

GOLD AND SILVER

London, Aug. 10.—Following are the Board of Trade figures for July:

Total imports	£80,760,000
Exports of British products	43,170,000
Re-exports	9,360,000
Total exports	52,530,000
Excess of imports	28,230,000

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE
London, Aug. 10.—Trading was quiet.

British 5 per cent loan.....	88 1/2
British 4 1/2 per cent loan.....	81 1/2
Consols, for money	48 11-16
Atchison, com.	114
Baltimore & Ohio	51
Canadian Pacific	155

Chesapeake & Ohio	14
Chicago Great Western	10
Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul	36
De Beers	10 7/8
Denver & Rio Grande	1
Erie, com.	15
Erie, 1st pfd.	26
Grand Trunk	4 1/2
Illinois Central	128
Louisville & Nashville	3
Missouri, Kansas & Texas	85
New York Central	99

Norfolk & Western	124
Ontario & Western	23
Pennsylvania Railway	50
Rand Mines	214
Reading Railway	93
Southern Railway	27
Southern Pacific	104
Union Pacific	162
United States Steel	109

**PRODUCES STRANGE
CONDITION IN HEAD**

Boston, Aug. 10.—X-ray photographs taken today prove that there is an ear-to-ear passageway through the cranium of Harry Shanley, a wounded veteran of the Canadian Expeditionary Forces.

who is under treatment at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Six shoe buttons which he attempted to pass from one side of his head to the other became dislodged. Three of the buttons have been dislodged. One passed out through his ear and two through his nasal passage. The phenomenon was caused, Shanley said, by the concussion of an exploding shell in France. His condition is serious.

20,000 HARVESTERS AT WINNIPEG TODAY

are headed this way on thirteen special Canadian Pacific Railway trains and about 5,000 on six trains are on the same day on the Canadian National. Most of the harvest workers are coming from Ontario and Quebec.

FORTY BUSHELS TO ACRE.
Brantford, Aug. 10.—John Givens of Northfield Center reports that a field of wheat on his farm this year yielded

40 bushels to the acre.

THE HISTORY OF COCKTAILS.
[London Daily Chronicle.]

Cocktails, now under medical and social condemnation, are of such indigenous American origin that they have been traced back to the Aztecs, whose name for them was Xochitil, of which cocktail is a corruption. But more the

a century ago Washington Irving could only describe his countrymen's "cool tall, stone fence and sherry cobbler" "recondite beverages." Yet Thackeray makes one of his Irishmen ask, "Did yiver try a brandy cocktail?" and the name as a quickly drunk stimulant appears also in "Tom Brown's School days." It is from this "pick-me-up" sense as a dog cocks its ear or "geats its tell-ur" that the name has passed


TOUCHED GLASSES FOR SAFETY

The custom of touching glasses before drinking had its origin in the same idea of safety which led men to shake hands with the right hand—as a assurance that they were concealing no weapon—and to raise the helmet of a woman or others whom they were

In the days when duelling was at its height, it was customary for the combatants to pause for a moment before taking their positions and drink a glass of wine supplied by the second. In order to make certain that this wine had not been tampered with, one glass was filled to the brim and then half its contents was emptied into the glass of the adversary, so that if any attempt

The practice, reminiscent of the days of the Borgias, passed out with the custom of the duel, but the habit of touching glasses or holding them up if preparatory to touching them, remained as a silent reminder of the time when no man dared trust anyone, but went always armed and prepared.

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