

**WARM WEATHER SENDS BUTTER UP TO 42 CENTS**

Pasturing of Cows in Barren Fields and Subsequent Lack of Milk Blamed.

**EGGS KEEP ON CLIMBING**

Washington Market Price Is 45 Cents—Turkey Cheap Until Christmas.

The prevailing retail price for fresh butter yesterday was 42 cents a pound, an increase of three cents over the price a week ago.

Of course, if you shopped around you could get butter for several cents less, but it was the cold storage brand dating back to June or earlier. Also you will find something lacking when you tuck it between your hot, buckwheats this morning. The whole-sale price for best fresh butter was quoted at 38 cents.

Down in Washington Market the dealers said they believed that the top notch price had been reached and that there would be a decline of at least a penny in a day or two.

Charles F. Drescher explained that the present prices were due to a scarcity of butter. "This scarcity," said Arthur Kracke, secretary of the Washington Market Merchants Association, "is occasioned by the natural reduction of the milk supply which always comes around this time of year. Not only is there less milk, but there is more of a demand for it and that means less milk to be churned into butter."

Herman F. A. Michels said that the shortage was due to the warm weather. Cows have been turned out to graze on barren pasture lands instead of being kept in barns with full mangers. Creameries that usually send thirty or forty tubs of butter to the market at this season, Mr. Michels said, are sending only five or six tubs.

According to the report of the committee on markets, prices and costs of the New York State Food Investigating Commission, the butter trade of New York aggregates \$60,000,000 to \$80,000,000 annually, of which \$50,000,000 worth is consumed in the city.

About 2,700,000 pounds are disposed of to consumers every week in the city, but during the present week only 1,800,000 pounds were shipped in.

It is confidently expected that there will be a drop very soon, as there are 10,200,000 pounds of butter in storage in the city, and a large part of it will be brought out in order that the benefits of the present market may be reaped.

The oleomargarine men, who say it is foolish to pay 40 cents or more a pound for butter when good oleomargarine can be had for 25 cents a pound, hold that one reason why the price of butter is kept up is because of the tax on oleomargarine.

"In addition to Federal taxes on the manufacture of the product," says the *National Provisioner*, the official organ of the American Meat Packers' Association, "the butter people have seen to it that there was Federal tax on dealers, and in many States there has been an additional State tax for selling any competitive butter. Take Vermont, for instance. There is a State tax there of \$100 per year on retailers who sell oleomargarine. This State tax is in addition to the Federal tax of 48 per year and is a burden which most retailers cannot carry."

"The result is that they cannot sell oleomargarine, or if they do they must put up the price to cover the tax burden. This is just what the butter people want of course. It helps them to maintain high prices for butter. Indeed it is likely that if oleomargarine commanded a price approximating high butter prices there would be less opposition to it from the butter people. Their righteous indignation against this 'contaminated' and 'axe grease' would suddenly and mysteriously abate. All they want is the money, and the consumer pays."

A bill has been introduced in the Vermont Legislature for the repeal of the \$100 State tax on oleomargarine.

Not only are we having high priced butter in these days of apparent cold storage plenty, but eggs have kept climbing in price to the retailer until the kind of eggs that respectable hens are now laying for the market were quoted yesterday in Washington Market at 45 cents a dozen. The New York market gets 1,800,000,000 eggs annually, worth wholesale about \$30,000,000.

There is some consolation in a trip through the markets these days in the fact that turkeys are retailing at 25 cents a pound, or five cents less than at Thanksgiving time. However, comparatively few persons have a turkey appetite these days, and by Christmas, when turkey appetites return, Thanksgiving prices will probably be restored.

**B. Altman & Co.**

FIFTH AVENUE Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Streets NEW YORK

WILL HOLD TO-MORROW (MONDAY)

**A SPECIAL SALE OF MEN'S FURNISHINGS**

- Men's Silk Shirts, plain or plaited, made from a new importation of Habutai silk, actual values \$6.00 & 6.50 . . . . . at **\$3.75**
- Men's Imported Knitted Silk Dress or Motor Scarfs . . . . . at **\$6.50**  
Actual value \$10.00
- Men's Folded Four-in-Hand Scarfs of imported silks . . . . . at **85c.**  
Actual values \$1.50 & 2.00

The Department of Real Laces is showing a number of choice pieces of OLD LACE, which would prove particularly acceptable for holiday gifts.

Also real duchesse and point lace collars, berthas, scarfs, fichus, rabats, veils and handkerchiefs.

WHITE HAND-EMBROIDERED WAIST PATTERNS are also being shown at very attractive prices.

The Bric-a-Brac Department directs attention to the very fine selection now being displayed. Included are MARBLE TABLES, STATUARY, VASES, WINDOW BOXES and CONSERVATORY and GARDEN BENCHES; also art furniture; lamps; clocks and clock sets; Limoges and Cloisonne enamels; bronze picture frames; jewel boxes; Dutch silver; coffee, tea and liqueur sets, etc.

**THE WOMEN'S HOUSE GOWN DEPARTMENT**

has in stock an extensive assortment of House Gowns and Negligees, suggesting desirable Christmas gifts. Among them are simple and elaborate gowns of crepe de Chine, chiffon and lace; boudoir gowns; Japanese robes of quilted silk, plain and embroidered; an unusually fine selection of zenana lounging robes; also lounging robes of eiderdown and blanket flannel.

**WOMEN'S AFTERNOON AND STREET DRESSES**

made in the newest styles, of velveteen, corduroy and chiffon velvet, are being offered at the following reduced prices:

**\$32.00, \$45.00 & \$55.00**

**WOMEN'S ELEGANT FUR COATS**

- at decided reductions in prices, among which are the following:
- Mink Coats . . . . . at **\$1,500.00**  
Formerly \$2,500.00
  - Broadtail Coats . . . . . at **\$1,000.00**  
Formerly \$2,200.00
  - Broadtail Persian Coats . . . . . at **\$475.00 & 800.00**  
Formerly \$675.00 & 1,200.00
  - Karakul Coats . . . . . at **\$500.00**  
Formerly \$750.00
  - Karakul Coats . . . . . at **\$775.00**  
Formerly \$1,200.00
  - Moleskin Coats . . . . . at **\$400.00**  
Formerly \$750.00
  - Hudson Seal Coats . . . . . at **\$375.00 & 550.00**  
Formerly \$575.00 & 850.00
  - Persian Lamb Coats . . . . . at **\$300.00**  
Formerly \$425.00

The MISSES' SUIT DEPARTMENT—Further reductions have been made in the prices of

MISSES' & GIRLS' EVERYDAY DRESSES & SAILOR SUITS

The remainder of the stock will be placed on sale to-morrow (Monday) at the reduced prices of **\$7.50, 10.25 & 12.50**

Also a limited number of STREET AND AFTERNOON DRESSES of worsteds, velveteen, corduroy, charmeuse and brocade, at **\$18.00, 22.00 & 25.00**

MISSES' COATS (a limited number) in lengths suitable for walking, skating or traveling, are also being offered at great reductions from former prices.

**B. Altman & Co.** are showing an extensive assortment of

MODERN ORIENTAL RUGS at very attractive prices.

Also a number of interesting specimens of ANTIQUE RUGS of undoubted authenticity, the prices of which range from **\$2,500.00 to \$15,000.00 each.**

INSPECTION IS CORDIALLY INVITED.

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FIFTH AVENUE Thirty-fourth and Thirty-fifth Streets NEW YORK

DIRECT attention to their very extensive assortment of useful and ornamental articles suitable for Christmas gifts for men and women. These are now being shown at attractively moderate prices.

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| <b>Fur Sets</b>     | <b>Morocco Purses</b> | <b>Motor Cases</b> |
| Marabout Sets       | Watch Bracelets       | Cigarette Cases    |
| Silk Hosiery        | Chiffon Scarfs        | Humidors           |
| Lace Handkerchiefs  | Jeweled Bandeaux      | Desk Fittings      |
| Marvex Gloves       | Corsage Bouquets      | Bill Folds         |
| Imported Negligees  | Manicure Sets         | Wallets            |
| Boudoir Caps        | Toilet Sets           | Card Cases         |
| Lingerie Pillows    | Smoking Jackets       | Gold Sleeve Links  |
| Nightrobe Cases     | Bathrobes             | Pearl Studs        |
| Fans, Opera Glasses | Sweaters              | Handkerchiefs      |
| Gold Lorgnettes     | Neckwear              | Silk Dress Scarfs  |
| Vanity Cases        | Motor Robes           | Thermos Bottles    |
| Hand Bags           | Umbrellas             | Eastman Kodaks     |
| Dressing Cases      | Walking Sticks        | Brush Sets         |

To facilitate holiday shopping, patrons of the store will, if desired, be provided with special salespeople, who will accompany them to the various departments.

The following Special Sales have been arranged for to-morrow (Monday):

**WOMEN'S MARVEX GLOVES**  
(Made exclusively for B. Altman & Co.)

- WOMEN'S 3-CLASP MARVEX GLACE KIDSKIN GLOVES, in black, tan or white . . . . . per pair **\$1.45**
- WOMEN'S 16-BUTTON MOUSQUETAIRE MARVEX GLACE KIDSKIN GLOVES in black or white . . . . . per pair **\$2.65**

In the INFANTS' WEAR DEPARTMENT an unusual sale will be held of **1,500 WHITE DRESSES FOR LITTLE CHILDREN** from 6 months to 4 years, at **90c, \$1.25, 1.75** and upward being fully one-third less than the regular prices.

Also a limited number of HAND-MADE AND HAND-EMBROIDERED DRESSES, sizes 6 months to 2 years . . . . . at **\$1.75 & 2.25**

Hand-made Long Dresses, Long Skirts and Bibs will be marked at equally attractive prices.

**MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S HOUSE GOWNS**

Made of blanket material or eiderdown, will be on sale to-morrow (Monday) at the following unusual prices:

- 4 to 8 year sizes . . . . . at **\$1.85**
  - 10 to 16 year sizes . . . . . at **\$2.90**
- Also PETTICOATS of silk jersey and messaline, sizes 34 to 36, at **\$3.75**

MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR DEPARTMENT.

**B. Altman & Co.** HAVE NOW ON SPECIAL SALE

BLACK AND COLORED DRESS SILKS

consisting of several thousand yards arranged in Dress Lengths and MARKED AT GREATLY REDUCED PRICES

The BLACK DRESS GOODS DEPT' will offer to-morrow (Monday)

**2,000 YARDS OF BLACK BROADCLOTH**

Value \$2.50 per yard . . . . . at **\$1.35**

**MAGNIFICENT IMPORTED WRAPS**

For opera, theatre and general evening wear, are being offered at the following reduced prices:

**\$110.00, 125.00, 175.00 225.00 to 385.00**

**FIGHT FIRE AT PRINCETON.**

Ridge in Princeton Dormitory Soon Put Out—One Overcome.

PRINCETON, Dec. 7.—An early morning fire in Witherspoon Hall, one of the dormitories of Princeton University, threatened for a while to-day to get the upper hand of an impromptu fire brigade of students and to cause serious damage.

**Banker Burned to Death.**

FORK MORGAN, Col., Dec. 7.—M. L. Moore, 70 years old, president of the Morgan County National Bank and one of the wealthiest men in eastern Colorado, was burned to death early this morning in a fire that destroyed his home in this city.

**SPARKS FROM THE TELEGRAPH.**

Paul Nemre was killed instantly and his brother was fatally hurt when a tank containing carbonic acid gas was blown to pieces at a Chicago soda water plant.

Five men were killed and two injured in a head-on collision of Western Maryland Railroad trains one mile west of Port Deposit, Md.