

yet recovered from its recent holiday character, and the jobbing distribution is moderate. Sugar refiners report a pretty active market, and are selling freely to Western and local wholesalers; prices are steadily held at the last advance of two weeks, granulated being quoted at 5½c., yellows from 4½c. upwards. Dried fruits are dull locally; advices from Greece regarding the currant crop are unfavorable; the weather has been wet, and it is stated that the insect pest, bearing the formidable

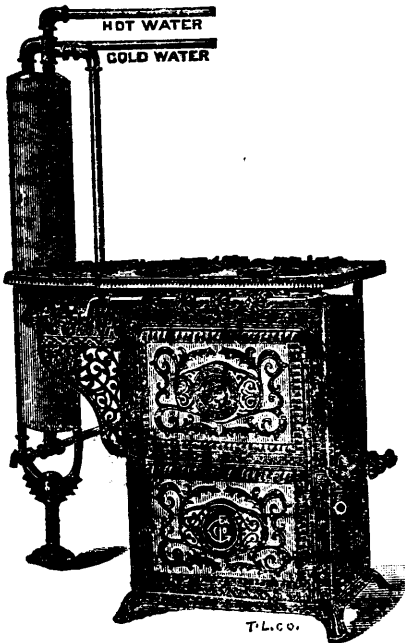
name of *Peronospora*, is doing serious damage to the vines. Reports of this kind are generally received with more or less suspicion, but allowing for possible exaggeration, it seems to be admitted that a shortage of the crop is probable. Circular advices from Japan dated three weeks ago report a material shortage in shipments, the figures given for the current season being 3,770,000 lbs., against 5,293,000 lbs. for the same date in 1892, and 5,945,300 lbs. in 1891, and a cable received Monday reports a

further falling off in shipments. A New York letter under date of the 30th ult., reports a decidedly improved demand there for Japan teas, notably for low grades of last season. In other lines we hear of nothing new.

LEATHER.—In leather there is still a lack of any active buying, and we can learn of very little in the way of news. A Bristol (England) leather man in town this week on his way to the World's Fair, reports a very quiet leather market in England. Some moderate shipments of sole went from here last week. We quote:—Spanish sole, B. A., No. 1, 20 to 22c.; do.; No. 2 to B. A., 17 to 19c.; No. 1, ordinary Spanish, 18 to 20c.; No. 2, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, none to be had; No. 1, slaughter, 19 to 23c.; No. 2, do., 18 to 19c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 38 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 25 to 27c.; ditto, heavy, 20 to 24c.; grained, 24 to 26c.; Scotch grained, 27 to 29c.; splits, large, 14 to 18c.; do., small, 12 to 14c.; calf-splits, 17 to 30c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 50 to 60c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 80c.; colored calf, American, 26 to 30c.; Canadian, 20 to 23c.; colored pebbled cow, 13 to 15c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 18 to 25c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; extra heavy buff, 14 to 15c.; pebbled cow, 9 to 13c.; polished buff, 10 to 12½c.; glove grain, 10 to 13c.; rough, 17 to 20c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

METALS AND HARDWARE.—A few fair sales of iron for import, principally Summerlee at \$18 to 18.25, are reported, and some good lots of Canada plates at \$2.45 have changed hands since last writing, but apart from this business has been comparatively quiet. London speculators are said to be again operating in warrants, which may account for the recent rise to 42½, but they have dropped to 41½d. Plates are dull; ternes easy at \$7. Merchants' roofing may be said to be out of the market, and ordinary Staffordshire boiler plate is also not being handled here now. We quote:—Coltness pig iron, \$19; Calder, No. 1, \$18.50; Calder, No. 3, \$17.50; Summerlee, \$18.25; Eglinton, \$17.50; Gartsherrie, \$18.50; Langloan, \$20; Carnbroe, \$17; Shotts, \$18.50.

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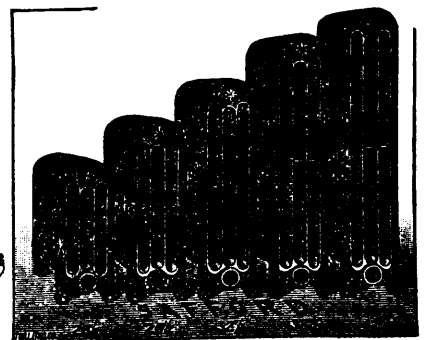
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