To assist digestion, relieve distress after eating or drinking too heartily, to prevent constipation, take

Hood's Pills

Sold everywhere. 25 cents.

THE MARKETS Local Market .

London, Thursday, Dec. 28. Few farmers were on the market this morning. There were numbers of purchasers, however, who were not able to buy all they wanted. The supply of butter and eggs was too limited for requirements. The same might be said of poultry, for which there was a fairly stiff demand. On the whole, the market was not large enough to af-

A. M. HAMILTON & SON'S REPORT.
Wheat, white, per bu66c to 67c
Wheat, red, per bu 66c to 65c
Oats, per bu 281/4c to 291/2c
Peas, per bu
Corn, per bu
Barley, per bu
Rye, per bu50c to 56c
Beans, per bu \$1 to \$1 35

Today's grain receipts were light and prices, with the exception of oats, the same as vesterday. Oats were quite scarce and sold at 84c to 85c for

every load.

Dressed hogs came in more freely and found ready sale at \$5 25, when real good, and down to \$5 when heavy or a little rough.

There was no change in live hogs.

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Hay was scarce and brought \$1	0 for
all good loads.	
Quotations:	
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GRAIN	1 10
Wheat, white, fall, per 100 lbs. 1 05 @	1 12
Wheat, red, fall, per 100 lbs 1 05 62 Wheat, spring, per 100 lbs 1 05 69	1 12
Wheat, spring, per 100 ios 1 05 @	1 12
Onts, per 100 lbs	1 60
	83
Barley, per 100 lbs	83
Barley, per 100 lbz	1 00
Byckwheat, per 100 lbs 90 @	1 00
Beans, per bu 1 00 @	1 35
Rye per 100 lbs	1 00
Chèrse, per lb 10 @	12
	22
Eggs, single dozen	20
Butter. Ib. large rolls or crocks 18 @	20
Butter, pound rolls, retail 20 @	23
Lard, per lb	10
Lard, 20 lb. lots 7 @	8
WHOLESALE DEALERS PRICE	S.
Eggs, store lots, doz 17 @	18
Butter, pound rolls, baskets 19 @	20
Butter, crock 19 @	20
Butter, rolls, store lots 17 @	18
Butter, crock	
Snow apples per hhl 3 00 @	3 50
Dried apples, per lb 4½ @	5
Apples, per bbl 1 50 @	2 25
Apples, per bag 50 G	75
Chestings, 2 00	2 25
Hickory Nuts, per bu 1 25	1 50
VEGETABLE	
Potatoes, per bag 50 @	69
Turnips, new, per bag 30 @	40
Vegetable Marrow, per dag 50	
Cabbage, per dev 20 @	40
Cauliflowers, per dez 50 @	1 00
Celery, per dozen. 30 B Beets, per bag 40 G	40
Beets, per bag 40 @	50
Ontons, per bag 75 @	1 00
Carrots 30 (a) Parsnips 50 (a)	60
	1 25
Vegetable Oysters, per dez 30	40
Artichokes, per bag	1 00
Artichokes, per bag	ló
Sugash-Hubbards, per doz., 1 00	1 00
Parsley, per doz 30	30
Lettuce, per doz	25
LIVE STOCK.	
Beef, per lb 3 @	. 5
Home Bight nor William 375 @	4 00
Hogs, heavy, per 100 lbs 2 50 @	3 75
Page stagers 4 00 @	
Pigs, young, per pair 2 00 @	4 00
Pigs, young, per pair 2 00 & Sows, per 100 lbs. 3 00 &	8 00
Ducks ber ball	1 25
Wild Ducks 45 to Chickens, spring, per pair 30 @ Hens per pair 30 @	45
Chickens, spring, per pair 30 @	50
	40
HAY AND SEEDS.	0 20
Hay, per ton 8 50 0	9 50
Biraw, per wad 300 w	3 75
Straw, per ton. 6 00 @ MEAT, HIDES, ETC.	6 00
Beef per lb. MEAT, HIDES, ETC.	51
	6
	9
	71
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Descried horse to the heavy 4 M @	5 2
Dressed hogs 100 lbs, heavy . 4 00 @ Hides, No. 1, per lb 8½ @	81
Hides, No. 1, per lb	834 734 63
Hides, No. 3, per lb 61/2 &	63
Calfskins, green 8 @	. 8
Tambalatha MA (d)	75

Buckwheat Flour

Lambskins.

Wool, washed, per lb.....

Wool, unwashed, per lb.....

Turkeys, per lb.....

A. M. Hamilton & Son 373 Talbot street. Opposite market.

St. Thomas Warket. St. Thomas. Dec. 27.—Wheat, old, per bu, 67c; wheat, new, 67c; oats new, 28c to 30c; peas, 50c to 60c; barley, 35c to rye, 60c; corn, 40c; flaxseed, per \$2 45 to \$2 50; timothy seed, \$1 50 to \$1 75; clover seed, per bu, \$6 70.

The Oil Market. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 28.—Oil opened at \$1 66 and closed at \$1 66.
OIL CITY, U2c. 28.—Credit balances, \$1 66; certificates, no bid or offer.

English Markets.

Ruling prices for the past four market days— The following table shows the quotations per cental at Liverpool for the three previous market days. In the case of wheat highest

WHEAT-		20.	21,		22.		27.	
Red Winter	5	91/2	5	91/2	5	914	5	914
No. 1 Nor. Spring	6	114	6		6		6	11/2
No. 1 Cal	6		6	3	6		6	3
Nov	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	5	10%	5	10%	5	11	5	113%
May	5	10 %	5	105%	5	11	5	113/4
CORN-		takin 1	133		1	otto.		
New		634	3	614	3	53/4	3	55/8
Old		654	3	61/4	3	53/4	3	63/4
Dec	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Jan		574	3	53/4	3	53/4	3	5%
Feb		6	3	53/4		51/8	3	53/4
March	3	6	3	534		6	3	55%
_ May	3		3	51/2	3	55/8	3	51/2
Flour	17		17	6	17	9	17	9
Ocas	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Pork	57		57	6	57	6	57	6
Lard			29	9	29	9	29	8
Tallow			24	0	26	0	26	0
Bacon, light,			34	0	33	6	33	6
Cheese, white			57	0	57	0	57	0
Cheese.colored	159	0	159	0	59	0	59	0

American Markets. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—The firmness of Liverpool and the decrease in the world's visible, came as a support to the wheat market today, May closing 4c to %c over yesterday. Corn closed 4c, and oats %c lower. Provisions, 16c to 171/2c higher. Bradstreet's decrease in the visible supply of 753,000 bu was a steadying influence late in the day.

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The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat
No. 2 Dec., 66c; May, 69% to 69%c; July, 70c.
Corn-No. 2 Dec., 30%c; Jan., 30%c to 30%c;
May, 32%c. Oats-No. 2 Dec., 22c; May, 23%c.
Mess Pork-Jan., \$10 17%; May, \$10 47%. Lard-Jan., \$562%; May, \$5 80. Short ribs-Jan.,
\$535; May. \$5 52%. Oasn quotations-Flour, atoady; No. 3 spring wheat, 61%c to 64c; No. 2 red. 81%c to 69c. No. 2 corn, 30%c to 31c; No. 2 yellow corn, 31c to 31%c. No. 2 oats, 22%c; No. 2 white, 25c to 25%c; No. 3 white, 24%c to 24%c. No. 2 ryc, 55c to 55c, No. 2 barley, 38c to 46c. Cloverseed, contract grade, \$3 to \$10. No. 1 flaxseed, \$1 49%; No. 1 Northwest, \$1 49%. Prime timothy seed, \$2.35. Mess pork, \$8 00 to 10 20. Lard, \$3 30 to \$5 62%. Short ribs sides, \$5 20 to \$545. Dry salted shoulders, 5%c to 46c. Short clear sides, \$5 50 to \$60. Sugar,

eut loaf, \$5.70; granulated, \$5.78. Eggs, firm; fresh, 17c *c 17%c.

RECEIPTS—Flour, 56,000 barrels; wheat, \$9,000 bushels; corn, 391,000 bushels; oats, 261,000 bushels; rye, 7,000 bushels; barley, 122,000 bushels.

SHIPMENTS—Flour, 3,000 barrels; wheat, 15,000 bushels; corn, 156,000 bushels; oats, 248,000 bushels; rye, 2,000 bushels; barley, 50,000 bushels.

Corn Trade News reports afloat for and in Europe, decrease 2,400,000 bu; total supplies, decrease 753,000 bu. Corn—United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, increase 673,000 bu. Oats

-United States and Canada, east of the Rockies, decrease 106,000 bu.

Chickens, Ducks

Abbott Produce Co., 172 King Street, London. Phone 1238.

The Dairy Markets. MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—Cheese, 11c to 12c. Butter—Townships, 20c to 22c;

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.-Butter firm;

creameries, 16c to 26c; dairies, 16c to 22c. Cheese firm, at 12c to 12%c.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Butter firm; western creamery, 22c to 28½c; do, factory, 15½c to 29c; June creamery, 23c

Hide, Skin and Tallow.

are not many coming forward, the deman is good, and the market is firm at the following prices: Green, 91/20

for cows and 10c for steers. Cured are quoted at 10½c for cows and 11c for steers. Sheepskins—The receipts are small, there is a good demand, and the market is firm at \$1. Calfskins

are unchanged, at 10c for No. 1 and 9c

for No. 2. Tailow—The market is steady. Local dealers are offering 5c,

Live tock Markets. CHICAGO, Dec. 27.-Good to choice

stockers and feeders were strong to-

EAST BUFFALO, Oec. 27.-Cattle-

with a moderate demand, there was

no change in the position of the mar-ket; the feeling on good grades re-mained firm. Calves were in light sup-

the outside figure being for fancy qual-

active and 15c higher; some sales 25c higher; steers, \$5 to \$6.50; stags and

oxen, \$2 50 to \$5 25; extra fat oxen, \$5 75; bulls, \$3 to \$4 35; export do., \$4 75; cows, \$1 75 to \$4. Cables quote

refrigerator beef firm, at 9%c per

pound. Exports, 908 cattle, 1,230 sheep

and 9,760 quarters of beef; none to-morrow. Calves—Receipts, 717; demand brisk; prices 25c to 50c higher; veals,

\$5 to \$9; little calves, \$4; barnyard calves, \$2 75 to \$3 75; southern calves, \$3 35; no westerns. Sheep and lambs

-Receipts, 6,752; sheep firm; lambs,

15c to 25c higher; poor to prime sheep, \$2 50 to \$4; export wethers, \$5 to \$5 50;

lambs, \$5 25 to \$6 50; no Canada lambs. Hogs—Receipts, 7,844; 1½ cars on sale; firm, at \$4 50 to \$4 75.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.-The receipts

at the east end abbatoir today were 600 cattle, 500 calves, 200 sheep and 150 lambs. The attendance of buyers was

large, and there was a good demand. Cattle—Choice sold at 4½c to 5c per lb.; good, 3½c to 4½c per lb.; lower grades. 2c to 3c per lb. Calves brought 4c to 6c per lb. Sheep from 2½c to 3½c per lb. Lambs were sold at 3½c to 4½c per lb. Hogs at 4c to 4½c.

OLD COUNTRY PRICES.

prices unchanged, both here and at Liverpool. Refrigerator beef is firm, at

\$200,000 FIRE

tablishment of George Dewald & Co., and the crockery store of M. F. Kaag, causing an aggregate loss of \$200,000, on which there is a total insurance of

CANADIAN SOO CANAL.

The following statistics of the business of the Canadian Soo Canal are

given out from Ottawa: Number of

vessels, 3,769; vessel tonnage, 2,968,009; freight tonnage, 3,006,664. This shows

an increase in vessels of 94 and in ves-

sel tonnage 210,379, but a decrease in freight tonnage of 48,623 over 1898. The canal opened on April 26 and closed on Dec. 20; total 239 days.

LIFE SAVED.—Mr. James Bryson Cameron writes: "I was confined to my bed with inflammation of the lungs and was given up by physicians.

lungs and was given up by physicians. A neighbor advised me to try Dr. Thomas' Eclectric Oil, stating that his wife had used it for a throat trouble with the best results. Acting on this advice I procured the medicine, and less than half a bottle cured me; I certainly believe it saved my life. It was with reluctance that I consented to a trial, as I was reduced to such a state that I doubted the power of any remedy to do me good.

9%c per lb.

at the quoted prices.

and asking 51/20.

TORONTOL Dec. 27.-Hides-There

western, 17c to 18c.

Wanted for export. Highest cash prices paid for all kinds of choice Poultry.

AVAILABLE SUPPLIES. A British Officer's Letter to His New York, Dec. 27.-Special telegraphic and cable communications to Bradstreet's show the following changes in available supplies, as compared with the last account: Wheat—United States and Canada, east of the Rockins increase 1 447 000 hr. Liverycol

Describing the Fight - an Awful Rockies, increase 1,647,000 bu; Liverpool Ordeai.

> The London Post publishes a letter from an English officer of rank, addressed to his wife in England. It tells of the heavy losses at Dundee, Oct. 20, when the British forces so gallantly charged the intrenched position of the Boers, in the hills across the river from Dundee, and of the ghastly mortality among the officers under the hail of lead from the Boer marksmen.

Wife

The story of the fight at Dundee reads as follows: "My Darling,-Thank God, I am safe back, but we have had a very hard time of it, and as hard fighting as any-one would see. All I can say or feel is that it is by God's goodness that we are back, and I am sure he kept me

safe.

"Well, darling. I must tell you in detail all that happened, but it seems years since this day week. I have lived a lifetime in that period. I fear you did not get my letters last mail, though I wrote three. The train service was stopped, and I fear they are still at Dundee, though they may have got

to 25½c; imitation creamery, 17c to 25½c; state dairy, 18c to 25c; do, creamery, 22c to 27½c. Cheese firm; fall made fancy, small, 12¾c to 13c; fall made large fancy, 12¾c to 13c; late made, small, 12c to 12½c; large late made, 11¾c to 12c. through to you. "And now I will tell you about the battle and subsequent events. We stood to our arms in camp at 5 o'clock the morning of the 20th of October, and were then dismissed. Suddenly we saw the Boers appear upon the tops of the hills, about 4,000 yards from the camp, right on the other side of Dundee. They very soon opened fire on us with shells, which luckily did not burst, and which came all around and in our camp. One took the top of a man's helmet off.

"We replied with our artillery, and then three regiments fell into line on the east side of the town, Col. Gunning took the first line, extended, and I took our second. We lay down on a slope and then went across some very marshy ground with wire all across it, and under a heavy Hotchkiss and rifle fire from the hill opposite. However, we got across this without losing a man, and all three regiments descended into the bed of the river and waited to attack.

stockers and feeders were strong to-day at \$5 25 to \$6 25; poor to medium, \$4 to \$5 25; selected feeders, \$4 25 to \$4 75; calves, \$4 to \$7 25; fed Texas beeves, \$4 15 to \$5 15. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$4 to \$4 32½; good to choice heavy, \$4 12½ to \$4 32½; rough heavy, \$4 to \$4 10; light, \$3 95 to \$4 20. Sheep—Native wethers, \$4 25 to \$4 90; lambs, \$4 to \$5 90; western wethers, \$4 to \$4 75; western lambs, \$5 40 to \$5 90. Receipts—Cattle, 18,500; hogs, 22,000; sheep, 20,000. "The Dublins were put into the first line, and were told to get across into a wood, with farm buildings to the direct front. We were to be the supports and the Irish Fusiliers the reserve. This was a nasty run, but, in good, extended order, we got across, losing only a few men, and gained the near edge of the wood, where we recovered our breath. When we got all the men together Col. Gunning took the left, and told me to look after the right of There was only half a load on sale, and

"We got through the next part of the wood very well under a heavy fire, and I took three companies through the garden and round the outhouses of the farm. We were then about 150 to 200 mained firm. Calves were in light supply, active demand; higher; choice to fancy, \$8 to \$8 50; good to choice, \$7 50 to \$8. Sheep and lambs—The offerings were moderate, 24 loads, including 12 loads of Canada lambs; top grade lambs ruled higher; choice to extra were quotable at \$6 to \$6 25; good to choice, \$5 75 to \$6; common to fair, \$4 35 to \$4 50; mixed ewes and wethers, \$4 25 to \$4 50; extra all yearlings quotable at \$4 85 to \$5; vearlings and weyards off the nearest Boers, and there were a great many on a hill to our right front, who were firing at us at about 1,200 yards range. We pushed out, and gained the walls one by one, and then got to a wall on right of position, and hammered away hard.

We had a very nasty time, as we were fired upon from all sides, and had able at \$4 85 to \$5; yearlings and wethers, \$4 50 to \$4 75; Canadas were \$6; there were a few loads over on the a good many wounded. I ordered the companies to go to the wall to our right front, and Pechell and Barnes close, with a little easier feeling. Hogs took theirs, and the Third was just -The market was active and higher, behind. Poor Barnes was killed just at this time; one of the nicest fellows you ever met. Shot clean through the with little offering, only about 25 loads; heavy were quotable at \$4 50 to \$4 52½, head, and only lived ten minutes. The ities; Yorkers were \$4 40 to \$4 45; pigs, \$4 30; roughs, \$3 75 to \$4; stags, \$3 25 to doctor went out to see him, and behaved most gallantly, but nothing \$3 60; the offerings were pretty well could be done. Young Martin was hit at this time, and he went back to get cleaned, with the market full steady his wound dressed, and brought up the NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Beeves—Receipts, 2,758; 45 cars on sale; market

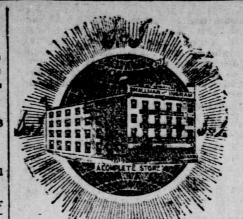
"We then got an order to rendezvous more to our left behind the farm buildings. I withdrew the companies to the place. An order came to Gen. Yule from Sir P. Symonds to attack the hillside. I can assure you it was an awful place to go, and especially under the fire of the best shots in the world. The Dublin Fusiliers should have advanced first, but Gen. Yule or-dered us to assault the hill. We did so, and were exposed to a very hot fire, especially over the first field, after leaving the houses. I can't run as well as I used to, so was longer than the others, but we gained the bottom of the hill and over the stone wall at the bottom, and then got to some stones about 30 yards up the hill and crept on. "I was on the left with a lot of men and the ground gave a dip, so we could not get to the wall, and had to stop among the stones. I got a fairly big one. A man close to my side was shot in the head about two feet from me. me. As I was running I was hit by a ricochet just below the knee, and was knocked over, but when we got home I was so busy and had so much to see to that I did not return myself as wounded. It has been a bit painful since, and I have not been able to rest

London, Dec. 27.-Trade is dull and it at all. "When we were in this position we had to stay, and the fire was tremendous—volleys, independent guns, and Maxims going on for about two hours. It was more difficult to see the Boers, as they had taken up such good places Fort Wayne, Ind., Dec. 28.—Fire at 5 o'clock yesterday morning destroyed ing through loopholes. The companies on my left moved around under cover tablishment of George Dewald & Co., of the wall, and bit by bit crept up totallishment of M. F. Kaag, ward the top of the hill. Poor Pechell was killed early, and Boultbee and Nu-gent were wounded, the latter in three places, but not severely. Martin was again hit three times before being killed, and young Hambrough the same.

Bit by bit they crept up, and just before gaining the top poor Gunning was killed, shot through the heart. As we gained the top, they retired over the other side. The artillelry galloped up, but did not fire at them, returning for

some reason, probably thinking there was an armistice to bury the dead.
"We then had the worst time of all, as we had to get the dead and wounded together and the battalion formed up. It was awful, having to carry the bodies down. Sir P. Symons was shot about the middle of the engagement; poor Shiroton was killed about the end. and nearly the entire staff were killed also. I have no doubt the Boers had orders to specially shoot at officers, and the mortality among the senior ones

"It was a splendid fight, and beat Dargai all hollow, as it was almost a precipitous place to get up. There are very few generals who would have as-



THE WEATHER TODAY-Fine.

SILKS AND BLACK DRESS GOODS.

Just previous to taking stock is always an advantageous time to buy. We are arranging to take stock shortly, but before starting we desire to straighten up a bit and thereby

offer to the public some very attractive bargains. In clearing up after the Xmas business we have found a great many remnants of Silks and Black Dress Goods, which we have marked to a very low price. Recollect that we are still making up Skirts and Silk Waists for 59c. Here is an opportunity to buy a waist or a skirt and have it made up at a price lower than you ever paid before.

Ladies' Flannelette Gowns.

Just received the balance of a manufacturer's stock of Ladies' Flannelette Gowns which we bought at exceptionally low prices. These are all new and perfect goods, styles correct, work the best, and at the prices quoted below you cannot afford to miss this opportunity to buy a supply of these useful garments.

Made of Stripe Flannelette, double stitched seams, Mother Hubbard yoke, with frill of goods around neck, cuffs and down front, Of heavy Twilled Flannelette, in assorted fancy stripes, Mother Hubbard yoke, double stitched seams, extra full width, wide frill and band of goods around cuffs, collar, and down front, worth 75c, sale price...... 69c Same make in plain pink, blue or white Flannel-

ette, worth 90c, sale price..... 75c

Of plain pink, blue or white Flannelette, Mother Hubbard yoke, double stitched seams, trimmed with wide hemstitched frill around cuffs, collar and down front, worth \$1 00 each, sale price 850

Of fine quality Flannelette, pink or blue only, trimmed with single row of embroidery around cuffs and collar, and double row down front, worth \$1 25, sale price \$1 00

Of heavy pink, blue or white Flannelette, extra wide, yoke, collar cuffs and frill down front trimmed with inlaid embroidered flannel and hemstitching, worth \$1 75 each, sale price\$1 49

Special Reduction in Coats.

Ladies' Black Astrachan Cloth Coats, double breasted, silk lined, made with coat collar or storm collar, in sizes 30 to 36, a regular \$10 coat for......\$5 00 Children's Long Coats, in brown and green curl cloth, made in Empire style, large collar trimmed with ribbon, one only of each, sizes 30 to 24 inches, regular \$6 50, reduced to.......\$4 50 Of navy blue cloth, Empire style, large collar trimmed with white Thibet and braid, size 28 inches, was \$4 50, now......\$3 25 We have just received another lot of Traveling Rugs, suitable for golf capes (for which there is a great demand), ranging from......\$3 00 to \$4 50

Figured French Flannels.

We have just received another assortment of Figured French Flannels, in very pretty designs and colorings, for ladies' waists and wrappers, selling at, per yard..... Also a beautiful shade of Cardinal Opera Flannel, for waists, to sell at, per yard.....

& INGRAM,

149, 151 and 153 Dundas Street.

and then wired to the relations of the dead, saw the wounded, and wired to their relations. All are doing well. Had a very hard time, but got a little food and went to bed. We stood to arms at 5 o'clock next morning and had to wait about ready all day. About 1 p.m., the generals sent for us commanding officers, and we decided to evacuate the camp, as we heard they were bringing a big 40-pounder to shell us. We went over to choose a position, and told the men first to parade, and we would show them where they could be put. It rained hard, so I took the men back for their waterproof blankets and sheets, and then we left the camp. The enemy began to shell it very soon af-terward, and we never got back to it. We slept out under shell fire at 6,000 and 7,000 yards range, and then in the middle of the night went out to a hill. This was early Sunday morning. We put out pickets and stayed there for a while, when we got the report that a big fight had been won here and we were jubilant, thinking they would come and relieve us; but later we got a wire to say that they could not do so without losing Ladysmith, so when this came it was decided we should march that night."

SINCE WILLIE GOES TO SCHOOL. [From the Chicago Times-Herald.] Since Willie goes to school the days Are always full of peace, And in a hundred little ways The cares of life decrease; The halls are littered up no more With blocks, and tops and traps;

No marbels lie upon the floor, But are we happier than before? Ah, well, perhaps-perhaps!

Since Willie goes to school the cat Lies dozing in her nook; There are no startling screeches that Make all the neighbors look: His playthings are all piled away, No books bestrew the floor, But I have found a hair today,

Deep-rooted, glistening and gray, That hid itself before. Since Willie goes to school I hear No pounding on the stairs, Nor am I called to help my dear

Make horses of the chairs;
A sense of peace pervades the place,
And I may be a fool To shed the tears that streak my face, But a boy is in my baby's place, Since Willie goes to school.

-S. E. Kiser.

The Watkin Mills recital at the Auditorium tonight promises to be a most successful affair. Mr. Mills ar-

SAMOA UNDER GERMAN RULE

Kaiser Practically Holds Sway Over the Islands.

French Strike Spreading-Stock Settlements in London Easy.

London, Dec. 29.-The financial articles in the Times and other morning papers comment upon the "unexpected ease with which the arrangements for the stock exchange settlements have been made." The apprehensions prevailing for a fortnight of bankruptcy and extremely tight money have not been realized.

THE STRIKE IN ST. ETIENNE. St. Etienne, Dec. 28.-The strikers marched in procession to several of the mines, where partial work is proceeding, but dragoons stationed at the pit-heads protected the workers, no disorder has occurred. The strike has spread to the mines of Rive de Gier, a town in Loire, 12 miles by rail from this place. GERMANY'S FLAG FLIES OVER

SAMOA. The British Government has acted

on the agreement, and treaties for the partition of Samoa, and has withdrawn the supervisory authority which it has exercised of late years in the interest of Germany and the United States. This probably accounts for the recent advice from Samoa that the German flag had been raised, as the withdrawal of British influence leaves the Germans practically alone in authority, the United States having withdrawn its sphere of influence to Tutila, although this branch of the agreement has not been ratified by the United States Senate. As far as Germany and Great Britain are concerned, their interests were settled in a treaty to which the United States was not a party. This treaty provided for British withdrawal from the Islands of Upola and Savali, and the German transfer to Great Britain of certain islands in the South Pacific. This treaty has already gone into effect, as it was not delayed by the requirement of submission to the United States Senate, and acting on it, the rived from Ottawa by C. P. R. this British authorities have withdrawn morning, and leaves on Friday for their supervisory participation in the Washington, D. C. He sails for Eng- government of Samoa. For the presland on Jan. 14. Washington, B. C. He said **

land on Jan. 14.

Mr. W. H. Hewlett will accompany ficers remain there, as the foreign countries are likely to continue their concomposition, "Romance," at the Watcalast in Samoa, even though these officials no longer carry on the government of the islands. ment of the islands.

CABLE NOTES.

The doyen of the diplomatic corps at Pekin has telegraphed to the senior counsel at Shanghai that the decision reached in the matter of the extension of the foreign settlement has been rat-

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