MAKES GIRLS BLIND.

An Overall Factory That Badly Needs an Overhauling.

Eva Gay Finds a Bone to Pick With Its Rich Proprietor.

The Light So Bad That the Girls Endanger Their Eyesight.

Filthy Water to Drink--No Comforts Nor Conveniences.

FRIDAY of last week I received a message from a former acquaintance, saying that she was nearly blind as the result of working in an overall factory in this city, and asking me to come and see her. I thought her statement possibly exaggerated, but thought that perhaps it would be worth while to find how much of truth there was in her story.

Following the address given in the note, I found the house after some difficulty. It was a two-story frame building that had originally fronted the street, but now stands at the back of a filthy yard, while a newer and more pretensions tenement now fills its former place. The house had that air of dilapidation acquired from years of rental and neglect. The building seemed to be occupied by people who rented a room or two each, and took in sewing or washing in order to eke out a subsistence. After a little inquiry I found the room where my friend lived. She was lying on a couch, with her eyes bandaged, so that I had time to glance about the room before making my presence known. The floor was guiltless of carpet or rug. The wall paper, originally of some dark color, had been torn off in many places, leaving discolored patches. The sunlight streamed in through a grimy and uncurtained window. A chair, and oil stove, a table and a few dishes formed the only other furniture besides the couch on which my friend was lying. I wasn't a cheerful place, and I thought perhaps she kept her eyes bandaged in order to shut out

THE MISERABLE SURROUNDINGS.

After making my presence known, and indulging in a few polite commonplaces, I said: "Mary, how do you happen to be living here and where is all the pretty furniture that used to make your room so comfortable?" She explained that she had always been able to earn from $6 to $8 a week until, on going to work in an overall factory, her eyes had been injured by working in poor light. The foreman advised her to quit work for awhile, but, being dependent on her work for a living, she saw no alternative but to work as long as possible and trust the future for better times. Nothing better came, however; she had been lying for weeks with her eyes bandaged and the physician gave but little hope that she would be able to work steadily again. A package of pawn checks represented the pretty furniture which had formerly made her room look so cosy. There was no fire in the room, but Mary said the laundry woman down stairs would let her sit by the heating stove when it became too cold to stay up stairs without a fire.

THE OVERALL FACTORY.

After reporting the case to some charitable people, who promised to see that the girl had good care, I visited the factory at which she had worked. It was a frame building, a story and a half high. Judging from its appearance, it might have been one of the first buildings erected in the city. A blacksmith shop on one side and a brick block on the other left not much vacant space about the building.

The light came through the large windows in the store front. Those who were fortunate enough to sit near the windows had good light, but those who sat farther back were at a disadvantage. The girls said that they were obliged to work rapidly in order to make living wages, and the lack of sufficient light was a serious matter to them. Several complained of sore eyes. There were lamps hung along at intervals over the machines, but they were not kept in such order as to give good results.

On inquiry I found that the proprietor, Mr. Cohen, is said to own the brick block adjoining, and also a large amount of real estate in different parts of the city. One might pity him if he were just starting into business, and could not afford to give help a comfortable place in which to work. As it is, he could put his overall factory in the brick block adjoining, but that would involve the loss of office rent which is now received from that building, and certainly no sensible or humane person would think of asking girls to work in their present quarters with its attendant surroundings.

"Can I get a glass of water?" I inquired of one of the girls.

"Yes, if you want to drink the water from that well out in the yard," she answered.

"What's the trouble with the water?" I asked.

Just go out and see where that well is situated and then remember that all last summer we had to

DRINK THAT WATER

without even ice to cool it. The owner of the factory said that we could beg a chunk of ice from the restaurant across the yard if we couldn't do without it. Several of our girls drank the water and it made them sick. So we used to work all day long in the heat and suffer thirst rather than drink the impure water from that well."

I found that the well was situated where it couldn't fail to receive the drainage from several vaults, and all sorts of refuse were thrown out from the blacksmith shop and stores. The closet which the girls are obliged to use is in too filthy a condition for description, yet complaint and request for better accommodations have been unavailing.

I found the wages as high as those paid for similar work in other factories. Girls who were just beginning earned from $1.50 to $2 per week. A large percentage earned from 50 to 75 cents a day. Experts earned from $8 to $11 per week. The foreman was pleasant and gentlemanly—evidently willing to do all that he could in order to better the condition of affairs. But he claimed that he could do nothing in regard to the evils of which I have spoken unless the owner of the factory were willing.

ANYTHING FOR WORK.

The girls seemed disposed to accept their surroundings without much comment, saying that they were glad to get work in any sort of place, and their greatest source of trouble seemed to be that they had no money to spend for Christmas, because work had been so slack. EVA GAY.

Some Yuletide Don'ts.

Harper's Monthly.

Don't put R. S. V. P. on your present to your rich uncle.

Don't misspell the word "presence" in the invitations to your Christmas party.

Don't hang up more than three pairs of stockings if you are visiting friends in the country.

Don't eat two mince pies, a plum pudding, lobster salad and ice cream and then complain that the climate does not agree with you.

Don't impersonate Santa Claus in a sealskin sacque, rubber boots and auburn side whiskers.

Don't give your guest who has overstaid his welcome a traveling bag.

Don't send the unreceipted bill for her present to your fiancee in mistake for a Christmas card.

Don't decline a present simply because the expressage or postage has not been prepaid.

Don't attribute your bonbon headache to the drum your enemy sent you.

Don't borrow money from your friend to pay for his present.

Don't present your wife with a handsome mahogany cigar box; and

Don't expect your husband to be pleased if you give him an ivory-backed hand-mirror.

Christmas Crullers.

THE five-cent stores are great boons to women who want to buy Christmas presents for their husbands.—Norristown Herald.

It is a mean man who will carry home a mysterious-looking bundle to-night, and open it to-morrow only to disclose a new suit for himself.—Lowell Citizen.

A Pennsylvania man chloroformed a girl and stole her hair. Just see to what terrible expedients husbands are driven to provide Christmas presents for their wives.—Kentucky State Journal.

About $500 will buy your wife as fine a sealskin paletot as you could desire to surprise her with for a New Year's gift. And it would only be a fair exchange for that $1.35 smoking set which she placed in his stocking and told Burgess to charge to your account.—Fall River Advance.

Christmas Inside-dents.

When the man who is troubled with indigestion gets invited to a Christmas dinner he forgets all about his dyspepsia.—Judge.

The average small boy is already preparing his stomach for a long-felt want.—Philadelphia Call.

Nobody should be hungry on Christmas. It is not that kind of a holiday.—Merchant-Traveler.

Which Christmas dinner digested the best, the one you ate or the one you gave others to eat?—Hartford Post.

The butcher's goose will taste better if your Christmas goose is paid for.—Somerville Journal.

The Christmas goose is about to attempt to prove his superiority to the Thanksgiving turkey, and the goose will draw the first "down."—Hartford Post.

Now comes the festive season, when
You'll notice the ladies and the men
For costly presents the store will raid,
And forget all about some bills unpaid.
Last Christmas bills are far from pleasant
And, so, they look on the Christmas present.
—Goodall's Sun.

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A Song in the Air.

"There's a song in the air, there's a star in the sky,
There's a mother's deep prayer, and a baby's low cry;
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing
And the manger of Bethlehem cradles a King."
—J. G. Holland.

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Christmas Comes.

"Christmas comes! he comes, he comes,
Ushered with a rain of plums.
Hollies in the windows greet him;
Schools come driving home to meet him;
Every mouth delights to name him;
Wet and cold, and wind and dark,
Make him but the warmer mark.
—Leigh Hunt.

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The Mean Man.

The stocking of his little girl he filled with sweets and toys,
And with a pair of brand new skates he stuffed his little boy's;
Within the stocking of his wife he placed a handsome pin,
And in his mother-in-law's a wrap for muffling up her chin.
—Boston Courier.

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Under the Mistletoe.

Adown the oaken staircase
She comes with dainty tread,
In satin gown of quaintest cut,
With frosty lace o'erspread—
And a green bough of mistletoe
Hangs just above her head.

Her white throat rises stately
From out its snowy bed,
Her tender eyes are downcast,
Her lips are ruby red—
And a green bough of mistletoe
Hangs o'er her golden head.

Her slippered foot's soft patter,
Her ankle so well bred,
Set my poor heart a-flutter;
Her ire I do not dread.
I only see the mistletoe
That hangs above her head.

I clasp her close and kiss her,
Not caring what is said.
For the truth is, if you'd know it,
We are already wed—
But then, a bough of mistletoe
Hangs just above her head.
—M. M., in Puck.

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Little Clara's Letter.

Dear Santa Claus, I'm going to try
A real good girl-to be;
So won't you please ask pa to buy—
Oh, lots of things for me?

I want that doll I saw down there
In Mister Brown's big store;
It's got real eyes and lots of hair—
I want it more and more.

I want a watch that ticks out loud,
I want a great big sled;
And, oh, I'll just be awful proud
If you will paint it red.

And Nellie Page has got a hat
That's just too lovely, too;
Please have pa get me one like that—
I'm sure he will, ain't you?

And then, if you will have him buy
Some bracelets and a ring,
Why, then, I guess you needn't try
To get another thing.

So good by, Santa Claus; I told
Ma I would ask no more;
But—lots of other things are sold
At Mister Brown's big store.
—Columbus (O.) Dispatch.

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

H, how I wished that I might tell
The love which bound me as a spell!
She was a witching little maid,
But then—I think I was afraid—
And even the dread time delayed
Till Christmas came.
* * *
I called on her on Christmas eve,
Resolved to ask her to receive
My love, and in my vows believe.
(But I didn't).

When I rose to go,
She whispered low,
"Give my love to your sister, I pray."
I answered then without delay—
Her words had made more smooth the way—
"Suppose I should keep that precious prize?"
And, looking in her deep brown eyes,
Saw no expression of surprise.
"If you will," she said,
With downcast head,
"As a Christmas gift from me."
—Harper's Bazar.

THE COMMERCIAL RECORD.

Signs of a Broadening Instead of a Boom in the Stock Market.

A Steady and Healthy Rise, the Business Done Being Well Distributed.

Even the Trunk Lines Become Prominent for the Advances Made.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Clearings, $77,676,659; balances, $5,117,017. Money on call easy at 3@5 per cent. Prime mercantile paper, 6@6½. Sterling exchange quiet, but steady at $4.84¼ for sixty-day bills and $4.88½ for demand. The stock market today gave further signs of broadening and commission people had more buying orders than at any time during the continuance of the present rise, while the selling was principally from traders taking profits, the short operations being reduced almost to a minimum. There was a steady and healthy rise throughout the entire day, no boom being apparent, but the buying was of the best character, while the feeling was of unusual buoyancy, and the improvement as well as the business done was remarkably well distributed. The coal stocks and the grangers, as usual of late, were the leaders, both in point of activity and strength, but they monopolized less attention than they have for the past two weeks, and the trading in the usually inactive list was especially heavy, while the number of shares traded in was larger than on any day for some time. The coal stocks started off with a boom, and their prices were rapidly rushed up from 1 to 2¼ per cent, but other stocks soon came in for a share of the improvement and the grangers, Missouri Pacific, and even the trunk lines, became prominent for the advances made. There was very good business in Erie and Lake Shore, and they were both strong throughout. The Northern Pacific group became active toward noon, when the Gould stocks also showed more animation than usual, and all were in good demand. The bears were quiet to-day, and did little except covering a few shorts, but that kind of operations was not a factor in the course of prices, and the bulls had things almost entirely in their own hands.

The opening prices were from ¼ to ¾ per cent above those of Saturday evening, and the market became very active immediately, while the upward movement became very pronounced, and especially in the coal stocks under the lead of Lackawanna. There was a slight lull in the market, but toward noon the activity and strength again appeared, and Missouri Pacific and the Northern Pacifics took the lead, and by 12 o'clock prices were from 1 to 2 per cent above those of the opening. Less animation was noticed in the afternoon, and no gains were made except in Lackawanna and Erie, which became prominent, but towards 2 p. m. the general list again moved forward, and in the last hour a general advance took place, in which the highest figures of the day were reached in most of the list. The market closed active and strong at the best prices. The advances are large and very uniform, Northwestern rising 2⅛, Atchison and Burlington 2 per cent, each, St. Paul and New England 1⅞, Lake Shore, Omaha and San Francisco preferred 1¾ each, Lackawanna 1⅝, Missouri Pacific 1½, Delaware and Hudson, Northern Pacific preferred and Pacific Mail 1⅜ each, Louisville & Nashville and Western Union 1¼ each, Erie and Oregon Transcontinental 1⅛ each and Reading, Chicago Gas and Union Pacific 1 per cent each. For the first time in many weeks the buoyancy and animation in the share list was communicated to the dealings in railroad bonds, and a decided character was shown by that market. Prices rose all around, and the sales of all issues reached $1,609,000 for the day, while the Reading issues again became prominent for activity, and the first incomes contributed $168,000 and the seconds $98,000 to the grand total. There was no special features of marked interest. The total sales of stocks to-day were 312,292 shares, including:

Del., Lac. & W.	34,390	New England	15,178
Erie	24,297	Ore. Trans.	10,875
Lake Shore	18,760	Reading	55,050
Louis. & Nash.	5,675	Rich. & W. P.	5,250
Missouri Pac	18,500	St. Paul	38,930
Northwestern	19,160	Texas Pacific	4,055
N. J. Central	3,500	Union Pacific	19,610
North. Pac. pfd	12,940	West. Union	15,320

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Stocks and bonds closed at the following prices bid:

U. S. 4s reg	127¼	Hocking Valley	26¼
do 4s coup	128¼	Houston & Tex.	12
do 4½s reg	108¼	Illinois Central	115½
do 4½s coup	108¼	Ind., B. & W.	13½
Pacific 6s of '95	119	Kansas & Texas	13⅝
La. stamped 4s	90¼	Lake Erie & W.	17½
Missouri 6s	102½	do pfd	57⅝
Ten. new set 6s	105¾	Lake Shore	102⅛
do do 5s	100½	Louisville & N.	57⅛
do do 3s	74⅛	Louis. & N. A.	40
Can. So. 2ds	92¾	Memphis & C.	51
Cen. Pacific 1sts	114¼	Mich. Central	87½
D. & R. G. 1sts	119	Mil., L. S. & W.	52
do 4s	77	do pfd	94
D. & R.G.W. 1sts	84	Mpls. & St. L.	6
Erie 2ds	97¾	do pfd	14
M., K.& T. G. 6s	61¾	Missouri Pacific	74¾
do 5s	56⅞	Mobile & Ohio	8
Mut. Union 6s	97½	Nash. & Chatt.	82½
N. J. C. int. cert.	108½	N. J. Central	95
N. Pac. 1sts	119	N. & W. pfd	50
do 2ds	110	N. Pacific	25¼
N. W. consols	142½	do pfd	60⅛
do deb. 5s	109	Northwestern	108⅝
Or. & Trans. 6s	101⅛	do pfd	140
St. L. & I.M.G.5s	104⅛	N. Y. Central	108¼
St. L.& S. F.G.M.6s	116¼	N. Y., C. & St. L.	17¾
St. Paul consols	126⅛	do pfd	69
St. P., C.& P. 1sts	120	Ohio & Miss.	21⅝
T. P. L. G. T. R.	99⅞	do pfd	84
T. P. R. G. T. R.	39½	Ont. & Western.	15½
Union Pac. 1sts	114½	Oregon Imp.	71
West Shore	104⅝	Oregon Nav.	91
Adams Express	142	Oregon Trans'l.	30½
Alton & T. H.	41	Pacific Mail	37¼
do pfd	85	P., D. & E.	24½
Am. Express	110	Pittsburg	155
B., C. R. & N.	20	Pullman P. Car	174¼
Canada Pacific	52	Reading	50
Can. Southern	53	Rock Island	99¾
Cen. Pacific	35½	St. L. & S. F.	26
Ches. & Ohio	18	do pfd	67⅝
do 1sts pfd	14¾	do 1sts pfd	112
do 2ds pfd	15¾	St. Paul	64⅜
Chi. & Alton	133	do pfd	103½
C., B. & Q.	111½	St. P., M. & M.	99½
C., St. L. & P.	14½	St. P. & Omaha	33¼
do pfd	35½	do pfd	99
C., S. & C.	63	Tenn. C. & I.	36
Cleve. & Col.	58½	Texas Pacific	22¾
Del. & H.	132⅞	Tol. & O. C. pfd.	50
Del., L. & W.	144⅜	Union Pacific	63⅜
Den. & R. G.	16¼	U. S. Express	73
East Tennessee	9½	Wab., St. L. & P.	12½
do 1sts pfd	67¾	do pfd	25½
do 2ds pfd	23¾	Wells-Fargo Ex.	138
Erie	28	W. U. Telegraph	84
do pfd	62¾	Am. Cotton Oil	54⅛
Fort Wayne	149	Colorado Coal	32⅜
Ft. Worth & D.	29		

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NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Flour—Receipts, 22,176 packages; exports, 5,075 bbls, 25 sacks; moderately active; barely steady; sales, 13,900 bbls. Wheat—Receipts, 14,850 bu; exports, none; sales, 328,000 bu futures, 24,000 spot; spot market weak, dull; ¼@½c lower: No. 2 red, $1.02¾@1.03 elevator, $1.04@1.04¼ afloat, $1.03⅝ f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 96½c; No. 1 white, $1.05@1.03½; No. 1 red, $1.11½@1.12; No. 2 Chicago and Milwaukee nominal; options dull, ¼@½c lower; steady; No. 2 red, December, $1.02½@1.03 7-16, closing at $1.02½; January, $1.02⅝@1.03 1-16, closing at $1.02¾; May, $1.08⅝@1.08¾, closing at $1.08½; June, closing at $1.08. Rye quiet; Western, 58@62c. Stocks of grain, store and afloat, Dec. 22: Wheat, 9,640,202 bu; corn, 1,666,295 bu; oats, 2,233,493; rye, 80,195 bu; malt, 157,160 bu; barley, 191,531 bbls; peas, 24,642 bu. Barley, steady, but dull. Barley malt dull. Corn—Receipts, 209,898 bu; exports, 42,972 bu; sales, 56,000 bu futures, 74,000 bu spot. Spot market dull, weak, ½c lower; No. 2, 46c; elevator, 47¼@48c afloat; ungraded mixed, 36½@48½c; No. 2 white, 48½c; steamer mixed, 43@44⅝c; No. 3, 39¾@41¼c. Options steady, dull; January, 45⅞@46c, closing 45⅞c; February, 46c; May, 45⅜@45¾c, closing 45⅝c. Oats—Receipts, 34,000 bu; exports, 1,380 bu; sales, 90,000 bu futures, 63,000 bu spot; spot market dull, heavy; options dull, ⅛c lower; January, 31c; February, 31⅛@32c, closing 32c; May, 33½c; spot No. 2 white, 33¾@34c; mixed Western, 29@32c; white western, 33@39c; No. 2 Chicago, 32c. Hay strong. Hops steady, dull. Sugar—Raw, inactive, barely steady; refined, quiet, easy. Rice firm, fair demand. Petroleum quiet, steady; United, closed 89⅝c. Cotton seed oil strong. Tallow quiet and nominal; city, 6@6 1-16c. Rosin dull. Turpentine dull at 46¼@46½c. Eggs steady but quiet; Western, 23@24c; receipts, 1,808 packages. Pork dull. Cut meats easy; pickled bellies, 7⅜@7⅞c; pickled shoulders, 7¼c; middles steady. Lard easier and inactive; Western steam, $8.60; Dec., $8.58; January, $8.35 asked; February, $8.2c@8.23; March, $8.21@8.23; April, $8.21@8.23; May, $8.22@8.23; June, $8.24 asked. Butter steady; moderate inquiry; Western dairy, 14@25c; Western creamery, 19@31c; Elgin, 34@35c. Cheese quiet; Western, 10@11¼c.

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THE VISIBLE SUPPLY.

New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The visibly supple of grain on Saturday, Dec. 22, as compiled by the New York produce exchange, was as follows:

	Bushels.	Increase
Wheat	38,035,659	822,076
Corn	7,269,742	942,142
Oats	8,433,837	423,812
Rye	1,637,502	23,861
Barley	2,456,851	32,353

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With the exception of cash dealings trade was light. There was some trading in futures early in the session at $1.11⅝@1.11⅝. The pit traders were few in numbers, and those present were not disposed to do much. No quotations were received from anywhere except from New York, and that exchange adjourned early with the ½c decline from Saturday's closing price. At 12 o'clock nothing had been done in any other futures than No. 1 northern for May. The cold wave signal was up and had a supporting influence on futures, neutralizing what was otherwise a bearish feeling. 25,000 bu May sold at $1.11⅝; 20,000 bu May, $1.11¾; 15,000 bu May, $1.11⅞. Following are the closing quotations: No. 1 hard, December, $1.17; January, $1.17; May, $1.23½; on track, $1.16@1.17; No. 1 northern, December, $1.07; January, $1.07; May, $1.11⅝; on track, $1.07@1.08; No. 2 northern, December, 95c; January, 95c; May, $1.03; on track, 95@98c.

The two days' receipts of 400 cars made a fair showing on the sample tables, but there was a great scarcity of buyers and but little trading was done. A fair number of local millers was present, though more through force of habit than any desire to buy. Some few lots were picked up at about Saturday's prices, and one or two sales of good wheat were made a shade higher. In the absence of any speculative markets there was light attendance on 'change, and the estimated receipts of 300 cars for Wednesday encouraged buyers to hold off. Car lot sales by sample—4 cars No. 1 hard, $1.16; 5 cars No. 1 northern, $1.09; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.08; 1 car No. 1 northern, f. o. b., $1.09½; 1 car No. 1 northern, $1.13; 8 cars No. 1 northern, $1.09; 2 cars No. 1 northern delivered, $1.07; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.09⅛; 2 cars No. 1 northern, $1.08; 2 cars No. 2 northern, f. o. b., $1; 2 cars No. 2 northern, 99c; 2 cars No. 2 northern, f. o. b., $1; 2 cars No. 2 northern, $1; 5 cars No. 2 northern delivered, 95c; 11 cars No. 2 northern, 96c; 5 cars No. 2 northern, 95c; 2 cars No. 2 northern, $1.05; 2 cars No. 2 northern, $1.08; 4 cars No. 2 northern, $1; 2 cars No. 3, 85c; 3 cars No. 3, 83c; 1 car No. 3, 98c; 7 cars No. 3, f. o. b., 84c; 2 cars No. 3, 80c; 3 cars No. 3, $1.02; 2 cars rejected, 60c; 2 cars rejected 76c; 4 cars rejected, 70c.

FLOUR AND COURSE GRAINS.

Flour—The market was steady but slow. Under any ordinary conditions it has always been slow during the holiday week, and the peculiar conditions existing it is necessarily so now. The Milwaukee convention emphasized the fact that millers think wheat too high and that the meeting was primarily to effect a reduction. The natural conclusion of flour dealers is that a reduction in wheat prices means as well, a reduction in flour prices and are very probably waiting for it. The expected sometimes is not realized. In this case there is some waiting for it. Patents, sacks to local dealers, $6.50@6.65; patents to ship, sacks car lots, $6.40@6.65; in bols, $6.65@6.75; delivered at New England points, $7.15@7.35; New York points, $7.05@7.25; delivered at Philadelphia and Baltimore, $7@7.20; bakers here, $4.50@5.35; superfine, $3@4.35; red dog, sacks, $1.60@1.65; red dog, bbls, $1.80@1.85.

Bran and Shorts—The bran market held quite steadily at $11@11.50 for bran and common shorts.

Corn—Owing to some scarcity the inquiry was more active and the few cars here were held at about 30c for good ungraded.

Oats—There was some firmness in the oats market with good heavy oats held at 25@28c, and some white at 29@30c. Light oats slow at 22@24c.

Barley—Fine, bright barley was offered at 55c. The demand was poor, and sales made at about 50c, and of some not choice at 40@45c, with poor 30@35c, all by sample.

Flax—Quoted at $1.57. Chicago, $1.63.

Hay—Hay was weak, with sales of choice at $6, with fair to good at $4.50@5.50.

RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.

Receipts—Wheat, 224,000 bu; oats, 9,900 bu; barley, 3,000 bu; flaxseed, 1,500 bu; flour, 225 bbls; millstuffs, 14 tons; hay, 105 tons; fruit, 40,000 lbs; merchandise, 1,810,640 lbs; lumber, 10 cars; barrel stock, 6 cars; machinery, 12,600 lbs; coal, 544 tons; wood, 484 cords; lime, 2 cars; pig iron, 60 cars; live stock, 4 cars; dressed meats, 60,000 lbs; hides, 66,400 lbs; sundries, 23 cars; total, 733 cars.

Shipments—Wheat, 51,000 bu; corn, 1,200 bu; oats, 1,800 bu; barley, 3,600 bu; flaxseed, 2,500 bu; flour, 19,259 bbls; millstuff, 285 tons; hay, 10 tons; merchandise, 1,099,140 lbs; lumber, 19 cars; barrel stock, 1 car; household goods, 20,000 lbs; oil cake, 120,000 lbs; dressed meats, 20,000 lbs; hides, 121,500 lbs; wool, 4,300 lbs; railroad material, 3 cars; sundries, 19 cars. Total, 437 cars.

FLOUR SHIPMENTS.

Milwaukee road, 1,700 bbls; Omaha, 606 bbls; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 398 bbls; Wisconsin Central, 725 bbls; Northern Pacific, 150 bbls; St. Paul & Kansas City, 1,497 bbls; Chicago, Burlington & Northern, 8,635 bbls; Soo line, 3,548 bbls.

CAR LOT RECEIPTS.

Following are the Minneapolis wheat receipts by roads: Milwaukee road, 84 cars; Omaha, 51 cars; Minneapolis & St. Louis, 21 cars; Manitoba, 42 cars; Northern Pacific, 105 cars; Soo line, 20 cars.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Following is the state inspection of grain Minneapolis for the past twenty-four hours.

RAILWAYS.	No. 1 hard.	No. 1 northern.	No. 2 northern.	No. 3	Rejected.	No grade.
M. & M.—Brk. div.	....	4	12	3	3	2
M. & M.—F. F. Div	2	13	14	7	5	4
C., M. & St. Paul	9	5	26	6	5	....
Mpls. & St. Louis	....	2	18	5	2	1
Mpls. & Pacific	1	...	9	....	8	15
Northern Pacific	....	2	11	4	6	1
Total grades	12	26	90	25	29	23

Total cars 207

Other Grains—No. 3 oats, 4 cars; No. 3 barley, 2 cars; No. 4 barley, 9 cars; No. 1 flax, 4 cars; rejected flax, 2 cars.

Inspected Out—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 3 cars; No. 2 northern, 18 cars; No. 3, 5 cars; rejected, 5 cars; no grade, 11 cars.

WHEAT IN STORE.

	Dec. 24. Bushels
No. 1 hard	921,705
No. 1 northern	1,523,583
No. 2 nyrthern	1,910,419
No. 3	589,321
Rejected	145,394
Special bin	2,663,092
Minneapolis	7,753,516
St. Paul	265,000
Duluth	867,176
Total	8,885,692
Duluth increase	122,203
Local increase	507,688

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LIVE STOCK.

St. Paul Union Stock Yards.

Receipts—12 cars hogs—778; 7 cars sheep—1,430. Sales:

Hogs—

No.	Av. Wt.	Price	No.	Av. Wt.	Price
74	205	$4 90	58	280	$5 00
77	193	4 95	55	373	5 20
57	324	5 10	57	242	5 10
73	244	5 05	59	267	5 20
54	318	5 17½	59	328	5 10
57	317	5 05	71	274	5 07½
62	218	4 95	76	259	5 07½
55	271	4 95			

Cattle—

No.	Av. Wt.	Price	No.	Av. Wt.	Price
12	1,130	$2 00	18	1,123	$2 25
2	1,040	2 90			

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Ready Cash Market for Hogs.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—The Drovers' Journal reports: Cattle—Receipts, 8,000; shipments, 1,000; market strong and 10c higher; beeves, $1.40@5; steers, $3@4.35; stockers and feeders, $1.90@3.25; cows, bulls and mixed, $1.40@3.10; Texas cattle, $1.80@3.40. Hogs—Receipts, 13,000; shipments, 2,500; market stronger; mixed and light, $5@5.30; heavy, $5.10@5.35; skips, $3.40@5.10. Sheep—Receipts, 4,000; shipments, 1,000; market strong; natives, $2.75@5.50; Western, $4.40@4.65; Texans, $2.20@3.30; lambs, $4@6. The Journal's cablegram from Liverpool quotes heavy supply of American beeves; prices lower; tops, 12c per pound, estimated dead weight.

Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, MO., Dec. 24.—The Live Stock Indicator reports: Cattle—Receipts, 591; no shipments; no good ones; supply mostly common butchers' stuff and cows; market unsettled, values ranging from 5 to 20c higher than Saturday; no reliable quotations can be given. Hogs—Receipts, 2,660; shipments, 232; strong, active and 5c higher; good to choice, $5.07½@5.12½; common to medium, $4.95@5. Sheep—Receipts, 1,603; shipments, 1,044; steady; good to choice $3.75@4; common to medium, $2@3.50.

SEVEN CORNERS BANK.
Paid Up Capital, $100,000.
R. M. Newport, President.
Michael Deifel, Vice President.
W. B. Evans. Cashier.
C. A. Hawks. Asst. Cashier.

Dry Goods.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—As usual to the date and day of the month, business was light, and the only demand the result of moderate orders for immediate wants. On account of old business forwardings, continued to take many goods. On Wednesday agents will advance Washington staple prints and River Point robes 2½ per cent, Martha Washington indigo prints to 6c, and plain oil colors, various grades, 2½@5 per cent.

THE DULUTH UNION NATIONAL BANK,
DULUTH, MINN.
U. S. Government Depository.
CAPITAL, $800,000
L. MENDENHALL, Pres. H. A. WARE, Cashier

Oil Markets.

OIL CITY, Pa., Dec. 24.—National Transit certificates opened at 90⅛c; highest, 90¼c; lowest, 89⅜c; closed at 89¾c; sales, 627,000 bbls; clearances, 3,112,000 bbls; charters, 39,682 bbls; shipments, 161,569 bbls; runs, 60,905 bbls.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 24.—Petroleum dull but steady; National Transit certificates opened at 90⅛c; closed at 89⅝c; highest, 90⅛c; lowest, 89¾c.

BANK OF MINNESOTA.
Paid Up Capital, $600,000.
Surplus, $100,000
Wm. Dawson, Pres. Robt. A. Smith, V. Pres
Wm. Dawson, Jr., Cashier.

Oil Markets.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Petroleum opened strong at 90⅛c, closed at 89⅞c; highest, 90⅛c; lowest, 89⅜c. Sales, 782,000 bbls.

Cincinnati Whisky.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 24.—Whisky quiet; sales, 595 bbls; finished goods on a basis of $1.14.

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MINNEAPOLIS REAL ESTATE.

The following transfers were recorded Monday:

Thomas H Boardman to Margaret E Tomlinson, lt 3 blk 5, Lakeview add, $3,500
Francis M Campbell to Augustus S Townsend, lt 2, blk 1, Forest Place