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The pepper unit oil market in Northern New York State had an unusual boom last week, and the quartity of oil coming into market in Wayne County is three times larger than a week previously. The prices vary from \$2.85 to \$2.95 per pound. The advance in the market is due to several heavy orders from large essential oil importers in Berlin, Paris and London. Immense quantities of the oil have been consumed in Europe this year in the treatment of cases of cholera.

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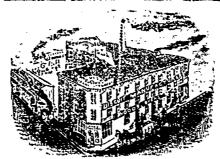
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