FOR THE TABLE.

In one of his fables Æsop tells of a poor traveler, evidently of the genus tramp, who, arriving at an inhospitable mansion, undoubtedly a little late for the family dinner, and being, perhaps, a little above receiving the usual boon of unmitigated bread and butter done up in a newspaper, asked the mistress of the kitchen to lend him a saucepan that he might make some stone broth. Having secured a saucepan he procured from the highway a stone, which he washed to a state of purity and placed in the pan with a small quantity of water. These preparations being calculated to arouse the admiration and curiosity of the cook it proved a comparatively easy matter to obtain the gift of some vegetables, a little spice and some scraps of meat which had been discarded. The use of the kitchen range, or what passed for such in those days, was then accorded him and the stew, with its cobble and other ingredients, was put upon the fire to cook. The result was evidently satisfactory, as the originator is represented with a benign expression upon his countenance and encircled by an admiring audience.

In the following recipes for soup the cucumber may seem to fill the place of the stone in the fable and the place of honor to belong to the ingredients. However, to make cucumber soup, which is very savory, peel and cut into thick slices four medium-sized cucumbers and lay them in about a pint of water, and with them put one onion, peeled and cut in thin slices. Cook these vegetables for about half an hour, or until they are tender enough to be pressed through a sieve; then put a piece of good butter the size of an egg into a saucepan, and when it melts add to it one tablespoonful of flour, mix well, add the strained cucumbers and onions, some salt and pepper and about a quart of hot milk, pouring it slowly upon the flour and butter to prevent lumping. If the soup is not perfectly smooth put it through the sieve, heat it and serve with sippets of bread fried golden brown. More than the usual quantity of butter is used in this soup, as much of its excellence depends upon that article. Still, if stock is used instead of water less butter is needed.

If one objects to the flavor of onions another soup can be made which is a little more elaborate but rather more elegant. Lay in the saucepan two or three slices of fat salt pork, a small piece of butter, three pepper corns, a grating of nutmeg, a small lump of sugar and the four cucumbers prepared as directed above; cover these closely and simmer gently twenty minutes, then add one tablespoonful of flour, mix well, and then pour in a cup of hot milk, let this simmer five minutes more, put it through a sieve and add one cup of cream which has been brought to the boiling point, season to taste and add a few drops of lemon juice.

We are not accustomed to think of cucumbers as a vegetable to serve hot, but they are cooked in many ways, sometimes peeled and prepared like summer squash, sometimes served on toast like asparagus, having been peeled and cut in quarters, then boiled in salted water twenty minutes and served with plenty of melted butter.

Then there is a ragout made by cutting the peeled cucumber in thick slices, drawing and flouring well, then making ready an equal quantity of peeled and sliced tomatoes and also of onions.

Now, place in the saucepan a good-sized lump of butter, and when that is hot lay the cucumbers in and fry them brown on both sides. Then fry the onions, add the tomatoes and cook slowly twenty minutes. Then mix one tablespoonful of butter with one of flour, let them cook and add to them one half pint of stock, a teaspoonful of salt and a little pepper. Strain this upon the vegetables and let them cook ten minutes longer.

Stuffed cucumbers are rather more elaborate than any of the dishes yet mentioned, still are easy of preparation, only requiring a little care to make them a delightful accompaniment to fillet of beef, browned sweetbreads, cutlets, etc. For these the cucumbers are peeled, the ends removed and the remainder cut in pieces about two inches long. With a small, sharp knife or an apple-corer remove the seeds, throw the sections into boiling water for a minute or two, then drain them out and lay them in ice-water to become firm. While this is being done rub some fine bread crumbs with an equal quantity of very finely chopped raw veal or lamb, using the potato-masher for the purpose. Season this highly and add a small lump of butter and enough cream to make the preparation moist enough to handle.

Line a saucepan with slices of salt pork, fill the sections of cucumber with the dressing, set them on the pork, lay over them more slices and a few sprays of parsley tied up with a green onion. To this add a cup of stock, cover closely and cook gently for half an hour. Then remove the cucumbers, strain the gravy, rejecting the pork, remove the fat, thicken the liquor and pour over the cucumbers.

Family Retail Market.

Fish is cheaper, being in large supply.

Fruits and Vegetables are now in their zenith and there is no lack of variety. Limes are scarce and dear.

Butter and Eggs are slowly advancing in the wholesale markets, but retail prices show little effect as yet.

Poultry is cheap and in good supply.

Following is THE CALL'S regular weekly retail price list:

COAL—PER TON.

Cannel	11 00@ —	Scotch	10 00@ —
Diamond	8 50@ —	Seattle	8 00@ 8 50
New Wellington	9 50@ —	New Seattle	8 00@ 8 50
Wellington	9 50@ —	Coos Bay	7 00@ 7 50
		Coke, ₱ bbl.	75@ —

DAIRY PRODUCE, ETC.

Butter, fancy, ₱ roll	45@50	Cheese, Swiss	25@35
do, choice	—@40	Common Eggs, ₱ dz	—@20
Ordinary do	35@37	Ranch Eggs, ₱ dz	25@—
Cheese, Cal	10@12½	Eastern Eggs	—@20
Cheese, Eastern	15@20	Honey, comb, ₱ lb	—@15
		do, extracted	10@12

MEATS—PER POUND.

Bacon	15@18	Pork, fresh	10@12
Beef, choice	12@15	Pork, salt	12@15
do, good	8@10	Pork Chops	10@12
Corned Beef	8@10	Round Steak	8@10
Ham, Cal	15@17	Sirloin Steak	12½@15
do, Eastern	17@20	Porterhouse, do	17@20
Lard	10@15	Smoked Beef	—@15
Mutton	10@12	Pork Sausages	—@20
Lamb	10@12	Veal	10@12

POULTRY AND GAME.

Broilers, each	25@ 40	Turkeys, ₱ lb	15@ 17
Hens, each	50@ 85	Ducks, each	50@ 65
Young Roosters, each	75@ 85	Geese, each	1 00@1 75
Old Roosters, each	60@ 75	Pigeons, ₱ pr.	50@ —
		Rabbits, ₱ pair	25@ 50
		Hare, each	20@ —

FRUITS AND NUTS.

Apricots, ₱ lb	4@ 6	Limes, ₱ doz	35@40
Apples, ₱ lb	4@ 6	Nectarines, ₱ lb	4@ 6
Almonds, ₱ lb	20@25	Oranges, ₱ doz	15@35
Bananas, ₱ doz	15@20	Peaches, ₱ lb	5@ 6
Blackberries, ₱ drawer	20@30	Pears, ₱ lb	4@ 6
Cantaloupes, each	10@20	Plums, ₱ lb	4@ 6
Cocoanuts, each	10@12	Raisins, ₱ lb	5@15
Crabapples, ₱ lb	5@—	Strawberries, ₱ drawer	20@35
Figs, ₱ lb	10@—	Raspberries, ₱ drawer	20@30
Grapes, ₱ lb	4@ 6	Walnuts, ₱ lb	15@20
Huckleberries, ₱ lb	10@—	Watermelons, ea	15@25
Lemons, ₱ doz	35@40		

VEGETABLES.

Asparagus, ₱ lb	4@10	Lettuce, ₱ doz	15@20
Artichokes, ₱ dz	15@20	Onions, ₱ lb	2@ 3
Beets, ₱ doz	15@20	Okra, green, ₱ lb	10@12
Beans, white, ₱ lb	—@ 5	Peppers, dry, ₱ lb	—@25
Do, colored, ₱ lb	4@ 5	Pepper, green, ₱ lb	5@ 6
Do, Lima, dry, ₱ lb	5@ 6	Parsnips, ₱ doz	15@20
Do, Lima, green	—@ 5	Potatoes, ₱ lb	2@ 3
Cabbages, each	—@ 5	Do Sweet, ₱ lb	4@ 5
Cauliflowers, each	8@10	Radishes, ₱ dz bchs	15@20
Celery, ₱ bunch	5@ 8	Sage, ₱ lb	25@35
Cucumbers, ₱ dz	10@—	String Beans, ₱ lb	4@ 6
Cress, ₱ doz bunchs	15@—	Simer Squash, ₱ lb	4@ 5
Egg Plant, ₱ lb	6@ 8	Marrf Squash, ₱ lb	—@ 5
Garlic, ₱ lb	5@ 8	Thyme, ₱ lb	25@40
Green Peas, ₱ lb	4@ 6	Turnips, ₱ doz	15@20
Green Corn, ₱ doz	15@20	Tomatoes, ₱ lb	4@ 5
Lentils, ₱ lb	—@10		

FISH—PER POUND.

Barracuda	—@—	Shad	8@10
Carp	8@10	Sea Bass	10@12
Codfish	10@—	Smelts	—@—
Flounders	8@10	Soles	10@12
Halibut	10@12	Skates, each	12@15
Herring	—@—	Sturgeon	8@10
Kingfish	—@10	Tomcod	10@12
Mackerel	—@12	Clams, ₱ gal	—@75
do, Horse	10@—	Do, hardshell, ₱ 100	50@—
Perch	10@—	Crabs, each	10@15
Pompano	60@75	Do, softshell, ₱ dz	37@50
Rockfish	10@12	Mussels, ₱ qrt	10@15
Salmon, smoked	25@—	Oysters, Cal, ₱ 100	50@75
Salmon, fresh	10@—	Do, Eastern, ₱ dz	25@35
Shrimps	10@12		

Strong Men of Olden Times.

Philip, Count of Kirchberg, was so strong that he could drive a nail into the wall with one of his fingers. A Spaniard named Pedro, who emigrated to Naples in 1555, drove nails into the wall with his forehead. Potowka, a Polish colonel, mashed horseshoes with his hand. Valentine Eisledel, Count of Schwarzenberg and curt of Luetzow, a Mecklenburg nobleman, did the same thing with ease. The latter could carry a tun of wine and throw silver coins with such force against an oak tree that the edge imbedded itself in the bark. Frederick of Hazstein, who lived at Limburg in 1363, could lift an aum (forty English gallons) of wine and drink from the bunghole. Johann, Count of Ziegenhain of Hessia, 1455, pushed aside six aums of wine, wagon and all, which obstructed the road over which he was riding. Count Siegmund of Burgstall carried seven adults on his shoulders, and walked about with them for several minutes.—Exchange.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

PALACE HOTEL.

J M Pierith, Chicago — J Doyle, Chicago
D Evans, Eureka — W V Clark & w, Oakland
C Monroe, Los Angeles — A M Ingersoll, San Diego
G E Gard, Los Angeles — A S Hogle, Chicago
M X Sellar, San Jose — W J Evans, N Y
Mrs C H Winship, Napa — C C Wallace, Eureka
C Dillon, Mil — T B Rickey & w, Carson
A Hellbron Jr, N Y — J E Kidder & w, Cal
L C Evans, Springfield — E Barron & w, London
T E Byrnes, San Mateo — G B Polneuus, San Jose
C C McIvor, San Jose — E H Davis, Chicago
B Gilman & w, Sacto

INTERNATIONAL HOTEL.

G P Grewell, S L Obispo — L Phillips & w, Livermor
J J Rindes, Ohio — W H Johnson, Ind
F J Berschick, Nanaimo — J A Papadopolis, Ind
Ed Luttrell, Colusa — Ray Turner, Ind
J Convey, Ind — O Nelson, U S N
M C L S Fortune, Cal — L Brown, U S N
H H Ray, San Rafael — E Ambrose, Stockton
J W Brickmaster, Cal — T Pidwell, Petaluma
W P Gibson, Tulare — D Warner, Stockton
Geo Flanders, U S N — C O'Donovan, U S N
R McCullough, Omaha — M J Lee, wf & fm, Portld
G C Jorgensen, St Paul — C E Downey, Sacto
Wm Goodman, N Y

NEW WESTERN HOTEL.

L Redman, San Jose — H Greer, San Jose
S A Hagry, Alameda — J A Bullis, Alameda
J W Namara, Dunsmuir — C H Shone, Dunsmuir
O P Johnson, Oakland — L Sexton, Sacramento
J S de Quadres, Sacto — Geo Jurry, Santa Clara
M Reilly, San Rafael — H White, Los Angeles
A B Kuffel, L Angeles — G M Green, Stockton
Miss M Cummings, Cal — A Kumback, San Jose
S T Stinny, Alcatraz

MARKET REPORTS.

FRIDAY EVENING, Aug. 10.

SUMMARY OF THE MARKETS.

Failures decreased.
Silver unchanged.
Wheat futures lower.
Barley easy. Oats declined.
Rye lower and heavily offered.
Corn quiet.
Hay and Feedstuffs unchanged.
Potatoes in large supply.
Onions steady.
Butter a fraction higher.
Eggs and Cheese unchanged.
Poultry sells slowly.
Limes higher again.
Dried Fruits unchanged.
Large stocks of Vegetables.
Honey firmly held.
Hogs higher, Beef and Mutton unchanged.
Hams, Bacon and Lard firm.
Rice buoyant.
Liverpool Salt firm and active.

New York Markets.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—There was less animation on the Stock Exchange to-day than on the preceding days of the week. Trade was restricted by an unfavorable turn of affairs at Washington regarding the tariff, which coming on the news of a reported agreement between the Senate and the House gave the traders a setback which induced many of them to dispose of their holdings and made others cautious about extending their lines of long stock. London was in the market both as a buyer and seller, but did not largely enter into the transactions. Another unsettling factor of the speculative situation was the uncertainty prevailing as to the Government crop report to be issued late in the afternoon. This was looked forward to with more than usual interest, in view of the many rumors which had been afloat of serious crop damage, chiefly to corn.

At the opening of the Stock Exchange this morning the prices showed a fractional decline from the closing figures of yesterday, but July recovered the greater part of the losses. The improvement, however, was merely temporary and the market became unsettled, the tone of the dealings gradually becoming heavy under moderate selling. Shortly before noon the market showed signs of improvement and prices moved up a fraction, but at about 12:45 o'clock a drive was made upon Chicago Gas, which sent that stock down and caused a sympathetic decline in the general list. During the day the speculation was equally unsettled, but was dull and with the pressure to sell.

During the last quarter of an hour the trading was fairly active and the tendency of the figures was upward. The market closed firm to steady in the tone.

The Bond market was firm. Government bonds steady. State bonds dull. Railroad bonds dull. Petroleum steady; sales none. September option sales none; closed 80c bid. Lima Oil sales none.

GRAIN AND MERCHANDISE.

Wheat—August, 58⅝c.
Flour—Steady.
Wool—Fairly active.
Copper—Firm.
Lead—Firm.
Tin—Stronger. Straights, $19 50 bid; plates, steadier.
Spelter — Steady; domestic, $3 50; Sales on 'Change, 45 tons August tin at $19 00@19 05; 40 tons September tin, $19 10.
Coffee—Options opened steady; unchanged to 5 points lower; reacted on local covering and again turned weak on arrival of steamers with 40,000 bags; closed barely steady; unchanged to 10 points lower. Sales, 12,250 bags, including August, $14 90@15 00; September, $13 95@14 05; October, $13 25@13 30; December, $12 65@12 75; March, $12 40.
Spot Coffee — Rio, dull; No. 7, 18¼c.
Mild—Quiet; Cordova, 19@19¼c. Sales, 6500 bags.
Santos—Firm; good average Santos, 168000; receipts, 17,000 bags; stock, 203,000 bags.
Hamburg—Quiet; prices unchanged to ¼pfg bid higher. Sales, 5000 bags.
Havre—Opened dull; prices unchanged to ¼f higher; at noon, quiet, ½f lower; at 3 P. M., irregular, ½f higher, closed quiet; net unchanged to ¼f lower. Total sales, 19,000 bags; stock August 10, 322,000 bags, including 88,000 bags Brazilian, against 336,000 bags and 91,000 bags respectively last month.
Rio—Firm; No. 7, Rio, 15@500. Exchange, 9 5-16d. Receipts, 15,000 bags. Cleared For the United States, 7000 bags; for Europe, 34,000 bags; stock, 206,000 bags. Warehouse deliveries from New York yesterday, 9770 bags: New York stock to-day, 114,360 bags; United States stock, 402,758 bags; afloat for the United States, 260,000 bags; total visible for the United States, 402,578 bags, against 405,234 bags last year.
Sugar—Raw, steady; fair refining Centrifugal 96 test, 3⅞c; sales, 4700; thirty tons Muscovado 89 test at 3 1-16c; refined, dull, unchanged.

Chicago Markets.

CHICAGO, Aug. 9.—Board of Trade operators were anxious to realize to-day, and as a result all the grain markets closed with a loss. September wheat finished ¼c lower. September corn was 1c lower, and September oats 1¼c lower. Provisions were stronger and closed at an advance all around.

In wheat there was not a great deal doing at the start, but later the market became quite active. The feeling was, on the whole, weak, and generally lower prices ruled. There was very little news at hand that had any particular effect on values, the particular weakening influence being the withdrawal of the support which corn has had on the market, that cereal selling down, and wheat sold off in sympathy. There was a temporary advance after the first decline, due to the covering by Pardridge, who purchased probably 750,000. The market was surrounded by a good many bearish influences, the liberal receipts of flour from outside markets, less demand, and the break in corn all combined to make the situation easier.

Initial trades were at the same price to ½c over the final figures of yesterday, at 5⅛@5⅛c for September and sold off ⅝@¾c, rallied ⅝@¾c, eased off 1c, advanced ¼@⅝c, changed some, and closed with September at 55¼c.

Corn was less active, but nervous and feverish all day, with fluctuations covering 1⅜@1⅝c range. The feeling was rather easier, with more disposition on the part of longs to realize. Country news was moderately active on both sides of market, some realizing. There were strong efforts at the start on the part of local professionals to depress prices, but there were many buying orders on hand, the continued drought causing interior "longs" to adhere more firmly to their position, and the market did not respond to the selling pressure for some time. There were light showers around the edge of the western and northwestern part of the corn belt, but none in the principal States.

The Washington forecast did not predict any rain for the West, although cooler weather was predicted. Outside markets were steady and Liverpool firm. The market opened more settled than for some days past with the initial transactions ¼@⅝c under the final figures of yesterday, September starting at 58½c and sold off to 58c for May and then rallied 1c, eased off 1⅝c, advanced 1⅛c, declined to 58c, changed some and closed with September at 55¾c.

Oats were active and easier with corn and on free selling. September, after a range of 1½c, closed 1c lower, at 31½c.

Liberal buying orders and free buying by local operators gave the provisions market a firm tone. An active business was transacted. Compared with last night September pork is 5c higher and January 32½c higher; September lard 12½c higher, and September ribs 7½c higher.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

Wheat No. 2—	Highest.	Lowest.	Corn No. 2—	Highest.	Lowest.
Aug	55¼c	54⅛c	Aug	56½c	55¼c
Sept	57c	55⅞c	Sept	56¾c	55½c
Dec	60⅛c	59c	Oct	56¼c	55c
Mess Pork per bbl.—			May	54⅜c	52¾c
Aug	$13 42½	$13 30			
Sept	$13 42½	$13 30	Short Ribs per 100 lbs.		
Jan	$13 75	$13 30	Aug	$7 05	$6 95
Lard per 100 lbs.—			Sept	$7 05	$6 95
Aug	$7 42½	$7 30	Jan	$7 00	$6 85
Sept	$7 42½	$7 30			
Jan	$7 40	$7 25			

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour—Firm, 10c higher. No. 2 Spring Wheat, 54¾@57¼c; No. 3 Spring Wheat, nominal; No. 2 Red, 54¾@55¼c; No. 2 Corn, 55½c; Prime Timothy Seed, $5 10; Mess Pork ₱ bbl, $13 35@13 45; Lard, ₱ 100 lbs, $7 37½; Short Ribs sides (loose), $7 00@7 10; Dry Salted Shoulders (boxed), $6 47½; Short Clear Sides (boxed), $7 52½; Whisky, distillers' finished goods, ₱ gal, $1 22; Sugar—Cut Loaf, unchanged; Granulated, —; Standard A, unchanged.

On the Produce Exchange to-day the Butter market was unchanged.

CATTLE.

Hogs—Estimated receipts to-day, 30,000; receipts yesterday, 30,107; shipments yesterday, 10,172; left over, about 11,000. Quality rather poor. Market slow, with prices 5c lower. Sales ranged at $4 90@5 30 for light, $4 70@4 90 for rough packing, $4 90@5 15 for mixed, $5@5 40 for heavy packing and shipping lots; pigs, $4 40@4 90.

Cattle—Receipts to-day, 9000; receipts yesterday, 13,182; shipments yesterday, 5499. Market slow. Sales of natives were on a basis of $1 25@1 95 for inferior to extra; Cows and Bulls, $1 75@2 50; Steers, $3 50@4 50; Texans, $1 25@3 50; Westerns, $1 50@4 10; Calves, $1 75@4 20

Sheep — Estimated receipts for to-day 5000; receipts yesterday, 4000; shipments yesterday, 1735. Market steady.

California Fruit Sales.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—The Earl Fruit Company sold California fruit at auction this morning, realizing: Bartlett pears, in refrigerator cars, $1 25@1 35; ventilated cars, 85c@$1 05. Peaches—Early Crawford, 75@95c; Decker, 85c; Foster, 75@90c. Plums—Egg, 90c; prunes, German, $1 20; Gros, $1 35@1 50. Grapes, half crates—Tokay, $2; Rose, $1 25; Muscat, $1 45; Fontainebleau, $1 20; nectarines, 95c.

Porter Brothers Company sold to-day at auction three cars of California fruit: Prunes, nectarines, 85c; Gros, $1 10@1 25; tragedy, 95c. Plums, Fallenburg, $1; egg, 75@90c; Columbias, 75c; Washington, 70@75c; Japan, 95c. Peaches—Susquenanna, $1; Crawford, 55@95c; Tuscan, clings, 75c; strawberry, 50c@$1; Foster, 55@90c; Mays Choice, 85c. Grapes—Tokay, $1 45@2 15; Muscat, $1 15@1 40; Rose of Peru, $1 20; Fontainebleau, $1 40.

Porter Brothers Company, Boston, sold to-day at auction five cars of California fruit. Crawford peaches, $1@1 95; Crawford clings, $1 65; white freestones, $1 12½; German prunes, 85c@$1 25; Bradshaws, $1; prunes, Gros, $1 50@1 75; Bartlett pears, 60c@$1 20.

Porter Brothers Company, Philadelphia, sold one car of California fruit at auction: Bartlett pears, $1 35@1 40; prunes, Gros, $1 80@2 05; Japan plums, $1 25; egg plums, $1 15@1 35.

Omaha Livestock Market.

OMAHA, August 9.—Cattle—Receipts, 1300. There was not much life in trade. Choice sold for $4 70; common and thin heifers unsalable. There is little doing and prices are unchanged.

Bank Clearings.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—The following table, compiled by Bradstreet's, shows the total clearances at the principal cities and the percentage of increase or decrease as compared with the corresponding week last year:

		Percentage Inc.	Dec
New York	$396,834,628	.....	15.6
Chicago	83,910,835	3.8	.....
Boston	71,982,929	3.4	.....
Philadelphia	49,838,983	.....	.....
St. Louis	22,046,605	37.1	.....
San Francisco	12,475,930	.....	3.1
Baltimore	12,409,531	13.1	.....
Pittsburg	10,733,209	.....	.....
Cincinnati	11,059,050	39.8	.....
Kansas City	9,204,090	96.1	.....
New Orleans	5,727,286	6.5	.....
Buffalo	4,217,122	.....	45.2
Milwaukee	3,909,587	32.4	.....
Detroit	6,489,289	17.3	.....
Louisville	5,392,183	92.1	.....
Minneapolis	5,024,537	25.4	.....
Omaha	4,288,916	24.4	.....
Providence	4,904,600	15.1	.....
Cleveland	4,694,331	12.0	.....
St. Paul	2,985,331	33.6	.....
Denver	2,913,051	121.8	.....
Portland, Or	988,981	46.0	.....
Seattle	486,031	.....	38.1
Los Angeles	788,424	9.1	.....
Tacoma	393,399	.....	7.6
Spokane	619,889	28.1	.....
Salt Lake	1,003,800	86.7	.....
Totals, U. S.	$774,451,986	.....	3.4
Exclusive of New York	378,617,358	3.5	.....
DOMINION OF CANADA.			
Montreal	$19,110,153	.....	17.0
Toronto	4,864,292	.....	19.8
Halifax	1,240,723	.....	10.7
Winnipeg	985,321	.....	.....
Totals	$16,809,089	.....	17.4

Stocks in London.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—The Evening Post's London cablegram says: The stock market became quieter as the settlement approaches, but the tone remains good throughout. In Americans there was a further improvement to-day, but the close was nearly half a point under the best on profit taking. There was a firm undertone, however, and stocks are believed to be scarce. Atchisons were strong.

It is believed here Mr. Little's report discloses the worst, and President Harahan's reported resignation outweighs the bad feeling created by Mr. Little's figures.

Official statistics in Indian finance are more favorable than anticipated. The Council is selling drafts freely. The financial position causes less disquiet.

Rising of the Tide.

NEW YORK, Aug 10.—Bradstreet's to-morrow will say: Evidence continues to accumulate that the early portion of July witnessed the lowest point in the ebb of the commercial tide, in the reaction after the moderate revival in the spring. The practical cessation of various industrial disturbances of the year has emphasized the tendency to improvement reported by telegraph from leading manufacturing and commercial centers this week. A further indication of the tendency to improvement is seen in the week's advance of 50c a ton for steel billets and the fact that the wool markets to-day are more in favor of the seller than they have been for a year, and that wool is firmer at the 2 cents advance recorded in the last few weeks. Refined sugar is ⅛c higher, possibly for reasons not directly connected with questions of demand and supply, but in view of pickups in St. Louis are higher, and for cotton are 11-16c up on reports of damage to the crop and the improved feeling in commercial circles South. Leaf tobacco and leather are both firm with an active demand, the tendency of prices being upward, and the recent destruction of lumber by fire at Chicago has steadied quotations. Panic and unreasonable speculative interest in Indian corn has put up the price nearly 8c a bushel this week, about 25c above low-water mark for the year.

Bradstreet's telegrams, from those in a position to know as much as can be learned in the great corn-growing States, are at variance with more sensational dispatches bearing on damage to the corn crop, and indicate that most of the extreme bull views as to that staple are exaggerated, the increasing corn acreage South and West pointing to a probable crop as large as in either of the two preceding years, in each of which the out-turn was not more than 6 per cent below the average for two years past.

Wheat has jumped 25c this week in sympathy with corn and oats 1¾c, while hay is not higher at New York; it and other food stuffs have advanced briskly at the West because of alleged scarcity of clover. This has supplied the horse and cattle and hog markets with inferior stock, resulting in depressed quotations. Lard has advanced sharply, demand abroad and at home having expanded noticeably.

American and European total available supplies of wheat decreased 4,100,000 bushels during July, against a decrease of only 1,200,000 bushels in July a year ago, and 644,000 bushels in July, 1892.

Last month's sharp falling off in the world's stocks is due to an unusually heavy July decrease in European supplies and those afloat; therefore, because stocks at home increased exceptionally last month. Exports of wheat, United States and Canada and both coasts, this week aggregate 3,415,000 bushels, against 2,977,000 bushels last week. 5,008,000 bushels in the week a year ago.

Advance in Corn.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s Weekly Review of Trade to-morrow will say: The advance in corn discloses a general belief that the injury to this most important crop has been so great as to affect materially the traffic of railroads, the demand for manufactured products and the cost of meals for the coming year. Unless the market receive and are entirely deceived our country will have to face a real calamity in the loss of something like 500,000,000 bushels of corn and this loss consumers have to share through the advance of 14 cents in two weeks and 9 cents since Friday of last week. Neither official nor unofficial statements as yet preclude the hope that the loss may prove less serious, but at current prices 1,500,000 bushels would cost as much as 2,000,000 bushels would cost a fortnight ago. Wheat has risen 35c in the two weeks and 2½c during the week, although Western receipts have been 5,223,128 bushels against 3,162,694 last year.

Atlantic exports are still about half as large as a year ago, 1,399,485 bushels against 2,734,884 last year.

Pork products are a little stronger as is natural. Cotton has twice risen and again declined a sixteenth with increasing prospects of a very large yield, closing without change for the week.

The iron and steel manufacturers have received a great increase of nearly 30,000 tons in weekly output in July and the production is 115,356 tons weekly, about 11,000 tons less than in April, but 8000 tons more than a year ago, when the prostration had nearly reached its worst. The decrease in unsold stocks was only 6137 tons for the month, showing a consumption in manufacture not quite equal to the present output. Prices sustain this view, having been changed only in the direction of weakness. The disappointed demand for finished product is still the main factor.

The business in boots and shoes is strong and healthy, though conspicuously confined to medium and low-priced articles, such as 75c shoes for men and 55c to 60c for women's; but shipments from Boston have been in two weeks 166,693 cases against 122,826 last year.

The sales of wool would have been large, according to reports from the different markets, if there had been sufficient stocks available, but amounted to 7,623,400 pounds at the three Eastern markets against 9,220,700 pounds two years ago. Country holders of wool do not at present appear anxious to let somebody else speculate on its price and are said to be keeping back supplies quite generally.

The failures for the five weeks ending August 1 showed liabilities of $12,144,713, of which $5,626,594 were of manufacturing and $5,220,247 of trading concerns.

The failures during the past week have been 251 in the United States, against 394 last year and 54 in Canada against 250 last year.

Foreign Markets.

WHEAT IN LIVERPOOL.

LIVERPOOL, Aug. 10.—The spot market is firm at 4s 9d. Cargoes are firm at 2⅝ 6d for off coast, 24s for prompt shipment and 23s 6d for nearly due.

FUTURES.

The Produce Exchange cable gives the following Liverpool quotations for No. 2 Red Winter: August, 4s 4¼d; September, 4s 4¼d; October, 4s 5½d; November, 4s 6½d; December, 4s 7½d.

SECURITIES.

LONDON, Aug. 10.—Consols, 102; Silver, 28 13-16; French Rentes, 102f 75c.

NEW YORK STOCKS.

Bonds, Exchange, Money and Railroad Shares.

Money on call easy at 1%; last loan 1%; closed at 1%. Prime mercantile paper, 3@5%. Sterling exchange dull, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4 88@4 88⅛ for demand and $4 86@4 88⅛ for sixty days. Posted rates, $4 88½@4 89. Commercial bills, $4 86@4 86¼. Silver certificates, 64@65c.

CLOSING STOCKS.

Atchison	4⅞	Northern Pacific	3¾
Adams Express	146	Preferred	14⅞
Alton, Terre Haute	30	U. P. Den. & Gulf	3½
Preferred	168	Northwestern	104¾
American Express	110	Preferred	140½
Bell Telephone	199	N. Y. Central	99¼
Baltimore & Ohio	72	N. Y. & New Eng	14¾
Canada Pacific	67¼	Ontario & Western	16¼
Canada Southern	50	Oreg. Improvmt	13¾
Central Pacific	13	Oregon Navigation	15
Ches. & Ohio	18¼	Oregon Short Line	4
Chicago Alton	138	Pacific Mail	14½
Chicago, B. & Q	71⅞	Peoria D. & Evns	3
Chicago Gas	74¼	Pittsburg	148
Consolidated Gas	120¼	Pullman Palace	156
C. C. C. & St. Louis	37	Reading	18¾
Colo. Coal & Iron	6½	Richmond Terminal	16⅜
Cotton Oil Cert	29¼	Preferred	19½
Del. Hudson	135⅛	Rio Grande & Westn	14½
Del, Lack & Western	142	Preferred	42
Denver & R. G. pfd	30	Rock Island	64
Distillers	17¾	St. L. & S. F. 1st pf	70
East Tennessee	10	St. Paul	58¾
Erie	14¼	Preferred	117½
Preferred	28½	St. Paul & Omaha	35
Fort Wayne	150	Preferred	112
Great Northern pfd	101	Southern Pacific	18¼
Chicago & E Ill pfd	98½	Sugar Refinery	106⅜
Hocking Valley	17½	Tenn. Coal & Iron	18
Illinois Central	90	Texas Pacific	9⅛
St. Paul & Duluth	23	Tol & O Cen. pfd	68
Kansas & Texas pf	21⅞	Union Pacific	16½
Lake Erie & Westn	16	U. S. Express	50
Preferred	64½	Wab. St. L. & Pac	6⅝
Lake Shore	130	Preferred	14⅞
Lead Trust	42¼	Wells-Fargo	113
Louisville & Nash	50¾	Western Union	88¼
Louisville & New Al	7½	Wheeling & L. E.	10⅛
Manhattan Consol	116	Preferred	40
Memphis & Charls	5	Minn. & St. Louis	1¼
Metropolitan	7	Denver & Rio G	10
Michigan Central	94	General Electric	88¼
Missouri Pacific	27⅛	National Linseed	17¾
Mobile & Ohio	19½	Colo. Fuel & Iron	25
Nashville Chatt	93	Preferred	72
U. S Cordage	22⅛	H & Tex. Cent	2¼
Preferred	85	Tol. A. A. & N Mich	4¾
N. J. Central	109	Tol. St. Louis & K. C.	1
Norfolk & West pf.	21½	Preferred	5½
North American	3⅝		

CLOSING BONDS.

U S 6s, registered	117½	Den & R G 7s	114½
Do, coupon	117½	Do, 4s	75
Do 4s registered	113⅝	Erie 2ds	71½
Do, coupon	114	G H & Sa 6s	95
Do, 2s reg	96	Do, 7s	94
Pacific 6s of '95	101	H & Tex Cent 5s	104
Ala Class A	100½	Do, 6s	101
Do, Class B	102	M K & T first 4s	79½
Do, Class C	93	Do, second 4s	42¾
Do, Currencies	92	Mutual Union 6s	109
Louisiana stmpd 4s	95	N J Cent Gen 5s	117½
Missouri 6s	100	Northern Pac 1sts	109
N Carolina 6s	122	Do, 2ds	77½
Do, 4s	95	Northwest Consols	140
S C Non-fund	1	Do, debenture 5s	110
Tenn new set 6s	79	R Grande West 1sts	64
Do, 5s	105	St. Paul Consols	128¼
Do 3s	75	St. Paul C & Pac 5s	108½
Tenn old 6s	60	St L & Iron Mt Gen 5s	75
Va Centuries	58⅛	S L & S F Gen M	88½
Do, deferred	7	Tex Pacific firsts	84
Atchison 4s	71½	Tex Pac seconds	24¼
Do, 2d A	22	Union Pacific 1sts	104¼
Canada South 2ds	105½	West Shore 4s	104
Cen Pacific 1sts	100½		

Exchange and Bullion.

Sterling Exchange, 60 days	—	$4 88¼
Sterling Exchange, sight	—	4 89¼
New York Exchange, sight	—	10
New York Exchange, telegraphic	—	12½
Fine Silver, spot ₱ ounce	—	62¾
Fine Silver, 30 days	—	62½
Mexican Dollars	51½	51¾

Portland's Business.

PORTLAND, Or., Aug. 10.—Clearances, $156,016; balances, $33,511.

Wheat—Walla Walla, 65@67½c; Val