# LITERARY NOTES.

**Mrs. Huxley, the wife of the professor, has lately written a child's book which her daughter has illustrated. Its title is "My Wife's Relations: A Story of Figland."**

"The Gray Masque" is the title of the volume of poetry which Mrs. Mary B. Dodge is about to publish.

Charles Reade once wrote in a copy of his adaptation of Moliere's "Malade Imaginaire" "The grand mistake fools have made is assuming that this comedy is a farce and the character of Argan exaggerated. On the contrary, it is wonderfully true, and even exact. I had such a character under my eye for ten years, so I know.—C. R."

A second edition of Mr. Browning's new volume, "Ferishtah's Fancies," is already in demand in England.

A permanent memorial to Charles Reade is to be erected in the form of a memorial church at Willesden. "The Willesden Herald" states that the friends of the deceased poet and novelist have made themselves responsible for the cost of the building.

The hero of Mr. William Black's new novel, "White Heathen," is a Scotch poet, and his verses are to be scattered through the story.

An exquisitely printed little collection of poems has been issued by the Pratt Manufacturing Company, under the quaint title of "An Antidote Against Melancholy." The poems are as charming as is the make-up, the editor having evidently wished to enlighten the minds as well as the houses of his patrons.

Eight volumes recently published by G. P. Putnam's Sons are announced for republication in England—which seems to show that some foreigners *do* read American books.

"Ouida" does not think she has had justice at the hands of Americans. She writes in a private letter: "I fear you have seen little that is true regarding me in the newspapers. 'The Boston Herald,' some three or four years ago, had a long tissue of falsehoods about me, and described my housekeeper as myself."

A new edition of Byron's works is to be brought out in London, Mr. Buxton Forman being the editor. He intends to produce a text (with profuse notes) which will be considered final.

A biography of Coleridge, by his grandson, Ernest Hartley Coleridge, is in course of preparation.

Dr D. Bryson Delavan, of this city, has published a brief "Social History of the Eighth International Medical Congress, held in Copenhagen, August, 1884," his purpose being to acknowledge, in behalf of the American delegates, the delightful hospitality which helped to make the meeting memorable.

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| B. W. Flour pkgs | 840 | Oatmeal, bbls. | 1,75 | Pecans, pkgs | 60 |
| Beans, qrs | 27 | Cheese, pkgs | 198 | Pork, pkgs | 923 |
| Cotton, bales | 11,202 | Beef, pkgs | 47 | Lard, tcs. | 3,014 |
| Cottonseed oil, bbls. | 810 | Hides, No. | 800 | Butter, pkgs | 4,183 |
| D fruit, pkgs | 4,520 | Hops, bales | 1,000 | Cheese, pkgs | 2,403 |
| Eggs, pkgs | 2,000 | Lead, pigs | 450 | Rice, pkgs | 64 |
| Flour, bbls. | 17,[illegible] | Leather, sides | 4,000 | Tobacco, hhds. | 1,70 |
| Grain, bbls | 200 | Molasses, bbls. | 2,000 | Sugar, hhds. | 7,20 |
| Grain, bags | 630 | Spirits turp. | | Sugar, bbls. | 42 |
| Wheat, bush. | 19,[illegible] | Oil, bbls. | 110 | Spelter, pcs. | 1,100 |
| Corn, bush. | 25,000 | Rosin, bbls. | 434 | Starch, pkgs | 60 |
| Oats, bush. | 14,200 | Coffee, bags | 1,800 | Sumac, bags | 100 |
| Rye, bush. | 1,000 | Sugar, hhds. | 20 | Tallow, pkgs | 120 |
| Malt, bush. | 4,500 | Molasses, tcs. | 10 | Tobacco, pkgs | 519 |
| Barley malt, bush. | 5,000 | Hides, pieces | 143 | Tobacco, bbls | 402 |
| Peas, bush. | 800 | Peanuts, bags | 1,304 | Whiskey, bbls | 605 |
| | | | | Wool, bales | 63 |

## GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

NEW-YORK, December 23, 1884.

BUILDING MATERIALS.—Trade in Brick, Lumber, Lath, Cement and Sand has been almost at a standstill. Only a few "hand to mouth" orders have been received. No material changes in prices have occurred.

COAL.—Has gone all to pieces. The big contracts to the Elevated roads and the Pacific Mail fallen at the place caused quite a panic in the trade, disgust and despair to the combination. Little dealers are receiving but few orders.

COOPERAGE STOCK.—Has been without a single quotable change to be a week and business is at a low ebb.

CHICORY.—Ground, [illegible]

COCOA.—Moderate is active and steady. Guayaquil, 14¼@15c. Maracaibo, 24@25c. Caracas, 17@18c.

COFFEE.—Spot Rio still and unchanged. Fair 9¾c. No sales. Options closed steady after a rather belt-e-bone rates, 25,750 bags, closing as follows: December, 7.90@8.00; January, 7.95@8.00; February, 8.15@8.20; March, 8.30@8.35; April, 8.40@8.45; May, 8.50@8.55. Mild grades quiet and steady. 650 mats Padang ex "Nanoda II," at 15c.

COTTON.—Spot Cotton 1-16c. higher. Sales, 424 bales, 320 last evening; all for home consumption. Delivered on contracts, 100 bales. Receipts at the ports to-day, 40,633 bales, against 32,675 this day last week and 34,014 last year. Since September 1, 3,422,100 bales, against 3,231,388 for the same period last year.

The quotations, according to the American classification are as follows:

| | Uplands. | New-Orleans and T. M'D. | Texas. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Ordinary | 8 7/8 | 9 1/8 | 9 1/8 |
| Strict Ordinary | 9 1/16 | 9 3/16 | 9 5/16 |
| Good Ordinary | 10 1/16 | 10 3/16 | 10 5/16 |
| Strict Good Ordinary | 10 1/2 | 10 3/8 | 10 1/4 |
| Low Middling | 10 13/16 | 11 1/16 | 11 1/16 |
| Strict Low Middling | 11 | 11 1/8 | 11 1/8 |
| Middling | 11 3/8 | 11 5/8 | 11 5/8 |
| Good Middling | 11 9/16 | 11 9/16 | 11 9/16 |
| Strict Good Middling | 11 3/4 | 11 3/4 | 11 3/4 |
| Middling Fair | 11 7/8 | 12 1/8 | 12 1/8 |
| Fair | 12 1/2 | 12 3/4 | 12 3/4 |

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|---|---|---|---|
| Good Ordinary | 8 3/4 | Low Middling | 10 |
| Strict Good Ordinary | 9 3/4 | Middling | 10 3/8 |

Futures were fairly active; opened at 2@3 points advance, with a further advance of about 4 points, afterward receding and closing at a decline of 7 to 8 points. Sales, 135,600 bales.

| Month. | To-day's closing. | Highest. | Lowest. |
|---|---|---|---|
| December | 11.07@11.08 | 11.10 | 11.10 |
| January | 11.10@11.11 | 11.25 | 11.12 |
| February | 11.09@11.10 | 11.23 | 11.10 |
| March | 11.21@11.22 | 11.35 | 11.21 |
| April | 11.31@11.34 | 11.46 | 11.33 |
| May | 11.41@11.44 | 11.54 | 11.41 |
| June | 11.56@11.57 | 11.63 | 11.55 |
| July | 11.67@11.68 | 11.80 | 11.66 |
| August | 11.77@11.78 | 11.90 | 11.79 |
| September | 11.43@11.48 | 11.57 | 11.45 |

Market closing barely steady. Transferable notices, 11.05.

FLOUR AND MEAL.—FLOUR.—Market rather more steady, with a little better trade reported, mainly in good common Extras for export, both on the spot and to arrive. The jobbing trade has been quiet and chiefly to small parcels for immediate wants. Sales, 20,500 bbls., of which 13,800 bbls. were for export, including 4,800 bbls. Extra No. 2 at $2 60@$3 25; 1,400 bbls. City Mill Extra at $4 25@$4 50 for West Indies; 1,500 bbls. Fine at $2 00@$2 15 for Spring and $2 10@$2 65 for Winter Wheat; 2,000 bbls. Extra No. 1, at $3 20@$4 50; 1,600 bbls. Superfine at $2@$3 05 for Spring, and $2 25@$2 85 for Winter Wheat; 2,100 bbls. Winter Wheat Extra, mainly within the range of $2 80@$3 25. Quotations: Fine, $2 00@$2 65; Superfine, $2 30@$2 80; Extra No. 2, $2 60@$3 25; Extra No. 1, $3 20@$4 50; Good to Fancy Extra State, $3 00@$4; Good to Choice Extra Western, $3 30@$5 50; Common to Fair Extra Ohio, $3 25@$4 75; Good, $3 80@$4; Good to Choice, $4 30@$4 60; Common Extra Minnesota, $2 65@$4 40; Clear, $3 25@$3 75; Rye Mixture, $3 25@$4 00; Straight, $3 75@$4 25; Patent, $4 50@$5 00; Bakers' Extra, $3 50@$4 15; St. Louis Common to Fair Extra, $2 65@$3 25; Fair to Good, $3 25@$4 50; Good to Very Choice, $4 55@$4 90; Patent Winter Wheat Extra, $3 85@$5 00; City Mill Extra for West Indies, $4 25@$4 90; South America, $4 35@$4 50, market closing steady. SOUTHERN FLOUR—Quiet and unchanged. Sales, 700 bbls. including Common to Good Extra at $3 00@$3 85; Good to Choice do., $3 90@$5 40. RYE FLOUR—Dull and heavy. Sales, 300 bbls. Superfine at $2@$3 10; mainly at $3 30@$4 40 for Good to Choice. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—Sells at $1 50@$1 60. CORN MEAL—Heavy. Sales, 500 bbls. Brandywine, $3 30, quoted at $3 25@$3 30. Yellow Western, $3@$3 25.

GRAIN—WHEAT.—Market firm for cash lots; with, in instances a shade better prices realized. Options were 3@5c. lower, then recovered a part of the decline and closed firm at a shade under the best prices. A moderate trade for export, a light city milling business and fairly active transaction to out-come. Shippers bought 160,000 bush. for export. Sales, 4,400,000 bush. Sales, 3,352,000 bush. future, 270,000 bush. spot and to arrive, including No. 1 Northern at 83¼c.; No. 2 Northern, to arrive, cost, freight and insurance, at 82c.; Unrated Winter Red, 77@78c., mainly at 77½@80½c., closing 10,000 bush. to arrive from Chicago at 77½c.; No. 3 Red, 76½c.; No. 2 Red, 81½c., delivered, 82@83c. in store; No. 1 Red, 90c. to arrive; Unrated White, 78c.; No. 2 Red for January, 80½@80¾c., closing at 80¾c.; do. for February, 80½@81½c., closing at 82¾c.; do. for March, 81½@82½c., closing at 83¼c.; do. for April, 82@82¾c., closing at 82½c.; do. for May, 83½@83¾c., closing at 83½c.; do. for June, 83½@84c., closing at 84c. RYE—Market dull and lower. Western, 58@59c. BARLEY—Nominally 1c. lower, closing at a forward delivery at 68c. BARLEY MALT—Nominally unchanged. CORN—Market unsettled, opening a shade better, then lost the improvement and closing at a little more than yesterday's decline. Sales, 1,000,000 bush. spot and to arrive, including Mixed at 47@47½c.; No. 2 Mixed, 47½c. closing, 47½@47¾c.; No. 2 Mixed for January, 47½@47¾c.; do. for February, 47¾@48c.; do. for March, 48@48½c., closing at 48½c.; do. for May, 48½@48¾c., closing at 48¾c.; do. for June, 48¾@49c., closing at 49c.; No. 2 White, 48½c. OATS—Market generally 1@2c. lower, with a fair business in Western, and quiet and nominally unchanged in other sorts. Sales, 1,000,000 bush. spot and to arrive, including Mixed at 37@37½c.; No. 2 Mixed, 37½c. closing, 37@37½c.; No. 2 Mixed for January, 37½c.; do. for February, 37¾c.; do. for March, 38@38½c., closing at 38½c.; No. 2 White, 38½@39c. Western and State, 37@39c. HAY—Steady. Sales, 150 bales at $1 05@$1 10 for Shipping, and $1 15@$1 20 for Good to Prime. HOPS—Quiet and steady. Sales, 150 bales at 15@22c. for Common to Choice State and Pacific Coast. HIDES—Quiet and steady. Sales, 2,000 Buenos Ayres, 24c. gold, delivered. LEAD—Dull and lower, 4.35c. bid. TALLOW—Dull and lower, 6@6¼c. HAY—Steady. Sales, 150 bales at 90c.@$1 for Shipping, and $1 05@$1 10 for Good to Prime. HOPS—Quiet and steady. Sales, 150 bales at 15@22c. for Common to Choice State and Pacific Coast. HIDES—Quiet and steady. Sales, 2,000 Buenos Ayres, 24c. gold, delivered. LEAD—Dull and lower, 4.35c. bid. TALLOW—Dull and lower, 6@6¼c. PROVISIONS—PORK—There is no especial life to the trading, with exporters doing very little; prices are not changed materially, ruling steady. Sales, 115 bbls. Family Mess, $15@$15 50; 150 bbls. Clear Back, $15@$16; New Mess, $16@$16 25; Family Mess, $12 25@$12 50; Clear Back, $15@$16; Extra Prime, $10 50@$11. BEEF—Dull and prices nominally unchanged. Extra Mess, $11 50@$12; Packet, $15 in barrels and $18 50 in tierces; Plate Beef, $12@$13; Family, $13@$14; City Extra India Mess, $22@$24. BEEF HAMS—Quiet and unchanged; quoted at $18@$19. CUT MEATS—Belies are a little irregular, in other sorts ruling full prices, on moderate demands. Sales 1,600 lb Pickled Bellies, medium average, 6¼c.; 85 boxes do. 12 lb. at 6¼@6¾c.; 2,000 lb Smoking Belies 8c.; 400 Pickled Shoulders, 5¾c.; 900 Pickled Hams, 8@8¼c.; 12 lb average Pickled Belies, quoted at 6¼@6¾c.; City Pickled Shoulders, 5¾c.; Pickled Hams, 8@8¼c. MOLASSES—Nominal. LARD—Steady. Long Clear in New-York quoted 6¼c. for Western delivery. Long and Short Clear, half and half, January quoted [illegible]. DRESSED HOGS—Steady lower, with moderate demands. City Heavy to Light, 5¾@5¾c.; Pigs, [illegible]c. LARD—There is some interest from exporters, but the amount of business accomplished is by no means large. The speculative dealings were again of a very moderate character. The market opened strong and 1@2 points higher, but later on ruled easier, and closed with the improvement almost lost. Sales 250 tcs. contract grade for export, 7c.; 350 tcs. choice for export, 7.10@7.12½c.; also 500 tcs to arrive for export, private terms; 750 tcs. December, 7.06@7.06c. closing, 7.02@7.03c.; 1,750 tcs. January, 7.01@7.06c., closing 6.99@7.01c.; 1,750 tcs. February, 7.05@7.09c., closing 7.05@7.06c.; 3,750 tcs. March, 7.13@7.18c., closing 7.12@7.13c.; April, 7.20c., closing 7.18@7.20c.; 250 tcs. May, 7.25c., closing 7.23@7.25c. City Steam steady and in moderate demand. Sales 250 tcs. at 6.90c.; Refined in fair demand. Sales 500 tcs. Continent, private terms, quoted 7.35c.; South American 7.60c. BUTTER—The market is without decided change. There is a moderate demand for choice stock, and such brings full prices; otherwise the feeling is barely steady. State Creamery, 18@22c.; Western do., 19@26c.; State dairy half firkins tubs and pails, 17@25c.; Welsh tubs, 14@24c.; firkins and tubs, 21@26c.; firkins 22@24c.; Western Imitation Creamery, 16@24c. Western factory, 12@18c. CHEESE—Exporters are doing very little, and the general movement is slack; prices show no material change. Eastern, 9@11c. Job lots, 12@13½c.; skims, 3@7c.; Western, flat, 9@11½c.; skims, 1@3c. EGGS—Ruled with a moderate sale at steady prices. State 28½c. Western 28@28½c. Canadian 25@26c.; Limed 19½@21c.; Imported 17½c. RICE—Quiet, steady and unchanged. SPICES—Quiet and without decided change. SUGAR—Raw dull and nominally unchanged. Fair Refining, 4¾c. Refined is in moderate demand, but not quotably changed. Granulated, 6⅝c.; Cubes, 6¾@6⅞c.; Powdered, 6⅝@6¾c.; Granulated, 5⅞@6⅛c.; Mould "A," 6¼c.; Confectioner's "A," 6⅛c.; Standard "A," 5⅞c.; Off "A," 5⅝c.; White Extra "C," 5⅝@5¾c.; Extra "C," 4⅞@5⅛c.; "C," 4⅝c. Yellow, 4¼@4⅝c. STEARINE—Dull and unchanged in price. City quoted at 7¼c. sacked, and Oleomargarine at 7c. TALLOW—Quiet and about steady. Prime City quoted at 6c. Sales, 40,000 lbs., 6c. TOBACCO—Dull and more or less depressed.

## LIVE STOCK MARKET.

NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Dec. 23.

BEEVES—Receipts were 71 cars of 1,123 head, nearly all at out-st. Mr. Eastman received 14 cars of Export Cattle, and 25 cars came direct to City slaughterers, and 2 cars were sale cattle. The late arrivals yesterday were not closed out, 35 cars being carried over. J. Sad