NEW PUBLICATIONS.

BROCKHAUS' ENCYCLOPÆDIA.

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The present edition, begun in 1882, is the sixteenth. It is to be completed in sixteen large octavo volumes, seven of which are now on sale, and it is issued also in parts (fifteen to a volume); six of those belonging to Vol. VIII. are printed, the last article being "*Grossbritannien*." The Germans are not distinguished for beautiful typography, but this work is admirably printed, the letters being close, but unusually clear, the presswork careful, and the arrangement of the page, distribution of sub-titles, marks of division, cross-references, etc., perfectly distinct. Illustrations have been inserted abundantly, a valuable feature which the early editions lacked. Besides diagrams, plans and small pictures in the text, each volume contains a copious appendix of large woodcuts and maps, the latter printed on heavy cream-tinted paper. Among the topics which have been most liberally and successfully illustrated are the various titles in natural history, ethnography, anatomy, physics, architecture, sculpture, the mechanic arts, railroads, and machinery of various kinds. The anatomical plates are exquisitely printed in three colors. Still better are the delicately tinted maps, in which the draughtsman and printer between them have contrived to present a wealth of detail without obscurity.

The *Conversations-Lexikon* has never vied with the "Encyclopædia Britannica" in the elaboration of its larger articles, such as the scientific treatises and brilliant historical and biographical essays by acknowledged authorities, upon which the Edinburgh publication rests its best title to fame. It has attempted rather to include every title that an ordinary reader or student can reasonably look for, to put the accessible information respecting it into the most compact form, to give the latest information, and to arrange its matter so as to facilitate reference. In this endeavor it has been singularly successful. It includes biographies of the living, and it should be noticed that it pays considerable attention to this country in all the departments.

REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT.

By THOMAS D. INGRAM, M. D. Syd. Pp. 107. West Chester, Penn.: F. S. Hickman.

This essay is designed to illustrate the application of a method of direct voting as a remedy for the political evils of caucuses, conventions and conferences. The author contends that delegates, while theoretically representative of those who choose them, are practically able to disregard instructions, to barter away their votes for personal ends and to misrepresent their constituencies. He assumes that the delegates can be dispensed with and the instructions now given to them be placed on paper and accurately counted. He argues that every election can be decided in this way by the whole body of voters concerned at one direct election. His plan is to have each voter name not only his first choice among the candidates in the field, but provisionally such succeeding choices to which he would be willing to accede in order to reach concerted action with his fellows. In this way he considers it possible for the people of a free government to select their representatives to fill any official position whatsoever at one direct election by the whole number of electors concerned.

The author's system may be easily illustrated. The voters in a Congressional district are allowed to vote for four candidates as first, second, third and fourth choices. The tally-sheet shows voting returns from 10,000 voters. Of these 2,500 have named as their first choice Smith, 3,000 have favored Brown, 2,200 Jones, and 2,300 Robinson. A majority would be 5,001, and not one of the first choices has secured it. For second choice 4,000 have named Smith, 1,500 Brown, 500 Jones, and 200 Robinson. By adding together the first and second choices the following result is obtained: Smith, 6,500; Brown, 4,500; Jones, 2,700; and Robinson, 2,500. This gives Smith an actual majority. If the relative concurring support did not make up an actual majority, the third choices could be reckoned in; and so on until the willingness of some voters to yield to concurrent choice resulted in an actual majority. This fantastic method of conducting elections is a curious product of library reasoning, and while ingenious and supported by many excellent moral reflections, is about as practical in its results as the thirteen-fifteen puzzle.

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THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS OF PRODUCE

Per North River, Vessels and Railroads.

NEW-YORK, June 21, 1884.

Ashes, pkgs.	4	Grass seed, bbls.	121
Beans, bbls.	175	Grass seed, bags	170
Beans, bags	100	Hides, No.	7,271
B'wax, pkgs.	9	Hides, bales	4,505
Cotton, bales	199	Hides, bales	6
Cotton seed oil, bbls.	49	Hemp, bales	5
Cotton seed oil, hhds.	29	Lead, pigs	1,763
Copper, bbls.	2	Leather, sides	11,162
Eggs, pkgs.	2,550	Leather, cases	815
Flour, bbls.	17,754	Rosin, bbls.	3,571
Meal, bbls.	47	Oil, bbls.	50
Meal, bags	295	Oilcake, pkg.	3,425
Wheat, bush.	22,075	Oleo. stock, tcs.	3,012
Corn, bush.	59,550	Tobacco, hds.	12
Oats, bush.	149,600	Tobacco, pkgs.	158
Rye, bush.	3,800	Whiskey, bbls.	25
Malt, bush.	12,774	Wool, bales.	10
Oatmeal, bbls.	55	Cutmeats, pkgs.	2,439
Lard, tcs.	605		
Lard, kegs	170		
Butter, pkgs.	7,271		
Cheese, pkgs.	4,505		
Dbags, No.	6		
Rice, pkgs.	5		
Silk, pkgs.	630		
Spelter, pcs.	254		
Skins, bales.	14		
Starch, pkgs.	430		
Tallow, pkgs.	171		
Tea, pkgs.	3,012		
Tobacco, hds.	308		
Tobacco, pkgs.	72		
Whiskey, bbls.	672		
Wool, bales.	375		

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

NEW-YORK, June 21, 1884.

COFFEE—Spot Rio quiet and unchanged; fair, 10c.; 75 bags ex "Lorena" sold on private terms; options easier. Sales, 27,250 bags at 8.15@8.20 for July, 8.35 for August, 8.45@8.50 for September, 8.55 for October, 8.60 for November, and 8.65@8.70 December. Mild grades sold pretty freely at steady prices.

COTTON—Spot Cotton 1-16c. lower. Sales, 3,235 bales (1,841 last evening) including 3,000 for export and 185 for spinning. Delivered on contracts, 400 bales. Receipts at the ports to-day, 326 bales, against 329 this day last week, and 1,472 last year.

The quotations according to the American classification are as follows:

	Uplands.	New-Orleans and Texas.
Ordinary	9 1-16	9 5-16
Strict Ordinary	9¼	9¾
Good Ordinary	10 5-16	10 9-16
Strict Good Ordinary	10 11-16	10 15-16
Low Middling	10 15-16	11 5-16
Strict Low Middling	11⅛	11⅝
Middling	11 5-16	11 9-16
Good Middling	11 9-16	11 13-16
Strict Good Middling	11 13-16	12 1-16
Middling Fair	12 3-16	12 7-16
Fair	12 15-16	13 3-16

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Good Ordinary	$11 1-16	Low Middling	10 13-16
Strict Good Ordinary	10 9-16	Middling	10 13-16

Futures fairly active at a decline of 1 to 6 points. Sales, 158,000 bales. To-day's closing prices: June, 11.13@11.15; July, 11.14@11.16; August, 11.32@11.33; September, 11.12@11.13; October, 10.71@10.72; November, 10.55@10.57; December, 10.55@10.56; January, 10.64@10.65; February, 10.78@10.79; March, 10.90@10.92; April, 10.99@11. Market closing steady. Transferable notices, 11.15.

FLOUR AND MEAL—FLOUR—Market continues dull, and still strongly in buyers' favor. Export trading limited, and the jobbing business confined to small transactions for urgent wants. Sales, 10,000 bbls., of which 4,100 bbls. were for export, including 1,000 bbls. Mill Extra at $3; 600 bbls. Fine, $2.15@$2.70; for Spring, and $2.50@$2.85 for Winter Wheat; 900 bbls. Low Grade Extra, $3@$3.60, chiefly at $3.25@$3.40; 200 bbls. Superfine, $2.75@$2.90; for Spring, and $2.90@$3.15 for Winter Wheat; 1,200 bbls. Winter Wheat Extra, mainly within the range of $3.70@$4.50. Quotations: Fine, $2.15@$2.85; Superfine, $2.70@$3.15; latter an extreme; Common to Fair Extra State, $3.60@$3.80; Good to Fancy do., $3.65@$4.50; Common to Good Extra Western, $3.60@$3.75; Good to Choice, $3.80@$5.25; Common to Fair Extra Ohio $3.25@$4.00; Good, $4.05@$5.25; Good to Choice, $5.30@$6.00; Common Extra Minnesota, $3.10@$3.60; Clear, $4.00@$4.75; Rye Mixture, $4.00@$4.50; Straight, $4.80@$5.25; Patent, $5.10@$5.50. Southern Flour steady. Sales, 250 bbls. Common to Fair Extra, $3.25@$4.70. Fair to Good, $4.75@$5.25; Good to Very Choice, $5.30@$6.00; Patent Winter Wheat Extra, $5.00@$6.00. City Mill Extra for West Indies, $5.00@$5.05; South American, $5.15@$5.25. Market closing quiet and steady. Sales, 500 bbls. Common to Good Extra at $3.50@$4.65; Good to Choice $4.70@$6.25. .....RYE FLOUR quiet and steady. Sales, 5 bbls. Superfine, $3.60@$4, the latter for choice. CORN MEAL dull. Yellow Western at $3@$3.35; Brandywine $3.20@$3.45.

FOREIGN FRUITS—Quiet for Dried, and generally unchanged. Green in fair demand, and steady. Hay na. Fine apples per 1000, $10@$30; do. Bahama, $4@$5. Cocoanuts, $5@$40. Sicily Lemons, $3@$3.50. Oranges, $3.50@$4.50. West India, $6.50@$7.50. Layer Raisins, $2. Loose Muscatels, $2.10; Valencia, 7@8c.; Almonds, Tarragona, 15c.; Ivica, 12@13c.; Walnuts, 7@12c. Filberts, 9@9½c.; Dates, 3½@5c.; Sardines, halves, 13½@14½c.; do. quarters, 9½@10½c.

GRAIN—WHEAT—Market irregular and unsettled, opening a shade easier, then recovered and advanced ½@¾c. then lost most of the advance, and closed firm at ¼@¾c. under the latest figures. A moderate export business, a light inquiry for Milling trade, and fairly active transactions on speculative account. There has also been quite a trade in No. 2 Chicago to arrive, cost freight and insurance. Sales, 1,040,000 bush. future, 537,000 bush. spot and to arrive, including No. 2 Chicago to arrive, 134,000 bush.; 93½@93¾c. cost, freight and insurance. No. 2 Chicago, to arrive now on the canal, at 93½c., and for the 10th July at 93½c. Ungraded Winter Red, 70c.@$1.01. No. 3 Red, 95c. in elevator. No. 2 Red, $1.01½ delivered; from store, $1 for Mail Certificates in elevator. Ungraded White State, $1 for Mail Certificates in elevator. No. 2 Red, $1.12. No. 2 Red seller June nominal at 99½c.; No. 2 Red seller July, 99½@$1, closing 99½. No. 2 Red seller August, $1.01¼@1.02, closing $1.01⅜ do. seller September, $1.02⅝@$1.02⅞, closing $1.02⅞. do. seller October, $1.04@$1.02⅞, closing $1.04⅛. do. seller December, $1.07½@$1.07⅝, closing $1.07⅝.....RYE—Market very firm with a fair export demand. Western, 70@74½c.; Canada, 76@76½c.; State, 75@77c. Sales, 32,000 bush. No. 2 Western for export, cost, freight and insurance, on favorable terms. BARLEY—Dull and nominal. BARLEY MALT—Dull and nominal at 72c. for Two-Rowed State; 80@85c. for Six-Rowed do.; $1.00 for Canada.....CORN—Market unsettled and in lots have declined ½@¾c. and closed weak; options more so. Spot lower, subsequently recovered most of the decline and closed firm at a shade under the highest prices. A good export and moderate home trade business, and fair transactions on speculation. Sales, 1,000,000 bush. future, 108,000 bush. cash, including Ungraded Mixed, at 58@62½c. No. 2 Mixed, 57½@57¾c. Steamer Mixed, at 60½@61½c.; No. 2, 61½@61¾c. afloat. Old No. 2 62½c. afloat. Ungraded White, 62@63c. No. 2 White, 63½@63¾c. closing 61¾@62c. do. closing 61¾c. do. seller July, 62½@62¾c. closing 62½c. do. closing 62½c. do. seller August, 63¼@63½c. closing 63½c. do. seller September, 64½@64¾c. closing 64½c. do. seller October, 65¾@65¾c. closing 65¾c.....OATS—Market opened lower, but subsequently rallied and closed quite steady ½@¾c. better, subsequently ½@¾c. under the best prices. Sales, 200,000 bush. future, 120,000 bush. cash, including No. 3 Mixed at 35c.; No. 2, 36@36½c.; do. elevator, 36c. in store, 36½c. free on board from store. Including 65,000 bush. taken for export. No. 1 quoted 38½c.; No. 3 White, 36c.; No. 2, 37@37½c.; No. 1 quoted 39½c.; Mixed Western, 29½@33c.; White do., 38@42c.; White State, 39@44c.; No. 2 Mixed seller June, 36¼@36½c. closing 36½c. do. seller July, 36¾@36⅞c. closing 36⅞c. do. seller August, 34¼@34½c. closing 34½c. do. seller September, 31@31½c. closing 31½c. FEED—Market more active and firmer. 40 lb. $20@$21; 37½c., 80 lb., $22@$23; 100 lb., 35c. @$1.05; Sharps, $1.05@$1.10; Rye Feed, 75@80c.

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HAY AND STRAW—Trade was again very slow, and prices at best were little more than nominal in view of the big stocks.

HIDES—The movement was again very moderate, and yet no further quotable changes were noted.

HOPS—Prices for Pacific are very firm in their views, and the best grades cannot be had for less than 35c. The English crop is in a bad way, and the advices from the interior of this State are very strong.

METALS—Tin weak; 55 tons Straits for July sold at 18.30@18.50c. Iron dull. Lake Copper steady. Baltimore nominal. Lead firm. Spelter steady.

MOLASSES—Dull and unchanged.

NAVAL STORES—Spirits Turpentine quiet, but firm on the spot at 31½c.; 200 bbls. for July sold at 30½c. Rosin dull and weak to-day; 2,000 bbls. Good Strained sold last night at $1.27½. Strained quoted at $1.22½@$1.25.

OIL—Nothing of special importance occurred. The sales here are about trivial, and the store at New Bedford are decidedly unimportant.

OCEAN FREIGHTS—There was less activity on the berth and rates remain as before with the market about steady. Demand for Tonnage continues very fair and rates are advancing. BERTH ENGAGEMENTS: LEITH, steam, 16,000 bush. Grain 3½d.....LIVERPOOL, steam, Grain room about 3½d., 200 bows Bacon, 17s 6d.; 100 do. do. 20s.; 1,500 bales Cotton 32d.....do. do. Grain, steam, 20,000 bush. Grain, 4d.; 24,000 bush. do. 4½d., first half of July shipment.....HARTLEPOOL, Grain, 3½d.....BREMEN, German ship, hence, 9,000 bbls. Refined Oil, 2s 4½d., option of Antwerp, 2s 5½d.....JAVA, Italian bark, hence, 20,000 cases Refined Oil, 30@35c.....ANTWERP, British bark from Philadelphia, 7,000 bbls. Refined Oil, 2s 9d.....CONTINENT, British bark from Philadelphia, 6,000 bbls. Refined Oil, 2s 9d. option of Dantzic, 3s.....LONDON, British bark, hence, 2,500 bbls. Refined Oil, 2s. 4d.....HAMBURG, option of Bremen or Amsterdam, 5,500 bbls. Refined Oil, 2s. 6d.....BUENOS AYRES, Norwegian bark from Portland, Lumber, private terms.....BREMEN, German bark, hence, 3,500 bbls. Refined Oil, 3s., German Baltic, 2s. 3d.....ST. JOHNS and MARAGUEZ, schooner, hence, general cargo, basis of 40c. 45c. per bbl.; New-York, schooner, from Curacoa, Guano, $3.12½.....ST. JOHN, British ship from St. John, Deals, 47s. 6d.; British bark, thence, 47s. 6d. British brig, thence to the East coast of Ireland, Deals, 51s. 3d.....MONTEVIDEO, British bark from Brunswick, Lumber, $16.50; Norwegian bark, hence, general cargo, private terms; American barks, 375 tons, from Fernandina, Lumber, quoted at $16.50@$17.....PONCE P. R., brig from Portland, Shooks and heads, 25c.....PONCE P. R., brig from Portland, Shooks and heads, 25c.....PROGRESO, British steamer hence with general cargo, and back with Hemp, etc., private terms.....CADIZ, Spanish bark from Philadelphia, Staves, $3; RIO JANEIRO, brig from Richmond, Flour, 80c.....ALEXANDRIA, schooner, of 484 tons, from Windsor, N. S., Plaster, $1.65, thence, to Portland or Salem, $1.40.....PHILADELPHIA, schooner from Savannah, 240M. Lumber, $5.50.....ST. KITTS, schooner of 342 tons, hence, general cargo, $1,000 and back from Maricaibo, $1,600 and foreign port charges.....BARACOA, British steamer, 840 tons, out in ballast and back with fruit, private terms.....HAVANA, British steamer, from Sagua, 300M Lumber, private terms.....CORK for ORDERS, German ship and a British ship from San Francisco, Grain, 37s. 6d.; iron vessels for September loading, 45s.

PROVISIONS—PORK—There continues a lifeless market. Shippers are still holding off and the demand from dealers is unimportant; prices are weak and nominal; no sales reported. Mess quoted $16.75 for Old and $17.25 for New. Family Mess, $16@$16.50; Clear Back, $17.50@$18. Extra Prime, $14.50@$15. BEEF—Dull and still tending in buyer's favor. City Extra India Mess in tcs., $18.50@$20. Extra Mess, $12. Packet, $13 in barrels and $20 in tierces; Plate Beef, $12@$13; Family, $13@$14.....BEEF HAMS—Dull and lately steady; quoted here at $28@$28.50.....CUT MEATS have less attention, but prices are well sustained; Sales, 5,000 lbs. Pickled Bellies, 7½c.; 200 Pickled Hams, 12@12½c.; 200 Shoulders, 7½c.; 1,200 Pickled Bellies, 7½c. Smoked Shoulders, 7½@7¾c. Pickled Hams, 12@12½c.; Smoked Shoulders, 8½c.; Smoked Hams, 13½@14c.....MIDDLES—Dull and rather easier. Long Clear in New-York quoted at 8½c. for Western delivery. Short Clear, 7.75c.; Short Clear, 8.00c.....DRESSED HOGS a shade lighter and in fair demand; quoted at 7c. for all weights.....LARD—The market tended lighter to-day on covering of Shorts, and closed shade weaker, a decline of 2@2½ points, with the outside figure ruling strong on the dated sales; cash trading continues slack, but there if rather more life to the speculation. Sales, 50 tcs. Western Steam on the spot at 7.70c.; 200 tcs. Choice 7.75c.; 150 tcs. Off Grade 7.50c.; 2,250 tcs. July, 7.60@7.80c., closing 7.80@7.85c.; 7,050 tcs. August, 7.70@7.95c., closing 7.95@7.98c.; 3,000 tcs. September, 7.85@8.09c., closing 8.00@8.10c.; 1,250 tcs. October, 7.97@8.12c., closing 8.15@8.17c.; 250 tcs. November, 8c., closing 8.15@8.20c.; City Steam 10c. lower and moderately active. Sales, 165 tcs. at 7.45@7.50c.; Refined stronger and in better demand; sales, 1,500 tcs. Continent private terms, quoted at 8.05c.; South American 8.60@8.65c.....BUTTER has not varied in price, although the feeling continues dull and weak. CHEESE—Buyers still have the advantage and the movement is very moderate. Eastern 5@9½c.; Western 4@8½c.; Skims, 2@3½c.....EGGS—In moderate demand, at steady and unchanged prices.

RICE—Quiet and unchanged.

SUGAR—Raw quiet, steady and unchanged on the spot; 104 hhds. Cuba Centrifugal, 96° test, sold at 5⅝c.; 250 hhds. Muscovada on the basis of 4⅜c. for Fair, or options 300 tons Fair sold at 4.55c. for July, and 4.55@4.67½ for September. Refined easier; Cut Loaf, 7⅞@7⅞c.; Crushed, 7⅞@7⅞c.; Granulated, 6 11-16@6¾c.; Cubes, 7¼c.; Mould "A," 6¾@6⅞c.; Confectioners' "A," 6⅝c.; Standard "A," 6⅝c.; Off "A," 6@6⅛c.; White Extra "C," 5⅞@5⅞c.; Extra "C," 5⅝@5⅝c.; "C," 5⅛@5⅜c.; Yellow, 4⅞@5⅛c.

STEARINE—Dull and easier. Sales, 15,000 lbs. City, 9 5-16c., generally quoted 9⅜@9½c.; Oleomargarine, 8@8¼c.

TALLOW—Dull and barely steady. Prime City quoted at 6 7-16@6½c.; sales, 55,000 lbs at 6⅜@6½c.

TOBACCO—Firmer; 25 hhds. Medium Logs for August sold at 8 1-16c.; 25 hhds. for July at 7¾c., and 25 hhds. for do. 8¼c.

TEA—Still very dull.

WOOL—Trade has continued on a very moderate scale, and in fact, not the slightest new feature has occurred. Manufacturers, in view of the depressed dry goods market, will not take hold of the raw material. There were also rumors of large failures in the dry goods market, and these added to the complications.

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