MICKEY AND HIS PAPA

Causes for the Dew on the Grass and the Foam on the Beer.

Futile Preparations of the Finns for the Civil Service Examination.

A Test of a Goat's Appetite With a Piece of Fat Pork.

His Billyship Drags Off a Lamp and Sets the House on Fire.

New York Sun.

"I'm thinkin'," said Mr. Finn to his son Mickey, as they sat together on the back stoop after supper, listening to the tree toads, "that I'll be givin' up workin' in the quarry and tryin' me hand at brain work."

"Figgerin'?" said the boy, brushing away an inquisitive June bug.

"Figgerin' or writin'," answered Mr. Finn, taking a squint at the moon. "Now, you have 'nolledge, Mickey. Fwhat kind o' sums would I have to be doin' if I got the job of s'aler o' weights and measures?"

"It's the sums ye'd have to be doin' afore ye got the job as 'ud bother ye, father," said Mickey. "Shure the civil sarvice min 'ud be askin' ye questions that the schoolmaster couldn't answer."

"Musha, I didn't know that, me b'y. Fwhat's the civil sarvice min, anyhow?"

"They're min as is ped by the president fur axin' foolish questions," replied little Mike, "and I have a buke in the house as has a lot o' the questions in it. If ye'll come inside I'll l'arn thim to ye."

Mr. Finn arose with alacrity and his pipe and went into the shanty. He lit the kerosene lamp and placed it upon the table. Then he lit his pipe and waited impatiently while his son hunted up a book of natural phenomena which he had procured from the district school library. While Mickey leafed through the book, Mr. Finn said:

"Now you teach me the questions be heart, and ye'll not be sorry when I get the job."

By the time that Mickey was ready to begin the lesson several of the neighbors had dropped in. They ranged themselves around the table in various attitudes and became deeply interested in the proceedings.

"Why don't the dust fly be night?" said Mickey, from the chapter on "dew."

"Faix, it do," replied Mr. Finn, "only ye can't see it bekase of the dark."

"Yis, and there's divil a much wagons on the road in the night," interrupted Mrs. O'Brien.

Mickey shook his head in dissent. "Yer wrong," said he. "That's not the rayson in the buke."

"I'what does the buke say?" asked Mr. Finn.

"Bekase the dew makes the dust wet and kapes it from risin'," answered the boy.

"That's raysonable," exclaimed Mr. Finn. "I dunno how is this I didn't think of it afore. Begorra, I have it down on me mind agin the time the civil sarvice min'll be axin' me the question.

"Why will a dewdrop roll around on a cabbage-leaf widout makin' the cabbage wet?" continued little Mike.

Mr. Finn was puzzled. He passed his hand over his forehead to collect his thoughts. "Musha, that's thrue fur ye, Mickey," said he. "I often seen it meself. I haven't that much nolledge as ud fill your mother's thimble. Is it bekase the dewdrop is round?"

Mickey shook his head. Then, looking around at the interested faces, he said:

"Do ye give it up?"

Each one of the party shook his head. If their lives had depended on the answer, they could not have given it. Mickey, with a proud ring of conscious superiority in his voice, read from the book:

"Bekase the leaves of cabbage are covered with a fine powdher over which the dewdrop rolls without wetting the leaves."

"Dear, dear," said Mrs. O'Brien, "and is all that in the little buke?"

"Faith it is, and more," replied the boy, oracularly.

"But fwhat has dem to do wid the wolghts in a store, Mickey?" inquired Mr. Finn.

"Ye'll have to be axin' the prisidint, if it's nolledge ye're wantin' about that," replied the boy, as he turned to the book and resumed the lesson. But little Mike's resort to the book in this instance was only seeming. He had determined to ask some questions from his own knowledge of natural science, relying on the fact that none of his auditors could read to protect him. Said he:

"Fwat makes the foam on a growler o' beer?"

"Oh, ho, I have ye there, me laddybuck," said Mr. Finn, with a smile and a wise nod of the head. "I have ye there, me b'y. I could answer that wid me eyes shut."

All eyes turned on Mr. Finn, and everybody waited impatiently for the reply. Mr. Finn prolonged the suspense as long as he could to enjoy the surprise at the wisdom of his reply.

"Well, father," said Mickey, "fwhat is it?"

"It's just this and no more," said the elder Finn, wagging his index finger in his son's direction. "It's bekase whin Jack Brady draws the beer he holds the pail far down from the spigot so thare'll be more bubbles nor liquor."

"Yer wrong, father; that's not fwhat the buke says."

"Arrah, to blazes wid the buke, boy! Didn't I see it wid me two eyes, and wouldn't a man believe his eyes afore an ould buke? Eyes is better nor bukes, me lad. Didn't I see Jack houldin' the pail close up to the spigot and thare'el be a foine pint for eight cents and divil's the bubble ye'd see. Arrah, don't be talkin'! Whin I know a thing, I know it, sonny, and small fear but fwhat, I'll spake me mind."

Mickey smiled and shook his head. Then he explained that the scientific reason assigned in the book for the foam did not agree with that of his father.

"Well, tell us fwhat the buke says, just for divershun," exclaimed the old man.

"F-i-r — fir — m-i-n—min—t-a — ta — t-i-o-n—shun, firmintation," read little Mike, palpitating, and expecting that his father would grab the book and throw it out of the window.

"And fwhat's that?" said Mr. Finn, with a puzzled look.

"It is a change," said Mickey, "effected in the elements of the body med of car-bon, hy-dro-gin and oxy-gin."

"That must be Frinch ye're readin', Mickey," said his father. "Thare's ne'er a wan o' thim things in beer. Faix, oxy-gin and hy-dro-gin is new kinds intirely. I heerd tell o' Old Tom gin and London Dock gin, and tasted them, too, for that matter; but divil's the word did I iver hear o' thim other kinds. Begorra, yer ould buke is no good, Mickey. Beer is made from malt and hops, and divil a pinch o' firmintation or oxy-gin or hy-dro-gin is thare in it all, at all, I'll go bail. Larnin' is makin' ye looney, me b'y."

Little Mike flushed. The company was laughing at him. Even at the risk of angering his father and being sent to bed in disgrace he decided to maintain his argument. Said he:

"Father, yer wrong. Thim things I spoke of is gas. They're pizen. And there's another kind 'o gas in beer, too. It's called carbonic acid gas. It's that pizen that a little of it'll kill ye deader nor a salt mackerel. In the Island o' Javy is a valley where there's that much kirbonic acid gas that the grass is all calt, and ne'er a dog or a cat or anything can live there. If ye throw a dog in the valley he'll be dead in fourteen seconds, and when the birds fly over the valley they drop down dead into it. It is called the poison valley, and the stuff in that valley is beer, and gives it that pleasant taste on yer tongue that make ye smack yer lips when ye're drinkin' it."

Mr. Finn refused to give credence to this story as far as it related to Coney Island beer. There might be poison and gas in the beer of the island of Java, but it could not possibly exist in the beer he was in the habit of drinking, because he had never seen nor tasted it. The next question propounded by little Mike was not so abstruse. It related to the goat.

"Why will a goat ate grass and not mate?"

"Yer wrong agin, Mickey. The goat 'ud ate anything," said the elder Finn in a gently reproving tone.

"We'll aisy settle it, father," said Mickey. "I'll bring in the billy and see will he ate a nice piece o' fat pork."

The billy came in readily enough and took his place in the family circle. He amused himself while waiting for Mickey to bring the pork from the cellar by chewing on the table cloth.

He succeeded in dragging the cloth and lamp from the table, and setting fire to the house. He was the sufferer, however, for the flames burned off his long gray beard. The flames were extinguished, and the exercises broken up for the evening.

The next morning Mr. Finn went down to the village to undergo an examination for the position of sealer of weights and measures. When his turn came the examiner said:

"Now, Mr. Finn, how many weights does a grocer use in his busiuess?"

Mr. Finn scratched his head and looked wild. "Faith, sir," said he, "I can tell ye all about dew and beer foam, and goats, but nothing about weights. I heerd ye were civil service men, but it's mighty uncivil I find ye to be."

ON THE BOURSES.

Condition of the Markets Across the Atlantic.

PARIS, Aug. 10.—On the bourse the past week business was fairly active. Prices were firm. Three per cent rentes show a rise for the week of 70c; credit foncier shares a rise of 6¼f; Rio Tintos a rise of 4¾f, and Panamas a rise of 2¾f. Eiffel tower shares have fallen 50f. The English Sardine union has been squelched in favor of a French company. The Northern colliery companies have raised the wages of their pitmen 10 per cent in consequence of the rise in coal.

BERLIN, Aug. 10.—The past week was a quiet one on the boerse. Prices were firm. Yesterday's closing quotations include: Prussian consols, 106.50; Mexican sixes, 97.50; Deutsche bank, 166.50; Mexican sixes, 97.50; Deutsche bank, 166.75; Handels Gesellschaft, 167.75; Laura mine, 149.37; short exchange on London, 20.46; long exchange on London, 20.25; private discount, 3⅛. The official semi-annual report of the foreign trade of Germany shows a marked increase in exports to America of cotton and wool goods, silks and clothing. This increase is ascribed to hasty shipments owing to the McKinley bill.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Discount during the past week was quoted at 4⅛@4; the demand was limited. On the stock exchange business was extremely quiet. Apart from the holiday season, now in full swing, the high bank rate, the Argentine collapse and the mass of new securities still in the hands of underwriters combine to defer speculation. Dealers do not expect a revival before the middle of September. The leading feature of the week was a recovery of 7 per cent in Argentine securities. Confidence in the ability of the republic to meet its financial engagements is fully restored, and investors are eager to repay. English railway securities were firm under good traffic reports. American railroads were dull and neglected. The cabled announcement of the New York Central strike came after the official close and there were no street operators about to affect quotations. Yesterday's dealings generally were toward lower prices. The week's variations in prices include the following decreases: Union Pacific, 2½; Mexican Central 2; Lake Shore, Louisville & Nashville, Norfolk & Western preferred, Northern Pacific preferred, Mexican Central firsts and Mexican National, 1 each; Central Pacific, Denver and Rio Grande, Ohio & Mississippi, Wabash preferred and New York, Pennsylvania & Ohio, ½ each. Canadians steady, Grand Trunk first and second preferences advanced ½. Mexican railways were strong; ordinary, firsts and seconds advanced 1½. Brewery shares were weak. New York and Frank Jones relapsed ½. Copper shares were firm; Rio Tintos advanced ¼. The only issue of the week was the Coats Thread company, of Paisley, Scotland, and Pawtucket, R. I., with a capital of $3,750,000.

FRANKFORT, Aug. 10.—Inactivity prevailed on the boerse the week past, but notwithstanding the tone of the market was favorable. Yesterday's final quotations include Italian fives, 94.40; Russian fours, 97.90; Spanish fours, 75.10; Austrian credit, 270; Austrian silver rente, 79.

THF LAPSE OF YEARS.

The Changes That Come to Men With the Passage of Time.

Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. and Mrs. Calendula C. Rate were at Niagara Falls on their wedding journey. They had wandered rapturously about, arm in arm, listening to the roar of the mighty cataract. They had bought bead-worked moccasins and pincushions from Indian squaws who spoke with strong Tipperary accent; they had contributed handsomely to support of several princely hack-drivers; paid for the right to look at the falls from all eligible points of view, and had been hunted with great success by prowling photographic banditti.

And now they stood in the Cave of the Winds.

The thunder of Niagara overpowered them. The earth trembled beneath them. They looked at each other and their lips moved, but if any sound came from them it could not be heard in the deafening roar. Calendula pressed the little hand that lay confidingly on his arm and led his fair young bride from the cave with all possible speed.

"Japonica," he said, when they had gained the open air, "do you know why I could not bear to linger in that horrible place?"

"No. Why was it?"

"I could not hear your voice, my darling."

Five years had passed. Mr. and Mrs. Calendula C. Rate were again at Niagara on a little summer vacation. They had dismounted from the omnibus, entered the hotel, registered at the clerk's office and removed from themselves the dust of travel.

"Now, Japonica," said the husband, hastily, with a yearning, hungry look in his eyes, "before we do anything else let us go and spend an hour or two in the Cave of the Winds."

Aboard an Ocean Liner.

Life.

W. K. St. Mark (leaving the table in the midst of dinner with a thoughtful and pallid air)—Au revoir.

Lady Opposite—Au revoir.

Gentleman (of an explanatory turn of mind, to lady)—Excuse me, madam; he did not say that to you, he said that to his dinner.

Tourists,

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Mrs. Gen. Custer is in the Northwest summering and getting material for another book. She is the guest of Gen. Carlin, at Fort Sherman.

JACK FROST'S INFLUENCE.

It Is Felt Among Operators in Wheat, Who Are Now Somewhat Alarmed.

Prices Go Skyward and Closed Firm and Two Points Higher Yesterday.

Financial Operations of the Money Kings---The General Quotations.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Jack Frost in the Northwest and J. R. Dodge at Washington between them kept wheat speculators in a ferment. To-day the market was very irregular and feverish, ending finally in a victory for the bulls amounting to 1⅜c per bushel in the September delivery and 1⅝c in the December. Corn was likewise bullish, and gained 1¼c in the September delivery and the same in May. The wheat market at the opening was easy for a moment—one brief moment—during which there were sellers of September at 95⅝c, which showed just a slight tinge more bearish feeling than prevailed at the close of the previous day's session. Instantly all were buyers at the price named, with none for sale. Up and up, ⅛c at a time, bids followed in rapid succession until 96¼c was paid, and trading, which for a minute or so at the beginning was not particularly active, became quite lively. Business quieted down after the first fifteen minutes, inside of which time the changes here recorded took place. The weather map showed the temperature at St. Vincent, in the far northwest, had gotten down during Friday night to 36, and at Bismarck to 42. This raised visions of frost damage on top of what the heat had already done to the spring wheat, and although this point was known when at the opening all were sellers of September wheat at 95⅝c, it was later asserted to have been the cause of a rapid spurt to 97¾c, which took place when the session was about one hour old. The export clearances from the three principal Atlantic ports were liberal, amounting to 5,653 pkgs of four, and 178,671 bu of wheat, in addition to which 110,000 bu of wheat were cleared yesterday from New Orleans for Rouen, France. The receipts here amounted to 156 cars, and the quality inspected out of store to 71,500 bu. There were reports of some export business passing New York, six and a half loads being taken up to 1 o'clock. The indications given by the week's receipts and shipments are for a decrease in the visible supply this week. The receipts at Minneapolis were reported at 18 cars, 25 cars being the shipments thence. All of the foregoing items favored holders and caused the bears who were short the very great uneasiness which had its expression in the advance which has already been referred to. The extremity of the bulge, was marked by 98c being paid for September, and $1.02 for December, the bidding for the latter being particularly spirited. The frost scare, which arose from the near approach of last night's temperature to the congealing point, was the most sensational bull cause of the day, and as it was entirely anticipatory, no frost having yet occurred to do any damage to wheat, it began to lose the effect after it had held the market up in its icy embrace for an hour or more. The price gradually eased off in the last hour, September declining to 96⅝, and December to $1.00¼, with the closing prices 96⅝ cents for September, $1.00⅝ for December, and $1.01½ for May. The market for wheat on the curb was quiet at about 96¾ cents for September. The traders in privileges were giving Mr. Dodge a six-cent spread to swing himself in; calls at 2:30 were $1.00⅛, and puts 94⅛ cents on September for Monday. The corn market was also active and higher. The drouth still held sway in the corn country, and this, with the firmness in wheat, scared the timid shorts. The market advanced to 50⅛ cents for September, and closed firm at 49⅞ cents. Hutchinson, who has the September and May options pretty well under his thumb, was the potent factor in the oats market. He was a heavy buyer of both futures, and although the market experienced a number of ups and downs, it closed firm at an advance of ⅜ of a cent. Provisions were not active, but averaged steady to firm. Prices of product closed with a gain in the principal speculative articles.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

ARTICLES.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
No. 2 Wheat:				
August....	94	96¼	94	95
September	95⅜	98	95⅜	96½
December.	98½	1 02	98½	1 00¼
No. 2 Corn:				
August....	48¾	49½	48¾	49¼
September	49	50⅛	49	49¾
May	53¼	54	53	53⅞
No. 2 Oats:				
August....	38⅞	39¾	38¾	39⅝
September	37¾	39	37¾	38⅞
May	41	42	41	41⅛
Mess Pork:				
October..	11 00	11 00	10 90	11 00
September	10 30	11 30	11 30	11 30
January...	12 47½	12 60	12 45	12 57½
Lard:				
September	6 22½	6 27½	6 17½	6 27½
October...	6 35	6 40	6 35	6 40
January ..	6 77½	6 80	6 72½	6 80
Short Ribs:				
September	5 42½	5 45	5 46	5 45
October...	5 55	5 57½	5 55	5 57½
January ..	5 90	5 95	5 87½	5 95

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour firm and unchanged. Wheat—No. 2 spring, 95c; No. 3 spring, 88@89c; No. 2 red, 89½c. Corn—No. 2, 49¾c. Oats—No. 2, 39¼@39½c. Rye—No. 2, 60c. Barley—No. 2, nominal. Flaxseed—No. 1, $1.39. Timothy Seed—Prime, $1.40@1.42. Mess pork, per bbl, $11.50. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6.10. Short ribs sides (loose), $5.25@5.35. Dry salted shoulders (boxed), $5.87½@6. Short clear sides (boxed), $5.70@5.80. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal, $1.13. Sugars—Cut loaf unchanged. Oats—No. 2 white, 39½@40c; No. 3 white, 37½@38c. Receipts—Flour, 9,000 bbls; wheat, 66,000 bu; corn, 233,000 bu; oats, 186,000 bu; rye, 7,000 bu; barley, 4,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 11,000 bbls; wheat, 75,000 bu; corn, 219,000 bu; oats, 295,000 bu; rye, 5,000 bu; barley, 3,000 bu. On the produce exchange to-day the butter market was unchanged. Eggs, 13@13½c.

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Milwaukee Produce.

MILWAUKEE, Aug. 9.—Flour unchanged. Wheat firm; No. 2 spring, on track, cash, 93@94c; September, 93c; No. 1 northern, $1. Corn firm; No. 3, on track, 50@51c. Oats firm; No. 2 white, on track, 39½@40c. Rye firm; No. 1, in store, 60@61½c. Barley quiet; No. 2, in store, 60c. Provisions easier. Pork, $11.75. Lard, August, $6.30. Butter steady; dairy, 12@14c. Eggs steady: fresh, 13c. Cheese unchanged; cheddars, 7¾@8c. Receipts—Flour, 5,100 bbls; wheat, 16,500 bu; barley, 7,700 bu. Shipments—Flour, 600 bbls; wheat and barley, none.

New York Produce.

NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Flour—Receipts, 15,157 pkgs; quiet; holders asking higher prices; sales, 13,200 bbls. Cornmeal firm but dull; yellow Western, $2.50@3.15. Wheat—Receipts, 225,200 bu; exports, 174,960 bu; sales, 3,320,000 bu futures, 38,000 bu spot; spot market dull, unsettled and higher; No. 2 red, 99c@$1.00½ elevator, $1.01½@1.02¼c afloat, $1.01@1.03 f. o. b.; No. 3 red, 95½c; ungraded red, 94@$1.03½; No. 1 northern, $1.08⅜@1.10¼; No. 1 hard, $1.09½@1.11; options advanced 2⅛@2⅝c; firm; reports of frost in Manitoba and bullish cables, but the whole position is under manipulation: No. 2 red, August, 98c@$1.00½, closing at $1.00⅜; September, 98½c@$1.00⅞, closing at $1.00⅝; October, 99⅝c@$1.01½, closing at $1.01⅜; December, $1.00⅜@1.03⅛, closing at $1.02¾; May, $1.04⅜@1.07, closing at $1.06¾. Rye firm; Western, 59½@61c. Barley malt quiet; country, 80c; city, 85@90c. Corn—Receipts, 119,150 bu; exports, 5,046 bu; sales, 1,400,000 bu futures, 57,000 bu spot; spot market dull, unsettled, closing easy: No. 2, 56@56¼c elevator, 56@57c afloat; ungraded mixed, 55¼@57c; steamer mixed, 55¾@56c; No. 2 white, 57½c f. o. b.; options fairly active, 1¼@1⅜c up, steady, manipulation entirely: September, 55⅝@56½c, closing at 56⅛c; October, 55⅞@57¼c, closing at 54¾c. Oats—Receipts, 33,000 bu; sales, 280,000 futures, 91,000 bu spot; spot market stronger, moderately active; options moderately active, higher: September, 42@43½c, closing at 43¼c; October, 42@43¼c, closing at 43¼c; spot, No. 2 mixed, 47¼@47½c; mixed Western, 44@47c; white Western, 47@52c; No. 2 Chicago, 47c. Hay steady and quiet; shipping, 35@40c; good to choice, 65@90c. Hops steady, dull. Coffee—Options opened firm 5@15 points up, higher cables, quiet; sales, 21,750 bags, including August, 17.85@18c; September, 17.20@17.30c; October, 16.50@16.55c; December, 15.95@16.05c; January, 15.65c; March, 15.50c; May, 15.40c; spot Rio firmer, quiet; fair cargoes, 20½c; No. 7 flat bean, 18⅝c. Sugar—Raw firm, quiet, light offerings; fair refining, 4⅞c; centrifugals, 96-test, 5½c; refined, active, firm, good export demand. Molasses—Foreign nominal; New Orleans quiet; common to fancy, 28@45c. Rice active, firm; domestic, 5⅜@7¾c; Japan, 6@6¼c. Petroleum firm, fair demand; United closed at 92¾c for September. Cottonseed oils firm, quiet; crude, 30c; yellow, 35c. Tallow quiet, firm; city ($2 for packages), 4⅝c. Rosin steady, quiet; strained, common to good, $1.40@1.45. Turpentine quiet, steady, 41½c. Eggs weak, quiet; Western, 16@17½c; Western, poor, per case, $2@3; receipts, 2,621 pkgs. Pork quiet, firm; mess, $13@14; extra prime, $10@10.50. Cut meats firm, wanted; pickled bellies, 5⅜@5⅝c; pickled shoulders, 6@6¼c; pickled hams, 10½@11c; middles firm; short clear, $6.15. Lard steady, dull; Western steam, $6.32½ bid; sales 100 tcs. Options—Sales, 10,000; August, $6.39 asked; September, $6.41, closing at $6.42 bid; October, $6.60 asked; November, $6.70 asked; December, $6.78@6.83, closing at $6.80 bid; January, $6.95, closing at $6.96 bid. Butter quiet; fine firm; Western dairy, 7½@11c; Western creamery, 11@18c; Western factory, 7@11c; Elgin, 19@19½c. Cheese easy, quiet; part skims, 2⅜@5¼c; Ohio flat, 4⅜@6¼c. Pig iron strong; American, $14@18.

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St. Louis Produce.

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 9.—Flour unchanged. Wheat—A good business was transacted; fluctuations were both violent and irregular; the market opened at advances of ⅛@⅜c, eased off, but recovered the loss; after call the buying became urgent and prices spurted upward ½c twice without a sale, the top being 3⅛@3¼c above yesterday's lowest sale; eased off, but rallied and closed at advances of 2@2½c above yesterday's last figures; No. 2 cash, 94½c; September, 95½c; December, 99¾@99⅞c; May, $1.05¼ bid. Corn—Last night's rain had a weakening effect and the market opened ⅜@1c lower; good buying, however, firmed prices up 1¼@1½c; toward the close the market eased off, falling considerably, and final prices were ⅛@½c up; No. 2 cash, 47⅛c; September, 47⅜c bid; October, 48⅞c; May, 52½c asked. Oats—The market opened at ½@⅞c, advanced 1⅛@2⅛c under a searching demand for September and May, with August steady, and closed at the top: September, ¼c lower; May, 1⅝c higher than yesterday; No. 2 cash, 39c; September, 38⅞c; May, 43⅛c. Bye, No. 2, 60c bid.

Toledo Grain.

TOLEDO, Aug. 9.—Wheat higher, easier; cash and August, 95¼c; September, 96¼c; December, 99¾c. Corn firm; cash, 55c bid. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 38½c; No. 2 September, 38½c; May, 41⅛c. Clover seed active, higher: October, $4.80; November, $4.62½; December, $4.95. Receipts—Wheat, 91,108; bu; corn, 21,974; bu; oats, 3,539 bu; rye, 3,184 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 34,300 bu; corn, 21,459 bu; rye, 600 bu.

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Kansas City Grain.

KANSAS CITY, Aug. 9.—Wheat stronger; No. 2 hard, cash, 88c; August, 88c bid; No. 2 red, cash, 90c bid; no offerings. Corn easier; No. 2 cash, 47½c bid, 48c asked; August, 47½c. Oats easier; No. 2 cash, 37½@38c; August, 36c bid, 37c asked.

Liverpool Grain.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 9.—Wheat firm; demand poor; holders offer sparingly. Corn firm; the demand is improved. Peas, 5s 5¾d per cental for Canadian.

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NEW YORK, Aug. 9.—Clearings to-day were $109,185,783; balances, $4,372,220; for the week, $666,109,105; balances, $35,150,105. Money on call easy, ranging from 3 to 4 per cent; last loan 4; closing offered at 4. Prime mercantile paper, 5@6½. Sterling exchange quiet and weak at $4.84¼ for sixty day bills and $4.88½ for demand. The strikes upon the Vanderbilt roads were to-day made the occasion of a vigorous assault upon not only those stocks, but also upon the list in general, although the bank statement, the crop situation and the closeness of money, with the apathy of the bulls, were factors in the demoralization of the latter. The New York Central has had no trouble with its employes for a long time, and while the officials gave expression to no fears in any way, the inference that the trouble must be deep seated and would probably extend to other roads was made free use of by the bears in order to frighten out weak holders, and in the absence of support stocks were offered down rapidly with the result of leaving the entire list materially lower than last evening, and the declines sustained were on the average larger than on any full day for a long time. The bank statement was, if anything, worse than was expected. The early London figures were generally higher, but had no influence upon this market, and the list was opened small fractions lower than last night, while the Vanderbilts showed losses extending to 1 per cent in Canada Southern. The pressure was kept up to the close, however, and further losses were sustained over the entire list, while New York Central declined from 107 to 105; Lake Shore from 108 to 107; C., C., C. & St. L. from 71¼ to 69⅞ and Canada Southern from 55 to 53⅝. The movement extended, however, and the grangers and specialties suffered severely, while the industrial stocks for the time being were almost neglected and failed to move except for small declines. Among the specialties the bituminous coal stocks were weakest and scored marked losses. The market never rallied and closed quiet but weak at the lowest prices as a rule, though the final bids showed some improvement. The entire market is materially lower to-night and the principal losses are as follows: Hocking Coal, 2⅜; Tennessee Coal, 2; Lake Shore, 1⅞; Colorado Coal, 1⅝; Northwestern, Lackawanna and St. Paul preferred each 1½; Canada Southern, C., C., C. & St. L. each 1⅜; St. Paul and Missouri Pacific each 1¼; Union Pacific, 1⅛, and Hocking Valley, Rock Island, New England and Wabash preferred each 1 per cent. Railroad bonds were neglected, the sales only reaching $287,000 but the market sympathized with the temper of the stock list to some extent, and all the important changes in quotations are declines. Government bonds have been dull and steady. State bonds have been neglected. Exports of specie from the port of New York last week amounted to $1,774,936, of which $1,771,336 was in gold and $3,600 silver. The imports of specie during the week amounted to $158,901, of which $56,620 was in gold and $102,281 silver. The Post says; The bank statement was very favorable. The loss of actual cash was principally to the treasury, and the decrease in the reserve reflects the movement to the West and the interior. While for the present outlooks for business are not flattering, the reports which are daily circulated endeavor to create an impression that affairs are much worse than they really are. The improvement in the London money market as a direct result of the improved condition of affairs in the Argentine Republic has been reflected in buying orders for our securities, and the prospect of a cessation of gold exports, together with lower rates for sterling exchange, indicate an early change towards ease in our money market, and a stoppage of further exports of coin. The total sales of stocks to-day were 89,052 shares, including: Atchison, 5,252; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western, 5,500; Lake Shore, 2,710; Louisville & Nashville, 2,100; Northern Pacific preferred, 3,760; Oregon Trans-Continental, 3,222; Reading, 2,116; St. Paul, 10,000; Union Pacific, 4,550.

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CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Clearings for the week were $82,582,887, against $63,642,246 for the corresponding week last year. For the day, clearings, $12,183,000. Money on call, was 5@6 per cent, time 6@7 per cent. New York exchange, 40@60c discount.

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STOCKS—CLOSING PRICES.

Adams Express.	150	Ohio & Miss.	23½
Alton & Terre H.	45	do pfd.	85
do pfd	125	Ontario & West.	18½
Am. Express	115	Oregon Imp.	45
B., C. R. & N.	25	Oregon Nav.	98
Canad'n Pacific.	79¼	Oregon Trans'l.	45½
Can. Southern.	52½	Pacific Mail.	43½
Central Pacific.	31	P., D. & E.	19½
Ches. & Ohio.	22	Pittsburg	156
do 1st pfd.	59	Pullman P. Car.	215
do 2d pfd.	41½	Reading.	42½
*Chi. & Alton.	128	Rock Island.	88½
C., B. & Q.	102½	St. L. & S. F.	30
C., St. L. & P.	15½	do pfd.	57
do pfd.	42½	do 1st pfd.	71
C., S. & C	63	St. Paul.	70
Del. & Hudson.	164	do pfd.	117
D., L. & W.	143⅞	St. P., M. & M.	109
Den. & R. G.	17½	St. P. & Omaha.	31
East Tennessee.	8¾	do pfd.	92
do 1st pfd.	75	Tenn. C. & I.	44
do 2d pfd.	22¼	Texas Pacific.	19
Erie	25	Tol. & O. C. pfd.	90
do pfd	64	Union Pacific.	59
Fort Wayne.	155	U. S. Express.	70
Hocking Valley.	28¾	Wab., St. L. & P.	12
Houston & Tex.	2	do pfd.	24¾
Illinois Central.	116	Wells-Fargo Ex.	142
Kansas & Texas	19¼	W. U. Telegraph	83
Lake Erie & W.	17½	Am. Cotton Oil.	29
do pfd.	63	Colorado Coal.	49
Lake Shore.	107¼	Homestake.	10¼
Louisville & N.	84½	Iron Silver.	175
Louis. & N. A.	42	Ontario	44½
Memphis & C.	60	Quicksilver.	7
Mich. Central.	95	do pfd.	40
Mil., L. S. & W.	91	Sutro	4
do pfd	110⅞	Bulwer.	20
Mpls. & St. L.	5	R. & W. P. Ter.	20½
do pfd	13	Atchison	40¾
Mo. Pacific.	69⅛	S. Pacific	32
Mobile & Ohio.	21	D., T. & F. W.	53
Nash. & Chat.	100½	D. & R. G. pfd.	28¾
N. J. Central.	122	C. & E. Ill.	43⅜
Nor. & W. pfd.	59½	St. P. & D.	36
N. Pacific.	33½	Wis. Central	24½
do pfd	80⅝	Chicago Gas.	52¾
Northwestern.	108½	Lead Trust.	19¾
do pfd	144	Sugar Trust.	81
N. Y. Central.	105½	C., C., C. & St. L.	70
N. Y., C. & St. L.	16	Oregon S. L.	42½
do pfd	70	Great Nthn. pfd.	80

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Pac. 6s of '95	112½	do 2ds	115
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C. Southern 2ds.	100	St. Paul consols.	123
Cen. Pacific 1sts.	109¼	St. P., C. & P. 1sts.	120
D. & R G. 1sts.	116	T. P. L. G. T. R.	91⅞
do 4s	82¼	T. P. R. G. T. R.	39
Erie 2ds	102½	Union Pac. 1sts.	110⅛
M., K. & T. G. 6s	84	West Shore	103¾

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Chollar	2 65	Union Con.	2 65
Con. Cal. & Va.	3 75	Utah	65
Crown Point	2 55	Yellow Jacket	3 25