

—A young fellow rushed into a New York broker's office a few mornings since, and slapping down a Texas bond, exclaimed: "There, I just got that from mother; buy me as much coffee as it will margin for." "What do you know about coffee?" said the broker. "Oh, nothing, except that it's bound to go up," was the reply. Knowing the youth's family and their circumstances, the broker refused to operate for him, though under ordinary circumstances the order would have been accepted. This incident, comments the *Bulletin*, trifling in itself, may, however, be accepted as a fair sample of hundreds of similar occurrences, and indicates one source from which the speculative element is recruited, as well as the profound "knowledge" upon which investments are made.

POTAPOES were selling in Summerside, last week, at 27 to 30c. per bushel, quite a quantity having been purchased by shippers at those figures.

—The *St. John Globe* says that Mr. C. H. Peters, of that city, is shipping potatoes to supply the Ontario markets, and that several carloads have already been forwarded.

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—He entered a Woodward avenue grocery with hasty step, called the proprietor aside, and hurriedly asked: "Let's see now; I want to remember something; it begins with: 'In the bright lexicon of youth there is—is? what?' 'Is it Excelsior?' 'Oh, no! can't you remember the quotation?' 'Don't think I ever saw it.' 'But you must.' 'Never did; the only thing of the sort I ever use is 'No Trust,' and I stick right to it; might inquire next door.'—*Detroit Free Press.*

—Two large Chicago firms, engaged in the manufacture of barbed wire, have failed with aggregate liabilities of nearly \$755,000. The names are Schabel & Co., whose manufactory is at Deering Station, Ill., and Sherman & Marsh at Grand Crossing, Ill. Their stoppage is chiefly due to the Inter-State Commerce Act. They worked on licenses of the big Washburn & Moen Co.

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