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### CHEESE IN ENGLAND.

The Montreal Gazette of Wednesday discusses the cheese market and says: "Cheese was certainly strong and active on spot-to-day what ever may be said of discounting advices from the other side. Buyers in a sense were tumbling over one another to get Quebec makes, with the natural result that values on this grade were very firmly held, a large quantity of stock changing hands at 8 1/2c, and many holders refused that figure, asking 8 1/2c. It private cables are to be believed the snap is entirely confined to this side of the water, for bids over the cable were about equivalent to 8 1/2c and 8 1/2c on French cheese. This meant that they would have to be bought around 8c to allow the shipper a margin for his trouble, and, of course, the offers led to nothing. But, as stated, the fact did not interfere with active buying. Finest Ontario makes were held firm at 8 1/2c to 8 3/4c, which last week could have been bought for a 1/8c per pound less. Apparently the two circumstances are hard to reconcile, but the difference between the cable offers and what was paid here was, no doubt, due to the low priced sales on short account. It seems pretty evident, however, despite the heavy exports this summer, that the Englishmen have been eating the cheese more rapidly than many expected. Reports that there is little or no accumulation on the other side tend to confirm this belief, and with this fact in view many in the trade consider cheese a purchase, even at the advance, and are acting accordingly. At any rate, the big slump that has been predicted from week to week seems a long time in materializing.

Finest Ontario cheese	8 1/2c to 8 3/4c
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### NOTES AND COMMENTS

Statistics show an increase of a million pounds in British imports from Canada during the past half year, and a decrease of £300,000 in exports. Canada is the only colony showing an increase in exports to the motherland.

The Washington correspondent of the London Daily Mail gives the inside reasons for the present craze to annex Hawaii. He writes:—"Hawaii has an outstanding debt of some \$4,000,000, represented by bonds at present worth thirty cents on the dollar. If she were absorbed by the United States and this debt assumed, these bonds would at once go to par or beyond. Now, it happens that the bulk of these bonds are held by a coterie of our far-seeing old senators upon Capitol Hill. But further than the bond business, which is only a small matter of \$4,000,000, the Sugar Trust will soon want the annexation of Hawaii, and what the Sugar Trust wants it usually gets. Claus Spreckles, the Sugar King of the Pacific Coast, and for many years the only rival of the Trust, has had an option for a term of years on the Hawaiian sugar crop. He had also the benefit of the reciprocity clause of the Hawaiian treaty, which brought him his raw sugar at encouragingly low figures as to tariff. But his option is due to run out in a few months, and there has been a strong cry in congress against the renewal of the reciprocity clause in the Hawaiian treaty, this clause being one of the essential features of the present tariff bill. The Sugar Trust is ready to enter the lists with Spreckles, if need be, and bid doubtfully for the next option on the Hawaiian crop, but, naturally, it does not want to pay duty on Hawaiian sugar. What is simpler than annexing Hawaii? Of course, the Sugar Trust wants it, and we usually give the Trust what it wants."

Montreal Star: Fatalities from "offensive partisanship" are still reported in the ranks of the civil service. There must be some inoffensive partisans yet out of jobs.

Montreal Gazette: In Germany it is believed that one result of Premier Canovas assassination will be that Spain will have to let Cuba go. There are those who think that this would be the best thing that could happen to both Spain and Cuba. As it is, the mother-land is bleeding herself white to hold the colony in misery.

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### AN AREAL PHANTOM.

BY A BANKER.

Amongst the strangest of all natural phenomena may be included that remarkable optical effect known as the mirage, or *fata morgana*. The cause which produces this singular and somewhat rare spectacle is at present but imperfectly understood; it is however assumed that an aqueous condition of the atmosphere must exist, sufficiently dense as to form a sort of mirror, more or less concave, upon which the objects in the vicinity are reflected and magnified, the apparent effect being that they are brought appreciably nearer to the beholder. The writer has on two occasions been fortunate in witnessing this phenomenon in the South of England. A considerable number of ships were sailing on the horizon, when gradually a most extraordinary appearance presented itself, for over each vessel appeared an inverted duplicate, a veritable phantom ship, the top of the mainmast resting upon the corresponding part of the real ship. As the vessel tacked, so the course of the phantom was altered: as a sail was lowered, so the phantom sailors, standing on their heads, lowered a phantom sail; every movement of the real and substantial vessel being exactly imitated by its spectral companion; the one however, being apparently equally real and solid as the other. Every vessel in sight had its double, following it about overhead as a living nightmare; every sailor on deck had an inverted ghost, who copied his every movement with exact precision; if he ran up the ratlines the spectre ran down to meet him, returning upwards to his overhanging deck when the living sailor descended. If he saluted his superior officer the spectre did the same at the same moment, as if the two were animated by the same power. After a time all this vanished away, and

"Like the baseless fabric of a vision,  
Left not a wrath behind."

Occasionally this phenomenon is observed to invert high in air objects far below the horizon, bringing them within the range of vision of an observer situated far beyond the natural range. In this way some of Sir John Franklin's ships were discovered, and in the English Channel, Dispepe has been seen from Dover, even the fishing boats in the harbour, the buildings, and the different color of the land on the heights being also visible. Of course, this was ordinarily quite out of sight, being below the horizon.

This form of mirage occasionally happens in the desert in a most tantalising manner, for the weary traveller sees, a short distance in front of him, a beautiful oasis, palms waving in a refreshing breeze, which he feels not in the parching, sultry, heavy air, green grass on which he hopes to regale his exhausted camels, pools of delicious water rippling in the moving air, to which he hurries on in order to assuage his burning thirst, and to bathe his heated and weary limbs. Eagerly he presses forward, impetuous for a draught of that cool and grateful liquid, when to his dismay and hopeless despair he finds that it was all but a tantalizing illusion, that has faded away into nothing, dashing all his hopes of pleasure to the ground, and leaving him to plod his weary way over the hot, burning sand. And do not very many of us in our pursuit of pleasure exactly repeat this traveller's experience, and find that the pleasure we had been eagerly pursuing, to the eternal ruin of soul and body, was but an insubstantial mirage, which eluded our ardent grasp, and left us a panting and exhausted wreck, ruined both for this world and for the next? But there are pleasures, solid and lasting pleasures, so ecstatic that the mind of man is incapable even of conceiving their overwhelming glory, which are accessible to all who care to possess them. And the only way to secure an inheritance to those pleasures is to "Fear God and keep His commandments," the atonement made once for all by the Saviour of the world being a sure and absolute passport to all who will but accept it.

### HE'S A BRICK.

In this heading slang? Well, it is a very ancient form of slang. The meaning is given us by Plutarch in his "Life of Agesilaus, King of Sparta."

On a certain occasion an ambassador from Epirus, on a diplomatic mission, was shown by the king over his capital. The ambassador knew of the monarch's fame—knew that, though nominally only King of Sparta, he was ruler of Greece—and he had looked to see massive walls rearing aloft their embattled towers for the defence of the city, but found nothing of the kind. He marvelled much at this, and spoke of it to the king. "Sire," said he, "I have visited most of the principal towns, and I find no walls reared for defence. Why is this?" "Indeed, Sir Ambassador," replied Agesilaus, "thou canst not have looked carefully: Come with me to-morrow morning, and I will show you the wall of Sparta." Accordingly, on the following morning, the king led his guest out upon the plain, where his army was drawn up in full array, and pointing proudly to the patriots he said: "There thou beholdest the walls of Sparta, 10,000 men, and every man a brick."

Winnipeg firms have sent an experimental shipment of butter to the Klondike.

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### Ancient Tombstones.

The custom of inscribing upon tombstones was in vogue among the Greeks and Romans. The Greeks only did this, however, in the case of their illustrious men, but when a Roman died he was duly buried near a highway, and on his tomb one was carved a suitable inscription, which in the majority of cases began with "Sta. viator" (stop, traveler).

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Funny Requests For Books That Amuse and Amaze Employees.

Once in awhile the clerks in the public library get hold of a good joke through the ignorance of people who come there to take out books. It was not long ago that a woman who was anxious to join the Daughters of the American Revolution came there to look up her family history and get her facts and claims ready to submit to the committee on membership. She went about it in rather a queer way. After looking about aimlessly through the index for a time she discovered "Lossing's Family History of the United States." She wrote her request for the books on one of the cards provided for that purpose and was quite indignant with the clerk who handed it to her because it did not contain what she wanted.

It was not long after this incident that another woman, who, from her dress and appearance, the clerks thought, might be literary, wrote on one of the cards a request for "The Autocrat of the Breakfast Table."

"Holmes' Autocrat, do you want?" politely asked the clerk.

"Oh, I don't care whose it is," was the reply. "I only want to find out if it is proper to use toothpicks at the breakfast table."

Another request for a magazine which the applicant said was called Brain kept one of the clerks busy hunting half an hour before he discovered that what was wanted was the magazine called Mind. Still another clerk was shocked the other day by a request for Washington Irving's "Alabama." The clerk mildly suggested "Alhambra."—Chicago Times-Herald.



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