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THE TRIBULATIO

OF

TIMOTHY TOMPKINS, ESQ.,

Who Relateth his Experience with

SEWING MACHINES.

I am not immaculate. I deny any particular sanctification. I possess all the passions of an unregenerate race. Though I am not especially anxious that my nature be changed, yet I would like to have the affairs of this life so far modified as not to call forth my atrocious characteristics, as circumstances last night did. But as I feel more calm this morning, I will chronicle the facts, as a terrible warning to those who have faith in the machinations of modern inventors.

My commiseration has been often excited in behalf of Mrs. Tompkins, at seeing her, from dawn to midnight, working with her needle, because, with a sort of male pride, she felt that nobody but herself was good enough to plan and execute in the preparation of raiment for our children. But a fortnight since, a sight at her care worn face suggested the brilliant idea, that after all, her caprice might be gratified, and that too without her having to perform the excessive physical labor which she was then enduring. That idea was to buy a Sewing Machine.

Now I flatter myself that a noble impulse suggested that idea, and I instinctively assumed the perpendicular before the mirror, that I might gaze upon the counterfeit presentment of a philanthropist. I thought I saw a serene benignity resting upon my side whiskers; I fancied that a noble charity beamed from my spectacles; while my auburn hair (some persons irreverently call it red) seemed to glow with the fervor of a Christian spirit engaged in noble works.

It was a foregone conclusion that I was to purchase a genuine shuttle sewing machine, with a sort of "hookem-snivy" attachment to make a lock stitch, "one of the old kind, brass mounted." But not a word to Mrs. Tompkins about it. I wanted her to be astonished and gladdened. I went the next morning to an establishment, where I saw sundry rewing machines; and I saw a beautiful female gifted with pleasing manners operate upon them. She had blue eyes, and winning crinoline; a musical voice, and a persuasive network about her hair; alluring teeth and expressive gaiters; an attractive form and an eloquent embroidered skirt; and the way she made cloth travel through that machine was a caution to fingers. The needle kept punching holes through the cloth like a juvenile crowbar, and faster than the chatter of a little nigger's teeth in an equinoxial storm, and each punch made a stitch measured with mechanical exactness, amidst a ricketty-ricketty whirl of the machinery that was highly suggestive to the uninitiated of the old maxim, "Mustn't meddle with edge tools." Then seeing what a state of enthusiasm I had reached, she put in some fancy touches, as a clincher. She made the seam into all sorts of curlikews, and finally capped the climax by sewing the Lord's Prayer, the Decla ation of Independence, my name in full, and a picture of Adam and Eve, in the Garden of Eden, and the Stars and Stripes, and all on a piece of cloth two inches square, at the same time putting on an embroidered margin to give it effect. This last dodge settled the matter. I paid the price, and gave directions where to send the machine.

When I presented it to Mrs. Tompkins, as I expected, she was astonished. And not only astonished but electrified, though she was afraid she would never be able to use it. However, after two or three days' practice and a close reading the directions, she got the hang of the contrivance, and in a week more had accomplished rewing enough to load a cart, and that, too, without any consumption of midnight oil.

But in the meantime Mrs. Tompkins had been preparing a surprise for me. She bought a book called "Every Man his own Tailor," which gave explicit directions to the unskilled how to cut out masculine toggery in accordance with the latest style, and guided by this book and a pair of my pants, Mrs. Tompkins slashed into a piece of cloth. She applied the sewing machine to the ruins, when, presto! a pair of pants greeted her vision. A few touches of slate-iron and press-board completed the structure, and that night I received the compliment of a pair of pantaloons, the triumph of Mrs. Tompkins' genius.

I wish everybody could have experienced my feelings when Mrs. T. gave me those pantaloons. I had enough upon which to pride myself in possessing her. I had revelled in her smiles, I had watched her motherly care and guidance of our little ones. I knew that in times of adversity her affection had been a tower of strength upon which I had leaned, that she had soothed my sorrows, smoothed my linen, and had ever been vigilant in caring for my morals and buttons. It was a happy moment when I bought that sewing machine that I might mollify the severity of her cares, and once more see the bloom upon her cheek. But doubly was I gratified when, with woman's remembrance of little acts of kindness, she had hastened to show her appreciation of the gift. To be sure, the pantaloons were a little tight in the knees, somewhat loose in the waist, a trifle long in the hips, and rather short in the legs, a little full before, and scant behind, and the pockets were not easily accessible (which, as Mrs. T. ingeniously suggested, make them proof against pick-pockets), but aside from these slight defects, they certainly were admirable pants.

But I come now to an episode in my sewing machine experience which borders on the tragic. And I briefly announce to the world that sewing machines are a mockery, a delusion and a snare. Fond hopes that my imagination had raised on high, like a proud banner on the battle field, flaunting before the enemy in the moment of expectant victory, have been stricken down! Farewell to the cherished belief that the signs of old age would keep aloof from Mrs. Tompkins' form and face, and she remain juvenescent, even when her age should be measured by scores of winters! All is gone!

Let me tell you how it happened. I am not gifted with gigantic powers of mind that would fit me to achieve wonders at the head of marshaled forces amid the din of arms; nor have I the classic dignity of bearing and rhetorical culture that would enable me to properly preside over the Board of Aldermen, were I a member of that body; but there are some things I can do, and if I excel in anything it is in things saltatory. I can dance. Let the inspiring notes of the violin greet my ear, and by a spontaneous impulse rheumatism is eliminated from this mortal frame, corns are no longer a source of corporeal tribulation, and my limbs commence to vibrate responsive to the cadences of the cat gut.

Of course then, these being the facts, when I was invited to attend with Mrs. Tompkins the annual ball of the John Smith Grenadiers, I accepted the invitation; and of course, too, it was decided that Mrs. Tompkins' latest achievement in masculine raiment was to honor the occasion. We did go, and we did dance. I did some big things in the Terpsichorean line, and several times, while executing these magnitudinous matters, I thought something was giving way in my exterior rigging; but as a superficial glance at my wardrobe disclosed nothing in the way of a laceration or fracture, I proceeded with my gymnastics with faith unshaken in the permanency of my clothing. At last the Lancers came on the programme. Now if there is anything in the saltatory vocabulary that I like better than anything else, it is the Lancers. There is something in the figures that is calculated to draw out whatever physical graces a person possesses. I flatter myself that I led off gayly and gracefully, and that the Lancers flattered itself that it was extremely fortunate in having me to exhibit its beauties, up to the time when the lady and opposite gentleman forward and salute each other, the latter by a bow. In this figure I *particularly* excel, and as I approached the lady I made a graceful, but low and even reverential obeisance.—But as my head reached the lowest point of etiquette, I felt an abrupt giving way in my nether rigging, accompanied by a sudden rough grating sound like unto a quartette of rip-saws travelling up my pantaloons with a speed portentous of a rapid dissolution of needlework. My legs suddenly felt relieved from all external restraint. I looked down upon the scene below with a sort of whirling sensation. Ye Gods! what a sight! Where was once a stunning pair of pantaloons, was now four strips of cloth dangling about my classic legs like black streamers from a pirate's masthead in a calm. I made one convulsive jump, landed sixteen feet distant by the door, knocking an elderly female under a sofa on the way, and in fifteen seconds was in a carriage on my way home, leaving Mrs. Tompkins to constitute a second load.

I stood before the mirror and contemplated the ruins. I had put my trust in sewing machines, and was deceived.—Henceforth, in despair, I turn my face against all modern improvements, and all such diabolical contrivances. I shall buy a horse and wagon, and never give countenance to a railroad car. I shall dig a well in my back yard, and with a windlass and bucket supply myself with the requisite fluids for family use, and cut off communication with Jones' Falls. Tallow candles shall displace the gas light of my domicile, and the spirit of Old Fogyism shall hold revel in my domain.

TIMOTHY TOMPKINS.

P. S.—Since writing the above, based upon further information and experience, I have see del from the despairing views there aken. Mrs. Tompkins was terribly chagrined at the misfortunes attending that pair of pants, and in her distress she went to her friend Mrs. Pipes, for womanly sympathy. But Mrs. Pipes told her that the whole trouble grew out of not having one of the right kind of sewing machines, that most were, as a matter of fact, traps in which the unwary were caught. She showed Mrs. Tompkins here—one of GROVER & BAKER'S, with their peculiar stitch—which she said was a sure preventive against any such calamity as I had experienced at the ball. According to her description, while the upper thread in the Grover & Baker machine went through the cloth, the lower thread started off, up the middle, down the outside, cast off right and left, went round the last stitch, dodged through the next, turned a summersault through two or three stitches at once, and got up a chaos in each particular one, but produced a seam mathematically exact, and perfectly smooth; and the stitch was so elastic that the seam would not rip.

Notwithstanding my terrible experience, I bought a Grover & Baker machine, at No. 181, BALTIMORE STREET, and Mrs. Tompkins applied it to the fragments of my late lamented pantaloons. In a few minutes they were restored to their pristine excellence, and for two evenings I put them to every conceivable test by jumping, dancing, bowing and kicking, and the integrity of every stitch has been demonstrated, amidst the most terrible temptation to burst asunder. T. T

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Monetary and Commercial Review.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 7, 1860.

Business of all descriptions has been excessively dull this week, and the feeling in commercial and financial circles has for some days past been gloomy in the extreme. Stocks here have fallen off very considerably, and in New York they have declined within the past few days from 2¾ to 5¾ per cent. Money has through the week been tight, although there has been a fair degree of currency for strictly first class paper at from 1 to 1½ per cent. per month. Rates are however tending upward, and were there any large amounts of paper offering on the street, they would doubtless advance. New York funds continue in demand and we quote them to-day at 2¼@2¾ per cent. premium.

The transactions at the Stock Board this week have been chiefly in Railroad Shares, although there has been a fair business done in other stocks. The sales of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad embrace some 1,800 shares, and of Northern Central do. there have been about 2,500 shares sold. Baltimore and Ohio opened at $58@58¼, but it dropped from these figures down to $52½, at which figure a lot of 50 shares was sold at the opening to-day. It however advanced again, and the closing sales to-day were made at $54¼@54, and it left off at $53¾ bid, $54¼ asked regular way, these figures being a decline of $5¼ to $6¾ on the closing quotations of last Friday. For Northern Central prices have been pretty well sustained this week. It opened at $16¾, and advanced to $17, at which figure it sold on yesterday and the day previous, but it declined to-day $1, sales of 200 shares being made at $16 cash. Of Canton Co. there were 450 shares sold to-day in the regular way at $15 cash, but we note sales to-day of 750 shares at $14⅞@14¾ cash, the closing sales being at the latter figure. A sale of 160 shares Baltimore City Passenger Railway was made to-day at the Board at $16¼ cash, which is the first public transaction that has taken place in this stock. The operations in Railroad bonds this week have been quite limited. The sales include $1,500 Northern Central 1885's at 57¾@57¼, but they closed to day at only 55 bid, 56½ asked; $2,500 Baltimore and Ohio 1880's at 81; $6,000 do. 1862's (the extra dividend bonds) at from 58 down to 57; and $3,000 Northwestern Virginia unendorsed third mortgage bonds at 25. Of City 6's there have been some $26,000 sold this week at 95¾@95⅝ for 1875's, and 97 down to 95⅜ for 1890's, 1875's closed to-day at 95½ bid, and 1890's at 95 bid, 95⅝ asked.

The transactions in Mining stocks this week include 200 shares Springfield at $2.15; 1,550 shares Gardner Hill at from $3 down to $2¾; 2,900 shares Guilford at from 50 down to 33 cts.; 100 shares Rudiesil at $1; 1,200 shares North State at 30 cts; 2,200 shares Cambridge at 35@20 cts.; 1,100 shares Consolidated at 30 cts.; 2,300 shares Silver Valley at 45@40 cts.; 200 shares Silver Hill at 35 cts., and 500 shares Deep River at 25 cts.

The foreign imports into Baltimore for the week ending on Thursday amount in value to $361,543, of which $288,583 were free, and $72,960 were duty paying goods, and the value of the foreign exports from Baltimore for the same period was $340,260, against only $45,059 for the previous week.

In New York to-day Virginia 6's declined 2 per cent.; Erie, New York Central, Rock Island, and Michigan Southern guaranteed $1¼ each; Michigan Southern $1¾; and Harlem ¾; but Cleveland and Toledo advanced ¾; and Galena and Chicago ¾. Missouri 6's declined at the first board 4¾ per cent., but advanced again at the second 1¾, and Reading declined at first board $1, and advanced again at second board ¾.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

FRIDAY, December 7, 1860.

$3700 Balt. 6's,	75—95¾	100 shs. City Passen-	
105 " "	86—95	ger RR.	—16¼
2970 " "	90—95¾	100 shs Canton Co.	—14⅞
2500 B. & O. R. R. bds.		650 " "	—14¾
	80—81	200 shs. Gardner Hill	
1000 " "	62—57¾	Mining Co.,	—2⅝
2000 " "	62—57	200 " "	60—2⅝
50 shs. B. & O. RR.	—52¾	1400 shs. Guilford M.	
25 " "	—53	Co.	—.40
50 " "	—54¾	800 " "	—.35
25 " "	—54	500 shs. Deep River	
200 shs. N. C. RR.	—16	Min. Co.	—.25

PRICES AND SALES OF STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

Through TELEGRAPH.

Through WILLIAM FISHER & SON, Stock and Bill Brokers. No. 22 South street.

	1st Board	2d Board.
Virginia 6's	93	93
Missouri 6's	61	62¾
Illinois Central bonds	60	60
Canton Company	60	60
Erie Railroad	24	23¾
New York Central Railroad	70	69¾
Reading Railroad	50	50¾
Panama Railroad	107	106
Cleveland and Toledo Railroad	20¾	60
Michigan Southern Railroad	10⅞	60
Cumberland Coal	60	60
Harlem Railroad	60	12¾
Galena and Chicago	60	58¾
Michigan Southern, guaranteed	23¾	60
Rock Island Railroad	47	60
	heavy.	dull.

The *Tribune*, of this morning, says:

The values in the Stock market continue to decline under the pressure of cash stock. The feeling was a very heavy one to-day, and the decline was general, from 1 to 4 per cent. There appeared to be no disposition to press the market, which falls fast enough from natural causes to satisfy the most exacting bear. The purchases, as far as can be ascertained, were mostly to cover short contracts. The commission houses are doing very little. They get few time orders, which continue to be very difficult to execute.

The specie movement to the South continues, although the advices from New Orleans to-day indicate that exchange has risen to ¾@1 per cent. discount gives more prospect that the drain in that direction may be checked. It is understood that the negotiations for aiding the Boston banks have been abandoned for the present.—Our banks are, however, refraining from drawing their Boston balances in specie, and are, in individual cases, extending other aid. The Boston papers state the banks are discounting with considerable freedom, and the money market is evidently easier there than here. In the open market in Wall street, leading paper is nominally 12@18 per cent., but the transactions below 15 per cent. are exceptional. The pressure of paper is not very great, but buyers are scarce. A portion of the dullness of paper is accounted for by the fact that the two great Trust Companies, the New York and the United States, do not appear in the market as buyers of paper. These two Companies have written off two millions five hundred thousand dollars of Bills Receivable; without replacing the amount. On demand money is 7 per cent. on good collaterals, and moderately abundant. The offerings at Banks to-morrow are large, the difficulty of passing paper in the open market, throwing the whole strain upon the Banks.

The Philadelphia *Ledger* of to-day says:

Instead of any improvement in business, in credit, and in confidence in the future, each and all seem daily more discouraging. What is to make the bank borrowers better able to pay their loans now, or in the future, than they were last week or last month? Credit is more shattered, the rate of money is higher, or rather, paper is held in less favor, stocks and all other prices are lower, and the cause of all this, the political disturbances at the South, look more like going beyond the first threat, than of falling short of its realization.

The money market continues in the same unsettled state that we have had occasion to notice for several days past. The demand on the street is on the increase, with no corresponding response on the part of capitalists—indeed, within a day or two, there is less disposition to lend on any terms; and although there is little doing, that little goes to higher rates—if the market can be said to have any rates. Occasional "call" loans are made at 8@9 per cent., and a few A No. 1 bills of short time are placed at rates ruling from 1 to 1½ per cent. a month.

REVIEW OF THE

BALTIMORE MARKETS

FOR THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 7.

ALCOHOL.—Alcohol continues to droop. Sales of 100 bbls. Western 95 per cent. were made early in the week at 28 cts in bond, we quote it to day at 36@37 cts. per gallon.

ASHES.—We quote Ashes nominal at $5.25 per 100 lbs. for both Pot and Pearl.

ALE AND PORTER.—We have no change to note in the rates for these articles, and we still quote Tennent's Ale at $1.75 for XX Scotch, and $2.50 for Pale India in pints, and Tennent's Brown Stout in pints at $1.60 per dozen.

BARK.—Quercitron Bark still ranges at from $18 to 22 per ton, according to quality. There is some demand for it for export, and we note sales this week of some 200 to 400 bags within the above range.

BREESWAX.—There are no sales of Beeswax making, but we still quote it at 34@35 cts. per lb.

BRIMSTONE.—Brimstone may be quoted at $60 per ton for crude Sicily, but there is very little here and we are not advised of any sales.

BREAD.—Bread is unchanged in price, and we still quote it at 4¼ cts. for Navy, 5 cts. for Pilot, and 6 cts. per lb. for Water Crackers, less the usual discount.

COFFEE.—There has been some movement this week in Coffee, but the transactions in it have not been large, the sales adding up about 3,400 bags. The market through the week has been heavy, and Coffee closes dull with a downward tendency. The sales include 1,300 bags damaged Rio, sold for account of the underwriters, on private terms; 300 bags do. at 11¾@12¼ cts., an invoice of 900 bags good do. at "Adelaide" at 13 cts., and 900 bags do. in lots at 13¾@14 cts. We quote Rio to-day at 11½@12¾ cts. for common, 13@14 cts. for fair to good, 14½ cts. for prime, Laguayra at 15@15 cts., and Java at 16¾@17¼ cts. per lb. We note the import this week of 4,290 bags Rio per bark "Cavalier," and of 185 bags Java Coffee via Rotterdam. The stock of Rio here to-day is about 24,000 bags.

COTTON.—The market has been more active this week but prices have declined ¼ cent a pound, with sales of about 800 bales ordinary to good middling Upland, Memphis and Gulf at from 7⅞ to 12¾ cts., cash and six months. We alter our quotations to correspond with the present condition of the market, viz:

GRADES.	UPLAND.	MEMPHIS AND GULF.
Ordinary	7 @ 8	7 @ 8
Good do	9 @10	9¾@10¾
Low Middling	10¾@11	11¾@12¾
Middling	11¾@11¾	11¾@12
Strict do	11¾@11¾	12 @12¾
Good do	12 @12¼	12¾@12¾
Middling Fair	12¾@12¾	13 @13¾

CANDLES.—There has been very little doing this week in Candles, but we have no change to note in the rates, and we still quote Adamantine at 17@22 cts., as in quality; Chemical Sperm at 28@30 cts.; Sperm at 37@40 cts., and patent Wax at 45 cts. per lb. Mould Candles are selling at 12¾ cts. for Western, and 14¾@16 cts. per lb. for Eastern.

CHEMICALS.—We quote Soda Ash as before at 2¾@2¾ cts. for 80 per cent., Sal Soda at $1.40@1.44, Bi-Carb. Soda at 3¾@3¾ cts., Bleaching Powders at 2¾ cts., and Caustic Soda at 5 cts. per lb.

COPPER.—Copper continues dull and heavy. Refined Ingots are held at 21¾ cts. cash, and 22 cts., 4 mos., but there are no sales making. We quote Sheathing as before at 27 cts. for Baltimore, and 26 cts. per lb. for English. Yellow Metal Baltimore, and 26 cts. per lb. for English.

COAL.—The cargo rates for Cumberland Coal are still as follows, viz: $3.15 for fine, $3.50 for run of mine, and $4.25 per ton for lump, delivered on board at Locust Point, but there is very little doing in it. Anthracite Coal is selling from the yards at $4.75@5 per ton of 2,240 lbs.

FEATHERS.—Feathers may be quoted at 45@50 cts. per lb. for good Southern and Western mixed. There are however very few in market, and we hear of no sales.

FISH.—Fish continue to arrive freely, but there is very little demand for them, and we hear of no sales this week. We quote Herrings nominal at $2 37½@3 for Halifax; $4@4.25 for Labrador; Alewives at $3.50@4; and Mackerel at $5.50@6 for medium No. 3's; $8 50@8.75 for large do.; $8.75@9 for medium No. 2's, and $14@15 per bbl. for No. 1. The supply of Fish here is greatly in excess of the demand. Codfish are still quoted at $4, and Hake at $2.75 per quintal.

FRUIT.—There is a good trade demand for Fruit, but we hear of no transactions of moment. Raisins are selling at the same figures as last week, viz: $2 30 for whole and $1.20 for half boxes bunch, $2 40 for whole, and $1.37½ for half boxes layer, and we quote Figs as before at 10@18 cts. as in quality, and Currants at 5¾@6 cts. per lb. Green Apples still range at from $1.50 to $2 per bbl., and we quote Dried do. at 3¾@4 cts., and Dried Peaches at 7¾@8 cts. for unpealed, and 11@12¾ cts. for pealed. We quote Cranberries as ranging from $10 to $11 per bbl. for Eastern.

FLOUR.—There has been very little done in Flour this week, and the market for it has throughout it been heavy as well as dull. The tendency of prices has through the week been downward, and Super and shipping brands of Extra have fallen off in price since the opening fully 25 cts. per bbl. The market for Flour of all descriptions closes dull and heavy. There have been sales of only 2,000 to 3,000 bbls. reported this week, but the exports have been very heavy. They are as follows, viz:

	bbls.		bbls.
To Liverpool	19,786	To Barbadoes	1,964
" Rio de Janeiro	3,241	" Demerara	900
" Rotterdam	216	" Port Mana, Ja.	445
" Halifax, N. S.	600	" St. Johns, P. R.	600
Total			27,755

HOWARD STREET FLOUR.—There has been no movement in this variety of Flour this week so far as we have heard. Super was held at the opening at $5.12½, but it has been offering for a day or two past at $5, without finding buyers, and we quote it to-day at $4.87½@$5 per bbl. Extra may be quoted nominal at $5.25@5.50 per bbl.

OHIO FLOUR.—There were sales in the early part of the week of 700 bbls. Ohio Super at $5, and 1,000 bbls Extra at $5.25, but we quote Super to day at $4.75@4.87½, the latter figure being asked for the best brands, and Extra dull and heavy at $5.12½@5.25 per bbl.

CITY MILLS FLOUR.—There has been very little done in City Mills Flour this week, the sales so far as we have heard, embracing only 500 bbls. Super at $4.75 per bbl. cash, at which figure it has been offering for the last day or two without finding buyers. We quote Extra to-day at $5.50@5.75 for standard, and $6 50@7.25 for fancy brands, but it is very dull at these figures.

FAMILY FLOUR.—Welch's Family Flour is still selling by the dray load at $9, but we quote Baltimore ground do. at $7.75 per bbl. for the best brands. Ohio and Howard Street Family can be readily had at $6@$6.25 per bbl.

RYE FLOUR.—Rye Flour is still selling at $4.25 per bbl., but there have been no transactions of moment in it this week so far as we have heard.

BUCKWHEAT FLOUR.—Buckwheat Flour ranges in price at from $1.50 to $2.25 per 100 lbs., and sales to a moderate extent are making within this range.

CORN MEAL.—Some sales of Baltimore Corn Meal have been made this week at $3.12½, which is a decline of 12½ cts. on last week's price, but we quote Brandywine do. as before at $3.25 per bbl. We note the export this week of 747 bbls. to the West Indies

The following are the inspections of Flour and Meal for the week ending December 6, 1860:

	Bbls.	Half Bbls.
Howard street	973	....
City Mills	6,178	125
Ohio	3,192	....
Family	1,669	....
Total Wheat Flour	18,012	15

Together with 173 bbls. Rye Flour, and 755 bbls. Corn Meal.

GRAIN.—The receipts of Grain this week exceed those of last, some 23,000 bushels, the offerings at the Corn Exchange of all varieties amounting to about 100,000 bushels against 77,000 bushels last week. The market during the early part of the week was more active than it was at any time during last week, and the feeling in it was tolerably firm, but within the last day or two the demand has slackened considerably, and the market closes dull and heavy. We note the export this week from this port of some 45,000 bushels Wheat, and about 37,000 bushels Corn to Liverpool, Eng.

WHEAT.—The receipts of Wheat have fallen off, the offerings this week amounting to only about 37,000 bushels, against 48,000 bushels last week. There was a fair inquiry for it early in the week, and the feeling in the market was quite strong, but for a day or two past it has been dull and quite heavy. Red sold early in the week at 100@118 cts. for ordinary to prime, and white at 109@120 cts. for common, 120@125 cts. for fair, 130@140 cts. for good to prime, and 140@145 cts. for fancy, but for the last day or two the outside price for red has been 115 cts., and white has been selling at 115@120 cts. for fair, 125@130 cts. for good, 135 cts. for prime, and 140 cts for choice parcels, and both red and white close dull and heavy.

RYE.—There have been about 2,000 bushels Rye received this week, and it has mostly been sold at from 68 to 75 cts. for Maryland, the closing sale being made at 70 cts. Pennsylvania was quoted early in the week at 75 cts., but it has been held for a day or two past at 80 cts. per bushel.

CORN.—Corn has been in better supply this week than last, the receipts amounting to about 47,000 bushels against only 20,000 bushels last week. The receipts have been chiefly of new Corn which is now in pretty good order for shipment. New has sold generally at from 50 to 58 cts. for both white and yellow, but old, which sold early in the week at 60@63 cts. for white, and 60@62 cts. for yellow, sold on yesterday at 58@60 cts. for white, and 60 cts. for yellow.

OATS.—There have been some 14,000 bushels Oats at market this week and they have mostly changed hands at from 28 to 33 cts. for Maryland, and 33@36 cts. for Pennsylvania, but we quote Maryland Oats as closing at 28@30 cts. for fair to good lots, and Pennsylvania do. at 32@34 cts. per bushel.

PEASE AND BEANS.—We quote black eyed Pease this week at 120@130 cts., and white Beans at 125@150 cts. per bushel.

SEEDS.—The market for Cloverseed has been dull and rather heavy this week. There has however been some inquiry for it and we note sales of about 700 bushels in lots at from $5 to $5.30, and we quote it as closing at these figures for fair to prime parcels. We quote Timothy Seed dull at $2@2.25, and Flaxseed dull at $1 25@1.40 per bushel.

OFFERINGS OF GRAIN AT THE CORN EXCHANGE.

This week....	Wheat bu. 36,700	Corn bu. 46,733	Rye bu. 219	Oats bu. 13,737
To this time...	2,523,209	2,572,813	86,551	936,574

GUANO.—There is very little doing in Guano, the season being over. We continue to quote the Agents price for Peruvian Guano at $60 per long ton, and that of dealers $61@62 according to quantity. Ichaboe Guano is held at $48 by the importer and $50 by dealers, Johnson's Island at $25@28, and Baker's and Jarvis Islands at $38@40. Native Guano of the Chesapeake and Island Guano at $40 per long ton; Mexican A A at $20@22 per ton, according to quality, Mexican A at $16, Sombrero at $28@30 per long ton, Navassa at $25 per long ton by importers, and $28 by dealers, and Columbian at $38@40 per long ton. Manipulated Guano sells at $47. Whitelock & Co's. (Rhodes' and Belberg's Super Phosphate of Lime, and Baugh's and Bowdoin's Phosphates sell at $45 per 2,240 lbs., and Maryland Company's Super Phosphate of Lime at $43. The imports this week are 2,320 tons Peruvian, and we note also the import of 386 tons Bone Ash from Buenos Ayers.

GUNNY BAGS.—Gunny Bags continue scarce and we quote them as before at 14 cts. for small, and 17@18 cts. each for large.

GINSENG.—There is no Ginseng selling, but we quote it nominal at 45@50 cts. per lb.

HAY AND STRAW.—The stock of Hay has been reduced considerably, and the supply here is now not large. Prime Timothy is active and firm at $14@15 per ton. Rye Straw is scarce and firm at $16, which is an advance, and we quote Wheat and Oat do. at $8@9 per ton.

HEMP.—There is nothing doing in Hemp, and in the absence of transactions, quotations for it are entirely nominal. The rates asked are as follows, viz: $150@165 per ton. for rough American; $210@215 for dressed do.; $195@200 per ton for Russia; and 6¾ cts. per lb. for Manilla. We quote Jute at $100@105 per ton, and Russia Yarns at 10¾@11 cts. per lb.

HIDES.—The market is still bare of foreign Hides City slaughtered Hides are selling at 8¾@9 cts., and wet Country slaughtered at 7@8 cts.

HOPS.—We quote Hops at 20@25 cts. for old, and 32@35 cts. per lb. for new, but there are very few selling.

IRON.—The Iron trade, like nearly every other branch of business, is seriously affected by the political and financial panic, and there are no sales making except to supply the immediate wants of manufacturers. The rates are however unchanged, and we quote Charcoal Iron as before at $27.50 for Baltimore Forge, $25 for Catoctin do., $30 for No. 1 Wheel, and from $32@34 for Foundry do., $22@23 for No. 2, and $21@22 for No. 3, but for large lots of Anthracite Iron, lower figures would be accepted. Scotch Pig may be quoted at $22 ex ship, and $23@24 from the yards, and we quote Bloom at $40@45 ex ship, and $60@62.50 per ton for best Charcoal. Bar Iron may be quoted at $55@60 per ton for common English rolled, $65@70 for refined do., and $60@65 for refined American do. Nails are still selling at $2.90@3 per 100 lbs for Cut 4d., and upwards, but the demand for them is quite limited.

INDIGO.—We still quote Indigo as follows, viz: at 135@170 cts. for Bengal; 95@145 cts. for Kurpah; 75@95 cts. for Madras; 35@50 cts. for common to fair Manilla; 60@115 cts. for good to prime do.; 100@110 cts. for Caracas; and 105@135 cts. per lb. for Guatemala.

LEATHER.—There is no demand existing, and the sales are confined to small lots. Prices are still nominally as follows: City slaughtered at 31@33 cts.; Country do. at 27@30 cts.; Rough Skirting 26@28 cts.; Spanish Sole 26@29 cts.; City harness Leather, black, 33@35 cts. Country do. 27@29 cts. Upper in rough Wilmington, 25@30 cts.; Calf Skins 55@68 cts. per lb., and finished do. 85@100 cts. per lb.

LUMBER.—We have no change to notice in the condition of the market this week. We continue to quote White Pine, according to quality, at $13@15 for Cullings; $25 for selects; $35 for common and panel; $12@15 for siding, and $15.50@16 for inland. Hemlock rails and scantling $10.50@11, joist $10@10.50. Hard wood continues dull. We quote Poplar plank at $16@19; boards $14@16; Ash plank $16@18, and Oak boards $15@18, according to quality.

MOLASSES.—There were sales made yesterday at auction of 20 hhds., 30 tierces, and 40 bbls. Cuba Molasses at from 16¾ to 22¾ cts., and 20 bbls. old crop New Orleans do. at 31¾@37¾ cts. per gallon, but we have heard of no other transactions in Molasses here this week. New crop New Orleans can be bought to arrive at 35@36 cts., but there is no disposition to take hold of it at these figures.

MAPLE SUGAR.—Maple is still quoted at 10¾@12¾ cts. per lb. for good to prime Dutch Ombro, but we hear of no sales being made.

MILL FEED.—We quote Mill Feed this week at 13@14 cts. for Brown Stuff, and 26@28 cts. per bushel for Middlings.

NAVAL STORES.—Spirits Turpentine has declined since our last fully 5 cts. per gallon. A lot of 200 bbls. was sold yesterday on private terms, but we quote it to-day at 35@36 cts. per gallon. Common Rosin may be quoted to day at $1.30@1.35, Pitch at $2, and Tar at $2.25 per bbl.

OILS.—Oils are very quiet, but the rates are unchanged, and we still quote Sperm at 145@150 cts. for fall, and 155@160 cts. for winter; crude Whale at 60@62 cts.; bleached Patent at 66@68 cts. Solar at 68@70 cts.; Sea Elephant at 70@75 cts.; and Lard at 85@98 cts. per gallon. linseed Oil is selling at 58 cts., and we quote Ethereal Oil at 44@46 cts., and Camphene at 45 cts. per gallon.

PROVISIONS.—Provisions continue dull, although there is more selling in them than there has been, but the market for all descriptions is very unsettled and prices have evidently a downward tendency. There is some new stock arriving, and it is being offered at a large decline on our former quotations, without finding purchasers to any extent.

BACON.—There is a fair consumptive demand for Bacon, but there is no speculative inquiry for it whatever. There have been sales this week, all in small lots, of 150 to 200 hhds. at from 9 down to 8¾ cts. for Shoulders, and 11¼ to 11 cts. for Sides, but a large lot could not be sold to day at anything near the figures last named. We note also a sale of 15 tierces Hams at 13 cts.

BULK MEAT.—There is some Bulk Meat arriving, but the market for it is very dull. A sale of 50,000 lbs. Sides was made early in the week, deliverable at any time during December, at 8¾ cts., but Bulk Meat on the spot has been offering for some days past at 7 cts. for Shoulders and 8¼ cts. for Sides without finding buyers, and we quote it as closing dull at this figure.

BEEF.—There is very little doing in Beef, but we quote Baltimore packed nominal at $11@12 for No. 1, and $13@14 per bbl. for Extra.

PORK.—Mess Pork has fallen off in price since last week 75 cts. to $1 per bbl. Sales were made early in the week of 100 bbls. at $17.75, but subsequently we heard of sales of 50 bbls. at $17 per bbl., and we quote it as closing at this figure.

LARD.—We note sales this week of some 300 tierces new Western Lard at 10¾@10¾ cts., and of 100 kegs old do. on private terms, and we quote Lard as closing to-day at 10¾@10¾ cts. for City and Western.

BUTTER.—There have been sales this week of some 2,000 kegs Glades Butter for export at an average of 13¾, and we note also some considerable transactions in Roll do. at 12¾@13 cts. for common, and 16@18 cts. for prime. Solid packed Western is selling slowly at 9@10 cts. and we quote City packed Butter for export at before at 12 cts. Glades ranges at from 13¾ to 16 cts., the latter figure being for prime. Eggs are scarce and firm at 21 cts. per dozen.

CHEESE.—There is a fair business doing in Cheese, and we quote it steady at 10@10¾ cts. for Western cutting, 11@11¾ cts. for Eastern do., 11@11¾ cts. for Western English Dairy, and 12¾@14 cts. for Eastern do.

PLASTER.—There is some little inquiry for Plaster, and we note sales this week of 100 to 150 tons at $3 per ton.

POTATOES.—Potatoes may be quoted this week as ranging from 50 to 60 cts. per bushel, the latter figure being for prime white Mercer, and we quote Onions at $1.50@1.62½ per bbl.

POWDER.—We have no change to note in the rates for Powder, and we still quote Hazard's, Dupont's and Beatty's at $3.25 for blasting, and $5 for sporting per keg of 25 lbs.

RICE.—There has been but little inquiry this week for Rice, and no sales of importance have been made so far as we have heard. We quote it as ranging from 3¾ to 4 cts. for fair to prime new crop. We note the receipt this week of 173 tierces from Charleston. The stock here is large.

RUM.—New England Rum is selling slowly at 33@34 cts., and we quote West India do. as ranging from 90 to 125 cts. per gallon.

SUGARS.—Sugars continue dull and very heavy.—There are no sales of importance have been made so far as wants, and the transactions this week amount in the aggregate to less than 75 hhds. Sales were made early in the week of 10 hhds. Cuba at $6, 10 hhds. Porto Rico at $6.75@7.25, and 10