

and light fats at \$6.25 per cwt. Unculled car lots sold at \$6.60 to \$6.75 per cwt.

The Wm. Davies Co., Toronto, will pay \$6.75 this week for select bacon hogs, and \$6.25 for light and thick fats.

Montreal quotations are \$7 for light averages and \$6.75 for heavier quality. The *Trade Bulletin's* London cable of April 18th, re Canadian bacon reads thus: The market for Canadian bacon has ruled steady during the past week in London, with a fairly good demand at last week's advance, as cabled you at the time. The Liverpool market, however, has taken a weak turn, and has lost 6d., but at the decline holders are conservative in their offerings, owing to light stocks. In London No. 1 Canadian is quoted at 59s. to 62c.

Horses.

A Montreal report states that quite a few remounts have been purchased there by Col. Dent. The prices paid were private, though it is reported that some eight or nine sold at \$115 to \$140 each. There is an improved demand there for heavy draughts and sales of about 20 of these animals have been reported at from \$150 to \$175 each, a pair of fine heavy bays bringing \$380. The Sheddin Company is said to have bought a number of heavy draught horses recently preparatory to the busy season. Quite a number of light roadsters, driving and saddle horses have sold at from \$85 to \$150 each, a very fine brown saddle horse being placed at \$200. Carriage horses have realized from \$180 to \$250 each, fancy animals being quoted at from \$350 to \$400 each. Mr. J. S. Dunning, of Brysonville, P.Q., sold a match chestnut team for general purposes for \$245 and 5 or 6 light roadsters at \$85 to \$115 each. Quite a few common hacks have changed hands at prices varying all the way from \$25 up to \$45, according to condition, age, etc.

Very little if any business was done in the regular classes at Grand's last week. A few second-hand horses sold at low prices. Col. Dent is in Toronto this week selecting horses for remounts. W. Harland Smith, of Grand's has upwards of 250 horses for his inspection purchased in all parts of the province. Col. Dent is reported to have purchased 300 remounts in London last week.

Summer Cultivation and Conservation of Soil Moisture.

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by cutting off the intimate relationship of the capillary tubes with the atmosphere.

Nature's way of conserving moisture in the forest was by mulching with leaves and decomposed vegetable matter, and we cannot do better than follow her example. While we cannot use a mulch of leaves on our cultivated fields we are able to substitute for it the dry earth or soil mulch.

A soil mulch is established by thoroughly fining and pulverizing two or three inches of the surface soil, and although it may be as dry as dust, it, nevertheless, protects the soil beneath it. Then, by constantly stirring this top soil with the cultivator and harrow every few days, the capillary tubes or pores are kept broken or cut off just below the surface, and the moisture from below is prevented from escaping by the soil mulch, and is forced to pass through the tissues of the plants.

Teacher—How do you account for the phenomenon of dew?

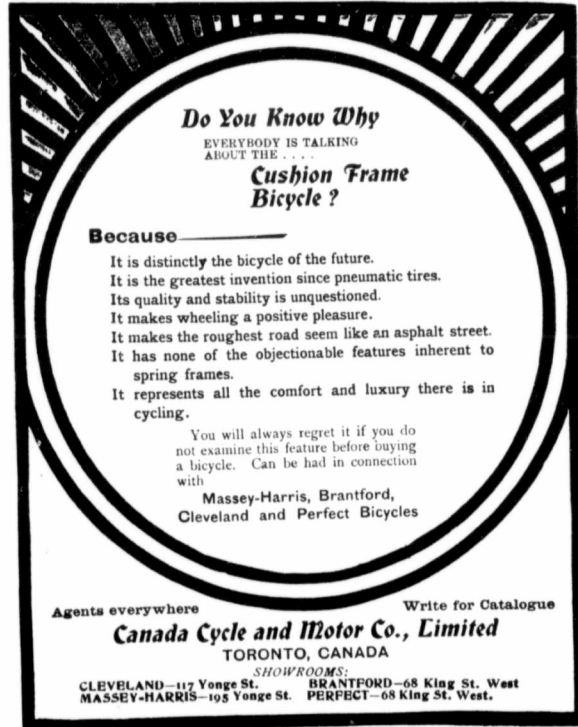
Boy—Well, you see, the earth revolves on its axis every twenty-four hours, and in consequence of this tremendous pace it perspires freely.—Tit-Bits.



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