THE MARKETS.

TOTAL RECEIPTS TO-DAY.

New-York, December 19, 1893.

Beans, bbls	249	Leather, sides	8,300
Cotton, bales	16,276	Lead, pgs	21,501
Cottonseed oil, bbls	1,078	Molasses, hhds	1,229
Copper, bbls	240	Spirits turp., bbls	413
Copper, cases	3,808	Rosin, bbls	1,343
Dried fruit, pkgs	732	Tar, bbls	45
Eggs, cases	74	Oil cake, pkgs	4,145
Flour, pkgs	53,074	Oil, lubr., bbls	240
Buckwheat, bush	2,325	Oleo stock, tkgs	585
H W flour, pkgs	1,781	Peanuts, pkgs	1,795
Cornmeal, bbls	314	Pork, pkgs	275
Cornmeal, bags	3,015	Beef, pkgs	405
Oatmeal, bbls	28	Cutmeats, pkgs	4,662
Wheat, bush	24,800	Dressed Hogs, No	35
Corn, bush	156,000	Lard, pkgs	1,822
Oats, bush	135,450	Tallow, pkgs	3,870
Malt, bush	13,050	Butter, pkgs	4,401
Barley, bush	9,300	Cheese, pkgs	1,524
Peas, bush	9,000	Rice, pkgs	14
Hay, bales	1,380	Hop chaff, bags	206
Straw, tons	30	Skins, bales	87
Grass seed, bags	1,280	Sugar, hhds	119
Grass, pkgs	177	Sugar, bbls	69
Hides, bales	193	Tallow, pkgs	202
Hops, bales	850	Tobacco, hhds	311
Istle, bales	404	Whiskey, bbls	919
		Wool, bales	700

EXPORTS TO-DAY.

Wheat, bush	[illegible]	Oil cake, lb	1,217,700
Corn, bush	395	Lubr. oil, gals	95,082
Peas, bush	517	Spirits turp., gals	3,177
Flour, bbls	4,529	Pork, bbls	1,117
Flour, sacks	22,369	Beef, bbls	148
Hay, bales	8,469	Hams, lb	13,200
Cornmeal, pkgs	425	Beef, tcs	93
Grass seed, bags	2,333	Lard, lb	1,201
Hops, bales	1,075	Cheese, lb	211,380
Corn, lb	9,000	Butter, lb	2,400
Cornmeal, bush	167	Tallow, lb	741,600
Beans, bush	115	Stearine, lb	30,000
Cottonseed oil, gals	14,354	Grease, lb	257,100
Ref. petrol'm, gals	1,039,019		

CASH QUOTATIONS.

Iron, No. 1 foundry Penn	$14 50	Molasses, prime new	35
So. Grey Forge	11 50	Turpentine	29
Copper, lake Ingot	10¾	Lard, prime West'n	$8 00
Coffee, No 7	18¼	Pickled hams	9¼
Steel rails	24 00	Pork, mess	18 75
Lead	3 10	Tallow, prime city	5
Tin, spot	20 40	Sugar, granulated	4½
Coal, stove	4 40	Beef, family	14 00
Cotton, middling	7 3-16	Beef hams	15 50
Minneapolis patents	3 85	Butter, creamery, fancy	28@28½
Wheat, No 2 red	69⅞	Cheese, large, fan	11¼@11½
Oats, No 2 mixed	33	Eggs, best Western	25½@26
Corn, No 2 mixed	44¼		

WHOLESALE PRICES OF COUNTRY PRODUCE.

For week ending Tuesday, December 19, 1893.

BEANS AND PEAS.

Receipts for week: Beans, 1,540 pkgs; peas, 14,850 bush. Exports: Beans, 1,103 pkgs; peas, 1,393 bbls. Imports, 7,355 bags beans. The demand for domestic marrow beans has continued very moderate, but the light stocks in store and arriving have encouraged a firm holding, and while $2 50 is as high as the market has been established as yet, there are some lots that cannot be bought less than $2 55. Medium and pea quiet and without much change. An export demand for red kidney from an unexpected source, coupled with some local speculative trading and reduced stock, turned prices upward about a week ago, and there has since been a considerable advance. Within a day or two a sale of 25 bbls was made at $2 50, but that figure is still very extreme and we do not quote over $2 40@$2 45. Advices at the close indicate increased shipments in transit, and there is some reason to believe that a decline may follow. White kidney still very scarce. Turtle soup neglected and weak. California lima slow. Imported marrow have less demand, and under some pressure to sell the feeling is easy. Recent arrivals of foreign medium and pea have been more liberal and buyers have some advantage. Green peas lower and moving slowly.

Beans, marrow, 1893, choice	$2 50	@
Beans, marrow, fair to good	2 25	@2 40
Beans, medium, 1893, choice	1 80	@1 82½
Beans, pea, 1893, choice	1 75	@1 80
Beans, red kidney, 1893, choice	2 45	@2 45
Beans, red kidney, fair to good	1 90	@2 15
Beans, white wide, 1893, choice	2 10	@2 15
Beans, black turtle soup, 1893, choice	2 15	@2 25
Beans, yellow eye, 1892, choice	2 10	@
Beans, lima, Cal., 1893, 60 lb	1 60	@1 70
Beans, foreign, marrow, 1893	2 20	@2 25
Beans, foreign, medium, 1893	1 50	@1 60
Beans, foreign, pea, 1893	1 55	@1 65
Green peas, bbls, per bush	1 20	@1 22½
Green peas, bags, per bush		@1 15
Green peas, Scotch, 1892, bags		@

BUTTER.

Receipts for week, 25,947 pkgs. Exports for week, 1,280 pkgs. It has been a slow, dragging trade nearly all the week, and the increased receipts have caused some accumulation, and more urgency to sell. Prices have had to be shaded a little on most grades, and there has been closer discrimination in quality than heretofore. At the close there are still some sales of strictly gilt-edge fresh Western creamery at 28½c, but ½@½c less is accepted for average fancy lots, and large buyers who do some shopping are generally able to supply their wants at 28c. Firsts are plenty and dull, and only a very high grade reaches 27c. Liberal quantities of good useful butter are offering at 25c. Some of the choice October made State creamery is jobbing at 27c, but the fresh goods are generally wintry and work out very slowly at irregular prices. June creamery quiet, but held unchanged. Receipts of State dairy have been quite liberal of late, but many of these were of purchased goods brought forward in anticipation of a better demand; the expected improvement in trade has not come, however, and the market is showing weakness, although the high cost of much of the stock is causing a strong resistance to any lower prices. To effect important sales concessions would certainly be necessary. Imitation creamery has eased off a little, only the very choicest lots now reaching 23c. Fresh factory in larger supply, dull and in buyers' favor; must be closely graded and fancy to bring 21c. Rolls slow unless strictly choice.

Creamery, State, best, per lb	28	@27
Creamery, State, common to good	22	@25
Creamery, Western, extras	28	@28½
Creamery, Western, firsts	25	@27
Creamery, Western, seconds	22	@24
Creamery, Western, thirds	20	@21
Creamery, June, extras	25	@
Creamery, June, seconds to firsts	20	@24
State dairy, h. f. tubs and pails, extras	26	@
State dairy, h. f. tubs and pails, firsts	24	@25
State dairy, h. f. tubs and pails, seconds	21	@23
State dairy, Welsh tubs, choicest	24½	@25
State dairy, Welsh tubs, best lines	23	@24
State dairy, Welsh tubs, seconds	21	@22
State dairy, tubs, thirds	19	@20
State dairies, firkins and tubs, extras	27	@
State dairies, firkins and tubs, firsts	24	@24
State dairies, firkins and tubs, seconds	21	@22
State dairy, firkins, extras	24	@24½
State dairy, firkins, firsts	23	@23½
State dairy, firkins, seconds	21	@22
Western imitation creamery, firsts	20	@21
Western imitation creamery, seconds	18	@19
Western dairy, firsts	20	@22
Western dairy, seconds	18	@
Western dairy, thirds	17	@17½
Western factory, firkins, June	18	@18½
Western factory, tubs, June	17½	@18
Western factory, fresh, small tubs, firsts	21	@22
Western factory, fresh, large tubs, firsts	19	@20
Western factory, fresh, seconds	17½	@
Western factory, thirds	16½	@17
Rolls, fresh, poor to choice	17	@21

CHEESE.

Receipts for week, 19,562 boxes. Exports, 15,938 boxes. There has been a good steady demand from shippers for under-priced cheese, chiefly part skims, which have sold in a very wide range of prices, say from 3c to 10c, with the exception of one or two lines of very slightly skimmed stock that brought more money. Recent cables have given exporters no encouragement on fancy cheese, though the English markets seem to be gradually working into better shape. The home jobbing trade has not improved much, nor is there likely to be much expansion of the demand until after the turn of the year. Holders take rather a more confident view of the situation, however, and there is a disposition to ask a fraction advance on the very highest grade. Liverpool cable, 55s.

Since the recent deal in Canada, which included about 40,000 boxes at 10@11¼c, there have been a few lots picked up in the interior of this State. The Cloverfield combination closed out the balance of their holdings, 500 boxes small size October skims, at 10c at the factory. The Marshfield combination is still holding about 3,000 boxes full cream and 2,000 boxes part skims, and about 3,000 boxes full cream are held by the Sandusky factories. In central and northern New-York there is a moderate quantity in the hands of factory men.

State, full cream, large, September, fancy	11¾	@11½
State, full cream, large, October, fancy	11¾	@11¾
State, full cream, large, choice	11	@
State, full cream, large, good to prime	10¼	@10¾
State factory, large, common to fair	9	@10
State, full cream, small size, fancy	12¼	@12½
State, full cream, small size, fair to choice	10½	@12
State factory, part skims, Chenango and neighboring counties, small, choice	7½	@9½
State factory, part skims, large, choice	8	@8½
State factory, part skims, prime	7	@7½
State factory, part skims, fair to good	5½	@6½
State factory, part skims, common	4	@5
State factory, full skims	2	@3
Pennsylvania skims, per lb	2¼	@2½

EGGS.

Receipts for the week, 877 bbls and 23,913 cases. The market has ruled dull and unsatisfactory. Fresh-gathered eggs are not very plenty, but with some increase in shipments from southerly sections the supply has been more than ample. But the offerings have shown very irregular quality and only a few lots are positively fancy. We still hear of occasional small lots of superlative grade bringing a slight premium, but of late these have become more and more exceptional. Icehouse eggs of perfect quality—sweet and free from all bad flavors—are held unchanged, but move very slowly, and there is a liberal quantity of fair quality which is urgently offered, hard to sell and of very uncertain value. Limed eggs weaker and very dull.

Western, fresh gathered, best	25½	@26
Western, fresh collections, fair to good	24	@25
Western, icehouse, October packed	23	@24
Western, icehouse, Aug. and Sept. packed	21	@22
Western, icehouse, early packed, per doz	19	@21
Western, near-by, per case	$3 00	@$4 50
Western, limed, prime, per doz	19½	@20
Canadian, limed, per doz		@20

FRUITS AND BERRIES—FRESH.

Receipts of apples are moderate and we have had a pretty good demand at firm prices; most sales are in former range of quotations, but a few exceptionally fancy lots have lately had sales a little above our top figures. Boston pears very dull. Grapes have but little demand, and prices are weak. Cranberries firm for all prime to fancy goods. Florida oranges in moderate supply and doing a little better. Fancy tangerines and grape fruit in some demand and steady, but off grades are neglected, and mandarins are very dull.

Apples, king, hand-picked, per bbl	$3 50	@$4 50
Apples, Baldwin, double-head obls	3 50	@4 00
Apples, greening, per bbl	3 50	@4 00
Apples, winter varieties, common, per bbl	2 50	@3 00
Pears, Sheldon, Boston, per bbl	3 00	@4 00
Pears, Boston, other varieties, per box	2 00	@3 50
Grapes, West N. Y., Concord, per small basket	8	@12
Grapes, West N. Y., Catawba, per small basket	6	@11
Cranberries, Cape Cod, fancy large varieties per bbl	5 50	@7 00
Cranberries, Cape Cod, usual varieties, poor to fancy, per bbl	3 00	@6 25
Cranberries, Jersey, per crate	1 25	@1 75
Oranges, Florida, per box	1 00	@2 25
Grape fruit, Florida, per box	1 50	@2 75
Lemons, Florida, per box	1 00	@3 50
Tangerines, Florida, per box	1 50	@2 00
Mandarins, Florida, per box	75	@1 75

DRIED FRUIT.

Receipts for week, 10,958 pkgs; exports, 1,650 pkgs. Evaporated apples have come forward slowly, but trade at this season is usually dull, and sellers have been satisfied to obtain late prices on such business as is passing. Times are too hard to expect a large consumption of apples this winter, especially in view of the abundance of California fruits. Sun-dried apples quiet, but in very moderate supply, and held steady. Chops slow; if heavy packed and prime would bring 1½@1¾c, but small promiscuous lots have to go lower. Cores and skins quoted nominally at 1½c. Peaches quiet and unchanged. Raspberries have settled to 17c. Cherries scarce and firmer. Blackberries in seller's favor. California apricots hold fairly steady. Prunes accumulating, and concessions have been made on all sizes.

Apples, evaporated, 1894, fancy, per lb	11	@11½
Apples, evaporated, 1893, choice	10	@10½
Apples, evaporated, 1893, prime	9¼	@9¾
Apples, evaporated, 1893, common to good	8	@9
Apples, Southern, sun-dried, sliced, 1893, fancy	[illegible]	
Apples, Southern, sun-dried, 1893, prime to choice	4½	@5
Apples, Southern, sun-dried, 1893, common to fair	3	@4
Apples, chopped, 1893	1½	@1¾
Apple, cores and skins	1½	@
Peaches, Delaware, evaporated, 1893	10	@18
Peaches, N. C., sun-dried, 1893, peeled, fancy		@9
Peaches, N. C., sun-dried, 1893, peeled, choice	8	@8½
Peaches, N. C., sun-dried, 1893, peeled, prime	7	@7½
Peaches, N. C., sun-dried, 1893, unpeeled	2	@3½
Prunes, evaporated, unpeeled, California	8	@10
Raspberries, evaporated, 1893, per lb		@17
Cherries, 1893, per lb	10	@11½
Blackberries, 1893, per lb	3	@4
Huckleberries, 1893, per lb	14	@15
Apricots, California, per lb	11	@14
Prunes, California, 1893, as to size boxes	5½	@6
Prunes, California, 1893, bags	5½	@8

HOPS.

Receipts for the week, 4,336 bales; exports, 4,417 bales; imports, 56 bales. The exports are still heavy, but they are very largely of Pacific Coast hops, and mostly of through shipments. This of course reduces the stock in the country, but it does not bring much trade to the local market. Home brewers are buying only moderately, and a little more pressure to sell has caused further slight weakness. This is particularly noticeable in the medium-grade State hops, which comprise a large part of this year's crop.

State, 1893, choice, per lb	17	@18
State, 1893, common to prime	12	@21
State, 1892, choice, per lb	18	@19
State, 1892, common to prime	10	@18
Pacific Coast, 1893, per lb	16	@19
Pacific Coast, 1892, per lb	10	@19
State or Pacific Coast, old olds, per lb	04	@12

HAY AND STRAW.

Demand moderate, but receipts not large, and market steady.

Hay, prime to choice, per 100 lb	85	@90
Hay, No 3 to No 1, per 100 lb	60	@80
Hay, fine, per 100 lb	55	@60
Hay, clover mixed, per 100 lb	60	@70
Hay, clover, per 100 lb	45	@55
Rye straw, long, per 100 lb	50	@60
Rye straw, short, per 100 lb	40	@45
Oat straw, per 100 lb	40	@45

POULTRY.

Heavy receipts of live poultry caused further reduction in prices of most kinds, and there has been an uncommonly dull trade. With ten carloads on sale yesterday fowls fell to 7@8c, and chickens to 5½@6½c, with the bulk of the business at 6@6½c for chickens and 7@7½c for fowls. Only two cars in to-day, and a better feeling was shown on good stock. Ducks and geese very plenty, and slow. Pigeons almost unsalable.

The Christmas market for dressed poultry has so far been very unsatisfactory. Although stock has been secured at interior points on a comparatively low basis the prices so far prevailing here have not been such as would be at all profitable on average grades. Receipts have been very heavy and buyers have shown a disposition to hold off, causing an accumulation in receivers' hands which is fast becoming burdensome. Some receivers who have not heavy goods on hand, and whose invoices indicate moderate shipments to arrive later in the week, take rather a hopeful view, but most of the receivers are looking for continued heavy arrivals, and there is a disposition to sell as freely as possible. There was some effort on Monday to raise prices a little on fine turkeys, but it was not successful, and at the close stock is very urgently offered at quotations. Chickens and fowls are in heavy supply, very dull and weaker. Fancy ducks about steady. Geese quiet, and closing barely steady.

LIVE POULTRY.

Spring chickens, local, per lb	6½	@7
Spring chickens, Western, per lb	6	@7
Fowls, Jersey State and Penna, per lb	8	@8½
Fowls, Western, per lb	[illegible]	@8½
Roosters, old, per lb	4½	@5
Turkeys, mixed, per lb	7	@8½
Ducks, N. J., N. Y. and Penn., per pair	65	@80
Ducks, Western, per pair	60	@75
Geese, West'n, per pair	$1 00	@$1 37
Pigeons, per pair	20	@25

DRESSED POULTRY—DRY-PACKED.

Turkeys, up-river and Jersey, fancy	12	@13
Turkeys, Md. and Del., fancy	12	@
Turkeys, near-by, fair to good	10	@11
Turkeys, State and Penn	11	@12
Turkeys, Western, prime	9	@11
Turkeys, West'n, poor to good	7	@9
Chickens, Phila., common to fancy	11	@15
Chickens, Jersey, per lb	10	@11
Chickens, State and Penn	9	@10
Chickens, Western, fair to prime	7	@8½
Fowls, Jersey, prime	8	@9
Fowls, State and Penn., prime	7	@8½
Fowls, Western, fair to prime	6	@8
Ducks, near-by, fancy	11	@12
Ducks, Western, fair to fine	9	@11
Geese, Md. and near-by, fancy	10	@12
Geese, Western, fair to good	7	@10
Squabs, white, per doz	$2 00	@$2 75
Squabs, dark, per doz		@$1 50

GAME.

Quail are more plenty and a little lower, but closed steady. Partridges dull but unchanged. Grouse in liberal supply and easier. Wild ducks dull; Western are weaker but a few very fine Southern canvas and redhead bring a little more than we quote. Rabbits dull and lower, cannot be sold here after this month, but hares can be sold at any time except on Long Island, where they are outlawed with rabbits.

Quail, prime, per doz	$1 50	@$1 75
Partridges, ruffed, fair to fancy, per pair	1 00	@1 12
Partridges, Western, per pair	50	@1 00
Grouse, dark, per pair	75	@1 00
Grouse, pinnatus, per pair	70	@80
Woodcock, per pair	75	@1 00
Golden plover, per doz	1 50	@1 75
English snipe, per doz	1 00	@1 25
Grass plover, per doz	30	@40
Wild ducks, canvas, per pair	1 00	@2 00
Wild ducks, redhead, per pair	40	@1 00
Wild ducks, teal, per pair	20	@30
Wild ducks, mallard, per pair	50	@75
Wild ducks, common, per pair	20	@30
Jack rabbits, fair to prime, per pair	20	@25
Rabbits, prime, per pair	20	@25

POTATOES AND VEGETABLES.

Domestic potatoes are not over plenty, but demand is quiet and prices show no change. The moderate arrivals of prime foreign have met a pretty good demand at firm prices. Some larger lots are about due, but the market is in good shape to receive them. Sweet potatoes dull. Onions rather firm. Cauliflowers firmer for fancy quality, but off grades neglected and prices show wide range. Norfolk kale and spinnach in larger supply, dull and lower. Florida vegetables show irregular quality, and there is demand for fine to fancy lots only. Nearby staple winter vegetables generally steady.

Potatoes, L. I. in bulk, per bbl	$2 00	@2 37
Potatoes, Jersey, per bbl	1 50	@1 75
Potatoes, State and Mich., per 180 lb	1 75	@2 12
Potatoes, British, magnum, per bag	1 75	@2 10
Sweet potatoes, Vineland, per bbl	2 50	@3 25
Sweet potatoes, other South Jersey, per d h bbl	2 00	@2 75
Cabbages, per C	3 00	@4 00
Cauliflowers, per bbl	1 00	@4 50
Celery, L. I. per dozen bunches	1 00	@1 50
Carrots, washed, per bbl	1 00	@
Parsnips, per bbl	1 00	@1 25
Onions, L. I and Jersey, yellow, per bbl	1 50	@1 62
Onions, Eastern, per bbl	2 00	@2 75
Onions, Eastern, red or yellow, per bbl	1 50	@1 75
Onions, Orange County, red, per bbl	1 50	@1 62
Onions, State and Western, yellow, per bbl		@1 50
Squash, marrow, per bbl	1 25	@1 50
Squash, Hubbard, per bbl	1 25	@
Turnips, Russia, per bbl	75	@1 00
Turnips, white, per bbl	50	@75
Cucumbers, Fla., per crate	1 50	@2 50
Egg Plants, Fla., per bbl	2 00	@4 00
String beans, Fla., per crate	1 00	@2 00
Tomatoes, Fla., per crate	1 00	@1 75
Kale, Norfolk, per bbl	50	@75
Spinach, Norfolk, per bbl	50	@75

SUNDRIES.

NUTS—Peanuts dull; quoted at 5¾@4c for fancy hand-picked, and 2½@3c for farmers'; Spanish shelled quiet at 27@3c for No. 1; No. 2 quoted at 1½@2c; Virginia No 1 shelled at 2½@2¾c, and No 2 at 1½c. Hickory nuts very plenty and dull at 50@90c per bush. Pecans quiet at 5½@7c per lb.

BEESWAX—In fair demand and firm; quoted at 25@26c.

GINSENG—Market steady; Northern quoted at $3@$3 50; Western at $2 50@$3, and Southern at $2@$2 50 per lb.

HONEY—New white clover in single comb boxes quoted at 13@15c, but latter price extreme for any important sales; buckwheat, 10@11c; California extracted jobbing from store at 6¼@6½c; car lots quoted at 5¾@6c per lb; Southern extracted very dull at 55@70c per gallon.

MILK AND CREAM.

The daily average receipts of milk and cream at the different railroad distributing points in and near the city for the week have been as follows: Erie, 4,671 cans of milk, 20 cans of condensed milk and 119 cans of cream; Susquehanna, 1,690 cans of milk and 15 cans of cream; Lackawanna, 4,075 cans of milk and 23 cans of cream; New-York Central and Harlem, 2,373 cans of milk, 86 cans of condensed milk and 16 cans of cream; New-York and Northern, 910 cans of milk; New-Haven and Hartford, 700 cans of milk; Ontario and Western, 2,995 cans of milk and 73 cans of cream; West Shore, 1,121 cans of milk, 45 cans of condensed milk and 35 cans of cream; New-Jersey Central, 195 cans of milk and 10 cans of cream; and by miscellaneous short routes, 1,550 cans of milk and 40 cans of cream. The total daily supply has been 19,740 cans of milk, 151 cans of condensed milk and 231 cans of cream. The demand has been brisk, the average price paid for the surplus being $1 60 a can of 40 quarts. The Milk Exchange price is $1 57 a can.

HAY AND STRAW.

RECEIPTS FOR WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 19, 1893.

	Hay, Tons.	Straw, Tons.
Hudson River Railroad	2,400	80
Erie Railroad	1,020	70
Pennsylvania Railroad	150	40
Delaware, Lackawanna and Western R. R.	700	—
West Shore Railroad	910	30
Lehigh Valley Railroad	410	10
New-Jersey Central Railroad	80	10
Baltimore and Ohio Railroad	30	—
North River barges	12	15
Totals	5,712	255

GENERAL MARKET REPORT.

New-York, December 19, 1893.

COTTON—The cotton market opened steady in tone at a decline of 2 to 3 points, with a further decline of 2 to 3 points, from which the market had failed to rally up to 2:30 p m. On the decline it is reported that considerable cotton was bought for one particular firm already extensively long of the market, and adding to their interest on all weak intervals. The market closed firm at from unchanged to 1 point net decline as compared with yesterday's closing prices. The weakness of the market was emphasized by the large movement of cotton at the ports, to-day's receipts being estimated at 66,000 bales, against 55,000 bales last week and 35,000 bales last year, while receipts at the ports for the week are estimated at possibly 360,000 bales, against 297,000 bales last week and 188,000 bales last year. New-Orleans reports for to-morrow are expected to reach 17,000 to 19,000 bales, against 12,000 bales last week and 8,000 bales last year. It is noted that the only point where the movement shows any signs of letting up is at Memphis, where receipts to-day were 2,000 bales, against 2,242 bales last year. Savannah and Norfolk are largely responsible for the heavy receipts to-day. The further decline in cotton has forced some more of the weaker holders to liquidate, and their contracts have been promptly absorbed by the large concern referred to as already heavily long of the market. The operations of this firm have caused a halt on the part of some of the local bears. Hubbard, Price & Co. have advices from Liverpool intimating that the feeling there is rather bearish, and that a tendency toward improvement is only checked by large receipts. It is noted that Southern markets are not reported as any lower to-day, and that the relative strength of January cotton has been attracting attention as a significant feature. Attention is called to the crop of 1881-1882. The crop of that year was 5,400,000 bales; receipts for the week ending December 23, 1881, at the ports were 206,000 bales. The amount of cotton that had come into sight on the 23d of December was 3,914,000 bales. The amount of cotton that will come in sight on December 23 of this year is estimated at 5,000,000 bales, or an excess of about 1,100,000 bales. This is mentioned as significant only because it confirms the theory that short crops are moved as a rule with great rapidity. "Bradstreet's" next Thursday is expected to be out with a bullish report pointing to a crop of 7,000,000 or possibly 7,100,000 bales, with nobody seeming to expect more than 7,200,000 bales to be indicated by this authority at the utmost. The Liverpool cotton market was dull and weak, with prices lower for all futures. Exchange was quoted at 1-16d. Receipts reported as 14,000 bales, and the stock at Rio as 176,000 bags, with the market called steady. The Santos market was called firm on the basis of 15 & 700 for good average receipts, 7,000 bags; stock, 160,000 bags. The business in coffee at New-York proper fluctuated from a lower at 17.20, January, at 16.80@16.95, February at 16.50@16.60, March at 16.20@16.35, May at 15.70@15.75, and September at 15.65. The coffee exchange will not be closed next Saturday, owing to delivery notices having been issued for that day. The market for contract closed barely steady and unchanged to 5 points higher, ending at 5 points lower. The sales were 17,250 bags, as follows:

	Sales, bags.	High-est.	Low-est.	Closed.	Last year.
December	500	17.20	17.00	17.15@17.25	8.00
January	7,000	15.80	15.80	16.80@16.85	15.75
February	5,000	16.60	16.50	16.40@16.55	15.50
March	2,250	16.35	16.15	16.15@16.15	15.35
April				15.85@15.95	15.15
May	2,250	15.75	15.55	15.70@15.75	15.05
June				15.45@15.45	14.95
July				15.25@15.25	14.75
August				15.10@15.20	14.55
September	250	15.05	15.05	15.00@15.00	14.35

The statistical position of Brazil coffee is as follows:

	Today.	Yesterday.	Last Year.
Stock, New-York	163,165	156,726	199,691
Stock, Baltimore	12,847	15,785	23,095
Stock, New-Orleans	29,461	30,000	26,409
Stock, United States	205,524	202,511	249,195
Afloat for United States	286,000	251,000	342,000
Visible supply	491,524	453,511	588,595
Warehouse deliveries, N. Y.	12,756	7,785	5,101
Warehouse deliveries, Balto.	2,368	5,827	254
Warehouse deliveries, N. O.	539	5,801	369
Total warehouse deliveries	15,663	14,002	5,724

Brazil coffee—The market ruled steady but quiet with No 7 on spot quoted at 18¼c. No important sales were made.

Mild coffee was steady but unchanged, although there was considerable activity. Among the sales were 200 bags Maracaibo, 500 packages Tumaco, 100 bags Salvador, 300 bags Costa Rica, and 500 bags Central American. The December Padang sale of 5,000 pounds went off on a basis of 64.40 florins for interior. Cordova quoted at 23@20½c.

DRUGS—Opium is moving slowly, and the market is not much better than steady, although primary markets are said to be firm. Spot is steady at from $2.20 to $2.25, and jobbing lots selling at $2.25@$2.30, with powder quoted at $2.50@$2.60. There has been an advance in the price of quinine, and foreign has been moved up to 22@c in 100-oz tins, 23c in 50-oz, 23½c in 25-oz, 24c in 5-oz, 27c in 1-oz, and 29c in ounce vials. Domestic manufacturers have put prices up 3c per oz. Jobbers and retailers have made some sales on the basis of 22c in bulk. Essential oils are generally firm, although peppermint is very quiet and held at $2.75@$2.65 in bulk, $3 in 1 oz at $2.60@$2.65. Senega root is steady at 40c for Minnesota and 38c for Montana; golden seal is selling at 22c and scarce. Interior holders seem very firm in their views. We quote: Alcohol—Grain (less 5 rebate, per gal, $2.15@$2.25; wood, 99 per cent, per gal, $1; alcohol, $1.50; arnica flowers, per lb, 10@12c. Barbadoes aloes, per lb, 7½@10c; cascara sagrada, per lb, 6½@8c; elm, per lb, 10@12c; sassafras, per lb, 6½@7c; soap, per lb, 3½@4c. Balsam copaiba—Central American, per lb, 30@35c; Br Canada, per gal, $30@$35. Castor oil, per gal, 70@75c. Cocoa, per lb, $1.40@$1.50; tolu, per lb, 70@75c; vanilla beans, per lb, 17@18c; castor oil, bbls, per lb, 14½@16c; cases, per lb, 15@15½c; cocoa butter, bulk, per lb, nominal; cod liver oil, Norwegian, per bbl, $18.50@$25. Newfoundland, per gal, 60@70c; cuttlebone, per lb, 21@22c; common and pipe, per lb, 15@16c; cuttlefish bone, per lb, 10@11c; glycerine, bulk, per lb, 12c; barrels, per lb, 14@16c; juniper berries, per lb, 20@25c; manna, large flake, per lb, 85@90c; small flake, per lb, 55@65c; sorts, per lb, 20@30c; quinine, bulk, per oz, $1.85@$1.95; sights, per oz, $2.15@$2.25; opium, cases, per lb, $2.20@$2.25; jobbing, per lb, $2.25@$2.30; powdered, per lb, $3@$4.10; quinine, domestic bulk, per oz, 22c; domestic oz, per oz, 28@30c; foreign, bulk, per oz, 22c. Tonka beans—Angostura, per lb, $1.70@$1.85; Para, per lb, 50@60c; vanilla beans, whole, per lb, $3.50@$13; cut, per lb, $1.75@$5.25.

LEAD—The market along the entire line is quiet, and it seems to have settled to the usual pre-holiday dullness. Irish mackerel rules about steady, with a fair sale movement than in other fish. Codfish is in moderate export demand, while box herring rules steady, with a mod rate demand. We quote: Mackerel—Norwegian boat-fat, per bbl, $22@$24; Norwegian No 1, $19@$20; do No 2, $17@$18; Irish No 1, $13@$14; do No 2, $12@$12 50; Massachusetts shores, $24; Massachusetts shore No 1, $20; do No 2, $16@$16 50; do No 3, $12@$12 50; Nova Scotia, No 1, $19@$19; do No 2, large, $16 50@$17; do No 2 medium, $13@$13 50; do No 3, $12@$12 50; tinker, $10 50@$11. Cod—Georges, $6 25@$6 35; Grand Bank, large, $5 20@$5 50; do medium, $4 75@$5. Herring—Medium scaled, per box, 15c; do No 1, 12@13c; Magdalene or lowthwies, 15c; Portland round, per bbl, $4@$4 25. Halibut—Split, $4 25; round, $2 75@$3. Labrador, split, $5 50. Scotch, medium full, $7 50@$8; do large, $9 50@$9 75; Norwegian, 4 K's, $6 50@$6 75; do 2 K's, $7 75@$8; Dutch ordinary, new, 45@50c; do full white hoops, 55c.

FLOUR AND MEAL—It has been a quiet, featureless market in flour again today. There was perhaps not as much weakness about the business as seen yesterday; nevertheless, it was a day of small things, with buyers persistently holding off, believing that the action of wheat prices and the attitude of purchasers as a whole would result in lower prices. Shippers are showing a great deal of indifference, and will not pay the current asking prices. The position of spring patents is unchanged. Minneapolis mills are holding at $4, while other mills are filling up the demand. Low grade winter wheat flours are weaker under increased pressure to sell, owing to accumulated stocks. Sales to-day were 5,500 barrels, including 300 bbls winter patents at $3 60; 1,200 bbls straights at $3@$3 20; 2,800 bbls clears at $2 90 for Western and private terms for city; 300 bbls at $2 05 for extra No 1s; superfine, 150 bbls, at $2 20; spring patents, 1,000 bbls, at $3 85@$4 00; clears, 150 bbls, at $2 70. Southern flour was dull and barely steady. BUCKWHEAT FLOUR—The market is dull and weak. Sales were 200 bbls today at $2 90@$3. RYE FLOUR—The market was easy. Sales, 200 bbls at $2 80@$2 90. Quotations follow:

	Spring. Sacks.	Spring. Barrels.	Winter. Sacks.	Winter. Barrels.
No grade	$1 60@$1 70	@	$1 65@$1 80	@
Fine	1 75@1 80	@	1 80@1 90	2 00@2 10
Superfine	1 80@1 90	@	2 00@2 10	2 15@2 25
Extra No 3	1 90@2 00	2 00@2 25	2 15@2 30	2 35@2 50
Extra No 2	2 10@2 25	2 25@2 45	2 40@2 50	2 50@2 70
Extra No 1	2 30@2 50	2 50@2 85	2 55@2 75	2 75@3 00
Clear	2 80@3 35	3 00@3 55	2 80@3 00	3 00@3 20