PATENT LARD LAMPS.

We have now in use one of the above-named articles, which we would strongly recommend to our readers, combining, as it does, simplicity, durability, and cheapness, both as to its cost and consumption of lard. The usual defects of lard lamps, the congealing of the lard, is, by a simple contrivance, completely removed. They are manufactured and sold in this City, by Mr. Alexander Forbes, 87, Victoria Street.

NOTICES OF BOOKS, &c.

SCIENTIFIC AGRICULTURE by M.M Rodgers, MD. Rochester. Erastus Darrow, Publisher.

The above Publication treats on a subject of great importance to the practical Agriculturist, and should, in the words of the Author, "secure, at least, an impartial examination;" which, when we inform our readers that it treats on the Elements of Chemistry, Geology, Botany, and Meteorology, as applied to Practical Agriculture, it will doubtless receive. It is written in a plain, practical style, and illustrated with numerous engravings.

IDLENESS.—The farmer should look upon every *idle man* with eyes of suspicion, whether he be *on* or *off* his farm; for, he may rely on it, his support *comes at last out of the ground.*

ECONOMY IN BUILDING MATERIALS.

Let us examine whether it would be economy for the farmers to use stone, brick, and iron almost exclusively in building. In most parts of the United States, buildings can be made of wood far cheaper than of any other material. I suppose that a barn built of wood, for instance, which would cost $300, might cost $1,000 if made, of stone, brick, and iron. The interest on the excess of cost, $700, at 7 per cent., is $49 per annum, a sum sufficient to build a new frame barn every six years.—Would it be economy to expend the $700 in building a barn of imperishable materials, notwithstanding it might "last a century," or even untold centuries? I fully believe that iron might might be economically used in some cases, for building in cities, but I doubt the economy of substituting it for wood, in farm buildings, in a country where wood is so cheap as it is in the United States. It is nevertheless true, that "farmers and others of this country, too frequently build for temporary use." It is still more true, that those do not study economy who, as is very often the case, "build themselves out of house and home." I fear that this would still more often be the case, if farmers generally undertook to folfow the advice of Mr. Cooke, and "discontinue the use of all kinds of lumber hitherto employed in the construction of houses." Much more might be said upon this subject.

THE HEDGEHOG—It has been ascertained that the most violent poisons have no effect on the hedgehog; and consequently the animal must be very useful in forests, etc. for destroying noxious reptiles.

MARKET PRICES.

		TORONTO, January 27.		MONTREAL, January 18.		NEW-YORK, January 20.				LIVERPOOL, January 12.			
		s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	St'g.	s.	d.	s. d.
Flour	196lbs	17	6	21	3	24	0	24	3	26	3	27	6	barrel.	26	6	27 0
Wheat	60lbs.	3	9	4	5					5	1	6	3	70lbs.	7	0	7 3
Oats	34lbs.	1	1	1	3					1	9	2	0	65lbs.	2	9	3 6
Rye	56lbs	3	0	3	4												
Barley	48lbs.	1	8	1	10					3	9	4	4	per qr.	36	0	38 0
Corn	156lbs													per qr.	28	0	30 0
Peas	60lbs.	1	6	1	10									per qr.	44	0	46 0
Pork, mess	barrel.					75	0			70	0	75	0				
" prime	"					41	3			65	0	67	6				
" fresh	160lbs	15	0	20	0	25	0	28	9								
Beef, mess	barrel.									57	6	62	6				
" fresh	100lbs	12	6	20	0	20	0	27	6								
Hams	1lb.	0	5	0	6					0	3½	0	5½				
Bacon	1lb.	0	4	0	5					0	4½	0	5½				
Cheese	1lb.					0	6	0	7½	0	4	0	4½				
Butter	1lb.	0	8	0	10	0	10	1	0	0	9	0	11	112lbs.	57	0	61 0
Potatos	bushel.	2	2	2	9	2	0	2	6								
Wood	cord.	10	0	12	0												
Pot Ashes	barrel.									34	4	35	0				
Hay	ton.	45	0	60	0												