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EDWARDS'S LIFE PRESERVER.—Mr. Edwards of Church Street, in this town, cork-manufacturer, has just completed what he calls a "Life Preserver," which in our opinion seems admirably adapted for the purpose; we can, however, speak further, it has been tried, and was found to be more efficacious than any of the spectators had anticipated. The experiment was made near the North Wall, and when the individual who wore the Preserver had got beyond his depth, he floated about, upon the surface of the water for a considerable time, without any exertions whatever, and frequently holding both his hands and feet above the water. The Cork Collar and Waistcoat are no doubt well known to many of our sea-faring readers, but Mr. Edwards's invention is evidently very superior in many respects to both of them, from the facility and quickness with which it may be put on, and its not being in any degree uneasy or troublesome to the wearer. Of the great value to seafaring men of inventions of this description, there cannot be the least doubt; we have in fact frequently witnessed instances in which they would have been the means of saving many valuable lives, and in our opinion no vessel ought to be without them. The great sum at which the Cork Waistcoat and other Preservers have hitherto been sold at, may probably have been the means of preventing their becoming so general as it would have been desirable, but from the moderate price at which Mr. Edwards can afford to sell his Preservers, an apprentice even might obtain one. We would however recommend the masters of vessels to purchase one for each person on board, and let them be considered as ship's property. A vessel with a crew of eight people might be furnished, we understand, with eight of Mr. Edwards's Life Preservers for about five pounds—a mere trifle—and the first would be the only cost, as they would last as long as the vessel. We would also advise the Trustees of the Harbour to purchase ten or a dozen for the use of the Life-boat men: they would no doubt be an additional security to these brave men whilst hazardous their own lives for the preservation of those of others. Mr. Edwards's invention does not fail in the least cumbersome to the wearer, nor deprive him in any degree of the full use of his arms; in fact there is not a duty on board ship that might not be performed with as much facility by a person wearing Mr. Edwards's Preserver as without it. We have no hesitation in saying that "Edwards's Life Preserver" is well worthy the attention of masters and owners of vessels, and in the mean time we would advise Mr. E. to give his invention all the publicity he possibly can; the first favourable day, for instance, he would do well to exhibit it in the harbour—to show its valuable properties in the water, and we have no doubt but he will be remunerated for his laudable endeavours to benefit his fellow subjects in distress. CP 24 OCT 1826

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Agreeably to the intimation we gave last week Mr. Edwards's Life Preserver was exhibited in our harbour on Wednesday, in the presence of an immense assemblage of spectators. The day was intensely cold, with a strong breeze from the northward. The wearer (a man near eleven stone weight) entered the water in his usual apparel, except coat and shoes, from one of the ships on the North Wall, and showed the buoyant qualities of the Preserver by lying upon the surface of the water without the least exertion; and after convincing the spectators of its capabilities to float a much heavier man, he swam to the opposite side of the harbour. In this operation too the great importance of the Preserver was manifest.—Notwithstanding his apparel and the increased bulk which the Preserver gave him, both causes under ordinary circumstances calculated to retard and incommode a swimmer, he glided along with great rapidity and with apparent ease; his head too was evidently much more elevated above the surface of the water than swimmers could possibly reap theirs without it. In addition to these valuable properties, that part of his body covered with the Preserver was not in the least degree chilled, whilst his lower extremities were so severely affected as to render it impossible to remain any longer in the water. Had the weather been more mild his intention was to cross the entrance of the harbour with a view of exhibiting it in an exposed situation, but this idea from the excessive coldness of the day he was obliged to relinquish. There was sufficient proof however to convince the spectators that the Preserver would float a man upwards of eleven stone, and by the addition of more cork a man of any weight might be buoyed upon the surface of the water. So many seafaring gentlemen having witnessed the trial of the Preserver, it is useless for us to say more on the subject: they must have been convinced of the great importance of the invention, and we hope shortly to hear of every vessel belonging the port having on board as many Preservers as men.

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#### CORK CUTTING.

##### WILLIAM EDWARDS

**R**ETURNS Thanks to his Customers and the Public generally for the Liberal Support he has received for the last Sixteen Years.

W. E. has been in the habit of Cutting the very best Cork Wood the Market would afford, and intends to do so in future, trusting that by selling a Good Article on the most reasonable Terms, he will merit a Continuance of that Support he has hitherto so liberally enjoyed.

W. E. has at present a Large Stock of Good and well seasoned Corks of all Descriptions, which he offers to the Public at the usual Prices. All Orders sent to No. 36, Middle Church Street, will be punctually attended to.

 **FISHING CORK** always on hand.  
Two Apprentices Wanted.


June 10, 1836.

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#### CORK MANUFACTORY.

##### JOSEPH LACEY

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 J. L. has always on hand a Stock of **TRINKETS** and **BAND BOXES** of all kinds, which he is enabled to dispose of on very reasonable terms.  
Chapel Street, June 8, 1837.

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