

We present for your consideration a wonderful lot of bargains—our brokers and buyers are watching all the great centers for supplies, our great experience as the largest buyers of food products shall be used at all times for the advantage of our customers. The prices are cut even lower than usual for tomorrow. Read every item, and save money on all purchases.

# Cutting the Price of Fresh Eggs, 10 1/2c.

- 100 dozen best nearby Fresh Country Eggs, guaranteed, at..... 10 1/2c. doz.
- 12 large boxes, 200 size, Parlor Matches for..... 12 cts.
- Large 3-pound cans of Peeled Table Peaches, well filled, for..... 10c. each
- Frames of New Buckwheat Honey..... 13c. or 2 frames for 25c.
- 10 lbs. of Best Loose Rolled Oats for..... 35 cts.

## 3 LBS. BEST ELGIN BUTTER FOR 66c.

# Cake Bargains.

- Marshall Creams for..... 12c. lb.
- Chocolate and Vanilla for..... 12c. lb.
- Countdown Marshmallows for..... 12c. lb.
- French Dessert Wafers for..... 12c. lb.
- Low Jolly Wafers..... 12c. lb.
- Belmont Sandwiches..... 12c. lb.
- Orange Cream Cakes..... 12c. lb.
- Packages of Cream Toast..... 12c. lb.
- Vanilla Wafers for..... 12c. lb.
- Pinwheel Sandwiches for..... 12c. lb.
- Kidnoodle Sandwiches for..... 12c. lb.
- World's Fair Cakes for..... 12c. lb.
- Camilla Creams..... 12c. lb.
- Vanilla Sandwiches..... 12c. lb.
- Large Lemon Iced Cakes..... 10c. ea.
- Large Jolly Roll Cakes..... 10c. roll
- Packages of Graham Wafers..... 12c. lb.
- Cuban Honey Cakes, lead, for..... 12c. lb.
- Buzz Butter Cakes for..... 12c. lb.
- French Wafers for..... 12c. lb.
- Water-lob Cakes for..... 12c. lb.
- Sunrise Coffee Cakes for..... 12c. lb.
- Chocolate Sliced Cakes..... 12c. lb.
- Ginger Snaps for..... 12c. lb.
- Large Coffee Cakes for..... 12c. lb.
- Chocolate Wafers for..... 12c. lb.
- Lead Star Cakes for..... 12c. lb.
- Large Coffee Cakes for..... 12c. lb.
- Crimped Sugar Cakes for..... 12c. lb.
- Round Cream Crackers for..... 12c. lb.

## Large Cans Eagle Brand Condensed Milk for 13c. each.

# WONDERFUL SOAP BARGAINS.

- Large Cakes of Easy Washing Borax Soap for..... 2c. a cake
- Large Cakes of Proctor & Gamble's Best Oleine for..... 3 1/2c. a cake
- Large Cakes of Electric Star, easiest washer, for..... 2c. a cake
- Large 5c. Packages of Soapine or Babbitt's 1776 Powder for..... 3 1/2c. each
- Large Cakes of Shultz's Star Soap for..... 2 1/2c. a cake
- 4,000 cakes of Good Laundry Soap as a special at..... 1 1/2c. a cake
- Babbitt's Best Soap, 26 cakes for \$1.00, or..... 4c. a cake

# CUTTING TEA PRICES.

- 1/2 lb. Gunpowder Tea for..... 10c.
- 1/2 lb. Oolong Tea for..... 10c.
- 1/2 lb. Hand-picked Japan Tea..... 15c.
- 1/2 lb. Good Japan Tea for..... 10c.
- 1/2 lb. Mixed Tea for..... 15c.
- 1/2 lb. Green Tea for..... 15c.
- 1/2 lb. Green Japan Tea..... 25c.
- 1/2 lb. Good Gunpowder Tea..... 20c.
- 5 lbs. Granulated Sugar and 3 1/2 lbs. of 30-cent Java and Mocha Coffee, all for..... \$1.00
- 2 lbs. of 50-cent Mixed Tea or Green, and 7 lbs. Granulated Sugar, all for..... \$1.00
- 18 lbs. Best Franklin Granulated Sugar for..... \$1.00
- 18 lbs. Best Soft A Sugar for..... \$1.00

## 6 lbs. of Large Lump Starch for 25c.

- Arbuckle's Package Coffee for..... 10 1/2c.
- Large Packages of Levering's Coffee for..... 10 1/2c.
- Lion Package Coffee for..... 10 1/2c.
- Durkee's 25-cent Bottles Salad Dressing for..... 19c.

# CUTTING FRUIT PRICES.

- 5 lbs. Good Evaporated California Bright Peaches for..... 25 cts.
- 3 lbs. Very Bright and Large California Nectarines for..... 25 cts.
- 3 lbs. Very Bright and High-grade California Apricots for..... 25 cts.
- 4 lbs. of Very Bright Apples, new and high grade, for..... 24 cts.
- 4 lbs. of Silver Prunes, large and very bright, for..... 25 cts.

# Meat Bargains.

- Best Bright Smoked Sugar Cured Shoulder, worth 8 cents, for..... 6 1/2c. lb.
- Good Fresh and Sweet Boiling Beef, worth 7 cents, for..... 4 1/2c. lb.
- Fresh and Tender Roasts of Beef, cut from finest beeves, worth 10 cents, for..... 7c. lb.
- Best Small Bright Sugar Cured Hams, mild smoked, worth 12 cents, for..... 10 1/2c. lb.
- Strips of Sugar Cured Breakfast Bacon, worth 12 cents, for..... 10 1/2c. lb.

# CUTTING RUMFORD'S YEAST POWDER.

- The largest size 6-ounce bottles of Rumford's Celebrated Yeast Powder to go at..... 8 1/2c. each.
- Rumford's Pound Cans of Baking Powder cut down to..... 27c.
- Rumford's Half-pound Cans of Baking Powder cut down to..... 13c.
- Royal Baking Powder, large pound cans, for..... 40c. each

## JOHNSTON'S, 729 and 731 7th St.

### SUBMARINE PHOTOGRAPHY.

The New Art May Vastly Enlighten Our Present Ignorance.

Prof. Louis Bontan in the Century.

The extent of the surface of the earth covered by water is vast, since it far surpasses that of the dry land. What do we know of this part of the globe hidden by the seas and oceans? Very little, it must be admitted. Except along the immediate edge of these immense bowls which can be explored in diving bells, the means which naturalists have at their disposal for examining these depths are most rudimentary. Nobody can go down into them, as the tremendous pressure of the water renders this impossible. For a long time, therefore, it was imagined that the bottom of the sea was one vast extent of mud, without the presence of living things; but numerous scientific expeditions finally proved that this was not the case, and that a multitude of curious and even fantastic animals were to be found there.

The product of even a single catch, including many sharks, as made by us at the Arago laboratory, convinced me that at a depth of 900 meters the bottom of the ocean is full of life. All these big sharks are carnivorous. In order to live, these animals must eat other animals, so there must be tremendous numbers of them. These come, although we know almost nothing about them.

As regards the sea, the naturalist is in much the same situation as would be an inhabitant of the moon who could live in ethereal space, but could not breathe the air which envelopes our earth. Let us suppose that this voyager from the ethereal regions should come in contact with our atmosphere. He would float above the highest strata without being able to penetrate them, separated from the earth by the gases which surround it. What must he do

if he wishes to know something of what exists below the layers of clouds which hide our globe from his view? He would do as our naturalists have done—construct dredges and nets, and, having weighted them, would let them down like the anchor of a balloon, and try to pull them along the surface of the earth. Do you think that with such primitive instruments he would obtain very precise ideas of the terrestrial globe? Every agile animal would flee before the apparatus which it did not get retrievably caught in some oak, rock, or lofty factory chimney, might bring back, after having straggled for some time along the surface of the earth, bits of leaves, pebbles mingled with soil, etc., all of which, however, could give only a very vague idea concerning the constitution of the globe.

Up to the present our naturalists have done hardly more than this. Though it is quite true that the apparatus used is as perfect as possible, and that the most illustrious students of nature have displayed in their labors an ingenuity which I should never dream of calling in question, at bottom the proceedings are the same in both cases. They drag rudimentary instruments blindly through the depths of the seas.

What a change will come over the situation the moment it becomes possible to let down to the bottom of the ocean a photographic apparatus provided with a powerful artificial light! Although this camera will not be able to bring back pictures of wide extent, may it not succeed in satisfactorily photographing 100 square meters of space? And will not such photographs contain a most precious fund of information?

Everything leads one to believe that it will be possible to construct photographic apparatus which will accomplish its work successfully at any depth of water. But without going so far as this, and without launching forth into hypotheses which have not yet been realized, it may be asserted that submarine photography can already produce useful results.

In the immediate vicinity of the coasts, the photographing of landscapes, the in-

teriors of grottoes, animals caught in their medium, furnishes the student useful and precious information; and, from an industrial point of view, one may see how it can be employed practically. Suppose, for instance, a ship to be at the bottom of the sea. How are we to know its exact position, and to determine the extent of the damage which it has suffered? A good submarine photograph would be more valuable to the engineers than all the information which divers could furnish.

### The Use of Corn Pith.

From the Chicago Chronicle.

Today no American fighting craft is deemed complete without its belt or corsetband of corn-pith cellulose. The pith of the stock is cut out and ground into a coarse, mealy mass, and then under pressure molded into blocks or briquettes. In this form it is packed into the cells made for it against the sides of the ship and about the machinery. The pith is so stiff that it is packed into the cells made for it against the sides of the ship and about the machinery. The pith is so stiff that it is packed into the cells made for it against the sides of the ship and about the machinery.

### Stock-Reducing Furniture Sale.

Everything heavily reduced. Moses, F. & L. Advertisement.

## ANNUAL SHAD BAKE

Board of Trade to Journey Down the River.

Preparations for a Big Time Tomorrow—Prominent Guests Who Will Be Present.

Business cares and the vicissitudes of office will take a back seat tomorrow afternoon, when the Washington board of trade and its several hundred guests, including many senators and representatives and men high in the official life of the capital, will journey down the river to Marshall Hall, there to enjoy the annual shad bake.

All arrangements for the affair have been completed, and every indication points to one of the most enjoyable outings ever given by the board of trade. A large and distinguished party of guests have been invited, and to a man have accepted the board's hospitality. The members of the board will turn out in full force, and it is expected that the good steamer Charles Macalester will be loaded to the gunwales with distinguished guests from the men of the District. The Macalester will leave her wharf at the foot of 7th street at 2 o'clock sharp tomorrow afternoon. Members of the reception committee have been requested to be at the wharf not later than 1:30 o'clock in order that the many guests may be properly welcomed and secured good places on the boat.

Under the chaperonage of Capt. L. L. Blake of the Macalester the company will enjoy a pleasant sail down the river. It is expected that the party will arrive at Marshall Hall not later than 3:30 o'clock. By this time the shad will be on the fire and baking. One hour will be spent by the party in the dining room, when the shad will be served, and to those interested in cooking the planking and baking of the immense number of shad to be prepared will offer an attraction that will be enjoyed by a large share of the guests.

Dinner will be served on the lawn at 4:30 o'clock in regular picnic style. Planked shad, Maryland oysters, fried chicken, and delicacies of all kinds will be spread on the white cloths. Tables will not groan with weight of good things, for the board of trade is a party of the most select, and to withstand the weight of their bountiful supply, and so the plain lawn was chosen.

After dinner the various speeches will be made. President Croyer has been selected who will be the speaker of the evening, and it is probable that the guests will be so glad to respond to the speaker's remarks that they will leave the hall on the return trip at 7:30 o'clock, arriving in the city one hour later. This early departure from the scene of pleasure is made necessary by the government order that no boats shall pass up the river after midnight.

The members of the board of trade who have not yet secured their tickets have been requested to do so at once, that the necessary arrangements for the comfort and convenience of the trip. Tickets may be secured at the board room, 1410 G street northwest, up to noon tomorrow.

### Some Guests.

The invitations sent out by the board of trade have been accepted with a will, and already Senators John W. Daniel, William M. Stewart, H. D. Money, B. R. Tillman, and many others have signified their intention of being present. The following representatives have accepted invitations and will be at the shad bake: C. H. Grosvenor, D. C. Shannon, Governor C. S. Payne, Theobald Olson, C. N. Fowler, W. B. Hatcher, Jacob Yost, Claude Swanson, S. A. Northway, James S. Sherman, A. J. Hopkins, R. C. Shannon, Governor C. S. Payne, L. Terry, James A. Walker, James H. Howe, Joseph H. Walker, Geo. W. Smith, Thos. C. McClain, J. D. Clark, W. R. Ellis, James C. McCreary, J. B. McCreary, Daniel Ermentrout, Jerry Simpson, Charles N. Henry, W. B. Shattuck, John L. Brenner, Joseph B. Searles, Thad. N. Mahan, J. B. Burke, James R. Young, Frank M. Eddy, Thos. J. Bradley, G. A. Marshall, C. A. Hamilton, John A. McDowell, Walter Reeves, Hugh R. Etkin, W. C. Adams.

Aside from these all the prominent members of the board of trade will be on hand, as well as many of their invited guests.

The steamer leaves later in the afternoon than has been the case heretofore, and the committee in charge does not believe in spoiling a hearty appetite for a light supper. The shad will be served at 4 o'clock, and the party will enjoy a pleasant sail down the river which will sharpen the appetite.

### Reception Committee.

The reception committee is as follows: James L. Norris, chairman; Marcus Baker, Alexander T. Britton, G. F. T. Cook, Jos. H. Cranford, W. Riley Deeds, Geo. Gibson, Wm. F. Hart, T. J. Jeffords, Chas. J. McCubbin, Chas. J. Bell, Chas. S. Bundy, C. P. Fardon, Eldred G. Davis, Daniel Fraser, Charles C. Glover, John J. Hempill, Joseph Taylor Johnson, M. D. Francis, Daniel Johnson, Chas. Brown, John B. Small, Jr., Colin Studds, Beriah Wilkins, M. M. Parker, George W. Silsby, J. W. Somerville, A. L. Sturtevant, H. H. Twombly, Henry Wells, W. Henderson, Henry L. Bischoff, W. V. Cox, J. B. Gregg, Curtis, M. D.; Robert J. Fisher, George C. Gorham, William B. Hibbs, T. A. Lambert, Daniel M. Linn, Chas. W. Miller, John B. Scrimber, William S. Thompson, John B. Wright, Matthew G. Emery and A. D. Hazen.

The committee in charge of the excursion and dinner is as follows: A. A. Birney, chairman; Dr. Richard Kingsman, J. W. Balson, J. W. Frizzell, W. H. Rapley, H. Bradley Davidson, John Miller and Robert B. Tenney.

### Oriental Rug Sale at Moses'.

Five times the stock of any one else. Auction from the Chicago Chronicle.

His Half.

From Youth's Companion.

The communism which obtains in the Orient is a little embarrassing to white men who employ native servants, for it is impossible to make the servants understand that all the food in the larder is not their property and that of their friends. But the king's chaplain got over this difficulty by making a definite arrangement with his housekeeper.

"I have a pig," he said, "that half of every pig belongs to me, and my friends. The other half is yours."

He turned the arrangement to very good account. He had a head of a pig, the kind of which he is very fond, is fenced, but the pigs, allowed to go where they will, are apt to gain admission.

"You know you like the front half of the pig, because it contains the most fat," he said, "and I have fenced that the front half of every pig should be yours; and just look at the harm your halves are doing! My halves can do no harm. All the mischief is done by yours. If you can't keep the pigs out of the garden I shall change and keep the front halves for myself."

### That Accursed Egg Trick.

From the London Globe.

The discovery of America so riddles that we understand no creature is just now so unpopular in Spain as a hen. At the present moment a hen's life is not worth a moment's purchase, and they are all fleeing to the mountains. To so much has the egg trick become a penal offense, and the other day a conjurer at Madrid who made an egg stand on end was led out and garroted.

# The Palais Royal Store News.

66] WOULDNT give five cents a month for The Star without the Palais Royal advertisement." Such was the remark of a lady who commented on the absence of our announcement one day last week. And this lady but echoed the sentiments of many others. Merchants, too, appreciate the fact. The location next to the Palais Royal advt. is considered an advantage and is "begged for" by leading temporaries. But why tell you all this? Because we are proud of the fact; because it means the Palais Royal advertisements must truthfully mirror the daily store news, and that this news is the most profitable reading, appreciated by Star readers and advertisers. And now for tomorrow's news.

## New Waists. New Prices. Broken Lots. Broken Prices.

- 98c for the New "Derby" Waists of White India Linen, with tucked front, yoke back, laced collar and cuffs. Already the rage in New York, where they are now scarce, at \$1.25 each.
- \$1.29 for the usual \$1.50 "Derby" Waists, of French chambray and English madras in checks, plaids, stripes and fancy effects.
- 49c for \$1.08 for Boys' Blooses of wash material, in white and colors. We think the best variety of Paris styles in Washington is here.
- 25c in a price surprise for little boys' Wash Shirt Waists, with platts front and back. Light and dark effects in sizes 3 to 12 years.
- 85c for 74c. The New Cut Grass and Deck Skirts, navy, black and tan. 74c is a special price for tomorrow only.
- \$5 for \$3.98. Light-weight Diagonal and Smooth Wool Cloth Dress Skirts, in colors. Made to wear with wash shirt waists.
- \$1 for 89c. The New Linen Crash and Black Satine Portmanteaux, with Spanish founce. See in a special price for tomorrow only.
- 50c for 39c. The New Summer Portmanteaux of gingham, in stripes combining white and colors. Full width, finished with 5-inch ruffs.



## Saturday's Millinery and Ribbon Sale.

First: The usual clearing of Trimmed Hats. Ladies who have been here "to look" will come tomorrow to buy. \$10 for the Imported Hats you have seen here at \$15 and \$18. Choice of the \$10 Hats for \$7. Those you've seen marked \$7 and \$8 are to be \$5. The \$1.50 to \$2.50 Trimmed Turbans, Cycling and Walking Hats, to be only \$1.25.

### Trimmed "Knox Sailors."

The Knox block is a guide the elite of society follow. Knox Sailors generally sell at fancy prices. We say \$1.50 instead of \$2.50 for Split Braids, \$1 instead of \$2 for Milan Braids, 75c instead of \$1.50 for Rough and Ready, 49c instead of \$1 for Senette Braids.

### Special.

\$2.50 and \$3.50 for Children's and Misses' Trimmed Hats just from the work rooms. All like Paris made.

\$3.00 for Children's Millinery is a specialty of the Palais Royal, and Saturday is "Mother's day," so that many "specials" will be offered. See Wreaths for May festivities.

### The Flowers.

PROBABLY the last great purchase of the season of Imported Flowers. We know of no other such quantity now in the market.

Lots.....	1	2	3
For.....	9c	15c	21c
Value.....	15c	25c	39c

\$7 Thousands of bunches of choice Flowers and Foliage. All the season's varieties here in plenty. The Genuine French Flowers at less than cost of the inferior imitations. Such flowers as "Ione" to a hat, an expensive French appearance that is unmistakable.

### The Ribbons.

ANOTHER enormous purchase of High-grade Ribbons enabling better qualities than ever at the prices. None but desirable styles, etc.

Lots.....	1	2	3
For.....	13c	19c	25c
Value.....	19c	25c	40c

The values are learned of when you read that regular stock of Ribbons are to be included at 15c yard. All the Ribbons for the week are at 15c. And 2c to 4c Ribbons for only 25c yard. This will make tomorrow the greatest "Ribbon Saturday" of the season.

### French Jewelry.

IMPORTERS' samples and surplus of Fine Jewelry. Only a few dozen pieces in all, but all are rare bargains.

- 98c for Jeweled Hat Pins worth \$1.25 to \$2.50. Great hauls of fine diamonds, sapphires, emeralds, amethysts, settings of sterling silver, sold in gold.
- \$1.98 for Chateaux like the picture; also Brooch Pins worth \$3 to \$4. Beautiful jewelry and miniatures in settings typically French. Choice for \$1.98.
- \$3.98 for Jeweled Girdles, worth up to \$10 each. Only six of them. Hurry, please.

### Parasols.

\$2.98 for extra-wide \$5 Parasols. But only forty left. Pure linen, hand-embroidered, simple pleats, a few few standing-strips of "drummers" jaunting.

### Scarfs.

25c for New Awot Scarfs of white and colored pique. Note the new pattern. They have short and broad as well as extra long Scarfs.

### Veils.

22c for 75c Veils, because with too many novelties. See them.

### Mouchoirs.

18c for French Linen Handkerchiefs, guaranteed 100% quality. Pure linen, hand-embroidered, beautiful borders, the very latest.

### Laces.

\$1 instead of \$1.50 for 27-inch Gown Laces, with six rows of Valenciennes lace inserted into a lovely dress frock, richer than silk.

### A GIRAFFE'S SORE THROAT.

#### The Animal's Peculiar Anatomy Made the Case Serious.

From the Boston Herald.

"Seems to me I told you once," said the old circus man, "about the giraffe having a sore throat? It is a serious matter for any giraffe to have a sore throat; bad for the giraffe and bad for the owner. When you come to take a giraffe under the hoof, a sore throat means large expense and a large amount of trouble; and the big fellow hadn't more'n got over this before something else happened to him that gave us even more trouble. He caught cold, and the cold settled in his throat—I suppose he was still sensitive there—and it gave him a stiff neck, so that he couldn't bend his neck at all.

"You can't have any idea of what a stiff neck means until you see a giraffe afflicted in that way; we'd had all sorts of trouble with animals in one way or another, but for real trouble this beat 'em all. We discovered it one day on the road. The giraffe always bucked his head under the branches that hung down, sort of like a swan or goose does, but this day, carrying his head right up straight in the air, he brought up against a branch that was at least a foot above the ground. That was such an amazing thing that we knew something must be the matter, and the giraffe's keeper came up and spoke to him, and all he did was to bend his nose down and look down, why, we couldn't bend his neck, and then we knew what was the matter.

"Well, of course, the first thing we did was to set a man to march alongside of him with a tent pole, with a crotch in the end of it to lift the branches for him. Most of the time—almost all the time, in fact—we could steer him clear of overhanging branches, and, of course, lots of the way there was long stretches where there wasn't any trees at all; and then we'd come to places where the man would have to lift a branch to let the giraffe go under, and a great pity it was, too, to see him compelled to go about in that manner.

"He went that way for about ten days. Ordinarily, we used to put his feed for him on top of the animal cage, so that he wouldn't have to bend down more than eight or ten feet; but he couldn't do that now. So we used a ring in the center pole, eighteen feet from the ground, and we used to reach a rope through that and make one end fast to the bucket, with his food or

### What We Buy From Spain.

From the Philadelphia Record.

Has it occurred to you to inquire just what we get from and send to Spain, and therefore, just how inconvenient war will be in that respect? Of course, one way to get at the matter would be to look up the statistics; another is to pay a visit to our own great Philadelphia commercial museum down on South 4th street, and hunt the matter out for ourselves. Once up in the room where are shown the goods Spain has to dispose of, it takes scant time to decide that we can manage to worry along with none of her products on a pinch. First, there's a tall fiber called ramie—we don't import a dollar's worth. Then a kind of cross from which ropes and hammocks are made, and a palm fiber, which is converted into fans, Sabots, too, and forty-seven sorts of wood, some for dyeing purposes, but the sort that counts most is cork oak, too, the part of the bark that makes the best corks is right here in full view. We have corks from Spain to the value of \$130,000 a year. Sounds convivial, doesn't it? Wine, too, a pretty showing, there being any number of vintages, with sherry and malaga, of course, leading. Ordinarily, we import wine in quantities of 100 cases, and also in black pills of various shapes. There are nuts, too, almonds and hazel nuts of four varieties. The pine fruit looks like onions. There's St. John's bread,

drink in it, and hoist it up and let him eat there. On the rope we used to throw the rope over the crotch of a tree and give the giraffe a lead, but his entry into the great tent at show time we had to cut a great slit in the canvas, but we didn't regret that, because it was a mighty improvement to see him march in that way. It made him look thirty-six feet tall, instead of eighteen.

"I tried a day a man used to go up on a ladder and put a strap around his head, and we'd hook on a fall, with a boy's chair, and a man would ride down his neck and rub in liniment. He used to like that very much, and it helped him greatly, too, and one morning when the men went out to give him the usual rub, they were delighted to see the old chap with his head bowed down pretty near to the roof of the grizzly bear cage, which stood next to him, which showed that his neck was all right, and all that indicated that he'd take his breakfast this morning in the old way, if you please."

### Sparrows Sing a Polca.

From the Louisville Post.

"You have often heard of the ferocity of birds, no doubt," said William Anderson, a hardy old woodsman, who lives on the lower Ohio, "but I doubt if you ever heard of birds attacking and killing an animal that one would imagine could whip three or four birds crows. While hunting down in the fields near the mouth of Green river several years ago I saw a large and fierce skunk beat an ignominious retreat after trying in vain to best several English sparrows, and later, when the skunk was acrossing his territory to the sticking point again, I saw those same insignificant-looking little birds tear apart the feathers of a skunk, who was frightened from one side of the thicket to the other, twittering like mad. When I went to learn the cause of the skunk's behavior, I found him dodging from one side to the other of a log, trying to escape the savage attacks of the feathered tribe. The birds didn't mind him, but kept dashing their little bills into the skunk's well-punctured hide. When the skunk started across an open space to the cover of nearby driftwood, his tormentors pounced upon him and riddled the poor cat's hide."

### A Homestead Cat.

From Our Dumb Animals.

A homestead cat has excited the pity of many wealthy New London people. The animal's old household recently moved to Boston, and this pet being left behind refused to eat, and soon was reduced to a skeleton. The cat was a very old one, and was pushed under the feline nose with no effect. As a last resort, some kindly interested people took the cat to Boston on a visit to its old family, where, with demonstrative joy, it ate voraciously and is rapidly getting fat again.