

but kindly allowed me to sit on a sack of flour and write my telegram on top of a side of bacon. The postoffice was closed, but he pried the lid off it with a screw-driver, when I gave him a letter which he dropped in and then closed up the postoffice again. The postoffice has a square tin lid on top, and is labelled "Fresh Boston Crackers."

The Ottawa Citizen understands that the Messrs. Hardman, lumber dealers, are likely to double their cut of last year. It is not long since that this firm purchased from the Gilmour estate a fine limit for \$186,000, of which it was understood \$85,000 was paid in cash. The limit in question is in the Kippawa district.

The hackmatack trees in Westmorland present a curious spectacle, says the Post. Hundreds of acres of them are stripped of their foliage. An examination of the trouble revealed a worm, very similar to the currant worm, in various stages of development, up to an inch in length, feeding on the foliage. Some trees are entirely bare and naked; others are partially stripped; on others they have just commenced business. A similar worm did great damage to the hackmatack trees of the same county a year or two ago.

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—The New York World has been showing to the public the gross adulteration of food, by procuring samples from grocery stores and bakeries and having them analyzed. The Press, of Philadelphia, followed it up and in the latter city a successful baker, named Palmer, was indicted, who had been in the habit of imparting a rich gold color to his buns and cakes by the use of chrome yellow. He admitted having used it for five years in buns, doughnuts and Dutch cake. The poisonous compound only cost him thirty cents a pound and as one table-spoonful of the solution was sufficient to color forty pounds of dough it was, of course, much cheaper than eggs even at the lowest price. It appears that a dealer in bakers' supplies had been furnishing the stuff to several other bakers besides the indicted one.

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