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COLUMBUS MARKETS.

Oats	43
Wheat	92
Rye	73
Corn	52
Barley	50
Hops	\$5.30 to \$5.35

MANY YEARS AGO.

Files of the Journal, Oct. 15, 1873.

The Union Pacific express train started from Omaha one day last week with fifteen carloads of passengers.

The hunters have a good time in this vicinity, just now, in shooting wild geese, ducks and chickens, which appear to be plentifully.

A sweeping prairie fire west of the city, on Saturday evening, destroyed quite a number of trees for W. L. Callaway, and came near burning Mr. Fremont's house.

The large new brick school house is being pushed forward by the work men with commendable rapidity. Judging from the progress already made, the walls will be completed before the bad weather comes.

From Wm. Coffin, we learn that Geo. D. Hendricks lost, on Thursday last, by prairie fire, about 150 bushels of wheat in stack, 25 tons of hay besides a stable, etc. The fire was savage along the valley. Mr. Coffin relates that once he was surrounded by the fire but extricated himself by burning a track through, which, with his wagon and child escaped.

Wm. Bipp has shown us a letter from a Chicago commission merchant, under date of October 7, 1873, in which he says, "Our 6622 inspect No. 1, weighs 63 pounds to the bushel, and is the heaviest wheat, by one good, that has been received by the C. & N. W. R. R. this year." It was raised by John Smith on the table land north of Columbus this county.

At the High School.

A wireless telegraphy apparatus has been installed for the physical laboratory.

Prof. Conn and a number of the teachers expect to attend the meeting of superintendents and principals at Lincoln next week.

A. E. Davidson, head of the agricultural school at the State university, was here Tuesday and gave a talk in the High school on the value of agricultural education, and what it has done for the state of Nebraska and the west.

The biological department, in searching for plant and animal life, discovered a formation they were unable to classify. They forwarded it to the State university and Dr. Ward writes that it is an entirely new species of algae which has not yet been classified.

The first number of the lecture course last Thursday evening was well attended and the entertainment pleased the audience. Indications are favorable enough to warrant holding the remainder of the entertainments in the North opera house instead of the High school gymnasium.

Walker.

Corn is drying up very fast and corn picking will soon be in full swing.

J. W. Palmer is building a new barn and John Swanson is doing the work.

L. E. Anderson lost two cows and some calves from eating alfalfa in the field last week.

The credit of securing the annual convention of the National Association of Rural Free Delivery Carriers for Omaha in 1908 is due to Mrs. Ruth A. Kenyon of Monroe, Neb., and Captain H. E. Palmer, postmaster at Omaha. Mrs. Kenyon, who has been a member of the rural carrier force since the establishment of the system in Nebraska, was in Omaha a few weeks ago en route to Atlanta, Ga., as a delegate to the national convention. She called upon Captain Palmer to secure his assistance in locating the convention in Omaha for 1908. Captain Palmer succeeded in interesting the Commercial club in the matter, visiting the club with Mrs. Kenyon. The club urged her to try for the convention if possible, but was a little skeptical about her success. There are 50,000 rural free delivery carriers in the country and the number is constantly increasing. The convention promises to bring at least 10,000 strangers to the city. It will be held early in October, 1908.—Omaha Her.

Sunday morning Henry Ragatz received a telegram from Yonville, Cal., saying that his daughter, Miss Lillie, was very sick and to come at once. This was a real surprise to the family as she was expected home this week, accompanied by Dr. W. H. Evans, who was to meet her in Salt Lake. Miss Ragatz has been in California this summer and her friends hoped the change would benefit her, and until the telegram was received supposed she was improving. Mr. Ragatz left for California Sunday morning and Dr. Evans was also asked to go to California, and they expect to bring her to Columbus as soon as she is able to travel. A telegram received since Mr. Ragatz's departure said she was improving.

From midnight October 12 until midnight October 13 every piece of mail that is sent out of the Columbus post-office must be weighed the amount of stamps or postage paid on it taken into account and made up in a report. This is one of the results of the action the last congress took regarding the post office department, in an endeavor to reduce the cost of it to the government. Besides this every office has been weighing mail since July 1, and will continue until the first of the year. During October a special United States weigher has been at the Union Pacific depot here to weigh all mails. The counting for one week includes all post offices in the country.

Mrs. Emma Weyer died at the hospital Monday, after an illness of about four months, aged 25 years. She was born in Switzerland and came to this country with her husband about a year ago, locating at Stanton. They came to this city in April of this year, her husband being employed in C. A. Lutz's shoe factory. She leaves besides her husband two boys, aged four and seven years. The funeral was held from the Catholic church Wednesday morning and the burial was in the Catholic cemetery.

H. H. Savage a traveling man from St. Louis a guest of the Thurston hotel, met with an accident Tuesday morning that will lay him up for some time. He was going to the depot about 2 a. m., to inquire about No. 11, and when in front of Buschman's restaurant he stepped on to what he thought was the board walk. But he had not reached the walk and instead stepped off the edge of the sidewalk and fell, breaking his leg between the knee and ankle.

John Wittke leaves Wednesday for an extended visit across the water for the purpose of benefitting his health. From New York he goes to Genoa, Italy, and then through the Mediterranean to Austria. After a stop at Vienna he will go to his old home, which is a short distance from there and remain there until next spring, and then return to America.

Good old "Ben Davis" is not such a bad "yellow" after all. Always accommodating in an emergency. This from Arlington, Neb., this year, short apple crop, proves the assertion: "Apple picking is in full progress in this county. Most of the varieties are a light crop and the price is high. Ben Davis apples are the heavy bearers this year." Daily for Ben.

Chris Biensz of the Grunell neighborhood returned last Friday from Twin Falls and other points in Idaho. His son Fred lives near Buhl, Idaho, and is doing nicely. Mr. Biensz was well pleased with the country and says that if he were a younger man he would be tempted to dispose of his Platte county holdings and move there.

Dr. S. D. Morcor, a pioneer physician of Omaha, and well known in this city, died one day last week and his funeral occurred Sunday last. Frank Sims of this place lived with the doctor's family for many years and thinking it his duty toward his old-time friend made the trip to Omaha to attend the funeral obsequies.

Miss Stella Kummer was delightfully surprised by a number of her friends Sunday evening who gathered at her home on east 16th street to help her celebrate her sixteenth birthday. Various games were played and refreshments were served at a late hour. All present report a very good time.

In the little girls contest for the mango no advertisements will be accepted prior to Oct. 19, the time of its announcement, at GRAYS.

Dr. Leachman Oculist and oculist. Beautiful Parisian silks at Gray's. Dr. W. H. Slater, veterinarian, phone 35. You will see all your friends at the Lyric.

Ask to see the new plaid silks at Gray's. Dr. C. A. Allsburger, office in new State Bank building. Base burner for sale.—Used two winters, call Nebraska phone Black 164.

Born, on Sunday, October 8, to Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Braham, a daughter. Field silks, Friday and Saturday 50c, 75c, 90c, \$1.25, \$1.50 at Gray's.

L. S. Baberman and I. Gluck of Omaha were in the city on business last week. Mrs. George Latham departed Thursday for Percival, Iowa, where she will visit relatives.

Gray's have the most up to date line of ladies' cloaks and suits in this part of the state. Miss Matilda Gauder spent Sunday at the home of Miss Elise Ernst, in the Duncan neighborhood.

Mrs. Joe Henry of Big Falls, Wyo., is visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Hamer. Andrew Erb of Central City spent Sunday in this city at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. C. Burnes.

Miss Florence Whitmoyer left Thursday for Kansas City where she will visit relatives for a short time. The Misses Bertha and Minnie Gir spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of E. J. Erns near Duncan.

Mrs. Will Hall returned to her home at Norfolk last Friday evening, after a visit with home folks in this city. O. L. Stillman of Lead, S. D., arrived last Thursday to look after business matters and greet his Columbus friends.

Anton Burgesman of Platte Center and Miss Emma Hansen of Newman Grove are now students at the Commercial college. Miss Lauretta Connelly and Miss Nellie Quinn, both of this city, have entered the typographic department of the Commercial college.

Mrs. J. O. Tiffany returned Monday from Omaha, Iowa, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Kell, the last two weeks. Round Oak Steel Range. Most popular steel range sold in Columbus. At Gray's.

Mr. and Mrs. Dr. Tinsing, accompanied by Miss Margaret, Dicks and Dr. A. H. Hints, were callers at the home of E. J. Ernst last Sunday. I will cure leg cholera in its worst stage, and leaves in hours. No cure no pay. Will be at J. J. Burk's office on Saturdays.—W. F. Doda.

O'Brien & From will be the new firm which will open up a posthumous and printing past in the Soley building on Twelfth street next week. Mrs. August Knip and son, who have been visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Klug, returned to their home at Omaha last Monday.

The dance given at the Duncan hall by Will Ernst, jr., and John Tress last Saturday, was well attended. Those present reported a very good time. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Douglas, who have been the guest of their son G. M. Douglas and family for the past few days returned Monday to their home in Benedict.

Frank Lechait, jr., of Berkeley, S. D., is in the city this week visiting his parents and other relatives in and around Columbus. His last visit here was about four years ago. R. S. Palmer the tailor, clean, dye and repair Ladies' and Gents' clothing. Hats cleaned and relocked. Buttons made to order. Agent Germania Dye Works, Nebraska Phone.

Children's bear skin coats and caps to match any color you want at GRAYS. The Misses Louise Rndet and Ida Oppiger, living in the southwest part of town, returned Saturday from Omaha where they had spent two weeks visiting with friends and relatives.

Miss Emma Harlow, stenographic teacher in the Commercial college, returned Sunday evening from Brooks, Iowa, where she was called last week by the serious illness of her grandmother, who is reported much better. All republican precinct committees who have not as yet filed their recommendations for judges and clerks of election should do so at once, as Clerk of the Court Grantham will have to make the appointments soon.

Mrs. Prof. W. E. Weaver, after a several weeks' visit here, departed Saturday for her home in Morris, Ill., accompanied by her three children and her mother, Mrs. J. P. Becker, the latter to remain there during the winter. William L. Swetticher of this city and Don Gertrude Schwedler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rehnard of Grand Island, were married at the home of the bride's parents, south of Grand Island, Wednesday, Oct. 16. They will be at home to their many friends at Columbus after November 1.

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Come in and see the new China and Glassware at GRAYS. Dr. D. T. Martyn, jr., office new Columbus State Bank building.

Mrs. J. A. Barkley left Monday for Greeley, Colo., for a short visit. Dr. L. E. Carstenson, Veterinarian both phones 213, Columbus, Neb.

Lost a little white poodle dog. Return to the Journal office and received reward. Watch, Palmer's window for wite proverbs and truthful sayings.

Have you examined Beck's Base Barren? Up to the minute in every feature.—Gray's.

The subjects for the services at the Congregational church next Sunday will be: Morning, Heaven on earth and heaven above, evening, "A grain of mustard seed."

Mildred and Raymond Thompson, children of the Columbus High school, were entertained last week for a few days at the residence of Dr. Sixta; so says the Schuyler Quill.

The Columbus Roller Mill owned and operated by Gen. Schroeder was visited by some intruders late Thursday evening and brass fixtures valued at about fifty dollars were stolen. A large brass whistle, which is quite expensive was also taken.

Mrs. Leopold Jaeggi and daughter Miss Gertrude returned from their trip to Switzerland Friday evening. They were accompanied home from Lincoln by Miss Hedwig who is studying music in Lincoln. Mrs. Jaeggi reports a delightful trip.

About fifty members of Columbus Camp, Modern Woodmen of America and their friends enjoyed a smoker at their hall Tuesday evening. Plans for the present campaign for new members were discussed and the outlook for a goodly number of additions to the camp is good.

T. Monroe, Martin Spiecher, M. C. Oates, Frank Scholls and Godfrey Frischholtz went to Spalding Monday to initiate a number of candidates for Catholic Knights of America at that place. The team speak very highly of the treatment they received at the hands of the Spalding Knights and report a very pleasant time.

A. O. Stevens of Monroe was before the insanity board this week on complaint filed by parties from that place. Stevens has been in the asylum before and at times he becomes violent, his condition being the result of an accident a number of years ago. His case was taken under consideration until Monday when the board will sit.

Tuesday evening a special Pullman train conveying delegates to the annual meeting of the National Bottlers' Association passed through the city. There was about 160 delegates aboard, mostly from New York, Philadelphia, Boston and other eastern cities. The train was started from Jersey City, N. J., and ran through without change.

A large gang of workmen are busy putting in the switch tracks for the new freight depot and rearranging the Union Pacific yard. When the present yards are completed the local switching will be done in the east end; and the tracks to be built in the west end will be able to take care of any trains that may be up here. With the laying of these new tracks it is only a question of a short time until Platte street will be opened and the old freight depot torn down, or at least enough of it to permit opening the street.

WHEN FIRST FROST KILLS.

Record for Fifty Years Shows October 3 the Average.

Records of the first killing frosts in Nebraska for the past fifty years, compiled from the records of the government weather and from the books of E. L. Childs of Plattsmouth. October 3 will be found to be the average date. This table has been compiled by Director G. A. Loveland.

1857	Oct. 12	1867	Oct. 20
1858	Oct. 10	1868	Oct. 18
1859	Oct. 11	1869	Oct. 19
1860	Oct. 9	1870	Oct. 17
1861	Oct. 13	1871	Oct. 21
1862	Oct. 8	1872	Oct. 16
1863	Oct. 14	1873	Oct. 22
1864	Oct. 7	1874	Oct. 15
1865	Oct. 15	1875	Oct. 23
1866	Oct. 6	1876	Oct. 14
1867	Oct. 16	1877	Oct. 24
1868	Oct. 5	1878	Oct. 13
1869	Oct. 17	1879	Oct. 25
1870	Oct. 4	1880	Oct. 12
1871	Oct. 18	1881	Oct. 26
1872	Oct. 3	1882	Oct. 11
1873	Oct. 19	1883	Oct. 27
1874	Oct. 2	1884	Oct. 10
1875	Oct. 20	1885	Oct. 28
1876	Oct. 1	1886	Oct. 9
1877	Oct. 21	1887	Oct. 29
1878	Oct. 4	1888	Oct. 8
1879	Oct. 22	1889	Oct. 30
1880	Oct. 6	1890	Oct. 7
1881	Oct. 23	1891	Oct. 31
1882	Oct. 5	1892	Oct. 6
1883	Oct. 24	1893	Oct. 32
1884	Oct. 7	1894	Oct. 5
1885	Oct. 25	1895	Oct. 33
1886	Oct. 8	1896	Oct. 4
1887	Oct. 26	1897	Oct. 34
1888	Oct. 9	1898	Oct. 3
1889	Oct. 27	1899	Oct. 35
1890	Oct. 10	1900	Oct. 2
1891	Oct. 28	1901	Oct. 36
1892	Oct. 11	1902	Oct. 1
1893	Oct. 29	1903	Oct. 37
1894	Oct. 12	1904	Oct. 0
1895	Oct. 30	1905	Oct. 38
1896	Oct. 13	1906	Oct. -1
1897	Oct. 31	1907	Oct. 39
1898	Oct. 14		
1899	Oct. 32		
1900	Oct. 15		
1901	Oct. 33		
1902	Oct. 16		
1903	Oct. 34		
1904	Oct. 17		
1905	Oct. 35		
1906	Oct. 18		
1907	Oct. 36		

A general opinion prevails that all crops liable to be injured by heavy, killing frosts must be out of the way rather early in September, for that month catches the majority of first killing frosts. Following that idea farmers think that corn which is not yet out of the way of frost by the middle of September is in considerable danger. Lots of worry results from this misconception.

As a matter of fact the compilation of George A. Loveland, United States weather bureau director at Lincoln, show that the average date for the first killing frost in the past fifty years has been October 3. And in the past four years it has not come before the tenth of this month and has arrived as late as October 27. It will be seen from the table that the earliest date recorded for a damaging frost was August 25 in 1881.

The next early date was in 1902, when the first visit of the frosty king came on September 12. Much damage resulted in that year to the corn crop throughout the state, since the crop, though good, was in rather a belated stage. A large percentage of the crop of the state was caught so prematurely that it was unfit for market, and had to be fed to stock to get a value from it.

Few people know that there was a general frost over Nebraska and adjoining states Tuesday night, Oct. 8. Reports to the weather bureau show that all parts of the state were visited, and the frost was felt by the crops as far south as the panhandle of Texas. At Dodge, Kansas, the frost was reported heavy. No damage was done however, only the tomato vines and other sensitive plants being bitten by it. This cool snap was following a high pressure area with perfectly clear weather. The next night, Oct. 9, the high pressure area had moved eastward and was over the Middle Atlantic states. Frosts were reported over that region on that date.

A light frost was reported by the weather observers in eastern Nebraska and in northern Iowa on September 25, but no trace of it could be found near Lincoln by these observers.

Director Loveland says that the notion of an early frost being the general thing has caused many annoying inquiries at the weather bureau. One man this fall wrote to ask if there would be an early frost, or if the chances were good for one. He had the hay fever, he said, and would leave the state for a time unless the chances of an early frost were good. The director told him that if former years were any value as a criterion he had better go to the mountains for a time.

Reminiscences for Road Overseers. The new road law which placed each township in a separate district also created a very important office, that of township road overseer. So for the following nominations have been filed with the county clerk:

- REPUBLICAN.**
Shell Creek, Frank Adams.
Monroe, D. W. Jackson.
Columbus, John Randall.
Butler, Herman Ernst.
Woodville, H. N. Christensen.
Bismark, Adolph Froese.
Joliet, I. N. Jones.
Creighton, John Christensen.
Sherman, Wm. L. Cattas.
St. Bernard, Peter Beckus.
Walker, C. J. Jacobson.
Lost Creek, Nick Smith.

- DEMOCRAT.**
Monroe, Wm. Nason.
Columbus, J. F. Belford.
Shell Creek, Jacob Lenz.
Bismark, Theodore Krumhold.
Lost Creek, Nick Smith.
Creighton, D. Hollman.
Loup, Hector Blasser.
Sherman, Fred Leudts.
Granville, Frank Huthmacher.
St. Bernard, Joe Kutenbach.
Hempsey, Walley Kraus.
Woodville, Joe Bauster.
Barrows, Morris Langston.
Butler, E. J. Ernst.
Grand Prairie, T. R. Brande.

In Walker township there is a candidate by petition, Louis Jacobson having filed that way.

Did you see the demonstration of the Buck's Hot Blast for coal? It gives a Base Burner blast with the poorest grade of coal.—Gray's.

Route No. 1.
Miss Minnie Olyn was in Columbus. Edith Held lost a horse Sunday evening.

Miss Minnie Filling visited friends in Columbus Sunday. Fred Lenzke was marketing hops Monday and Tuesday.

Born, on Monday Oct. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bann, a son. Charles Gilllette and wife returned from Oxford, Neb., last Friday.

The Misses Mary and Stella Welch spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Grady. Messrs. Otto and Eddie Held attended the dance at Berthold's Saturday evening.

Miss Minnie Kruger of Illinois is visiting the family of Frank Stevenson this week. Miss Stella Welch attended the assembly dance at the Mansacker Saturday evening.

Rev. Fife and family of Fremont are visiting this week with Rev. Gramsch and family. There was a dance last Saturday evening at Gottlieb Beckhold's. A good crowd was in attendance and a pleasant time reported.

Miss Lulu Lecky entertained at her home Thursday evening in honor of her cousins, the Misses Minnie Kruger and Clara Goets. The evening was spent in games and music, after which a three course luncheon was served.

While crossing the bridge near Wm. Gerhold's last Saturday, Fred Cattas met with a very serious accident. He was returning from town, where he had sold a load of grain and when on the bridge, which had been condemned, it gave way with him. He was rendered unconscious and floated down stream and when he came to, was on the bank. Both horses were killed and his wagon smashed up.

Route No. 2.
Charles Michaelson spent Sunday at the home of Charles Hiller. Henry Brunken was the guest of Miss Augusta Klever on Route 4, Sunday.

Henry Rhodabert, sr., expects to leave soon for California to spend the winter. If August Brunken can make satisfactory arrangements, he will move out to Oregon.

Herman Saunders was in Columbus Monday making application for citizenship papers. Wm. Henke, who has been under the weather for some time, was able to be in town Monday.

Miss Emma Babanhus went to Garrison Saturday morning to visit her friend, Miss Doris Fross. Fred Stethin and Miss Mary Krumhold attended the party at John Babanhus' Sunday evening.

The young folks of the neighborhood enjoyed a pleasant party at the home of John Babanhus Sunday evening. Herman and Wm. Inselman, threathers from Sherman township, were making the best try at C. J. Blasser's Monday.

Henry Baraman leaves Thursday for Riverdale, Neb., to visit his brother Fred and W. E. Swartzley. He will be accompanied by Jacob Beckman of Shelby. T. R. Brande, who is repairing his father's house, discovered a swarm of bees in the roof while tearing off the shingles. They smoked them out and secured a large amount of fine honey.

Route No. 5.
Miss Anna Gerhold, who has been sick, is improving. Albert Hahn of near Shelby marketed grain in Columbus Tuesday.

Mrs. H. D. Hahn of Silver Creek was in Columbus last Saturday. Knevel Bros. are still putting up hay. John Sprink and L. P. Hahn marketed grain Tuesday.

Fred Schofield came very near losing a large number of cattle Tuesday morning. He has about forty head and has been turning them into the alfalfa field, for only a short time each day to get them used to it. He did not think the shower of Monday night would make any difference about turning them in as usual, but Tuesday morning he soon discovered they were bloating. Prompt action saved all but three of his head, as he discovered them in time.

Omaha daily papers tell of a man and wife by the name of J. J. Bessler who were found in that city in a starving condition and claimed to be from this city. Inquire, however, failed to locate anyone who knew them, and the fact that the man was able bodied and willing to work, but could not get it, makes the story sound rather improbable.

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Black silks 50c, 75c, 90c, \$1.25, \$1.75, \$2.00 per yard at GRAYS. A change of program Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays at the Lyric.

With the addition of Omaha to the list of post offices at which money orders can be purchased, every office in Platte county is now in that class. This is one of the direct results of rural free delivery, as a few years ago there were several post offices in this county that did not do a money order business, but since its establishment the services there have all been discontinued or referred to the money order class.

Daniel Albert, eldest son of I. L. Albert, died at the family home Monday after an lingering illness. He has been afflicted with rheumatism of the heart for about two and one-half years. Dan was born May 2, 1887, at Iowa Falls, Ia., and came to this city with his parents when three years of age, and has lived here ever since. He attended the public schools until compelled by ill health to give up his studies. He was an almost constant companion of his father and took great interest in his welfare. He leaves besides his parents two sisters and two brothers. The funeral was held Wednesday, being conducted by Rev. DeWitt of the Methodist church, of which he was a member.

Notion.
Assembly dance Saturday evening, Oct. 12, at Mansacker hall. Dancing lessons will begin Saturday evening Oct. 19th. Everybody invited.

Notion.
On and after Sunday October 13, 1907, our meat markets will be closed on Sundays.
E. G. GARDNER.
S. E. HARRY.
OTTO HINN.

Used Plow on Shipboard.
A common, everyday farm plow was used in unloading the cargo of the Ammon at San Francisco. The entire hold was filled with 1,500 tons of it, which had frozen into one solid mass and very hard. Explosives could not be used, and picks and shovels were too slow. As a job a bystander suggested they better use a plow. The captain, however, decided to try the plan, and bought a good-sized plow, and by means of a block and tackle and steam which pulled it back and forth the length of the hold. The plow loosened the after as fast as a big gang could shove it into the steel buckets. This is probably the only instance on record where a ship's cargo was discharged in this way.—Popular Mechanics.

Butcher's Reference.
One day Emperor Francis Joseph was entering a village in his domain on horseback and was met on the outskirts by a butcher who had gone out in hope of catching an early glimpse of the Austrian kaiser. The emperor asked the butcher the way to an inn, and after directions had been given the butcher in turn inquired: "Have you seen the kaiser?" "Very recently," answered Francis Joseph. "Are you sure?" "Do you know him certainly?" asked the eager butcher. "Well, I ought to," replied the monarch, puffing out his chest. "I have shaved him often enough." "Ah, and you are the court barber," said the abashed butcher in awe-struck tones, as he doffed his cap and backed to the roadside.

Try It Once.
Ever since there were men and women and horses there have been balky horses and mad men. When a horse gets the habit of balking he might as well be taken out and shot. No one knows exactly why he does it, but it is supposed to be ugly temper. Some six months ago a lad named William Fraser, living in Bristol, England, attended a ball by holding one of the cabin's forefoot up for about ten minutes. Then he lowered it and the horse started off