Miscellaneous.

A Word to Smokers.

As fires, when they occur in winter, owing to high winds and other causes, are often very disastrous, we should take especial pains to guard against them. The means by which contagrations are kindled are manifold, yet we propose briefly to notice but one—the cigar and pipe. Both of these are indulged in extensively, and both are prominent sources of modern conflagration, Smoking, while it allays excitement and promotes case, teaches an individual to become and promotes case, teaches an individual to become careless to a criminal degree. The half-consumed cigar or smouldering pipe is cast aside without a moment's reflection upon the probable consequences of such an aci. Tobacco contains nitre, and like "touch weed," it may continue ignited for hours. Too many of our fires are traced to this cause, and if people will smoke, it is time that they were learning to be a little cautious and prudent. If a cigar, when carelessly thrown away, falls into a bundle of shavings, the first current of are may fan the smouldering spark into a flame, and if undiscovered, prove most disastrous. In the same way, a cigar may be dropped by the wayside or thrown into a field, and by a breeze be carried into a haystack or straw pile, and produce a fearful conflagration.

breeze be carried into a haystack or straw pile, and produce a fearful conflagration. A smoker should never lay his pipe away, or cast the stump of his cigar down, without being certain that the last spark has been extinguished. And he should not forget that the nitre contained in the tobacco is calculated to deceive his eye sight. The fire may be present and yet not apparent to the hasty observing eye. The inveterate smoker, too outen, is a licensed walking incendiary, and is nearly as much to be feared as the dark-hearted will in who annlies a needscu whiring incendiary, and is nearly as much to be feared as the dark-hearted villain who applies the burning torch to your barn, store, or dwelling house. He carries the dangerous element with him, and not a day passes that our property is not placed in jeopardy. He may kindle a fire when and where we least expect it, and when the conflagration rages hottest and fiercest, he can stand coolly by and hear his criminal earnlessman discussed as an excitent his criminal carelessness discussed as an accident. Surely we have had enough costly lessons to teach the smoker the importance of being more careful. We have enough causes for fires without adding to them that of tobacco.—Sportman's Oracle and Country Gentleman's Newspaper.

22 "If you ever think of marrying a widow," said an anxious parent to an heir, "select one whose first husband was hung; for that is the only way to prevent her from throwing his memory into your face, and making annoying comparisons." "Even that wont prevent it," exclaimed a crusty old bachelor, "she'll praise him by saying that hanging would be too good for you." be too good for you."

All ninkeeper lately complaining to a gentleman, that his house was greatly infested with rats, and that he would willingly give a considerable sum to get rid of them, was on the following morning thes accosted by a Frenchman, after he had received his bill, "I shall tell you vich vay you shall get rid of de rat." "I shall be much obliged to you if you can," replied the landlord. "Vell den, only charge de rat as you charge me, and I'l be hanged if de rat ever come to your house again."

RACING AT AGRICULTURAL FAIRS .- The California Farmer complains of the "meagre and pitiful" exhibition of agricultural products at their late State Fair. It says—"The race for supremacy in the minds of the Directors of the Society has been won at the stock grounds by the fast horses; they have eaten up all the fodder, and the inducement to our cultivators is not sufficient to secure their interests or labour in behalf of the Society."

WORLD'S FAIR FOR 1867 .- Preparations for the Paris World's Fair for 1867.—Preparations for the Paris exhibition of 1867 are going on. The park which is to surround the central building is to be laid out in the English style and will contain an international theatre, and a lawn where the games of all nations will be played. There will also be a lecture room, with a laboratory, for the use of any foreign savant who may have a new theory to propose. The exterior circle of the park will contain the agricultural exhibition, with model farms, domestic animals, and exhibitions of horticulture and pisciculture. There are to be twenty entrances, and it is proposed to are to be twenty entrances, and it is proposed to establish a communication by railway between the different parts. The hydraulic machines will be upon the banks of the Seine.

How to June: the Weather by the Sky.—The colours of the say at different times afford wonderfully good guidance. Not only does a rosy sunset presage fair weather, but there are other tints which speak with elearness and accuracy. A bright yellow in the

evening indicates wind; a pale yellow wet: a noutral gray colour constitutes a favourable sign in the evening—an unfavourable one in the morning. The clouds are full of meaning in themselves. If they are soft, undefined and feathery, the weather will be fine; if the edges are hard, sharp and definite, it will be foul. Generally speaking, any deep, unusual lines betoken wind and rain, while the more quiet and delicate tints bespeak fair weather. Simple as these maxims are, the British Board of Trade has thought fit to publish them for the use of scafaring men.

Markets.

Toronto Markets.

"CANADA FARLER" Office, Dec. 15, 1865

We have to report a dull and declining market. In the absence f grain, quetations are almost nominal.

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Flour—market nomi. al., no demand, and few transactions.

Falt Wheat dull at \$1.20 to \$1.30, according to quality.

String Wheat—Soles at \$1.00 to \$1.10

Birley dull at 60c to 70c per bushe!

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Equi—market steady, with fair supply; selling at from 15c to 18c

to packed; \$1.50 to 16c for rich.

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Hopt—the seed, dull, and selling at \$7.00 to \$3.00 per cut.; pork,

quiet; mess, \$21 to \$22 per br!; prance do., \$21 to \$22.

Hay—market steady, with fair supply; selling at from 15c to 18c

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Hay—market steady at from \$3.50 to \$1.00 per ton.

Live Stock—11.0 market is moderately active and prices are

tirm. The facults here given are off red by the butchers and dro
tors in this market per 100 the, dressed weights:—Cattle, 14 Class,

\$7. do 2nd class, \$6; do inferior, \$5.to \$5.0. Catres, \$5.to \$6.

Ambs, cach, \$2.50 to \$3.

Fin ir —Apples, farmers packed, \$1.50 to \$2.50, good shipping

barrels, \$2 to \$4.

Hamilton Markets,—Dec. 11.—Flour,—XXX, \$7.50;

harriel, \$2 to \$4.

**Bamilton Markets.—Dec. 11.—Four,—XXX, \$7 50; cstra, \$6 to \$6 50; finey, \$6; superfine, \$5 50. Corn mal, per 100 lbs., \$1 75 to \$2. Ostmal, per 100 lbs., \$2 75. Buckuheat Frour, per 100 lbs., \$3 50. Bran, per 100 lbs., \$2 75. Buckuheat Frour, per 100 lbs., \$3 50. Bran, per 100 lbs., \$4 to \$5. Lamb, per 100 lbs., \$2 to \$6. District, per 100 lbs., \$4 to \$5. Lamb, per 100 fbs., \$6 to \$6. District, per 100 lbs., \$6 to \$6. District, per 105. Co. Onions, per bushel, 50c. Applet, per box, \$1 to \$1 25. Butter, per 10. 20c. 10 to 12 2c. do in brikin, 13c to 20c. Fogs, per doc, 25c. Lard, per 10. 20c. May, per ton, \$10 to \$12. Strang, per ton, \$1 to \$3. Talloc, rough, per 10, \$10 to \$12. Strang, per ton, \$1 to \$5. Talloc, rough, per 10, \$10 to \$12. Strang, per ton, \$1 to \$5. Talloc, rough, per 10, \$10 to \$12. Strang, per ton, \$1 to \$5. Talloc, rough, per 10, \$10 to \$10. Shepskin, \$1 50 cach.—Spectator.

Landau Markets. Dec. 11.—Vers little off ring today.

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Loudons Markets., Dec 11.—Very little off ring to-day, and 1 reest generally heavy at quotations. Fall Wheat—superior §1 to §1 05; ordinary samples §1 12 to §1 20; good to extra §1 30 to §1 40 8; Noring Wheat §1 05 to §1 03. Barley—bright mailing. 55c. Prax—Sound white 50c. Oats 25c to 30c. Corn 62/4c to 70c. Huckucheat 40c to 45c. Flax seat §1 50 to §1 75 per 60 lbs. Butter—prime chiry 20c; No. 1 store 16c to 15c; fresh, by the basket, 20c. Dressel hogs §6 66 to §7 50 per 100 lbs. Skins—Green holes §5, alf, day, 15c; sheepkins, fresh, 87½ to §1 50. Wood, pulled, 19c 10, 40c. Tallow at 7c; rendered 10c. Hay, per ton, §7 to §10. Strane, per 10ad, §2 50 to \$3.50. Pass \$2 to \$3 per 1oad. Potatoes, by the toad, 30c to 40s. Carrots, by the load, 15c to 16c per bushet. Turnips 10c to 15c per bushet.—Free Press.

LONDON LIVE STOCK MARKET.—The great rush of American cattle dealers is somewhat subsiding in this district, owing to the growing evenness between the Canada and New York markets On Saturday Durham mitch cows were held at from \$30 to \$40, while for cows and beifers of the ordinary species, prices from \$25 to \$27 were asked and obtained.—Free Press.

Galt Markets, Dec. 11.—Flour, per 100 lbs, \$3 to \$3 75 Fall Wheat, per bushel, \$1 30 to \$1 45. Spring Wheat, per bushel, \$1 30 to \$1 45. Spring Wheat, per bushel, \$1 to \$1 1232. Barley, per bushel, \$60 to 65c. Outs, per bushel, 50c to 63c. Flour, per bushel, 15c to 20c. Flour, per dozen, 15c to 20c. Flour, per bushel, 60c to 625c. Ref. per 100 lbs, \$6. Pork, per 100 lbs, \$7 to \$8. Hides, per 100 lbs, \$5 to \$550. Culfishins, over 8 lbs, 8c. Lambshins, 75c to \$1. Potatoes, per bushel, 40c to 45c. Hay, per ton, \$8 to \$10. Apples, per bushel, 371/ct to 75c.—Reformer.

Onwego Markets. Dec. 11.—Flour-Market dull, but unchanged; sales at \$5.50 for brands from No. 1 spring; \$10 from red winter. \$11 to \$11 25 from white; and \$12 for double extra from prime white wheat. Gram-Wheat continues quiet and we have no sales to report. Corn quiet. Rarky functive and nominal. Ryedull, Canada at 95c. MILL Freed-Norts are quoted at \$10, and shipetuils at \$22 to \$24 per ton. Corn meal—100 lbs. bolted at \$2 to \$2.10; do. unbolted at \$1.90 to \$2; 50 lbs. bolted in paper sacks \$10; do. in cloth da. \$1.15. Sale unchanged; floo isquoted at \$2.45 per tarrel; and 14 lb. sacks at 20c. Water-line=\$1.60 whotesale, \$1.70 rotal per barrel. Plaster quoted at \$1.30 per barrel.

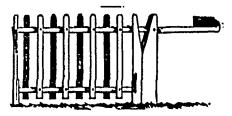
\$130 per barrel.

New York Markets, Dec. 11.—Cotton dull, 48c to 49c for middling. Flour—Recepts, 25,000 bibs; market dull and unsettled and 10c to 20c lower; \$7 to \$7 25 for superfine State; \$7 50 \$7 95 for extra State; \$8 to \$8 25 for cholco do; \$6 95 to \$7 30 for superfor Western; \$7 55 to \$8 for common to medium extra Western; and \$8 30 to \$8 60 for common to good shipping brands extra round-hoop Ohio. Canadian lour 10c to 20c lower; sites at \$7 85 to \$8 10 for common; and \$8 15 to \$11 for good to choico extra. Wheat—Receipts, none; market dull and 1ct 02 lower for common grades; good to extra choico amber Miwankee \$1 75 to \$1 50—an outsido price. Rys quiet; Stato at \$1 11. Corn—Receipts, 11,000 bushels; market dull and heavy; sales at \$30 to 92c for unsound; 93c to 94c for sound mixed Western. Odts dull and heavy, at 45c to 50c for unsound; and 57c to 60c for good. Park—lower; sales at \$23 50 to \$25 15 for mess, closing at \$23 75 for cash. Patroleum quite; 414 to 42c for crude, 67c to 68c for refined in bond, and 85c to 85c for do, free.

Latest Markets—Flour closed dull and unsettled, and 10c to

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