

## THE PARIS BUILDING TRADE.

The building fever which has prevailed in the west end of Paris for the past few years, says *Galignani*, has ended as was to be expected, in a crisis in the building trade. Hundreds of houses have been roared in the richer quarters of the town. Many of them, completed in some cases two years ago, are still without a single occupant. Others, again, have been left unfinished. The rents demanded in these palatial residences are scarcely over below 4,000 fcs. or 5,000 fcs. for the uppermost story, which places them beyond the reach of any but the wealthy classes. There is no demand for house-room in the quarters named above, whereas in the centre of the town and the popular districts, small tradesmen, clerks and artisans, have to crowd in wretched houses at comparative high rents, or take up their residence in the outskirts. Architects, builders and contractors alike have ignored a great law in the economy of a town of over two millions of inhabitants; supply far exceeds the demand in the west end of the town, whereas, on other points of the circumference, the reverse is the case.

## THE APPLE TRADE.

Apples continue to come along in large quantities and prices are certainly no higher than last week. If anything the tendency is downward. Supplies are arriving from all sections some choice varieties coming from Nova Scotia, and there does not seem any chance for a rise this season. Choice Pippins, Hubbardstones, and other desirable kinds are selling in large lots at \$1.25 to \$1.50 per barrel, and dealers are indifferent about taking any variety except Gravensteins at over \$1.50. This is for first-class fruit. Common and medium are offering at 75c. to \$1 per barrel. Very nice apples are offering at \$2 per barrel, by the single barrel. Shipments to England continue to be made on a liberal scale, the exports from Boston last week being 12,000 barrels, which make a total for the season of about 35,000 barrels against only about three hundred barrels for the same time last year. Full returns from late shipments have not yet been received, but cable advices of sales show no margin of profit. Some claim they will result in a loss. Under date of Oct. 6th, Messrs. J. O. Houghton & Co. cable that at the sales in Liverpool to-day 5,000 barrels of American apples were sold at following quotations:—Baldwins, 10s. to 14s.; Northern Spy, 10s. to 12s.; Greenings, 8s. to 11s.; Kings, 10s. to 22s. Estimating freight and other expenses at \$1 per barrel, which is a low rate, the first two varieties would not net much over \$1 per brl., and the greenings from 75c. to \$1. Most of the shippers say the exporting business is unprofitable. Beside the freight, which is 75c. to 90c. per brl., there are numerous other small charges for insurance, commissions and shrinkage, which absorb all margins of profit, and often leaves shippers in debt.—*Boston Journal*.

## A Long Bridge.

The bridge to be built across St. Louis bay, at Duluth, by the Northern Pacific company, will be nearly one mile in length. The draw-bridge will be 246 feet long, the fixed truss portion 100 feet, and the pile bridging 4,200 feet long. The contract calls for the structure to be completed January 1, 1885.

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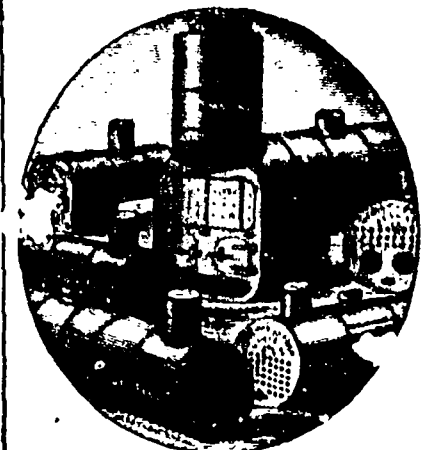
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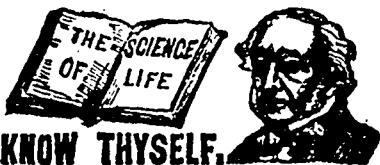
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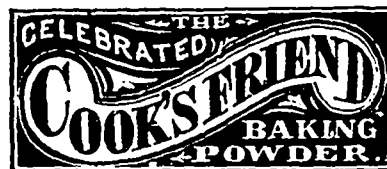
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