

trifling. Quotations remain unchanged from our last. The feeling in dressed hogs seems somewhat easier, owing to continued mild weather. As high as \$8 25 has been paid in the Chatham district by Montreal buyers, but that price could not be realized to-day. The hog crop in Canada seems equal to an average one, but weights are running light. Cheese continues firm, with holders asking 13c. for best goods. Butter, there has been some shipping demand, which has helped to clear the market, but there is no scarcity. Poultry.—Christmas demand being about over, prices are considerably easier. Dried Apples, none in market of consequence.

WINES AND LIQUORS.—We have no changes to note in our price list of 15th instant. Elsewhere is noted the remarkable importation of French champagnes into the United States last month, almost 40,000 cases. As to Bordeaux wines of 1882 their quality is weak, and the trade will not hear of them at the prices they are asked by the growers. The wines of 1882 in the Gironde are entirely without body, to such an extent that there is a fear about their keeping. The *phylloxera* continues to cause great trouble and damage to all interested in the vineyards and wine trade of France; but by submersion and by planting American vines, it is hoped that in five or ten years the former productiveness of the vineyards may be restored. As to brandies *La Revue des Vins et de Liqueurs* says, in its issue just received, that the production of brandy is necessarily much reduced, and as to new product "the white wines are of a bad quality, of an alcoholic degree so feeble that the brandy produced comes to a quite fantastic price, one quite above that of old brandies." 220 to 225 francs per hectolitre is demanded at Surgeres, and at Aigrefeuille 216 to 220 francs, "cash, naked, without discount," while it was possible to make large contracts five years ago at 210. The *Revue* continues: "In consequence of the great reduction in production of new brandies a change is being made in the trade. It is this, that the prices of the large houses, such as those of Messrs. Hennessy and Martell which formerly varied according to age and consequent quality of the deliveries, tend to levelling themselves since these houses have ceased buying new products, and that in consequence the quality which already before had a tendency to improvement is becoming more and more fine, prices are becoming levelled and may very possibly come to transform themselves into an unique quotation for the one, two and three stars."

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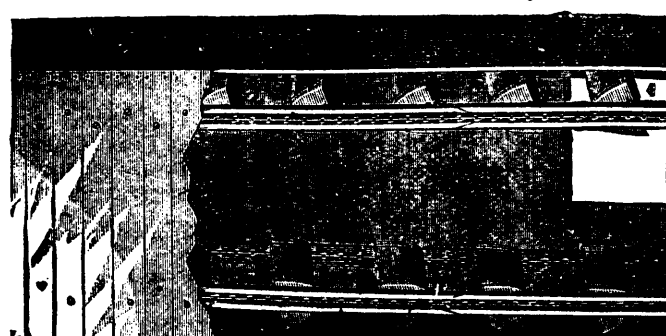
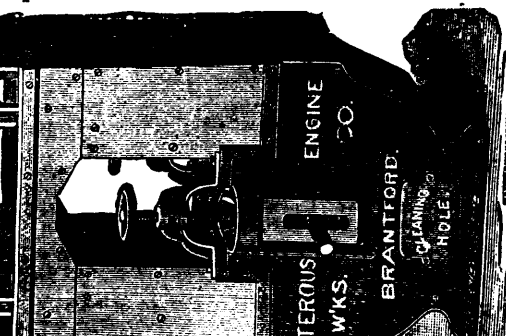
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