BOWSER SHAVES HIMSELF.

Success, However, Fails to Attend His Tonsorial Efforts.

HE CUTS GASHES IN HIS CHIN

And Will Hereafter Blow in Fifteen Cents a Week Around the Corner.

Detroit Free Press.

"Mrs. Bowser, do you know how much time the average man consumes per week in getting shaved?" queried Mr. Bowser, as he entered the house the other evening with a parcel under his arm.

"I do not."

"Well, I figure it an hour and a half, to say nothing of the expense. One also runs many risks by shaving in a public place."

"Yes."

"And I shall hereafter shave myself. I can do it in seven or eight minutes, at a cost of less than 2 cents, and I run no risk of barber's itch or having my throat cut by some lunatic."

"Well, I hope you'll make a success of it, but ——"

"There you go. Did I ever attempt anything you didn't discourage?"

"But you know you tried it twice and gave it up and threw your outfits away in disgust."

"And why? Because some one used my razors to cut kindling wood!"

"Mr. Bowser!"

"At least it appeared that way to me. And I got a lame arm, and we went off on a visit, and there were several other reasons. From this time forward I shall shave myself, and I shall begin after supper."

After supper he prepared himself with three towels and a quart of hot water and went up stairs to begin operations. I crept softly up and took a seat on the landing just as Mr. Bowser had removed coat and vest and collar and was mixing the lather. While he was soaping his face I heard him growl several times, and afterward ascertained that it was caused by his jabbing the brush into his eyes and mouth by mistake. About one-half of the lather was deposited on his shirt front before he got through. He was just seventeen minutes getting ready for the razor, and when he took it up I heard him mutter:

IT COMES AWKWARD.

"This thing handles mighty awkward! If that fellow has gone and sold me a left-handed razor I'll prosecute him to the last ditch!"

He held it in various positions to get "the hang," and when he finally got it he made a careful motion along his right cheek. To his great surprise and delight he didn't cut his head off. On the contrary, he shaved off a whole spoonful of lather, and I heard him chuckling:

"Egad! But I'm getting there with both feet! No barber could beat that!"

Mr. Bowser wears a mustache and is very proud of it. At the third or fourth scrape along his cheek one end of the mustache got in the way of the razor and a share of it was carried overboard so to speak.

"By thunder," gasped Mr. Bowser as he regarded the damage, and he carefully washed all the lather off that side to closer inspect the calamity. Investigation proved that the damage was not beyond repair, and he renewed the lather and went ahead.

In the course of the next fifteen minutes Mr. Bowser must have removed as many as two hairs from his face, and he uttered fully 100 sighs and grunts. He tried the razor in his right hand and in his left, and in every conceivable position, and he brushed on the lather until a hoe would scarcely have scraped it off.

"You see," I heard him saying to himself. "A fellow has to fool around awhile to get confidence in himself. I expected it would take me half an hour this time, but inside of a week I'll make a clean shave inside of five minutes. There, that's a good job."

AN ASTONISHING RESULT.

He wet a towel and wiped the lather off his face and took a look in the glass. The result astonished him. So far as he could see he had not removed one single beard. He had scraped off the lather, but the beard was still there. He growled away for a while then he mixed a fresh lot of lather and brushed it on, and after satisfying himself that the razor's edge was all right by cutting a hair pulled from his head, he laid it against his chin. He gradually turned it up and began to scrape, and I heard him softly saying:

"Now, then, I've got the real hang of it. I was carrying it too flat. There's a trick——"

Two things suddenly happened. He cut the left corner of his mustache off and gashed his chin at the same stroke, and the next instant he bounded out in the hall and shouted for me.

"Well, what is it?" I asked as I rose up.

"Look here! I'm fatally wounded!" he cried, as he danced around the room.

"Let me see. Why, it's nothing but a slight cut. Let me wash the lather off."

It was a lively cut, and it bled freely for a quarter of an hour, during which time Mr. Bowser did a great deal of sighing and groaning, and forgot about his mustache. When I had plastered up the cut he returned to the glass, discovered that his mustache was lopsided, and wheeled on me to exclaim:

"Look at it! Look at that, Mrs. Bowser!"

"Yes, you haggled your mustache. I'll get the shears and trim it off."

ACCUSATIONS.

"Never! Keep right away from me! Mrs. Bowser, your plot has been discovered!"

"Don't be so foolish, Mr. Bowser. I told you I didn't believe you could shave yourself."

"It is all as plain as day now!" he continued, as he upset the lather cup and walked through its contents; "you probably figured that I'd cut my throat. You were sitting at the head of the stairs to catch my death rattle!"

"Did I tell you to bring home that razor? Didn't I try to discourage you from shaving?"

He turned from me without a reply, and I went down stairs. He came down after about half an hour. He had been obliged to sacrifice a third of his mustache to get it in proper shape again, and the lather, which had gotten into his eyes, gave him the appearance of having wept for a week.

"It's too bad," I said, breaking a long and embarrassing silence.

"Oh, it is, is it?" he sneered in reply. "Too bad that I'm not lying a headless corpse up stairs, and you figuring on my life insurance!"

"Well, it's no use to talk to you, Mr. Bowser."

"Not a bit, Mrs. Bowser. You had a plan. I checkmated it. You stand revealed in your true light as a would-be Borgia or worse. This is the last straw, Mrs. Bowser, the very last. In the morning we will talk business."

But when morning came he didn't have a word to say. I found his shaving outfit in the side yard, where he had thrown it from the window, and the girl is now using the razor to peel potatoes.

An Austrian Giantess.

The most famous child in the German empire just now is Elizabeth Laska. Every German daily has told it readers how she looks and acts, how she eats and drinks, and what kind of clothes she wears. All Berlin is flocking upon her, as all Vienna called upon her a few weeks ago when she was at the Austrian capital. Professors and officers and doctors and privy councilors, and other German big wigs are received by her daily. Even the great Virchow passed several hours with her, chatted with her familiarly, and eventually wrote an elaborate description and biography of her, which he will read soon before the Anthropological Society of Berlin.

Elizabeth is getting all this attention, not because she is pretty or clever, but because she is big. According to Virchow she is the biggest girl of her age whom Europeans of modern times have seen. Though but eleven years old she is six feet six inches tall and weighs about 300 pounds. With all this size she is exceedingly strong and promises to be a giant in strength. She is not a "fat" girl. She is able to, and has done the work of two men in the field, being active as well as strong. She is still growing rapidly. This giantess is said to be handsome. She has long, dark brown wavy hair, large, dark eyes, clean-cut features and white teeth. Her figure is shapely, though somewhat immature. She has a very fetching smile, which has made her the object of all sorts of attention from light-headed young men, but she cares more for her dolls than all the young men living.

CANOEING OUTDONE.

The Fun That May Be Had With So Simple a Thing as a Podoscaph.

London Globe.

The sporting column of the Paris Figaro waxes enthusiastic over the podoscaph. France has not, generally speaking, much to teach us in the way of aquatics; and yet, though the word has found its way into recent English dictionaries, it is impossible to feel warranted in assuming that the podoscaph is a matter of common knowledge. For the benefit of the ignorant, then, a podoscaph, as described by M. Adrian Marx, is a flat board, just big enough for a single adventurer, nailed upon a pair of small skiffs; a minute raft upon which any one who has the knack of self-balance may voyage up and down rivers and along canals, either crouching, kneeling or standing. If the wind be well behind he may open an umbrella, and is then carried along at the rate of steam.

Nor do these things exhaust the podoscaph's advantages. A friend of M. Marx, so we are assured, harnessed to his podoscaph a team of twenty ducks, who not only materially lessened his labor, but supplied him with roast duck for supper whenever in his river voyages he came to a halting place insufficiently provided—a very practical adaptation of the fancy of Cleopatra and the late king of Bavaria for being drawn about by swans. But it seems that M. Marl's podoscapher having started with twenty ducks came home with them all inside him, which shows what a healthy pastime podoscaphy must be.

In the interest of Anglo-Saxon sports and pastimes—at any rate of their spectators—we trust the podoscaph may presently emerge from our dictionaries upon our inland waters. It is difficult to imagine a more pleasant spectacle than a poposcapher, a podoscaph and a team of ducks getting mixed up on a canal with a tow-boat, a barge and a bargee.

THE HONEYMOONERS' HOTEL.

A House to Be Erected for Loving Couples Alone.

London Figaro.

I am awaiting further particulars of that Honeymooners' hotel, which, according to a circumstantial correspondent, is to be built on the South Devonshire coast for the special and, if possible, sole use of newly-married couples on their wedding trips. That the surroundings of the establishment are to be made as idylic and fairylike as possible need scarcely be said. Romantic arbors in shady corners, gushing streamlets, secluded sylvan nooks are to be provided ad lib., while with the aid of science every night will be a moonlight one and every day one of seeming bright and warm sunshine. The prospectus is even said to hint at the presence of mechanical nightingales, which, thanks to persistently winding up, will warble on every suitable tree.

The decorations, artistic and otherwise, of the hotel are, of course, to be all in character, though I must admit that I question whether the proposed transformation of the ordinary weak-kneed hotel waiters and the somewhat too substantial chambermaids of the provinces into attendant Ganymedes and Hebes, as artistic in their poses as they are classical in their attire, will really be an advisable step to take. The laying on of Æolian harps and other mysterious music in every apartment is another detail open to criticism. But there is nothing like actual experience after all, and I shall be curious to hear more about the Honeymooners' hotel when it has been opened for business for a few weeks.

The Love Tree, a Peculiar Tropical Plant.

The Allegheny greenhouses have a peculiar attraction at present in the shape of a blooming "love tree." The plant stands just inside the entrance of the palm house, and it attracted the attention of all the visitors to the conservatories.

The "love tree" or phlodendron diliciosa, is a tropical plant, its clime being Brazil. Its usual growing places are on the rocks, and, as a wall plant against a house, it develops rapidly. The leaves are large and peculiarly shaped, having deep incisions, which divide them into many elongated false leaves. The blossoms resembles the flower of the calla lily in color and size, and it combines in its fragrance all the delicious perfume of the entire flora.

A peculiarity of the plant is the fruit, which takes a whole year to develop and ripen. Mr. Hamilton, who showed the reporter the "love tree," pointed the fruit out. It looks like the ear of a large cow.

"It will not be ripe until next July," said Mr. Hamilton, "but it is well worth waiting for, because I do not believe that there is another fruit so delicious as that of the 'love tree.' Its taste has the flavor of the peach, the pineapple and all other sweet fruits, but to offset the insipidity which might arise from so much sweetness it also has a taste of pepper, which makes the fruit all the more delicious."

Royalty Fond of Music.

Kings, queens, princes and princesses are fond of music, just the same as ordinary people. Many of these dignitaries endeavor to play some instrument. Some are successful and others are not so, although the courtiers do not dare tell the latter so.

Queen Victoria and her daughter Louise play well upon the organ.

The Prince of Wales plays the banjo fairly well.

The Princess of Wales is a skillful pianist.

The Duke of Connaught amuses himself with the flute.

The Duke of Edinburgh is a persistent but poor violinist.

The czar of all the Russias plays a handsome silver cornet.

Queen Marguerite of Italy makes herself happy at the piano.

Prince Henry of Prussia is a composer and a performer on the violin and piano.

The beautiful empress of Austria plays splendidly on the zither.

The Empress of Japan is proficient on the "koto," the national instrument, which is a kind of big zither.

Queen Elizabeth of Roumania plays with equal skill on the harp and piano.

King George of Greece can play all kinds of tunes on handbells and wine glasses of different shapes. He can also play the "cymballum," an instrument played only by the Tzeganes of Hungary.

A couple of good-natured Frenchmen got into a quarrel and challenged each other to fight. On the morning of the duel they and their seconds tramped through the woods to the fatal spot, when one of the duelists, the challenging party, tripped and fell. His second helped him to his feet. "I hope you are not hurt," said the other duelist. "I'm not much hurt, I only bumped my nose on the ground." "Does it bleed?" "Yes, a little." "Heaven be praised! Blood flows and my honor is vindicated. Give me your hand, old boy."—London Tit-Bits.

FIRST UP AND THEN DOWN.

Wheat Opens Strong, Fluctuates Rapidly, and Then Closes at a Fractional Decline.

Deliveries Were Light, and the Break Was Caused by Heavy Selling.

Financial Operations of the Money Kings—The General Quotations.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—Wheat was active again to-day. The principal news of the day was bearish, but for the greater part of the session the local trade was sufficient to boost prices and give the appearance of strength. This was deceptive, for the bottom fell out of the little bulge before 1 p. m., when there was a break of ¾c in December in a few minutes. At the opening prices were a trifle improved from last night on light deliveries. The wheat on ocean passage was reported at a decrease of 700,000 bu for the week. This was all there was in sight in the shape of bull news. On the other hand, the receipts at Minneapolis and Duluth reached close to 900 cars. The receipts here were 294 cars, or nearly 50 cars over the estimate. The weather was on the bear side. There was an increase of 850,000 bu in Liverpool stocks. Prices here were also off range with the other markets. It was a little strange, therefore, that before noon October wheat was put from 81⅝c to 82c, December from 83c to 83⅛c, to 83⅛c, and May from 85⅝c to 86⅛c. There was good buying on the first bulge, with December at 83⅜@83⅝c, and May at 86⅛c. Later there was a slight dip to the bottom prices of the day, already named; then the slow, gradual bulge to the top prices named at 12:30 o'clock. It was at this hour that December dropped from 83⅜c to 83⅛c, without any previous sign of weakness. Cables were not of any consequence. At New York Wall street bought some wheat and a few exporters sold. Export clearances were light, only 36,000 bu at New York and Philadelphia and 12,000 bu at New Orleans. The break in wheat at 12:30 to 83⅛c for December was followed by a further dip to 82⅞c before the close. Closing prices were ⅛@¼c lower than yesterday. The break was caused by heavy selling. Deliveries of wheat were very light. Receipts, two days' inspection, were 202 cars winter wheat, 92 cars spring wheat, 671 cars corn and 324 cars oats by rail and 39,600 bu corn and 14,000 bu oats by canal. Withdrawals from store were 27,832 bu winter wheat, 396,959 bu corn and 71,668 bu oats. Deliveries of corn were very large. It is said Hutchinson alone sent out 2,000,000 bu. The enormous deliveries of corn on October contracts caused great weakness in this month, and prices declined to 30¾ October; later prices recovered to the closing figures. Oats were quiet and steady. The day in provisions began with deliveries of about 25,000 bbls, of which Armour & Co. delivered about 18,000 bbls. First prices in the pit were little changed. Later there started a buying of October wheat which put the price to $11.50. The tables turned in short order, as it by a prearranged plan. There was little pork offered by Armour & Co. Then McCormick & Co. sold. Then Steever. After the price touched $10.90, there were no bids, and sellers offered it down to $10.50, then $10.40, with some sales, and then off to $10.25, with the closing price at $10.40. November sold $9.75 off to $9.57½; January, $9.32½ to $9.27½. The selling of the stuff off to $10.25 was thought by some to be the purpose of checking the work of the packers, who could buy cheaper than make at that figure. The deal is thought to hang fire yet, and traders are cautious. Lard and ribs were quiet and steady.

THE QUOTATIONS.

The leading features ranged as follows: Wheat—No 2 December, 83¼c, closing at 82½c; Year, 81⅝c, closing at 81¼c; May, 86⅝c, closing at 85⅝c. Corn—No. 2 November, 31½c, closing at 31¼c; December opened at 31⅜c, closing at 31⅛c; May, 33¾c, closing at 33⅝c. Oats—No. 2 December, closing at 19⅞c; May opened at 22⅝c, closing at 22⅜c. Mess Pork (per bbl)—November, $9.75, closing at $9.57½; year, $9.15, closing at $9.15; January, $9.30, closing at $9.27½. Lard (per 100 lbs)—November opened at $5.92½, closing at $5.90; year, $5.85, closing at $5.87½; January, $5.90, closing at $5.87½. Short Ribs (per 100 lbs)—November opened at $4.82½, closing at $4.82½; January, $4.75, closing at $4.72½. Cash quotations were as follows; Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 80⅞@81⅝c; No. 3 spring, 67@70c; No. 2 red, 80⅞@81¼c. Corn—No. 2, 31c. Oats No. 2 19½c. Rye—No. 2, 41½c. Barley—No. 2 nominal. Flax seed—No. 1, $1.26½. Prime timothy seed, $1.23. Mess Pork—Per bbl., $10.50. Lard—Per 100 lbs., $6.10@6.12½. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.12½; salted shoulders (boxed), $4.37½@4.50. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.50@5.62½. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.02. Sugars—Cut loaf, 8½c; granulated, 8¼c; Standard A, 7¾c. Receipts—Flour, 30,000 bbls; wheat, 73,000 bu; corn, 335,000 bu; oats, 218,000 bu; rye, 71,000 bu; barley, 90,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 11,000 bbls; wheat, 48,000 bu; corn, 252,000 bu; oats, 258,000 bu; rye, 39,000 bu; barley, 36,000 bu. On the produce exchange to-day the butter market was unchanged. Eggs, 16@17c.

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Duluth Grain.

Special to the Globe.

DULUTH, Oct. 1.—There was a good demand at the opening, and trading was active, though chiefly confined to switching orders from October to December. There were double the number of cars on track in Duluth this morning than there were at either Chicago or Minneapolis, and the large movement is looked upon as the beginning of heavy shipments this way. Under the impulse of active demand prices went up at the start from 8c to ½c all around, but after demands were satisfied the market sagged back to opening figures and generally closed there. No. 1 hard cash opened at 83c, fluctuated, and closed at the same figures; No. 1 northern opened at 80c, and with but slight variations closed at the same price; No. 2 northern, 76c; October opened at 83¼c, advanced to 83½c, and dropped back to 83¼c, when it closed; November sold at 84¼c, and closed at 83¾c sellers; December opened at 84c, went up ½c, and closed at 84c sellers; May closed at 89½c bid; year, 82⅝c; October corn, 30¾c. Cars on track, 447. Receipts, 173,003 bu; shipments, 11,538 bu.

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Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Oct. 1.—Flour unchanged. Wheat steady; cash, 74¼c; December, 76⅞c; No. 1 northern, 81½c. Corn steady; No. 3, 31½@32c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 22½c. Rye steady; No. 1, 42¼c. Barley better; No. 2 October, 56@56¼c. Provisions easier. Pork $10.45. Lard $6. Butter unchanged. Cheese higher; cheddars, 9@9½c. Eggs higher; fresh, 16@17c. Receipts—Flour, 12,500 bbls; wheat, 69,200 bu; barley, 100,400 bu. Shipments—Flour, 9,400 bbls; wheat, 1,000 bu; barley, 13,700 bu.

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New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Flour—Receipts, 22,030 pkgs; exports, 2,575 bbls, 1,545 sacks; steady; quiet; sales, 19,100 bbls. Wheat—Receipts, 89,450 bu; exports, 21,389 bu; sales, 8,563,000 bu futures, 110,000 bu spot. Spot market dull and unsettled; closing weak; No. 2 red, 85⅝@86c elevator, 85¾@86½c afloat, 86½@87¼c f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 82c; ungraded red, 77@89c; steamer No. 2 red, 82c; steamer No. 3 red, 76½c; No. 2 northern, 89¾c to arrive c. f. & i. Options fairly active and irregular early, ⅜@⅝c higher, declined ⅜@1c, closing heavy ¼@⅜c under closing; No. 2 October, 85⅝@86¾c, closing at 85⅞c; November, 86 15-16@87¾c, closing at 87c; December, 88@89c, closing at 88½c; January, 89⅛@90c, closing at 89⅝c; May, 92⅜@93⅝c, closing at 92⅞c. Barley dull; Canada, 67@70c asked. Barley malt quiet; Canada, 75@90c. Corn—Receipts, 179,300 bu; exports, 147,939 bu; sales 4,449,000 bu futures, 247,000 bu spot; spot market fairly active, unsettled, closing firmer; No. 2, 39¼@39½c elevator, 36½@40⅜c afloat; No. 2 white, 39¼@39½c; ungraded mixed, 38½@41c; options active, ¼@½c lower early, closing steady at yesterday's price; October, 39¼@39¾c, closing at 39⅝c; November, 40@40⅜, closing at 40½c; December, 41⅛@41½c, closing at 41¼c; January, 41¼c; May, 42@42 5-16c, closing at 42¼c. Oats—Receipts, 99,000 bu; sales, 300,000 bu futures, 113,000 bu spot; spot market steady, quiet; options steady; October, 26 1-16@26⅛c, closing at 26⅛c; November, 26⅜c; December, 26⅜@26⅝c, closing at 26⅜c; spot No. 2 white, 28⅛@27⅜c; No. 1, 28c; mixed Western, 24½@28c; white Western, 27@35c; No. 2 Chicago, 27¼@27⅜c. Hay quiet, firm. Hops quiet, easy. Coffee—Options opened 10@15 points up, and steady, closed steady and unchanged to 5 points down; sales, 56,750 bags: November, 15.80@15.90c; December, 15.80@15.90c; January, 15.80@15.90c; February, 15.90c; March, 15.80@15.95c; April 15.90c; May, 15.85@15.95c; September, 15.85@15.90c; spot Rio steady; fair cargoes, 19½c. Sugar—Raw quiet, steady; refined steady, fair demand. Molasses—Foreign nominal; New Orleans dull. Rice steady. Petroleum steady; United closed at 98⅞c. Cottonseed oil quiet, yellow quiet; city, 32c for packages), 41@41 17-32c. Rosin quiet, steady. Turpentine firm; 48¼@48½c. Eggs—Less demand, firm; Western fresh, 23½@24c; receipts, 6,650 packags. Wool steady, quiet; domestic fleece, 32@39c; pulled, 23@41c; Texas, 14@28c. Pork steady; firm; mess inspected, $12.25@12.75; mess uninspected, $12.25; extra prime, $10.25@10.50. Cut meats strong; pickled bellies, 12 lbs, $6.78; pickled shoulders 4⅝@4½c; pickled hams, 10@10¼c. Middles strong; short clear, $5.75. Lard firmer; quiet; sales Western steam, $6.57½@6.62½, closing $6.60; c. & f., $6.50; October, $6.50; November, $6.34@6.35, closing at $6.34 bid; January, $6.29 asked; February, $6.34 asked; March, $6.38. Butter—Less active; firm; Western dairy, 9@14c; western creamery, 12@25c; western held, 12@20c; western factory, 7½@13c. Cheese strong; western, 8@9½c. Pig iron active; American, $19@17.50. Copper dull; heavy lake, $10.75. Lead quiet; unchanged; domestic, $3.90. Tin quiet; steady; straits, $20.50.

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Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 1.—Wheat higher; No. 2 hard cash, 65c bid, 65½c asked; October, 65½c; No. 3 hard cash, 59c bid, 60c asked; October, 60c; No. 2 soft cash and October, 70c bid, 71½c asked; November, 70½c bid, 71½c asked. Corn quiet; No. 2 cash and October, 24½c asked. Oats—No. 2 cash, 17c bid, 17½c asked; October sales at 17c.

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Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, O., Oct. 1.—Wheat weak, lower: cash and October, 82¼c; December, 83½c. Corn dull, steady; cash, 33¾c; May, 35¼c. Oats dull; cash, 21½c. Clover seed active, lower; cash and October, $3.95; November, $4. Receipts—Wheat, 41,200 bu; corn, 12,700 bu; oats, 3,900 bu; rye, 1,600 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 43,400 bu; corn, 10,100 bu; oats, 800 bu; rye, 1,200.

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St. Louis Produce.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1.—Flour firm, but trading light and variable. Values unchanged. Wheat irregular; after fluctuating ¼ to ½c, the market became weak and closed at yesterday's latest sale: No. 2 red, cash, 80½c; October closed 79½c nominal; December, 81⅛@81⅛c, closed 81⅛@81¼c; May, 85¼@86⅛c, closed 85¼@85⅜c asked. Corn higher; No. 2 mixed, cash, 29⅛c; October, 29¼@29⅜c, closed 29⅜c asked; December, 28½c, closed 28⅜@28½c asked; year, 28½c, closed 28⅜@28½c asked; January, 24½c, closed 28½c asked; May, 30½@30⅝c, closed 30⅝c asked. Oats firm; No. 2 cash, 20c bid; May, 22⅜c; October, 18½c bid; November, 18⅜c bid; January, 19⅜c bid. Rye in demand at 39c. Barley quiet and easy; Minnesota, 63c.

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FINANCIAL.

New York.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Clearings, $80,574,850; balance, $5,929,976. Money on call stringent, ranging from 6 to 18; last loan, 8; closed at 6@7. Prime mercantile paper, 5½@7½c. Sterling exchange quiet and weak at $4.84¼ for 60-day bills and $4.87½ for demand. The stock market maintained about the same volume of business to-day in the regular list, but the unlisted department was much less active, while the weak stocks of the past few days were more quiet and moved within comparatively narrow limits, and the range of prices in most stocks was extremely small. There were few features of interest in the transactions, but considering the high rates exacted for money, the market was remarkably well held and shows conclusively that strong hands are in possession of the stocks in this market. Money on call to-day loaned as low as 6 and as high as 18 per cent, but there was a decidedly easier feeling at the close of business. The dealings to-day were small outside of those of the professional element, and while London houses were sellers to a limited extent, Chicago people were doing almost nothing and the traders were bearish for a turn. There was no pressure to sell in any portion of the list, but though some traders did some hammering, they brought out very little stock, though there was again some liquidation induced by the scarcity of money and the engagement of $500,000 gold for export, had for a time a depressing effect upon prices. Atchison was still the central figure in the market, and although the covering of shorts in the stock has been very heavy during the past few days, the short interest is still of respectable proportion, the stock is still on the advance and showed evidence of support on the decline. It is said that a large speculative interest has begun to buy it for a turn. The principal reason for the steadier tone to-day was the payment of the October interest. The coal stocks were not so strong, and Jersey, after selling up to 131, settled back to 127½ on the marketing of a block of stock. The grangers were attacked upon the report of the Burlington for August, which was not so favorable as had been expected. Manhattan was the one positively strong feature of the day, and it rose to 105½ and closed at 105, on what appeared as manipulation. Pullman was also especially strong on Western buying and the remarkably good statement of the Louisville & Nashville did much to support that stock. The export of gold was inexplicable upon any grounds known to the street, and no explanation was to be had at the banking house which ordered it, and the effect upon the market was depressing in the extreme. The opening prices were generally lower, the decline from last evening's prices extended to ⅜ per cent, and while the first few minutes saw a declining tendency in prices, fed by Atchinson, a full and decided recovery took place, with Manhattan leading the upward movement. The reactionary tendency appeared as money crept up in the afternoon all the early gains were lost, the grangers being the special point of attack, and Manhattan dropped 2 per cent. Toward the close a better feeling existed as money gave signs of easing up and the close was dull but firm, though still at small fractions below the opening prices. The list is generally lower to-night, but there are no important declines, while Manhattan rose 2½ and Pullman 2 per cent. The trading in railroad bonds was still smaller than the limited business of the past few days, reaching only $606,000. The market was steady to firm, as usual, and the changes in quotations confined to the same narrow limits. Iron Mountain, Arkansas 7s rose 2 to 106½. Government bonds dull and steady to firm. State bonds dull and steady. The total sales of stocks to-day were 194,746 shares, including: Atchison, 25,720; Lake Shore, 5,275; Louisville & Nashville, 6,165; Manhattan, 11,395; Reading, 30,420; St. Paul, 22,465; Union Pacific, 7,375. High rates for money on call continued very stringent in the stock exchange to-day, and large amounts were loaned at the rate of 10@18 per cent per annum. Late in the afternoon small loans were made at 6 per cent, and just before the close it was offered at 7. The engagement of $500,000 in gold caused much apprehension, but no further shipments are expected, as exchange is far below the gold shipping point.

Chicago.

CHICAGO, Oct. 1.—The unusual demand for money yesterday and to-day has resulted in higher prices for call loans. Local banks gave notice of an advance from 5 per cent to 6 per cent on call. Ordinary business loans on time are still made at 6@7 per cent. Bank clearings, $11,781,000. New York exchange, 25@40c discount.

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NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Stocks and bonds closed to-day at the following prices bid:

U. S. 4s reg	127	Houston & Tex.	2
do 4s coup	127	Illinois Central	116
do 4½s reg	105¾	Ind., B. & W.	9½
do 4½s coup	105¾	Kansas & Texas	12¼
Pac. 6s of '95	118	Lake Erie & W.	19¼
La. stamped 4s	88	do pfd	64½
Missouri 6s	100	Lake Shore	105⅝
Tenn. new set 6s	106½	Louisville & N.	78¼
do do 5s	101	Louis. & N. A.	41
do do 3s	74	Memphis & C.	62
Can. South'n 2ds	96¼	Mich. Central	92
Cen. Pac. 1sts	114	Mil., L. S. & W.	96
D. & R. G. 1sts	124	do pfd	115½
do do 4s	79½	Mpls. & St. Louis	4¼
D. & R. G. W. 1sts	110	do pfd	9
Erie 2ds	104	Mo. Pacific	75¼
M., K. & T. G. 6s	65	Mobile & Ohio	14½
do do 5s	58	Nash. & Chatt.	98
Mob. Tulon 6s	103	N. J. Central	128⅞
N. J. C. int. ctfs.	113⅜	N. & W. pfd	56
N. Pac. 1sts	114½	N. Pacific	32⅜
do 2ds	110½	do pfd	74⅜
N. W. consols	147	Northwestern	113⅜
do deb. 5s	114	do pfd	141
Or. & Trans. 6s	104	N. Y. Central	107
*St. L. & I. M. G. 5s	87½	N. Y. C. & St. L.	17
St. L. & S. F. G. M.	120½	do pfd	69
St. Paul consols	126	Ohio & Miss.	22¾
St. P., C. & P. 1sts	118	do pfd	90
T. P. L. G. T. R.	91½	Ontario & West.	18¾
T. P. R. G. T. R.	37¼	Oregon Imp.	52
Union Pac. 1sts	114½	Oreg Nav.	101
West Shore	105¾	Oregon Transc'l.	32½
Adams Express	150	Pacific Mail	33½
Alton & T. H	46	P., D. & E.	20¾
do pfd	95	Pittsburg	157
Am. Express	117	Pullman P. Car	188
B., C. R. & N.	25	Reading	46⅛
Canad'n Pacific	69½	Rock Island	101¼
Can. Southern	54⅛	St. L. & S. F.	26½
Cen. Pacific	33	do pfd	69½
Ches. & Ohio	23¼	do 1st pfd	110½
do 1sts pfd	64½	St. Paul	72½
do 2ds pfd	40¾	do pfd	117
Chi. & Alton	128	St. P., M. & M.	117
C., B. & Q.	107⅛	St. P. & Omaha	34⅞
C., S. L. & P.	15	do pfd	100
do pfd	68¾	Tenn. C. & I.	52⅝
C., S. & C.	63	Texas Pacific	20⅜
Del. & Hudson	153	Tol. & O. C. pfd.	55
Del., L. & W.	147¼	Union Pacific	64¾
Den. & R. G.	17½	U. S. Express	85
East Tennessee	10¾	Wab., St. L. & P.	17⅛
do 1sts pfd	75	do pfd	32
do 2ds pfd	23½	Wells-Fargo Ex.	140
Erie	29¾	W. U. Telegraph	85¾
do pfd	68¾	Am. Cotton Oil	49⅛
Fort Wayne	157	Colorado Coal	31⅜
Hocking Valley	17½		

*Ex dividend.

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Boston, Mass. Capital and surplus, $1,750,000. No. 150 Leadenhall St., London, E. C., Eng. Western office, Kansas City, Mo. Loans on St. Paul and Minneapolis Real Estate and Improved Farms in Minnesota and Western Wisconsin promptly closed. No applications sent away for approval. St. Paul office Globe Building. H. J. DEUEL, Manager.

Railway and Mining Shares.

NEW YORK.

Homestake	9	C. C. C. & St. L.	73¼
Iron Silver	200	Chicago & E. I.	42
Ontario	34½	Bulwer	25
Quicksilver	6¼	R. & W. P.	42½
do pfd	35¼	Atchison	33
Sutro	5	D., T. & F. W.	27¾
Wis. Central	27	D. & R. G. pfd	51½
Chicago Gas	59¼	Southern Pacific	32¼
Lead Trust	23⅜	St. P. & D.	30
Sugar Trust	91⅜		

SAN FRANCISCO.

Alta	$2 20	Potosi	1 30
Best & Belcher	3 30	Savage	2 00
Bodie Con	75	Sierra Nevada	2 60
Chollar	1 85	Union Con	6 25
Con. Cal. & Va.	6 87½	Utah	95
Crown Point	2 60	Yel. Jacket	3 10
Gould & Curry	1 95	Nevada Queen	65
Mexican	3 80	N. Belle Isle	70
Mono	75	Occidental	1 45
Ophir	4 50		

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LOCAL MARKETS.

St. Paul.

Wheat was steady at Monday's prices, with no special indication one way or the other. Oats were steady, with a tendency to a little better prices; receipts liberal. Barley and rye steady. Millstuffs unchanged. Bran firm. Hay unchanged. Eggs firm. The call:

Wheat—No. 1 hard, 81c bid; No. 1 northern, 78c bid; No. 2 northern, 75c bid.

Corn—No. 3, 31½@33c.

Oats—No. 2 mixed, 20c bid; No. 2 white, 22c; October, 21½@23c; November, 21@22c; No. 3,