BOYS AND GIRLS

A Boy Hero.

He was only 8 years old, little Tommy Brown. His father was a pioneer out in Oregon. (Look on the map, as always, and find Oregon, if you don't know where it is.) Pioneers have discomforts and privations that the people in older settlements do not dream of. They are often twenty miles away from any store. If anything has happened that they have not laid in a supply of meat, flour and meal, and these things give out at home, it becomes a very serious business. If the roads are snowed up, or if the mud is so deep as to make them impassable, there is a chance that the pioneer's family may go hungry. They may even starve.

Provisions had given out in the family of Mr. Brown. There had been a deep, soft snow, so the roads were very bad indeed. But food must be had or his babies would have nothing to eat. So the father started with his wagon to the store, twenty miles away. He was a long time getting there, for the road was so heavy.

Mr. Brown loaded his wagon and started back. But a tremendous fall of snow came and blinded him and blocked his way. The storm continued several days. The forlorn man staggered on as long as he could. But it grew colder and colder. He began to be chilled through. Nobody knew what finally happened to him in those awful hours, or what he thought about.

For he never came home. When the storm cleared away, and people went to look for him, they found him frozen stiff and dead in the road. His wife was dead, and his children had been left at home alone, to wait till he came back with the provision. What had become of them, poor babies!

TOMMY AND THE BABY OUT IN THE COLD.

It had not been so very cold when he left home and nobody thought anything would happen. There were two children, Tommy and a younger brother, only 4 years old. Their father would have hardly dared to leave them, except that he had a beautiful and faithful shepherd dog. This noble animal was used to take care of the children just as if they had been two lambs. His name was "Shep." He watched and guarded them at play, during the hours when their papa was obliged to leave them alone.

The little creatures and the faithful dog waited all day for Mr. Brown to come back. They went to bed, and to sleep, and still the father was not there next morning. They began to get hungry as the day wore on. But another night passed, and the next morning they were very hungry indeed. They thought they would go out and try to find papa. They were not very warmly dressed, but out they went. They wandered into the woods, Shep after them. It was Sunday morning when they left their cabin. They walked and walked, and cried bitterly, but no papa came. Shep hugged as close to them as he could. There were wild animals in the woods who would have attacked and devoured the helpless babies, only for Shep. He was as brave as a lion and as faithful as a father. Worn out at last, when darkness came they huddled down against Shep's warm coat and lay there. It is the greatest wonder they did not die with the cold.

But they did not. Toward morning it became warmer and began to rain. How the poor things suffered when morning came. They had no hope and no refuge but Shep. They hugged him and cried together. They called till they could shout no longer, but nobody came. At last the younger brother said:

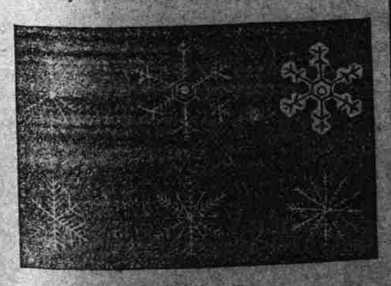
"Tommy, oh Tommy, I'm freezing to death."

Then what do you think this brave, tender big brother did?—big brother, though he was only 6 years old. He took his own coat off, all the warm garment he had, and wrapped it around the younger child. The rain poured in torrents, and Tommy had nothing upon his shoulders but a cotton shirt, but he bore it all, and pulled the coat close about his baby brother. There is not the least doubt the little fellow would have frozen to death only for this.

So at last the neighbors found them at noon, Monday, cuddled all down close together, Tommy, the small brother and Shep. A few hours more and both the children would have been dead. But how much the kind hearted people made over them when they did discover them! There was hardly anything good enough for these two whom the storm had left fatherless. They will find plenty of friends now. But Tommy Brown is the bravest, noblest little lad I have heard of in many a day. He is one of the heroes of the world.

More Snowflakes.

Most of you will have opportunity to examine the beauty and shapeliness of the snow crystals about this time of year.



SNOWFLAKES.

If you have a microscope you can see them better. Catch them upon something black for a background, and examine. There are very many shapes. One of the things never yet found out is how nature makes such beautiful crystals. Just given some floating vapor, then a sudden cold air catches it, and lo! there come out perfect mathematical figures in many shapes. Man has tried to draw these figures, but he cannot make them look as delicate as nature does. Our geometrical and architectural designs, however many and beautiful they are, are merely imitations of work made by a greater hand than man's—work which has been steadily turned out year after year for untold ages.

MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH

JANUARY 25, 1886.

Produce.

BALTIMORE—Flour steady; Howard Street and Western Superfine $2 62@$3.00; Extra $3.25@$4.00; Family $4.25@$4.75; City Mills Super $2.50@$3.00; Extra $3.25@$4.00. Rio brands, $4 62@$4.75. Wheat—Southern steady; Western higher; Southern red 90@93; amber, 94@97; No 1 Maryland 91@91½ No. 2 Western winter red spot 87½ bid. Corn—Southern steady; Western firm; Southern white 45@50; yellow 46@50.

CHICAGO—Flour—steadier; Southern $4.40@$4 85. Wheat closed 1½c lower than Saturday, January 74@80 1½; February 80@81¼. Corn—firmer; cash 36½@27; February 35⅝@37. Oats—firmer; cash and January 29¼@29½. Mess pork—active, but unsettled and lower; cash $10.75@$10.80; February $10.75@$10.82½; March $10.85@$10.97½. Lard—easy and 2½@5c lower; cash, January and February $6.00@$6.12½. Boxed meats steady; dry salted shoulders $4.00@$4.05; short rib sides $5.25@$5.7½; short clear sides $5.65@$5.70. Whiskey firmer at $1.16. Sugar—easy; granulated 7⅛; Standard A 6⅞.

NEW YORK—Southern flour steady; good to choice extra $5.40. Wheat—spot higher; ungraded red 87@90; No. 2 red February 89⅝@91⅛. Corn—spot quiet; ungraded 46@50. No. 2 January 51¾. Oats—½@½ higher; No. 2 38. Coffee—spot fair Rio steady at 8¼. Sugar—weak; fair to good refining 5 5-16@5 9-16; refined dull; C 5@5⅛; Extra C 5 7-16@5⅝; White C 5⅞; Yellow 5@5⅛; Off A 5⅞@6; Mould A 6¾; Standard A 6¼@6 5-16; Confectioners A 6⅛@6 11-16. Cut Loaf and Crushed 5¼; Powdered 6 13-16@6⅞; Granulated 6⅝@6 11-16; Cubas 6⅞. Molasses quiet. Rice steady. Cotton seed oil—crude 24½; refined 31@31½. Rosin dull at $1.02½@$1.05. Turpentine firm at 41. Hides quiet. Wool firm. Pork—quiet; mess $10 87½@$10.75; middles dull; long clear $5.50. Lard—dull; Western Steam spot $6.47½; February $6.45. Freights steady. Cotton ⅛@9 64d; wheat 2d.

Naval Stores

WILMINGTON—Turpentine firm at 39. Rosin firm; strained 75; good strained 80. Tar firm at $1.00; crude turpentine steady; hard $1.00; yellow dip and virgin $1.50.

SAVANNAH—Turpentine—firm at 40; Rosin firm at 1.00@$1 05

CHARLESTON—Turpentine firm at 39½; Rosin strained 70; good strained 90.

Financial.

NEW YORK

Exchange $4.87. Money 1½@2½. Sub-treasury balances gold $153,323,000; currency $15,693,000; Governments active; four per cents, $1.23½; threes $1.00⅞; State bonds—very dull.

Alabama—Class A, 2 to 5	98
" Class B, fives	1.04
Georgia 6's	1.02
Georgia 7's mortgage	1.00½
North Carolina 4's	*39½ †40½
North Carolina 6's, ex. int	*1.15½
North Carolina's Funding	10
South Carolina Brown Consols	1.08
Tennessee 6's	54⅜
Virginia 6's	43
Virginia Consols	52
Chesapeake and Ohio	11
Chicago and Northwestern	1.05¾
Chicago and Northwestern, preferred	1.36
Denver and Rio Grande	16
Erie	2½
East Tennessee	3¾
Lake Shore	83
Louisville and Nashville	37⅞
Memphis and Charleston	34
Mobile and Ohio	13
Nashville and Chattanooga	45
New Orleans Pacific, 1st	59
New York Central	1.02⅝
Norfolk and Western preferred	25
Northern Pacific common	26⅜
Northern Pacific preferred	56⅞
Pacific Mail	55
Reading	19⅞
Richmond and Alleghany	5
Richmond and Danville	78
Richmond and West Point Terminal	33½
Rock Island	1.27¼
St. Paul	91⅛
St. Paul preferred	1.21
Texas Pacific	11⅞
Union Pacific	48¾
Wabash Pacific	9⅛
Wabash Pacific, preferred	17⅛
Western Union	65⅝

*Bid. †Last bid. ‡Offered. §Asked. ¶Ex. Div.

Cotton.

GALVESTON—Easy; middling 9; net receipts 2793; gross 2793; stock 67,549; sales 167; exports coastwise 9409; Great Britain ——; continent ——.

NORFOLK—Quiet; middling 8⅞; net receipts 3383; gross 3383; sales 606; stock 41,749 exports coastwise 946; to Great Britain ——; continent ——; France ——.

BALTIMORE—Dull, middling 9⅛; net receipts ——; gross 384; sales ——; stock 33,405; exports coastwise ——; Great Britain ——; continent ——.

BOSTON—Quiet; middling 9⅛; net receipts 2281; gross 2815; sales ——; stock 6310; exports coastwise ——; Great Britain 2181.

WILMINGTON—Weak; middling 8⅞; net receipts 425; gross 425; sales ——; stock 11,283; exports coastwise 443; Great Britain ——.

PHILADELPHIA—Dull; low middling 9⅜; net receipts 38; gross 38; stock 25,501; exports coastwise ——; continent ——.

SAVANNAH—Easier; middling 8¾; net receipts 2433; gross 3141; sales 750; stock 88,408; exports coastwise 1805; to continent ——; Great Britain ——; France ——.

NEW ORLEANS—Easy; middling 8 11-16; net receipts 10,012; gross 10,768; sales 4000; stock 893,570; exports coastwise ——; to Great Britain 8407; France 3579; continent ——.

MOBILE—Quiet; middling 8 11-16; net receipts 3397; gross 3847; sales 5000; stock 59,695; exports coastwise 4579. Great Britain 3684

MEMPHIS—Steady; middling 8¾; receipts 1661; shipments 3403; sales 450; stock 145,171.

AUGUSTA—Dull; middling 8¾; receipts 543; shipments ——; sales 556 stock ——.

CHARLESTON—Quiet; middling 9; net receipts 1080; gross 1080; sales ——, stock 70,740; exports to continent 4280; coastwise 1407; Great Britain ——; France ——.

NEW YORK—Dull; sales 240; middling uplands 9 3-16; orleans 9⅜; consolidated net receipts 27,870; exports to Great Britain 10,378; to France 3579; continent 6159.

Futures.

NEW YORK—Net receipts 677; gross 12,082; Futures closed quiet but steady; sales 107,000 bales.

December	
January	9.09@.10
February	9.20@.21
March	9.31@.32
April	9.42@.00
May	9.52@.53
June	9.62@.63
July	9.69@.71
August	9.50@.52
September	9.34@.35
October	
November	

Liverpool Cotton Market.

LIVERPOOL, January 25.—Dull, prices generally in buyers' favor; Uplands 5d; Orleans 5 1-64d; sales 8,000; speculation and export 500; receipts 11,000; American 8,600. Futures quiet but steady.

Uplands low middling clause February and March delivery 4 59-64d@4 58-64d.
March and April 4 61-64d@4 60-64d.
April and May 4 62-64d.
May and June 5 2-64d@5 1-64d.
June and July 5 4-64d.
August and September 5 10-64d.

2 P. M.—Sales American 6,600. Uplands low middling clause, January delivery 4 58-64d. (buyers.)
January and February 4 58-64d, (value.)
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March and April 4 60-64d, (sellers.)
April and May 4 62-64d, (sellers.)
May and June 5 1-64d (sellers.)
June and July 5 4-64d, (sellers.)
July and August 5 7-64d (sellers.)
August and September 5 10-64d (sellers.)
Futures dull.

5 P. M.—Uplands low middling clause January delivery 4 58-64d (sellers.)
January and February 4 58-64d, (sellers.)
February and March 4 59-64d, (buyers.)
March and April 4 62-64d, (sellers.)
April and May 4 62-64d, (sellers.)
May and June 5d, (buyers.)
June and July 5 3-64d, (buyers.)
July and August 5 7-64d, (sellers.)
August and September 5 10-64d (sellers.)
Futures closed quiet.

City Cotton Market

OFFICE OF THE OBSERVER,
CHARLOTTE, N. C., January 26, 1886.

The city cotton market yesterday closed quiet at the following quotations:

Good middling	8⅝
Strict Middling	8½
Middling	8⅜
Tinges	8
Stains	6¼@7¾
Receipts yesterday	15

CITY PRODUCE MARKET

(Reported by T. H. Machen.)

JANUARY 21 1886

Corn—per bushel	60@62
Meal—per bushel	65@67
Wheat—per bushel	1.00
Peanuts—per bushel	1.20@1.30
Flour—Family	2.00@2.25
Extra	2.25@2.5
Super	2.30@2.2
Peas—Clay, per bushel	60@70
Mixed	60@65
Oats—shelled	45@50
Dried Fruit—Apples, per lb	3@4
Peaches, peeled	6@7
" unpeeled	3@4
Blackberries	4@5
Potatoes—Sweet	45@50
Irish	50@60
Cabbage, per pound	2@2½
Onions, per bushel	70@75
Beeswax, per pound	24@25
Tallow, per pound	7@7½
Butter, per pound	12@20
Eggs, per dozen	18@19
Chickens	15@20
Ducks	25@30
Turkeys, per pound	8@9
Geese	35@40
Beef, per pound, net	7@8
Mutton, per pound, net	7@5
Pork, per pound, net	7@8
Wool, washed	22
" unwashed	18
Feathers, new	45@50
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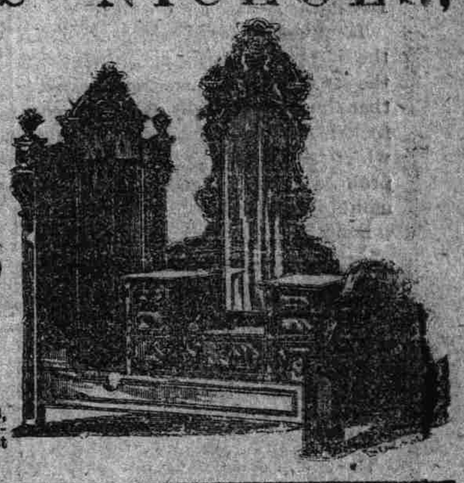

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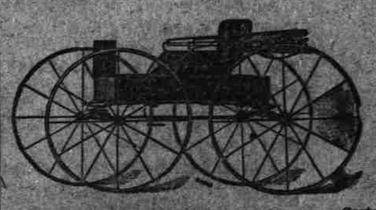

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