

## SOME DUTCH WORDS

The Sense and Sound of some Terms Frequently Seen in Newspaper Despatches.

An Article of Much Interest in the Present War Times.

Matters in South Africa have reached a point where the average newspaper reader will need a little more than the average knowledge of Dutch words to understand what is going on, and of Dutch pronunciations to talk about it without confusion and mutual misunderstanding.

What misleads the English-speaking man in the language of the Boers is its similarity in spelling to German. The confusion is increased by an occasional oversight of the Latin transmitters of Transvaal news, substituting, e.g., the German "steijn" for "stien," the Dutch for "stone." It looks as if the Dutch were phonologically akin to German more than to English. The fact is just the reverse. English, Dutch and Flemish belong to the group of the "Germanic" languages (Low Dutch); German is the only surviving "written" language of the other group (High Dutch). This is not understood, it is not very difficult, especially if one has read a little Chaucer, or even Spenser, to guess correctly the meaning of the Transvaal names which will seem like the European "despatches." "Bloemfontein," for instance, pronounced "Bloom-fountain," means "Bloom Spring," or "flower Spring." Laing's Nek needs no explanation. Mauba—pronounced, of course, Ma-yoo-ba—is not a Dutch word, except by right of adoption and conquest, but Kaffir. A Boer general is called a "veldheer" or "veld lord." "The veld" is simply the "field"—the open country, as when it is said that an army "makes the field." The rural guard or military police of the Transvaal are the "veldwachters" or field watchers. They are in many parts of the Transvaal as much cut up by cliffs or ravines, which the newspaper correspondents are sure to call by the Cape name of "kloofs"—pronounced "kloof," as by the way, President Kruger's pet name should be pronounced "Oom-Powl." You must also be sure, if you would do the proper thing, to speak of Oom Paul's general, not as "Houtbert," a French name, but with the pronunciation Yon-bert. The members of the first and second "Raads," or orders, of the Legislature are called "Jenksheer," pronounced "Yonkshair" or "Young Lords," and they assemble in the "Raad Huis," pronounced "Raad Hoys." The much bandied name of the individuals who are excluded from voting, spelled "Uitlander," is pronounced "Oytlander."

That part of the Transvaal territory which has been found to contain the wealth of Ophi and of Gold combined in the "Rand," the word means "division" or "border line"—the line that reads or sover one state from another. "Witwatersrand" means "White Water." Many of the Boer names of places end in "dorp," which is neither more nor less than "thorp," the Yorkshire name for a hamlet; German "dorf" "Stad" is like the German "Stadt," a city. "Stroom," sometimes printed "strom," is "stream," "Berg" means "mountain," but "kopje" or "little head" is also used for smaller eminences.

One feature of the South African open country of which much is likely to be heard is the "meale field." The English-speaking colonists often pronounce the former of these two words as if it would be in English; the Dutch pronunciation is more like "mely," it means just what it looks like—a field where you get the vegetable material for a meal, which material, in those parts is chiefly what Canadian call corn, and Englishmen maize. The unfortunate young Prince Imperial was killed in a meale field in the Zulul war. He had gone on reconnaissance several miles away from his "laager"—pronounced something like lah-her—which means a camp or, as it would be called if his "kheer," in modern spelling "kheer." When hunters or soldiers in the veld are not in "laager," they are on the "trek" or "making tracks," as the English miners were in the built of saying. And the Dutch settlers who made the "Great Trek" across the Vaal River 65 years ago, because the British authorities suppressed their "peculiar institution" of slavery, and who have been blockading ever since, pronounced their distinctive name "Boers," which, like the German "bauer," and the identical English word, means "rustics." It seems a little paradoxical to read of "The Boer Burgers," because a "burger" (bourgeois, or man of the city) is essentially contradistinguished from a "boer."



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Great Victory in Manila Bay.

"The battle of Manila was won in Hongkong harbor," said Admiral Dewey to me when I first saw him in May, 1898, and heard him describe the great fight. Many times since then I heard him repeat the same sentiment, and the more the truth of it is considered the more light it sheds on his character. While he was brave, strong, prompt and decisive in action, he was thoughtful, cautious, deliberate and sure in preparation.

Day after day he summoned his captains to discuss all the possibilities and eventualities of a conflict with the enemy. He gave them an opportunity to say when, where and how the battle should be fought. From junior to senior he called upon them to express their opinions freely. If any man had a novel idea, it was given careful consideration. If it was an old one with improvements, it was viewed in all phases.

After the admiral had patiently heard his captains and duly interrogated them, he quietly told them his own exact plan of battle and just what he expected of each man. Whether this was made up originally out of his own ideas or from such union with the best points advanced by his captains, it was reached only after thorough deliberation and was final.—Hon. John Barrett in Harper's Magazine.

**Some English Craiks.**

When I lived at Newport, R. I., from 1864 to 1878, says Colonel T. W. Higginson, in The Atlantic, there was a constant procession of foreign visitors, varying in interest and often quite wanting in it. I remember one eminent literary man who, in spite of all cautions to the contrary, appeared at a rather fashionable day reception in what would now be called a golf suit, of the fondest possible plaid, like that of the Scotch cousin in Punch who comes down thus dressed for church to the terror of his genteel cousins. In this case the visitor also wore a spy-glass of great size, hung round his neck, all through the entertainment.

Another highly connected Englishman, attending an evening reception given expressly for him, came into the parlor with his hat and umbrella in his hand, declining to be parted from them through the whole evening, which suggested to a clever Newport lady the story of the showman who exhibited a picture of Daniel in the lions' den and pointed out that Daniel was to be distinguished from the lions by having a blue cotton umbrella under his arm. In this case, the lady remarked that the conditions were reversed, since it was the lion that carried the umbrella.

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## THE MARKETS

Planet Office, Wednesday evening,  
Dec. 6.

## CHATHAM GRAIN MARKET.

J. B. Stringer & Co. give the following market report:

Wheat—The price paid for wheat just now is 65 cents standard. The market is firmer in Chicago, and it may reflect a hardening tendency on our market here, so that there will be a little better demand for it. Receipts continue light.

Oats—Receipts very light. Nearly all deliveries are required for local use while the export value is unchanged.

Barley—This grain shows a little demand for export. Seventy-five cents is the value of it.

Beans—Market weaker. The case is mainly due to very light demand for jobbers in Ontario. There are no orders in our market and in order to sell it is necessary to reduce the price.

Corn—Receipts more liberal with lower values. American corn is now competing strongly for the Canadian trade and the price is down two cents, so it will be necessary to reduce the price here to 28 cents per 75 lbs. in the ear.

Dressed Hogs—Receipts are more liberal, and as the weather is hard, hogs are arriving in good condition. The values are a little higher, \$4.80 to \$4.85 per cwt., being the price paid now.

**Wheat, 65.**  
Mixed oats, 21-2 to 21-1-2.  
White oats, 21-1-2 to 21-1-2.  
Barley, 70 to 75c. per cwt.  
Corn in the ear, 28c. per bush.  
Corn, new, shelled, 29.  
Beans, \$1.15 to \$1.18.  
Buckwheat, 45c.  
Clover seed, \$4 to \$4.75.  
Alfalfa, \$5 to \$5.50.  
Red Clover, \$4.50 to \$5.50.  
Timothy, \$1 to \$1.25.

## HAY AND HOGS.

Hay, timothy, per ton, \$9 to \$10.  
Hay, clover, \$8 to \$9.  
Hay, baled, \$9 to \$10.  
Live hogs, \$3.75 to \$4.  
Dressed hogs, light weights, \$4.80 to \$4.85.  
Live Hogs—The market is steady firm. Drovers John Duff shipped 700 hogs on Wednesday.

## HOUSEKEEPERS' PRICES.

Owing, no doubt, to the cold weather, the Chatham market showed a very limited attendance on Wednesday. Dressed beef was offered in some quantity at 5c to 6c, per lb., and dressed pork brought a similar price.

Vegetables were offered in small quantity and sold at low prices without any change in value.

In the shed the supply of butter and eggs was limited. Butter brought 20c. a lb., and eggs 20c. a dozen. Grocers, however, are not paying that price, for either by two or three cents.

## LOCAL WOOL AND HIDES.

Wool, washed, 14c. cash, 16c. trade.  
Wool, unwashed, 10c.  
Calf skins, 30.  
Sheep skins, 30 to 75c.  
Lamb skins, 40 to 55c.  
Pelts, 20 to 30c.  
Horse hides, 15 to 25c.  
Skunk skins, 25 to 35c.  
Fox skins, 15 to 25c.  
Coon skins, 25 to 35c.  
Dog skins, 25 to 50c.  
Mink, 75c. to \$1.50.  
Tallow, rendered, 3 to 4c.  
Eggs, 18 to 20c.  
Butter, 20 to 22c.  
Apples, 15 to 20c. a peck.  
Cabbages, 5 to 12c. each.  
Pears, 20 to 25c. a peck.  
Apples, 10 to 15c. a peck.  
Potatoes, 60 to 65c. a bag.  
Cauliflowers, 5c. up.  
Onions, yellow, 20c. a bushel, 30c.  
Carrots, 10c. a peck.  
Parsnips, 15c. a peck.  
Turnips, 10c. a peck.  
Beets, 15c. a peck.  
Pumpkins, 5c.  
Celery, 4c. up.  
Chickens, 20 to 30c.  
Spring chickens, 15 to 20c.  
Ducks, 25 to 30c.  
Turkeys, 75c. to \$1.  
Lamb, 6 to 7c.  
Geese, 50c. a piece.  
Wild ducks, 25c. to 75c. a pair.  
Pork, 5 to 6c.  
Beef, 5 to 6c.

## FISH MARKET.

Herring, smoked, 25c. a dozen.  
Pickled, 8c. a pound.  
Whitefish, 8c. a pound.

## TORONTO BEAN MARKET.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Beans—Good enquiry and prices firm. Choice hand-picked at 15c. to 16c. and common at 75 to 80 cents per bushel.

## TORONTO GRAIN.

Toronto Dec. 6.—Wheat—The Chicago market was steady to firm to-day. Local prices were steady, and business was quiet. Red and white, Ontario is quoted to millers at 64 cents to 66 cents, according to nearness to the mill. Goose wheat unchanged at 70c. middle freights, and 69c. north and west. Manitoba steady; No. 1 hard, g. l. 70c. and Toronto and west at 75c. and track, Manitoba and Owen Sound, 72c. Stocks this side of the lakes are not heavy, and as fall freights promise to be firm, hard wheat at lake ports is firm in tone.

Flour—Dull. Straight roller, in buyers bags, middle freights, in demand by exporters at \$2.60, with \$2.70 asked. Same in wood, 60 local account, \$3 per bbl. asked, and \$2.90 bid for single car lots.

Barley—Quiet. Car lots, No. 2, middle freights, sold at 39c.

Poss—Firm. The demand is said

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to be due to necessity of filling ocean freight space. Car lots sold at 57c, north and west, and 57, middle freights. Car lots, east, held at 58c.

Rye—Easy and unchanged at 50c west, and 51c east.

Oats—Easier. White was quoted at 27c, east, and 26-1-2c middle freights, mixed at 24-1-2c.

Millfeed—Unchanged. Bran is quoted at \$12 to \$12.50, and shorts at \$14 to \$14.50.

Corn—Quiet. No. 2, American, yellow quoted at 41c, Toronto, and mixed at 40-1-2c. Canadian-corn is offering at 41-1-2c.

Oatmeal—Quiet; \$3.35 for cars, of bags, and \$3.45 for bbls., on track, Toronto.

Barley—Quiet. Car lots, east, sold today at 49-1-2c, and west at 48-1-2c.

## TORONTO PRODUCE.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Eggs—Receipts kept well up, and the market is about steady. Local demand good. Strictly new laid will bring 20c.; fresh gathered sell at 17 to 18c.; and No. 2 at 15c.; and a limited at 16c.

Butter—Market firmer. Deliveries of choice butter rather light. Local demand is good. Local quotations to creamed—Dairy tubs, per lb. to medium 13 to 15c.; strictly choice 15-1-2 to 16-1-2c.; large lots 17c.; small dairy, lb prints, about 18 to 19c.; creamery, tubs and boxes, 20 to 21c.; pounds, 22 to 23c.

Potatoes—Free deliveries and a slow local demand keeps prices down. Car lots are sold on track here at 35c, to 40c. per bag, and at farmers' wagons about 50c per bag. Out of store, choice stock brings 45 to 50c per bag.

Dried Apples—Dealers pay 5-1-2 for dried stock, delivered here, and in small lots, resell at 6 to 6-1-2c; evaporated, 8 to 8-1-2c, in small lots.

Honey—Strong. Dealers quote from 9 to 10c. per lb for 5, 10, or 60-lb tins, and in comb at around 22 to 22-1-2 per dozen sections.

Baled Hay—Steady demand, and the prices well maintained. Stocks of No. 1, light here. Dealers here buy around \$8.50 to \$8.75 for car lots No. 1, delivered; car lots resell here at \$9 to \$9.75 choice and No. 2 is slow at \$9 to \$9.25.

Straw—Nominal. Car lots are quoted at \$4.75 to \$5 on track.

Hops—Quiet. Dealers here quote from 15 to 16c. for Canadian.

Poultry—About steady. Chickens job at 25 to 40c; geese at 5c to 6c; ducks at 40 to 60c per pair; and turkeys at 8 to 9c. per lb.

## DRESSED HOGS.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Market for dressed hogs steady and fairly active. To-day select weights, car lots, on track, sold at \$5.25, and at \$5 to \$5.15 for heavy and mixed lots. On the street, in farmers' loads choice bring from \$5.25 to \$5.50, according to quality.

## TORONTO LIVE STOCK.

Toronto, Dec. 6.—Fifty-four loads in yesterday, including 2,353 hogs, 812 sheep and lambs.

Milk cows, choice, each \$40 to \$45. Common, each \$30 to \$35.

Export cattle, choice, \$1.50 to \$4.75. Light, per cwt. \$4 to \$4.25.

Butchers' cattle, choice, per cwt., \$4 to \$4.25.

Medium, mixed, per cwt., \$3.50 to \$3.75.

Common, per cwt., \$2.50 to \$3.

Bulls—Export, heavy, per cwt., \$4 to \$4.25.

Light, per cwt., \$3.50 to \$4.

Feeders, heavy, per cwt., \$3.50 to \$3.85.

Feeding bulls, per cwt., \$2.50 to \$3.

Light bulls for Buffalo, per cwt., \$1.50 to \$2.

Light stock bulls, \$2 to \$2.50.

Sheep—Export, per cwt., \$3 to \$3.50.

Butchers' each, \$3 to \$2.50.

Lambs, per cwt., \$3 to \$4.

Picked lots, per cwt., \$3.75 to \$4.

Picked lots, each, \$2.50 to \$3.

Bucks, per cwt., \$2.50 to \$2.75.

Calves, per head, \$4 to \$10.

Hog-Singars, 1 to 3c.

Lights and fats, 4c. off cars.

Trade brisk.

## BUFFALO LIVE STOCK.

East Buffalo, Dec. 6.—Cattle—The offerings were six loads; there was a fair trade for an off day, and a steady feeling on desirable grades; there was no quotable change in the calf market.

Sheep and lambs.—The offerings were 18 loads, mostly Canada lambs; there was an active demand throughout and prices were stronger.

Lambs, choice to extra, were quotable at \$5.35 to \$5.50.

Good to choice, \$5 to \$5.35.

Sheep, choice to extra, \$4.25 to \$4.40.

Good to choice, \$4 to \$4.25.

The basis was \$5.50 for lambs, but there were a few extra sold at \$5.55; the close quiet strong.

Hogs—The supply was light, only seven loads, and with an active demand prices ruled 10 to 15c. higher.

Heavy quoted at \$4.15 to \$4.25.

Mixed, \$4.15 to \$4.25.

Yorkers, \$4.35.

Pigs, \$4.35.

Roughs, \$3.65 to \$3.80.

8 pigs, \$2.75 to \$3.25.

They were all sold and the close was firm.

## A STUMBLING BLOCK.

Because, professing still to be a follower of the Lamb of God, I walk in devious paths where he is never seen, has never trod. Even thus it is that some, through me, The Master's face may never see.

Because, professing to be wise, I and to have found the Truth, the Way.

I oft am seen in Folly's guise, Unmindful whom I thus betray.— Yet, it is that some, through me, To Heaven's gate may lose the key.

Because, professing his dear name Whose love is infinitely great, My tongue will even friends defame, And flashing eyes oft tell of hate.— Alas, that some, through me, May, hopeless, face eternity!

—Fred J. Atwood.

True blue is a term that isn't applicable to milk.

The first woman has just received her degree of doctor from the University of Berlin. She is Miss (Klary) Peumann, and gained it "with credit."

## A CLOSE ESTIMATE.

An Addition to the Government  
Printing Office that was  
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Speaking about close estimates, General John M. Wilson, chief of engineers, made one some time ago. Congress called upon him to make an estimate of the cost of an addition to the government printing office. As it was near the close of the session and congress was hurriedly getting through its work, little time was given General Wilson to consider the matter, but he submitted his estimate, and the appropriation was made accordingly. He estimated that the proposed building, according to the plans and specifications which had been drawn, would cost \$121,121.90. The building was completed, and there was \$16 surplus covered back into the treasury. General Wilson was put in charge of this work, and he took a great deal of interest in it. He always gave credit, however, to Lieutenant Sewell of the engineer corps, who had the immediate supervision of the work, for the care with which the building was erected and the fact that the cost did not overrun the estimate and appropriation.—Washington Cor. Portland Oregonian.

## How Will 45 and 15 Do?

Here is an odd little piece of doggerel which appeared in The Gentleman's Magazine 15 years ago, which gave rise to considerable discussion. Correspondents seem to have been pretty evenly divided between those who claimed that there were several answers and such as maintained that the problem was unsolvable:

When first the marriage knot was tied  
Betwixt my wife and me,  
My age did hers as far exceed  
As three times three does three,  
But when ten years and half ten years  
We ran and wife had been  
Her age came up as near to mine  
As twice four is to sixteen.  
Now, tell me, Captain David Gray, I pray,  
What were our ages on the wedding day?

(David Gray was a noted writer on mathematical subjects who lived at that time.)

## A Compliment.

Appropos of the late Lord Watson's predilection for interrupting conversation and the story of Lord Bramwell's exhortation to his learned brother to cease worrying a certain arguing barrister, a correspondent tells how on one occasion Lord Watson justified his inveterate habit of interposition.

"I ventured," he says, "once out of court to complain to him of his too frequent interruptions from which I had suffered in court."

"He answered: 'Eh? Man, you should not complain of that, for I never interrupt a fool!'"—London Globe.

## Misfortune of a Poet.

"James has been quite unfortunate of late," said the poet's wife gloomily. "Had another poem declined?"

"No; worse than that. You know he has a habit of looking at the ceiling for inspiration, and last night, just as the inspiration came, a yard of plaster fell square on his head, knocking all the inspiration out of it!"—Atlanta Constitution.

## In the Japanese temples there is a large drum used in worship. It is called kagura-taike, and it gives a tone much like a gong.

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