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WHOLESALE PRICES.

Flour.—The market is quiet at somewhat easier prices. 600 lbs. Superior Extra sold at \$5.25...

MEALS.—Ontario oatmeal, \$4.30 to \$4.35 per 100 lbs. Cornmeal, \$2.70 per 100 lbs.

HOOD PRODUCTS.—Heavy Mess sells at \$18 and thin at \$17. Lard, 12 1/2c to 12 3/4c...

FRUITS.—Business has been considerably less active than during the previous week...

WOOL.—This market remains inactive for a second day. Large lots are not wanted...

an order for 10 kegs. must be given to secure the discount. Manufacturers say they will allow it...

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8 to 10c; Lamb per quarter, 50c to \$1.20; Veal, per lb, 9c to 12c...

White fish and Trout, 9c to 11c; Lobsters, 10c to 12c; Haddock and Cod, 6c to 7c...

THE HAY MARKET. MONTREAL, October 18. The demand for hay continues good and offerings recently brought to this market have been readily disposed of...

THE HORSE MARKET. MONTREAL, October 18. An improved demand for horses set in last week, when 74 head were shipped from this city to the United States...

LIVE STOCK MARKET. MONTREAL, October 18. At St. Gabriel market to-day the offerings of cattle were large, but the quality, as a rule, was only fair...

CORDWOOD ADVANCING.—Owing to the unusually small supply of firewood at this season of the year, and the prospect of light supplies later on, combined with a brisk demand, prices have advanced another 50c...

SATAN'S MOTHER-IN-LAW. In a certain town in Spain there once lived an old woman called Aunt Holofernes. She possessed a crooked form, a hideous face, and a temper so acerbic that Job himself would have been unable to endure her...

When I was young, girls worked like mules. Which, which, which, went the broom. And they lived as secluded as nuns. Which, which, which, went the broom. Now, not one of them can be used to work. Which, which, which, went the broom. All they ever think about is getting married. Which, which, which, went the broom. They are all— At this instant Aunt Holofernes reached the porch, and behold her husband standing upon the steps, making signals to a youth across the street. The dance of the broom intently terminated in a vigorous bow across the back of the amorous girl, which worked the miracle of making her run. The old woman hobbled in pursuit, but no sooner did she make her appearance in the door than the youth fled as swiftly as his legs would carry him. "You accursed love sick fool! I will break every bone in your body!" screamed the infuriated mother. "Why?" asked Panfilo. "Because I am trying to get married?" "You shall never get married, no, never! I will not allow it!" cried the hag, flourishing her broom. "Why will you not allow it?" asked Panfilo. "Did you not get married, married, and did not my grandmother get married, and, also, my great grandmother?" "There is not a day of my life that I do not lament my marriage, for if I had remained single you would never have seen the light, you impudent girl!" rejoined Aunt Holofernes; "and I wish you to understand that

Hold a bit!" said the soldier. "I think the service you ask of me is worth a larger reward than you have offered. In addition to an honorable discharge from the army, I desire a thousand doubloons." "You avaricious hound, I have no money," cried the devil. The soldier looked incredulous. "By Satan! by Lucifer! by Hellzebub! I haven't a single maravedi!" screamed the devil. "Haven't a single maravedi! You're a great monarch, you are!" said the soldier, contemptuously. "I have no need of money, and so I don't keep any," said the prisoner. "You have need of money now, for without it you will get loose. Give me 1,000 doubloons, and I will set you free; refuse, and I will leave you here on this mountain." "I tell you I have no money!" vociferated the devil. The soldier placed the bottle on the ground. "Well, I guess I'd better be jogging along," he said. "Good-by." He began to descend the mountain. "Come back! come back!" whined the captive. "I have indeed no money, but I will get some for you." The soldier retraced his steps. "How will you get it for me?" he asked. "Set me free," said the captive, "and I will enter into the body of the Princess of this kingdom. She will be very ill, and the royal physicians will be summoned to attend her, but none of them will be able to cure her. At the proper time do you present yourself at the place and offer to restore her to health, placing your compensation at a thousand doubloons. The King loves her dearly, and will accede to your terms. After you have doctored her for a short time I will go forth from her body, leaving her in perfect health, and you will then receive your money." "Agreed," said the soldier. He uncorked the bottle, and the devil departed and entered into the body of the Princess. She became very ill. The royal physicians were summoned, but were unable to cure her. The King was in the extremest affliction. At the proper time the soldier presented himself at the palace and offered to cure the princess for a thousand doubloons. The King admitted his services, but only on one condition—if the cure was not effected within three days the presumptuous doctor was to be hanged. To this condition the soldier, who was very confident of success, raised not the least objection. Unfortunately the devil heard the bargain. The first day passed without the recovery of the Princess. The second day passed and still she lay groaning upon her couch. Then the soldier began to suspect that the devil intended to remain in the body of the Princess more than three days, for the purpose of having him hanged. But he did not despair. When the supposed doctor called on the evening of the third day he beheld a scaffold in front of the palace. Entering the sick-room, he found the patient worse. The King commanded him to be seized and hanged. "Wait a moment," said the soldier, calmly; "I have not yet exhausted all of my resources." He left the palace and gave orders in the name of the Princess that all the bells in the place should be rung. When he returned the devil asked him: "What are those bells ringing for?" "They are ringing for the arrival of your mother-in-law, whom I have sent for, answered the soldier. The devil shrieked, and fled so swiftly that a ray of light would have been unable to overtake him. The Princess, freed from her tormentor, arose from her couch in perfect health. The King was overjoyed at her recovery, and gave the soldier thrice the sum that he had promised.

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