

speaking, higher prices are not looked for, provided the laws of supply and demand are allowed full play. Quinine is steady and without change. Cream tartar is easier. Beeswax is scarce and firm. The *Reporter* lists advanced Brazil wax, menthol, rose leaves; and as declined, citric acid, caffeine, Japan wax, oilanise, gum chicle, ginseng, ipecac.

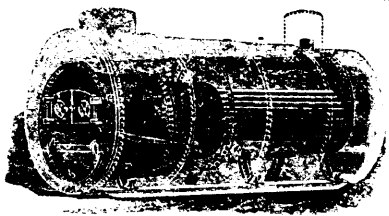
**FURS.**—Fair supplies of raw furs are coming in, but a good many skins are offering which are in poor condition, and bring much lower figures than quotations below, which, it must be remembered, are for prime pelts. We quote: Beaver, \$2.50 to 3.50; bear, large, \$15 to 25; do., cub, \$3 to 8.00; red fox, \$1.00 to 1.50; marten, \$1 to 1.40; fisher, \$5.00 to 6.00; coon, 25c. to \$1.00; otter, \$7.00 to 11.00; skunk, 25c. to \$1.25; fall rats, 8c.; kits, 3c.; mink, \$1.00 to 1.50; lynx, \$1.25 to 2.25.

**GRAIN.**—The week closes without wheat having made any advance; quotations stand unaltered; the feeling, if anything, may be considered easier. This is the result of a weakening both in the English and American markets. *Bradstreet's* estimate, giving a material increase in the visible supply, has been partially accountable for the weakness. The stocks of the United States and Canada are placed at 128,302,000 bushels, or 1,915,000 in excess of last week's figures. Barley has ruled quiet. Oats stand firm. Rye is nominal, and buckwheat dull.

The stocks of grain in store at Port Arthur on Dec. 8th were 402,010 bushels. During the week there were received 55,178 bushels, and shipped 1,353 bushels, leaving in store on Dec. 15th, 455,865.

**GROCERIES.**—The present week has been very similar to the week reported in our last issue. The holiday trade is beginning to slacken up, retailers having pretty well obtained their supplies. Fancy table fruits are well cleared out now, and the market is considered in good condition as compared with previous years. Jobbers did not this year stock up very heavily with this description of goods, knowing well that after New Year's day had passed a depreciation of \$1 to \$2 per box would take place. In the cheaper grades, however, some little 1894 stock will have to be carried forward to the next year. Quotations for Valencia raisins stand as follows: o.s., 3½ to 4c.; f.o.s., 4½ to 4¾c.; selected, 5½c.; layers, 6½c. The local coffee market is quiet and without important feature. The *N.Y. Bulletin and Journal of Commerce* says: "On the contract market there was less animation, but a somewhat firmer tone, without any apparent outside influence to act as a stimulus. Europe, on the whole, was inclined to be somewhat easier, and the Brazilian accounts afforded no special encouragement, the receipts at Rio running up again, and in a quiet way firm offers keeping in fair quantity, with terms easy. Elsewhere we refer to teas. The market appears strong, the strength coming from primary sources, rather than from any increase in consumptive demand. Sugars remain in the same position as reported a week ago, nothing having occurred to stiffen values and add strength to the market. As is usual at this season of the year, canned goods are quiet. Canned salmon is rather slow; the best qualities selling at \$1.35 and the cheapest at \$1.10.

**HARDWARE AND METALS.**—Trade in general has fallen off during the period under review.



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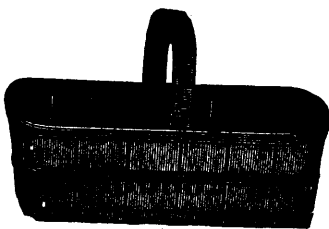
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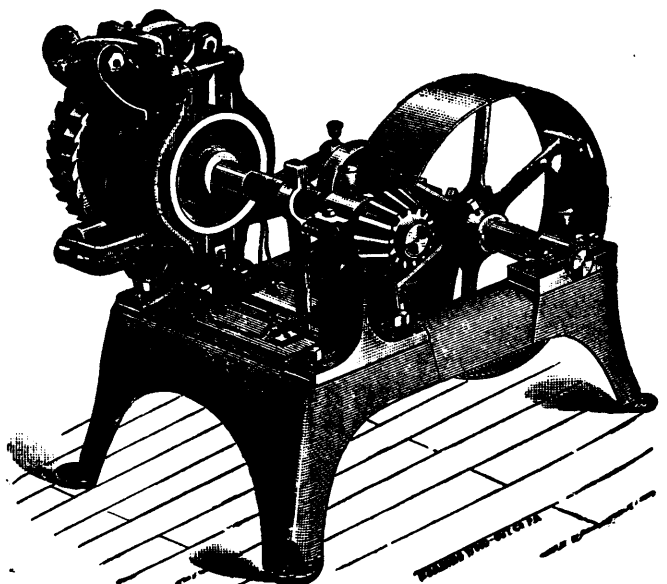
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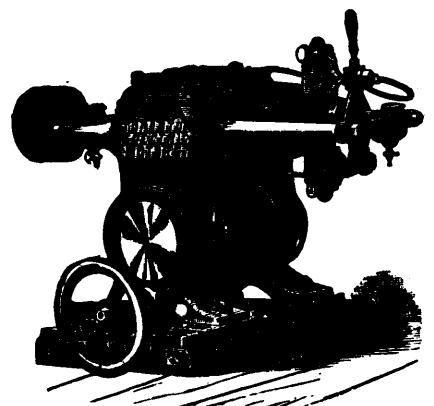
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