HOW TO COOK A HUSBAND

AN ART WHICH, ONCE ACQUIRED, IS A MOST USEFUL ONE.

A Homely Illustration—Making a Good Dish for the Home—The Various Utensils Required for the Unique Roast—The Husband's Duty.

Many a good husband is spoiled in the cooking. In selecting your husband you should not be guided by a silvery appearance, as in buying mackerel, nor by the golden tint, as if you wanted salmon. The best way is to select him yourself, as tastes differ. Do not go to the market for him; the best are always brought to your home. Having caught one, you must learn how to cook him, to make a good dish for your home.

Some men are roasted too much in cooking and some keep them constantly in hot water while others freeze them in conjugal coldness. Some keep them in pickle all their lives. Such women serve them up with tongue sauce. Some women use too much spice. A little spice improves them, but must be used with judgment. Now it is not to be supposed that husbands will be tender and good if treated in this way, but they are very delicious when managed as follows:

Get a large preserving kettle, called the kettle of carefulness, which all good housewives should have on hand. Place your husband in it, and place it near the fire of conjugal love. Let the fire be clear, and above all let the heat be constant; cover him over with affection; garnish him with the spice of pleasantry; add a little sugar in the form of what confectioners call kisses; let them be accompanied with a sufficient portion of secrecy, mixed with prudence and moderation. Never use vinegar or pepper on any account. In getting him ready for the kettle see that the linen you wrap him in is of the best and the tie strings newly sewed on. Tie him in by a strong silk cord called comfort; keep your cover of duty well over him and your steady fire of love burning bright.

Do not stick him with a fork to see if he has become tender, but stir him gently (and you cannot fail to know when he is done. If he should sputter and fizzle do not be alarmed. Some do this until quite done. Be sure he is kept well in the kettle until done; for, like the lobster, he is cooked while alive. When done, take him from the kettle and place him at your neatly spread table and serve him a good dinner. Unless you become careless or get him in a cold place, he will keep well cooked in this way.

Now, to be fair, we must look at the other side. The husband who is prepared for his home table in this way must always come home good tempered, leaving business cares behind, and not vent its annoyance on his wife. Make yourself agreeable to your wife and friends. Be lenient to your wife's faults. Be punctual at your meals. Remember a cook cannot keep a dinner waiting without its spoiling. If you should be in a hurry do not go out—she has two pair of hands. Be as kind and attentive to her as you were before your marriage.

Don't be afraid of a little fun at home and make her shut the house up for fear the sun should fade the carpets, for a merry heart in the home does good, like medicine. Home should be a woman's heaven in the world, and if your wife keeps your home in order, her meals regular and well served, and does her best to please, let her see that you appreciate her, and she will be preserved in the jar of perfection, as you have been cooked in the kettle of carefulness.—Minneapolis Spectator.

INSUPERABLE.

"What is your objection to Charles, Papa?" asked Maud.

"He plays poker," said Papa.

"But so do you. You played with him last night."

"I know it—but he won."

Of Course.

Officer Phelan—"What's all this row about?"

Fiddey (the newsboy)—"About ever, of course."

Circumstances Warranted It.

"I want to ask your advice about a novel I am writing," she confidently remarked to a bookseller the other day.

"I shall be happy to give it."

"The hero of my story is wounded in battle and comes home with his arm in a sling."

"That's good."

"My heroine meets him with great joy and as he clasps her in his arms."

"Perfectly proper; I'd do it myself."

"Yes, but don't you see that one of his arms is in a sling? How could he clasp?"

"That's so. And you have decided he must come wounded?"

"He must."

"And she must be clasped?"

"She ought to be."

"Yes, that's so; but you must look out for the critics. How would it do to have her clasp him?"

"Wouldn't it look immodest?"

"Not under the circumstances; and you can add a foot note that the joy of seeing him carried her off her balance for a moment. Yes, let her clasp and take the consequences. If you get the right kind of covers on a book you needn't care much about what is inside."

"Very well, my heroine shall clasp; I thank you. Good day."—London Tid-Bits.

An Embarrassing Mistake.

Jack—Chumpley made a curious mistake. He asked Ethel to forgive him for not calling oftener, and she said "Certainly." Then he asked her to marry him and she said "Do."

Harry—By which she meant ditto?

Jack—So Chumpley thought, but it seems that she had a cold in her head.

Much Too Long.

Dimling—"The duel has had its hour."

Tatling—"That is too long."

Dimling—"What do you mean?"

Tatling—"A duel requires only two seconds."

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WHEAT EASIER.

Slight Improvement in the Stock Exchanges—Provisions Closed Weak at the Bottom—Trade and Financial Gossip.

THURSDAY EVENING, Jan. 21.

Canadian Pacific was stronger in London to-day at 97⅛.

On the curb in Chicago at 2.10 p.m. May wheat was quoted at 91⅞c.

Transactions on the local Stock Exchange aggregated 637 shares.

Consols closed in London at 95 13 16 for money and at 95⅝ for account.

These were to-day's quotations on the London Stock Exchange for American railway securities: St. Paul 88, Erie 33, Reading 21¼, Erie seconds 110¼, Penn. Cen. 57⅛, New York Central 118¼.

LOCAL STOCK EXCHANGE.

There was a little more activity at the opening, but business was again passive at the close. Values were on the whole a good deal stronger. Quotations are:

STOCKS.	12 M. Ask'd	12 M. Bid	4 P.M. Ask'd	4 P.M. Bid
Montreal	223¾	220½	223	221
Ontario	112½	112	112¾	112
Molsons	....	....	....	....
Toronto	163	162	163	247
Merchants'	151	147½	152	145
Commerce	134	132¾	134	133¾
Imperial	191	189½	191	189
Dominion	....	256¾	....	258
Standard	175	172	175	174
Hamilton	177	175	177	175
British America	95½	....	96	....
Western Assurance	142	141	142¾	141
Consumers' Gas	180	179	180	178
Dominion Telegraph	93	....	91	90
Can. Northwest Land pf.	80½	80½	81	79½
Can. Pacific Railway Bonds	....	108½	....	....
Can. Pacific Railway Stock	94¾	94½	94¾	94½
Victoria Rolling Stock Co.	....	125	....	....
Toronto Electric Light	....	228	....	....
Can. Cable Co.	151¼	150¾	151¼	151
Bell Tel.	160½	160	164	160½
British Can. L. & Invest.	....	110¼	....	....
B. & Loan Association	115	....	....	....
Can. Landed Nat. Invest. Co.	135	132	....	....
Canada Permanent	159	158	....	....
" 20 per cent.	160	....	....	....
Canadian S. & Loan	122	....	....	....
Consolidated L. & I. Co.	....	140	....	....
Dom. Savings & Loan	....	92	....	....
Farmers' L. & S.	....	124	....	....
" 20 per cent	....	113	....	....
Freehold Loan & Savings	....	132	....	....
" 20 p.c	....	133¼	....	....
Hamilton Provident	....	125¾	....	....
Huron & Erie L. & Savings	....	....	....	....
" 20 per cent.	....	145	....	....
Imperial L. & Invest.	....	122	....	....
Lon. & Can. L. & A.	....	125½	....	....
London Loan	102	100	....	....
North of Scotland C.M. Co.	160	150	....	....
Ontario Industrial Loan	....	104	....	....
Ontario Loan & Deb.	....	125½	....	....
People's Loan	....	113	....	....
Real Estate, Loan & Deb. Co.	....	85	....	....
Toronto Savings & Loan	....	112¼	....	....
Union Loan & Savings	....	131	....	....
Western Canada L. & S.	....	170	....	....
" 25 per cent.	....	161	....	....

Transactions: Forenoon—Ontario, 8 at 112; Imperial, 50 at 190; Dominion, 5 at 258; Western Assurance, 4 at 141½, 20 at 142¾, 50 at 141¾; Dom. Tel., 2 at 91¾; Northwest Land, 11, 75 at 80¼; Can. Pac., 2, 25 at 94¾, 100 at 94⅞, 25 at 94¾; Commercial Cable, 25 at 150 reported; Bell Tel., 70 at 159 reported, 10 at 160, 25 at 160½. Afternoon—Can. Pac., 100 at 94¾; Commercial Cable, 25 at 151; Bell Tel., 50 at 160⅛, 25 at 161¼, 5 at 161¼; Can. Pac., 17 at 200.

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MONTREAL, Jan. 21.—close.—Montreal, 222 and 221¾; Ontario Bank, offered 112; Banque du Peuple, 100 and 97½; Molsons, 164¼ and 162; Bank of Toronto, 225 and 220; Banque Jacques Cartier, 105 and 103½; Merchants', 152½ and 148; Union Bank, offered 89; Commerce, 134 and 133¾; Montreal Telegraph Co., 129 and 128¼; N.W.L. Co., 82 and 79¾; Rich. & Ont. Nav. Co., 53½ and 52¼; City Pass. R.R., 188½ and 184½; Montreal Gas Co., 203½ and 200½; Can. Pac. R. R., 95¾ and 94¾; Canada Cotton Co., 67 and 60; Dominion Cotton Co., 132½ and 127½; New Gas, offered 183; New Pass., 188 and 184½; Comp. Cable Co., 153½ and 150½; Bell 'Phone Co., 165 and 158; G. T. Firsts, 71 and 68½.

Transactions: Forenoon—Commerce, 12 at 133¾; Montreal Tel., 125 at 159½, 25 at 159; Northwest Land, 200 at 80; Richelieu, 30 at 53½; Gas, 50 at 205; C.P.R., 175 at 94¾, 75 at 94½, 25 at 94½, 250 at 94⅝, 225 at 94¾; Cable, 100 at 150½, 50 at 150⅝. Afternoon—Montreal, 50 at 222; Richelieu, 25 at 53½; C.P.R., 50 at 94⅝, 25 at 94¾.

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THE MONEY MARKET.

Discount rate on the open market in London was quoted at 1⅞ to 2 per cent.

Local money market quiet and unchanged, call loans offering at 5 to 5½ per cent.

At the meeting of the governors of the Bank of England to-day the minimum rate of discount was reduced from 2½ to 3 per cent.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE.

Local rates reported by H. F. Wyatt:

BETWEEN BANKS.	Counter.	Buyers.	Sellers.
New York funds	⅛ to ¼	1-32	1-16 pr
Sterling, 60 days	9 to 9¼	9⅛	9⅜
do demand	9⅝ to 9¾	9⅝	9 3-16

RATES IN NEW YORK.	Posted.	Actual.
Sterling 60 days	4.84 to 4.84½	4.83¾ 4.83¾
do demand	4.86 to 4.86½	4.85¾ 4.85¾

CLEARING HOUSE RETURNS.

The clearings of local banks (exclusive of the Bank of Toronto) this week are as follows:

	Clearances.	Balances.
Jan. 15	$1,138,692	$106,787
" 16	1,078,728	195,230
" 18	830,714	87,601
" 19	1,043,606	127,888
" 20	976,488	84,803
" 21	970,442	80,472
Total	$6,038,570	$ 691,196
Last week	7,044,846	1,011,077
Previous week	8,318,172	1,384,401

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GRAIN AND FLOUR.

Wheat was firm and corn weaker in Liverpool. American grain markets opened strong, but closed weak and lower. Local market was much as before.

Wheat—There was a rather better feeling today, but it did not lead to any improvement in the volume of business. Straight Ontario fall offered at 87c west, with 88c bid; millers would have taken standard at 86c, but sellers wanted 1c more. At the call board $1.04 was bid for No. 1 hard at North Bay, $1.03 was bid to arrive at North Bay with sellers of 5000 bushels at $1.04; No. 2 hard was wanted at 99c, North Bay, with 99½ asked to arrive; 3 cars of spring at Newcastle offered at 91c, and 3 Pontypool at 90c without bids. Off the board 4 cars of No. 1 regular at North Bay sold at 86c.

Peas—Much as before, 59c being asked and 58c bid; a large round lot offered at the former figure.

Oats—Dull and easy. There were sales on track at 33c, and Manitoban sold at 35c North Bay; white lying on the Midland offered at 30c with 29c bid, and west 29c was asked and 28c bid.

Barley—There appears to be less enquiry; 1000 bushels of cut No. 1 sold outside at 52c; No. 3 extra was quoted at 46c outside.

STREET MARKET.

Receipts were moderately large and prices steadier. Wheat unchanged, 600 bushels selling at 90c to 91c for white, 90c for red, 87c to 87c for spring, 77c to 80c for goose. Barley steady, 2500 bushels selling at 47c to 50c. Peas higher, 100 bushels selling at 62c to 63½c. Oats higher, 400 bushels selling at 34½c to 35½c. Hay in moderate supply and steady, timothy selling at $14 to $15, clover at $11 to $12. Straw, $9 to $10. Dressed hogs, $5.50 to $5.75.

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PROVISIONS.

Really good butter, both rolls and tubs, is scarce and wanted. Cheese firm and in good demand at quotations. Farmers' deliveries of poultry are larger and express lots lighter. Eggs not so firm owing to heavier receipts. We quote: Eggs, fresh, 18c per doz.; limed, 14c to 15c; butter, prime dairy in tubs 16c to 18c a lb; crocks, 16c to 18c; large rolls, 14c to 16c; creamery, tubs, 22c to 24c; creamery, rolls, 25c to 26c; bakers, 11c to 13c a lb; new cured roll bacon, 8½c to 8¾c a lb; smoked hams, 11c to 11½c a lb; short cut pork, $15.50 to $16; long clear bacon, 7¾c to 7¾c; new cured bellies, 11c to 11½c per lb; new cured backs, 10½ to 11c per lb; American mess pork, $13.50 to $14; dressed hogs, $5.25 to $5.50; mess beef, $12 a bbl.; cheese, 11½c to 11½c per lb; lard, pure, 9½c to 10c for tubs and pails; compound, 8½c to 9c per lb; turkeys, 9c to 11c; chickens, 40c to 60c; geese, 8c; ducks, 60c to 75c.

PRODUCE.

There was a little more movement in potatoes to-day by car lots and quotations ranged from 85 to 88c. We quote: Potatoes at 50c to 55c per bag; wagon load 45c to 50c, car lots 38c to 39c per bag. Apples $1.75 to $2.50 per bbl. Sweet potatoes, $2.50 to $3 per bbl. Baled hay, No. 1, $11.75 to $12; No. 2, $10 to $10.50. Baled straw $6 to $6.50. Hops 19c to 21c for new, yearlings 16c to 18c. White beans, $1.40 to $1.50. Evaporated apples, 8c; dried, 4½c.

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ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

There was some improvement on this market to-day, business being a little brisker and receipts more moderate.

Eggs—Fairly steady at 20 to 22c, new laid 25c.

Butter—There is no really good butter coming in. We quote: pound rolls 20c to 22c, large rolls, tubs, crocks and pails 16c to 18c.

Poultry—Turkeys continue plentiful. We quote: Turkeys, 9c to 10½c; geese, 7c to 8c; chickens, 30c to 75c; ducks, 60c to 80c.

Vegetables—Quiet and unchanged. We quote: Turnips, 15c to 30c per peck; carrots and beets, 20c per peck; onions, 30c to 40c per peck; cabbage, 20c to 50c per dozen; celery, 40c to 75c per dozen; potatoes, 15c per peck; apples, 20c to 25c a peck; red cabbage, 10c to 20c a head; squash, 10c to 20c each; horse radishes, 15c a bunch; parsnips, 20c a peck; mint, 20 to 25c per dozen; citrons, 5c to 10c apiece; leeks, 5c per bunch; oyster plant, 5c per bunch; mushrooms, 60c per dozen; artichoke, 30c to 40c a peck, 75c per bag.

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LIVERPOOL MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 21.—Wheat firm, demand poor, flour holders offer sparingly. Corn easy, demand poor. Wheat, spring, 8s; wheat, red, No. 2 winter, 8s; wheat, No. 1 Cal., 8s 4d. Corn, 4s 9d. New peas, 6s 1d. Pork, 50s. Lard, 33s 9d. Bacon, heavy, 38s; bacon, light, 35s. Tallow, 26s. Cheese (white and colored), 56s 6d.

BEERBOHM'S REPORT.

LONDON, Jan. 21.—Floating cargoes—Wheat firmly held. On passage—Wheat firmly held, corn nil. On passage—Wheat firmer, held higher, corn steady. Mark Lane—Spot good No. 2 club Calcutta wheat, 35s 3d, was 35s 6d; present and following month, 36s, was 36s 3d; Danubian corn, 28s 6d, was 28s 3d; prompt, 23s 6d, was 23s 6d; Australian wheat off coast, 40s 9d, was 40s 6d; present and following month, 40s 9d, was 41s; Chilian off coast was 39s 6d, present and following month, 39s, was 39s 6d; Walla off coast, 39s 9d, was 40s, present and following month, 39s 9d, was 40s. London—Good shipping No. 1 Cal., prompt sail, 40s 9d, was 40s 6d; nearly due, 40s 3d, was 40s 6d. Liverpool—Spot wheat firm, but not active. Corn weaker, 4s 9d, 1d cheaper.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

Fluctuations in New York stock market as received by John J. Dixon & Co. were as follows:

DESCRIPTION.	Op'g	H'gh	Low'l	Clos'g
Atchison	42¼	42¾	42¼	42¾
Chicago, Burlington & Q.	108¼	108¾	107¾	107¾
Can. Pacific	94¾	....	....	....
Canada Southern	60	60¾	60	60¾
Chicago Gas Trust	76¾	76¾	75¼	76
Del. & Hudson	126½	126½	125	125¾
Erie	31⅞	32	31⅝	31⅞
Jersey Central	115	115¾	115	115¾
Louisville & Nash.	81⅛	81¼	80¾	80⅞
Lake Shore	122	122½	121¾	121⅞
Mo. Pacific	6¾	6¾	6½	6½
N.Y. and New Eng.	50⅝	50⅝	49¾	49¾
Northern Pacific pref.	67½	68¼	67¼	67⅛
Northwestern	116¼	116¼	116	116¼
North Am. Co.	16⅛	16¼	15¾	15⅞
Phila. & Reading	41¼	41½	40¾	41⅛
Rock Island	9 3-16	9 3-16	90¾	91
Richmond Term'l	16¼	16¼	15¾	15¾
St. Paul	80¼	80⅝	80	80⅝
Am. Sugar Ref.	81⅞	81⅞	81⅞	81
Union Pacific	48¾	48¾	47¾	47¾

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CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE.

Fluctuations in the Chicago grain and produce markets, as received by John J. Dixon & Co., are as follows:

	Op'n'g	Hig'st	Low'st	Clo'ng
Wheat—May	93¾	93⅞	92	92
Corn—Jan.	38⅝	38⅝	37⅞	37¾
" —May	41¾	41¾	40⅞	40⅞
Oats—May	31¼	31⅛	31	31
Pork—Jan.	11 50	....	....	....
" —May	11 75	11 85	11 67	11 60
Lard—May	6 60	6 62	6 55	6 57
S. Ribs—May	5 87	5 92	5 82	5 82

Wheat—Puts	91¼	Corn—Puts	40⅝
" —Calls	93¾	" —Calls	40¼

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Reference—The Traders' Bank of Canada. 155

OIL AND COTTON MARKET.

A. G. Brown quotes the following fluctuations in New York Cotton and Oil Exchanges to-day: Cotton—April, opening $7.64, highest $7.72, lowest $7.60, closing $7.69 to $7.70. May, opening $7.76 to $7.77, highest $7.84, lowest $7.75, closing $7.81 to $7.82. Oil—Opening 63⅝c, highest 63⅞c, lowest 63⅛c, closing 63⅝c.

NEW YORK MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 21.—Cotton, steady; uplands 7⅝c, gulf 8c; futures 1 to 3 points down, steady, sales 141,000 bales; Jan. $7.37, Feb. $7.47, March $7.57, April $7.69, May $7.81, June $7.92, July $8.02. Flour—Steady. Wheat—Receipts 35,500, exports 77,265, sales 2,345,000 futures; 140,000 spot; spot unsettled, lower: No. 2 red $1.01¾ to $1.02¼ store and elevator; ungraded red 92¾c to $1.06. Options closed weak, ⅛c to ¼c under yesterday; No. 2 red Jan. $1.02¼, Feb. $1.02⅛, March $1.02⅝, April $1.02⅞, May $1.03¼, June $1.01¾, July 99⅝c. Rye—Quiet, unchanged. Barley—Steady, No. 2 70c to 73c. Corn—Receipts 86,900, exports 136,585, sales 1,025,000 futures, 197,000 spot; spot weaker, No. 2 49c to 49⅛c elevator; ungraded mixed 38 to 51c. Options declined ⅛c to ¼c and closed weak; Jan. 49⅛c, Feb. 49¼c, March 49⅝c, May 49½c. Oats—Receipt 61,500, sales 165,000 futures, 70,000 spot; spot and options dull; Jan. 36c, Feb. 36¼c, May 37⅛c; spot No. 2 32c to 37½c; mixed western, 36c to 38c; white do, 37½c to 42½c. Sugar—Steady, standard "A" 4c to 4⅛c, cut loaf and crushed 5c to 5⅛c, powdered 4 3-16c to 4 5-16c, granulated 4c to 4⅛c. Eggs—Steady, 25c to 25½c.

Receipts and Shipments.

Receipts wheat in Duluth 20,000 bush, shipments nil.

Receipts wheat in Detroit 6000 bushels, shipments nil.

Receipts wheat in Toledo 11,000 bushels, corn 36,000; shipments wheat 5000 bushels, corn 45,000.

Receipts and shipments respectively in Milwaukee: Flour, 11,400 and 9800 bbls.; wheat 21,000 and 2000 bush, corn 9000 and 3000, oats 20,000 and 5000, rye 3000 and 3000, barley 46,000 and 15,000.

Receipts and shipments respectively in Chicago: Flour, 20,599 and 16,248 bbls.; wheat, 68,000 and 66,000 bush.; corn, 111,000 and 186,000; oats, 179,000 and 178,000; rye, 14,000 and 9000; barley, 101,000 and 35,000.

Gossip From Chicago.

Estimate of cars for to-morrow: Wheat 120, corn 160, oats 123, hogs 38,000.

Kennett, Hopkins & Co. to R. Cochran: Cables gave little encouragement to longs, but the sharp rally of 3 cents had frightened shorts and market opened nervous and excited. In a morning paper it was estimated that two prominent beaus were jointly short ten million bushels. It was generally believed a little more advance would start them to covering and their brokers were anxiously watched. Evidence of extensive buying on their part would have put prices up very rapidly. For about two hours the market held steadily about 93c, reacting occasionally, but rallying quickly on the appearance of buying orders. Apparently longs realized freely, for in the last few minutes there was a quick break and little support until it touched 92c. Here the longs bought liberally, and if to-morrow's cables give any encouragement higher prices ought to result, but in the absence of these it will be difficult to hold market from going lower. Corn and oats have been quite heavy, the slacking up of export demand being the principal cause. Increase of hogs and realizing by longs closed the market lower.

Counselman & Day to John J. Dixon & Co.: Wheat opened buoyant and higher on Liverpool quotations and an active demand for shipping grades. Receipts were very small, and interior millers paid fully 2c advance by samples, while futures sold 1c over yesterday's closing, the latter chiefly to cover previous sales. The advance carried prices above exporters' limits, and only 10 loads were reported taken at New York on new business. Second cables quoted English markets ⅝d to 1d per bushel lower for deferred futures. This caused sufficient reselling to give this market a weak closing at ⅛c decline from ye terday. The decline in ocean freight, however, is in favor of shippers, and we expect renewed export business will follow this break. Provisions opened higher on account of small receipts and advanced prices at stock yards. Packers started out by covering sales made yesterday, but scarcity of water from trouble with ice at the crib caused some apprehensions of holders lest underwriters should cancel insurance, and this feeling, together with weaker grain markets, brought out heavy selling later in session and market closed weak at bottom.

The wheat market broke on the increase of 4,000,000 in French stock.

Gulf From Gotham.

Atchison earnings for second week of January increased $78,000.

Henry Allen to J. J. Dixon & Co.: In to-day's market Lackawanna has been the feature, and about 30,000 shares of stock were bought by people who are supposed to be operating for a new pool and are taking advantage of the large short interest which has been put out lately by people who know the poor condition of the coal trade. It is undoubtedly a fact that coal rates are being cut, but the knowledge of this fact has created a large short interest, which may be forced to cover regardless of existing conditions. It would seem that while the stock market is still under speculative control the movement toward recovery has set in, and with some drawbacks from day to day will probably continue. There is nothing in the general situation which sustains the low quotations which are prevailing. The Chilian situation is far more reassuring than on Tuesday. The banks have very large deposits, which in themselves are a menace to low quotations. The business aspect seems to be brightening, and no reason would seem to present itself why the operations of the bears should not meet with discouraging obstacles, which must early prompt them to cease their efforts.

Business Troubles.

The creditors of James Hanna, builder and contractor, will meet at E. R. C. Clarkson's to-morrow afternoon.

J. E. M. Whitney & Co. of Montreal offer their creditors 40c on the dollar cash, which is acceptable by most of the creditors. But others insist on 45c cash, and if the matter is not soon settled the creditors will be obliged to take much less.

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