

CHICAGO.

Money conditions reflect a easier tone and discount operations extend slowly, but the improving trade activity is seen in a larger volume of payments through the banks and less difficulty in handling credits. Price readjustments take the course expected in iron and steel, but other raw materials undergo no special change. Freight movements recover from effect of recent storms, larger forwarding being noted in heavy materials, foodstuffs and general merchandise. Crop marketings gain in wheat and corn, but stocks very steadily decrease and give firmness to conditions for spot demands. Very probable returns to growers induce liberal shipments, despite bad state of country roads.

Future reports in the Chicago district number 24, against 25 last week, 25 in 1908 and 13 in 1907. These with difficulties of more than \$5,000 number 5, against 6 last week, 11 in 1908 and 2 in 1907.—Dun's Weekly Review of Trade.

NEW YORK.

While there has been some expansion in house jobbing trade in dry goods, millinery and kindred lines and business in agricultural implements, seeds and fertilizers has been large, the unsettled conditions by price reductions in the iron, steel and other metal markets, the weakness in securities and the near approach of tariff revision have all made for a degree of uncertainty not so plainly visible for a long time past.

Weather conditions, too, have played a part in arresting retail trade. Country roads are in bad shape, farmers' deliveries are affected despite attractive prices for grain, and there has been, in fact, an apparent slowing down in the current of trade, which, however temporary it may be, has tended to make comparisons with a year ago at this time, largely unfavorable as they still are, less satisfactory than was expected some time ago.

As yet the reductions announced or believed to be impending in the metal markets have not made for a large business being booked.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with Feb. 25 were 214, against 282 last week, 311 in the like week of 1908, 194 in 1907, 180 in 1906 and 206 in 1905.—Bradstreet's.

MARKET OF THE WEEK

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$1.00 to \$1.70; hogs, prime heavy, \$1.50 to \$1.65; sheep, fair to choice, \$1.00 to \$1.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.23 to \$1.24; corn No. 2, 6c to 6 1/2c; oats, standard, 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c; rye, No. 2, 76c to 78c; hay timothy, \$8.00 to \$13.50; prairie, \$8.00 to \$11.50; butter, choice creamery, 27c to 31c; eggs, fresh, 20c to 24c; potatoes, per bushel, 85c to 87c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$3.50; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$6.00; sheep, good to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.20 to \$1.22; corn, No. 2, white, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c; oats, No. 2, white, 4 1/2c to 5 1/2c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$1.50 to \$7.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, \$1.28 to \$1.30; corn, No. 2, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c; oats, No. 2, 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c; rye, No. 2, 76c to 77c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$1.00 to \$6.10; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.75; sheep, \$2.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.27 to \$1.28; corn, No. 2, mixed, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c; rye, No. 2, 81c to 82c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$1.00 to \$6.00; hogs, \$4.00 to \$6.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.23 to \$1.25; corn, No. 3, yellow, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c; oats, No. 3, white, 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c; rye, No. 2, 80c to 82c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2, northern, \$1.13 to \$1.15; corn, No. 2, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c; oats, standard, 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c; rye, No. 1, 77c to 79c; barley, No. 1, 65c to 67c; pork, mess, \$15.00.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$4.00 to \$6.00; hogs, fair to choice, \$4.00 to \$6.50; sheep, common to good mixed, \$4.00 to \$1.75; lambs, fair to choice, \$5.00 to \$7.50.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$5.00; hogs, \$3.50 to \$6.00; sheep, \$2.00 to \$4.50; wheat, No. 2, red, \$1.23 to \$1.24; corn, No. 2, 7 1/2c to 7 3/4c; oats, natural white, 5 1/2c to 6c; butter, creamery, 27c to 31c; eggs, western, 20c to 22c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2, mixed, \$1.23 to \$1.25; corn, No. 2, mixed, 6 1/2c to 6 3/4c; oats, No. 2, mixed, 5 1/2c to 5 3/4c; rye, No. 2, 81c to 82c; clover seed, \$5.72.

TRADE AND INDUSTRY.

The Minnesota Senate has passed a resolution forbidding the State stock sanitary board to incur further obligations without the consent of the Legislature, and the board has ceased to condemn live stock on account of tuberculosis or glanders or to furnish tuberculosis or mallein.

At Superior, Wis., the contract is to be soon let for the preliminary construction work on the big steel plant to be built at the head of the lake by the steel trust, and the appropriation for that purpose will be raised to \$27,000,000.

Governor Davidson, of Wisconsin, recommends that the State reserve to itself all rights in its undeveloped resources and that legislation be enacted forbidding the granting of private concessions of dam franchises except under special regulations approved by State experts. He estimates that the State has about 100 horse power in its streams.

DOINGS OF WOMEN

Don't Break Down.

There would not be so many worn-out, fagged-looking women if we learned early the value of that ounce of prevention. With most of us prevention is like thunder—it comes after the danger is past. It comes after the miser, so to speak, has lost that it is past the point of return. It is made useless by the "break down" before our time and after we are snuffed out altogether, or hang on creaking hinges when we should be in the full flush of living. Most women act as if they were fatalists—what must be, must be. Then they groan when the inevitable occurs instead of living up to the true fatalistic spirit of stoicism.

Perhaps you are one of the persons who never takes any rest. You look on life as a race to be run, forgetting that the strongest runner goes slow until the finish. Have you the foolish idea that to stop a minute to read the papers or to dip into a famous book is stealing time that should be devoted to husband or children? Are you charitable to every one but yourself, and look upon letting up in your mad pace as shirking?

Are you one of those misguided beings who think, regardless of plodding is better than racing, and hangings for the "social" and "social" outings, as you call them, are all right? If so, realize that you are not to be on these things as "ounce of prevention" without which mishaps are inevitable. It is a continual plodding, that not only makes life stale, but brings wrinkles and narrow habits.

Do you ever stop to think what a breakdown means? How many of the coveted pleasures or longed-for rests could have been had for the doctor's hire? Occasional flight from the grind is better than skilled specialists to keep one well, which is the sensible modern woman's reading of "that ounce of prevention."

To Keep Home Happy.

Learn to govern yourself. Do not expect angelic qualities in your helpmate. Beware of the first disagreement. Also of meddlers and tale-bearers. Never retort in anger. It is the answer which usually begins the quarrel. Avoid moods and pets and fits of sickness. Never conceive a bad motive if a good one is possible. When the opportunity occurs for kind speeches make them. Do not neglect duties which affect the comfort of others. Remember that speech is excellent, but silence is sometimes more valuable. Be gentle but firm with children. Do not furnish boys and girls with too much pocket money; make them understand the value of a dollar. Do not say anything in their presence which you do not wish repeated. Beware of correcting them in an angry or petulant manner. Never allow them to stay away from home overnight without knowing where they are.

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Needed Explaining.

"That stocky looking man over there once killed a man with one punch."

"What is he—a puglist or a bartender?"


Use Cotton Bandages.

Cotton is better for bandages than linen and its cheapness brings it within the reach of the possessor of the most limited means. No household should be without a supply of these.

War Against Hatpin.

A campaign against the murderous hatpin has been instituted by the newspapers of Berlin in view of a series of accidents which have already occurred during the busy period of Christmas shopping. Numbers of more or less serious injuries have been caused by these dangerous implements protruding from the huge hats of fashionable ladies. Last week a lady was permanently blinded in one eye when taking part in a rush at a "bargain sale." Two days later a lift attendant at a neighboring shop had his face so badly injured that it was necessary to take him to a hospital. Many cases of scratched faces are reported from many quarters.—London Daily Mail.

Stunning Luncheon Gown.



The Crusader's helmet is the very latest thing in millinery. Fair votaries of fashion in quest of new sensations in toilet have gone back several centuries to medieval times, borrowing the garb of monks and crusaders. The new helmet headgear, herewith pictured, is built of rough hemp straw. The crown is dyed bright green, while the brim, which is cut up alike in the back and front, is of dead black. Square, broad top and stiff cleft brim.

Don'ts for a Dinner.

Don't mix sets. Guests should have congenial interests. Don't put the two brightest people together. Don't put a man next to his wife, or on the same side of the table. Don't have nervous maids. Don't fail to be ready and in the drawing room five minutes before the time. Don't confide any of your nervous anticipations to your husband. Don't fail to overlook the table in detail before guests arrive. Count the flat silver at each plate. Don't allow conversation to be entirely between couples. Make it general at times.

A Valuable Tip.

Here is a tip for making the lingerie waist wear better than its wont which is worthy of the consideration of the home dressmaker. When a quantity of insertion is used upon a blouse the lace should be reinforced with a strip of net set in under it. Any kind of wash net of good quality will answer the purpose. It can be sewn on with the lace or afterward by hand.

A Housekeeping Hint.

The housekeeper who cannot afford a covered garbage pail of zinc can hide the unsightliness of her leftovers by an improvised cover. This can be made of a big bushel or half bushel fruit basket, turned upside down and neatly pasted with oilcloth, which can easily be kept clean. The largest size of screw hook is fastened in the bottom, rather the inverted top, for a handle.

As to Picture Hanging.

Women who have crazy quilt walls, with the pictures hung in medley fashion all over it by invisible wires, will be interested to know that art dealers are trying to overcome the bad effect by asking permission for their men to hang

the pictures, and these men will also make suggestions about other pictures on the walls. It is no longer considered good taste to use the invisible wire chains or heavy wires taking its place. The dealers say that as soon as people begin to use the chains or heavy wires they will immediately go to the opposite extreme and want something like a rope for a picture hanger.

The New Type.

There is the new type. The "dis-finished-looking" men and women of slight build, with small heads, hands and feet, and with delicate features, are seldom met with now. They are being rapidly replaced by thick-set men and women, with massive heads, huge hands and feet, coarse-featured, and having a broad mouth with thick lips. Is it that nature is providing for the increased wear and tear of life, or that circumstances are removing those constructed on the old pattern?—London Truth.



There is a rage now for cream white suits, worn with hat and accessories of nut brown.

Mousseline voiles will be faddish this season and will be made into very stylish evening robes.

Frocks may be buttoned down the front as well as the back. Fashion has suddenly become most liberal-minded in that respect.

Bridal dresses have been chiefly remarkable during the last few months for the marvelous laces with which they have been trimmed.

The black sash, with bow and tails at the side, is worn even with the separate waist and skirt, although preferably not with the plain tailored waist.

Black velvet bonnets are flourishing in the land; big and little, simple and elaborate, but black velvet. There is also a hint of the poke in spring millinery.

The full line of the neck is shown and when the long neck is not natural the collar is placed low upon the bodice and fits well under the ears and chin.

Color embroidery on white, black, cream and ecru will be much used, as well as white on color. Most of the embroidery seen now in the shops is machine made.

The separate waist and skirt has almost disappeared from view. The one-piece princess dress is taking its place. This princess style means curves and a waist again.

The long, tight skirt is giving way, for walking purposes, to the short, tight skirt, worn with a long and much-braided coat, the whole costume being often trimmed at hem and wrists with fur.

Employed more for evening than day wear are the deep, rich shades. The reason for this reversal of old-time custom is that these tints are so successful in setting off a beautiful neck and arms.

MILLINERY

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CONGENIAL WORK

And Strength to Perform It.

A person in good health is likely to have a genial disposition, ambition, and enjoy work.

On the other hand, if the digestive organs have been upset by wrong food, work becomes drudgery.

"Until recently," writes a Washington girl, "I was a railroad stenographer, which means full work every day.

"Like many other girls alone in a large city, I lived at a boarding house. For breakfast it was mush, greasy meat, soggy cakes, black coffee, etc.

"After a few months of this diet I used to feel sleepy and heavy in the mornings. My work seemed a terrible effort, and I thought the work was to blame—too arduous.

"At home I had heard my father speak of a young fellow who went long distances in the cold on Grape-Nuts and cream and nothing more for breakfast.

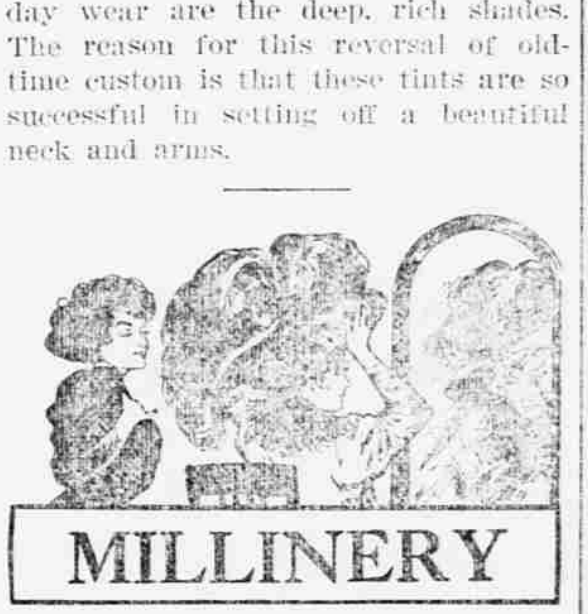
"I concluded if it would tide him over a morning's heavy work, it might help me, so on my way home one night I bought a package and next morning I had Grape-Nuts and milk for breakfast.

"I stuck to Grape-Nuts, and in less than two weeks I noticed improvement. I can't just tell how well I felt, but I remember I used to walk the 12 blocks to business and knew how good it was simply to live.

"As to my work—well, did you ever feel the delight of having congenial work and the strength to perform it? That's how I felt. I truly believe there's life and vigor in every grain of Grape-Nuts."

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Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true and full of human interest.



For Falling Hair.

Half an ounce of camphor with one ounce of borax dissolved in a quart of water, preferably rain water, makes a very efficacious wash for falling hair. Heat the water before adding the camphor and borax, as this will facilitate the dissolving of the ingredients. Bottle and keep closely corked for use. Apply freely to the scalp two or three times a week.

GROOMING COUNTS

But it cannot make a Fair Skin or a Glossy Coat.

Women with good complexions cannot be blamed. Creams, lotions, washes and powders cannot make a fair skin. Every horseman knows that the satin coat of his thoroughbred comes from the animal's "all-right" condition. Let the horse get "off his feed" and his coat turns dull. Currying, brushing and rubbing will give him a clean coat, but cannot produce the coveted smoothness and gloss of the horse's skin, which is his complexion. The ladies will see the point.

Lane's Family Medicine

Is the best preparation for babies who desire a gentle laxative medicine that will give the body perfect cleanliness internally and the wholesomeness that produces such skins as painters love to copy. At druggists, 25c.

England's Prettiest Villages.

After a very careful survey we venture to write down the names of the six English villages that we consider the prettiest in the land so far as our own opinion and wide experience are concerned. The choice is made impartially and with full knowledge and due recognition of the claims of each to its high place. Here are the six: Bonchurch, Isle of Wight; Clovelly, Devonshire; Witchampton, Dorset; Sonning, Oxfordshire; Shere, Surrey; and Clapham, Yorkshire.—London Strand Magazine.

A NURSE'S EXPERIENCE.

Is a Good Guide for Any Person Who Does Not Understand Kidney Troubles.

A nurse is to know just what to do for kidney troubles, and those who suffer from kidney troubles and other common signs of kidney trouble, should heed the example of Mrs. Judson Ellis, 414 Francis St., Jackson, Mich., known for many years prior to her marriage as "Nurse Baker."

"My back ached a good deal, and was lame and weak, so that I had difficulty in straightening up, or turning in bed," said she, "Doan's Kidney Pills benefited me wonderfully, and since using them I have been able to do my own work again."

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