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" THE RETAIL MARKETS. Australian Mutton in Poor Demand-Bran and Shorts Stiffening in Price.

Compased with last winter there le frozen mutton being used in th cal market this season, and there ar wo potent reasons, so those in the mes ss say, why the sale of it has bee nited. One is that the price has be reatly increased by the war in Sou Africa, thus to a certain degree leaving it out of competition with the home pr lucts. The other is that for some un known reason it is stated to be not

ine in quality as it was a year ago. The feed market has also change omewhat. Bran and shorts continue ast few weeks has made business ve. From California, fresh vegetal are arriving regularly, and in increasi creatly augmented since the agitatiimproperly raised products wa started. The retail quotations are

Flour—	
Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl.\$	5.73
Lake of the Woods, per bbl	5.7
Snow Flake, per bbl	4.60
Calgary Hungarian	5.2
Premier, per bbl	5.7
XXX Enderby, per bbl	5.0
Grain-	
Wheat, per ton	28.00@30.00
Corn (whole), per ton	26.00@28.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	
Oats, per ton	
Oatmeal, per 10 lbs	
Rolled oats (B. & K.)	04
Rolled oats (B. & K.) 710 sack	30

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Fegetables—
Fotatoes, sweet, per Ib.
Lotatoes, per 100 fbs.
Do. (Ashcroft), per 100 fbs.
Cucumbers, each
Cabbage, per Ib.
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Cauliflower, per head
Onions, per Ib.
Carrots, per Ib
Lettuce, per Ib.
Turmps, per Ib 3@ 10@ 12

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leats—
Hams (Canadian), per ID.
Hams (American), per ID.
Bacon (Canadian), per ID.
Bacon (American), per ID.
Bacon (rolled), per ID.
Bacon (long clear), per ID.
Beef, per ID.
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Beef, per ID. 17@ 16@ 20@ -12@ 101/2/1 12/0 10/0 Bananas, per doz.

| Sananas, per doz. | 3506 | Coconnuts, each | 1004 | Cemons (California), per doz. | 2566 | Lemons (small) | 1004 | Apples, per b. | 462 | Lapanese Oranges, per box. | 5568 | Navel Oranges, per doz. | 3568 | Game— Duck, Mallard, per pair 75@ AS THE CROW FLIES.

Though the training of carrier pige take war messages makes man pard-working family happy with pige the and benefits the local poultering trade, the wastage at headquarters considerable expense. In German where a regular business is made pigeon-flying—experiments are be made with crows (might not these be perly classified as "carryin' crows"? affording a less tempting mark both peace and in war. Some of the India species are said to be specially easy train, though there must be a diffic n weaning the birds off appetising ases on "the terrain operated or The principle may perhaps be extend to sparrows, ground game, dogs a cats, and the soldier on active serve come to suspect every bird or beast employee of the enemy's on secret sivice, and the domestic animals, wh already run the cavalry horse a go second as diet during sieges will supel sede him for dispatch carrying. News paper telegrams will be published "b The baper telegrams will be published in runner to Komati Poort," or albatross post to Spitsbergen," al jungles made to consume their own who beasts.—St. James's Gazett.

Decorated by Her Majesty

the Little Bronze Cross For Valor.

The Scene at Windsor Castle-- passed between How the Heroes Distinguished Themselves.

If anything could enhance the value in er's eyes of the proudest decora-ean possibly win in the Victoria t is to receive it at the hands Queen herself. Her Majesty is whole party would have been annihile of this fact, and whenever it ble to present it personally ereign endeavors to do so. Sevhave won the coveted distincnot yet back from South Africa, Saturday, December 17th, no

be bestowed. The Queen was accomnied by Princess Henry of Battenberg, see daughter (Princess Victoria Eu-ie) and son (Prince Maurice) were present, as were Princess Alice of Albany and Prince Arthur of Connaught, who had come over for the day from Sandhurst, and was wearing the Windson International Control of the Sandhurst, and was wearing the Windson International Control of the Island of Andros. A heavy sea was breaking over the vessel, and there was thuch denger from the color of the survivors of the Charkieh, which was weeked off the Island of Andros. A heavy sea was breaking over the vessel, and there was thuch denger from the color of the survivors of the crew of the Charkieh, which was weeken.

der which the heroes had distinguished banke, of the 10th Hussars, was the first of the two officers to be introduced, Sir course for a boat to approach and to Arthur Bigge describing his bravery at Colesberg on January 5th, during a reconnaissance, when, with a small patrol, he was compelled to retire under a heavy wounded contains a course for a boat to approach that throw a rope, by which means all were saved. The Queen affixed the handsome badge to Lieutenant Lowry's breast, and with this the brief but inspiring and significant throw a rope, by which means all were saved. The Queen affixed the handsome badge to Lieutenant Lowry's breast, and with this the brief but inspiring and significant throw a rope, by which means all were saved. in the thigh, but, notwithstanding this fact, he rode back to the assistance of one of his men, whose pony was com-pletely exhausted. He made the man ing fire all the way, brought him safely The Queen expressed the ito camp. hope that he had completely recovered she had affixed the cross to his

that places Private Ward, of the 2nd Battalion King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry, among the heroes of the V. C. On June 26th he was with a picquet near Lindley, which was surrounded on three sides by 500 Boers. The two officers and all but six of the men were wounded, when Private Ward volunteered to carry a message to the signalling The Queen Personally Presents station in the rear, asking for reinforcements. His offer was at first refused, ments. His offer was at first refused, his commander pointing out the practical certainty of his being shot dead. He begged to be permitted, and consent was reluctantly given, and, though he

A Rain of Bullets. by a miracle he was unscathed. Even that was not enough for him, for, having delivered his message, he crossed the fire-swept zone to inform his officer that the dispatch was sent, and to resume his duties, but in doing this

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Lieutenant Arthur Cole Lowry, of Her Majesty's ship Empress of India, the Albert Medal of the Second Class has been bert Medal of the Second Class has been the ship's enter the ship and the ship an awarded. He took out the ship's cutter there was much danger from the rocks. He found the unfortunate men clinging or uniform.

It fell to Sir Arthur Bigge to bring orward the honored recipients, and, as see did so, he briefly recalled to Her dajesty's memory the circumstances undajesty's memory the circumstances undajesty the circumstances un Captain Sir John Mil-10th Hussers was the first nificant ceremony was at an end.

> "DEATH'S TWIN BROTHER." The Cause of Sleep and the Cure of Sleeplessness Freshly Discussed by English Doctors.

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New Capital

Description of City of Sian, Now lion souls. Headquarters of Dowager-Empress and Emperor.

Commandingly Situated and in Excellent Telegraphic Communication.

the Emperor of China have removed their lion of equal value which disappear he was severely wounded in the hand arm. But for his gallantry the most interesting and ancient of the lions of long-lost sovereigns. A comcities of China, says an exchange received petent authority has just completed by R. M. S. Empress of Japan. It is some investigations which, he declares, The Queen also conferred the Distinguished Service Order on two officers, one being an especially interesting reone being an especially interesting recognition of Australian loyalty. Lieut.- ling the same name, as Halgnan, Hsianfu, than 20,000,000 golden coins of the commander William Jarvie Colquboun.

sents a heterogeneous collection of Tibetans, Mongols and Tartars. The houses are
mostly built of wood, and in order to keep
out the "God of Fire" the southern gate of
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of war are turned out.

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fortune; for his wife in a fit of anger
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some thousands of their co-religionists within the city, and who had been thrown into prison. The high and strongly built walls of the city were, however, too strong or them, and they retired, after laying waste and burning the suburbs. The total population of Sian is estimated at a mil

GRAVEYARDS OF GOLD.

Where Some of England's Missing Mil lions Are Hidden.

If while walking along Fleet street a pedestrian should happen to find a lost sovereign he would probably be too full of his good luck to reflect that the Sian, whither the Dowager-Empress and coin was but one of about seven mil-

surrounded by a crenelated wall, built of bricks, and some 36 feet in height, and its total circuit is about nine miles. There is a gate in the face of each wall, and thence a wide street leads to the centre of the city, where the Yamen, or seat of government, is situated.

Here also is the site of the ancient palace of the Emperor of China. The populariance of the content of the conditions of the conditions of the conditions of the condition of the conditions of the conditio ace of the Emperor of China. The popula-tion occupies the entire enceinte, and pre-sents a heterogeneous collection of Tibet-ans, Mongols and Tartars. The houses are an type of the entire enceinte, and pre-sents a heterogeneous collection of Tibet-ans, Mongols and Tartars. The houses are at present absolutely useless. At a spot

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