

**Provision Prospects.**

The pork packing of the West for the summer season so far is about 60,000 in excess of corresponding period last year, and we look for a gain right along. Of course it is possible that the labor troubles may prove much more lasting than now anticipated. If they do, receipts and shipments of everything will naturally be retarded. But there is no question about the hog supply, and the outlook promises a fair demand for hog product at about present prices. In the present unsettled condition of affairs the country over it is idle to attempt to prejudge the future, so we refrain from comment. — *Chicago Business.*

**Dressing Windows.**

The *Merchant's Review* has often called attention to the gross neglect on the part of the average grocer of a proper and appropriate window display, and again and again pointed out the keen appreciation which the dry goods merchant displays in using it always to the best advantage. The above case noted by our Philadelphia exchange is a good illustration of how effectually one of the most enterprising and acute merchants in this country realizes the importance of making the most of his store windows. This fact reminds us of a circumstance that came under our own personal observation. A young man, who had been a good many years in the dry goods business, but had left it to engage in another, and, as we supposed, more profitable one, failed, and was reduced almost to beggary. Walking along a street in a large provincial city he saw a dry goods store with a very poorly dressed window. He directly went in and offered his services as a window-dresser. At first he was unsuccessful but became engaged in the course of a few days. The window was so improved and with it the trade that other dry goods merchants began to inquire the reason. This ultimately led to an offer from the second largest dry goods merchant in the city, which he accepted. If this is true of one trade it must also be true of another. Probably not to the same extent, but certainly in proportion to the facility for display. Young beginners in the trade cannot do better than cultivate this taste of window-dressing. — *Ex.*



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