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bs.
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IN No. II. of this series we explained why foreign dollars in a banker's hands are merely an evidence of indebtedness, a commodity to be bought or sold.

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28 lbs. Pepper and delivered proving the language over quickly to the less discerning.

29 lbs. Ways spend a great deal of time ways the ways and advertisement, and every work and in telley and and wantage taken of every holiday and event.

14 Money put into show windows is on hand.

38 lbs. pays should be timely and and wantage taken of every holiday and event.

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39 lbs. Ways spend a great deal of time every word carefully, because the word-intention.

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sary to success?

2. How can one gain and hold customers?

8. What qualifications are needed to become a successful merchant?

The prize-winning answers, all received from clerks in the stare were:

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Ontario Fuel Administrator. Toronto, Oct. 23-H. A. Harrington,

(New York Evening Post.) The retailer has a lot of advice coming tim these days from both job bers and consumers. The jobber is urging him to cut prices and clean his shelves, and the recipient of these suggestions does not regard this counsel as wholly disinterested. The con-sumer gives his advice by deeds rather than by words, indicating what he thinks should be done by simply with-

"You marked your goods up when prices were advancing and pocketed, big profits. Now, when the prices are falling you must pursue the opposite course, even though you did buy in a high market. It's a poor rule that does not work both ways." This is the sum and substance of what the retail merchant is now having dinned

retail merchant is now having dinned into his ears.

Though this may seem perfectly logical, it apparently overlooks one phase of the retailer's position. When prices advance he is the last in line among the sellers to feel the pressure to mark his goods up, unless he happens to have the profiteering temperament. If he chances to be well stocked with goods bought in a low market he feels a strong inducement to hold down prices for a time and secure the advantage of underselling competitors who may be in a less fortunate, position.

On the other hand, when a drop is announced in wholesale prices he is subjected to immediate pressure from the buying public to make a corresponding cut in his high-priced stocks. While the rule should work both ways, it seems to work prove quickly in one.

winter supplies. Why Buyers Wait.

Merchants who are desponent over the reluctance of the consumer to the reluctance of the consumer to make his fall purchases at present price levels sadly recall the eagerness with which the buying public responded a year ago to the monition. "You'd better buy now; it will cost you more next week." This redollection! however, ought really to aid them in accepting the present situation philosophically. Conditions today only illustrate the workings of the law of compensation. If people buy quickly to pensation. If people buy quickly to forestall higher prices, they will surely postpone buying when prices strike the downward grade.

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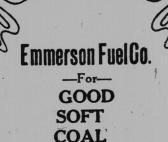
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