THE MARKETS.

Liverpeol Wheat Futures Close High Chicago Lower-Live Stock-The Latest Quotations.

Monday Evening, April 15, erpool wheat futures closed to-day %d than Saturday, and corn futures %d At Chicago, May wheat closed %c lower han Saturday, May corn %c lower, and May oats %c lower.

Winnipeg Options. Following were the closing quotations to-day on Winnipeg futures: Whett-April 77% bld, May 78%c, July 78%c bld, Oats—April 36%c bld, May 87%c bld, July 37%c

The Visi	ble Supply	
	Apl. 15,'07.	Apl. 16,'06.
Wheat	51,179,000 11,219,000 9,472,000	45,965,000 7,868,000 18,815,000
During the week, 600 bushels, corn do and oats increased	ecreased 17, 254,000 bush	els,

Leading	Wheat	Mar	kets.	•
Address spread of the contract		May.		Sept.
New York		86%	88%	
Detroit		81	82	83%
Poledo		80%	82%	
Deluth		83	84	831/4
Rt. Louis		76%	19%	****
		801/2	82%	
Toronto	Grain	Mari	cets.	

Liverpool Grain and Produce Market

Liverpool, April 15.—Wheat Spot quiet; to. 2 red western winter 6s 2d; No. 1 Salifornia, 6s 5d. Futures firm; May 6s 34d. Corn—Spot firm; American mixed, new, 534d; American mixed, old, 4s 11d. Futures firm; May 4s 5%d, July 4s 6%d, Sept. as 6d.

New York Dairy Market. New York, April 15.—Butter—Strong; recipts, 4406. Street prices, 30c to 31e; mmnon to extra, 28c to 30c; held, common o extra, 22c to 30c; held, common to extra, le to 30c; state dairy, common to finest, le to 30c; renovated, common to extra, 5c to 25c; western factory, common to rata, 19c to 214c; western limitation-reamery, extras, 26c to 27c; firsts, 23c to le.

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Cheese-Firm; receipts, 903; state full cream, colored and white, small, Sept., faner, 16c; do., Oct., best, 13c to 14½c; good to prime, 13c to 13½c; do., winter made, average best, 12½c; do., iarge, Sept., faner, 15c; do., good to prime, 12½c to 13½c; do., inferior, 11½c to 12½c; skims, 21c to 22½c.

Eggs—Weak; receipts, 27,070; state, Peangivania and nearby, fancy, selected, white 20c; do., choice, 19c to 19½c; do., brown and mixed extra, 10c; firsts to extra firsts, 17½c to 18½c; western firsts, 17c to 18c. Official prices, firsts, 17c to 18c; seconds, 16c to 16½c.

CATTLE MARKETS.

Cables Steady-Cattle and Hogs Are Lower at Buffalo.

London, April 15.—Liverpool and London cables are firmer at 11½ to 12%c per lb., dreamed weight; retrigerator beef is quoted at 20 to 9%c per lb.

Toronto Junction Live Stock.

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Toronto Junction, April 15.—Receipts of live stock at the Union Stock Yards were 1759 cattle, 20 hogs, 23 sheep and 19 calves.

Exporters.

Prices for best export cattle ranged at from \$5.50 to \$5.40 with one or two lots at \$5.50, the bulk selling around \$5.30 to \$5.67 \(\); export bulk, \$4 to \$4.40; common, Micht exporters, \$5 to \$5.15.

Butchers.

The best loads of butcher cattle sold at \$5 to \$6.30, with prime picked lots at 100 to 15c per cwt, higher; medium butchers, \$4.75 to \$4.90; common, \$4.25 to \$4.65; cows, \$5.30 to \$4.50; canners, \$3.50 to \$4.50.

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Twenty yeal calves sold at an average of \$7 each, or \$5 per cwt.

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There was not a large run. Export sheep are worth from \$5 to \$5.50 for ewes, and \$4 to \$4.50 for rams; yearsing lambs of prime quality are worth from \$7 to \$8 per ewt.; common at \$6; spring lambs sold at an average of \$6.50 per cwt. Hogs.

Gunas, Limited, who are buying a large number each week, report \$6.40 for selects and \$6.15 for lights, fed and watered.

Montreal Live Stock.

MONTRBAL April 15.—(Special.)—Cable advices from Liverpool and Loadon on Cassadina cattle were unchanged from a week ago, at 1246. Exports from Portand and St. John, N.B., last week were 2802.

cattle.

At the Montreal Stock Yards, west end,
Montreal, the receipts of live stock for the
week ending April 13 were 3365 cattle, 64
scheep and lambs, 3192 bogs and 2499 calves,
and the arrivals for local consumption for
to-day were 1100 cattle, 331 hogs and 239
calves, There was no actual change in the
condition of the market for cattle, as compared with this day week. The supply was
somewhat larger, but, as the average onalsared with this day week. The supply was somewhat larger, but, at the average qualty was somewhat larger, but, at the average qualty was generally up to the standard, prices were well maintained. A feature of the trade was the improved demand from exporters for choice steers and bulls, owning to the continued strong Buropean advices. Cables from Liverpool on Saturday quoted a further advance in prices of 4/e per lb., and reported trade firm, which induced shippers to operate more freely, and they paid \$5.25 to \$5.40 per 400 lbs. for a member of steers, and \$4.50 to \$4.75 for buffs, In addition to this, there was a large attendance of butchers, and as they all wanted beef, the demand was good and an active trade was done, which resulted in the supply being well bought up by moon. Choice beeves sold at 5½e to 5½e; good at 4½e to 5e; fair at 4½e to 4½e, and lower grades at 3e to 4e per lb.

East Buffalo Cattle Market.

East Buffalo Cattle Market. East Buffalo, April 15.—Cattle—Receipts, 4000 head; prime and shipping ateady; others; 10c to 25c higher; prime steers, \$5.09 to \$5.10; shipping, \$5.20 to \$5.00; butchers, \$4.75 to \$5.50; heffers, \$4 to \$5.50; cows, \$5.50 to \$4.05; buils, \$5.30 to \$4.75; stockers and feeders, \$4.75 to \$4.75; stock heffers \$3.50 to \$4.65; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.75; stock-ers and feeders, \$3.75 to \$4.75; stock-heifers, \$3 to \$3.65; fresh cows and springers ac-tive and \$2 to \$3 ligher, \$20 to \$35. Hogs—Receipts, 15.300 head; slow; pigs steady; others 10c to 15c lower; heavy, \$7 to \$7.05; mixed, \$7.05 to \$7.10; vorkers, \$7.10 to \$7.15; pigs, \$7.15 to \$7.20; roughs, \$5.90 to \$6.10; stags, \$4.75 to \$5.25. Sheep and Lambs—Receipts 12,400 head; active; ewes and mixed sheep steady; oth-ers 25c to 30c higher; lambs, \$5 to \$9.50; rearlings, \$7.75 to \$8.25; wethers, \$6.75 to \$7.25; ewes, \$5.75 to \$6.50; sheep, mixed, \$3 to \$6.50.

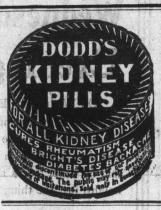
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New York, April 15.—Beeves—Receipts, 2982; steers steady to strong; bulls firm; fat cows steady; medium grades firm to loe higher; bologna cows 25c higher on very light supply; steers, \$5.90 to \$6.45; bulls, \$3.60 to \$4.90; cows, \$2 to \$4.40. Exports to-day, 54 cattle and 80 sheep; to-morrow, 920 cattle, 1000 sheep and 2850 quarters of beef.

Caives—Receipts, \$50; market opened 50c to 75c lower, closed 75c to \$1.50 lower; veals, \$5.50 to \$7.75; culls, \$4.

Sheep and Lambs—Receipts, 9684; sheep strong; lambs 15c to 25c higher; slow for neary lambs; wooled sheep, \$4.50 to \$6.75; cilipped do., \$4 to \$6; unshorn lambs, \$8 to \$9.25; choice, state do., \$9.50; cilipped lambs, \$7.50 to \$8. Hogs-Receipts, 11,224; market easy at 25 to \$7.35.



POSTAL RATES REDUCED.

Twe Cents a Peund Instead of Eight For Newspapers.

London, April 16.—The postage on newspapers, magazines, and trade journals between Great Britain and Canada will be reduced to two cents per pound May I, instead of the present charge of eight cents, thus putting Great Britain in a more favorable postal position towards Canada in respect to these classes of publications than any other country.

In making the announcement in the House of Commons vesterday, Postmaster-General Buxton said the concession must not be regarded as a precedent for a reduction in other classes. It was based on the special and peculiar position offered by Canada, geographical and otherwise, by which British newspapers, etc., were unable to obtain a footing in Canada.

The arrangement, Mr. Buxton added, was experimental, and was fimited at present to four years.

OVERTAKEN BY NAUSEA.

You don't know if it's going to stay down or come up. You feel like thirty cents and look even worse. If one thing is quicker than another, it's "Nerviline." Ten drops in sweetened water gives relief instantly. Almost like magic is the change you experience. The cause of the nausea is removed, every symptom of vomiting and indigestion is cured within ten minutes. When Polson's Nerviline is so trusty and economical, a bottle at home wouldn't be amiss. Large ones for a quarter trail dealers. at all dealers.

Accidentally Shot.

Picton, April 16.—B. F. Hlakely, a highly respected farmer, 54 years of age, living at Cherry Valley, five miles from here, accidentally killed kimself by the discharge of his gun while out shooting muskrats on his farm.

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A SUGGESTION OF RARE VALUE.

A diseased condition of the surfaces of the air passages causes bad breath but more commonly emanates from indigestion or an impure condition of the blood. Thousands of cases prove that Dr. Hamilton's Pills, through their specific action on the secretory and eliminative organs, not only cure bad breath, but so thoroughly purify the system that anything suggestive of blood or directive tends. bad breath, but so thoroughly puri-fy the system that anything sugges-tive of blood or digestive troubles is impossible. Through Dr. Hamilton's Pills the skin grows rosy and clear; activity of the mind and body increases, and bounding health is es-tablished. Sold everywhere.

Before Farrowing Time.
At least two weeks before farrowing time, our sows are given individual pens in order that they may become acquainted with their new homes and thus be quieter and more peace-able when the time to farrow arrives, says a Michigan breeder. We always able when the time to farrow arrives, says a Michigan breeder. We always endeavor to keep our sows as quiet and tractable as possible. Then they will be less liable to become excited and trample and injure pigs.

People who "take notice" must nave observed a growing sentiment in this country in favor of using put-up foods and medicines of known composition. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription stands alone as the only ready-put-up medicine for the cure of woman's peculiar allments that bears on the wrapper a full list of the cure of educated gentlemen even with university advertises the cure of educated gentlemen even with university advertises the cure of educated gentlemen even with university advertises the cure of the cure of educated gentlemen even with university advertises the cure of of woman's peculiar allments that bears on the wrapper a full list of the ingredients composing it, printed in plam English. It is the "Favorite Prescription" of a Specialist in woman's diseases and not a "patent medicine." Made of the roots of native, medicinal plants without alcohol or other has plants of the war of the war of the world without alcohol or other has plants of the war of the w roots of native, medicinal plants office for cutting from russian and ferwithout alcohol or other harmful ingredients, Dr. Pierce's "Prescription" has been the favorite cure for the washnesses. the weaknesses, pains, drains and disorders of the womanly system, which has stood the test of forty years of experience. Send to Dr. R. V. Pierce, at Buffalo, N. Y., for free booklet giving ingredients and what well-recognized authorities of schools of medicine say of them

All Scrappers.
Callahan—Oi want to git a book to put th' photographs av all me relatives in. Oi think this wan will do Clerk-But that isn't a family al bum, sir; that is a scrapbook. Callahan-Oh, that's all right, young

man; all av me relatives are scrap-

pers Pust Rather Negative.
Father-Well, Tommy, what did you learn at school today? Tommy-1 learned that two negatives are equiva-lent to an affirmative. Father—And what's an affirmative? Tommy—I don't know. We haven't got that far along

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TO PROTECT THE EMPRESS.

English Authorities In Dread of Her Assassination During Visit.

The visit of the Dowager Empress of Russia to England is a trial to everyone. In nerves. The despatches have given some idea of the anxiety that is imposed on Scotland Yard, but it is only of late that one has learned of the extent to which the Empress is watched by Russian agents.

agents.

The Dowager Empress takes great interest in the sick and poor, and in pursuance of her charitable leanings she visited several hospitals. So rigid was the surveillance maintained by the Pursuin react solicies in Leaning. by the Russian secret police in Lon-don that they even insisted on exam-ining the roster of the patients, in order to be sure that a disguised An-archist had not obtained admission for the purpose of attacking her Majesty.

Many Measures.

Two unsuspecting foreigners, who could speak no English, and who were so unfortunate as to lose their way in the vicinity of Buckingham Palace, were arrested and quietly dejorted. The Russian Government even stationed its own agents at Harwich, Dover, Folkestone and Southampton, to inspect all foreigners entering Great Britain during her Majesty's visit.

jesty's visit.

Her route by rail from Dover Her route by rail from Dover to London was patrolled; the train by which she arrived in London was run into a different part of the depot from the usual one for arrivals; and she traveled across Europe in the Czar's bombproof train.

Armor-Plated Train. The train consists of nine cars, heavily protected by armor-plate, and with very small windows, to lessen the risk of bullets reaching the lessen the risk of bullets reaching the interior. The cars are splendidly furnished and are decorated outside with the imperial eagle emblazoned in gold. Forty attendants travel with the train and guard it day and night. While the Dowager Empress is in Ingland the train remains at Calais, awaiting her return to take her safely back again to St. Petersburg.

VOLCANO AGAIN ACTIVE.

Flaming Mountain In the Aleutian

Flaming Mountain In the Aleutian Archipelago.

According to advices just received at Victoria, B. C., the volcano on Akutan Island of the Aleutian archipelago, off the Alaskah peninsula, after several years of inactivity is again in eruption. J. E. Thwaites, mail clerk on the steamship Dora, running from Unalaska to Vadez, sends a brief but vivid description of the eruption, which occurred or was observed on Feb. 22, and was accompanied by earthquake shocks. He says:

A Magnificent Spectacle.

"As the Dora passed the island the volcano presented a magnificent spectation."

volcano presented a magnificent spec-tacle. The conditions for witnessing

No Damage Resulted. No damage Resulted.

"No damage of any account resulted, as all of the buildings are very low and strongly built. Mount Makushin volcano, a few miles to the westward of Unalaska, has been active of late, and it would surprise no one if on the next trip of the Dora it were learned that old Mount Shishaldin, near Unalaska, was in activity.

"Mount Akutan volcano has been inactive for several years and the re-

inactive for several years and the re nactive for several years and the re-ent violent eruption has created con-sternation among the natives in that vicinity. The natives say that every eruption of this group of volcanoes means that some of the adjoining is-lands will sink from sight, or that a new island will be thrown up."

English As Written. There has been received from St.

into the sufferers.

"Being short of means for subscribing on all foreign papers, we are compelled to appeal to all Editors and Owners of some to, support us in the good case and therefore to ask you to the total the sufference of some to support us in the good case and therefore to ask you to do us favor by sending 2 free ex of yours very estimeed paper. We in our turn offer send you all cuttings concerning your paper. In case of consenting please let us known.

"We remain with utmost respects,

"Our truly."

"Our truly, "The President, A. And "The Manager, Harring: "We may add, by the way, that we have 'let our correspondents known,' and have forwarded copies of 'our record actioned approximation of the control of the very estimeed paper.

On the Scrap Heap On the Scrap Heap.

In an Irish court recently an old man was called into the witness box, and being infirm and just a little blind, he went too far in more than one sense. Instead of keeping up the stairs that led to the box, he mounted those that led to the bench. Said the judge, good humoredly:

"Is it a judge you want to be, my good man?"

"Ah, sure, your honor," was the reply. "I'm an ould man now, and mebbe it's all I'm fit for."

The judge had no ready retort.

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The Word Etiquette. The very high sounding word eti-quette had a very humble origin, for etiquette meant simply a label. It received its present signification from the fact that a Scotch gardener who laid out the grounds at Versailles for Louis XIV. was much annoyed at the courtiers walking over his newly made paths and at length had labels placed to indicate where they might pass. At first these labels were not attended to, but a hint from high quarters that in future the walks of the courtiers must be within the "etiquettes" or labels was promptly attended to. To keep within the etiquettes became the cor rect thing. The meaning of the phras was afterward widened.

HINTS ON HOME BUILDING.

The man who is thinking of building a home (and who is not, in these prosperous times) must have promi-nently in mind, economy, durability

and appearance.

The wise builder will select materials that are good and inexpensive, as well as handsome in appearance. Take the roof, for instance. It should be proof against lightning, fire and water, and should also possess a handsome appearance.

Wood shingles have had their day. As now manufactured, they soon rot and crack, thus making it necessary

and crack, thus making it necessary to reshingle.

"Safe Lock" Galvanized Steel Shingles solve the problem in every way. They lock at the top, bottom and both sides, so that they are absolutely proof against every element. Being heavily galvanized, they cannot rust and are practically indestructible. Moreover, the smooth surface of the shingle will not permit dust or dirt to lodge on the roof, and defile the rain water.

rain water.

The Metal Shingle & Siding Co., Limited, of Preston, Ont., offer to send you, free, their literature containing names of those who have used "Safe Lock" Shingles in your own locality. 47

The Pygmy Cattle of Samoa. The Samoan islands are the natural of variety of the genus bos now known to the naturalist. The average of the males of these lilliputian cattle seldom exceeds 200 pounds, the average being not greater than 150 pounds. The females usually average about a hundred pounds larger and are very "stocky" built, seldom being tailer than a Merino sheep. These dwarf cat-tle are nearly all of the same color reddish mouse color, marked with white. They have very large heads as compared with their bodies, and their horns are of exceptional length.

CASTORIA For Infants and Children.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Bears the Chart Fletchers

Tunneled the Register.

A bookworm or some such creature has left his mark upon a volume of the "British Annual Register" of the year 1810 in a club library of New York. The worm ate its way through for much of the way its path has outlined something very like the crouching figure of a cat, with one ear erect and a short tail. This figure is repeated upon eight or ten leaves and gradually becomes less clearly defined until the progress of the worm is marked by a single small hole.

Cupid behind the arrow is more dangerous than the man behind the gun.

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WHEN ELSIE WAS LOST.

By Morris Cooke

Copyrigat, 1907, by C. H. Sutcliffe. "Is there room?" Elsie looked an

ehensively at the crowded car. "Easy," laughed Taylor, "Here in New York we don't call a car crowded until there are people sitting on the roof. He helped her aboard the plat-form and stepped aside to let two other women on, swinging himself on to the step just as the car started. Elsie looked back nervously at Tay

lor and called warningly, "Do not get

lost, Tom."

He waved reassurance, and then some one in leaving forced her to step well into the car. This prevented her from knowing that Taylor had dropped off the car step to let some passengers alight and that the conductor had given the go ahead signal before he could swing himself back on again. Two oth er men regained the step, but Taylor was left in the street saying things about the traction company and all its employees.

All unconscious Elsie rode until the end of the run was neared, and the crowd thinned out before she was able see that Tom was not on the car. She beckoned the conductor. "There was a gentleman on the rear

platform," she said. "Lots of 'em," agreed the conductor.
"But this one had a blue tie and a
derby hat. Do you remember where he

got off?" 'I'm not here to look after men in blue ties," he said crossly. A crowded run is not conducive to politeness. "Where do you want to get off?"

"That's just the trouble," she explain-"You see, my aunt moved this morning. There was a fire in the apart ment house in which they lived, and they had to change. It's uptown somewhere, but my cousin did not have time to tell me just where. He had just met me at the train."

"Better go over to the police station," he counseled. "Your folks will send out a general alarm probably, and then word will come to the station. Maybe there's some one where they used to live that can tell you."

"That's so," she said, brightening.
"It's on Central Park West." She named a number, and the conductor rang the bell. "Take a down-

town car to One Hundred and Twenty



"THEY DIDN'T LEAVE NO ADDRESS," HE

fifth street," he said. "Transfer south on Eighth avenue. That's in the six-

ties somewhere." Elsie dropped off the car with a word of thanks and halled a car compeans as a method of travel, even in til the conductor stood in front of her did she realize that she had given Tom odds the most extraordinary of water ing in the opposite direction. Not unher hand satchel containing her pocket-

This conductor was less pleasant than the first one and refused to accept her story. There was no one else in the car, and with crimson face she alighted. She did not know how far it was, but she had a general idea of the direction, and she started bravely

The wind blew coldly from the river, and she drew her coat about her as she plodded along. Six blocks and the lamp post told her that One Hundred and Twenty-fifth street had been reached. She paused undecidedly; then, with sudden determination, she hailed a passerby.
"Eighth avenue?" he repeated.

"Keep going. It's the street with the elevated on. You can't—is this Elsie Linton?" he broke off.
"Will?" she cried in sudden recognition. "I did not know you with that mustache on. And you're older too."
"I ought to be," he said grimly, "be

tween having to get out and hustle and losing the girl I loved." "I suppose you have made up both losses," she said. "Only the first," he corrected. "I've just this minute found the girl I love. But what are you doing here alone?" he demanded. "Been visiting and got

Rapidly she explained the situation, in other countries the scheme is varied by the introduction of a bull and a torand his brow clouded. "The Bellevue burned last night,"

he said. "Pretty well gutted. There may be a caretaker who will know where your aunt went. Let's go over and see." He whished her on board the car, and she skitled back with a sigh of

relief. It was so comfortable to be taken care of again, and there was a new briskness in Will Benton's zan-ner that brought comfort, When the Benton Milling company

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had failed he was an idle and none too resourceful fellow. Now he spoke and acted with decision, and she was sorry that she had said "No" when he had put the all important question to her. Their arrival at the transfer point in-terrupted her day dream, and as they changed to the Eighth avenue car be for her an outline of his struggles, a bare outline of his experience to which her own mind added the embellish-ments, and almost before she knew it

he was signaling the conductor.

The Bellevue stood a smoke stained and gaunt wreck of what had been a fashionable spartment house, and a fire patrolman in the lobby was the

"They didn't leave no address," he laughed. "They were in too much of a hurry when they left. Only the doctor thought of that. The others just went to the hotels or to friends. The furni-ture is all here. They had insurance. and they can't move it until the adjust

ers get through. Try the postoffice."

The substation gave no better result. The carrier declared that he would not be permitted to give an address, but admitted that as yet he had received no instructions for forwarding mail.

geant telephoned headquarters, but no alarm had been registered yet. "May-be it will come in," he counseled. "Why don't you go and get dinner and come back? I may have something for

"That's so," laughed Benton. "You must be pretty hungry after all this walking. Let's go down to the circle and have something to eat. It will do us both good."

Across the table Elsie's depression vanished. Will kept chatting of everything except her portion, and it seemed like old times back home when a party of young people ran up to town for the theater and had supper afterward.

It was not until the coffee was reached that he became serious again.

"What shall we do," he asked, "in case the alarm has not been sent out? I think you had better go to a hotel, wire your mother and wait for her answer. There's a hotel up the street here. I know the proprietor, and he will see that you are well looked after." "It will be so lonesome," she said, with a little shudder. "It is the first time that I have ever been in New

York, and it is all so strange." 'I used to live down in this section of the town," he said. "There is a min-ister I know—I don't want to seem to take advantage of your plight to repeat my proposal, dear, but—I should be the happiest man in New York if you would say 'Yes.'"

For answer her hand stole across the table and clasped his. "You are sure it is love and not pity?" she asked. "It has always been love," he said. "I never accepted your decision, and it

as belped to make a man of me." "Let us go," she said simply. But Benton understood. Half an hour later they emerged from

the quiet rectory.

"Shall we stop at the station?" laugh-"Auntie might be worried." she said. And they turned their steps toward the green lights. The desk sergeant smiled

as they approached. "They're waiting for you just around the corner," he said, naming an apart-ment hotel. "They were in here just after you left. I told them you were coming back. Miss Linton, isn't it?"
"No," said Will proudly, "Mrs. Wil-

liam Benton now."

And as they descended the steps Elsie hugged his arm.
"I wish," she said, "we could find that conductor that found you for me,

"It's not every conductor," he laugh ed back, "who puts a girl off a street car into matrimony, bless his heart!"

The Catamaran.

vehicles. It consists simply of three logs lashed together and flush with the surface of the water. On these a fish erman (sometimes two or more fisher men) stands and with a single oar pad dles himself far out to sea. A Madras fisherman will venture out when boat men will not launch their craft, and even in weather when boats cannot be launched he will go through the sur and out to ships with letters for the delivery of which he gets a few pence. In order to catch their ships a few be lated travelers have been known to trust themselves on catamarans. They are united in the statement that the ride on the logs was the most nerve trying experience they had underg in a land that holds a new thrill for the stranger at every turn. The sea and an occasional ducking have no terrors for these natives, not even the extremely young, and in reality the cata maran is not entirely to be scorned, for it is after all nonsinkable.

Real Causes of Earthquakes While civilized man is trying to grasp civilized of all ages have long ago re solved their doubts. In Mongolia it is the breathings and skippings of a huge frog that cause the mischief, in China a gigantic dragon, in India a world bearing elephant, in Celebes a hog and toise. Earthquakes in Siberia are be-lieved to be due to the froiles of mam-moths who live in the center of the earth, while in Vancouver island it is the spirit of evil with his marshaled hosts of all the wicked people who

THE RAILROADS UNPREPARED

There are bitter complaints of the inability of the American railroads to handle the freight that is pressed upon them. Railroad men have many explanations. Some of them say the ngine and car works are unable to fill the orders for rolling stock that ave been given them. Others talk-f the need of more trackage and etter terminal facilities. It is interesting to observe that:

the conditions complained of by Amreican shippers exist in other countries. They are found in England: A correspondent of the London Times says: "So inadequate are the resources of some of the English railway companies that many colleries are losing time, and steel works are being shut down in the Midlands, notwithstanding heavy order books, because the railway companies are unable to move the output from the pits or to supply the furnaces with fuel." Matters are not quite so had as that in the United States. The officers of the overworked English roads say the locomotive plants cannot provide the additional engines

that are needed.
Only a short time ago there was serious traffic congestion on the Italian roads. These roads are mostly operated by the Government, which helps to explain their inability to handle freight satisfactorily, but the French lines, which are operated by private companies, were also un-able to meet the demands of the shippers.

In view of all the facts it must be admitted that the men who manage the American railroads are not the only sinners. They seem to have been to a certain extent the victims of conditions which obtain in both Europe and the United States. There as well as here there has been a rapid expansion of manufacturing energy which has suddenly outrun the carrying capacity of the rail-roads. That there has been great ex-pansion in this country is proved by the increased imports of materials. for use in manufacturing and by the increase in the exports of finished

goods. In a measure the American rail-road men are to blame for not fore-seeing the growth of manufacturing, which makes freight and not make that freight. They ought to have seen that the productive industry of the country was under a full head of steam. But the men who control the railroad systems of England, France and Italy, were blind to what the manufacturers of those countries were doing, and were taken un-twares like their American brethren. Perhaps there will be more foresight hereafter on both sides of the At-lantic.—Chicago Tribune, April 1.

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