

**Prices Crawling Up.**

If any miller had been told last year at this time that he would have been offering a dollar and twelve cents in the Minneapolis market today for number one hard wheat, we are entirely certain he would have scoffed at the notion. And if he had been told that his patent on September 26th, 1888, would have sold readily at five dollars and eighty five cents at the mill door, long suffering would have made him widely skeptical. Yet these are the facts. Even the sad-eyed foreign brother is coming to time in a cautious way, and the situation has all the elements of abundant strength. There are those who make out that the world has all the wheat it can eat this year, but they are heavily in the minority. It is not perhaps so much whether the world has all the wheat it can eat as whether it is willing to eat the kind of wheat it can get, which is troubling the markets. It is all very well to say that the supply and demand are not very wide apart, taking the world over, but this is not a satisfying fact to a consuming public which has, for a number of years, had more than it wanted of the best of wheat. Consequently the bears look sick and the bulls are more than ever on the rampage.—*Northwestern Miller.*

**Tea Prospects Improving.**

Although no "boom" is expected in the tea trade, there are evidences that the worst features of the late depression have passed, and that a healthy trade may be relied upon from this out. That stocks in the country are generally light is now a well ascertained fact, and the opinion is gaining credence that the market has been unduly depressed. The fact having become known that the shipments from Japan this season to the United States and Canada are 5,000,000 pounds less than for the corresponding period last year, a more general enquiry has been experienced, and in some instances decidedly better figures have been obtained. There is a healthy demand for low priced Japan teas, sales of which have taken place at a good advance. A round lot of common old Japan which was offered in this market about ten days ago at 10 1/2c, was sold this week at 12 1/2c. This same parcel it is true cost 17c about two years ago, but that has nothing to do with the present improvement. Cable advices also report and advance in the lower grades in Japan. English advices also report a firmer market for black teas at gradually stiffening prices. Our jobbing houses report country orders increasing, and a more healthy trade generally is confidently looked for. And long may it last when it does set in.—*Montreal Trade Bulletin.*

**In Need of Exercise.**

Wife (ominously).—It must have been very late when you came in last night, John, for I didn't go to sleep until after 11 o'clock.  
 Husband (fearlessly).—It was half past eleven, my dear.  
 Wife.—And you kept muttering in your sleep. "Set 'em again," "set 'em up again."  
 Husband.—Yes, I was playing tennis with Brown. I need a little exercise of that sort.



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