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ten years the empire has yielded to its inhabitants the following:

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In addition to these items, which rethe empire has also provided within the ten years the following valuable pro-

 Marze (bushels)
 110,000,000

 Wine (gallons)
 3,600,000,000

 Tea (pounds)
 420,000,000

 Raw Sugar (cwts.)
 560,000,000

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This does not exhaust the wealth that is produced from and on the land of the empire. Among its other possessions are:

Horses Horses 7,000,000 Horned cattle 119,400,000 Sheep 152,000,000

Sheep produce between them 872,000 pounds of wool every year.

#### BULLS, BEARS AND LAMBS.

Wall Street is an enchanted forest inhabited by three species of wild beasts— bulls, bears and lambs. The lambs in that forest bear fleeces of gold, and shearing them is the occupation of both the bulls and the bears. When the lambs are thoroughly shorn, then the bulls and bears amuse themselves by ighting over the fleeces. Shares of stock are the counters in the game. The most striking characteristic of the lamb, as everyone knows, is his docility and innocence. No matter how often his rapacious shepherds shear him, he is always ready, nay eager, to be shorn again; and to the voice of the bulls and bears his obedience is unwavering.

When they tell him to sell his stock he sells; when they tell him to buy he buys, but never for his own profit, but always for that of the bulls and bears. Such continual sacrifice of his selfish interest to that of his shepherds marks the lamb as the most devoted of marks the lamb as the most devoted of Christians, but hardly the wisest. The bulls toss stocks upwards with their horns; the bears drag them downwards with their paws. But these animals have the magical review of the transfer of the magical review of the stocks. horns; the bears drag them downwards with their paws. But these animals have the magical power of transforming themselves one into the other, so that the bull becomes the bear when he wishes, and the bear a bull, but neither ever becomes a lamb.

The lamb has too little sense to sell when the prices are high or buy when they are low. The bears can gorge

they are low. The bears can gorge themselves at almost any time by roaring panic as they are doing now. The purpose of such a roar is never in the least obscure or doubtful, but the lamb will never learn the open secret. Panics are produced by roaring about Panics are produced by roaring about them, and they are always produced to enable the bears to buy in stocks at panic prices. This is the plain and unm stakable object of the current outcry; but it is probably entirely useless to tell the innocent lamb to disregard the uproar and hold on to his property. He will do exactly what the plutocratic bear wants him to do, and he will bleat pitifully over the consequences. Why does he do it? Because he is a lamb.—"Market Record." Winnipeg Market Record," Winnipeg.

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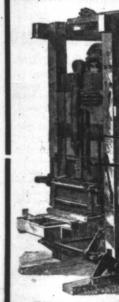
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