### BRITISH MARKETS

The London Tea Letter of J. Lewenz & Hauser Bros., dated 28th Aug., says: The new arrivals during the week have brought very liberal supplies of China Congou, and of these all common grades have met with a strong demand. Blackleaf teas were wanted the bare trade of well as export and arrong demand. Bischiest tess were wanted up to 6½ for home trade as well as export, and failing an adequate supply of such (for the proportion of common is still very small) the redleaf tess, of which a much larger weight consisted of inferior grades, were readily dealth and a common State Rivis up to 64, and in, and common Suey Kuts up to 6d., and Yunghows and Saryunes up to 7d., in consequence formed the bulk of the transactions, very little of these sorts being left unsold at the close. Medium China Congous of any description were but little enquired for, while for fine teas the recent improved demand was also falling off. At auction the China teas were again almost all bought in to be subse-quently disposed of by private treaty; for Indian and Ceylon teas the bidding was good as far as better class teas were concerned, but the inferior grades met with rather less compe-tition, though prices were on the whole fairly well maintained.

Shipments from China had reached up to the middle of the month about 37 million lbs., as against 36 million same time last year, and from India about 30 million lbs. (exclusive of Travancore teas) as against 24\frac{3}{4} millions respectively. From Ceylon, the shipments for August are expected to reach 6 million lbs. against 4\frac{1}{4} million last year.

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dated Glasgow, 18th August, 1893, In the earlier part of the week the Scotch Pig Iron Market was weak owing to the settlement of the dispute in the Scotch coal trade, but the price again firmed up on the demand of the men for a further 1s. per day. The strike the men for a further 1s. per day. The strike in England does not appear to be any nearer settlement, and works are being closed owing to the scarcity of fuel. Locally, the manufac-tured works are benefiting by the stoppage in the Midlands district.

### AMERICAN STOCKS, &co.

Henry Clews & Co., of New York, in their circular of Saturday last, say that the stock market for the week fairly held the firmness of undertone shown in the previous week. "The market, however, is so narrow, and so entirely in the hands of the professional traders, that it easily reflects any change of attitude among operators, and at the same time affords special operators, and at the same time affords special inducements to the creation of fluctuations. The stubborn firmness of prices has induced a reduction of the "short" interest. An unfavorable influence, however, has come from Boston in the shape of large realizings upon General Electric, with a resulting decline in that stock. Large sales of Northern Pacific issues also tended to weaken prices momentarily. The sensitiveness about time loans still continues. These various influences, though com-The sensitiveness about time loans still con-tinues. These various influences, though com-paratively unimportant both in detail and in aggregate, have proved sufficient to affect a highly sensitive market and to cause realizings upon the rallies. Even the good effect of a gain of \$4,500,000 in the reserve averages of the

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