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### THE MARKETS.

**CHEESE.**—The Montreal Star reports that at Cowansville on Saturday the toymen showed a disposition to bow to the inevitable, and after more or less negotiation, consented to part with over 3,000 cheese to a well known Montreal shipper for the modest sum of 7 1/2 for 7 3/4. At Iroquois salesmen were not so yielding, so failing to induce business. At London 7 15-16c and 8c was bid with effect nearly 1,700 boxes changing hand at those figures. On spot today the bargaining as to the French cheese first arrived is the feature; at time of writing no actual sale has made, but enough has been done to show that the tone of the market is still weak. Cheese shipments from Montreal since May 1st were 1,925,933 pkgs, compared with 1,594,768 for same period last year. Of the situation in Liverpool, G. B. Messrs. Hodgson Bros., in their circular of the 30th ult., write: "There has been a little more enquiry, but following the easier market cables, prices have been reduced here, and in view of the considerable stock, holders are free sellers. We quote to day finest colored and White States and Canadian, fall make, 44s to 45s; earlier made ripe goods are offering from 38s to 42s, and medium and low qualities from 29s to 35s per cwt." Sales in this Province are not now being made, so far as we can learn. Our factorymen are apparently holding for a favorable turn in the market.

**Butter.**—No improvement is shown in the butter market. Montreal shippers will not pay over 18c for finest creamery, and salesmen will not let go for less than 18 1/2 c to 18 3/4 c. At the outside figure a fair business with the home trade is in progress, and of dairy butter a number of jobbing sales are being made at 15 c to 16 c. The shipments of butter from Montreal last week aggregated 5751 packages. For the corresponding week last year they were 2820. The shipments from the opening of navigation to date now foot up 205,657 packages. For the corresponding period last year they were 147,101 packages.

**Eggs.**—In Montreal the demand for eggs has lately been only in small lots to fill actual wants, consequently the market was quiet and about steady. We quote:—New laid, 15c to 15 1/2; choice candled, 12c to 13c; and culls, 10c to 10 1/2 c per dozen in round lots. The price in Charlottetown remains at 12 1/2 cts per dozen.

**PORK AND HOGS.**—The Montreal Gazette reports that a fair jobbing trade continues to be done in provisions, and the market is moderately active, with no change in values. We quote as follows:—Canadian pork, \$15 to \$16 per barrel; pure Canadian lard, in pails, at 7 1/2 c to 8c; and compound refined at 5 1/2 c to 5 3/4 c per lb.; hams, 12c to 14c; bacon, 12c to 13c per lb.

In Chicago pork advanced 5c to 7 1/2 c.



Beautiful eyes grow dull and dim  
As the swift years steal away.  
Beautiful, willowy forms so slim  
Lose fairness with every day.  
But she still is queen and hath charms to spare  
Who wears youth's coronal—beautiful hair.

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closing \$7.60 November; \$7.55 December; \$8.60 January. Lard improved 2 1/2 c to 5c, closing \$4.27 1/2 November; \$4.27 1/2 December \$4.40 January. Short ribs closed \$4.45 November; \$4.45 December; \$4.47 1/2 January.

J. S. Bache & Co., Chicago, wires: Provisions opened shade stronger. Receipts of hogs were 5,000 less than expected. Local operator bought December pork and lard. Commission houses sold. The market closes dull, but firm.

The feature of the Liverpool provision market was the weakness in Pork, and prices declined 1s 3d. Pork closed 48s 9d; lard, 22; 9d; boneless long cut heavy tallow, 38s long cut, light, 37s 6d; short cut light, 33s 6d, tallow, 18s.

In this province Messrs. Rattenbury Brothers have purchased a good many live hogs for delivery late in November at prices ranging from 5 cts. per pound to 2 1/2; but owing to the fall in the market they are not now offering more than 4 1/2 cts.

**Oats.**—In Toronto oats are reported to be quoted at 22 1/2 cents per bushel, though in the farmers' market they sell as high in price as 26 cents. In Charlottetown dealers are offering 26 cts per bushel, though in Summerside they have been selling at 27 cts and 28 cts. The unfavorable weather of the past week prevented heavy operations.

**Potatoes.**—There is nothing new to note in the potato market, if we except a bad break at Halifax, where too many schooners have gone. The price in this city remains at 25 cts per bushel.

### EXCELSIOR.

**A Manufacture of Wood That Has Many Uses and Is Sold in Great Quantities.**

The material known as excelsior is not refuse, nor is it made of shavings; it is an article of regular manufacture. Excelsior is of American invention, and it was first made in this country 35 or 40 years ago. The present output amounts to thousands of tons annually, and the use of it is all the time increasing.

Excelsior is made in many parts of the country, almost always in mills that are in close proximity to the forests from which the supplies of wood are taken. A considerable amount of excelsior is made in conjunction with other manufactures; for example, it is not unusual to set up a few excelsior machines in a lumber mill, but there is at least one concern in the United States that makes nothing but excelsior and has at a number of different points mills devoted solely to the production of these curling fibers of wood.

Basswood and poplar are the woods used in the production. The logs are sawed into lengths of 18 inches, which is the length of a fiber of excelsior. These blocks are split into halves and the wood is properly seasoned. Excelsior is made of different degrees of coarseness and fineness of fiber. In the manufacture a series of knife points run down the face of the block, cutting into the wood in parallel lines that are spaced according to the width of the fiber to be made. A following knife slices off the whole face of the block thus scored. The fibers curl and commingle as the knife sets them free. An excelsior machine makes 200 to 300 strokes a minute, every stroke cutting off a tier of fibers across the face of the block. The usual commercial package of excelsior is a bale weighing about 250 pounds. At wholesale excelsior sells at \$16 to \$40 a ton.

Excelsior is extensively used for packing purposes and in the manufacture of bedding and in various other upholstery uses. It is also largely used for filtering purposes, and it has various other uses. Excelsior is now manufactured in Germany and France, where it is called wood wool. The wood used in the manufacture in those countries is brought from Norway and Sweden, and the manufactured product costs more there than it does here.

American excelsior is exported to various foreign countries. The export demand has not been great, but it is now increasing.—New York Sun.

### BOOKMAKER'S "RUNNER."

**He Gets a Good Salary, but Earns Every Cent of It.**

Few men apparently earn their salaries easier and with more pleasure than the bookmaker's runners, and in reality few men have to work harder and more conscientiously for their daily bread than do these same runners. Unless you are familiar with the methods of the runner you will not be able to distinguish him from any of the other frenzied, wild-eyed men who people the betting ring of a metropolitan race track on a race day.

If you know him, however, you will see that he moves through the fighting mob that surges through the ring just before a big race with greater ease and far more speed than the other madmen do, and that when he "gets headed" for a book he manages to reach it before you have had time to call the man who stepped on your toes one of the bad names you have prepared.

That is the runner's business, to squirm and wriggle and twist his way through the crowd up to the man he believes is making a plunge on some horse. He finds out what horse the man is playing, what odds he is getting and just how "swell" a bet he is making; then he wriggles and twists his way back to his employer, tells him just what he has learned and then starts out again.

The bookmaker, in the meantime, if he thinks he is to get a play from the same man, drops his odds and waits for him. Before the betting on the race is half over the runner has visited all of the 40 or 50 stands and has returned to his employer with information concerning each horse, the extent to which it is being played, the change in the odds and the amount of money that is being sent in on the race.

It requires a quick brain, a good eye and amazing ability to scramble through a crowd to perform this work in the brief time between the opening and the closing betting, and the men who can do it successfully easily earn the \$10 a day that is paid to them. Persons who have marveled at the uniformity in the prices offered against a horse will cease to marvel after they have watched a bookmaker's runner squirm his way through the ring a couple of times.—New York Press.

### THE NEW YORKER.

**An Account of the Most Powerful Floating Fire Engine in the World.**

In the series of articles on New York's fire department by Charles T. Hill in St. Nicholas there is one devoted to "Floating Fire Engines." In describing New York's fleet of fireboats Mr. Hill says:

Foremost among these vessels stands the fireboat New Yorker, officially known as Engine Company No. 57, as she is without doubt the most powerful fireboat afloat. The New Yorker's berth is at the Battery, where she lies beside a tasteful building erected by the fire department as a housing for her crew or company. This building is fitted up with all the requirements of an engine house—bunkroom up stairs, sliding poles to make a quick descent to the ground floor, and a complete set of telegraph instruments to inform the company of all alarms throughout the city. She lies with steam up, at all times ready to respond in an instant to any alarm, whether it be by telegraph or a cry for assistance from a burning boat in midriver. She will dash up the river to attack a burning pier or warehouse or down the bay to meet an incoming steamship with its cargo afloat with the same activity. Her powerful pumps make her almost invincible in any kind of marine fire, and she is also a valuable assistant to the land forces.

As she lies at her berth by the Battery she attracts a great deal of attention from all new arrivals in the harbor, and on account of her formidable appearance she is usually put down as some newfangled torpedo throwing addition to our navy, for with the rows of brass headed hose connections along the side of the deckhouse and the vicious looking stand pipes, or "monitor nozzles," as they are called, mounted fore and aft, she certainly has a defiant and businesslike appearance.

In build she looks like a rather handsome tug. She is 125 feet long, 26 feet wide and draws about 13 feet of water. She is built of steel and iron throughout making her thoroughly fireproof, even the top of the wheelhouse and cabin being made of a kind of cement as hard as stone. There is little woodwork about her to ignite, and she is thus enabled to approach very close to a fire and deliver her powerful streams at short range. She has two very large boilers and four sets (eight in all) of vertical, double acting steam pumps and one additional small direct acting pump.

### A GOOD STORY OF CLAY.

**He Was Very Confident of Election as President in 1844.**

"There never was a more disappointed candidate for the presidency than Mr. Clay was in 1844," says one who knew him, "for he fully expected to tenant the White House from 1845 to 1849. He was then on his third run for the presidency, and had long been the idol of his party. In his first run, against Jackson and John Quincy Adams, in 1824, he received less than 50,000 votes; in his second, against Jackson, in 1832, over 500,000, and in his third run he received in a total popular vote of 2,600,000 votes within 40,000 of a majority over Mr. Polk. Thus he had much ground for hope, and his friends, both here and throughout the country, were certain of his election. In fact, that being the day for news by slow mail, it was a week before his defeat was acknowledged, and several times was the victory (?) celebrated by the burning of bonfires. I was then employed as a messenger boy in the old Intelligence office, and by that means I came to know Mr. Clay, frequently being sent by Mr. Gales and Mr. Seaton with messages to him. Sometimes I found him at the capitol, but generally at his rooms in the building at the northwest corner of Eighth street and Market space, the site now occupied by Mr. William H. Hoek. At his rooms he was friendly with me and seemed pleased with the manner in which I performed my duties.

"One day he said: 'My lad, when I become president, I will do something for you. I want you to come to see me at the White House.'

"Why, Mr. Clay,' I responded, 'how will I get to see you when your doors are guarded?'

"'Pure enough,' remarked Mr. Clay, picking up a card, on which he wrote: 'Admit Mr. — H. Clay.' Handing it to me, he said: 'Take care of it, and it will pass you. Be sure to come.'

"I fully expected to have occasion to use it, but, like Mr. Clay and thousands of others, I was disappointed. I have had the card for over half a century and have treasured it as an evidence of Mr. Clay's good intentions."—Washington Star.

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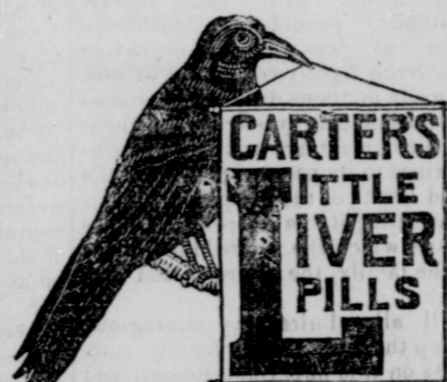
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