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BRITISH TRADE.

Returns to the British Board of Trade, now available to the end of August, are not exactly cheering. The total value of British exports in August was only £18,773,900, compared with £20,327,000 in August a year ago, a falling off of £1,552,000, or nearly 7-7 per cent. The month's imports are valued at £33,371,000, an increase over August, 1896, of £8,900,000, about 2-7 per cent. From this it is easy to perceive that the United Kingdom received more, but sent out less, and one naturally turns to the operation of the new tariff bill in the United States to explain a part of the check to British exports. In one analysis of August foreign trade returns in Great Britain it is pointed out that the United States took British goods in the month named to the value of only £413,000, as compared with £1,075,000, in August a year ago, a decrease of £662,000, or more than \$3,300,000. The Statist estimates the falling off in all August purchases of British products in the United States at \$3,500,000, and concludes that other countries must have reduced their August purchases in Great Britain by fully \$4,250,000, of which India is regarded as responsible for a decrease of \$1,250,000, and Brazil, and Argentina, and China for about \$3,000,000. Of course the decline in August exports to the United States is due in part to previous shipments in anticipation of the Dingley bill, but the shipments for nine months this year, though somewhat larger than in the corresponding period of last year, are still nearly three million pounds below those of the nine months in 1895.

The total value of British exports for eight months ending August 31 is given at £157,686,000, as against £160,832,000 in the like portion of the preceding year, a decline of £3,146,000, nearly 2 per cent. The larger portion of which is explained to have fallen upon Lancashire, inasmuch as it had so greatly reduced its purchases. The actual decline in British cotton goods exported is stated to amount to \$4,078,000. The Bradford district has also fallen behind the record for last year, the decline in value of exports of British wools and worsted goods for eight months of 1897 being £1,826,000, nearly 16 per cent. Records of foreign shipments of British iron and steel are rather more favorable if tin plates are excluded, total values being slightly larger in the past eight months than in 1896.

The total value of importations into the United Kingdom between January 1st and August 31st of this year has increased £11,438,000, more than 4 per cent, a large portion of which is due to increased receipts of food products other than wheat and wheat flour, to the heavily increased arrivals of wood and higher prices for wheat and wheat flour.

The Orator Revened.
Mr. F. P. Stearns, in his book of "Sketches From Concord to Appledore," describes the occasion that revealed Phillips, the orator.
In October, 1837, he was married to Miss Anna Green, a cousin to Mrs. Maria Chapman. In November occurred the riot at Alton, Ill., and the assassination of Lovejoy. Dr. Channing's first petition for an indignation meeting in Panouil hall was refused by the authorities, but a second and more urgent one was granted. The audience was almost equally divided between the antislavery people and their opponents, who made the most noise and disturbance. It seemed as if the meeting would end in confusion.

"I went there," said Wendell Phillips, 25 years later, "without the least intention of making a speech or taking any part in the proceedings. My wife and Mrs. Chapman wished to go, and I accompanied them. I remember wearing a long surtout, a brand new one, with a small cape, as was the fashion of the day, and after the attorney general made his speech, denouncing Lovejoy as a fool, I suddenly felt myself inspired, and, tearing off my overcoat, started for the platform.

"My wife seized me by the arm, half terrified, and said: 'Wendell, what are you going to do?' 'I replied, 'I am going to speak, if I can make myself heard.'"
The uproar was so great that the chairman asked Dr. Channing if he could stand thunder. But the personal beauty of Mr. Phillips so surprised all hearers that they paused to listen to him and were so charmed by his eloquence that they neglected to make any further disturbance. The attorney general was wholly discomfited, and Dr. Channing's resolutions were carried by a substantial majority.

Mr. Phillips was only 26 years of age when he delivered the spontaneous, magnetic speech which proclaimed him a vigorous, original orator.



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History on a Watch
Almost the last work of the Belgian astronomer Houzeau, deceased, was an article in which, while arguing in favor of a decimal division of time, he pointed out the origin of the double set of 12 hours represented on our watch and clock faces. The ancient inhabitants of Mesopotamia chose the number 12 as an arithmetical base because it has four divisors—viz, 2, 3, 4 and 6, while 10 has only two divisors—viz, 2 and 5. They counted 12 hours in the day and 12 in the night, measuring the day by the progress of the sun and the night by the progress of the stars across the sky. This system, prevailing over all others, has come down to us, and so our watches bear on their faces a souvenir of those ancient days when the sun served for a clock hand half of the time and the stars the other half.—Youth's Companion.

Her Awful Ordeal.
"Mary had a dreadful experience on her trip to Painesville?"
"How was that?"
"Why, she got something in her eye, and it hurt her so that she asked a nice looking young man to look for it, and he was so dreadfully nearsighted that he got so close that his big mustache tickled her nose, so that in trying not to sneeze right in his face she burst four buttons off her new jacket."
"Dear me!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer

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He Got His Dose.
The llama of South America is an expert marksman, though it never uses its craft in the procurement of its food. Only when annoyed and angry does it give an exhibition of its wonderful skill in hitting the object aimed at. The llama's weapon is its mouth. Its bullet is composed of saliva and chewed hay.
Several years ago, at the fair grounds in St. Louis, I witnessed an exhibition of this creature's powers of expectation, in which the victim was a country beau, who came very near losing his sweetheart thereby. This young man was one of those self sufficient individuals who imagine that knowledge sits enthroned in the temples of their own personal intellects; that what they do not know is not worth knowing. He was annoying the llama (the animal stood in the center of its pen, probably 15 feet or more from its tormentor) by throwing clouds of dirt at it and by beating on the rails of the pen with his cane.

I saw by the creature's actions that it was angry. The rapid movements of its jaws indicated that it was preparing to attack its persecutor. I warned the young man, telling him what to expect. His sweetheart begged him to desist and to come away. But he treated my warning with derision and told the girl that he "knew his business." Suddenly there came a whizzing, whistling noise, followed by a sharp spat. The young wisecrack lay supine upon his back with his eyes and forehead plastered with a disgusting mixture of saliva, hay and mucus.

"I hate a fool!" said the girl, as she shouldered her parasol and walked away.
I saw them again in the monkey house some time afterward, but the man was a changed being. He had learned his lesson in decorum. He had been taught modesty by the good marksmanship of a llama.—James Weir, Jr., in Lippincott's.

Located by an Echo.
A most interesting method of employing the echo of a sound has been devised for the location of the carriers which sometimes become lodged in the underground pneumatic tubes. Knowing that sound travels at a speed of, roughly, 1,100 feet per second, and the time measured in thousandths of a second between the firing of a pistol shot into the conduit and the arrival of the echo at the outlet of the tube, a simple calculation gives the exact location of the obstruction. The mean of five experiments in the recent test gave 2,793 seconds, and when the sound velocity was corrected for air temperature the obstruction was located at 1,537 feet from the instrument, which was the exact location.—Boston Transcript.

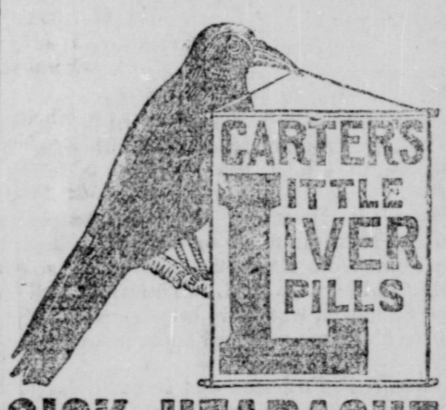
English Lighthouses.
During the reign of Queen Elizabeth a religious brotherhood known as the Brotherhood of the Most Glorious and Undivided Trinity was directed by an act of parliament to preserve ancient sea marks and to erect beacons and "signs of the sea." For more than 100 years this brotherhood kept up the ancient sea marks, but erected nothing new. Then they began to purchase and operate lights owned by private individuals or by societies, and still later they commenced to build lighthouses and beacons. Finally, in 1856, parliament gave Trinity house the entire control of the lighthouses of England.—Lieutenant John M. Ellicott, U. S. N., in St. Nicholas

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I don't know how she captured him, but he comes here just the same,
And for fear that he will stay away I will not give his name.
But I only hope he'll always come; I really love him so,
For everything is now so nice since sister's got a beau.
I can spin my top in the parlor and generally have my way.
Yesterday a boy cut loose my kite, and sis bought one today.
She also gave me marbles and took me to a show.
I feel so happy now to say that sister's got a beau.
The roosters and the chickens all seem to be so proud,
And the cats upon the back yard fence at night sing extra loud.
The birds up in the tree tops their happiness do show.
And this has all been brought about since sister's got a beau.
I hope some one will make him come, I only wish I could.
Yes, there's two bits a week I get for keeping ma in wood.
I'll give this money to this man—sis calls him Mr. Joe—
Because I'm having too good a time for sis to lose that beau.
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