories, comprising "The Old Garret," "Made Up Stories," "The Padar of Dust Slices," "True Stories about Cats and Dogs," "Little Paul," and other stories, by Lizzie Adams. "The Magicians Show Box," "Botsa," "A Story of the last Century," by Anne Harriet Drury, authors of "Friends and Fortunes" &c., lately Published. For sale at WHITAKERS.

HENRI DE LATOUR!
OR THE COMRADES IN ARMS; by J. Fredrick Smith, author of "Romantic Incidents in the Lives of the Queens of England," "Tempestations," "Charles Vespacer," "Woman and her Whims," "Monte Grey," "Henry Arden," "Fred Vernon," &c., &c. Just published. For sale at W. L. S. TOWNSEND.

PROSPECTUS OF THE PLYMOUTH BANNER.
THE subscribers having purchased the "Wilmington" establishment, will commence publishing a weekly Newspaper of the above title, about the middle of January, 1856.

RATES OF PILOTAGE.
JUST printed and for sale at The Commercial Office, the Rates of Pilotage for the Bay and River.

QUININE!
JUST RECEIVED, by Adams & Co's Express, 3000 ozs. Zimmer's German Quinine. For sale by C. & I. DUPRE, Wholesale Druggist, 45 Market St.

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THE Subscriber having accepted the agency of several establishments at the North which will furnish him an unlimited supply of finished, unfinished, foreign and domestic MARBLE of all qualities, is prepared to fill all orders for MONUMENTS, GRAVES, HEADSTONES, and every other article in the line of the business, at reasonable rates.

ON CONSIGNMENT.
34 Bales North Carolina Hay--4 Casks Machinery Oil--20 Barrels Fine Flour--8 Bales Cotton Yarn--600 lbs. prime No. 1 Cotton, for sale by T. C. & B. G. WORTH.

COGNAC BRANDY.
20 BBL'S, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

COFFEE! COFFEE!!
75 BAGS Rio, Laguayra and old Java. Now landing from N. Y. Packet, and for sale by ZENO H. GREENE, N. C. Advocate copy.

HAY AND SALT.
100 BALE HAY; 4000 SACKS SALT, for landing per schr. Adelaide from New York, and for sale by J. H. FLANNER.

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30 BOXES, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

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Patent Champlain Fire and Burglar Proof Safes. The great interest manifested by the public to procure more perfect security from fire for valuable papers, such as Bonds, Mortgages, Deeds, Notes, and Books of Account, from the military SAFES heretofore in use had induced the Subscriber to devote a large portion of time and attention during the past fourteen years in making improvements and alterations for this object, and they now beg leave to assure their numerous friends and the public generally, that their efforts have been crowned with complete success, and now offer the "IMPROVED HERRING'S PATENT FIRE AND BURGLAR PROOF SAFES," as the

AMERICAN IRON.
OF the best American manufacture. Nov. 4. J. R. BLOSSOM.

LIME.
125 CASKS Thomson Lime, on hand, for sale by ADAMS BRO. & CO. Dec. 15.

C. SUGAR.
25 BBL'S, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

PORTO RICO SUGAR.
20 BBL'S, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

NOTICE.
THOSE indebted to me individually, or to C. D. DUPRE & CO., will please call and make payment without delay, as further indulgence cannot be given. W. L. S. TOWNSEND.

HAY! HAY!
51 BALE HAY, N. C. Just received per R. Road, and for sale by ZENO H. GREENE, No. 7, Market street.

RYE WHISKEY.
12 DOZ. Bottles pure old Rye Whiskey, of superior quality. For sale by L. N. BARLOW, April 10.

JUST RECEIVED.
30 BBL'S, Rectified Whiskey and Common Brandy, and for sale by WM. L. S. TOWNSEND, No. 20, Market street.

WESTERN SIDES & SHOULDERS.
11 HDS. Bacon, for sale to arrive at the end of each price. GEO. MYERS, March 5.

CHEMICALS--JUST RECEIVED:
1,000 500 do. French do; 20 do. Syr. Iodid Iron; 25 do. Zinc Mass; 50 do. Vallet's Mass; 50 gallons Sp'is Nitric; 40 do. Ag. Ammon; 10 do. Copppers. For sale by C. & D. DUPRE, Wholesale Druggists, 45 Market street, Oct. 5.

ON CONSIGNMENT.
75 BBL'S. Meas Pork, 1,000 bushels prime heavy Pen Nuts. For sale by GEO. W. DAVIS, March 13.

TEA! TEA!!
A FRESH SUPPLY of Superior Green and Black, received this day at L. N. BARLOW, Feb. 28, 1856.

FLOUR! FLOUR!
100 BBL'S. FLOUR in store, and for sale in lots to suit, by T. C. & B. G. WORTH, Feb. 28.

CIGARS AND TOBACCO.
GIFT CIGARS, Anti-Nervous Fine Cut Chewing Tobacco, Fig Tobacco, At the Broadway Variety Store, No. 40 Market street. W. H. DANFELT, March 13.

RICE.
A SUPERIOR ARTICLE of clean Rice, fresh beat, in casks and barrels, just received from the mill. In store and for sale by RUSSELL & BRO. Feb. 28.

THROUGH BY EXPRESS.
AND just opened, a few cases Gen's Soft French Cell Hair, new styles and colors, at the Emporium, SHEPARD & MYERS, March 5.

MEDICINES, CHEMICALS, &c.
THE subscribers have just opened, and now ready for inspection, the largest and complete stock of Medicines, Chemicals, Fancy Articles, Perfumery, &c., &c. they have ever offered, embracing all the new preparations of the day. J. H. FLANNER, 45 Market street, Nov. 8.

ALLEN SINCLAIR!
OR A LOVER'S ADVENTURE. A Romance, by the author of "The Autobiography of an Orphan Girl," &c. Just published. Restricted and for sale at S. W. WHITAKER'S, March 4.

SPERM CANDLES.
20 BOXES, for sale by GEO. HOUSTON.

SHINGLES! SHINGLES!
10,000 ON HAND and for sale by T. C. & B. G. WORTH, March 11, 1856--1w.

BRICKS.
50,000 NEW YORK hard Bricks, daily expected. For sale by J. H. FLANNER, No. 22 North Water street, Dec. 11.