THE BAPTISM OF INFANTS.

A foolish and wicked custom seems to be gaining ground here among Catholics—a custom which has caused parents much remorse, and been the means of sending many souls out of the world unbaptized. It is becoming fashionable to delay the baptism of children often for months. An Irish parent would shudder at such a long delay, but some of our Irish-Americans are less scrupulous. In this season of the year, when diphtheria and kindred diseases find their prey in children, mothers should reflect before, in obedience to a fashion that is criminal, risking the eternal happiness of their children. It is true that, in danger of death, a child can be baptized by anybody; but whe knows when a child is in danger of death? The feeble light often goes out like a passing flash, without warning, and baptism, if thought of in the horror of the moment, is often too late. Let overtender-hearted neighbors and thoughtless relatives say what they will, a mother has a greater stake in her child's salvation than they have, and she is bound to obey a higher will than theirs. The tenderness which risks so much for so little is false, cruel, faithles. If the remorse of the foclish parents, great as it is, were the only result of this obedience to a Protestant custom, there would not be so much to regret, for the callousness that leads to such remorse deserves the deepest suffering.

COMMERCIAL.

London Markets.

London, August 1, 1879.

WHEAT—The sample supply is still old wheat, only two loads of new wheat having been offered during the week. These two loads, being looked upon as something in the way of a novelty, sold at old wheat prices. Old wheat rates are about the same as laat week. Receipts have been fair.

OATS—Are repidly declining in price, in anticipation of the heavy new crop. The decline since last week amounts to 25 percental.

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POTATOES—Are rapidly tending toward bottom prices. The receipts have been large and are purchased rapidly at 80c to \$1 per and are purchased rapidly at 80c to \$1 per and are purchased rapidly at 80c to \$1 per and are purchased rapidly at 80c to \$1 per and \$1 p

BUTTER—Is rather slow at coming in, and prices remain steady at last week's quota-

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EGGS—Plentiful at list prices.

CHEESE—A few sales have been made on the market at 5½c to 6c. Wool—flat at 20c per pound.

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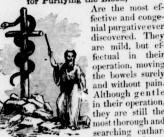
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