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THE GOOD WAITING MAID.

She is Always in Demand—Some Hints for Her Consideration.

In the restaurant, boarding house, country hotel and other places where the general public is privileged to satisfy the demands of hunger, we have waiters. But in our own homes we have the waiting maid, whose duty it is to look after the dining-room and its appointments, and study the comfort of the family and guests. A good waiting maid is always in demand and at good pay, too. By making a careful study of her duties, handling glass, silver and dainty china with as much care as though it were her very own, making herself personally responsible for everything in her charge, a waiting maid may make her place very desirable and remunerative. She should make herself acquainted with the details of arrangement for an afternoon tea, luncheon or any entertainment where dainties are served. She should know how to pack a luncheon for traveling, and arrange in a neat and appetizing manner a picnic basket.

Carving is another essential qualification in a waiting maid, in case she is called upon in an emergency. While it is much more homelike and social for the head of the house to do the carving, and, too, it is quite the correct thing, still there are times when a deviation from this order of things must be, and this duty must fall to some one else. Being almost an art in itself the value of the maid who can carve evenly and without the unappetizing ragged edges, is appreciated and prized.

Neatness is an attribute indispensable and one that tells its own tale, and should be observed in the dining-room above all other places. Plain, neat clothing should be worn. The hair should be arranged as plainly as possible. A maid should always be well capped and aproned, and her shoes should be such as to render her walking as near noiseless as possible. A few rules essential to one who has the care of the dining-room are given:

A waiting maid should not make her appearance in the dining-room until after the guests are seated.

Napkins should always be folded as simply as possible. Fanciful shapes suggest the hotel and restaurant.

Always place tumblers to the right and fill only three-quarters full.

In setting the table the tines of the fork should be turned up and the sharp edge of the knife blade toward the plate, placing the fork next the plate.

Place the cup containing coffee at the right of each person; offer sugar and cream at the left.

Always in offering anything to a guest go to the left, allowing the person served to use the right hand.

Any dish from which a person helps himself must be offered at the left. Those from which the maid serves must be placed at the right.

Everything relating to one course must be removed before serving another course.

Always go to the right of each person to remove the dishes.

The waiting maid must be responsible for the proper heating of dishes before they are brought to the table.

Except in case of accident which she cannot remedy a maid should never speak to the hostess, who should be looked upon as a guest at her own table for the time being, and treated accordingly.

A maid who is watchful will never permit one guest to help another in the passing of food.

Avoid all appearance of haste though one must move quickly in order to accomplish all there is to be done.—N.Y. Sun.

As an enemy of comfort dyspepsia has no equal. It is banished by food cooked with Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

Bobby—Mamma, if Santa Claus is such a good man, why does he give so many more presents to rich children than he does to the poor ones? Mother—Because it takes so much more to please a rich child than it does a poor one, my son.—Judge.

"And about the salary?" said the actor. "Well," said the manager, after a moment's thought, "suppose we call it $250 a week." "All right." "Of course, you understand that $250 is merely what we call it. You will get $35."—Indianapolis Journal.

RECENT SCIENCE.

New Ideas and New Discoveries—Tobacco and Blindness.

M. Eissler asserts, says The Iron Industry Gazette, that all accidental explosions of dynamite, not caused by an individual act, are proved to have been connected with electrical atmospheric disturbances. So far is this true that on four occasions predictions of probable explosions were made and were verified and this not in thunderstorms, but from electrical disturbance. He emphasizes the necessity of perfect connections and the rigid exclusion of all good substances, of which iron and dust are the most in evidence, from the interior of magazines, which is all the more imperative because explosions during thunderstorms are caused by the return shock.

Tobacco and Blindness.

The Australian papers have recently published accounts of an epidemic of blindness in horses pastured in a district on the banks of the Darling. The horses grew very gradually blind. It was suspected that their infirmity was due to eating the leaves of the Australian tobacco, Nicotiana suaveolens. This plant began to grow in the affected district shortly after a flood, and the epizootic blindness followed. Baron Ferdinand von Muller, who has written on N. suaveolens, also discovered that a similar plague of blindness among horses in Western Australia arose from the animals feeding on a plant known as the grass lily. The whole question is discussed by Dr. Husemann, of Gottingen. An infusion of the native tobacco leaf quickly killed a purblind stallion from the affected district. The chief point of interest in relation to "tobacco amblyopia" in man is the long time which this process of poisoning took to blind the horses. The blindness often took two years to become complete. It appeared to be incurable. The beasts showed no signs of disease elsewhere, a blind mare and a half-blind horse being able to go 600 miles at easy stages to a veterinary station. Thus, as in man, tobacco amblyopia is not incompatible with bodily health.

The Supply of Natural Gas.

According to The Railway Review, Chicago, the natural gas fields of Ohio are giving out. In the Marion township field, east of Findlay, where a few years ago the great Thornton well furnished enough gas to supply Tiffin, twenty-eight miles away, the pressure has gradually fallen until the two best wells—the Ross and the Sparks—show a pressure of only nine pounds, and the gas is unable to propel itself along the mains which lead to the city. An even more deplorable condition exists in the great Stuartsville field, north of the city four miles. Here was the centre of the great Ohio gas-field. For years this territory was used to supply Findlay, Toledo, Detroit, Sandusky, Fremont and other cities. Now the pumping stations of great corporations are at work sucking air and trying to keep up a semblance of furnishing gas. During the mild weather there is an abundance of gas for domestic consumption, and during the past summer the factories have been supplied; but when the first frosty morning came down went the blaze in every stove. People are reluctantly going back to the use of coal and wood, and the fuel-dealers and stovemen are driven to keep up with the demands made upon them.

American Birds in Ireland.

Mr. J. R. Sheridan reports to The Zoologist his capture of an American goldfinch on Achill Island, County Mayo, Ireland. He believed that it had crossed the ocean on the wing, and says: "I am convinced that many of the North American migrants visit our bold headlands, from the fact that I have observed and secured many of them in Achill." The editor of The Zoologist, however, from examination of the birds, especially from the worn appearance of the wing and tail-feathers, thinks that it had escaped from captivity, and probably had crossed the ocean in some vessel.

Ought the United States interfere in Corea? Only through the agencies of peace, such as Dr. Price's Baking Powder.

"If my employer does not retract what he said to me this morning, I shall leave his store." "Why, what did he say?" "He told me I could look for another place."—Harlem Life.

"I thought you told me that Miss Brown had spent a great deal of money on her voice?" "Well, so I did." "But she can't sing." "Well, I didn't say that she could, did I?"—Truth.

Bronson—Have the detectives found out anything about that burglary yet? Johnson—Yes; they've come to the conclusion that the motive for the crime was money.—Boston Herald.

Witts—Talk about word painting! I know a man who is the equal of any in that line. Watts—Done something wonderful in books, has he? Witts—Er—no; in signs.—Buffalo Courier.

Stockly—I hear that your son went into the office to work this morning. Jobly—He went into the office to work me. I was out, but I guess I'd have been out more if I'd been in.—Philadelphia Record.

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THE TONE OF THE NEW YORK STOCK MARKET STRONG.

A Limited Trade in Local Securities—More Exports of Gold at New York—Wheat and Corn Lower at Chicago—Cotton Also Lower at New York—Latest News From the Exchanges.

Friday Evening, Dec. 21.

Ontario Bank stock sold here to-day at 94 and in Montreal at 92. No one appears to know any special reason for the decline, but it is quite evident that there are few buyers.

A few sales of Toronto Street Railway stock are reported at 59.

Consols firmer, closing to-day at 103 1-4 for money and 103 1-4 for account.

Canadian Pacific lower, closing in London to-day at 60 5-8. St. Paul closed at 59 1-2, Erie at 10 1-4, Reading at 6 7-8 and N.Y.C. at 102.

The engagements of gold at New York to-day for export amount to $2,350,000.

The reserve of the Bank of England decreased £529,000 during the week, and the proportion of reserve to liability is 63.67 per cent. as compared with 63.28 a week ago.

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Money Markets.

Money on call here is unchanged at 4 to 4 1-2 per cent., and at Montreal 4 is quoted. At New York the rates are 1 1-2 to 2 and at London 1-2 per cent. The Bank of England discount rate is unchanged at 2, and the open market rates 13-16 to 7-8 per cent.

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Rates of exchange, as reported by Æmilius Jarvis & Co., stock brokers, are as follows:

	Between Banks. Counter.	Buyers.	Sellers.
New York funds	¼ to ¼	5-64 to 1-16 dis	
Sterling, 60 days	9⅜ to 9⅝	9⅛ to 9⅜	
do demand	10 to 10⅛	9¾ to 9⅞	

RATES IN NEW YORK.

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Sterling, 60 days	4.85½	4.87½
do. demand	4.89½	4.88½

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Toronto Stock Market.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Montreal, 222 and 218; Ontario, 100 and 94; Molsons, 170 asked; Toronto, 251 and 245; Merchants', 164 1-2 and 163 1-2; Commerce, 139 and 138 1-2; Imperial, 182 and 182 3-8; Dominion, 278 and 275 1-2; Standard, 166 and 164 1-4; Hamilton, 156 and 154; British America, 120 and 118 1-2.

Western Assurance, 156 1-4 and 155 5-8; Consumers' Gas, 193 and 192; Dominion Telegraph, 118 and 112; Can. Northwest Land Co., pref., 70 asked; Can. Pacific Railway Stock, 60 and 59; Toronto Electric Light Co., 180 asked; Incandescent Light Co., 110 and 109; General Electric, 90 asked; Commercial Cable Co., xd., 141 1-4 and 141; Bell Telephone Co., 154 1-2 and 152 3-4; Bell Telephone Co., new, 154 and 152 1-2; Montreal Street Railway Co., 166 and 164; Montreal Street Railway Co., new, 164 and 162 1-2; British Can. L. & Invest. Co., xd., 110 1-2 bid.

B. and Loan Association, xd., 100 asked; Can. Landed & Nat. Invt. Co., xd., 120 bid; Canada Permanent, xd., 170 and 164; do. 20 per cent., xd., 163 asked; Central Canada Loan, xd., 123 and 122 1-2; Dom. Savings & Invest. Society, xd., 76 and 73; Farmers' L. & Savings, 112 asked; do., 20 per cent., 103 asked; Freehold L. & Savings 134 1-2 and 122; do., 20 per cent., xd., 125 asked; Hamilton Provident, xd., 125 asked; Huron & Erie L. & Savings, xd., 164 and 161 1-2; Imperial L. & Invest., xd., 115 and 110 1-2; Landed Banking & Loan, xd., 112 1-2 bid; Land Security Co., xd., 130 asked; Lon. Can. L. & A., xd., 121 1-2 and 120 1-4; Manitoba Loan, xd., 100 asked; Ont. Loan & Deb., xd., 127 bid; People's Loan, 56 asked; Toronto Savings & Loan, xd., 120 and 116; Union Loan & Savings, xd., 125 asked; Western Canada L. & S., xd., 160 bid.

Morning transactions: Dominion Telegraph, 3 at 112 3-4. Cable, 10 at 141, ex-dividend. Imperial Loan, 25, 10 at 110 1-2 ex-dividend.

Afternoon transactions: Ontario Bank, 40 at 94. Imperial, 20, 10 at 182 1-2. Western Assurance, 20 at 156. Canada Permanent Loan, 26, 4 at 165 ex-dividend.

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Montreal Stock Market.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—Closing—Montreal, 225 and 218; Ontario, 95 and 92 1-2; Toronto, 260 and 244 3-4; Merchants', 167 and 163 1-2; People's, 118 and 115; Commerce, 139 3-4 and 138 1-4; Montreal Telegraph, 155 and 154; Richelieu, 85 and 83; Street Railway, 166 1-2 and 164 1-2; Cable, 142 and 141; Telephone, 155 and 153; Duluth, 4 and 3 1-4; do., pref., 12 and 9; C.P.R., 60 and 59 1-2; Northwest Land Co., 60 asked; Gas, 193 1-2 and 192 3-8.

Morning sales: C.P.R., 25 at 59 3-4, 25 at 59 1-2; Telegraph, 59 at 155; Street Railway, 50 at 165, 50 at 165 1-4; do., new, 20 at 163, 75 at 162 3-4. Gas, 150 at 193 1-2, 25 at 193 3-4, 25 at 193 7-8, 175 at 194, 200 at 194 1-4, 100 at 193 3-4, 100 at 193 1-2; People's, 1 at 115 1-4, 15 at 115 1-8; Merchants', 10 at 164.

Afternoon sales: Street Railway, 100 at 165; Telephone, 50 at 154; Ontario, 20 at 92.

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The market closed steady.

Philadelphia houses bought Reading to-day. Wormser is said to have taken 5000 shares.

Pacific Mail's net earnings for six months ended Oct. 31 were $383,691, and surplus now $308,691.

The most active stocks to-day were: Sugar 66,400 shares, C. Gas 6700, St. Paul 4900, W.U. 2200, Reading 10,900, Mo.P. 12,000, B. & Q. 1900, Manhattan 2200, G.E. 1600, Distillers 8100.

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New York Stocks.

The fluctuations on the New York Stock Exchange to-day were as follows:

STOCKS.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Am. Sugar Ref. Co.	90¼	91¼	89⅞	90⅝
American Tobacco	96	96⅛	96	96⅛
Ches. & Ohio	17⅞	17⅞	17⅝	17⅞
Cotton Oil	....	....	....	24¼b
Atchison	4⅛	4⅝	4⅛	4⅝
Chi., Burlington & Q.	71⅜	71⅞	71⅛	71⅞
Chicago Gas Trust	71⅛	71⅜	71⅛	71⅜
Canada Southern	50⅛	51	50⅛	51
C.C.C. & I.	89	89⅝	89	89⅝
Del. & Hudson	126⅛	126⅛	126⅛	126⅛
Del., Lac. & W.	....	....	....	159b
Erie	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛	10⅛
Lake Shore	137⅛	137⅛	137⅛	137⅛
Louisville & Nashville	53⅛	53⅞	53⅛	53⅞
Manhattan	105	105⅛	104⅝	104⅝
Missouri Pacific	27¼	27¼	26⅝	26⅞
U.S. Cordage Co.	8	8⅛	8	8
New England	32⅛	32⅝	32⅛	32⅝
N.Y. Central & Hud.	99⅛	99⅛	99⅛	99⅛
Northern Pacific Pref.	....	....	....	17b
Northwestern	97⅜	98⅛	97⅜	98⅛
General Electric Co.	35⅛	35⅝	34⅝	34⅞
Rock Island & Pac.	63⅛	63⅛	63⅛	63⅛
Omaha	....	....	....	34b
Richmond Terminal	....	....	....	....
Pacific Mail	....	....	....	21⅞b
Phila. & Reading	14⅛	16	13⅞	15⅞
St. Paul	58⅛	58⅛	58⅛	58⅛
Union Pacific	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛	12⅛
Western Union	86⅜	87⅛	86⅜	87⅛
Distillers	9⅛	9⅝	8⅞	9⅛
Jersey Central	93⅛	93⅝	93⅛	93⅝
National Lead	38	38	38	38
Wabash Pref.	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜	13⅜

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Henry A. King & Co.'s special wire from Ladenburg, Thalman & Co., New York: Notwithstanding the extreme dulness the market seemed disposed to have a strong ending before Christmas. Sugar was marked down at the opening. Chicago Gas was depressed on the familiar rumors about a reduction of the dividend. The general market, however, was firm, and, though very inactive, did not suffer even under the shipment of over $2,000,000 gold. The impossibility of forcing out long stock becomes more and more apparent, and the latter trading there was evidence of a general appreciation of this fact on the part of the traders. Sugar advanced on coverings, which seemed to come from the Weil interest, and Reading made a sharp advance on Philadelphia purchases, which, it is reported, have a relation to the question of control. The old story of no fresh features has to be repeated about to-night's close, which was generally strong, with Reading as the feature.

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POULTRY is in fair demand, and sold to-day as follows: Chickens, 35c to 50c; Ducks, 40c to 70c; Geese, 6c to 6 1-2c, and Turkey 8c to 9c. Fresh eggs, 16c to 18c. Butter, good to choice, in tubs, 15c to 18c; in pounds, 17c to 20c, and in large rolls, 15c to 16c. Apples, green, $2 to $2.50 per barrel; dried, 5c to 5 1-2c per pound. Potatoes, 45c to 60c. Beans, $1.20 to $1.35. Honey, 7c to 9c for extd. and $1.50 to $1.80 for comb. Consignments of above solicited. J. F. YOUNG & CO., Produce Commission, 74 Front-street east, Toronto. 246

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Commercial Miscellany.

Oil closed at 95 1-8c.

Cash wheat at Chicago 53 1-2c to 53 5-8c.

Puts on May wheat 57 7-8c, calls 58 1-8c.

Puts on May corn 48c, calls 48 1-8c to 48 1-4c.

At Toledo clover seed closed at $5.57 for cash and $5.62 1-2 for Feb.

Cattle receipts at Chicago to-day 5500, market fair and generally 5c to 10c higher.

Car receipts of grain at Chicago today: Wheat 66, corn 336, oats 105. Estimated for Saturday: Wheat 65, corn 380, oats 152.

Estimated receipts of hogs at Chicago to-day 28,000; official Thursday, 32,626; left over 8000. Market moderately active; good heavy a shade higher. Heavy shippers $4 to $4.75. Estimated hogs for Saturday 18,000.

Receipts of wheat at Liverpool the past three days were 446,000 centals, including 211,000 centals of American. No receipts of American corn.

Primary receipts of wheat in the west to-day 330,000 bushels, as against 521,000 the same day last year.

Exports of flour at New York to-day 22,000 packages, and no wheat.

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Flour—The market is quiet, with cars of straight rollers quoted at $2.55 to $2.65, according to quality. Manitoba patents job at $3.85 to $3.90, and strong bakers' at $3.65 to $3.70.

Bran—Trade inactive, with car lots west quoted at $11.25 to $11.50, and at $12.50, Toronto freights. Shorts $13 to $14.50.

Wheat—Business quiet, with sales of white and red west at 57c. Spring wanted at 53 1-2c on the Midland. Sales of several cars of No. 1 Manitoba hard at 75c west.

Barley—Market quiet; No. 1 is unchanged at 45c east. No. 2 offered at 40 1-2c, with 39 1-2c bid, and feed quoted at 36c to 37c.

Oats—Market firm, with sales of No. 2 mixed at 27c west, and white at 28c to 28 1-2c west. White oats bring 30c on Midland.

Peas—Market quiet at 54c to 55c outside.

Corn—Quotations are 45c to 46c outside.

Rye—The market is quiet at 41c to 42c outside.

Buckwheat—The market is dull at about 35c outside.

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THE FARMERS' MARKETS.

There were large receipts of all kinds of farm produce to-day, and the trade was fair. Poultry was very plentiful, with prices a shade weaker. Vegetables also were somewhat easier.

Grain.

Wheat is firm, 300 bushels selling at 62 1-2c to 63 1-2c for white, 61c to 61 1-2c for red, and 59c to 59 1-2c for goose. Barley unchanged, 500 bushels selling at 43c to 46c. Oats firm, 400 bushels selling at 32c to 33c. Peas nominal at 56c to 57c.

Hay and Straw.

Hay steady, with sales of about 50 loads at $7 to $9 a ton. Car lots of baled $8.50 to $8. Straw sold at $6 to $7 a ton for a few loads.

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Dairy Produce.

Commission prices: Choice tub, 16 1-2c to 17c; bakers', 13c to 14c; pound rolls, 18c to 20c, and creamery 20c to 23c. Eggs, 12c to 13c for timed, 15c to 16c for fresh, and 22c to 25c for new laid. Cheese steady at 10 1-2c to 10 3-4c.

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Poultry and Provisions.

Jobbing prices: Chickens, fresh, 25c to 40c per pair; ducks, 50c to 65c; geese, 5 1-2c to 6 1-2c, and turkeys 7 1-2c to 8 1-2c.

Dressed hogs easier at $5 to $5.15, the latter for small lots. Hams, smoked, 9 3-4c to 10 1-4c; bacon, long clear, 7c to 7 1-2c; breakfast bacon, 10c to 10 1-2c; rolls, 8c to 8 1-2c; shoulder mess, $12.50 to $15 per barrel; mess pork, $14.50 to $15; do., short cut, $15 to $15.50; lard, in pails, 8 3-4c; tubs 8 1-4c to 8 1-2c, tierces 8c.

Beef, forequarters, 4c to 5 1-2c; hind, 6c to 8 1-2c; mutton, 4c to 6c; veal, 6c to 8c; lamb, carcass, 5c to 7c.

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Apples and Vegetables.

Apples, per barrel, $1.75 to $2.75; do., dried, 5c to 5 1-4c; evaporated, 7c to 7 1-2c, per head, and inferior lambs at $1.50 to $2 each. Hogs are unchanged, with a moderate demand; prime bacon lots, 4c to 4 1-8c per lb, weighed off cars; thick fats, 3 3-4c; stores, 3 1-2c, and stags, 2c to 2 3-4c per lb.

Schwartz, Dupee & Co., Chicago, wire Dixon: The wheat market was heavy and lower again to-day, ranging from 58c to 58 5-8c, closing at the inside figure bid. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 235,000 bush. There was no decided change in the tone of the cables; some came easier, while others are steady and firm. Receipts in the Northwest were only 270 cars, against 460 a year ago. The principal selling seemed to be for New York account. With three holidays ahead of us, there is likely to be little change in the market to-morrow. The rains predicted for to-day in the corn belt failed to come off, and the probabilities indicated clear and cold weather for to-morrow. The market was weak from the start to finish, sample lots showing more decline than options. Provisions fairly active, but heavy and lower under selling by manufacturers and holders. January stuff was pressing on the market all day, and much of the trading was changing January deliveries into May at widening differences. The buying was mainly to cover shorts. The tendency is still towards lower prices.

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Chicago Markets.

John J. Dixon & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open'g	H'h'st	L'st	Close
Wheat—Dec.	53⅝	53⅝	53⅛	53⅝
" —May	58⅛	58⅝	58	58⅛
" —July	59⅛	59¾	58⅝	58¾
Corn—May	49	49	48⅛	48⅛
" —July	48⅝	48⅝	48⅛	48⅛
Oats—May	32	32⅛	31⅝	31⅝
" —July	....	....	....	....
Pork—Jan.	11 70	11 72	11 57	11 57
" —May	12 02	12 07	11 92	11 95
Lard—Jan.	6 80	6 80	6 72	6 77
" —May	7 02	7 02	6 97	7 00
Ribs—Jan.	5 80	5 82	5 8	5 80
" —May	6 07	6 10	6 0	6 02

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Toronto Live Stock Markets.

Business at the western yards to-day was quieter than usual, with receipts limited. The total receipts were 26 carloads including 380 head of sheep and lambs and 1100 hogs. There was practically nothing done in cattle, and about a dozen loads are left unsold. Several loads of inferior stock sold at 2 1-2 to 2 5-8c per lb. Good to choice animals are nominal at 3c to 3 1-2c per lb, while inferior lots would not bring over 2c. Stockers are quoted at 2 1-4 to 2 3-4c per lb, according to quality. Milch cows unchanged at $25 to $45 each, and calves $4 to $8 each, according to quality.

There was a moderate demand for choice export sheep at 3 1-2c to 3 3-4c, and the best lambs brought 3 1-4c to 3 1-2c per lb. Butchers' sheep, $2 to $3 per head, and inferior lambs at $1.50 to $2 each. Hogs are unchanged, with a moderate demand; prime bacon lots, 4c to 4 1-8c per lb, weighed off cars; thick fats, 3 3-4c; stores, 3 1-2c, and stags, 2c to 2 3-4c per lb.

Schwartz, Dupee & Co., Chicago, wire Dixon: The wheat market was heavy and lower again to-day, ranging from 58c to 58 5-8c, closing at the inside figure bid. Clearances of wheat and flour were equal to 235,000 bush. There was no decided change in the tone of the cables; some came easier, while others are steady and firm. Receipts in the Northwest were only 270 cars, against 460 a year ago. The principal selling seemed to be for New York account. With three holidays ahead of us, there is likely to be little change in the market to-morrow. The rains predicted for to-day in the corn belt failed to come off, and the probabilities indicated clear and cold weather for to-morrow. The market was weak from the start to finish, sample lots showing more decline than options. Provisions fairly active, but heavy and lower under selling by manufacturers and holders. January stuff was pressing on the market all day, and much of the trading was changing January deliveries into May at widening differences. The buying was mainly to cover shorts. The tendency is still towards lower prices.

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Chicago Markets.

John J. Dixon & Co. report the following fluctuations on the Chicago Board of Trade to-day:

	Open'g	H'h'st	L'st	Close
Wheat—Dec.	53⅝	53⅝	53⅛	53⅝
" —May	58⅛	58⅝	58	58⅛
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