

**GROCERIES.**—Business is good. Retail merchants are ordering freely, and jobbers are quite satisfied with trade conditions. In dried fruits there is considerable movement in choicest Gulf currants at 7½c. Some shipments of Mocha coffee are expected here soon, and as the market is almost bare of choice stock, they will be well received. Rice is moving freely. The movement in sugars is good and the market strong. In London flavoring Ceylon teas and Indian Pekoes are exceedingly firm.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—Jobbers universally regard trade as good. A fair number of orders are being received, and the country retailers are buying more freely than at the corresponding period last year. Orders received cover general lines of hardware and tinware. The principal demand, however, is for such seasonable goods as screen doors and windows, green wire cloth, poultry nets, churns, spades and shovels, harvest tools, horse pokes and rope. Trade in cut and wire nails is exceptionally good, although shipments are not in car-lots, but rather in 10-keg lots. Trade in metals is fairly good. Galvanized iron is in strong demand. Outside of the reduction in Manila rope, there has been no change in prices of consequence. Manila rope is now selling on an 8½c. basis.

**HIDES AND SKINS.**—We had scarcely gone to press last week when the hide merchants met and decided to advance prices 50c. a hundred. This action was not taken without some objection, but, as it was wisely pointed out, so long as tanners were willing to purchase at the advance, hide merchants should not stand in the way. Dealers are now paying 6c. to tanners for fresh green hides. The Chicago situation was from last reports holding firm. A merchant returning from the United States, however, expressed his opinion that the top notch had been reached. A number of American firms are carrying large stocks of hides, for although deliveries are small, consumption has also been greatly reduced. Tanners are not anxious buyers at present values, and until the market loses some of its present feverish excitement they will hold aloof until their necessities drive them to make purchases. The tanners' position is well described in the following paragraph from the Chicago Review: "The continued strength of hides is a serious matter to the tanners. Leather values advance slowly, but are far from agreeing with the prices of hides. The packers have no compunctions. They are determined to get every cent out of their hides that the market will stand. Light cow hides are 131 per cent., and native steers are 76 per cent. higher than they were a year ago, and all the other grades show similar increases in value. Leather quotations have advanced less than 10 per cent., and in some selections less than 5 per cent. Local dealers have also advanced calfskins in sympathy with hides. For a long time the economic law of substitution has been in play in this market, and hides have been taking the place of calfskins in the manufacture of a number of commodities, but the higher price of hides has restored the old demand for calfskins, and with it comes higher values. Sheepskins are not offering freely. Prices range from 90c. to \$1, according to quality.

**PAINTS AND OILS.**—There is a good general movement in both paints and oils. Values remain fairly steady. Since our last report, however, turpentine has taken a sudden drop and stands at 42½c., as compared with 52c. a fortnight ago. This is due to speculative influences in the Southern States.

**PROVISIONS.**—Trade is fairly active. Butter continues much depressed, rolls are offering at 10 to 12c., and at these prices are accumulating. A sale of tub butter was made at 4½c. this week. The quality was as inferior as the price would indicate. New cheese is offering on the market, and jobbers report sales at 9½ to 10c. per lb.; the quality is fairly good. There is a firm feeling in hog products, partially because of the recent sharp advance in beef; some dressed hogs continue to offer and bring \$6.25 to 6.50. Eggs are easier at 10 to 10½c. the dozen; stocks are not small, and the public are apparently satiated after Easter experiences. Dried apples are quiet and steady. Evaporated apples are not active and the market is devoid of life. A quantity of maple syrup is offering here, fair in quality, with sales at 60 to 65c. per wine gallon measure.

**SEEDS.**—The weather is now favorable in nearly every district of the country for all kinds

of cultivation. Trade in seeds is active, and, as usual, delay in ordering has led to a rush at the last moment. Some quotations have advanced, while others have sagged off a little since our last report. Red clover is worth \$6.40 to 6.75, alsike \$4.50 to 6.30, and timothy \$3 to 3.50. These prices are for jobbers' stock.

**WOOL.**—There is nothing new to say of fleece wool, and indeed at this season of the year no one expects anything interesting in this market. The market is well cleaned up, and the new clip a month hence will find a good reception. For pulled wools the mills are making their usual enquiries, but there is nothing more than a normal demand. Stocks of domestic pulled wools are not large and prices hold steady.

#### LIVERPOOL PRICES.

Liverpool, April 25, 12.30 p.m.

	s.	d.
Wheat, Spring .....	5	5
Red, Winter .....	5	2
No. 1 Cal .....	4	4
Corn .....	5	1
Peas .....	34	3
Lard .....	61	3
Pork .....	32	6
Bacon, heavy .....	32	6
Bacon, light .....	34	6
Tallow .....	47	6
Cheese, new white .....	49	0
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Surplus, Actuaries' 4% .....	826,251 32

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