

year. The prices of Western creamery butter have increased from 20 7-16 and 24 cents to 25½ and 26½ cents. The price of cheese and eggs also advanced. For December there was a large falling off in the quantity of butter, cheese, and eggs received there. Five thousand and six packages of oleomargarine were reported as having been received during the month, and the oleomargarine and oils exported during the month show an increase of 6,603 packages over the same time last year.

The Chicago Board of Trade has made an important change in the requirements for prime steam lard. Hereafter standard prime steam lard shall be solely the product of the trimmings and other fat parts of hogs, rendered in tanks by the direct application of steam. It shall have proper color, flavor and soundness for keeping, and no material which has been salted shall be included. The name and location of the renderer and the grade of the lard shall be plainly branded on each package at the time of packing.

Wool.—There is nothing new to report, the situation being practically the same as a week ago. Prices are well maintained for all descriptions. There is very little fleece in the market. Pulled finds ready sale for all offering. The Boston *Wool Record* says: The business in wool the past week—the first of the new year—has been surprisingly good. The tone of the market is steady and firm, and the changes in prices are unimportant. In some grades there has been a free movement at slightly shaded prices. Holders still feel that wool is good property at present prices, and the only drawback to an active market is the hesitancy on the part of manufacturers. The advices from abroad are of a more encouraging tenor. London advices report that market firmer and advancing, with more activity at private sales, and French buyers operating quite freely. It is thought that the next auction sales at London, on the 25th inst., will show an increased firmness. It is expected that at these sales from 200,000 to 210,000 bales will be available, including 32,000 bales held over from the last series. The auction sales of East India wools at Liverpool will open on January 18th, when only 15,000 bales will be offered. At last accounts the Liverpool market was steady.

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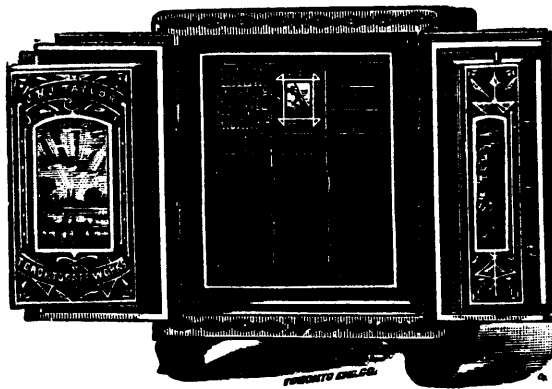
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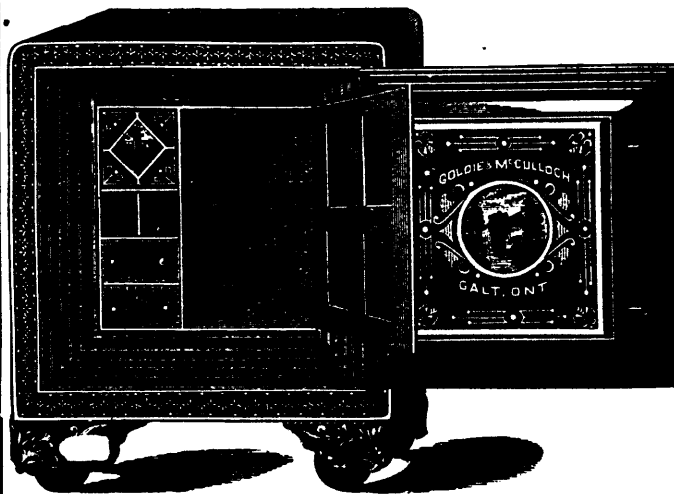
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