

The trade and navigation returns of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland for 1882 give the following items interesting to American commerce: Wheat imported from the United States during 1882, \$95,724,833; Indian corn, \$32,219,350; raw cotton, \$150,330,590; tallow, \$2,500,000; and hewn timber, \$2,721,075. The trade in wheat, Indian corn, cotton and tallow for 1882 shows a diminution as compared with 1881; but the trade in hewn timber, on the contrary, shows a slight increase.

The women suffragists of Massachusetts have had their annual hearing before a legislative committee, and been considered on by a petition signed by sixty ladies of the first families of Boston, protesting against being saddled with political duties. The programme this winter in Massachusetts is to push for municipal suffrage, on the argument that women whose property is taxed by municipal corporations have an indefensible right to be represented in the administration, and instancing the precedent of the voting of women in municipal affairs in England and Scotland.

English physicians claim to have discovered an antidote for alcohol in the Kola nut, a product of tropical Africa. It contains more caffeine than coffee, and has also the active principle of cocoa, without its fatty matter. The negroes of Jamaica use it as a remedy for intoxication, and believe that a single nut ground into a paste, will sober a drunken man in half an hour. Still more, and this is the most wonderful property which this wonderful nut is said to possess, chewing the nut appeases the craving for liquor, and produces an actual distaste for alcoholic drinks. Add to this that it is a valuable tonic and stimulant, and it seems a tax on human credulity to believe that this remarkable vegetable product can possess all the virtues ascribed to it.

Both houses of the New York Legislature bid fair to pass the bill reducing fares on the elevated roads to five cents. It has already passed the House by a practically unanimous vote, and public sentiment is so strongly in its favor that the Senate will be almost compelled to follow suit, in spite of the fact that many of its members are really devoted to corporation interests. The managers of the elevated roads have appealed for a delay of two weeks in order to present their side of the case, but this permission was refused. This shows the influence which an aroused public opinion has even upon men usually little affected by it, and it is probable that the elevated companies which have granted such valuable franchises will be brought to book and compelled to give a fair return therefor, as well as to acknowledge that the power which creates can control.

Bishop Gilmour, of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, Ohio, received a cordial welcome home recently after a visit of several months' duration to Rome and other places in Europe. In an interview the Bishop said he went to Ireland to study the Irish people and the Irish question. He conversed on Irish affairs with many intelligent men, clerical and lay, of every denomination, including seven bishops, but came away wholly unable to understand the cause of Ireland's misery. Misery, he said, is written all over the land. The wretchedness of Ireland is inconceivable. The American people, much as they read and hear of Ireland's wretchedness, can never, without visiting the country, form any idea of it. Two houses are mere pig-sties. He had traveled through the country to the harvest season. Men, women and children were at work in the fields. He found ill-health nowhere, but industry everywhere. He found men of every creed and condition of life commending the objects and intents of the land league, but at the same time disapproving the wild schemes and the theories suggested to arrive at these objects and intents. All recognize that the Irish land question must sooner or later be adjusted, but the more intelligent class commend only cool, calm and deliberate action. There was universal commendation of Gladstone's land bill as a step in the right direction.

The protective tariff men in Congress have been making fearful and earnest appeals in behalf of the American laborer, and have garished all their arguments with the hue and cry that they were working to secure such wages for our native workmen as will enable them to defy competition from the pauper labor of Europe. This all sounds very well and would look to the careless observer as if our law makes of the high protective stripe were the only friends upon whom the workmen could depend for the protection of their interests,

but there are those among the latter class who are not to be seduced by any such taffy. The "Knights of Labor," in the city of New York, recently adopted a preamble and resolution which throw a very large and very wet blanket on all these professions. They are as follows: "Whereas, These philanthropic protectionists not only resisted the just demands of their workmen for wages consistent with a 'protected' industry in a market where capital was protected from foreign competition by direct legislation, but with infamous meanness endeavored to hire and import the pauper labor itself from Europe at pauperizing prices, for the express purpose of defrauding American labor of its fair share in the mutual protection contemplated by a protective tariff: Resolved, That the Central Labor Union repudiates the effort now being made to make defrauded American labor a mere political tool for enhancing the profits of selfish capitalists, who always have ignored every obligation which organized labor was not powerful enough to compel them to fulfill."

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Cards are the devil's books. By all means, then, let us cut them.—*Boston Transcript.*  
Some persons are so artificial that they even talk of their minds as being made up.  
The man whose opinion is of no value is always trying to give it away.—*New Orleans Picayune.*  
By the way, another of the Balaklava "six hundred" has just died. This reduces the ranks to about nine hundred.—*Hartford Post.*  
No matter if the postage is reduced, it is just as much trouble to lick a two-cent stamp as a three-cent one.—*New York Commercial.*  
General Hazen's clerks have had charge of the weather long enough to know that it is always safe to run up danger signals.—*New Orleans Picayune.*  
The English papers call Egypt the "Gate of India." One of those uncommon cases where the fence costs more than the park.—*Burlington Hawkeye.*  
It is harder to sympathize with our friend in his trials than to philosophize over his trials and criticize his manner of bearing them.—*Boston Transcript.*

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A picture of John Brown, abolitionist leader, is being painted by Thomas Hovendon. Brown is represented as kissing a colored child while in *route* to the scaffold.  
Dr. Loring, commissioner of agriculture, is an undisputed candidate for the governorship of Massachusetts at the next election. The commissioner is supported by the stalwarts.  
The new associates of the Royal Academy are Benjamin William Leader, painter; Thomas Brock, sculptor, and Francis Holl, engraver. Of these only the engraver is well known out of England.  
After all, the Prince of Wales will not come to Canada in March next, but an Ottawa telegram says there is a probability that he may attend the meeting of the British Science Association, in Montreal, in 1884.  
Mrs Wm Wallace, who lives at Coleskill, in Schoharie county, New York, remembers when Gen Washington patrolled her on the head nearly a century ago. The Father of his Country was then stopping at the Schuyler mansion, in Coleskill. Mrs Wallace is 104 years old.

The failure of the firm of Ferry & Brother, of which Senator Ferry is the head, is likely to prove very disastrous, is said that Senator Ferry has been inclined to trust everybody who asked for credit, and that both the brothers have been absent and neglectful of their business.  
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