HE CAN LIGHT HIS BREATH.

The Strange Case of William Jackson of Middlebury, Vt.

[From the Albany Journal.]

The strange case of William Jackson, whose breath is inflammable, excited a great deal of interest in medical and scientific circles a few years ago. At that time Mr. Jackson was a photographer in Fayetteville, N. Y. More recently he has been engaged in the same business in Middlebury, Vt. One evening at 10 o'clock he lighted a lamp with a match. Then with a breath of air he sought to "blow out the match." Instantly his breath took fire with a slight explosion. Jackson gasped with fright, and the flame of the combustible air entered his mouth and blistered his tongue. His lips and face also suffered, and his mustache, eyebrows and the hair above his eyebrows were singed to a marked degree. The man was at first badly frightened, and his wife, who was a witness to the occurrence, screamed with alarm.

After waiting an hour to see if there would be a repetition of the phenomenon, Jackson went to bed. The next morning he consulted his physician, Dr. T. E. Quinby, who recognized the case as a singular one, and engaged the writer of this article to report it for the medical journals. The truth of the report was at first questioned on all sides, but after the matter was thoroughly investigated it was admitted that such a case might possibly occur. Then in 1874 it was learned that a European medical journal had published a report of a similar phenomenon, and musty scientific tomes were searched and one item discovered that substantiated the present. Then Jackson discovered that he could reproduce the phenomenon almost at will, but as the experiment sometimes resulted in unpleasant burns, he would exhibit his peculiarity only on special occasions. At last medical men figured out a theory to explain the freak. They came to the conclusion that it was not the breath from Jackson's lungs, but the air belched from his stomach, that would take fire. The patient had never been a drinking man, so the gas was not rendered inflammable by the presence of alcoholic vapor, but for years he had suffered from a peculiar kind of dyspepsia.

Dr. William Manlius Smith, professor of chemistry in the Syracuse Medical College, after careful study concluded that food in Jackson's stomach underwent a butyric acid fermentation, one of the products of which was called "marsh gas," the "firedamp" of mines. Jackson understood a little about chemistry, and one day he and the writer went to an old, stagnant pond and collected a bottleful of "marsh gas." When lighted it exploded, and burned precisely as did Jackson's breath. The gas was collected by holding the bottle under the surface of the pond, stirring up the mud in the bottom of the pond, and catching in the bottle the bubbles of gas as they arose. Jackson is about 30 years old and a genuine Yankee. He is a bright humorist, and as genial a fellow as one ever had the pleasure of meeting. He has been a newspaper man, Indian fighter, photographer, and half a dozen other things. He is also an artist of no mean ability. His wife was formerly his school teacher.

POPULARITY OF HEARTS.

Pointers on a Game Which Bids Fair to Be All the Rage.

"Hearts," the little game that was introduced into high society a few years ago, is likely to become as much the rage, according to the New York *Sun*, as progressive euchre has been for a season or two past. The game seems to be all right, and fully as pleasant as the older one of euchre, not to speak of its being easier for a greenhorn to pick up. There were always one or two at a progressive euchre party who did not know the game, and hadn't more than begun to learn it when the bell rang for the last round. This greatly interfered with the celerity of play that was essential to make a progressive euchre party lively, and was a constant annoyance to good players. There will be no such trouble with hearts, for its rules are so simple that any one with any knowledge at all of cards can pick them up in a few minutes. At the same time there is room in the game for the exercise of the faculties of memory and judgment essential to a good whist player. The more one knows about it the better one plays, but to be able to play well enough to keep up with the procession and avoid delaying the game it is not essential to have expert knowledge.

There are four players in each game, but no partners, a fact that simplifies it greatly. The full pack of fifty-two cards (no joker) is dealt at once, and the cards rank from ace (high) to deuce (low). The deal is determined by throwing a card to each player, the lowest dealing. The player at the dealer's left leads, and the others play in rotation, following suit if they can, throwing away if they have none of the suit led. The highest card of the suit led takes the trick, and the winner of one trick leads for the next.

The object of each player is to avoid taking any trick that has a heart in it, and, of course, to compel someone else to take tricks into which hearts have been thrown. The result is a sort of reversal of whist, with hearts perpetually trumps. Of course the highest cards are the most dangerous, for they are most likely to take tricks, and the fewer tricks one takes the less chance of hearts. Hearts, also, are things despised, to be got rid of as rapidly as possible. It is a good thing, in a general way, to get rid of all cards of one suit early in the play, because then one can avoid having to follow suit, perhaps, and have a chance to throw away a heart, and in various other matters the rules and customs that have become instinct with whist players are reversed in hearts.

SLAUGHTERING BISON.

How the Shaggy Monsters Were Exterminated in the West.

As the Indians hunted them the race of bison would probably have lasted forever, writes Dr. Carver, but about 1866 the white meu turned their attention to the shaggy monsters of the plains. Large Eastern firms organized hunting parties and paid the shooter $2 50 for each bison where he lay dead on the plains. I then went to southern Nebraska and became a professional hunter. The bison consisted of two large divisions, the one living in the south and the other in the north. Their only common feeding ground was along the Republicam river and its branches in Nebraska. The Indians were well aware of that fact, and hostile tribes had many a fight for that territory. It was not until 1873 that the Government put an end to this by sending the Pawnees south and the Sioux to their northern reservation.

Like a herd of cattle the bison are always on the go, and are apt to walk out of rifle-range in a short time. In moving, however, they always have a leader, and the trick was to kill any one that started to lead the others. By thus killing the leaders we could often shoot for an hour from behind one clump of grass, and when they had moved from out of range the skinners would come up, cut the hide in the ordinary way for skinning tie the animal's head to a stake, hitch a team of horses to the hide and jerk it off. No one will ever know what immense numbers of bison were killed by these hide hunters, but to my certain knowledge 3,000,000 hides were shipped from the banks of the Frenchman river in one winter. At the close of that winter a man could go along the banks of the Frenchman for fifty miles by simply jumping from the carcass of one bison to another. Now a few old circus animals represent the great herds.

A dairy school has been established in Wisconsin, a State which has long taken a leading part in the production of cheese, butter and eggs. This is the first school of the kind in the country.

COMMERCIAL.

SACRAMENTO MARKET.

SACRAMENTO, December 27th.

FRUIT—Lemons—Sicily, $6 50@7 50 ₱ box; California, $3@5; Limes, $5@6 ₱ box, 75c@$1 ₱ 100; Bananas, $3@3 50 ₱ bunch for Island; Cocoanuts, $6@7; Apples, $2@2 50 ₱ box; Cranberries, new crop, ₱ bbl, $14; Oranges, $3 50@4 ₱ box; Apples, Eastern, ₱ bbl, $5 50@6.

DRIED FRUITS—New crop Apples, sliced, 5@7c ₱ lb; evaporated, 9@10c; do quartered, 4@5c; Pears, peeled, 6@7c; Plums, pitted, 4@5c; Peaches, 8@10c; do, peeled, 12@15c; Prunes, German, 6@7c; French, 5@6c; French Prunes, evaporated, 8@9c; Blackberries, 12@14c; Figs, California, 4@5c; Apricots, 8@11c; Nectarines, 8@9c; California Figs, ₱ 20-lb bx, $1 25; per pound in sks, 5c; Smyrna Gvals, 14c; Flats, 14@15c; Tubs, 9@10c; Dates, Fard, 50-lb bxs, 9½@10c; Dates, Persian, 6@7c; Dates, Cartoons, 11@12c.

VEGETABLES—Onions, $1 10@1 25; Cabbage, 75@90c; Carrots, 50@60c ₱ 100 lbs; Turnips, new, 75c@$1 ₱ sack; bunch vegetables, 10c ₱ dozen; Parsnips, $1@1 50; Beets, 75c@$1; Horse Radish, 10@12c ₱ lb; Garlic, 2@c; Artichokes, 75c ₱ doz; Cauliflower, 75@90c; Celery, 60@70c ₱ dozen; Green Peppers, 8c ₱ lb; Potatoes, Early Rose, $1 25@1 35; Peerless, $1 25@1 40; Burbanks $2@2 10 ₱ ctl; Oregon Burbanks, $1 50@1 90; Nevada Snowflakes, $1 75@2 ₱ ctl; Spinach, 3c ₱ lb; Red Cabbage, 90c ₱ dozen; Sweet Potatoes, 90c@$1 ₱ lb; Winter Squash, 1@2c ₱ lb.

BEANS—Bayo, $3 50@3 75 ₱ 100 lbs; Lima, $4@4 50; Pink, $2 25@2 50; Pea, $2 25@2 40; Butter, $2 75@3; Small White, $2 25@2 50; Red, $2 50@3; Dry Green Peas, $2@3.

TABLE FRUIT—Assorted, 2½-lb cans, ₱ doz, $1 80; Peaches, $1 90@2 Bartlett Pears, $2; Plums, $1 50; Blackberries, $1 90; Gooseberries, $1 80; Strawberries, $2 55; Apricots, $1 50; Muscat Grapes, $1 50; Red Currants, $2 10; Cherries, $2 50.

BREADSTUFFS—Flour, $4 25 ₱ bbl; Oatmeal, 10-lb sack, 3¾c ₱ lb, $3 55 100-lb sack; Cornmeal; white, $2 ₱ 25-lb sacks, $2 15 ₱ 10-lb sacks; yellow, $2 ₱ 25-lb sacks, $2 15 in 10-lb sacks; Cracked Wheat, $2 50, 10-lb sacks; $2 50, 100-lb sacks; Hominy, $3 25, 10-lb sack; $3 05 ₱ 100 lbs; Graham, $2 30, 10-lb sacks; $2 10, 100 lb-sacks.

POULTRY—Dealers' prices: Live Turkeys, hens, 15@16c; gobblers, 11@15c; dressed, 18@20c; full-grown Chickens, $4 50@5 ₱ dozen; young Roosters, $4@5 ₱ dozen; broilers, $4 @5; tame Ducks, $5@6; Pekin, $6@7; Geese, $2@2 25 ₱ pair.

EGGS—California, 42½c; Eastern, 30@32c ₱ dozen.

MISCELLANEOUS—Seeds—Alfalfa, new crop, 9@10c; Timothy, Eastern, 6@7c ₱ lb; Pop Corn, Ear, 3@4c, Shelled, 4½ @ 5½c ₱ lb; Red Clover, 11@12½c ₱ lb; Red Top, 8@9c. Nuts—Chile Walnuts, new, 11@12c; California Walnuts, 9@10c; Almonds, new, 11@12½c; Peanuts, California, 6@7c; Eastern, 6@7c; Lard (California), cans, 8½@9; Eastern, 10¾@11c. Hides, salt, light, 5c; medium steers, 6c; heavy steers, 8c; heavy cows, 5c; dry, 9c. Tallow, 3½c.

MEATS—Beef, 5½@6c; Mutton, 7@8c; Lamb, 9c; Veal, 6@7c; Hogs, 4¾@5c; dressed Pork, 8c; Hams — Eastern, 14½c; California, 14c; Bacon—Light medium, 10½c; selected, 12c; extra light, 13½c; extra light boneless, 14½c.

DAIRY PRODUCTS — Butter—Valley, 14@16c ₱ lb; Fancy Petaluma, 18@20c ₱ lb; Eastern Creamery Fancy, 20 @ 22c; packed in firkins, choice, 12@14c; common, 8c. Cheese—California, 11@12c; Young America, 12@13c; Eastern Cream, 15@16c; Limburger, 16@18c; genuine Swiss, 29c; American Swiss, 21c; Martin's Cream, 17@18c.

HAY, GRAIN AND FEED—Oat Hay, $10@12 ₱ ton; Alfalfa do, $9@11 ₱ ton; Bran, $16 ₱ ton; Middlings, $18 ₱ ton; Barley, whole, paying 80c; rolled, $1 05. Wheat (choice milling, paying, $1 25@1 30 ₱ cwt; Rye, $1 15@1 25; Wild Oats, $1 25 ₱ 100 lbs; Tame Oats, $1 60@1 65; Corn, paying $1 10 ₱ cwt.

SAN FRANCISCO MARKET.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27th.

FLOUR—Net cash price for Family Extras, $4 20@4 35 ₱ bbl; Bakers' Extras, $4 05; Super fine, $2 80@3.

WHEAT—To-day is a holiday in England, and it might almost as well have been one here in grain circles for all the business that was transacted on 'Change this morning. Offerings were slim and the inquiry was equally light. The tone of the market was of weak character, with $1 28¾ ₱ ctl as the full quotable figure for standard Wheat.

BARLEY—Slow of movement and soft in price. Holders are not depressed, however, but look for improvement in the near future. We quote: No. 1 Feed, 77½c; choice, 80c: common grades, 75c; Brewing, 85@92½c for fair to good and 95c@$1 for choice.

OATS—Buyers still keep aloof, so that the market does not present any animation. We quote: Surprise, $1 35@1 37½; milling, $1 32½@1 35; choice feed, $1 30; No. 1, $1 25@1 27½; No. 2, $1 17½@1 20; lower grades, $1@1 10; Gray, $1 20@1 22½; Black, 95c@$1 15 ₱ ctl.

CORN—Trade is of slow order. Large Yellow, 95@97½c; Small Yellow, 97½c@$1; White, $1 05@1 10 ₱ ctl.

CRACKED CORN—Quotable at $22@23 ₱ ton.

CORNMEAL—Millers quote feed at $22@23 ₱ ton; fine kinds for the table, in large and small packages, 3@3½c ₱ lb.

OILCAKE MEAL—Quotable at $30 ₱ ton.

SEEDS—We quote: Mustard, Brown, $250@3 25; Yellow, $2@2 10 ₱ ctl; Canary, 3¾@4c; Hemp, 7c; Rape, $2 25@2 50; Timothy, 6c; Alfalfa, 8½c ₱ lb; Flax, $2@2 25 ₱ ctl.

MIDDLINGS—Receipts are of fair magnitude. Quotable at $17 50@18 50 ₱ ton.

HAY—We quote prices: Clover, $6@9; Wheat, ordinary grades, $9@11; choice, $12@13. Wheat and Oat, $9@13; Wild Oat, $7@10; Barley, $6@9; Alfalfa, $5@8 ₱ ton.

STRAW—Quotable at 45@60c ₱ bale.

HOPS—Nothing doing. Quotable at 7@10c ₱ lb.

BRAN—Steady at the old figures. Quotable at $12@12 50 ₱ ton.

RYE—Prices hold up well. Quotable at 97½c to $1 ₱ ctl.

BUCKWHEAT—A good article is worth $2 ₱ ctl.

GROUND BARLEY—Quotable at $19@20 ₱ ton.

POTATOES—Supplies are slightly increasing. We quote: Early Rose, $1 15@1 45; River Reds, $1@1 25; Peerless, —; Burbanks, $1 50@2; Sweet, $1@1 25 ₱ ctl for good to choice.

ONIONS — Moderate receipts keep values steady. Quotable at 90c@$1 10 ₱ ctl.

DRIED PEAS—We quote prices: Green, $2 25@2 50; Niles, $1 75@2; Blackeye, $2@2 25 ₱ ctl.

BEANS—We quote: Bayos, $2 90@3; Butter, $2@2 25; Pink, $2@2 10; Red, $3@3 25; Lima, $4 50@4 75; Pea, $1 95@2; Small White, $1 95@2 ₱ ctl.

VEGETABLES—No market to-day of consequence, supplies being small. We quote as follows: Mushrooms, 20@25c ₱ lb for common wild, and 85c for cultivated; Marrowfat Squash, $6@7 ₱ ton; Hubbard Squash, $12@13 ₱ ton; Turnips, 50@75c ₱ ctl; Beets, 60@75c ₱ sack; Carrots, feed, 40@50c; Parsnips, $1 ₱ ctl; Cabbage, 50@60c ₱ ctl; Garlic, 6@8c ₱ lb; Cauliflower, 50c@$1 ₱ dozen; Dry Peppers, nominal; Dry Okra, 17@20c ₱ lb.

FRUIT—Oranges receive fair share of attention. Choice Apples also meet with liberal patronage. We quote prices as follows: Eastern Apples, $5@5 50 ₱ bbl; Lady Apples, $1 50@1 75 ₱ box; Japanese Persimmons, 50@75c ₱ box; Apples, 50c@$1 for common, and $1 25@2 ₱ box for good to choice; Vacaville Oranges, $1 25@1 50 ₱ small box; Riverside Seedlings, $2 50@3; do, Navels, $4@5; Los Angeles seedlings, $2 @ 2 50; Los Angeles Navels, $3 @ 4; Mexican Oranges, $2 @ 3 ₱ box; Mandarin Oranges, 60c@$1 ₱ box; Mexican Limes, $4@5 ₱ box; Los Angeles Limes, —@— ₱ large box; Lemons, Sicily, $5 50@6 50; Malaga Lemons, $4@5; Riverside Lemons, $2@3 ₱ box; Los Angeles Lemons, $1 75@2 25; Bananas, 50c@$2 ₱ bunch; Pineapples, $3 50@4 50 ₱ dozen; Cranberries, $14@15 ₱ bbl.

DRIED FRUIT—We quote: Sun-dried Apples, 3½@4c ₱ lb for sliced and 3@4c for quartered; Apples, evaporated, 9@9½c; Apricots, 12@15c, for bleached; do, sun-dried, 8@10c; do, evaporated, 12@14c ₱ lb; Blackberries, 10@12½c; Figs, 4@5c for pressed, 2@3c for unpressed; Smyrna Figs, 12½@14c for layers and 7@8c for kegs; Grapes, 2½@3½; Nectarines, sun-dried, 5@6c; bleached do, 10@12c; Peaches, bleached, 12@15c; unbleached, 8@10c; do, evaporated, peeled, 22@25c ₱ lb; Pears, 3c for whole and 5@5½c for sliced, machine dried, 7@8c; Plums, 3½@5c for pitted and 1½@2½c for unpitted; German Prunes, in sacks, 3@4c; French Prunes, 4@6c in sacks, and 6@7c ₱ lb in boxes; Raisins, London Layers, $1 60@2 ₱ box, with 25c to 75c advance for fractions; common, 85c@$1 40 ₱ box.

HONEY—We quote: White Comb, 10@12c; Amber, 7@9c; white liquid, extracted, 5½@6c; Amber, colored and candied, 4½@5c ₱ lb.

BUTTER—A little more steadiness is noted in prices, but it is not expected that any noteworthy advance will occur. We quote: Fancy, 22@23c; good to choice, 15@20c; fair, 12@14c; store lots, 8@10; pickled roll, old, 13@15c; new, 17@19c; firkin, old, 12½@14c; new, 15@17c; Eastern, 10@14c ₱ lb.

CHEESE—Fair trade. Good to choice new, 11@12c; common grades, 7@10c; Eastern, ordinary to fine, 8@13c ₱ lb.

EGGS—Receipts continue light, but the demand is slackening now that Christmas is over, and there is prospect that stocks will accumulate, even though arrivals be small. From 40c to 45c per dozen is the quotable range.

POULTRY—Turkeys are cheaper and dealers are also shading on prices for Chickens. We quote: Live Turkeys—Gobblers, 16@18c; Hens, 16@18c; do, dressed, 19@21c ₱ lb. Roosters, $5@6 for old, $6@7 50 for young and $4 50@5 50 for Fryers; Broilers, small, $3 50@4 50, do, large, $5@6 50; Hens, $5 50@6 50; Ducks, $5@6 50 ₱ dozen; Geese, $1 50@2 ₱ pair; Pigeons, $1 50@2 ₱ dozen.

GAME—Prices keep uniform, the supply and demand about balancing. We quote as follows: Hare, $1 25 @ 1 50; Rabbits, $1 10 @ 1 25 ₱ dozen; Doves, 50@60c; Quail, $1@1 25; Mallards, $3 75 @ 4; Canvasbacks, $4 50 @ 6; Sprig, $3@3 25; Teal, $2@2 25; Widgeon, $2@2 25; small Ducks, $1 25@1 50; Gray Geese, $2 75@3; White Geese, $1@1 25; Honkers, $4@5; Brant, $1 50@2; English Snipe, $2 50@2 75; common Snipe, 75c ₱ dozen.

PROVISIONS—Eastern Hams, 14@14½c; California refrigerator-cured Hams, 13@13½c; Eastern Breakfast Bacon, 13½@14c; California bacon, heavy and medium, 9@9½c; do light medium, 9½@10c; do light, 11½@12c; do extra light, 13@13½c; do, clear sides, 9½@10c ₱ lb; Pork, extra prime, $16@16 50; do prime mess, $17@17 50; do, mess, $20@21; do, clear, $22@22 50; do, extra clear, $22 50@23 ₱ bbl; Pigs' Feet, $12@12 50 ₱ bbl; Beef, mess, bbls, $8@8 50; do, hf bbls, $4 50@4 75; do, extra mess, bbls, $9 50@10; do, hf bbls, $5 50@5 75; do, family, $12@12 50 ₱ bbl; do, smoked, 11@11½c ₱ lb; Eastern Lard, tierces, 9@9½c; do, pails, 9½@10c; California Lard, tierces, 9@9½c; do, hf bbls, 9¾@10c; do, 10-lb tins, 9½c; do, 5-lb tins 9¾c; do, 10-lb pails, 9½c; do, 5-lb pails, 9¾c; do, 3-lb pails, 10c ₱ lb.

WOOL—We quote Spring:

Eastern Oregon—₱ lb.	
Poor	12@13
Good to choice	14@18
Valley Oregon	19@22

We quote fall:

Southern	8@11
Southern Lambs	8@11
Mountain, light and clean	11@12
Mountain, heavy	9@10
Humboldt and Mendocino	13@17

HIDES AND SKINS—Quotable as follows:

	Sound.	Culls.
Heavy Steers, 57 lbs up, ₱ lb	8@8½c	6 @— c
Medium steers, 46 to 56 lbs	6 @—	5 @—
Light, 40 to 45 lbs	4½@ 5	3½@4
Medium Cows, over 46 lbs	4½@ 5	3½@4
Light Cows, under 46 lbs	4½@ 5	3½@4
Kips, 17 to 30 lbs	4 @—	3 @3
Veal Skins, 10 to 17 lbs	4 @—	3 @3
Calf skins, 5 to 10 lbs	4 @—	3 @3½

Dairy Calf, 20@30c each; dry hides, usual selections, 9c; dry kips, do, 6c ₱ lb; Calf Skins, do, 6c; Cull Hides, Kip and Calf, 4c; Pelts, shearling, 10@20c each; do, short, 30@50c each; do, medium, 65@90c each; do, long wool, 90c@$1 25 each; Deer Skins, summer, 35@37c; do, good medium, 30@32½c ₱ lb; do, thin, 20c ₱ lb; Goat Skins, 40c apiece for prime and perfect, 20@35c for medium, 10@20c each for small.

FRESH MEATS — Following are rates for whole carcasses from slaughterers to dealers: Beef—First quality, 6½@7c; second quality, 6c; third quality, 5@5½c ₱ lb. Veal—Quotable at 5@6½c for large and 6@8c ₱ lb for small. Mutton—Quotable at 7@8c ₱ lb. Lamb—Quotable at 8@8c, Spring, 20c ₱ lb. Pork—Live Hogs, on foot, grain fed, medium 4¾ @ 5c; heavy, 4 @ 4¾c; light, 4½ @ 4¾c; dressed Hogs, 7@8c ₱ lb.

General Merchandise.

SAN FRANCISCO, December 27, 1889.

BAGS—Calcutta Wheat Bags, 6⅝@6¾c for spot; 7@7½c for June delivery; Wool Bags, 33@36c; Potato Gunnies, 18@20c.

BRICK—Soft, $6; Red, $8 50; Hard, $10 per thousand.

CANDLES—Eastern brands are quoted as follows: Acme Stearic Acid, 11c; Star, 13c; Adamantine, 8½c; Taper, 7c; Gross & Co.'s Adamantine, 14 oz., 12½c; Harkness' Patent Wax, 13c; Cornwall & Bros.' Adamantine, 12c for 14 oz. and 10½@11c for 12 oz.; Grant's Philadelphia made, 12½c; Merriam & Morgan's Paraffine Wax, 11½c; Werk's Stearic Acid, 17½@17¾c for 16 oz. and 15¾c for 14 oz.; Sperm, 25@28c.

CANNED GOODS — Oysters, $1@1 35 for 1 lb tins and $1 65@2 40 for 2 lb tins; Clams, $1 50@2 75; Lobsters, $2 10@3 25; Chickens and Turkeys, $3; Green Peas, $1 25@1 40; Corn, $1 10@1 40; String Beans, $1@1 20; Lima Beans, $1 20@1 30; Asparagus, $2@2 25; Tomatoes, 87½@90c ₱ dozen.

COAL—Foreign Steam Coals, $7 37@9 on the spot and $7 50@8 50 to arrive; Southfield Steam, $9; Wellington, $9; Puget Sound Coals, $7; Coos Bay, $6.

CHICORY—California, 5½@6c; German, 6¾c to 7c.

CIGARS—Jobbing rates for California made are as follows: Seed, $16@40; Seed and Havana, $40@75; Clear Havana, $60@125 ₱ M.

COFFEE—The situation to-day is well outlined in the following extract from the private circular of R Hochkoffer: "Last sales show the following quotations: 20½@21c for good Guatemala and Costa Rica, 18¾@19¾c for fair Guatemala and Costa Rica, 16@18c for medium Guatemala, 14@15½c for ordinary Guatemala, 11@13½c for inferior Guatemala and 19½c for good unwashed Salvador." The steamer San Jose, arrived on the 1st inst., brought the first parcel (262) bags of new Guatemala Coffee in the shell, which, reclean ed, gave a fair quality with a few black beans, and realized 19½c, reselling afterward at an advance. The stock in first hands is very much reduced, and consists of 509 bags Costa Rica, 8 Nicaragua, 7,446 Salvador and 843 Guatemala—in all 8,887 bags.

CORDAGE—The Tubbs Cordage Company turns out three styles, which are quotable as follows:

	New Process.	Duplex.	Manila.
1¼ inch	9c	10½c	14c
12 thread	9½	11	11½
6 and 9 thread	10	11½	15
Bale rope	...	10½	14

Other descriptions of Manila are quoted as follows: Whale Line, Hawser-laid Rope for well boring, Sand Pump Lines, 16c; Clothes Lines in hanks, 16½c; Sash Cord, 16c¾; Lanyard and Tarred Rope, 13¾c; Lath Yarn, 13¾c; Hop Twine, in balls, tarred, 14c; Grapevine Twine, 14½c in coils and 14½c in balls; Spring Twine, 17c; Binder Twine, 650 feet to the lb, 16c.

DESICCATED COCOANUT—Schepp's (Eastern) is quoted as follows: 1-lb papers (in cake boxes, 15 lbs), 30c; 1-lb papers (in bread boxes, 30 lbs), 30c; 1-lb tin canisters (in wood case, 30 lbs), 31½c, 1-lb pails (in wood case, 30 lbs), 32½c ₱ lb. Pioneer (California) is quoted at 25c ₱ lb in tins, and 22c in papers.

DRUGS—We quote: Bi-Carb Soda, 2¾@3½c; Caustic Soda, 3½@4c; Sal Soda, $1 10@1 15 for Pacific and $1 25@1 30 for English; Soda Ash, $1 70@2. California Crystals, 33@34c for refined and 34@35c ₱ lb for powdered.

DRY GOODS—Prints are generally jobbing at 4½@7c; Ginghams and suitings, 7@12c; Lawns, 8½@12½c; Brown Cottons, 4¼@9c; Bleached Cottons, 6@13½c; Brown Sheetings and Shirtings, 11½@25c.

FISH—Pacific Codfish, 5½c ₱ lb in 50-lb bdls, 6c for selected in 100-lb cases, and 7c for boneless; Canned Salmon, $1 55½ to $1 60 for Oregon free on board in river; $1 45 to $1 50 for Sacramento river; $1 45@1 50 for British Columbia; Alaska, $1 25@1 30 free on board here.

LEATHER—Sole, 25@28c for good heavy, 20@23c for good medium and light; Buff, 10@12c ₱ foot; Side, 9½@10½c ₱ foot; Calf Skins, 30@40c ₱ lb; Kip Skins, $25@40 ₱ dozen; Harness Leather, 27@30c ₱ lb for heavy and 24@25c for No. 2.

LUMBER—Cargo lots of Pine or Fir at mill ports are quoted as follows: Rough Merchantable, 40 feet and under, $10; above 40 feet and up to 80 feet, $11@14; above 80 feet, $18@25; dressed tongued and grooved, $18; Shingles, $2 25; Laths, 4 feet, $2.

MATCHES—Eastern Parlor, $1 60; local percussion, 30@35c per gross.

MALT LIQUORS—Tennent's Ale, $3 50@4; Tennent's Stout, $3 25@3 50; Guinness' Stout, $3 25@4; Falk's Milwaukee Beer, $16 50 ₱ cask for qts and $17 for pints; Conrad Seipp Brewing Company's Milwaukee Lager, $15 50 per 6 dozen quarts, and $16 per 6 dozen pints.

METALS—Pig Iron, $28@35 to arrive and $27 50@36 for spot lots.

NAILS—200-keg lots, $3 20; smaller quantities, $3 35.

OIL—China Nut, 85@88c; Cocoanut, 40c in bbls and 50c in cases; California Linseed, 67½c for raw and 70c for boiled.

PAINTS—Pacific Rubber mixed, all house colors, $1 25@1 50; wagon colors, $1 70@3 35.

QUICKSILVER—$18@48 50.

RICE—Mixed China, $4 42½@4 45; No. 1 do, $4 80@5 10; extra No. 1, $5 40@5 60 ₱ two mats; Hawaiian, 4½@4⅝c ₱ lb.

RUBBER GOODS—The net prices for three-ply and four-ply Rubber Hose are 7@19c for ½ inch, 7@23c for ¾ inch, 16@31c for 1 inch, 20@39c for 1¼ inch, 24@47c for 1½ inch, 32@62½c for 2 inch, and 40c@$1 for 2 inch; Suction Hose, 37@50c for 1 inch, 56@82½c for 1½ inch, and 75c@$1 50 for 2 inch; Steam Fire Engine Hose, 80c@$1 25. These are the prices of the Gutta Percha and Rubber Manufacturing Company.

SALT—$16@25 will cover all brands of English factory made.

SOAP—Pale and Chemical Olive, 4½@6c; fancy kinds, 7@8c; Castile, 7@7½c for brown and 12@13c for white.

SPICES—Sago and Tapioca, 4⅛@4¼; Citron, 25c; Ginger, 13@14½c.

STARCH—All kinds may be quoted at 6½@8½c in bxs.

SUGAR—Jobbing rates are as follows: Cube, Crushed, Fine Crushed and Powdered, 7¼c; Extra Powdered, 7½c; Dry Granulated, 7c; Confectioners' Circle A, 6⅞c; White Extra C, 5⅞c; Extra C, 5½; Golden C, 5¼c.

SYRUP—Bbls, 15½@20c; hf-bbls, 18@22½c; kegs, 23@27½c; tins, 33@37½c.

TEA—Good medium grades of Japan are jobbing at 30@35c.

TOBACCO—Plug, 28@85c; Smoking, 35c to 75c ₱ lb; Fine Cut Chewing, in foils and pails, $6 25@9.

WHISKY—We quote: High-proof, $1 75 to $2, and low-proof, $2@2 50; various brands of Bourbon, $2 25@5 50 ₱ gallon, according to age.

WINE—French Claret, $62@66 ₱ cask; Champagne, $16@32 ₱ basket; California bulk descriptions are quoted as follows: Angelica, $1 05@1 25; Claret, 50@75c; Port, $1@3 50; Sherry, $1 15@1 25; White, 45c@$1 50 ₱ gal.

WOODENWARE—The Pacific Woodenware and Cooperage Company's price list quotes 3 hoop Painted Pails at $3; varnished do, black hoop, $3 25; varnished do, galvanized hoop, $3 75; white do, galvanized hoop, $3 75@5, and brass bound do, $7 50@9 per dozen.

YEAST POWDERS—Standard brands of full weight, 16-ounce cans, $4 50 per dozen and other sized cans in proportion.

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MORNING SESSION.

Ophir	3 90	Caledonia	15@20c
Mexican	2 80	S. Hill	40c
G. & C.	1 65@1 60	Challenge	1 50
B. & B.	2 80	Occidental	80c
C. C. Va	5 00@5½	Lady Wash	35c
Savage	1 75	Andes	65c
Chollar	2 65@2 60	W. Comstock	15c
Point	1 90@1 85	Prize	65c
Potosi	2 05	Navajo	30@35c
H & N	2 80@2 75	B. Isle	10@25c
Jacket	2 20	Mt. Diablo	1 50
Imperial	35c	N. Belle Isle	1 05@1 10
Kentuck	50c	Queen	1 00
Alta	1 15@1 55	Atlantic	5c
Belcher	2 20@2 15	Com'wealth	2 95
Confidence	4 45	N. Com'wealth	75c
S. Nev	2 20	Delmonte	80c
Alpha	1 15	Bodie	70@75c
Utah	70c	Bulwer	25c
Bullion	40c	Dudley	5@10c
Exchequer	30@35c	Peer	15c
Seg. Belcher	1 20	Crocker	30c
Overman	80c	Peerless	30@35c
Justice	1 50	Weldon	15@20c
Union	2 45@2 50	Locomotive	5@10c
Julia	35@40c		

AFTERNOON SESSION.

S. Nevada	2 10@2 15	Queen	1 10
Utah	70c	Com'wealth	2 95
Choliar	2 60	N. Com'wealth	80c
Bullion	35@40c	Bodie	70c
Exchequer	35c	Mono	50c
Seg. Belcher	1 15	Bulwer	20c
Overman	75@80c	Peer	15c
Justice	1 50	Crocker	30c
Union	2 40@2 35	Peerless	30c
Alta	1 40	Opair	3 75@3 70
Julia	30@35c	Mexican	2 70
Caledonia	15@21c	G. & C.	1 55
Choliar	2 60	B. & B.	2 75
Challenge	1 30	C. C. Va	4 90@5 00
Occidental	80 75c	Savage	1 65@1 70
Andes	65c	Potosi	2 05
Benton	4 00	H. & N.	2 70
Con. N. Y.	15c	Point	1 80
W. Comstock	15c	Jacket	2 05
Belcher	2 00	Imperial	35c
Prize	65c	Kentuck	65c
Navajo	35c	Alpha	1 15
Belle Isle	10@15c	Confidence	3 75
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