

A New Comet.
The recent discovery of another comet has excited high hopes in the bosom of thousands of people, young and old, who have not forgotten how invaluable the recent comet was an excuse for late hours. The new comet is not visible with the naked eye, but so much the better, for, as every one will want to see it and telescopes are few, the "wee, sma' hours" may be extended into the early dawn. While waiting for their turn at a telescope lovers may blissfully talk themselves hoarse, men who now can stay out only until the ordinary limit of a "lodge night" will be able to "take in" several jolly parties in succession, while those who have no better excuse than "business down town" will look heavenward in thanksgiving if not for the comet. Experience has taught, however, that ordinary precautions should not be neglected in using the comet as an excuse. Unhappy estrangements have occurred because some men have persisted in pleading comet gazing at hours when the celestial visitor was not visible or when the clouds were dense enough to hide dozens of comets. It is an unhappy day for a man when the almanac or the weather enables a comet to prove an alibi.

Escaping a Blizzard.
The following is from "A Miners' Yarn" in the Minneapolis Tribune: I was in Cheyenne after Jim had got rich and persuaded him to give me that dog of his, Bose. I was out hunting one day near Laramie, when one of them hurricanes come up and I didn't know what to do. It was prairie all around. I could see the storm coming, but two miles off! If I ran it would catch me. If I hid it was death. So I jies took and shoved ole Bose's nose agin a bank and yelled "rate!" You utter have seen that dog scratch. He threwed dirt behind him like a breaking plow drawn by twenty yoke of oxen. I held on to his tail and he scratched. We hadn't got under the ground more'n two hundred feet when the storm struck us. But Bose kept scratching. I let him go on for a mile or so, but I told him to let up, which he did, the surprisedest dog you ever seed, because he hadn't caught up with the rat. I got back to the top of ground, went to Laramie and started the story that I had found a cave. I made \$100,000 by showing the tourists that cave, but lost it all in speculation in mines.

A Boston Scene.
"Who is this well dressed man with the sealin' overcoat, hat and gloves? He carries a gold-headed cane and is followed by a bull dog in a scarlet blanket?" "Do you know him?"
"Oh, yes; that is S— the puglist. Fine man. Hard nitter. Very popular. Always surrounded by a crowd of admiring friends, as you see him now. He is very well off; was given a benefit the other night that netted him \$500."
"Indeed! he is very fortunate."
"Oh, yes, a very fortunate fellow; ranks high in his profession, you see."
"Who is that white-headed, weary looking old man close behind the puglist and his friends? Poor man, he seems thin and for this wintry weather. Do you know him?"
"Oh, yes; that is old Faithful, a country clergyman. Very learned man they say. Been a preacher of the gospel all his life, but poor as a rat. He had a benefit too, the other night."
"Oh, indeed! Did it net him much?"
"I don't think it did. You see it was a sort of surprise party. His parishioners called upon him in a body, ate up everything there was in the house, and left him presents to the amount of sixty cents."

At Niagara Falls. The high wind and water have driven such immense quantities of ice over the falls as to almost completely fill the gorge below the ice bridge, which is over 100 feet thick in places. The ice is thrown up along the shore, destroying houses and other property, and doing several thousand dollars worth of damage. Two hundred feet of the inclined railway building, and the magnificent observatory and dressing-rooms below the bank are crushed. It is the greatest ice bridge ever seen.

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Cotton, 719 bales
Spirits Turpentine, 157 casks
Rosin, 1381 bbls
Tar, 231 bbls
Crude Turpentine, 90 bbls

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Cotton, 639 bales
Spirits Turpentine, 163 casks
Rosin, 1345 bbls
Tar, 33 bbls
Crude Turpentine, 283 bbls

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Cotton, 47 bales
Spirits Turpentine, 146 casks
Rosin, 831 bbls
Tar, 70 bbls
Crude Turpentine, 225 bbls

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EXPORTS FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 23.
DOMESTIC.
Cotton, 105; spirits, 298; rosin, 1,171; tar, 691; crude 250.
FOREIGN.
None.

MISCELLANEOUS MARKET.
Corn, per bush, \$1 05 @ 1 25
Meal, 125
Hornim per barrel, 500 9 00
Flouring, \$1 07 75
Irish Potatoes, per bbl, 125
D S Sides, per lb, 150
Smoked Sides, per lb, 125
Smoked shoulders per lb, 125
Hams, per lb, 18
W. C. Hams, per lb, 30
Pigs, per doz, 30
Beef Cattle per lb, 2 50
Sheep, per head, 2 50
Wool, per lb, 2 50
Bee-wax, per lb, 10
Fish, per bunch, 10
Sugars, per lb, 10
Coffee, per lb, 10
Molasses, per gal, 10
Razins, per lb, 10
Cow Peas, per bush, 1 50
French's Carbonate of Lime, \$7 00 @ \$7 50
French's Agricultural Lime, \$5 50 @ \$6 00

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