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MAY GAINED NEAR A CENT

TRADING WAS RATHER QUIET THROUGHOUT THE SESSION, BUT WHEAT WAS STRONG

OPENING WAS AT AN ADVANCE

Good Cash Business Helped Materially in Holding Up Prices—Corn Market Fairly Firm—Oats Quiet.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
May wheat, Minneapolis	64½	63⅞-64
May wheat, Chicago	66¾	65⅞
May wheat, New York	73½	72¾
May wheat, Duluth	66⅝	66

CHICAGO, March 14.—Influenced by a good cash business and covering by shorts, the wheat market closed strong today, May ⅞c over yesterdays. Corn closed ⅛@¼c up and May oats a shade improved. Provisions at the close were a trifle better.

It was rather a quiet day in the wheat pit. May opened ⅛c over yesterday at 66c, helped by the cash business done at Duluth and also here yesterday. The market touched 65⅞c early on profit-taking, but steadied again. Near the end covering by shorts caused a sharp rally, which carried May to 65⅞c. The close was strong, May ⅞c over yesterday at 66¾c.

New York reported five loads taken for export. The export business here for the day was put at 125,000 bu. Primary receipts were 706,000 bu, compared with 475,000 bu last year. Atlantic port clearances in wheat and flour were equal to 307,000 bu. Minneapolis and Duluth reported 637 cars, against 622 cars last week and 321 cars last year. Receipts here were 37 cars, none contract.

The corn market opened firm, but shortly afterward declined on liquidation. The decline was recovered at the end, partly influenced by the bulge in wheat. The cash demand was fair, and on the rally shorts covered. Business was rather quiet the greater part of the session. Local receipts were 445 cars. Country offerings were light. May ranged from 37¼@37⅜c to 37¾c, and closed firm at ⅛@¼c over yesterday at 37⅝@37¾c.

Trade in oats was exceedingly quiet, influenced largely by the lessened excitement in corn. Local receipts were 289 cars. May ranged from 23¾c to 23⅞c, and closed a shade improved at 23⅞c.

Covering of May pork was the feature of an otherwise colorless provision market. This influence caused a bulge early, but as soon as the demand was satisfied the market receded to opening figures. The close was steady. May pork closed 2½c over yesterday at $11.02½; May lard unchanged at $6.02½, and May ribs 2½c up at $6@6.02½.

Estimates tomorrow: Wheat, 28 cars; corn, 400 cars; oats, 250 cars; hogs, 24,000 head.

The leading futures ranged as follows:

	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing.
Wheat—				
March	....	....	....	66
May	66	66¾-⅞	65⅞	66¾
July	66¾-⅞	67½-⅝	66¾	67½
Corn—				
March	36-36⅛	36⅛	36-36⅛	36⅛
May	37½-¾	37¾	37¼	37⅝-¾
July	37⅝-¾	37⅞	37½	37¾
September	38⅛-¼	38¼-⅜	38	38¼-⅜
Oats—				
May	23⅞	23⅞	23¾	23⅞
July	22¾	22⅞	22¾	22⅞
Mess Pork—				
May	10 95	11 15	10 95	11 02½
July	10 90	11 10	10 90	10 97½
Lard—				
May	6 02½	6 07½	6 02½	6 02½
July	6 10	6 15	6 10	6 10
Short Ribs—				
May	6 02½	6 05	6 00	6 02½
July	6 02½	6 07½	6 02½	6 02½

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour steady. Wheat, No. 3 spring, 61@66c; No. 2 red, 68½@69c. Corn—No. 2, 36½@¾c; No. 2 yellow, 36¾c. Oats—No. 2, 23½@¾c; No. 2 white, 26¼@28c; No. 3 white, 25¾@26½c. Rye—No. 2, 55½@56½c. Barley—No. 2, 37½@39c. Flax Seed—No. 1 and Northwest, $1.60. Timothy Seed—Prime, $2.40. Pork—Mess, per bbl, $10@10.97½. Lard—Per 100 lbs, $5.85@5.97½. Short Ribs Sides—(Loose), $5.85@6.10. Shoulders—Dry salted (boxed), 6¼@6½c. Sides—Short clear (boxed), $6.20@6.35. Whisky—Distillers' finished goods, per gal., $1.24½. Clover Seeds—Contract grade, 8.25. Receipts—Flour, 168,000 bbls; wheat, 61,000 bu; corn, 529,000 bu; oats, 536,000 bu; rye, 11,000 bu; barley, 89,000 bu. Shipments—Flour, 66,000 bbls; wheat, 68,000 bu; corn, 69,000 bu; oats, 325,000 bu; rye, 10,000 bu; barley, 54,000 bu. On the produce exchange today the butter market was easy; creameries, 19@24c dairies, 16@22c. Cheese—Firm at 12@13c. Eggs—Firm; fresh, 14½c.

MINNEAPOLIS.

MINNEAPOLIS, March 14. — Wheat opened strong.

May wheat opened at 64c, against 63⅞@64c Tuesday, lost 1-16c, firmed up to 64⅛c, lost 1-16c, advanced to 64¼c, lost 3-16c, gained 1-16c by 11:15 a. m.

July wheat opened at 65c, being the same as Tuesday's close, firmed up to 65⅛c, lost 1-16c, advanced to 65¼c, lost ⅛c by 11:15.

The cash wheat market was slower than Tuesday for the reason that millers were forced Tuesday to withdraw large quantities from store. Arrivals today were liberal, but the above fact related militated against an active demand for stuff on track. Prices, however, were about the same for good milling wheat, but lower grades were slow of sale, and at noon it looked as though considerable quantities of those grades would have to be held over.

May wheat closed at 64½c, and July at 65½@65⅝c.

Wheat.	Opening.	Highest.	Lowest.	Closing. Wed.	Closing. Tues.
March	....	....	....	65¼	64¾
May	64	64½	63⅞-64	64½	63⅞-64
July	65	65½-⅝	65	65½-⅝	65

On Track—No. 1 hard, 66¾c; No. 1 northern, 65¼c; No. 2 northern, 63¾c; March oats, 23¾c; March corn, 31½c; flax seed, $1.57.

Curb on May wheat, 64½c bid; puts on May wheat, 64¼c; calls on May wheat, 65c.

Flour—First patents, $3.60@3.65; first clears, $2.80@2.0.

Rye Flour—per bbl, pure, $2.65@2.75.

Bran, in bulk, $11@11.25; shorts, in bulk, $10.50@11.75; middlings, in bulk, $11.50@$11.75.

Corn—No. 3, 34⅜@34½c; No. 3 yellow, 34¾c.

Oats— No. 3, 23½@23¾c; No. 3 white, 23⅞@24c.

Rye—No. 2 quoted at 52½c.

Barley—Ranges from 36@40c for choice malting. Feed barley is a little weak, about 32@32½c.

Coarse corn meal and cracked corn, in sacks, per ton, sacks extra, to jobbers only, $13.50; No. 1 ground feed, 2-3 corn, 1-3 oats, 80-lb sacks, sacks extra, $14.00.

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No. 1 hard, 1 car, 66¼c.
No. 1 northern, 60 cars, 65c.
No. 1 northern, 1,000 bu to arrive, 65c.
No. 1 northern, 8 cars, 65¼c.
No. 1 northern, 1 car, 65¾c.
No. 1 northern, 2 cars, 66c.
No. 1 northern, 2,000 bu to arrive, 65c.
No. 1 northern, 2,000 bu, 65⅛c.
No. 1 northern, 12 cars, 65½c.
No. 1 northern, 1 car to arrive, 65¼c.
No. 1 northern, 4 cars, smutty, 64½c.
No. 2 northern, 9 cars, 64½c.
No. 2 northern, 1 car, 63¾c.

STATE GRAIN INSPECTION.

Roads.	No. 1h.	Northern. No. 1.	Northern. No. 2.	Northern. No. 3.	Rej.	No Gd.
Gt. Northern	3	29	14	12	5	2
C., M. & St. P.	..	9	32	9	3	..
M. & St. L.	..	6	10	5	3	2
Soo Line	1	6	13	..	..	..
N. Pacific	..	9	2	1	..	1
C., St. P., M. & O	..	..	2	3	..	..
Totals	4	59	73	30	11	5

Other Grains—No. 3 corn, 15 No. 3 oats, 11; No. 2 rye, 2; No. 3 barley, 3; No. 4 barley, 1; No. 5 barley, 1; No. 1 flax, 12.

Cars Inspected Out—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 4; No. 1 northern, 102; No. 2 northern, 109; No. 3, 8 rejected, 8; No. 3 corn, 1; No. 4 corn, 1; No. 3 oats, 4; No. 1 flax, 25; rejected flax, 3.

DULUTH.

DULUTH, Minn., March 14.—Market dull and firm, but featureless. May opened ⅛c up at 66⅛c, held all the morning between 66⅛c and 66¼c, and closed ⅝c up at 65⅞c. Cash—40,000 bu at 1¼c under May. Cash Sales—No. 1 hard, 2 cars, 66⅝c; No. 1 northern, 13,000 bu, 65⅛c; 13,000 bu, 65c; 5 cars, 62⅝@63c. Close—Wheat—No. 1 hard, cash, 67c; to arrive, 67c; May, 68⅛c; No. 1 northern, cash, 65½c; to arrive, 65½c; May, 66⅝c; July, 67½c; No. 2 northern, 63c; No. 3 spring, 59¾c; oats, 23¼@24c; rye, 52c; barley, 35@38c; flax, cash, $1.56½; to arrive, $1.58; May, $1.48; September, $1.11½; October, $1.08½; corn, 35¼c. Receipts—Wheat, 320,975 bu; corn, 16,518 bu; oats, 16,910 bu; rye, 784 bu; flax, 1,166 bu. Shipments—Wheat, 7,500 bu; flax, 539 bu.

OTHER GRAIN MARKETS.

GRAIN GOSSIP—Gossip by private wire to C. H. F. Smith & Co., St. Paul, members of the New York Stock exchange and Chicago Board of Trade.——St. Louis wires: "D. R. Francis & Bros., commission just made sale to Liverpool of big lot of corn at ⅜c advance over their bid of yesterday and want offers of more."——"Paris wheat steady, unchanged to 5c higher. Flour quiet, unchanged to 5c higher. French country markets firm."——London, 1:30 p. m.: "Wheat cargoes steady; May 61⅜c, ⅛c lower."

NEW YORK, March 14.—Flour—Receipts, 18,335; exports, 9,646; moderately active and firmly held, but not quotably higher; Minnesota patents, $3.70@3.90; do bakers', $2.85@3; winter patents, $3.65@3.80; do straights, $3.45@3.55; do extras, $2.60@2.90; do low grades, $2.25@2.40. Rye flour steady. Buckwheat flour nominal. Buckwheat dull. Wheat—Receipts, 53,600; exports, 133,422; spot strong; No. 2 red, 78c elevator; No. 1 northern, Duluth, 79½c f. o. b. afloat, prompt; No. 1 hard, Duluth, 80¾c f. o. b. afloat, prompt. Options—May, 72 11-16@73½c, closing at 73½c; July, 72⅝@73⅜c, closing at 73⅜c; September closed at 73⅜c. Corn—Receipts, 142,350; exports, 232,932; spot firm; No. 2, 44c f. o. b. afloat and 44c elevator. Options—May, 42½@42¾c, closing at 42¾c; July, 42 9-16@42⅞c, closing at 42⅞c. Oats—Receipts, 54,600; exports, 100; spot firm; No. 2, 28½c; No. 3, 28¼c; No. 2 white, 32c; No. 3 white, 31¼c; track mixed Western, 29@30¾c; track white, 31½@35½c; options quiet all day, closing firm on the late rise in corn.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 14.—Flour steady. Wheat steady; No. 1 northern, 66¼@66½c; No. 2 do, 64½@65¼c. Rye firmer; No. 1, 58½@59c. Barley steady; No. 2, 43c; sample, 36½@40¼c. Oats quiet; No. 2 white, 25¾c.

LIVERPOOL, March 14.—Wheat quiet, closing ⅛d lower; March, 5s 9¾d; May, 5s 9½d; July, 5s 8⅜d. Corn quiet, closing unchanged; May, 3s 10¾d; July, 3s 10½d.

MISCELLANEOUS.

NEW YORK COFFEE—New York, March 14.—Coffee—The market for futures opened steady with prices unchanged to 5 pionts higher with subsequent business slack without much further change following fair average of cables, smaller receipts at Rio and Santos, larger warehouse deliveries and absence of pressure in the open market for spot supplies. The close was steady at a partial 10 points advance; total sales were 6,750 bags, including May, 6.65c; June, 6.65c; July, 6.70c; August, 6.70c; September, 6.75c; October, 6.85c; November, 6.85c; December, 7.00c; February, 7.15c. Spot—Rio steady; No. 7 invoice, 8¼c; do jobbing, 8¾c; mild market steady; Cordova, 9½@14c. Sugar—Raw firm; refined firm.

SEED MARKETS—Chicago, March 14.—The flaxseed market continues to run without special feature, save the one so often portrayed of late. The cash stuff is held tight, and the distant futures so far distant that few care to risk anything on it. Receipts here were 33 cars, one car at Duluth and 5 cars at Minneapolis. Cash flax at $1.60, May at $1.58, September at $1.11½, and October at $1.09 per bu. Cash timothy seed closed at $2.50 and clover seed at $8.40 per 100 lbs. Minneapolis flaxseed quoted at $1.57 per bu.

BUTTER AND EGGS—New York, March 14.—Butter—Receipts, 5,933 pkgs; firm; Western creamery, 20@25c; factory, 17@20c. Eggs—Receipts, 7,839 pkgs; market barely steady; Western at mark, 16½@16¾c; Southern do, 15½@16½c.

Chicago, March 14.—Butter easy; creameries, 19@24c; dairies, 16@22c. Eggs firm; fresh, 14½c.

Sheyenne, N. D.—The flax fiber mill at Sheldon has paid to farmers over $8,000 since it commenced operations. Will it pay to have a flax fiber mill in Sheyenne. The surrounding country is one of the best in the state for growing flax.

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Trading Again Congested in That Line of Securities — Most Conspicuous Movement of Day in Third Avenue.

	Close.	Prev. Day.
Bar silver, New York	59¾	59⅞
Call money, New York	4½@6	3½

NEW YORK, March 14.—Today's stock market was largely in professional hands and trading was congested in the specialties again. The professional contingent who have bought stocks to discount the enactment of the currency law sold today to realize. Pressure from this source was not heavy, but the demand for stocks was so light that the dribbling offerings made steady inroads upon prices, carrying a few of the standard railroads off a point during the course of the late trading.

The movement of prices in the specialties was wider, due to special causes. Sugar was sold from Boston, where offers were made of the next dividend below 1½ per cent rate last December in large amounts of stock. Brooklyn Transit suffered from the refusal of the state railroad commission to defer the quarterly report. The Rubber stocks felt the unfavorable influence of the pleasant weather, accompanied with stories of large stocks to be carried over till next season. People's Gas was sold afresh on Chicago orders.

The most conspicuous movement of the day was in Third Avenue, which sold down to 56 in the morning, but shot up to 66 late in the day, after the publication of the receiver's report, driving the bears to cover with a scramble. The stock reacted 3½ and fluctuated feverishly, closing with a net gain of five points. For the cost part the speculative attitude is one of continued waiting for the results of the new financial law to manifest themselves.

A feeling of doubt increases that, however prompt may be these results, they will not avail to offset the continued drain during the week on bank resources in time to effect the Saturday bank statement. This being the case, that statement is likely to show surplus reserves practically wiped out. Tomorrow is the date set for the disbursement of a quite large amount of dividends, including that of $20 per share on the stock of the Standard Oil company. The dividend alone will amount in the aggregate to $20,000,000. Several million dollars additional will be disbursed as dividends on various stocks. This may reasonably be expected to have some effect on tomorrow's money market. Today rates for money were firmly held, but bankers were eager to place loans for the longer periods, while borrowers were unwilling to bid for any but short time loans, clearly reflecting the expectation of easier conditions near at hand. February's record of exports of merchandise attracted attention as going far to explain the recent heaviness in sterling in face of large demands upon the market and as promising to make the current fiscal year a record one in the country's foreign trade.

Buying of bonds continued on a large scale, at advancing prices. Total sales, par value, $3,035,000. U. S. new 4s declined ¾ and the 5s ¼ in the bid price.

STOCK QUOTATIONS.

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				-Closing-	
	S'l's	High	Low	14	13
Am. Steel & Wire.	300	56⅝	55⅝	55¾	56½
do pfd	.....	91⅝	91¾	91⅝	91½
A. Mining Co.	.....	48⅜	47¼	47⅜	49
Am. Tobacco	11500	106¾	105	105¾	106¾
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	135	135
Atch., T. & S. F.	5300	23⅝	23⅛	23¼	23⅝
do pfd	22500	68¼	67½	67½	68⅜
Am. Linseed Oil	.....	13⅛	12⅜	13⅛	13
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	56½	57
B. & O. new	6900	63⅝	62¾	62⅞	63⅝
do pfd new	4100	78¾	77¾	77⅜	78¼
Brook. Rap. Tran.	.....	69½	67¼	67¾	66⅛
C., B. & Q.	24400	126	124⅝	125	124¾
Canadian Pacific.	.....	.....	.....	95¼	95½
Car & Foundry	.....	16	15½	15	15¾
do pfd	.....	64	61	62¾	63
C., C., C. & St. L.	500	59⅞	59½	59⅝	58¾
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	103	103
Con. Tobacco Co.	1200	29¾	28¾	29	29¾
do pfd	900	85½	85	84½	84¾
Chesa. & Ohio	1000	28½	28¼	28⅜	28⅝
Chi. G. W.	100	13⅝	13⅜	13⅜	13½
do pfd A	100	75¾	75¾	75⅝	75¼
do pfd B	100	39⅛	39⅛	39	39
Del., L. & W.	.....	.....	.....	180	180
Den. & Rio G.	.....	.....	.....	19	19⅞
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	71½	71⅞
D., S. S. & A. pfd.	.....	.....	.....	16½	17
Erie	.....	.....	.....	12⅜	12⅝
do 1st pfd	.....	37¼	37¼	37	37⅝
do 2d pfd	.....	19½	19¼	19¼	19¼
Federal Steel	3300	50½	49½	49⅞	50⅝
do pfd	200	74	73½	72⅞	74⅛
Gen. Elec. Co.	.....	.....	.....	125	125
Gt. Nor. pfd	.....	.....	.....	157	157½
Glucose	.....	52¾	52	52¼	52
do pfd	.....	98½	98½	98¼	98
Hock. Val. Ry.	500	33¼	33	31	33
do pfd	200	63	62¾	62½	62⅝
Illinois Central	.....	.....	.....	113	113
Int. Paper	.....	.....	.....	18½	18½
do pfd	.....	64½	63½	64	63¼
Lake Erie & W.	.....	.....	.....	20¼	20¼
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	85	85
Louis. & Nash.	1500	81¾	81¼	81⅛	82
Lead	400	24¼	23⅞	24	24¼
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	105	104½
Leather	4000	12⅝	11¾	12	12⅝
do pfd	1400	72¾	72⅜	72⅜	72½
Manhattan Con.	6400	94½	93⅝	93⅞	95⅛
M.,St.P. & S.St.M.	.....	.....	.....	17½	16
do pfd	.....	52¾	52¾	54	52
Met. Traction	3200	164½	163½	163¾	164¾
M. C.	.....	12⅝	12½	12½	12
Mobile & Ohio	.....	.....	.....	44	44
Minn. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	61	60½
do 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	92	92
M., K. & T.	.....	.....	.....	10	10½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	32½	32½
Missouri Pacific	7000	46	44⅞	45	46
Northern Pacific	3800	53¼	52¾	52¾	53¼
do pfd	900	74	73½	73¾	74¼
N. Y. Central	2400	135	134⅜	134⅝	134⅞
Nat. Steel Co.	.....	45	44¾	44¾	45¼
do pfd	.....	94½	94½	95½	94¾
Nat. Biscuit	.....	35¾	35½	35½	35½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	92	92
Norfolk & West.	.....	32¾	32¼	32¼	32⅝
do pfd	3400	76½	76¼	76¼	76¼
North-Western	.....	.....	.....	162	162¾
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	195	195
North American	.....	15	15	14⅞	15¼
Omaha	.....	.....	.....	109	107½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	160	160
Ontario & West.	400	23⅜	23¼	23⅜	23½
Pennsylvania Ry.	.....	135⅜	134½	134½	135
Pacific Mail	500	37¾	37⅜	37¼	38
People's Gas	13700	98	96½	97⅜	98
P., C., C. & St. L.	.....	.....	.....	65	67
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	81	82
Reading	200	18	17¾	17½	17¼
do 1st pfd	700	58¼	57⅞	58	58
do 2d pfd	.....	.....	.....	29¼	29
Rock Island	5500	108⅞	108	108¼	108⅜
Southern Ry.	1800	13⅛	13	13	13⅜
do pfd	2300	58¼	57⅞	58	58⅝
Southern Pacific	7400	38½	38⅛	38⅛	38¼
Stand. R. & T.	200	7	7	6½	6½
Smelter	.....	39	39	39	39¼
do pfd	.....	91½	91¼	91⅛	91
Sugar Refinery	59700	104	100¾	101¼	104⅜
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	108	107½
St. Paul	10800	123⅞	123	123	123⅞
do pfd	100	173¼	173¼	172¾	172½
T. C. & I.	.....	94¾	92	92½	94⅜
T. C. R. T. Co. pfd	.....	139	138½	139	.....
Union Pacific	12900	49¾	49	49	49¾
do pfd	2400	74⅝	74½	74½	74½
U. S. Express	.....	.....	.....	45	45
U. S. Rubber	1200	27½	25¼	27	28½
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	93	94¼
Wabash	.....	.....	.....	6½	6⅝
do pfd	100	20	20	20	20¼
Western Union	500	83	83	82½	83¾
Wis. Central	.....	17	17	17	17
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	50	49½
Wheeling & L. E.	100	10	10	10	10
do 1st pfd	.....	.....	.....	52	52
do 2d pfd	200	27¼	27	26⅞	27
Wells-Fargo Ex.	.....	.....	.....	122	122
R. Iron & Steel	700	22	21½	21¾	22⅛
do pfd	400	68	67⅞	67⅝	67
A. Hoop	400	35¾	35½	35½	36
do pfd	.....	.....	.....	80	80½
Third Avenue	.....	66	56	62¾	58

Total sales, 362,017.

NEW YORK MONEY—New York, March 14.—Money on call, 4½@6 per cent; last loan, 6 per cent; prime mercantile paper, 5½@6 per cent; sterling exchange irregular, with actual business in bankers' bills at $4.85⅝@4.85¾ for demand, and at $4.81⅞@4.82 for sixty days; posted rates, $4.83½ and $4.87; commercial bills, $4.81¾@4.82¼; silver certificates, 60¼@61½c; bar silver, 59¾c; Mexican dollars, 47¾c.

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References—Stock Yards bank, South St. Paul; Security bank, Zumbrota; Hon. A. T. Koerner, state treasurer, Capitol building, St. Paul; A. C. Anderson, cashier St. Paul National bank, St. Paul.

BONDS.

U. S. 2s, reg	102	N. Y. C. 1sts	110
do s, reg	111½	N. J. C. gen. 5s	122½
do s3,coup	111½	N. C. 6s	119
do new 4s, reg	135½	do 4s	106
do new 4s, coup	135½	N. P. gen. 3s	66⅞
do old 4s, reg	117	do prior 4s	105
do old 4s, coup	117¾	N.Y.,C. & St.L.4s	108
do 5s, reg	116¼	N. & W. con. 4s	95½
do 5s, coup	116¼	do gen. 6s	136
D. of C. 3s 65s	119	Or. Nav. 1sts	108
Atch. gen. 4s	101⅜	do 4s	102½
do ajt. 4s	82⅞	O. S. L. 6s	127½
Can. So. 2ds	107	do con. 5s	113
C. & O. 4½s	97	Reading Gen. 4s	85
do 5s	118½	R. G. W. 1sts	98
C. & N. Con. 7s	144	St.L. & I.M.c.5s	111½
do S. F. d. 5s	121	St.L. & S.F.g.6s	121
Chi. Term. 4s	93¾	St. Paul Con	169
D. & R. G. 1sts	103⅝	St.P., & P.1sts	119½
do 4s	99	do 5s	120¾
E.T.,V. & G.1sts	101¾	So. Ry. 5s	110⅝
Erie Gen. 4s	71½	S. R. & T. 6s	70
F.W. & D.C.1st	71	Tenn. n. s. 3s	95
Gen. Electric 5s	116	T. & P. 1sts	114½
G.,H. & S.,A.6s	108	do 2ds	55
do A. 2ds	107½	U. P. 4s	105¾
H. & T. C. 5s	110½	Wabash 1sts	116¾
do Con. 6s	110	do 2ds	99
Iowa Cent. 1sts	114½	W. S. 4s	113⅛
K.C.,P. & G.1sts	71½	Wis. Cent. 1sts	90⅛
La. new con. 4s	107	Va. Centuries	90
L. & N. uni. 4s	98¾	do deferred	9½
M., K. & T. 2ds	66½	Col. So. 4s	83¼
do 4s	91¾	So. Pac. 4s	83¾

NEW YORK MINING SHARES.

Cholor	$0 22	Ontario	$8 87
Crown Point	11	Ophir	65
Con. Cal & Va.	1 40	Plymoth	12
Deadwood	55	Quicksilver pfd.	7 50
Gould & Curry.	12	Sierra Nevada	50
Hale & Nor.	27	Standard	3 00
Homestake	50 00	Union Con	14
Iron Silver	70	Yellow Jacket	14
Mexican	20		

WALL SREET GOSSIP—New York stock gossip, reported by H. Holbert & Son, bankers and brokers, 341 Robert street, National German-American Bank building, St. Paul.—Strong, Sturgis & Co. wire us: "Another dull and inactive day marked by almost an entire absence of commission buying, the principal activity of the day being confined to the opening half hour, with all prices showing a lower tendency. The gold standard refunding bill was signed by the president, and while throughout the day all banks marked their call figures up to 6 per cent, time money remained inactive. There is but little doubt that we shall have tighter money for the next thirty or sixty days, which, for many reasons, is not undesirable, and is in our opinion the one feature of the situation which will prevent extravagant speculation resultant upon the increased circulation throughout the country. The report of the Third Avenue was filed early in the day and showed practically the situation as has been foreshadowed. Taking into consideration the amount of outstanding indebtedness and the present credit of company precluding the possibility of its debt being refunded on a 4 per cent basis, we do not hesitate to predict lower prices for the stock. The decrease in the reserve will be heavy again this week, the banks having lost already over $3,000,000. Of necessity this fact before the public creates a halting speculation."

Following furnished by Edwards & Bedell, 110 Endicott Arcade, St. Paul, Minn.:

"The enormous trading in Atchison was the result of concentrated purchases supposed to be for account of a newly formed bull pool and to large sympathetic buying for London. Both the common and preferred have such a wide market in this country and abroad that the traders are ready to make commitments on either side of the market knowing that they can easily turn around in case of an accident.

TREASURY STATEMENT—Washington, March 14.—Today's treasury statement shows: Available cash balance, $154,985,989; gold reserve, $150,000,000.

FOREIGN FINANCIAL—New York, March 14.—The Commercial Advertiser's London financial cablegram says: "The markets here were very idle and weak in tendency today due to disappointment at the public's apathy, the markets having counted on a strong revival of speculation when the war loan success was established. There were very large dealings in the loan, one dealer giving 1½ per cent premium for allotment letters for £1,000,000. The same dealer was said to have applied for £27,000,000 for a syndicate. American applications reached £15,000,0000. The premium today was easier 1¾@2 per cent on the disappointment over the chancellor of the exchequer's statement last night that applications were already ten-fold the amount required. But this is probably a conservative estimate. It is estimated that when the list closes tomorrow applications will be fifteen-fold. Consols were steady. Americans were heavy and stagnant, except Atchisons, which New York bought, then sold."

MINNEAPOLIS MONEY—Minneapolis, March 14.—New York exchange Wednesday: Buying rate 50c discount, selling rate par. Chicago exchange: Buying rate 25c discount, selling rate 25c premium. London: Sixty-day sterling, $4.81¾.

BANK CLEARINGS.

St. Paul, $671,062.67.
Minneapolis, $1,720,798.
Chicago, $24,940,369.
Boston, $20,166,927.
New York, $133,456,936.

TIBER ON RAMPAGE.

Efforts to Control Its Torrent Have Been Only Partially Successful.

From the London Globe.

Owing to ill-calculated engineering operations, by which the northern branch of the river by the Tiber island was deepened a few years ago, the southern branch, which skirts the former Ghetto, has dried up into a heavy bank of muddy sand, and this is its normal state, making (it will be understood) the island of St. Bartolommeo as ridiculous as a swan on land. The absurd aspect of it is the more accentuated because the ponte fabrico, or quatrocapi, which unites the island to the southern bank, happens to be both the oldest and best-preserved bridge in Rome, dating from 62 B. C., and being composed of two bold side arches and a small central flood arch.

On rare occasions, however, after heavy downfalls, the river, rising in its wrath, succeeds in reasserting its ancient dominion, and we see the beautiful bridge built by Fabricius spanning the waters sent down from Monte Pattino and Ansciano. Such a rise has taken place during the last three days, in consequence of which the forum is inundated by means of the Cloaca Maxima, while the foaming yellow flood has reached a height of but three feet below the little Franciscan garden belonging to the Church of St. Bartolommeo. The ancient confessional below that basilica, dating from about the seventh century, is entirely filled. In fact, the waters have risen about forty feet, and if rain should continue to fall we may witness the Tiber invading the Corso and Piazza d'Espanga. Happily, a change seems to be setting in. It was quite a fascinating sight this morning to see the main, or northern, flood racing beneath the Cestian bridge like a succession of maelstroms, almost giddying to behold. As usual, a crowd of people amused themselves by watching the operations of those who on such occasions fish for driftwood.

A British Joke.

Judy.

"More trouble in China!"

"Oh! Anything serious?"

"An ox in a tea cup."

"Thank goodness it isn't a hoax this time!"

"Yes, it might have been a bull."

Discovered at Last.

Washington Star.

"Who is the most remarkable man mentioned in modern history?" asked the reporter.

"No," said the man who had just made some speeches. "You can't interview me. I'm too modest to talk about myself."

LIVE STOCK MARKETS

HOGS SOLD STEADY TO A SHADE LOWER THAN ON TUESDAY

CATTLE PRICES UNCHANGED

Butcher Offerings Were Common and Sold Steady—Light Stock Cattle Continue in Good Demand—Sheep Steady.

SOUTH ST. PAUL, March 14.—The receipts at the Union stock yards today (estimated) were: Cattle, 150; calves, 150; hogs, 1,000; sheep, 200; horses, 300; cars, 32.

The official receipts Tuesday were: Cattle, 571; calves, 428; hogs, 2,494; sheep, 439; cars, 64.

The following table shows the roads over which Tuesday's receipts came in and the number of loads hauled by each:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.	Mixed.
C. G. W.	1	1	..	1
Gt. Northern	1	2	..	8
Nor. Pacific	1	..	..	..
C.,St.P.,M. & O.	3	5	..	7
C., M. & St. P.	3	6	1	8
C., B. & Q.	.	1	..	..
M. & St. L.	.	8	2	4
Soo Line	.	..	..	1
Totals	9	23	3	29

The receipts thus far in March, compared with the same period in March, 1899, are as follows:

	March, 1900.	March, 1899.	Gain.
Cattle	2,591	2,731	*140
Calves	1,034	1,588	*554
Hogs	17,114	11,569	5,545
Sheep	2,323	8,778	*6,455
Horses	432	64	368
Cars	380	318	62

*Loss.

The receipts thus far in 1900, compared with the same period in 1899, are as follows:

	1900.	1899.	Gain.
Cattle	18,792	17,518	1,274
Calves	6,446	6,043	403
Hogs	104,317	77,044	27,273
Sheep	85,833	101,867	*16,034
Horses	1,853	226	1,627
Cars	2,702	1,190	512

*Loss.

HOGS.

Comparative receipts:

Total for today (estimated)	1,000
A week ago	1,392
A year ago	1,025

Quotations: Mixed and butchers, $4.80@4.85; heavy packing and rough, $4.25@4.70; good to prime light, $4.77½@4.80; stags and boars, $2.50@4; pigs, $3.75@4.25.

Receipts were about the same as the corresponding day a year ago. The demand was good, with prices steady to a shade lower than on Tuesday. The bulk of the mixed and butchers sold at $4.80@4.82½, with $4.85 for prime, and a top of $4.90 for choice sorted bunches. Lights sold at $4.77½@4.80. Representative sales:

Mixed and Butchers—

No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Dkg.	Price.
7	236	..	$4 82½	29	210	..	$4 90
29	296	80	4 85	10	258	80	4 80
30	246	..	4 85	80	237	80	4 80
50	219	80	4 80	80	227	..	4 82½
8	250	80	4 80	66	229	80	4 82½
56	254	40	4 80	69	235	80	4 80
89	247	..	4 80				

Good to Prime Light—

38	185	..	$4 80	49	180	..	$4 90

Heavy Packing and Rough—

1	400	..	$4 50

Stags and Boars—

1	640	80	$4 00

Pigs—

3	127	..	$4 40	5	122	..	$4 25
8	122	..	4 25				

CATTLE.

Comparative receipts:

Total for today (estimated)	300
A week ago	451
A year go	574

Quotations: Choice butcher cows and heifers, $3.50@4.15; fair to good, $2.80@3.25; thin cows and canners, $2.25@2.75; choice butcher steers, $5@5.25; fair to good, $4.25@4.75; fat bulls, $3@3.35; bologna bulls, $2.50@3; veal calves, $4.50@6.25; choice stock cows and heifers, $3@3.50; fair to good, $2.50@2.75; common and tailings, $2 25@2.50; heifer calves, $3@3.75; choice stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.10; fair to good, $3.25@3.50; common and tailings, $2.50@3.25; steer calves, $3.75@4.60; stock and feeding bulls, $2.50@3.25; stags and oxen, $2.75@3.50; milkers and springers, $25@40.

Receipts were light and the quality, with the exception of a few bunches of stock cattle, was generally only common to fair. Butcher offerings were scarce and the bulk was very common.. No change in prices. Good stock cattle, and especially lightweight stuff, were in firm demand at fully steady prices. Among the stock cattle offerings was considerable stuff that was common to fair and was slow sale. Heavy stockers and feeders in fair demand at steady prices.

Representative sales:

Butcher Cows and Heifers—

No.	Wt.	Price.	No.	Wt.	Price.
1	1250	$3 00	1	1120	$3 75
1	890	4 00	1	1040	3 10
1	1080	3 50	1	1130	3 15
1	1330	3 50	3	1017	3 00
1	920	2 90			

Butcher Steers—

2	855	$3 40	8	950	$3 65
1	1000	4 50	1	870	3 60

Fat and Bologna Bulls—

1	980	$2 90	1	1030	$2 75
5	708	3 15			

Veal Calves—

1	160	$5 00

Stock Cows and Heifers—

5	542	$3 50	1	1050	$3 00
13	464	3 50	4	637	3 25
1	880	3 25	1	680	3 60
1	520	4 15	2	670	3 60
2	565	3 60	1	930	2 85
2	545	3 75			

Heifer Calves—

6	396	$3 60	6	332	$3 75
5	282	3 50	11	308	$3 75
1	310	3 60	2	175	3 90

Common and Tailings—Heifers—

1	490	$2 50	1	940	$2 60
1	800	2 75	1	780	2 75
1	890	2 75			

Stockers and Feeders—

2	435	$3 50	4	662	$4 05
7	802	3 75	14	573	4 05
2	610	4 55	2	700	4 15
1	890	3 35	3	660	3 30
17	567	4 25	1	800	4 25
3	557	4 00	3	767	3 25
2	655	4 00	2	595	4 00

Steer Calves—

3	397	$4 00	5	340	$3 75
19	400	4 40	3	343	4 50
2	370	4 75	5	332	4 35
2	320	4 50	3	210	3 80
8	380	3 80	14	377	4 25
15	336	4 40	2	220	3 90

Common and Tailings—Steers—

1	820	$3 00	2	425	$3 00
1	530	3 00	1	370	3 50
7	353	3 25	2	165	2 50
5	210	3 50	2	295	3 00

Stock and Feeding Bulls—

1	1130	$3 15	2	560	$3 00
1	940	3 00			

Thin Cows and Canners—

1	900	$2 35	1	1160	$2 35
2	1165	2 75	3	973	2 40
1	770	2 25	1	900	2 65
2	900	2 75	1	960	2 50
1	730	2 40			

Stags and Oxen—

1	1460	$4 25

Milkers and Springers—

1 cow	$31 00
2 cows	80 00
3 cows and 2 calves	100 00
1 springer	35 00

SHEEP.

Comparative receipts:

Total for today (estimated)	200
A week ago	416
A year ago	3,990

Quotations: Fat sheep, $4.50@5.30; stock sheep, $3.25@4; feeders, $3.40@4; fat lambs, $5.50@6.50; yearlings, $5.25@5.75; stock and feeding lambs, $4.50@6; buck lambs, $3@3.50; bucks, $2.50@4.

Receipts were light and only a part offered for sale. Demand was good at steady prices. Representative sales:

No.	Kind.	Wt.	Price.
7	fat lambs	70	$6 12½
1	fat sheep	100	4 75

Milch Cow Exchange—The demand for good to choice cows was good with prices steady at the recent advance. Best cows sell at $45. Representative sales:

No.	Price.	No.	Price.
2 cows	$90 00	2 cows	$82 00
1 cow	37 00	1 cow	33 00

The day's sales, each buyer purchasing the number of head indicated, were as follows:

	Cattle.	Hogs.	Sheep.
Swift & Co.	80	875	...

M. Doran & Co., ST. PAUL, MINN.
The oldest firm in the Northwest doing a
BANKING AND BROKERAGE BUSINESS.
Stocks, Bonds, Grain and Provisions. Direct private wires to all leading markets.
Have removed from their old quarters, 311 Jackson St., to the northeast corner of the
Germania Life Ins. Bldg., Ground Floor, Fourth and Minnesota Streets
Correspondence Solicited.

Staples Estate	..	85	8
L. Gottfried	12	...	...
Slimmer & Thomas	85	...	...
J. B. Fitzgerald	6	...	...
City butchers	2	59	..,
Country buyers	225	...	2
Totals	360	929	10

Among the shippers on the market were: Uhlman Bros., River Falls, cattle and hogs; J. Schmidt, Melrose, cattle and hogs; Carver Bros. & Co., Brandon, cattle; N. Anderson, Brooten, cattle and hogs; Bank of Maple Lake, cattle and hogs; O. H. Monsen, Vining, cattle and hogs; G. Nold, Nelson, mixed; F. Schneider, Alma, cattle and hogs; J. Kilroy, Cannon Falls, hogs; Johnson & Peterson, Hector, hogs; Ferch Bros., Odessa, hogs; C. F. Woods, Renville, cattle; Albee Bros., New Richmond, hogs; O. Cooper, Adrian, hogs; Pettis & Chappel, St. Peter, cattle and hogs; M. N. Berg, Nicollet, hogs; H. C. Scales, Madelia, sheep; Jorgenson Bros., Leeds, cattle and sheep; J. P. Snipps, Leland, hogs; Remes & Co., New Prague, hogs.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 22,000; generally 10@15c lower. Natives: Good to prime steers, 10c lower, $4.90@5.80; poor to medium, 10@20c lower, $4@4.60; selected feeders, slow, $4.10@4.80; mixed stockers, about steady, $3.30@3.90; cows, 10c lower, $3@4.20; heifers, $3@4.40; canners, $2.25@2.90; bulls, $3@4.15; calves, 25c lower, $4.50@7. Texans: Receipts, 2,500; Texas-fed steers, active, 5@10c lower, $3.75@4.80; Texas bulls, shade lower, $3.20@3.70. Hogs—Receipts today, 29,000; tomorrow, 27,000; estimated left over, 5,000; fairly active, averaging shade lower; top, $5.05; mixed and butchers, $4.80@5.02½; good to choice heavy, $4.95@5.05; rough heavy, $4.80@4.90; light, $4.75@4.95; bulk of sales, $4.90@5. Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; sheep and yearlings about steady; lambs weak to 15c lower; good to choice wethers, $5.05@5.90; fair to choice mixed, $4.75@5.35; Western sheep, $5.40@5.80; yearlings, $5.80@6.40; native lambs, $5.50@7.25; Western lambs, $6@7.25.

SIOUX CITY, Io., March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,600; Tuesday, 1,656; shipments, 1,184; market steady. Sales: 2 cows, av 920 lbs, $2.40; 5 cows, av 1,000 lbs, $3.75; 7 stock heifers, av 590 lbs, $3.50; 22 stock heifers, av 465 lbs, $4; 2 bulls, av 1,090 lbs, $3; 2 bulls, av 675 lbs, $3.55; 2 bulls, av 1,010 lbs, $3.85; 6 stockers and feeders, av 700 lbs, $4; 15 stockers and feeders, av 928 lbs, $4.40; 18 calves, av 329 lbs, $4.50; 21 calves, av 436 lbs, 4.74; 7 yearlings, av 525 lbs, $4; 7 yearlings, av 642 lbs, $4.55. Hogs—Receipts, 4,200; Tuesday, 3,670; market 2½@5c lower; selling, $4.65@4.77½; bulk of sales, $4.70.

SOUTH OMAHA, March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 1,700; market 10c lower; native steers, $4@5.35; cows and heifers, $3.25@4.15; stockers and feeders, $3.75@5. Hogs—Receipts, 11,100; shade to 5c lower; bulk of sales, $4.75@4.77½. Sheep—Receipts, 5,700; steady to 10c lower; muttons, $5.25@5.90; lambs, $6@7.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; market 10@15c lower; native steers, $3.75@5.35; Texas steers, $3.75@4.55; cows and heifers, $1.65@4.65; stockers and feeders, $3.65@5.25. Hogs—Receipts, 3,000; steady; lambs, $5@6.90; muttons, $3@6.

ST. LOUIS, March 14.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,000; lower for natives to steady; native steers, $3.60@5.85; stockers and feeders, $3.50@4.60; cows and heifers, $3.50@4.40. Hogs—Receipts, 6,500; shade lower; lights, $4.85@4.90; packers, $4.85@4.95; butchers, $4.90@5. Sheep—Receipts, 1,800; firm; muttons, $5@5.85; lambs, $6@7.25.

BEGGARS THEIR BANE.

Queer Demands Made on the Purses of Known Philanthropists.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Philanthropic beggars are the bane of a rich man's existence. Philip D. Armour wrote out a check for $500 the other day for the mere assurance that he wouldn't be asked to donate anything to a school near his winter home in California.

Mrs. Caroline Haskell, whose gifts to the University of Chicago, to Haskell Orphan asylum, at Battle Creek, Mich., and other charities have made her famous, receives from fifteen to twenty begging letters in every day's mail. Not long ago Mrs. Haskell had a letter from a girl in Chicago asking her for $5,000.

"I merely want a small sum," she wrote, "to buy me a trousseau. If I have a wedding outfit and $4,000 in money I can marry one of the richest young gentlemen in Chicago. Without the money my life's happiness will be totally wrecked. Please remit at once. Better send the cash, as you know sometimes a person has trouble getting a check cashed."

Mrs. Haskell paid no attention to the letter, and in a few days received a still more peremptory demand.

"It is not possible that a rich woman, unless she has a heart of stone, will deliberately wreck a person's happiness," the young woman added.

A man in Texas took pen in hand to say that it had "ocured too me that if I had Twenty Thousand dolers I could do a grate work in this community with it. I would found a colege, madum, of whitch I should be presdent. Noing of your work I have no dout you will send that very reasonable amt."

"N. B. I see you have sometimes give more to sum places."

A woman in a Kansas town wrote to say that all that stood between her and entire peace of mind was a mortgage on her house, and that nothing could be more philanthropic than the advancement of money to raise that mortgage. All the writers apparently expect to get what they ask for, and sometimes write again in most abusive terms when no attention is paid to their demands

MEANEST MAN ALIVE.

An Eastern Druggist Who Incurred the Hatred of His Clerk.

Washington Star.

"The meanest man I ever worked for," said the drug clerk, "was an old fellow who kept a store in the northeast.

"One night a colored mammy entered. She was so visibly poor that it ought to have gone against a man's conscience to have taken money from her under any circumstances. Approaching the old man she said:

" 'Say, boss, is yo' got inny 'cated ell-skin?'

" 'What?' said the old man, for it was a new one to both of us.

" ' 'Cated ell'skin, boss, fo' de roomtism. I'se bin done tole dat 'cated ell'skin am a sh' nuff cue fo' de misery, an' I'se got de misery po'ful bad in mah back.'

"The old skinflint did some deep and rapid thinking, and pocketing the only dollar the old creature had, went to a drawer where we kept common oil silk, and tearing off a piece about four inches wide, worth three cents, handed it to her with a great display of importance.

" 'This is genuine medicated eelskin of a superior quality of eels. Bind it on tight and it will cure you sure.'

"I hated him all the more after that."

BIG GROCERY BILL.

People of the United States Devour Immense Quantities Yearly.

Merchants' Review.

In one of our exchanges the dairy commissioner of Wisconsin is credited with the statement that the aggregate expenditure of the people of the United States for food products, exclusive of meats, is $1,950,000,000. This is the nation's annual grocery bill. The commissioner estimates that there are, in round numbers, 15,000,000 families in this country, and he gets $1,950,000,000 total by multiplying the number of families by $130, which he estimates is the sum spent by each of the families for groceries.

At $130 a year each family is credited with an expenditure of $2.32 a week for groceries, which seems a very low estimate. Perhaps $3 a week would be nearer the mark, and if we start with that average we get a yearly bill of $156 for each family, and a total of $2,340,000,000 for the whole country.

A generation ago sugar constituted nearly one-fourth of the grocery sales of the country, but today, owing to the wonderful increase in the trade of canned goods and grocers' specialties, the staple occupies a greatly inferior rank, its sales being perhaps no more than one-twelfth of the total sales of groceries.

Assuming that three-fourths of the total consumption of sugar, or 1,500,000 tons, is supplied by grocers, their yearly sales of the staple, at an average price of 5 cents a pound, would aggregate $168,000,000, which, multiplied by twelve, gives a total of $2,016,000,000 as the grocery bill of the United States.

Whichever of these three estimates we accept, and it is impossible to say which is nearest the mark, it is obvious that the distribution of groceries is a very important branch of trade, and it would seem that there is room therein for a large number of dealers without danger of overcrowding.

CAMPHOR IN FLORIDA.

Much of the Gum in the States Comes From the Everglades.

Florida is in a fair way to become the rival in camphor production of China, Japan and Formosa. Heretofore the world has derived its supplies of that gum from the countries named, but of the vast camphor forests that once existed in these regions but a small portion remains. This is the direct result of the wanton waste in the process practiced for obtaining the gum from the tree. Camphor is usually obtained by boiling the chips of the wood and roots and bark in great kettles with water and condensing the volatilized gum on rushes suspended over the kettles.

In this process the entire tree is cut down and even the roots dug up, but in Florida it was found that the gum could be commercially produced from the leaves and twigs, seventy-seven pounds of which yield one pound of gum. Hence the bearing tree need not be disturbed or injured in any way, as the foliage it bears is very dense and may be thinned down one-half without scarcely being noticed. The tree, besides, bears a very great amount of pruning without injury. It is an evergreen and makes three growths a year—in April, June and October. The tree removes nothing from the soil, the gum being formed entirely from the gases of the atmosphere, and hence the leaves, when deprived of their camphor and returned to the soil, constantly enrich the soil, which in time requires no fertilization whatever. Aside from its commercial uses the camphor tree is one of the most ornamental ever cultivated, its beautiful shape being equaled by the arbor-vitae only.

Its lower branches lie on the ground, while the top forms a perfect cone. The flowers are small, but exceedingly pretty, while the leaves are of a beautiful pale, glossy green color.

QUEER TITLE PAGE.

Whose Awful Author Adopted Alliterations Artful.

A book of extracts from various authors many years ago adopted a peculiar alphabetical and alliterative title page, on which the contents of the book were displayed in a most ingenious way. Every line began with a successive letter of the alphabet, upon which the whole line alliterated in a most extraordinary and grotesque fashion, as may be seen from these few examples culled from the mass:

Astonishing anthology from attractive authors.
Broken bits from bulky brains.
Choice chunks from Chaucer to Channing.
Jewels of judgment and jets of jocularity.
Kindlings to keep from the king to the kitchen.
Magnificent morsels from mighty minds.
Numerous nuggets from notable noodles.
Prodigious points from powerful pens.
Quirks and quibbles from queer quarters.
Tremendous thoughts on thundering topics.
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