

ordinary Spanish, 19 to 20c.; No. 2 ditto, 16 to 17c.; No. 1, China, 18 to 19c.; No. 1 slaughter, 22 to 23c.; No. 2 do. 20 to 21c.; American oak sole, 39 to 43c.; British oak sole, 40 to 45c.; waxed upper, light and medium, 30 to 34c.; ditto, heavy, 24 to 30c.; grained, 28 to 32c.; Scotch grained, 30 to 33c.; splits, large, 16 to 22c.; do., small, 12 to 18c.; calf-splits, 32 to 33c.; calfskins (35 to 40 lbs.), 35 to 55c.; imitation French calfskins, 65 to 75c.; russet sheepskin linings, 30 to 40c.; harness, 20 to 25c.; buffed cow, 11 to 13c.; pebbled cow, 10½ to 14c.; rough, 16 to 21c.; russet and bridle, 45 to 55c.

CEMENTS, FIREBRICKS, &c.—The possible change in duty on cement has had some disturbing effect, and business is not active, though more sales of small lots are reported as spring advances. Prices for Portland are steady at \$2.75 to 3.00 from stock; bricks firm at last quotations.

CHEMICALS AND DRUGS.—Some degree of excitement and uncertainty prevails regarding most lines of heavy chemicals, due to the miners' strike in England, and the enhanced cost of coal and labor there, and a general revision of the price list is probable shortly, or at least when new stocks arrive at opening of navigation. Quinine is rather weaker, the demand due to the influenza having subsided; opium easier in New York; the iodides hold their prices though the combination has not been renewed as yet; camphor very firm at advance noted last week; some cheaper substitutes, being special preparations of the by-products of the gas-house, are on the market, but do not seem to meet with favor; oil bergamot is creeping up. We quote: Sal soda, \$1.10 to 1.25; bicarb soda, \$1.90 to 2.00; soda ash, per 100 lbs., \$1.75; bichromate of potash, per 100 lbs. \$11.00 to 13.00; borax, refined, 9 to 10c.; cream tartar crystals, 29 to 30c.; do. ground, 30 to 34c.; tartaric acid, crystal, 48 to 50c.; do. powder, 50 to 53c.; citric acid, 60 to 65c.; caustic soda, white, \$2.35 to 2.50; sugar of lead, 10 to 12c.; bleaching powder, \$2.75 to 3.00; alum, \$1.60 to 1.70; copperas, per 100 lbs., 90c. to \$1.00; flowers sulphur, per 100 lbs., \$2.25 to 2.40; roll sulphur, \$2.10 to 2.25; sulphate of copper, \$6.00 to 6.50; epsom salts, \$1.75 to 1.90; saltpetre, \$8.25 to 8.75; American quinine, 50 to 55c.; German quinine, 50

to 55c.; Howard's quinine, 55 to 60c.; opium, \$4.75 to 5.00; morphia, \$1.95 to 2.10; gum arabic, sorts, 70 to 90c.; white, \$1.00 to 1.25; carbolic acid, 55 to 65c.; iodide potassium, \$4.00 to 4.25 per lb.; iodine, re-sublimed, \$5.00 to 5.25; commercial do., \$4.25 to 4.75; iodoform, \$6.50 to 7.00. Prices for essential oils are:—Oil lemon, \$1.75 to 2.25; oil bergamot, \$3.00 to 3.50; orange, \$2.90 to 3.10; oil peppermint, \$3.75 to 5.00; glycerine, 25 to 28c.; senna, 12 to 25c. for ordinary. English camphor, 85 to 95c.; American do., 80c.; insect powder, 45 to 50c.

DRY GOODS.—The atmospheric conditions have not been altogether favorable to this line of trade, the weather being yet too cold and frosty to create any active breaking into country retail spring stocks, or to make sorting business brisk as yet. The first week in April will however likely see travellers pretty well

“on the wing.” City retail trade is very fair, and some moderate amount of trade is reported from this quarter. Country collections are still the subject of much complaint. As regards prices there is absolutely nothing new, and the cotton mill men have given no sign.

GROCERIES.—A rather better distribution is to be noted in staple lines, though the bulk of the orders are of small amount, showing that careful buying is the rule in the country. Sugars are without nominal change, unless it be that yellows are a shade firmer, lowest figure at refinery being 5½c. ranging to 5¾c. per lb.; granulated still 6¾c. at factory to the wholesale trade. Syrups are in light supply and steady at old prices; for Barbadoes molasses 45c. per gal. is the nominal figure in the country, but the agreement between holders is not being held to very closely; Trinidad, 38 to 40c. The enquiry from the country for

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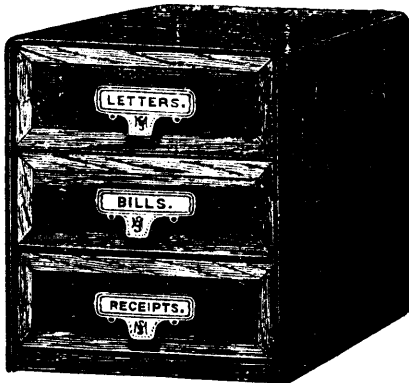
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