

CHOCOLATE.

To each quart of new milk, or half milk and water, allow three heaping tablespoonfuls of scraped chocolate. It is best to set a coffee-pot or any convenient dish, into a kettle of boiling water; pour in the milk and as it heats add the chocolate mixed to a paste with a little milk; boil for two or three minutes and serve. Some prefer to boil chocolate only one minute, others fifteen, while others boil it one hour, setting aside to cool that the oil may be removed and then reheating when wanted.

BUTTERED EGGS.

Take four fresh eggs, beat them well. Put two ounces butter into another basin; place the basin in boiling water, and stir the butter until it melts. Have ready a lined saucepan. Pour the eggs and butter into it, and as the mixture begins to warm, pour it backwards and forwards from the saucepan to the basin, that the two ingredients may be thoroughly incorporated. Keep stirring the mixture one way until it is hot, not boiling, and serve on hot buttered toast.

Method of Hanging up the Washing.

"When we build I am going to have a place in the house where we can conveniently hang the clothes to dry." This has been one of my sayings every stormy washing day since we went to house-keeping, until recently. "When we build," however, is still an indefinite time in the future; but I have found a way of hanging the clothes in-doors during the drying process which is so simple and easily done that I want the rural housewives to know of it. Thus I decided to tell them while comfortably hanging a large washing in our dining-room yesterday, while the wind and snow were holding a grand carnival outside.

All that is required are four strong nails, a line, and two windows or doors opposite, or nearly so. Drive a nail in each corner of the casing of either doors or windows, and tie the rope so that there are two lines passing from window to window parallel with each other.

The manner of hanging up the clothes is where the advantage is gained. We will begin with towels. Take two clothes pins, and pin one corner upon the line; then take the corner opposite and pin upon the second line, and let it hang between the cords. With pillow slips, fasten one-half upon the first line, the other half upon the second, thus only using as much of the line as the clothes pins are wide. For tablecloths and sheets, use four pins, one for each corner. A large washing in this way can be hung upon a short line, but strong nails are required. One can have the clothes ready and hang them in the sitting-room where it is warm, and they will be dry and ready to take down before the family are astir in the morning.

I am very enthusiastic over this plan. I trust it will please the lady readers, and should it make the washing-day easier for any of them I shall rejoice.

M. L. S.

GRAND'S HORSE SALES.—We hear that many purchasers from Europe will attend these sales. We admire the enterprise of Mr. Grand in being the first to move in establishing horse markets. Farmers will get higher prices at good, established markets than they can get at their stables. We hope these sales will be well attended by both buyers and sellers, and that they may become permanent.

We would call the attention of our readers who wish to grind their grain to the advertisement of the Big Giant Feed Mills in this issue. We are pleased to hear of any of our American friends introducing any improved machinery into our country.

Commercial.

FARMERS' ADVOCATE OFFICE,
London, April 1, 1878.

The past month has seen little or no change in our grain markets. What, with bad roads, light deliveries, light stocks and the extreme dullness, with a slight decline in Liverpool, there has been little or nothing done the past month.

WHEAT.—The month of March has been one of extreme dullness in this article. There has been no disposition to buy at any price. The deliveries from farmers have been light, and there being no heavy stocks held, there has not been much disposition to do business on the part of holders or sellers. Leaving the Eastern question aside, we see no reason for any further decline, even in the face of the favorable reports of the growing crop which are coming in. As near as we can get at it there is 35 to 40 per cent. of the crop of 1877

still in the country. From this must be deducted seed and sufficient for home consumption.

The late reports from the Black Sea ports seem to convey the impression that the wheat from that country is likely to arrive in doubtful condition.

The following is from the *New York Produce Exchange Weekly*:

The export surplus of Russia has ranged in different years from thirty-two to seventy million bushels of wheat, with an average for ten years of 49,000,000 bushels. The Russian wheat crop is said to have been a large one in 1877. The least that need be expected is an average export—a very considerable portion of this amount was exported in 1877-8 from Northern Russian and German ports and overland by rail.

The American crop of 1877, including Canada, was larger than ever before, but it has been already drawn upon by export in wheat and flour since September 1, 1877, to the extent of about 67 million bushels. The extent of surplus in America remaining for export for the six months from March to August 1878 will certainly be less than it has been in the first six months of the harvest year, and will probably be about twenty to twenty-four million less, making the aggregate for the year about ninety to ninety-four million bushels. With war continued and bad crop prospects, higher prices will rule; but with peace in Europe and generally good crop prospects, lower prices later in the season will probably prevail, but not so very much lower, as the price of wheat now in the United Kingdom is about the average price for the last ten years.

PEAS.—Peas have ruled very quiet and steady all the season through. Stocks are completely cleared out, and an order for a 20 car lot would be with difficulty filled.

BARLEY.—Barley is still very dull, and we do not look for any improvement this season; in fact the malting season will soon be over.

CLOVER SEED.—There was a short spurt some two weeks ago, but the light deliveries and no stocks made it very difficult for dealers to fill orders, and many good ones were lost for that reason. The export demand is now over.

BUTTER.—Butter still continues inactive, with heavy stocks in store. We hear of sales in Toronto and Montreal at 6 to 8 cents, and one firm in this city has an order for 1,000 packages at 6 cents. This will give our readers some idea of the state of the butter market, and we would advise caution the coming season to all who have anything to do in this article, both manufacturers and dealers. We shall make no further comments on this article but would call attention to a letter on this subject in another column.

CHEESE.—Cheese has ruled steady and very much higher than we had any anticipation it would. When we compare the price of cheese and the price of butter and hams, there is a striking difference. This difference, in our opinion, is a strong argument in favor of the associated system of cheese making, and the same system cannot too soon be adopted in the manufacture of butter.

London Markets.

Deihl wheat.....	\$1 90 to	\$2 00
Treadwell.....	1 85 to	1 95
Red.....	1 85 to	1 93
Spring.....	1 50 to	1 70
Barley.....	80 to	1 00
Peas.....	95 to	1 07
Oats.....	90 to	92
Corn.....	80 to	1 00

PRODUCE.

Roll Butter, fresh.....	16 to	20
Tub Butter.....	10 to	15
Lard.....	9 to	10
Cheese, per lb.....	11½ to	12½
Eggs, per dozen.....	10 to	12
Hay, per ton.....	10 00 to	12 00
Clover (at market prices).....	3 50 to	3 75
" (at merchant's prices).....	4 00 to	4 25
Timothy seed.....	1 50 to	2 00
Potatoes.....	55 to	60
Carrots.....	25 to	30
Onions.....	60 to	70
Apples.....	60 to	1 10

Chicago Markets.

Chicago, March 30, 1878.
Wheat, excited and higher, averaging 5c in advance; Chicago spring, \$1.10½ to \$1.14; Corn active and firm; Oats higher; Barley unsettled 40c; Pork, \$9.50.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, Mar. 30, 1878.
Flour, 25s to 27s; Spring Wheat, 9s 10d to 11s 0d; Red Winter, 11s 0d to 11s 6d; White, 11s 3d to 11s 8d; Club 11s 8d to 12s 6d; Corn, new, 26s to 26s 3d; Oats, 3s; Peas, 3s 6d per quarter; Barley, 3s 0d; Bacon 27s 0d to 28s 6d per cwt; Cheese 66s; Beef, 82s.

New York Markets.

New York, March 30, 1878.
Flour, \$4.05 to \$5.85; Wheat, \$1.29 to \$1.29½ for No. 2 Spring; Rye, firm, 73c to 79c; Corn, sales 75,000 bushels, 50c to 57½c; Barley quiet; Oats, 32c to 41c; Pork, \$10.25 to \$10.50; Cheese, 6½c to 12½c.

Toronto Markets.

Toronto, March 30, 1878.
Spring Wheat, \$1.00 to \$1.07; Red Winter, 1.00 to \$1.07; Treadwell, \$1.12 to \$1.15; Deihl, \$1.15 to \$1.20; Barley 50c to 60c; Oats 35c to 37c; Peas 66c to 68c; Hogs \$5.00 to \$5.50; Flour, Superfine \$4.20; Spring extra \$4.75; Extra \$5.50; Superior, \$5.80; Butter 5c to 17c.

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Good Wheat Prospect in the West.

The Cincinnati *Gazette* publishes dispatches from fifty-seven points in Southern Ohio, Indiana and Northern Kentucky, from which it appears that the prospects for a large crop of wheat are exceedingly good. The acreage sown last fall was larger than ever known. Not one report is unfavorable, although from a few points there are apprehensions of rank growth. Advices from the interior of the state indicate that the storm of the past two days has been one of great severity. A great amount of damage has been done to property generally, and especially to railroad property.

According to a cable dispatch from London, 160 head of Canadian cattle have been sold for \$28 10s each. These animals were shipped by a Toronto firm. A large margin of profit was realized on the drive.

COUNTY OF ELGIN STOCK FAIR
AND EAST ELGIN SPRING SHOW.

The Directors of the East Elgin Agricultural Society and the Managing Committee of the County of Elgin Stock Fair have decided to hold a conjoint Fair and Show on the

Agricultural Grounds, St. Thomas, on
Thursday, 18th April, 1878.

This will afford a good opportunity for farmers who have stock of any description to sell, or who wish to replenish their herds, as the Committee have determined to spare no pains in order to make the gathering a complete success.

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S. DAY, Chairman of Committee.

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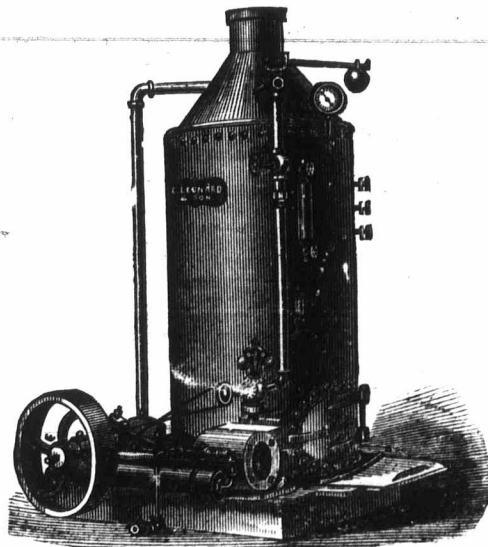
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