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CURIOSITIES OF COURTSHIP. LOVE MAKING EPISODES OF AN ODD OR STRIKING CHARACTER.

There is a veritable incident on record of an old Scotch dame, toothless, and nearly bent double with the aches and pains of advanced years, who, when asked at what age women gave over thinking of marriage, replied, "Deed ye mann een gang and ask some ane mair auld than me!" And we can give a than me!" And we can give as a companion to this instance one equally authentic of a small American damsel of four years, who, being once chided by a grown up sister for talking of marthe admonition that such little girls should not think of getting married-replied with the utinest amazement at her elder's ignorance, "Why, I thought about it when I was only two!"

Sir Arthur Helps gave it as his belief that since the world was created no two couples ever made love after the same fashion. And since it takes all sorts of folks to make a world" they may be fairly supposed to do their courting in all sorts of ways. For instance, the courting of the aboriginal of Australia concourting of the aboriginal of Australia consisted simply in knocking the woman of his preference down with a club and carrying her off. This form of wooing was as efficacious as brief, and was certainly commendable on the score of economy, since it subjected neither party to the expense of lights, fires, cyster suppers, ice cream, elaborate dresses, flowers, etc., which are the usual concomitants of civil zed lovemaking. The method of the Australian has The method of the Australian has Having fallen in love with a Fremish matter he had told her of his preference, but received in return only scorn and indifference. Becoming enraged at this, he one day attacked the damed in the open street and nummeled her unmercifully. The street and pummeled her unmercifully. The result was that she consented to his suit, and made, when married, one of the meekest wives imaginable. In civilized countries of our day this courting ceremony is, strange to say, sometimes used after marriage.

Some very curious courting customs prevail in Africa. In one tribe of Eastern Africa it is regarded as the nc plus ultra of gall intry for the lover to parade before the hut of his inamorata astride of a huge boar. Mungo Park tells of a tribe in the interior where custom compels a woman to carry a calabash of water to the man who has expressed a preference for her. Seated on a mat before his door he washes his hands in the versel, and then the woman drinks the water as a token of her affection. Less repulsive was the act of the lover among the ancient Persians, who burned his hand or cheek to prove his devotion and then showed it to his lady love. If she was "willin" she bound the injured part with a silken handkerchief, but if obdurate she sent the man to a physician for healing salve.

Among the Moravians it was the system for

the minister to select wives for the men of his congregation. If a "sister" had any objection to the "brother" selected for her life partner she was permitted to state it, but it was generally overruled by the priest's eloquence. Strange to say, the historian tells us that these marriages were generally happy.

How the Princess Louise, of Savoys, ever re-

covered from her humiliation after having offered herself in marriage to Charles, Duke of Bourbon, only to receive a grave but positive refusal, few women can understand. Ladies, however, are permitted to assist a bashful woocr

> Either he fears his fa'e too much Or his desert too small, Who fears to put it to the touch And win or lose it all.

Such was the case with the young lady who such was the cave with the young lady who assured her lover that she could make a beautiful cake, all filled with fruit, with a ring on the top, and when the astonished swain exclaimed. "Why, that is a wedding cake!" replied, "I meant wedding," and which brought matters to a crisis immediately.

More shrewd still was the young lady—and more deriver who told her admires that the

more daring—who told her admirer that she was a mind reader and could lead what was going on in his mind at that moment; that he wanted to propose to her, but did not know how to do it, which, of course, relieved the young man from his embarrassment permanently.

A very bashful man having succeeded in a wife, a lady relative teased him to tell her how he ever plucked up courage enough

to propose.
"Now, tell me the truth, N-," said she,
"did not the lady have to do the courting for

you?"
"N-no," answered the gentleman, but I own she smoothed over the hard places for me."

And this seems to be the ladies' mission in

THE PLOWING MATCHES. TESTERDAY'S KEEN COMPETITION-MR. G. ROBERT WINS THE JUNIOR CLASS PRIZE-THE SENIOR PRIZE TO BE DECIDED TO DAY.

There was a very large attendance of spectators at the plowing matches, open to all comers, which took place at Cote St. Michel, on the farm of Mr. George Buchanan, under the auspices of the Hochelaga Agricultural Society. The day was rather cold, which fact, however, did not prevent some excellent work being done. The ploughs were set to work a little after eight o'clock. There were then but few people beyond those immediately interested few people beyond those immediately interested on the ground, but by noon people began to arrive in numbers, and for some hours they poured in in a constant stream. There must have been al ogether over three thousand visitors. The work during the morning was ardu-ous and anything but warm, the land was hard, and later in the day it could not have been said to be even up to middling. There were thirty-seven entries for the senior and nine for the

At midday the guests were entertained at luncheon. Among those present were Sir Donald A. Smith, Messrs. J. M. Browning, Thomas A. Dawes, Robert Bonny, Charles Cassile, W. Stephen, James Drummond, James Quinn, Jas. Henderson (late of Petite Oote, now of Lachute), Col. Whitehead, W. H. Arnton, Hugh Brodie, secretary-treasurer Hochelaga Agricultural Society, the president and secretary of the Jacques Cartier County Agricultural Society, Robert Ness Hawick, D. J. Decary, vice-president Hochelaga County Agricultural Society, Thomas Irving, president Hochelaga County Agricultural Society, R. H. Tylee, secretary Eastern Townships Agricultural Association, H. Wade, Teronto, secretary Ontario Agricultural Association, W. Rodden, Plantagenet, Louis Bourbeau, ex-M.P., J. O. Villeneuve, Arthur Boyer, M.P.P., Alphonse Desjardine, M.P., Wm. Evans, George Buchanan, Achille Beaudry, F. Vinet and F. Pigeon, directors of the society; Wm. Smith, J. A. L. S. rathy, N. M. Lecavalier (secretary of the Jacques Cortier Agricultural society), Thomas Brown (Petite Cote), C. Penniston, James Barclay, Guy, H. McGee, Ald. Villeneuve, G. R. Grant, J. B. Hutchius, W. Stephen, T. N. Trenholme, Matthew Moody, (Terrebonne), Boas, Hon. L. Beaubien, McVey, T. Arnton, Lieut.-Col. Caverhill, S. Stevenson, Thos. Scott and many others. The ploughing took place on a field some dozen acres in extent, of heavy loam, divided by a sorts of made lane. Those on the north s de, however, had decidedly the best of the job, as the land there not only seemed to cut clearer, but a deep ri'ge ran across the greund, marked out for some of the contestants on the southern side, and this further affected and considerably jeopard zed the chances of the men werking there. Col. Whitehead, W. H. Arnton, Hugh Brodie, secretary-treasurer Hochelaga Agricultural and considerably jeopard zed the chances of the

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The boy's class was at work about a mile away, and the competition was very keen there, young Mr. Hay, of Lachute, having the greatest number of friends. The lad handled his plough skilfully, and his work was cleanly done; but, straight as his ridges were, they did not bear through the room she seized her nine-year. It daughter, Viola, and harled her through the window to the side-malk and instantly leaped cut after here. finish praiseworthy, J. Robert, ploughman to Mr. Andrew Hislop, of St. Laurent, won the medsl for the excellency of his labor. His linstantly. The child was fatally injured.

"crowning" was very neat, and "cut" really fine, and was, as well as young Hay's, much better than many of the seniors. The third prize was obtained by Alex. Robertson of Howick, a boy barely seventeen years of age. Judging by his work yesterday, he should turn out a very able farmer. The judges in the innior class were Mestra Henri Parpin, of L'Assomption; Pierre Lemieux, of Notre Dame de Grace; and Mr. J. T. Adams, of St. Con-

The chief attention was, however, paid to the senior class, the contest, to all appearances, being extremely close. The men were stopped working at 3.30 p.m., at which hour the judges commenced to adjudicate. However, darkness put an end to their occupation lone before they had half done, so the following morning these gentlemen again assembled to continue their by no means easy task of picking out the winner of Mr. Hugh Paton's gold medal and deciding on the merits of the work done by the deciding on the merits of the work done by the various competitors.

various competitors.

For the best two p'oughed ridges on the field, Mr. Andrew Hood, of the township of Scarborough, Ont., won the handsome gold medal presented by Mr. Hugh Paton, M.F.H., and \$75, the remaining prize winners being as fullows:—2. William Milliken, of the township of Markham, Ont.; 3. Thos. McLean, of the township of Vaughan, Ont.; 4. Emile Delorme, of Cote St. Michel; 5. Benjamin Tolton, of the township of Eramosa, county of Wellington, Ont; 6. Charles Legault, of Pointe Claire; 7. John Fowler, ploughman to George Buchanan, Cote St. Michel; 8. Louis Roy, of Cote St. Michel; 9. Wm. V. Henderson, of Sault au Recollet; 10. W. J. McGarrigle, of Ormstown, county of Chatesauguay. county of Chateauguay.

### THE YOUNG PLOUGHMEN.

The found Flordines.

The first prize in this class, which comprised the gold medal of the president of the tociety, Mr. Thomas Irving, and \$30 in cash, was won by Joseph E. Robert, of St. Laurent; the others being: second, Alex. Robertson, of Howick, who came Lear being first; 3rd, John Andrew Scott, of Cote St. Michel; 4th, James Hay, of Lachute; 5th, Archibald McPhail, of Dundas, Ont.; 6th, Micheel McEvoy, of Petite Cote; 7th Fortunat Duquette, of St. Constant, County of Laprairie.

Courty of Laprairie.

After the judges had completed their decisions, Mr. Milliken, of Markham, Ont., one of the competitors, returned thanks on behalf of the ploughmen. In conclusion, he called for three cheers for the ploughmen of Quebec, which were given with a will.

The Quebec contingent responded with three

which were given with a will.

The Quebec contingent responded with three times three to their brethren from Ontario.

At the invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan, the judges, directors and about thirty others warms the product to diagram when a fall and the contract of were entertained to dinner, when a jolly good

Mrs. Miller's head was crushed and she died

### Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION.

WASHINGTON, D.C., Oct. 31.—The President this efternoon received a deputation from Great Britain who desire his co-operation in securing a treaty between that country and the United States, which shall provide for the amicable scitlement of disputes by arbitration. The delegates included Lord Kinnaird, Sir Lvon Playfair, Mr. A D. Provand, M.P., Mr. Octavius Morgan, M.P., and ten othe members of the Commone, Mr. Charles Freake, of London, Mr. John Inglis, of Glazgow, and Mr. John Wilson, of Durham, representatives of the Trades Union congress. Mr. Andrew Carnegie, of Pennsylvania, introduced the visitors to the President in a short address, which closed as follows:
"Few events in the world's history would rank with such a treaty as is here advocated. been tried by other than dusky savages. It is an historical fact that William the Conqueror conducted his courtship in a similar manner. Having fallen in love with a Flemish maiden lished the republic: Lincoln's administration the most successful business men in the Townlished the republic; Lincoln's administration abilished human slavery. We fendly hope,
Mr. President, that it may be reserved for

The best root sugar reference at Fareham is to yours to conclude a treaty, not only with the Government of the other great English-speakivg ration, but with other lands as well, which shall henceforth and forever secure to these nations the blessings of peace and good will. The making of such a treaty will have done much to remove from humanity its greatest stain, the killing of man by man. We indulge in the hope that if the two great pations here represented set such an example that other nations may be induced to follow it, and war he thus ultimately banished from the face of the earth." Sir Lyon Playfair, representing the members of Parliament, and Mr. John Wilson, representing the Trades Congress, also made short addresses in support of the movement. Mr. Oremer, M.P., secretary of the Workingmen's Peace association, who originated the memorial, then presented it to the President and made a lengthy address, to which Mr. Clevcland replied. In the course of his speech the President said :- "I am sorry to be obliged o confess that the practical side of this question has received but little or any attention. I am reminded, too, that in the administration of government difficulty often arises in the attempt to carefully apply ideas, which in themselves challenge unqualified approval. Thus it may be that the friends of international arbitration will not be able at once to secure the adoption in its whole extent of their humane and beneficent side. But such a great progress should be made by a sincere and hearty effort. I promine you a faithful and careful consideration of the matter, and I believe I may speak for the American people in giving the assurance that they desire to see the killing of men for the accomplishment of national ambition abolished, and that they will gladly hail the advent of peaceful methods in the settlement of national disputes, so far as is consistent with the defence and protection of our country's territory and with the maintenance of our national honor. when it affords a shelter and repose for national integrity and personifies the safety and protection of our citizens."

### OBITUARY.

THE LATE MR. THOMAS FRANCIS STAFFORD. With deep regret we announce the death of With deep regret we announce the death of Thomas Francis Stafford, formerly a well known resident of Montreal, which melancholy event took place at Greenwood, N.Y., Saturday night, 29th inst., were he had been sojourning for the benefit of his health. Deceased was a brother of Messrs. Frank, Henry and William Stafford, of this city. He has here and took up his residence in New York about twenty years ago, where he entered it to merceutile nursuits in where he entered into mercantile pursuits, in which he obtained considerable success. He was she smoothed over the hard places for me."
And this seems to be the latiss' mission in curtiship—to smooth over the hard places.—
Elmira Gazette.

Sedie Oleson, a domestic at a boarding house on Iron Hill, a mining camp near Leadville, Col., yesterday morning attempted to start a fire with kerosene. An explosion occurred, setting fire to the house. The recemers on the upper floor all escaped, but Mrs. J. O'Brien, the proprietress, and four children, ranging in age from a two months infant to a boy of eight years, were burned to death.

which he obtained considerable success. He was one of the brightest. most genial of the young Irishmen of his day in Montreal, many of whom bear testimony to his many noble qualities and sterling worth of character. His darling thought through life was to the Irishmen of the brightest. most genial of the young Irishmen of the day in Montreal, many of whom bear testimony to his many noble qualities and sterling worth of character. His darling thought through life was to the Irishmen of the carties worth of character. His darling thought through life was to the Irishmen of the carties worth of character. His darling thought through life was to the Irishmen of the carties worth of character. His darling thought through life was to the Irishmen of the brightest. This idea with him was almost a consuming passion, and if he has not lived to witness it accomplishment, he had the satisfaction of knowing before he pa ed away that Irish liberation was in a fair way of speedy fruition. His brothers, Henry and I'cank, have gone to New York to bring his remains to this city for interment. EASTERN TOWNSHIPS NOTES. CULLED FROM LOCAL EXCHANGES.

A branch of the Church of England sliding scile go-a--you-please temperance society has been established in connection with Bishop's College

There is no centiment in favor of Commercia Union along the border, the reason being that the fortunate frontier inhabitants already have the gain without the name.

Mr. E. W. Albee has sold the Leke View House, Knowlton, to Mr. W. Bracy. The latter is a much respected citizen and he will no doubt make a first class and popular landlord.

Mr. H. E. Wil'iams, of Knowlton, made 14 pounds of unsalted butter from a week's milking of a five year old grade jersey-cow. The cow was a recent mi ker, but had no feed except good tall pastures.

be converted into a woolen factory, to employ two or three hundred hands. The town is granting a bonus of \$25,000, and 12car carrenties are putting money into the enterprise. Farnham has a bonded debt of \$60,000.

Mr W. B. Stevens, well known in the Townships as the canvasser for the Encyclopedia Britannica, ded suddenly of apoulexy in a Sherbrooke hotel one day last week. The deceased granting a bonus of \$25,000, and local capital-

brooke hotel one day last week. The deceased gentleman was a portly, fine looking man, past middle age, and one of the most successful book agents in America.

A Sweetsburg lawyer was retained by a pretty Salvation Army Captain in a criminal care the other day. After the trial she paid him his re-tainer, and, as she did so, she looked artlessly into his face with her big blue eyes and saked: "Have you given your heart to Jesus?" As the lawyer pushed his fee down into the bottom of his pocket, he replied that "people have such different views, you know."

The following is the new board of directors of The following is the new board of directors of the Missisquoi and Rouville Mutual:—E. E. Spencer, Geo. D. Baker, E. A. Dyer. C. H. Boright, E. J. Brigge, Geo. Sully, J. A. Hawley and H. B. Street. The directors elected E. E. Spencer, M.P.P., president; Geo. D. Baker, vice-president; and A. D. Struthers, secretary-treasurer. The company has 1583 policies in force and the fire losses last year amounted to the diminutive sum of \$1469.

One evening last week the C.P.R. attached a car of dynamits to the passenger train at Sutton

car of dynamite to the passenger train at Sutton Junction and brought it through to Waterloo. The passengers, who were thoroughly frightenel, protested against the car being attached to the train, but the superintendent issued positive orders that it should be taken through. The passengers all considered it an outrage. One of the passengers said:—"We stood it because we could not help ourselves, and the worst of it was we were so near eternity that none of us dared to use outs world have done insticated. to use cuss words that would have done justice to the occasion. If there had been an accident a hole in the ground would have been all there was to tell the tale and the remains of the dozen passengers would have been scattered all over the townships of Sutton, Brome and Bolton."

When Baby was sick, we gave her Castoria, When she was a Child, she cried for Castoria, When she became Miss, she clung to Castoria, When she had Children, she gave them Castoria,

A WORD TO FARMERS.

Many farmers in the province, no doubt, are still wondering why their butter, on reaching market, is pronounced "ordinary" and sold, if at all, at figures far from remunerative. All this is easily explained in most cases. A large amount of the butter received in this market, of amount of the author feels and the market, or and not fit to store old iron. A pound of butter, be it made ever so carefully, packed in an old tub at once absorbs all the rankness it can contain, and when it reaches the market is not fit for any purpose intended, and hence we find our commission houses leaded with an unsaleable article said to be prime butter. There is too much pound foolish and penny wise in this manner of doing business, and the quicker the farmers decide to put their butter in new clean packages the sconer will they realize a fair compensation for their products, and the commission merchant have an article demanding a purchaser,

.... TUESDAY, Nov. 1st, 1887.

Commercial affairs continue to move al ng in Commercial affairs continue to move all mg in the even tenor of their ways, but without disclosing any new feature of special significance. The volume of distributive trade, while of moderate proportions, is nevertheless in excess of the record of last year at this time wand the gradual falling off in demand is due wholly for seasonable influences and is the natural result of an unusually heavy business transacted during, the early autumnmonths. While the volume of trade has been large and the absorption of all kinds of staple merchandise indicat a that the consumption of the country is steaduly increasing, there has been some complaint recreasing, there has been some complaint respecting the narrow margin of profit which de lers have been able to realize, but this is due to keen competition. To be sure this cannot be said of all branches of business, especially when go'd beeves sell at 35c to 4s and hogs for about the same figure. On the whole the farmer should be satisfied with the market. If his butter does not bring a good price it is his own fault, for a good article mee's with ready sale. There is an over production of cheese for which farmers are restonsible; there should be more good butter and less cheese. Vegetables are in good demand at good prices and all kinds of grain s-ll readily and at remunerative figures, while flour, sugar and the mainstays of life are sold at moderate prices. All in all this may be called the formers' year. cal'ed the farmers' year.

FLOUR.—The flour market has underg ne little if any change during the past week, but there is a steady demand for all grades, and prices are firm as follows :-

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GRAIN.—The grain market is anything but GRAIN.—The grain market is anything but active and the quotations are as follows:—Canada red and white winter wheat, 85c to 87c; Canada spring, 80c to 85c; No. 1 Manitoba hard, 87c; No. 2, 85c; No. 1 Northern, 85c; peas, 73c to 74c per 66 lbs.; oats, 80c to 32c per 32 lbs.; rye, 50c per bushel; barley, 55c to 56c; orn, 57c to 58c, duty paid; 51c in bond. There is quiet a demand for peas, but the prices are too stiff to secure many large sales. Outs are in good demand, and sell readily at quotations. The lutest from Chicago is that all kinds of grain are held firm. The 1886 wheat crop of Manitoba furnished about 3,960,000 busuels export surplus. The preliminary estimates for the 1887 plus. The preliminary estimates for the 1887 wheat crop indicate an export surplus of 6,000. 000 to 7,000,000 bushels. The thre:hings indicate that about thre:fourths of the crop will grade No. 1 and No 2 hard. Some samples of No. 1 hard weighed 63½ pounds to the bushel measure. The crop, however, is moving slowly. The wheat crop of Ontario in 1857 is estimated at 20,500,000 bushels. Quebec does not grow much wheat, and in 1887 the quantity produced is less than usual. The expert surplus of wheat from the entire Dominion of Canada in 1897-88 will be if any core and will be, if any, very small.

### PROVISIONS.

BUTTER.—The butter market is remarkably quiet, and few large siles are made. There is considerable creamery both in the country and in the market, and any quantity of ordinary, which holders are anxious to dispose of at most any price. The Boston and New York markets are reported as heavily stocked, and shipments are light. There are tons of the low grade that must be sold at a heavy loss; in fact, it goes slow at any price. We always Delaymorle slow at any price. Mr. James Dalrymple, commission merchant, 96 Foundling street, gives the following quetations ;—

Fine Creamery..... 21c to 23c 

CHEESE.—The demand for cheese is far from active and few sales are made, and prices are in no way improving. Many factories are holding their stock, hoping that the markets will scon be cleaned out, but they are evidently hoping against hope. One year ago Canadian cheese was well sold up, and also in the States, but now all the markets seem to be flooded and holders are exceedingly anxious to close out, and the factories holding their s'ock are anxious to have them. Cheese can safely be marked 'slow," and there seems to be little, if any, foreign demand. The following prices can be relied upon :-

Fine colored are fresh, and they sell readily for 21 to 23 cents. There seems to be quite a stock of old ben fruit in the market, which sells for 17 to 18 cents, but the demand seems to be for fresh laid, i

Hoga—There is but little that can be said for HGC3—There is but little that can be said for the hog market. Friday hogs were 5c off, Saturday they were 10c ahead, and light grades go at \$1.15 to \$4.50, mixed packing \$4.10 to \$4.20, and heavy for shipping \$4.50 to \$4.60. The yards are quite well filled, but the stock is not the best, many offered being extremely thin.

MEATS—The prices of all classes of beef, owing to the low prices of beeves, is remarkably low and the meet merket can be covered as

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l Roast pork, per lb		8	10
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FISH.—There seems to be no	great	dem	and

for fish, in fact the fish business may be classed as exceedingly dull. Labrador herring are coming in quite freely, and No. 1 sell at \$4.50 to \$4.75. Cape Braton sell as high as \$6. Large cod sell for \$4.50 to \$5 and dry cod \$4 to \$4.50. This is for large lots; fresh cod retails at 7½ to 8c, halibut 16 to 18c, mackerel 15 to 20c, black here 10c. Operators, solester coll. black bass 10c. Oysters, selects se'l at 50c, mediums 35 to 40c. Lobsters are 10c.

POULTRY AND GAME.—There is a good demand for all kinds of poultry, and fine turkeys go quick at 8 to 10c; chickens 6 to 9c, general price being 8c. Ducks are coming in freely, and sel for 80c a pair. Partridges, by the brace, bring from 35 to 50c; woodcock, \$4.20 per doz. The market seems to be well supplied with all kinds of game.

VEGETABLES.—Cabbages bring from 40 to 600 per doz; turnips and beets sell at 500 a bushel, and onions 65 to 75c, spinach 65 to 90c, carrots 30 to 40c.

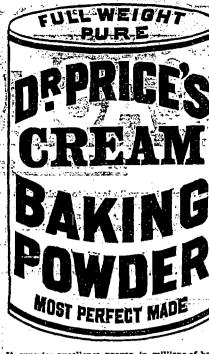
MISCELLANEOUS. HONEY—There is considerable honey offered and the quality is generally good. That in cases brings 10 to 12 cents, but fine white in pound boxes sells as high as 15 cents.

SUGAR.—The prospects are that sugar will be advanced a peg and retailers are stocking up, causing the market to stand firm. The recent combine cannot fail in controlling the markets, which, of course, will be invariably conducted in the interest of the powers that be.

Grapes are becoming scarce, and those now offered seem to have seen their best days.

Concords are selling at Sc to 5c, and Catawbas go as high as 6c to 7c. Almeria sell as high as \$4.50 to \$5 a barrel. But few California have

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Montreal, Oct. 26th, 1887.

DAVID, DEMERS & GERVAIS,
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Attorneys for Paintiff.

of late, and the market, if anything, is over-

of late, and the market, if anything, is over-stocked, to the surprise of everytody. Fine fameuse sell at \$3 to \$3.50. Winter apides, \$5:. Lawrence, from \$2 to \$2.50. The quality of the app'es offered is generally good. Some cheaper grades sell at \$1.50 to \$1.75. POIATORS are coming in freely and sell for \$5 to 90c a beg. Early rose seems to be in the best demand. On the whole the petatoes re-ceived are not of the finest quality. The e have been but few shipments, the price not warrant-ing parties from the States to make purchases. part es from the States to make purchases.

HIDES AND SKINS .- A good tusiness is now being done in hides and skins, tanners during the past week having brught quite freely. Montroal green hi les are selling from \$6 to \$8 per cwt. Chicago buff sell from \$9 50 to \$10.50. Cafekins sell at from 7c to 85 per pound. Sheepskins 65: to 75c.

BEANS.—There is a good demand for nice beans, and small hand picked sell at \$2 to \$2.25. Screened sell at \$1.75 to \$2, and yellow eyes at \$1.60 to \$1.70.

HOP MARKET. - Dull is the name for it; yes, very du'l for this time of year, and growers carry a melancholy lock. The only goods that are in demand are the very best locs, and these are held too high for the market. All the large brewers are well stocked and the small ones can purchase all they want at 13c to 14c; for the very best 15c to 16c is asked, but they go slow. As it now looks the growers who contracted at 20c have the best end of the bargain. In Central New York hops are reported almost a drug on the market, and throughout the provinces the supply seems to be far in ad-vance of the demand.

### SUGAR RING.

Rumors are affoat of the likelihood of the New York Sogar Trust "Combine" in the become a success. There seems to be a great deal of grumbling, and the rumour that the Trust was not likely to go through had a very decided effect upon the market. Just what ha caused the all ged trouble is uncertain, but it said that the smaller houses are desatisfied, as the larger houses have all the advantages on their side, while the smaller ones gain nothing, be ause there has been no division of funds. A good cause for discontent is the fact that the larger houses are negarded by the smaller firms as ende voring "to run things," and that there is a decided tendency on their part to seize the lion's share. The smaller firms feel that they have rights and privileges which have not been sufficiently respected. Evidently there is a hitch somewhere. To how great an extent the feeling has grown is yet to be seen. Should the hitch become so serious as to cause the Trust to fail, the general impression is that it would materially hurt the market. Combinations are well enough when they are run in the interest of the people, but as a rule they are run in the interest of the combine. There seems to be little question but that the heavy refiners of this city are in the pool, and time can only decide if the organization will be productive of good to all the prople.

### HORSES.

A fair business is now being done at the various sale stables, mostly for heavy work horses, although a few sales have been made for sirgle drivers and carriage horses. At Kim-ball's Stock Exchange there are a large number of fine horses, and the daily receipts indicate a larger business for the winter. The Boston and New York markets are well supplied with cheap horses, but they report a good call for carriage and single drivers. A few parties have been here from the States, but they made no large purchases. At Ryan's Exchange and Sale Stables there are several fairly matched pairs states toole are several fairly instance pairs held at good figures, and Kimballs stables are well stocked. Good single drivers sell from \$125 to \$300. For the past week the shipments have been light.

### CATTLE.

There is no improvement in the cattle trade, and the yards at Point St. Charles carry a desert look. Yew shipments are made, as the Liver-pool market is reported dead. Cattle received thus far are not of the first quality, although a few Western steers have arrived and sold readily, but very low, 3½ to 4c being the outside price for the very best. Some cattle have sold as low of the cattle shipped to Europe were of 100 agreat acrifice, in fact there is no call for only the ery best.

HAY AND STRAW.

There has been quite a demand during the past few days, and there is a stronger feeling in the market and prices are higher, owing to the light receipts. Choice timothy sells at \$10 and inferior at \$8eper 100 bundles. The demand for pressed hay continues good, and prices are firm as follows:—No. 1 \$13, No. 2 \$11 and No. 3 \$10 per ton in large quantities. There was a good and prices are firm as follows:—No. 1 \$10, No. 2 \$11 and No. 3 \$10 per ton in large quantities. \$4.50 to \$5 a barrel. But few California have been received.

Apples -The receipt has been quite large to \$6.50 per 100 bundles.

There was a good enquiry for straw, and many buyers could not fill their wants, and prices were higher at \$4.50 to \$6.50 per 100 bundles.

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