Gradual Improvement

IN BRITISH IRON AND STEEL INDUSTRIES.

The slight improvement discernible in the September production of Great Britain's iron and steel continued during October, according to advices just received by Bankers Trust Company of New York from its British Information Service. The output of pig iron was 473,700 tons in October compared with 448,700 tons in September and 536,400 tons in October 1924. There were 136 furnaces in blast on October 31, a net gain of 7 during the month. The production of steel ingots and castings in October amounted to 652,400 tons compared with 650,100 tons in September and 678,500 tons in October 1924. Exports of iron and steel in October amounted to 368,800 tons compared with 273,200 tons in September, and were higher than in any month since May 1924 when the figures was 406,900 tons.

According to the returns from 141 firms employing 87,351 workpeople at the end of October, employment was slightly better than at the end of September. The average earnings of 111,-404 workpeople employed by 121 firms in September amounted to £3 1s. 7d. per week, compared with £2 17. 2d. in August.

It is stated in the official reports that among the earliest factors in lifting the depression in the iron trade were considerable sales of pig iron to the United States, and though these did not persist they contributed, by the clearance to a large extent of stocks, to the revival of productive activity. The improvement during the month extended to most branches of the iron and steel trade with the marked exception of shipping material. The removal of the embargo on foreign and dominion loans is expected to exercise an appreciable influence in encouraging British export trade generally, but on the other hand the continued fall in the exchange value of the French franc inevitably increases the severity of French competition.

The output of coal in the United Kingdom in the month of October, in gross tons, was 21,369 as against an output of 18,808 tons in September and 21,935 tons in October 1924.

The market value of iron and steel companies' shares was 69.1% of the nominal value on October 30, compared with 60.5% on September 30th and 73.7% on September 15, 1924. There was a marked improvement for the month in the value of the shares of coal and pig iron companies; the index number on October 30 for such companies being 122.3 as compared with 113.7 on September 30. The quotations on shares of other iron and steel corporations showed little change for the month.

RICHARD HUDNUT
THREE FLOWERS
TALCUM

Your choice of the Three Flowers odor presented in a Talcum Powder fine of Quality and Daintily Packaged.

THE REFUSAL

It takes some courage to refuse to give the coins that gleam and shine, to help a cause some friends may choose to boost as being high and fine. To me came Mrs. Jigsmith-Jones, the relict of two plutocrats; she wants to raise ten thousand bones to build a home for alley cats. "There are a million feline bums," she said, "tramp cats infest the place; we hear them yowling in the slums, for they've no decent dwelling place. I plan to build these cats a home, and rescue them from want and care; so dig the rocks, your pockets comb, and give me what you have to spare." "Alas," I said, "my bosom bleeds when I reflect on homeless cats; but I have other pressing needs—I have to buy the children hats. I have to buy my wife an ax, that she may fill the stovewood box; I have to pay my income tax, and don't know where I'll raise the rocks. And you," I said, in thunder tones, "have rubles piled upon your shelf; why don't you, Mrs. Jigsmith-Jones, go build the blamed old home yourself?" It seemed a pregnant thing to say, my spirit being racked and torn; but since then, as I go my way, I find I'm looked upon with scorn. The news has spread throughout the town that I'm a soulless, tightwad skate; I turned a noble matron down who broached a scheme sublimely great. It takes some courage to decline when drivesmiths come and pass the hats; yet an undaunted soul is mine—I won't help build a home for cats!

Cuticura Soap and Ointment
Keeps the Scalp Clean and Healthy, Promotes Hair Growth

Sour cream makes wonderful soda biscuits.

Fancy Linens Underpriced.

Hundreds of beautiful pieces, consisting of Sideboard Cloths, Cushion Covers, Doilies, Bureau Scarfs, Tray Cloths, etc., etc., re-priced for quick selling. You should see these at once and take full advantage of this offer.

Men's Knitted Ties Choice designs and colors. Good wearing quality. Special Sale Price **3 for 50c**

Five Days' Sale of Christmas Merchandise

Mon., Tues., Wed., Thur. and Sat.

Steers Limited Steers Limited Steers Limited Steers Limited Steers Limited

Boxed Handkerchiefs.

White and coloured lawn, fancy flowers neatly embroidered in corners. Hemstitched hem; box contains 6 handkerchiefs.

Regular 55c. box for ..... 45c.
Regular 65c. box for ..... 58c.
Regular 95c. box for ..... 80c.
Regular $1.00 box for ..... 85c.

Feather Stickers.

They make great fun for mischievous boys. They stick to any cloth or fabric. All colors. Reg. 3c. each. Sale Price, 12 for ..... **15c.**

Xmas Story Books.

Large size, hard covers. Regular 40c. each. Sale Price ..... **32c.**
Regular 60c. each. Sale Price ..... **45c.**

Trimmed Hats

Women's and Children's. Reg. values up to $9.00 each. Clearing Price **$3.25**

Oil Cloth Table Cloths

New light patterns, 45 by 45 inches. Regular 75c. each. Sale Price ..... **60c.**

Toy Stoves.

Equipped with all the cooking utensils necessary for the Dolly's Kitchen. Regular 75c. ea. Sale Price ..... **60c.**

Toy Tea Sets.

Consisting of Cups, Saucers, Teapot, Sugar Dish and Cream Jug. Litho and Gilt. Reg. 50c. set. Sale Price ..... **40c.**

Hall Linoleum.

Plain, Brown and Green with walls of Troy borders. Also bright block patterns, 36 inches wide. Reg. $1.25 yard. Sale Price **$1.00**

Shelving Oil Cloth.

Plain white, bordered and blue cross bar patterns with bordered edge; 12 inches wide. Regular 10c. yard. Sale Price, 2 yards for **15c**

Boxed Toilet Soap.

Palm, Rose and Oxide, 3 cakes to box. Special Sale Price the box ..... **37c.**

COLGATE'S TALCUM POWDER—In the large new shaped tin. Makes a nice gift for any woman. Four pleasing odors to select from. Special Sale Price Each ..... **30c.**

Colgate's Handy Grip Shaving Sticks.

In nickel containers. A very practical gift for any man who shaves. Regular 45c. each. Sale Price ..... **40c.**
COLGATE'S REFILLS FOR THE ABOVE
Special Sale Price, Each ..... **30c.**

Twine Bound Shaving Brushes.

Guaranteed to hold their bristles and give lasting and satisfactory wear. Regular 80c. each. Sale Price ..... **65c.**

Self-Filling Fountain Pens.

Nickelled or Black. A very nice gift for the school boy or girl. Regular 55c. each. Sale Price ..... **45c.**

Colgate's Week-End Cases.

Containing the most necessary toilet articles for ladies' or gents' use. Regular 42c. each. Sale Price ..... **33c.**

Colored Crayons.

12 bright colors to box. The kiddies' delight for drawing. Regular 12c. box. Sale Price ..... **10c.**

Door Mats.

New, fresh stock just unpacked in a good selection of the best color. Combinations and designs. Size 12 by 30 incs. Reg. $1.55 each. Sale Price **$1.27**

New Hearth Rugs.

In pleasing designs and bright colors. You will need one of these to brighten up your room for Xmas. Size 35 by 66 inches. Reg. $4.80 each. Sale Price **$3.95**

Tapestry Hearth Rugs.

New English Rugs in rich color effects and smart new designs. Patterns suitable for any room in the house. Size 27 inches wide and 54 inches long. Reg. $3.20 each. Sale Price **$2.45**

Lustrous Wool and Silk Hose.

In the beautiful new shades that are now so much in demand. Young women love to wear these because they always look so dressy. Ideal for gifts. Regular $1.35 pair. Sale Price..... **$1.10**

Women's Hose.

Fancy ribbed designs in a choice selection of shades, including Pongee Nude, fawn, Grey and tan. All sizes. Regular 95c. Sale Price ..... **84c.**

Infants' Wool Cashmere Socks.

Fine, soft pure wool, in bright shades of pink and pale blue. Regular 50c. pair. Sale Price ..... **43c.**

Boys' Sport Hose.

Fawn, Grey and Brown mixtures. Sizes 7, 8, 9 and 10. All wool. Regular 60c. pair. Sale Price ..... **47c.**

Colgate's Face Powder

Flesh, White and Rachel, in odors of Florient, Eclat and Cashmere bouquet. Put up in dainty boxes suitable to use as Xmas gifts. Regular 18c. each. Sale Price ..... **14c.**

Boys' Handkerchiefs.

With wide colored borders. Regular 13c. each. Sale Price ... 2 for **22c.**

Men's Tan Kid Gloves.

The gift that pleases. Made with thick, warm lining. All sizes. Reg. $2.50 pair. Sale Price **$2.18**

Men's Pull-Over Jerseys.

All wool in Steel Grey, with green trimming. A very useful garment to give as a Xmas gift. Reg. $3.50 each. Sale Price **$3.17**

Boys' Jersey Coats.

Heavy durable quality, knit from Union yarn, in Dark Grey color. Sizes 24, 26 and 28 inch. Reg. $1.48 ea. Sale Price **$1.20**

Men's Heavy Wool Gloves.

Dark Grey and Brown with leather bound tops. All sizes. Regular $1.10 pair. Sale Price ..... **88c.**

Table Damask.

Heavy double damask, Irish milled; sure to give great service. 68 inches wide. Reg. $1.30 yd. Sale Price **$1.05**

Bleached Table Napkins.

All pure Irish linen, of long lasting quality. Very pretty designs. Size 20 x 20 inches. Reg. 35c. ea. Sale Price.. **30c.**

Window Muslin.

Strong Mesh Muslin for Window Curtains, plain with fancy openwork striped borders. Cream and white, 38 inches wide. Special Sale Price, per yd... **18c.**

Lipton's Coffee Essence.

Reg. 30c. bottle. Sale Price..... **27c.**

Fruit Salads.

Made from Choice fruits. Almost two pounds to tin.
LIBBY'S — Reg. 65c. tin. Sale Price ..... **55c.**
PRATTON BRAND. Reg. 75c. tin. Sale Price ..... **65c.**

Libby's California Peaches.

In heavy syrup. Very delicious. Almost two pounds to tin. Reg. 50c. Sale Price ... **39c.**

Central Brand Peaches

Choice Yellow Cling, 1 lb. 14 ounces to tin. Reg. 40c. each. Sale Price..... **35c.**

Royal Red" Peaches.

Large size tins. Very reasonably priced. Regular 35c. tin. Sale Price ..... **29c.**

Onions.

Choice Silverpeel Onions. Special Sale Price, 10 lbs. for ..... **30c.**

Turban Dates.

Choicest selected fruit, 1 lb. packages. Regular 25c. each. Sale Price ... **19c.**

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Best quality, in one pound cartons. Regular 15c. each. Sale Price ..... **12c.**

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Delightful for cake making. 8 ounce packages. Regular 15c. each. Sale Price .. **10c.**

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The ideal shortening, 1 pound tins. Regular 45c. each. Sale Price ..... **42c.**

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Manufactured from pure granulated sugar and very low priced. 1 lb. packages. Regular 14c. each. Sale Price ... **12c.**

Moir's Syrups.

Half and pint bottles. Reg. 55c. ea. Sale Price **45c.**

Perfect" Syrups.

Pint bottles. Reg. 35c. each. Sale Price ..... **30c.**

National Cracknels.

Digestable, nutritious biscuits at very big reduction on their regular price. Regular 80c. lb. Sale Price ... **50c.**

H.P. Sauce.

Regular 35c. bottle. Sale Price ..... **32c.**

Heinzs Peanut Butter.

Large size. Regular. 55c. Sale Price ..... **45c.**
Medium size. Reg. 38c. Sale Price ..... **32c.**
Small size. Reg. 25c. Sale Price ..... **22c.**

Colgate's Gift Boxes.

Containing a nice assortment of the things every up-to-date woman requires. Some have the watch style vanity case in black Ivoroid, others are gold filled. The prices are

$2.25, $3.25, $3.80 and $4.50 each

Infants' Brushed Wool Mitts.

Fawn and White, overedged at wrist with self color silk stitching. Silk bow at back. Regular 33c. pair. Sale Price ..... **27c.**

Estabrook's Tea.

Regular 90c. lb. Sale Price ..... **85c.**

Golden Pheasant Tea.

Regular $1.00 lb. Sale Price ..... **90c.**

Women's White "Excelda" Handkerchiefs.

Plain Hemstitched. A very popular line among women who prefer quiet colors more than the showy ones. Regular 16c. each. Sale Price, 2 for ..... **25c.**

Misses' Sweater Coats.

Splendid quality, knit from all wool yarn, in shades of Peacock and Camel. Very nicely finished with fancy overstitching and pompoms. Sizes 10 to 14 years. Reg. $3.40 each. Sale Price..... **$2.95**

Children's Slip-on Sweaters.

Of soft white wool with overedging, fancy wool trimming pompoms in front; sizes 1 to 4 years. Reg. $2.00 each. Sale Price **$1.65**

Women's Handkerchiefs.

Pink, Mauve, Rose, Blue and Maize. Very nicely embroidered in the corner with floral designs. Regular 12c. each 2 for **20c.**
Sale Price .....

Colgate's Glove Compact.

Black Ivoroid, in small size, to be worn in the eglove. Very convenient. Regular 42c. each Sale Price ..... **35c.**

Infants' Bibs.

White Cambric and Muslin, neatly embroidered and finished with Val. and Filet Lace. Reg. 35c. ea. Sale Price **27c.**

Children's and Infants' Short Dresses.

Of White Jap Silk, very daintily embroidered and trimmed with Val. lace. Sizes 1 to 3 years. Real gifty looking little garments. Regular $2.25 each. Sale Price **$1.99**

Infants' Underskirts.

A very fine quality. Trimmed with lace, embroidery and fine pin tucks. Regular 85c. each. Sale Price ..... **67c.**

Jersey Silk Knickers.

White and pink shades, trimmed with Cream Maltese Lace. A gift that would be much appreciated. Reg. $2.65. Sale Price **$2.10**

Chemise Vests.

Pink and White Silk Jersey. Trimmed with satin ribbon and Maltese lace. Made with opera top. Regular $2.65 each. Sale Price **$2.10**

Women's Silk Jersey Slips.

White, Apple Green, Navy, Brown and Black, with shirring at the sides, wide hem at bottom and elastic top. Reg. $3.75 each. Sale Price **$2.75**

DAMASK TABLE NAPKINS
White with fancy floral and leaf designs. Size 16 x 16 inches. Regular 20c. each. Sale Price ..... **16c.**

Longette Princess Slips.

In Pink, Peach, Helio, Brown, Navy and White. Made with straps of self material and gathering at waist. Reg. $1.85 each. Sale Price **$1.58**

Women's and Misses' Wool Gloves.

Heavy knit wool with block stitching at wrist. Colors: Brown, Buff and Grey. Regular $1.05 pair. Sale Price .. **85c.**

Tea Aprons.

White all-over embroidery with embroidery frill. With and without pocket. Regular 85c. Sale Price ..... **80c.**

Men's Wool Gloves.

Browns, Greys and Heather mixtures. Good serviceable quality, warm and comfortable Reg. 80c. pair. Sale Price **65c.**

Men's Shirts.

Plain white, fine quality cotton with collar attached. A serviceable gift for father or brother. Sizes 14½ to 16. Reg. $2.00 each. Sale Price **$1.65**

Men's Jyjamas.

Light striped flannelette, in a full range of sizes. Good soft quality, made roomy for comfort and wear. Reg. $4.35 Suit. Sale Price **$3.55**

Women's Gaiters.

Four buckle style with warm wool lining. Waterproof tops. Sizes 3 to 6. Reg. $5.25 pair. Sale Price **$4.50**

Women's 4-Buckle Gaiters.

Real good, serviceable quality with warm, durable lining and waterproof tops. Sizes 3 to 6. Regular $5.25 pair. Sale Price **$5.05**

Men's Gaiters.

4 buckle style, with thick wool lining. Durable, heavy rubber soles. Sizes 7 to 10. Reg. $5.10 pair. Sale Price.. **$4.88**

Women's Shoes.

Heavy tan calf uppers and stout soles of good wearing leather. Exceptionally good value. Sizes 3 to 7. Regular $4.50 pair. Sale Price **$4.20**

Men's Negligee Shirts.

Assorted colored stripes. Laundered neck bands; soft double cuffs. Sizes 14 to 16½. Regular $1.50 each. Sale Price **$1.25**

Boys' Negligee Shirts.

Neat stripes and colors, double cuffs and laundered neck bands. Sizes 12½ to 14. Reg. $1.55 each. Sale Price.. **$1.25**

Men's Braces.

Strong, elastic webbing, in different colored stripes. Stout double cord loops and nickelled fittings. Regular 65c. pr. Sale Price ..... **52c.**

Men's White Handkerchiefs.

Plain, with wide hemstitched hem, large size. Regular 20c. each. Sale Price ... **15c.**

Boys' Pullman Caps.

In Grey, Fawn and Blue mixtures. Caps that turn down snugly about the face and cars and afford great protection during very cold weather. Reg. 80c. each. Friday and Saturday ... **65c.**

Men's Tunic Shirts.

Fancy wide striped percale in roomy sizes, well made and doubly protected at the seams; stiff collar bands; soft double cuffs; all sizes. Reg. $2.40 each. Friday and Saturday **$1.98**

Men's Light Striped Oxford Shirts.

That will give double the wear of most any shirt offered at their price. They are made to open half way down the front, in roomy English sizes, from real high grade materials. Reg. $3.25 each. Friday and Saturday **$2.64**

Tooth Brushes.

Enclosed in glass tubes with nickelled metal caps; very sanitary. Reg. 50c. Friday and Saturday ..... **40c.**

Alarm Clocks.

Bronze and nickel finish, single and double alarms. Reg. $1.85 each. Friday and Saturday **$1.65**

Travellers' Companion Sets.

Containing mirror, comb, toothpick and ear spoon. Reg. 17c. each. Friday and Saturday ..... **14c.**

Boys' Wool Gloves.

In Fawn and Greys. Very serviceable wool Gloves for boys of all sizes. Useful and appreciated Xmas gifts. Reg. 50c. pair. Friday and Saturday ..... **38c.**

Women's Corsets.

Pink Coutil with elastic top and inserts. They require no lacing, finished with four strong hose supports. Reg. $1.80. Friday and Saturday **$1.49**

Infants' Muslin and Cambric Bibs.

Beautifully embroidered designs, finished with scalloped edging and point lace. Reg. 40c. each. Friday and Saturday ..... **32c.**

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Monday, Dec. 21, 1925.

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U. S. Dry Chiefs

PERSONAL ATTACK ON MR. COOLIDGE.

In a letter addressed to the White House, the United Committee for Prohibition Enforement, comprising 26 organisations, stigmatises the universal violation of the law as "a national scandal unequalled in its financial and political ramifications in the history of the United States."

The letter has caused a stir, because of its personal attack on the President, who is accused of failing to fulfil his oath of office and to enforce the law against drinking. It requests the President to divorce the administration of the prohibition law from the authority of Mr. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury, to whom it alludes as the "ex-distiller."

Broadly speaking, the United Committee declares that prohibition, because of its non-enforcement, has brought about little improvement as regards crime and drunkenness of the conditions prevailing under the old licensing system. It describes the country as "being debauched with a flood of poisonous liquor smuggled over the border and over the water, or manufactured by brewers under Federal permits, or in countless barns, cellars and garrets."

Job lot! Women's Boots, only $1.50. Our Rubbers to fit, for only 75c. the pair, at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec17,tf

Mr. Snowden on Public Life

Mr. Philip Snowden, the ex-Chancellor of the Exchequer, speaking at Keighley, said:—

"Politics and politicians were not quite so black as they were sometimes painted. The House of Commons was the most wonderful place in the world, and the most democratic place in the world. In the House of Commons neither wealth, nor birth, nor social position counted," the Yorkshire Post reports.

"The only things that counted were a man's capacity, a man's knowledge, and a man's character. The public life of this country was, on the whole, efficient, and undoubtedly was pure. Our municipal services were pure. There was no country in the world where public services and the probity of public servants were higher than it was in Great Britain."

EVEN LIVERS GET LAZY!

You get lazy—everybody gets lazy—even your liver gets lazy now and then. When you get that tired, lay-me-down-and die feeling take 15 to 30 drops of Seigel's Syrup in a glass of water. Does the trick and safely. You'll feel like new!

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"Professor Hill has taught us that so far from being a deadly enemy, cold is our best friend. It fans the physiological furnace, it keeps us bright and keen; and, paradoxical though it may seem, cold helps us to keep warm. Moreover, eternal cold invites to muscular exercise which, as Professor Bainbridge showed, is the way of all physical salvation. Cold is therefore to be welcomed, and its unpleasantness faced with courage."—Dr. Leonard Williams, in the Daily Express.

Hockey Boots with Ankle Supports, for Men, Women, Boys and Girls, at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec17,tf

Jack of All Trades

"Don't talk to me about Jack of all Trades and Master of None. That is an old saying which I think we should put into the limbo as far as we possibly can. Have the greatest possible interest in all human affairs. Master somethings but know a little about a great many things.—The Rev. Canon Courtnay Gale in the Sutton Herald.