

THE CAROLINA FARMER

IN F. Ballou, of Monday, Condensed.

As the end of December approaches, wholesale trade, as usual, is apt to subside into limited dimensions, with no very sanguine expectations in any quarter of renewed activity until the clearing of the new year affords clearer views of the business future.

In dry goods particularly, the movement has been a quiet one. Of particular descriptions of plain bleached and unbleached cottons, low prices and the dating of bills of purchase ahead sufficiently to throw them into next year's accounts, have induced large buyers in some cases to lay in liberal supplies for the next season's traffic.

The demand for current distribution has been strictly limited to the wants of immediate trade. The clothing of this and other cities have continued their purchases of reasonable woolen and other fabrics for making up well as sorted stocks but their selections have been made with caution, and in the aggregate amount they have probably been less than expected.

Throughout New England there have been a good many suspensions and assignments in addition to those heretofore reported from week to week, and these will probably have additions to them as the year draws to a close.

At Cincinnati the situation is briefly disposed of by the Gazette in these terms: "Trade was generally quiet, but the few favored lines maintained an activity in striking contrast with others less favored."

At New Orleans only a moderate business is reported, with a quiet feeling generally prevailing. The Philadelphia Price Current says: "Both sellers and buyers are operating cautiously, the former scrutinizing credits closely and the latter weighing the chances of Congressional interference with the present revenue and tariff laws."

The Baltimore Trade Review repeats the old story: "An almost entire absence of speculative feeling."

The St. Louis Republican says the markets are without salient features, with indications of a quiet time ahead, and possibly lower prices.

Trade abroad—such branches as we have an interest in—seems to move along in a quiet and narrow channel, with but little prospect of improvement until the approach of next spring.

A London Theatrical Scandal.

The theatrical world of London is just now agitated over a theatrical scandal of no small proportions. One of the best known of London actresses not long ago married a gentleman unconnected with the profession. The lady is considered beautiful; the gentleman was certainly devoted. Shortly after the marriage, however, the wife intimated her intention to return to the stage, and in spite of all protests, persisted in her resolution. An agreement was made accordingly that she should not, at present at any rate, relinquish her profession, and her husband gave consent to her appearing at the theatre where he had first made her acquaintance.

After a short honeymoon, the wife entered into an engagement at the theatre indicated, and made her reappearance. It was noticed by her friends that she was not in good spirits, and she seemed during the performances to be nervous, and to lack that confidence which had hitherto always distinguished her. The part she was playing did not require her presence at the end of the piece, and she left the house just before the fall of the curtain. As she was passing out of the stage entrance a man suddenly stepped forward and made a lunge at her with a knife.

With a cry she rapidly ran back and made her way to the pit door, but was again met by the same man, who again attempted to stab her. She quickly ran to the stall door, followed by two or three persons, but the man had evidently divined her purpose, for he again met her and raised his knife to strike her. He was seized by the theatre officials, and the lady escaped in a cab in the confusion and drove off. "The would-be murderer turned out to be no less than the lady's husband. She is now dodging from hotel to hotel to elude her husband, and he is following her about, vowing to take her life."

The following is a very valuable housewife's table by which persons not having scales and weights as hand may readily measure the articles wanted to form any recipe without the trouble of weighing. Allowance to be made for an extraordinary dryness of moisture of the articles weighed or measured.

Wheat flour, 1 pound is 1 ounce. Indian meal, 1 pound 2 ounces are 1 quart. Butter, when soft, 1 pound is 1 pint. Loaf sugar, broken, 1 pound is 1 quart. White sugar, powdered, 1 pound 1 ounce is 1 quart. Best brown sugar, 1 pound 2 ounces is 1 quart. Ten eggs are 1 pound. Flour, 3 quarts are 1 peck. Flour, four pecks are one bushel. Sixteen large tablespoonfuls are half a pint. Eight large tablespoonfuls are 1 gill. Two gills are half a pint. Two pints are 1 quart. Four quarts are 1 gallon. A common-sized tumbler holds half a pint. A tablespoonful is half an ounce. Forty drops are equal to 1 teaspoonful. Four teaspoonfuls are equal to 1 tablespoonful.

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