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PLOT VS. PRINCIPLE.

"I couldn't help liking them, for my Anna used to read them to me by the hour, during that last year of her life, and when she got too weak to hold the book, I used to read them to covered on the old farm." her," he said, slyly brushing a tear from his eyes.

"You have a right to love them, then," the young girl answered, in a besides indications of oil in vartone of sympathy; "but," as a sud- lous spets. I've known it for years, den thought occurred to her, "what and, little by little, I've been buying edition have yea, Mr. Ruggles?" "It is the di'mond, I believe; it's a could get held of, and I've got it for homely little book, and it's most worn a mere song for it wasn't considered out, but I wouldn't part with it for good for much. There have been a a whole handful of di'monds."

"Of course not; to must be very Owen Ruggles was a little cracked sacred to you. But, if you will allow in the upper story, for wasting his me. I showed like to give you an edi- money in such a way. But I reckon, tion that is illustrated." Ruby said, since a shaft was sunk this fall and hesitatingly; "I have two, and I the black di'monds have been pourknow you would enjoy it, while it ing out as fast as they could be would please me to know that you carried off, the boot has pinched

Well, now, that is what I call mighty kind, and I such a stranger to you. I'm sure you've used me handsome to-night, and I shan't forget it," he answered, with an earnestness that touched her deeply. She excused herself for a few mo-

ments, and ran up to her own room, where, after taking from her bookcase a handsomely-bound volume, she retraced her steps to present it to her new acquaintance.

as she reached the library door again, she found it ajar while she heard an angry, excited voice say: "Whatever brought you here, of all places in the world?"

Then Mr. Ruggles explained why he "It was the most outlandish thing I ever heard of," returned that other voice: "don't you know any better than to intrude into a private residence like this? and of all times upon such an occasion as this? If you must have the man's autograph, why on earth couldn't you go to the hotel where he is stopping to get it?" "I didn't know where he put up, Ed-

mund," replied in. Reggles in a humble, hurt tone, "and I didn't chink anybody would begrudge me a sight of him. I did not know as I should ever have another chance, and-and I've loved him for years."

"Pshaw! that is all maudlin sentiment. What do you suppose this company must have thought to see such a guy as you are in yonder drawing. room?-in that coat and those boots! Man! man! hadn't you no sense?" and Edmund Carpenter's tone was obnoxious in the extreme.

"Really, Edmund, I consider that I look very respectable," responded Mr. Ruggles, with some snow of spirit. "To be sure my coat Isn't hacked down to a point at the tails. and my shirt bosom isn't all out of doors. But as for my boots, they'll outwear a dozen pair of yours. The young lady. Miss Gordon, hasn't acted as if there was anything out of the way about my clothes. She has treated me just like any of the rest

of the felks." " Well, for heaven's sake, don't let her know that you are anything to me," was the irritable rejoinder; "and, if you'll take my advice, you'll make yourself scarce as quick-

"But the young lady is going to give me a book. She'd think it very unhandsome of me to leave before she comes back," objected Mr. Rug-

"I'll make your excuses to her, and if she is very anxious for you to have the book, I will send it to you

"I guess I shan't go till she comes," replied the man, doggedly; "and I take it as rather hard, Edmund, that my brother's son should be ashamed of me, and say such cutting things

"My father was not your brother," claim of relationship.

"Well, we were brought up together like brothers, if we did not have the same father, and I am sure I loved him like one. By the way, where is your brother, Walter?" "I have no brother. Walter Richardson became apprenticed to a carpenter after my father's death." "What! Didn't he have any of the property?"

"Why should he? He had legal claim upon any of us." "Then there was no will. I heard so, but I couldn't believe it, for I know that Ralph loved the boy, and it was not like him to leave him unprovided for. We didn't get your letter in season to come to the funeral, so I've never had a chance to learn how matters were settled; but I suppose you will see him well

started in the world." "Indeed, J shall not," replied Mr. " Walter Carpenter, decidedly. Richardson is nothing to me, and has already been benefited at my expense more than he had a right

to expect." "And you made him give up col-

"Well," said Edmund. growing warm in the face over the reproach that he had been keenly stung by implied in the man's tones. "I what Mr. Carpenter had said to thought it was time he began to him. "I know that my brother apdo something for himself. I of preciates your desire to see our fered him a place in the office, but friend, while I heard Mr. Whitfield be had an abundance without it. he refused it and went to work as say that he did not know when he a carpenter; so I let him go his had been so honored."

own way.' "Well, well, I am sorry, for he Mr. Ruggles interrupted, his goodis a promising young man. I did natured face all aglow. think I'd go out to Forestvale to "Indeed he did. He thought it very make you a call and ask about him kind of you to come so far just to see to-morrow."

"I have an engagement for to-mor- been instrumental in securing the inrow, and shall not be at home, but | terview for you, and," the young girl Mrs. Coxon will be there to enter- concluded, with a charming smile, "if tain you, if you care to go out to you ever come to Philadelphia again, estvale at all. the house," Edmund returned, coldly, I hope you will make me another call. "Where can I find Walter?" Mr. I promise you that I will give you a Ruggles asked, in a grave tone.

"I believe he lives with a man by I've heard that he is in the office of light in his eyes as they lingered upon Conant, the architect, some of the her fair, sweet face, "and if you'd like him below.

ished his education," remarked Mr. comes again, mother and I wil' be Owen Ruggles, reflectively. "You'd better adopt him then and Redville. It's right on the Alleghany He knew that he was rude and let him go on," retorted young Car- River, and lots of folks come up that | uncultivated in manner, but that his penter, with a sneer. "That's not a bad idea, Edmund," comfortable place-'taint fine like woman's.

souldn't gain very much by the transaction," remarked Mr. Ruggles, dryly. "You haven't heard, may be, that there's been a coal mine

"No!" replied the voung man, note of eager interest in his tone. "Yes, sir, and a valuable one, too, up all the land west of me that I great many people whe've thought t'other foot."

"Really, Uncle Owen, you astonish me," returned Edmund Carpenter, in a tone that had changed perceptibly. "I don't see but you bid company, and I shouldn't wonder is rich or poor, high or low." if I should want to take some stock. Perhaps I will run up to Redville and look into the thing be- remarked, with a somewhat crestfore snow flies."

Ruby nearly laughed outright at pressive.

She had been waiting for an op- & feeling of uneasiness. portunity to enter the room to not like to intrude.

ears; but she kept hoping they lim. would stop so that she could go in,

A good deal had been revealed to be asked. her that she had never suspected bespects darkened by one who should and one that is keenly alive selor, while the insight which she had he would never love the poems gained regarding the character of her Mr. Whitfield as he appears to. ncreese her respect for him.

at this last pause in the conversaion, pushed the door open, and entered the room.

pleasure at her appearance, and Edmund Carpenter, though he started slightly as he thus became conscious hat the door had not been securely closed, approached her with a most affable smile, and remarked:

"Really, Miss Ruby, I have had quite a surprise this evening in finding my uncle, Mr. Ruggles, is a guest here, while he informs me that you bave shown him a marked favor." Ruby could with difficulty control her countenance at this unexpected

speech, for only a few moments preious she had heard him begging that the man would not claim kinship with him, and now he was actually calling him "uncle" in her presence in spite of his being such a "guy." Mr. Ruggles' round gray eyes also twinkled with amusement at this sudden change in the young man's

"I am sure I was very glad to oblige Mr. Ruggles," Ruby answered, somewhat coldly, and then she turned to her new friend, adding: "This is the book I told you about, and I am sure you will enjoy it, for the illustrations are very fine. Please accept it, with my compliments."

"It is very good of you, miss, to take so much pains for a rough old man like me, and I shan't forget it o' you. I'm afraid," he added, in an apologetic true. "that I haven't done just the right thing to come here to-night where there is such a company of high-toned people. I hope you'll forgive me for taking so much too, to excuse me for-for being so

"I am very glad you came, Mr. and she was glad for several reas-

discovered that breadcloth and polshed manners may sometimes cover picable character.

"Pray do not feel uncomfortable because you came without a special invitation," she continued, wishing to reassure her guest, for she saw "Did he say that, Miss Gordon?"

him, while I am very happy to have

cordial welcome." "Thank you, thank you miss." to come up into the country for a right glad to see you to our placeRuby returned, with animation,

"Well, now, I like that; it shows sonally acquainted with and fond of that you ain't a mite set up her. because you've always been rich, way Heaven bless you, Miss Gordon! the hand, "how glad I am to see you. You've warmed my old heart with When did you come to the city, and your kindness to-night, and you may why have you not been to see us bebe sure I shan't forget it," the man earnestly responded.

Be brushed a tear from his cheek ded, in a low, grave tone. as he turned to leave the room; for the attention he had received from Walter," said Mr. Ruggles, earnestthis beautiful girl made him icei own childlessness more keenly

than usual to-night. where she bade him a friendly farethe brilliant company in the draw- block." ing room.

CHAPTER IX. Owen Ruggles Pays Walter a Visit. "That is a queer specimen of manity who has just left us," Miss Ruby," remarked Edmund Carpenter, as he followed her into the drawing-

"Queer? Well, perhaps, he may be somewhat peculiar, but I am sure he is a noble man at heart," she plied, thoughtfully...

"What is your idea of a 'noble man, Miss Gorden?" asked Edmund, with a sarcastic smile. Ruby turned and looked Edmund straight in the eyes.

"One who would never be guilty of a mean or cruel ac* one who possesses fair to be a rich man if that is the a kind and generous heart, and is case. I suppose you'll be forming a courteous to every one, whether he Her companion winced.

"Your standard is a high one," "Ahem! I guess I sha'n't have "It is not my 'standard,' Mr. Car-

any 'engagement,' and I'll show penter; it is the standard of One Who you round with pleasure. I don't ever taught lessons of nobility and of know about the 'company' though | charity; Who commanded us to love -I ain't so poor as I might be, and our neighbors as ourselves, and do I guess I can manage the thing for unto others as we would wish to be myself for the present," was the done by," the lovely girl replied, with a gentle gravity that was very im-

Edmund Carpenter regarded her with

He would have given a great deal give Mr. Ruggles his book, but upon to know if she had overheard much of discovering that the conversation his conversation with Owen Ruggles. was of a personal nature, she did He was sure, from her manner, that she had heard something he would She had not meant to be a listener have preferred she had not, for her to anything not intended for her bearing was reserved and cold toward

"Do you imagine that a man like and thus had heard what we have Mr. Ruggles can be susceptible to the proprieties and etiquette of high life?

"Why, certainly, Mr. Carpenter. He fore. One thing particularly surprised proved that to-night by his evident her, and that was that Walter Rich. appreciation of a courteous reception. ardson had been a protege of Edmund | He may not be able to practise them Carpenter's father, and that he had himself-he may not have had the been heartlessly sent adrift upon socie and educational advantages the world since his friend's death; that have fallen to our lot; but turned Walter. "He wanted me to go his education cut short, and his pro- he certainly has a tender heart, into the counting-room, but I could have been a kind protector and coun- to what is good and beautiful; else would be-suitor was not calculated to believe we should treat every one, She made a bold venture, however, we desire and expect to be treated ourselves."

"And would you like to go to Redville? Did you really mean work was bringing me nearer the Mr. Ruggies' face lighted with that you would enjoy making him a visit next summer?' Edmund Carpenter asked, curiously.

"Indeed I did; surely you do tion. not imagine that I would tell the coloring.

gets in the habit of saying plea- always had everything you wanted. sant things as a matter of form." and Edmund is living in clover. Why Ruby thought this could not be didn't you come to me for help?" laid to his charge as a rule; but "I did not think of it, sir; and, beshe answered with a trifle of hau- sides-if it had occurred to me, I doubt teur in her manner:

judge so skeptically of people; I something of a struggle for you." fear your faith in the honesty of humanity is not very strong. But, Mr. Carpenter, I despiose anything | that's had that notion," he said, with which savors of untruthfulness or a wise look; "but I've had more of deceit, and I never say what I do | this world's goods all along than most

oning to her just then, and she was thing that I choose to set my heart per basket, according to quality; ap- travellers with samples in other deterrupted. Her respect for her companion had rapidly diminished

during the last half hour. "Excuse me, Florence Partridge wants me," she said, and flitted from | year or two. his side without further ceremony. leaving him greatly disturbed and crestfallen. He saw no more of her that evening, except to receive a brief 'good-night," as he made his adieus. wen Ruggles for aaving come there in that strange fashion, which had so resulted in his own discomfiture. He was angry with himself also, for havof your time, and ask your brother. Ing treated him so surlily. Such treatment was entirely uncalled for, for he need not have seen him at all, and he knew he had rendered himself con-Ruggles," Ruby answered, cordially; temptible in Ruby Gordon's sight, while, if Owen Ruggles' story was true, he was destined to be a very It had shown her "at a noble na. I ch man, and he, the son of the halfture could be concern, beneath a brother whom he had dearly loved; rough exterior, while she had also might have become his heir, perhaps, if he had played his cards differently. Then, too, he feared he had made an an unfeeling heart, a warped and des. egregious blunder in the sarcastic proposa! he had made, that Mr. Ruggles should adopt Walter, for the man had evidently seized it with eagerness. He so hated the young man-as one who does another an injury always hates its object-that he felt it would

be a most mortifying and humiliating blow to have him step in between him and a large inheritance, even though He resolved, however, to do what he could toward making amends for his rudeness : to remain at home the following day and exert himself to entertain his uncouth visitor: while, later, he would run up to Redville and

interest himself in his plans for busi-But Owen Ruggles did not trouble his half-brother's son for entertainment; he did not get out to For-

The next morning, while Walter was busily engaged upon some fine finishing upon the inside of the building where he was working. Mr. the name of Wayland; though Owen Ruggles said, with a tender Wayland came to him and informed him that some one wanted to see

He immediately went down to as-"It's too bad he couldn't have fin- week or a month, when hot weather certain who it was, and his face lighted with real pleasure as he recognized Owen Ruggles.

"That's not a bad idea, Edmund," said his companion, in an eager to top.

The young man gave a little to proud to do our best for you."

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"That's not a bad idea, Edmund," comfortable place—'taint fine like this," he added, glancing around him, be was a boy, when he went to spend be proud to do our best for you."

"I haven't a child in the world, Wallow to go deal of allowance. Last to be given at the figures may be accepted be proud to do our best for you."

"I haven't a child in the world, Wallow with a good deal of allowance. Last to begin at the bottom, and then just to be well over 400,000,000,000 bushels of turn things upside down.

should like to know Mrs. Ruggles." as much feeling as if he had been per- man."

"Oh, Mr. Ruggles," he cried, giv- the city?" ing his old friend a hearty shake of fore? I was so sorry you could not come when Unc'e Ralph died," he ad-

ly scanning his face. "Why, of course I am ; why shouldn't

I be? I have not forgotten how kind Ruby accompanied him to the door, you have always been to me. Come in here and rest for a few minutes; then well, and then returned once mere to I will show you around our new

> He led the way into a room that was nearly finished, seated him upon a nail keg, and, occupying another, chatted with him for a little while, after which he took him to Mr. Wayland, to whom he introduced him-He then showed him over the buildings, and during this tour of inspection Mr. Ruggles endeavored to sound Walter regarding his plans for the future. "It is a great pity, Walter, that you had to give up college. I cannot understand it. I know that Ralph set a sight by you, and he always told me that he should serve you like a son." "And so he did, Mr. Ruggles, as long as he lived, and I loved him like a father," Walter auswered. " As for college-well, I should have rejoyed completing my course, but I could not, so I must make the most of what education I have obtained."

"But wouldn't you like to go back now? Say the word, my boy, and you shall go," said Owen Ruggles, searching the young man's face with an

"I think it would hardly be wise 'or me to do that, under existing circumstances. (want to be a business man and get to doing something for myself as soon as possible. After Uncle Raiph died and I found that I must look out for myself, I wished to enter an architect's office and fit myself for that profession: but Mr. Conant, to whom I applied, advised me to learn all that I could about carpentering first; so I have been hard at work at it during the last year. There is a little more that I wish to learn before I go into the office for good. which will be very soon-indeed, I am there a good deal of my time now."

"Do you like carpentering?" asked "I have been growing to like it better during the last few months, I am confident that it is going to be of great practical use to me, though I know that office-work will be more to

"Edmund ought to have helped you," remarked Mr. Ruggles with a grave

shake of the head. not bring my mind to that, so I preferred to accept Mr. Conant's offer. It has been rather up-hill work. It was pretty tough on my back and hands at first, for was so unused to anywithout regard to externals, as thing of the kind; but I have been growing stronger all the time, and my courage has been good, for I have felt that every day of faithful, honest | cwt. goal that I am anxious to reach." Owen Ruggles looked into the frank,

manly face beside him with admira-"With that spirit, you are sure to man an untruth?" returned . Ruby, win your way in life," he said; "but, Walter, I don't exactly like it, to have "No, pardon me. But yet, one you drudging like this when you've

if I could have asked you. I have al-"I am sorry to know that you ways had an idea that life has been Farmer Ruggles chuckled at this. "I guess you ain't the only one

> people have given me credit for; and Walter lookked astonished at this information, and Mr. Ruggles proceeded

to tell him of his discoveries that had been made on his farm during the last apples, plentiful, at 25 to 30c; Span- the province are buying more largely "And now," he concluded, "if you mushrooms, \$1 per 10-quart basket.

want to set up for yourself in the architect business, you can do it, and I'll be your backer as long as you need one. You've got the true grit in you, For Boys and Girls to Get Some Money He went home very angry with and you've always been a favorite of mine. I'd just enjoy helping you over the ground a little faster than you'd be able to go alone, and show Edmund that there are other lolks to appreciate and look out for you, if he doesn't."

Walter colored crimson at this offer. He was deeply touched, for, aside from good Mrs. Coxon, who had shown him many little favors during the past year, there had been no one to

Mr. Carpenter's death. "You are very kind," he said, in a prizes for open competition: voice that was a trifle unsteady: "and, I suppose, if you had made me est number of seeds: this offer at the outset, I should have asked you to help me through college | \$10, third prize \$5, fourth prize \$4, and then let me study in some archi- fifth prize \$3, sixth prize \$2, seventh tect's office. I asked Edmund to lend me the money for that purpose, promising to return it as soon as I could | tweifth prize \$1; total \$50. earn it-"

"And wouldn't he?" demanded Farwith resentment.

"No. He was offended because I would not do as he wished, and told me to go my own way; he should I have had a great deal done for me in | per acre.

continued, "that since I have begun | making the awards. for myself and gone on well so far, I I hope the boys and girls will not might as well continue in the same | trouble to write for any further inway. I rather enjoy the independence formation, but select the 100 largest of looking out for number one; and, heads of grain, and save them carethough my salary is small. I have | fully with the grain on. managed very comfortably, and I I shall watch with keen interest the shall soon be receiving more. I shall part the boys and girls and teachers need to remain with Mr. Conant a take in this movement for the imyear or two longer before i shall be provement of the crops of the country. fit to attempt business for myself, so I guess I'll keep on as I have begun, and build upon my own foundation. way to spend the summer. We've a heart was as kind and gentle as a he concluded, "and I hope I may in 000,000 poods, or almost 396,000,-I am very grateful to you, though,"

self in his boyish pleasures and, more something for you. But, perhaps, you our standard, equivalent to an and you need not be surprised if I than all, by listening to his cherish- pluck, and I know you'll come out all

"Thank you, sir; and now, can do anything for you while you are in

tion it and come along with me."

(To be Continued.)

Market Reports The Week.

LEADING WHEAT MARKETS, Following are the closing prices at important wheat centres to-day: \$0 73 1-8 New York Milwaukee 073 St. Louis 0721-4 0735-8 Toledo Detroit, red 0723-4 075 Detroit, white

Duluth, No. 1 N.... 0701-4 Duluth, No. 1 H. ... 0721-2 Minneapolis 0 69 3-4 0 69 1-4 TORONTO FARMERS' MARKET. Oct. 7.-Receipts of farm produce

were fair for Monday-4,000 bushels of grain and 15 loads of hav. Wheat-White and red unchanged, with goose a shade easier; 1,200 bush- for Canadian growths. It is said

red 68 to 69 1-2c; goose 75c. Barley steady, 2,000 bushels seiling at 44 to 461-2c Oats unchanged; 70 bushels sold at 30 to 31c. Rye firmer; one load sold at 55 1-2e

per bushel. Peas steady, at 61c. Hay firm at \$11 to \$12 per ton for

Straw firm at \$7.50 to \$8.50 Dressed hogs-Prices range from \$5.00 to \$6.10 per cwt. Alsike seed firmer: choice to fancy, \$6.25 to \$7 per bushel; No. 2, \$5 to

\$5,75; No. 3, \$4 to \$4,50. Timothy seed steady; machine threshed, \$1 to \$1.25; threshed with the flath, \$1.50 to \$1.65 per bushel. Receipts of farm produce were not so heavy-3,600 bushels of grain, 12 loads of hay, I of straw, with a large number of dressed hogs.

Wheat steady: 1,450 bushels sold as follows: White and red, 250 bushels sold at 691-2 to 70c; goose, 1,200 at Montrea. There is great activity bushels sold at 75c.

45 to 47 1-2c. Oats easier, 40 bushels selling at Rye easier; one load sold at 55c.

Peas steady; one load sold at 62c. Hay firmer, at \$11 to \$12,25 per ton. Straw steady, at \$8 for one load. hogs sold from \$5.90 to \$6 per ewt. with : few very choice at \$6.10 per for trade are very favorable. Money

TORONTO PROIT MARKET. Oct. 7.-Peaches were 75c to \$1.25 | able at the moment for speculative for Crawfords; common, 40 to 60c per basket; plums, 35 to 75c; pears, 50

lower in price. Peaches sold at 75c to \$1 for Craw- attract attention. The condition of fords; common, 40 to 60c per basket; trade is good and the outlook favplums, 35 to 75c; pears, 50 to 75c for orable.

HERE'S A CHANCE Prof. Jas. W. Robertson, of

I desire to obtain a small quantity | coming forward grades very high. Of of seed from different localities, and 732 cars of wheat received at Winglalso to learn how great numbers of peg, 540 inspected No. 1 hard. seeds per head of oats and wheat have been secured in different parts | terrupted somewhat this week by cold, of Canada. To gain the co-operatake a friendly interest in him since tion of the boys and girls, and also of teachers, I offer the following

> For the 100 heads bearing the larg-Oats-First prize \$20, second prize prize \$1, eighth prize \$1, ninth prize \$1, tenth prize \$1, eleventh prize \$1,

Wheat-First prize \$20, second prize \$10, third prize \$5, fourth prize \$4, mer Ruggles, in a sharp tone, while fifth prize \$3, sixth prize \$2, seventh his small, round grey eyes glistened prize \$1, eighth prize \$1, ninth prize \$1, eleventh prize \$1, tweifth prize \$1:

total \$50. The whole of each lot of 100 heads should be picked from one variety wash his hands of me entirely. Per- grown in one field, and only from a haps I should not tell you this. I know | crop which has given a large yield

the past, and I would not appear un- I shall want every competitor to furnish from the same crop 10 (ten) "Well," returned Mr. Ruggles, after heads with the smallest number of thinking a moment, "what hinders seeds per head, which he or she can you from letting me help you now?" find. But the number of seeds in the "I was going to say, sir," Walter small heads will not be considered in asked:

The Russian Crop. A St. Petersburg despatch states that the wheat crop will be nearly 661,-

take you at your word, and come to ed reminiscences of his mother and right, only remember this-if you ever has for months devastated several make you a little visit next summer. discussing her virtues with him with need a friend, Owen Ruggles is your provinces or departments is a sufficient refutation of those figures. If the figures now given out mean that the crop this year is less even than that of last year no great surprise will be felt, for unfavorable reports have little of it before I went home, and been coming from the best wheat dis-I meant to ask Edmund to take me tricts of the empire. If the figures about some; but I guess I won't to- are intended to be taken literally, and day. I'll manage by daylight to get the world is expected to believe in about by myself; but if you know spite of the suffering from food and of anything interesting that's going the continued reports of an unfavoron in the evening, I wish you'd men- able character, that the Russian crop are right. At any rate, I admire your is a very good one, the world will receive them with a good deal of sur prise, not unmixed with grave doubt It is too early to know the crop even where there are good facilities, as in this country for example, for getting intelligent estimates of the yield promptly. Russian statistics are habitually late, and they have been open to suspicion before this. If the crop of 1898 was seriously overstated six months after the harvest, no high degree of credit can be attached to an estimate of the crop of 1899 sent out from St. Petersburg on the last day

of September. NOTES.

One of the most striking features of the Canadian trade situation at present is the confidence of big holders of all sorts of staple goods, as shown by the almost general refusal to sell at prices that prevailed a

few weeks ago. The wool markets are rapidly getting into better shape, and it appears that there may before long be some business done in Canadian selected fleece for export to the United States. The steady improvement in fine wools as a result of the great scarcity and high prices for those that 15c to 15%c per lb. would have to be paid for the sorts of Ontario wool that would suit American manufacturers and that bids for the wool lately received here would not show any profit at that price. In Canada there is an active demand for money at better rates. There is very little money available for stock speculation at the moment. and the banks have raised their rate

to 5%, while one bank is asking The Canadian clearances were as follows: Montreal, \$17,808,396, decrease 6.2 per cent.; Toronto, \$11,-711,363, increase 19 per cent.; Winnipeg, \$2,778,772, increase 38.6 per cent.; Halifax, \$1,579,288, increase 27.5 per cent.; Hamilton, \$922,137, Increase 18.2 per cent.; St. John, \$529,137, decrease 22.8 per cent.;

Vancouver, \$956,048: Victoria, \$618,-Bradstreet's on Trais. Fall trade is of satisfactory volume in shipping circles and all possible Barley firmer: 2,000 bushels sold at speed is being made in hurrying freight forward. The misfortune to the steamer in the Straits of Belle Is e this week will make ocean vessel room short and a good deal of freight will have to be held back. Cattle shipments will be interfered with. Values of all domestic and imported goods are Dressed Hogs-The bulk of dressed very firm. Country remittances are very good and the general prospects is in good demand and the call loan rate is higher this week, at 5 to 5%

per cent., but there is not much avail-Business at the coast continues good. to 75c for Bartletts and 25 to 35c Trade all through September has for common; tomatoes, 171-2 to 30c; been at high water mark. This is egg plant, 25 to 40c basket; grapes, proved by the increased bank clear-171-2 to 35c per basket, according to ings. For three weeks the clearings quality; apples, 15 to 25c per basket, at Vancouver were over the million and \$1.50 to \$2.25 per barrel; musk- mark, and for the second week the tomelons, 20c per basket; medium cases, tal was a record breaker, being \$1,-40 to 75c, and large cases, \$1.25 to 198,321. The salmon pack and large \$1.50; crab apples, plentiful, at 25c to sales of supplies for the north have 30c; Spanish onlons, \$1.10 to \$1.25 added considerably to the business of the banks. There is a good deal of Receipts of fruit were large, espe- activity in lumber. Two charters, one cially of grapes, which were a little for a vessel to carry lumber to Great Britain and the other to Buenos Ayres.

Bartletts and 25 to 35c for common; At Winnipeg fall trade is in full tomatoes, 171-2 to 25c; egg plant, swing and sorting orders for dry goods Ruby saw one of her friends beck- now, I reckon, I sha'n't want for any- 25 to 40c basket; grapes, 15 to 35c are receiving more attention, while ples, 15 to 25c per basket, and \$1.50 to partments of wholesale business are \$2.25 per barrel: musk-melons, 20c sending in liberal orders to meet the per basket; medium cases, 40 to 75c, increased demand of the trade at counand large cases, \$1.25 to \$1.50; crab try points. The retailers throughout ish onfons, \$1.10 to \$1.25 per crate; this year, the large yield of wheat having stimulated business and made it apparent that the demands of customers will be large this year. The prices of hardware, in which there is quite an active movement, have been advanced in many eases in line with the higher the prices prevailing in the eastern mar-Experimental Farm, Ottawa, sends kets. The deliveries of wheat are inout this notice to the boys and creasing, and it is satisfactory to note that a large proportion of the grain

> Fall trade at Toronto has been inwet weather, but the fine days in the latter part of the week helped business. Buyers from the outside provincial points in the market this week have been quite numerous, and liberal quantities of goods have been ordered for prompt shipment to meet the increased demands of trade. Provision dealers report large orders coming forward for rallway construction parties in the Rainy River country and Algoma, and considerable supplies are being sent to the lumber camps, where the extent of the operations will be limited only by the difficulty in getting men to get out the timber. There is a big demand for lumber, and the cut the coming winter promises to be the largest for some years. There is a good demand for funds and money rates are firmer, and call loans are higher at 51-2 per cent.

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Is Still Thinking. He drew her towards him, and after a few brief moments of kisses and rapture of various kinds, he

"What kind of an engagement ring would you prefer?" She looked shyly into his face and declined to express a preference until she had been further pressed. Then she said:

"Well, I've been accustomed to "-She checked herself just in time to prevent a dreadful faux pas or some other frightful French thing. However, he is still pondering her answer, and it troubles him might-

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