

## A HINT TO THE WORKINGMAN.

The mechanic who is so ready to drop his tools at a moment's notice to carry out a strike had better look over the paper a bit for drought news. Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, and one or two other States are about burned up, and provisions will take a big jump before winter sets in.—*Detroit Free Press.*

—The estimated yield of California wine this year is 16,000,000 gallons. This is a million gallons less than last year's product, but that the wine will probably be of better quality. With improved knowledge of proper methods of manufacture the wines of California will soon take rank with the best in the world. "It is a matter of satisfaction to know," says the *New York Times*, "that as wine is a healthful and invigorating beverage, the use of which displaces more potent liquors and advances thereby the cause of true temperance, its ultimate cheapness will be assured."

—First Omaha Man—"I swindled the big railroad companies out of \$20 to-day." Second Omaha Man—"It doesn't seem possible." "Fact, though. I ordered a carload of goods and the freight came to \$20 more than the goods are worth." "Well?" "I made 'em keep the goods."—*Omaha World.*

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A BOY'S BUSINESS LETTER.

From the *Detroit Tribune*, Aug. 13.

A prominent Detroit business man received the following letter yesterday from his little son, who is visiting in the East:

DEAR PAPA,—I have a chance to buy a Goat. The Goat will cost \$2.50 and the harness will cost \$2.50. If I buy the Goat I shall not need a Pony until another year. Write right off. Say yes or no. If yes, send me check for \$5.

YOUR BOY ARTHUR.

—"Oh, mother, what do you think"? remarked the high-school girl, "our minister has an amanuensis." "You don't say," replied the old lady with much concern; "is he doctorin' for it?"—*Pittsburg Chronicle.*

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