

WHY WOOLLENS WEAR THIN.

A SCENE IN A GROCER'S STORE. Sir, I have just come round myself to tell you that you have absolutely spoiled a pair of blankets on me. I have! Yes, sir, you have! Surely you are mistaken, madam! I am not mistaken. I sent you a good strong soap to wash out some heavy things. In an innocence I used what you sent me, and the result is that my blankets are just the skeleton of what they were. They are ruined, sir, and it's your fault! Yes, but I sent what I usually send in such cases. What you usually send! No wonder Mrs. Moore, my neighbor, complains of her clothes wearing out; I send you usually send her the same soap. But, madam, I always give my customers what they ask for. Had you wanted a particular brand of soap you would have had it. Named a particular brand! How was I to know anything of brands? But I know better now, and I know what ruined my blankets—and my hands are in a nice plight, too! I can assure you, madam, that it is not my desire to sell anything that will be injurious to either the hands or clothing of my customers, and I shall be glad to know how you prove that what I sold you injured your blankets and your hands. Well, I was telling Mrs. Nellie my trouble, and she lent me a little cutting, and here it is. You can read it. Dr. Stevenson, M.D., Lecturer on Chemistry, Surgeon's Hall, Edinburgh, describes the destructive property of soda upon wool very graphically. After mentioning how strong alkali such as potash and soda, disastrously affect cotton, linen, and wool, he says: "On one occasion I employed this property of soda in a useful way. There was a large quantity of new blankets sent to one of our hospitals, which, when given out, were said by the patients to be not so warm as the old blankets were, and that led to an investigation as to whether the blankets were genuine or not. They looked well, and weighed properly, and I got a blanket sent to me for examination and analysis. We found soon that there was cotton mixed with

the wool, and the question was as to separating the two, because they were thoroughly woven throughout, and it was only by detaching the fine fibres from each other that you identified the cotton fibre. I fell on the device of using soda. I took a bit of blanket and put it in a vessel with soda, and boiled it there, and very quickly the wool got eaten away by the soda, and there was left behind the cotton—as a kind of skeleton—a sort of ghost—of the original blanket out of which it was taken. I mention this merely to indicate to you the pernicious effects of using caustic materials, which, when employed wrong by themselves, affect woolen articles in this way, and which, even when not very strong, will more slowly, but with equal certainty, tend to destroy the woolen fibre. Now, I want to tell you that we neighbors have had a talk over the matter, and we are not going to have our clothes and hands ruined in this way. Several of our neighbors who know have proved to us that Washing Soda, Potash, Chloride of Lime, and "soap substitutes" are most injurious to clothes and hands. "Free alkali" in soaps is practically the caustic soda that burns the clothes. Why, you dare not keep Caustic Soda in a tin canister; it must be in an earthen jar, or it will even corrode the tin! Now, it's for you to provide us with pure soap without free alkali, or we must find it elsewhere. Madam, you enlighten me! So many soaps are advertised as pure, that I really took little heed to any difference between them. I have one, however, that has medical certificates of its freedom from free alkali. It is guaranteed pure; and the makers offer \$5,000 reward to any one who can prove it is not pure, and further, I am authorized to return the purchase money to any one finding cause for complaint. Let me see it! Why, Sunlight Soap! It's a beautiful clean, fresh-looking soap, and this Octagon shape is very handy. Give me five bars. Note by the grocer.—This whole neighborhood is using Sunlight Soap now. I have no more complaint. I have no room in my store now for rancid caustic soap, but I have not the room for it. If the public are satisfied with common soaps, if the public ask for Sunlight Soap—Octagon bar—we give it them.

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FALLEN MAN. Ladies, you're not the only ones. If there is one vial of wrath that can't be kept bottled up it's the small boy of the family. One of these villains was at a neighbor's house one Monday, and explained to his hostess that "Ma never got a chance to read the Sunday papers until Monday sometimes." "Why, is she so busy that she has no time?" inquired the hostess. "I always try to have Sunday for my rest day and spend the afternoon reading my papers." "Oh, she ain't so busy Sundays," said the kid gravely, "it's pa. You can't get no papers from him all day long; he's jest a readin' the bargain counter advertisements. Ma says he reads every one, and it takes lots of time, it does." Possibly Monday he is tight in the rush line, screaming for those polka-dot shirts at 98 cents, or new ties at 37 cents, or the suit marked, "Take me home for \$10.69."—Louisville Times.

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HAD MADE HIS WILL Fully Instructed to Do, Had Arranged all his Earthly Affairs.

Death was Disappointed by the Happy Restoration to Health and Strength of Mr. Teeny. Sumner, Assa., Oct. 20.—(Special.) Mr. Louis Teeny of this place was so ill with inflammation of the Bowels and Kidneys that no one ever expected him to recover. All hope had been abandoned and Mr. Teeny had made his will, fully expecting that he would die.

In this extremely Mr. Cosgrave, Postmaster, thought of Dodd's Kidney Pills and immediately gave Mr. Teeny a dose. This treatment was continued at intervals with the result that in a very short time the man who was thought to be dying, was on his feet and going around as if nothing had happened.

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THE MARKET REPORTS. Lower Prices For Wheat and Live Stock.—The Great Question. Tuesday Evening, Oct. 21. Toronto St. Lawrence Market. Prices of grain were firmer on the street market here today, and the receipts were heavy. The receipts of wheat amounted to 4,200 bushels. Wheat sold at 70c to 72c higher at 60c to 70c, and 300 bush of oats at 25c to 26c higher at 15c to 16c. Hay—Prices were unchanged. Timothy sold at \$12 to \$13 per ton, and clover at \$12 to \$13 per ton. Straw—One load of wheat sold unchanged at \$12 per ton. Hogs—Market is steady, with prices unchanged at \$8 to \$8.25 per cwt. Toronto Live Stock. Trade at the Toronto Cattle Market today showed no improvement over last week, and the condition was much the same. The offerings were large, and there was a fairly heavy sprinkling of good cattle. The aggregate demand was lighter, however, and business was slow. The continued weakness in exporters has a depressing effect on the market, and the outside of the chief purchases are to fill up space already covered. A few choice steers can sell here at higher prices than \$5 per cwt, but \$3.25 per cwt. Prices are unchanged, except for export cows, which are lower at \$3.25 to \$4. Butchers' Cattle—There is no change in the situation, and prices are the same as at the close of last week. All the choice lots are in demand and are sure to find buyers, but common to good are inclined to drag. Feeders and Stockers—Trade is fairly active, although some of the buyers are preparing to take a rest. The season is drawing to a close and the demand is not so keen. Good steers are available yet, however, and the quotations are unchanged. Sheep and Lambs—Market is steady, but lambs are cheap, and prospects for the latter incline to lower prices. There is no change in quotations. Hogs—A decline of 1c per cwt took place and selects of 150 to 200 pounds natural weight are now selling at \$3.15 per cwt. Lights and fat sell at \$3.35, stores at \$3.75, sows at \$4.50 to \$5 and steps at \$2 to \$3.

East Buffalo Cattle Market. East Buffalo, Oct. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,000; steady; demand light; veals steady; top steady; common to good, \$3.50 to \$4.50; Hogs—Receipts, 5,100; good, \$7.50 to \$8.50; mixed, \$7.20 to \$7.50; top steady; common to good, \$6.50 to \$7.50; pigs, \$3.75 to \$4.75; roughs, \$2.50 to \$3.50; mixed, \$2.50 to \$3.50; green, \$4.75 to \$5.75; mixed, \$4.75 to \$5.75; and lambs—Receipts, 2,000; steady; top steady; common to good, \$3.25 to \$4.50; mixed, \$2.50 to \$3.50; roughs, \$2.25 to \$3.25; sheep, top mixed, \$3.50 to \$3.75; culls to good, \$1.75 to \$2.50.

Chicago Live Stock. Chicago, Oct. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000, including 4,000 westerns; good to prime steers, \$12.00 to \$14.00; common to medium, \$8.75 to \$10.00; stockers and feeders, \$7.25 to \$8.50; cows, \$1.40 to \$4.00; calves, \$2.25 to \$3.50; pigs, \$3.75 to \$4.50; mixed, \$2.25 to \$3.50; roughs, \$1.75 to \$2.50; sheep, top mixed, \$3.50 to \$3.75; culls to good, \$1.75 to \$2.50.

British Markets. London, Oct. 21.—Wheat, on passage, quiet and steady. Corn, on passage, quiet and steady. Wheat, English country market, quiet and steady; French, quiet, but steady. Paris, Oct. 21.—Wheat steady; October, 21.50; January, 21.50; April, 21.50; May, 21.50; June, 21.50; July, 21.50; August, 21.50; September, 21.50; October, 21.50; November, 21.50; December, 21.50.

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