

FIELD, FARM AND HOUSEHOLD.

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A fire extinguisher which may easily be made and kept stored in bottles ready for use consists of a mixture of water and one and one-half pounds of sal ammoniac dissolved in a gallon of water.

Down near Pana, Ill., a guileless farmer engaged a freight train last week to ask the conductor to put in the engine, which should come on that train were aboard.

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Speculative dealings of some of the runners put in circulation of further financial difficulties was an influence towards relieving depression.

It will be observed, were rather negative in market, but they served to keep the price of cotton in a favorable factor.

The recovery in sugar, railroad earnings were reported, and the price of the April statements of net earnings of the Rocking Valley and the Atchafalaya, and the strength of the market.

The closing was heavy at concessions from highest prices.

American ice declined further on the prospect of a heavy season.

The stock market was quiet, but the Brooklyn Union Gas rose on belief that it would benefit by the settlement of the gas rate.

Debtors in bonds have been small and unimportant. Two refunding, when issued, declined 1/2 and 3/4 and 5/8 in the bid price. The 2 advanced 3/4 per cent.

NEW YORK MONEY—New York, May 26.—Money on call easy at 2 per cent. Prime national bank bills, 1 1/2 per cent. Sterling exchange steady, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4 1/2 per cent.

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