#### All For Nothing.

## The Wheat Crop and Prices.

### A Favorite Story of Dickens.

One of the most unfortunate men of our acquaintance is a good-looking clergyman, a widower, who has six grown-up ing wheat for English and continental daughters. Of course they are violently consumption. The districts of Russia opposed to the thought of having a step- which produce wheat for export are those mother, and their poor father is subjected tributary to the Black Sea. If it were to a cruel espionage, and is compelled to not for the war closing these ports, Rustake one or more of his daughters with sia, although her products are reduced, him wherever he goes. ' The other day, however, he succeeded in escaping to a neighboring town without the presence that we have 100,000,000 bushels of of a daughter or two, and after an absence of several days, a message came to that of the previous season. Not only is the daughters that their father "had the winter wheat crop of the country one married a widow with six sprightly chil- the largest ever harvested, and of supedren." Had a bomb-shell burst, greater rior quality, but the spring wheat crop is consternation would not have been caused. The intelligence also was con- is the yield. It is dry enough to grind veyed that the clergyman would return at or export directly from the field. a certain time. Those girls held a council at once, and it was unanimously agreed to give " the widow with six ly estimated at over 325,000,000 bushels. sprightly children" an exceedingly warm The largest amount ever exported in one well-regulated house was turned topsy- 60,000,000 bushels; but last year only turvy-the cellar and pantry emptiedpreserves confiscated-baking neglected. ed, owing to a short crop. Water was poured over the stove to give the arrival of the seven unwelcome persons. Rev. Mr. ---- finally came, but he parlors, there was a merry twinkle in his I married her to another man, my dears." The portraits of those girls at that motenances, which grew first red and then other in quick succession. The daughters | cut but little figure in the problem. had urgent duties elsewhere, and the father was left in the room alone, until called to supper, the like of which he to the low tolls now adopted on this line had not enjoyed for many a day. When of transit. When winter sets in, the he arose the next morning, the house had Eastern railways will undoubtedly esmore than its wonted cheerfulness and tablish rates to make up losses sustained order, while his daughters were all smiles during the summer. If the farmer is some sugar eggs, embellished with all in their neatest attire. Their fear of a wise, he may measurably take advantage not constantly under surveillance.

### Trade Prospects in New York.

in that city with the following re- ness man must, in this respect, figure for out of every imaginable material. marks :--

Russia has in the past been the only real rival of the United States, in exportwould send out wheat enough to seriously affect our export trade, for the reason wheat for export this year in excess to that of the previous season. Not only is immense, and of a quality as superior as

Last year our wheat crop amounted to 200,000,000 bushels. This year it is fair-40,000,000 bushels of wheat was export-

Under ordinary circumstances, thereit a gray and rusty aspect, and the win- fore, we might naturally expect to see dows were spattered with dish-water. the prices of wheat go below living rates. After all this had been done the girls put The speculators of the wheat markets, on their shabbiest clothes, and awaited among the most ingenuous, unscrupulous and well-informed of any class, have already attempted to carry prices down, so was alone. He greeted his daughters as that they might get a large bulk on hand, usual, and as he viewed the neglected to control prices within the near future. With this view they have already suceye. The daughters were nervous and ceeded in carrying the price down to evidently anxious. At last the eldest \$1.04 for No. 1 wheat. We have advised mustered courage and asked : " Where's farmers to get their crop in condition to mother ?" "In heaven," said the good sell so it might reach tide water before man. "But where is the widow with six the close of navigation. We see no reachildren whom you married ?" "Why, son to alter this opinion now; but while doing this, they must at the same time use due business tact, watch the varying ment would be worth a fortune to an phases of the market, and judge for themartist. Surprise, chagrin, joy, and humil- selves as to the proper time to sell. The iation were depicted upon their coun- export crop of wheat this year must come from east of the Rocky Mountains, for the colorless, changing from the one to the California wheat crop is short and will

Vast amounts of grain have lately gone forward over the Erie Canal, owing stepmother has greatly decreased, while of these fluctuations. The present crop the father has much more freedom and is of wheat will pay a good profit at \$1.00 and over, delivered in Chicago, St. Louis, or other prominent shipping points in the

West. We do not think it need even remain at this price; certainly not if farm-The New York Times prefaces a careful ers are prepared to carry a good portion fitted up inside with a set of children's review of the feeling, condition and pros- of the crops until next season. This, pects of the different branches of trade however, has its risks, and every busi-

himself.

The following story may have gone the round of the newspapers but it is good enough for re-telling, since Dickens said of it: "You must know that I have appropriated that story and acquired immense reputation by it!" It occurs in a paper of reminiscences in Scribner, entitled "A Yankee Tar and his Friends:" On one of Captain Morgan's voyages from America to England, he had under this plan would have been without serious objection, his care a very attractive young lady, who but where so much competition in the way of adulterspeedily distinguished herself by reduc- ated coffees has to be met. I find that much against ing five young gentlemen to the verge of my inclination I shall have to deal directly with the distraction. She was quite ready to marry one; but what could she do with five? In the embarrassment of her riches she as low prices, as could be named, but my ambition sought the captain, who, after a few mo- is to build a reputation on purity and excellence ments' thought, said: "It's a fine calm alone. day; suppose, by accident, you should fall overboard; I'll have a boat ready to pick you up, and you can take the man who loves you well enough to jump after

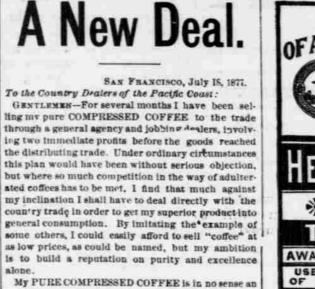
trifling exception that four of the young men took the plunge, and, being picked dripping quartette upon the ship's deck. no less wet than themselves, fled to her state-room and sent for her adviser, the captain. "Now, Captain," cried she in despair, "what am I to do?" "Ah, my dear," replied the captain, "if you want a sensible husband, take the dry one"which she did.

KISSING DAY IN RUSSIA .- A curious Easter custom prevails among the Rus-sians of all grades of society. The fashion is to present an egg to a friend the first time you meet him or her-most generally her-after twelve o'clock on Easter

night. The one who presents the egg exclaims: "Christ is risen!" The other answers: "Is he risen, indeed !" and three kisses follow. Of course the second one has generally an egg to present in return.

Timid swains eagerly take advantage of this custom to obtain the priviledge of embracing some fond object whom they would otherwise be too bashful to approach. These eggs are of all kinds -some simple hens' eggs, gilded, or silvered, or colored; red, blue, or violet; kinds of fanciful designs. There are also diminutive gold, marble, or simple wooden eggs; others are large enough to serve as ladies' traveling bags; or they may be placed on stands to serve as a useful ornament; hens may sit on a nest full of bonnon eggs; and some may be toys. There are eggs, in fact, arranged in every imaginable manner, and made

On this day hundreds of thousands of When, last fall, business men were in- We believe that large as is our wheat these change hands in St. Petersburg



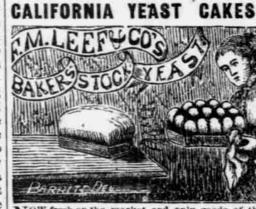
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Connecticut State prison, Wethersfield, this means many a shipwrecked mariner Saturday night, a convict named Henry may be saved from death. In a great Leef's & Co.'s California Yeast Hamlin became possessed of several tools many cases a "pigeon service" might be and a skeleton key, and was able to un- made to supercede the electric telegraph. lock the door of his cell after it had been This would but be reviving the practice locked for the night, but before the slid- of the great stockbrokers at the begining bar had been put on, and getting out, secreted himself until the prison hall was quiet and only the night watchman was quiet and only the night watchman was from Paris to London; so that these about. Watching his opportunity he let speculative gentlemen obtained the earliout another prisoner named Wm. Allen. est news of the course of events. The The two overpowered the night watch- carrier-pigeon came into special promman, Wells Shipman, who had discovered inence during the late siege of Paris; preparation, Mr. Leef has been enabled to and fired at them, and as he would not letters photographed on the minutest quicken the action of the yeast growth so as and fired at them, and as he would not letters photographed on the minutest keep quiet, Hamlin took the watchman's scale were carried to and fro by its means. making them a better substitute for the revolver and deliberately shot him near The Prussians could not intercept the Vienna Yeast than any yet introduced to the heart, causing his death at about ten birds, and ended by adopting the syso'clock next morning. The firing aroused tem themselves. At the present time the prison officials, who soon made their every fortress and fortified town in Gerappearance and fired at the fellows while many is provided with flocks of trained they were yet in the prison, but without pigeons, by which means communications effect. They succeeded in getting to the could be sent into town, if invaded by a attic by cutting their way through the hostile force. plastered ceiling, and there remained, a terror to all, till daylight, when they surrendered. Both men were sentenced in Hugo and M. Lockroy in Paris recently, 1871, for eight years, for burglary. The Gambetta and Louis Blanc were conmurderers had in their possession an iron bar of formidable size, an iron claw like a jimmy, and the implements used in murderers had in their possession an iron bar of formidable size, an iron claw like a jimmy, and the implements used in overpowering the watchman. That they could have secured these shows a lack of discipline at the prison. spicuous guests. On the same occasion Victor Hugo made famous Cab 1094 by a colloquy he held with the driver. The coachman refused the ordinary fare, say-ing that the honor of having driven Vic-tor Hugo was sufficient for him. The discipline at the prison.

It is said that thousands of buffalo are telling him to subscribe to the fund for killed in Texas alone for their hides.

vited to say what the prospect in trade crop for 1877, it may all be absorbed in alone, and the sum spent in their pur-

been reached," and that a new era of Russian-Turkish war is to be ended this prosperity was about to begin. It did season. If it continues next year it will not begin, however, immediately, and the prostrate the agricultural resources of charming young creature; and, in order winter, to most of them, was one of des- the Russian Empire, so far as their ex- that he might see her frequently, he conpondency. Since then a very slight gen- port of grain is concerned. If the farm- trived to have her call every day to take eral improvement has taken place, and ers of the West were in gondition to cothe condition and prospects are given as operate, they might control the grain have it, they were separated from each they appear to the merchants themselves. trade of the country, as some other indus- other for a time, but by-and-by they met In the grain trade there is great hope of a tries control their specialties; this, howcrops from the West, and there is a regation; nevertheless, much may be "See," said he, "I have worn nothing but moderate. steady, healthful growth in the produce done by individuals and communities by paper collars since we parted." and grocery trades, which encourages watching the market, and through mumen who are satisfied with small profits. tual assistance to a given end. If grain The volume of business done by grocers is rushed into market upon a failing is larger up to this time than it was at a price, speculators will take advantage to corresponding date last year; the cloth-ing manufacturers are feeling a small,but rise. The difficulty is, too many sell at good inquiry for their wares; there has the ebb, and thus get minimum, when been, and is animation among the boot they should get maximum prices .- Prai-

CARRIER DOVES .- These useful birds last August to make sanguine predic. and the shore, at times when it is imbusiness men that they will keep the other method. The maratime code of tinue to do a fair business with moderate three letters are stamped on the wing,

A MURDER IN STATE PRISON .- At the makes its way to its haunts on shore. By associate organs.

Ar the wedding of Madame Charles tor Hugo was sufficient for him. The

poet forced the francs upon the man, the Lyons workmen.

A young fellow who was a bit of a Bohemian, fell in love with his laundress, a something to the wash. As chance would

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