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Iron manufacturers in all parts of the country are reducing wages and working on short hours. Many of them have shut down entirely, throwing thousands of men out of employment. How does it happen that this industry, the most thoroughly protected of all, is in such a deplorable condition. For twenty years the legislation of the country has been shaped with an eye single to the prosperity of the iron trade. As it has been the most persistent beggar for subsidies in the form of tariffs, so it has been the recipient of more favors at the hands of Congress than any other interest. It has been pampered in every imaginable way, but its cry has always been for more, and the older it has grown the less ability it has shown to hold its own. The workmen employed by it have suffered more than any other class by strikes, lock-outs and wage-reductions. Their employment is fitful and unreliable. Seeming

prosperity is followed quickly by dullness, poverty and suffering.—Chicago Herald.

An officer of the British army has patented a waterproof match, specimens of which have ignited readily after having been wrapped in a damp rag for twenty-four hours. This is accomplished by coating the phosphorized end of the match with solid paraffine, which, while it protects from slow oxidation, being impervious to water, does not in the slightest degree interfere with the real inflammability of the match.

The sudden death of Herr Lasker has been announced by telegram. This German statesman who has long been ranked as a great leader was walking in New York with a friend when being attacked by a violent fit of coughing, he felt pain in the heart and staggered. He was carried to a neighboring stable, where he expired. He was pre-eminently the leader of the National Liberal party in the German Reichstag. He contributed largely to the unification of the German Empire and warmly sustained Bismarck in his measures to that end. He rose from obscurity—a poor waif—to be one of the chief pillars of his country. Although a liberal, he was universally esteemed, and his death will be greatly regretted by the earnest thinking men of Germany.

There have been fifty-two bills relating to pensions introduced in the present Congress up to date.

Mary V. Young, seventeenth wife of the late Brigham Young, died at Salt Lake City, Utah, Saturday. Sixteen widows, fourteen of whom live in Salt Lake, still survive the prophet.

Gen. Butler, in quitting office, also gave up the habit of tobacco.

## DRIED FRUIT REPORT.

Cherries, pitted,	17
Damson, Plums,	10
Whortleberries,	10
Blackberries,	8
Apples, quartered,	4 to 5
Apples, sliced, common,	3 to 5
Apples, sliced, bright,	4 to 7
Apples, sliced, fancy,	to 8
Peaches, dark, peeled,	4 to 8
Peaches, bright, peeled,	8 to 10
Peaches, fancy, peeled,	10 to 14
Peaches, quarter, unpeeled,	5
Peaches, halves, unpeeled,	4

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