

Fish in Philadelphia.

The occasional comments on the prices of fish and other marine productions, which find their way into local columns, remind us of the curious fact that there is probably no place on the face of the earth so near the sea where fish is so little eaten as in Philadelphia. Any person familiar with the markets of our own and other cities, must admit that notwithstanding the spring shad, which for a time occupy so honorable a position on our tables, there is very little consumption of what an old writer calls "swimming meat."

If it were generally recognized that variety of diet is conducive to health, or if taste were highly cultivated, or if even mere economy were consulted, we could not fail to find fish constituting at least one-fourth of the food consumed in a community. Some of the reasons why Philadelphia is not better supplied in this particular, arise from very curious causes, the principal being that we are surrounded by a fertile, productive country, yielding in abundance all other varieties of food. Again, there are in the city, apart from the market, very few places where our citizens can rely on obtaining a variety of fish whenever they may want them. We need the regular fishmonger's shops so common in London, where, on marble slabs, and on ice, the choicest finny tribes are so attractively set forth. These fish-shops are, indeed, to those curious in food, among the most remarkable minor sights in London. There can be no doubt but that the enterprise and care manifested in managing these establishments, contribute immensely towards stimulating the demand.

Would it not be well—or rather, would it not pay well, if some individual or some company would start a fish shop or two, on the London plan, in the upper part of the city. Thanks to the rail-roads, the greatest variety of excellent fish in the world can be had here in excellent condition. Such an establishment, on a large scale, managed by capable men, could fill orders for anything, from a Southern muscalonge or red mullet, up to a Yankee alewife. At present it is very much a matter of chance, if one picks up something choice in the fish line. With a company such as we have spoken of, everything attainable might be readily ordered.

Philadelphia Cattle Market.

MONDAY, Oct 25, 1858.

There were about 1500 head of Cattle at the various yards yesterday. At Wardell's Avenue Drove Yard, 1419 of this number were disposed of, in lots as follows:

65	head	by I. Abrahams, Chester county,	7 1/2	a	8 1/2
27	do	D. Eckman, do	7 1/2	a	8 1/2
43	do	S. W. Woodward, Illinois,	7	a	8
22	do	H. W. Miller, Westmoreland co.,	7	a	7 1/2
93	do	Miller, sold by McQuaid & Smith,	7 1/2	a	8 1/2
20	do	McQuaid & Mooney, Virginia,	7 1/2	a	8 1/2
86	do	B. Kingston, sold by McQuaid & Smith, Ohio,	7	a	8
21	do	M. Welsh, Ohio,	7	a	8
9	do	J. Voetters, Ohio,	6	a	7 1/2
30	do	J. Kerwin, Ohio,	8	a	8 1/2
70	do	S. E. McCuen, Cumberland co.,	6	a	7
32	do	J. Jurey, Ohio, by C. Strickland,	7	a	8
20	do	Lewis Jurey, Ohio,	6	a	7
39	do	Blum & Co., Ohio,	7	a	7 1/2
27	do	Christy & Brother, Va.,	7	a	7 1/2
43	do	Wagner & Coates, Chester co.,	7	a	8
30	do	James Hayes, Ohio,	7	a	7 1/2
87	do	Alexander & Co., Ohio,	7	a	8
13	do	J. Blair, Ohio,	6	a	7 1/2
20	do	J. Dunaway, Va.,	7	a	8
29	do	Rush & Simmons, Del.,	6	a	7
22	do	Wm. Cummings, Ind.,	6	a	7
59	do	Hutton & Seymour, Va. and Md.,	7	a	8
25	do	Bassanetts, Va.,	7	a	8
117	do	Murphy & Cassiday, Va.,	7	a	8
25	do	Z. Gemmill, Del.,	6	a	8
53	do	D. W. Bradley, Va.,	7 1/2	a	8 1/2
20	do	Corson & Marshall Chester Co.,	7	a	8
75	do	A. Kennedy, Chester Co.,	7	a	8
53	do	Wm. Fuller, Virginia,	7	a	8
43	do	John Kaufman, Lancaster Co.,	7	a	8

There were 6000 sheep in market, selling from \$2 to \$4; Dressed 6 1/2 to 7 cents per pound. Owing to the large stock arriving, the market was dull.

COWS.

240	Cows	were disposed of at the following rates:
Fresh	Milch Cows,	\$30 to \$40 per head.
Middling,	"	\$20 to \$30 "
Dry,	"	\$15 to \$20 "

The Hicksite Quakers.

There are a great many people who really believe that the extreme wet and unpleasant weather of the past week has been owing to the appearance of the Hicksite branch of the Society of Friends, in our city, in attendance upon their "yearly meeting." We could never perceive what connection there was between the pluvial element and a drab colored shad-bellied coat, but it would really seem that there are more things in this world than we have ever dreamt of in our philosophy. Certes, the Quakers rarely ever appear in "solemn conclave" without a pouring out of rain and a general display of umbrellas.

The yearly meeting was commenced on Monday last, in their spacious new house, in Race street, west of Fifteenth, the average attendance each day being from three to four thousand persons. The exercises were reading epistles and delivering some good addresses in reference to their cherished principles of peace, temperance and anti-slavery. A good degree of harmony and "brotherly love" has seemingly prevailed. A new feature was introduced at the present session, which was the furnishing of a mid-day collation, free of charge, to the aged and infirm, in an apartment connected with the house in which the meetings were held. This arrangement was found very convenient to many who could not take dinner at home and attend the morning and afternoon gatherings.

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PHILADELPHIA CATTLE MARKET, Monday, May 10.—We have no change to notice in the cattle market this week, prices ranging, as last week, from \$8 to \$10 1/2 100 lbs, according to quality.—The offerings at the two yards amount to 1360 head—of which over 200 head were taken to New York. Supplies are large, and the demand is somewhat limited. There were 660 head sold at Wardell's Avenue Drove Yard, among which we notice the following lots:—

52	head	Baldwin & Coates, Westm'd Co.,	8	@	9 1/2
9	do	Geo. Braden, do	8	@	9
19	do	F. Farman, Franklin Co.,	8	@	9
10	do	S. Hefley, Mifflin Co.,	9	@	—
45	do	Enos Kauffman, Lancaster Co.,	9 1/2	@	10 1/2
14	do	J. Taylor, Mifflin Co.,	8	@	9
18	do	W. Stauffer, Lancaster Co.,	9	@	9 1/2
15	do	A. Kennedy, Chester Co.,	8	@	9 1/2
23	do	J. Shulby, do	8	@	9
13	do	E. McEwing, Cumberland Co.,	8	@	9
14	do	B. Dills, Mifflin Co.,	7 1/2	@	8 1/2
44	do	J. Snodgrass, Westmoreland Co.,	8	@	9
13	do	J. Grover, Mifflin Co.,	8	@	9
16	do	J. Kahn, Ohio,	8	@	9
24	do	J. Hamaker, Lancaster Co.,	8	@	9 1/2
14	do	M. Alman, Montgomery Co.,	8	@	9
83	do	J. Cooper, Ohio,	8 1/2	@	9 1/2
22	do	R. Strickland, Ohio,	9	@	9 1/2
35	do	B. Mooney, Ohio,	9	@	9 1/2
20	do	J. Stut, Lancaster Co.,	9	@	9 1/2
24	do	Wm. Fuller, Fayette Co.,	8 1/2	@	9 1/2
25	do	D. Eckman, Chester Co.,	9	@	9 1/2
24	do	J. Shirk, Chester,	9	@	9 1/2
29	do	J. Abrahams, do	9 1/2	@	10 1/2
14	do	J. Franks, Bucks Co.,	9	@	9 1/2

The Sheep market remains without change. The offerings amounted to about 5000 head, but the demand continues limited, and prices drooping.—Sales at \$4 @ 6, equal to 9 @ 11c. for dressed.

Cows are coming forward slowly, and the demand continues active. There were about 400 head arrived, which were disposed of at the following current prices:—Extra Milch Cows at \$40 @ \$50; good do. at \$30 @ 35; common at \$25 @ \$30, and Dry at \$12 to \$25 each.

The arrivals and sales at the Union Drove Yard for the week, amounted to 4127 Hogs. About 1000 were taken to New York, as the arrivals exceeded the demand, and the balance were sold at prices ranging from \$6 to \$6 1/2 100 lbs net, as in quality.

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St. MATTHEW'S CHURCH.—One of the most beautiful rural Gothic churches in this city, is the new edifice, (Episcopal), corner of Girard avenue and Eighteenth street, under the pastoral charge of Rev. George E. Hare, D. D. It has recently been erected and is gathering in a good congregation under Dr. Hare's ministrations. The consecration will take place, we believe, on the 24th inst., and the exercises will be of an unusually interesting character.



Important Decision on Insurance Policies.

The capitalists of our city have lately been thrown into consternation by a decision of the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, which says, that—

"1.—Where a mortgagor, after assigning a policy of insurance to secure his mortgage debt, aliens, no recovery upon the policy, in case of subsequent loss, can be held by the mortgagee.

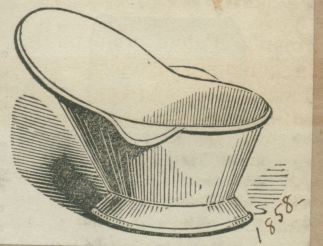
"2.—The mortgagee takes the assignment with knowledge that the contract of insurance may be avoided by a failure on the part of the mortgagor (the assured) to perform any of the conditions of the policy.

"3.—Such transfer to a mortgagee is merely an appointment to receive any money which may become due from the insurers by reason of loss sustained by the mortgagor.

"4.—As the rights of the appointee are wholly derivative, and cease with the determination of the mortgagor's interest, no contract on the part of the insurers, is created by such transfer, to indemnify the mortgagee against loss."

By this decision three-fourths of all the policies of insurance which are held by mortgagees as collateral security are null and void by the transfers of the property from the original owner when the mortgage was created, and in case of the destruction of the building by fire nothing would be left to the mortgagee but the ground on which it stood, and which is seldom equal to the amount loaned on mortgages; indeed where there is a ground rent there would be nothing left. The Philadelphia Fire and Life Insurance Company now propose to insure the interest of the mortgagees in such a case, and we would direct the attention of the public to their advertisement in another column.

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PRICES OF FLOUR.—The following are the average prices of Flour in this market, in December, for 62 years past:—

1858	5-12	1827	5-00
1857	5-12	1826	5-25
1856	6-00	1825	4-87
1855	8-86	1824	4-87
1854	9-19	1823	6-12
1853	6-87	1822	6-50
1852	5-10	1821	6-25
1851	4-15	1820	4-50
1850	4-71	1819	6-12
1849	4-87	1818	9-00
1848	6-14	1817	9-37
1847	6-49	1816	13-00
1846	4-76	1815	9-25
1845	6-06	1814	8-00
1844	4-29	1813	8-75
1843	4-37	1812	10-25
1842	4-50	1811	10-00
1841	6-42	1810	11-25
1840	5-00	1809	7-50
1839	5-73	1808	5-75
1838	8-40	1807	6-75
1837	9-62	1806	7-50
1836	11-00	1805	8-25
1835	6-75	1804	11-00
1834	4-90	1803	7-50
1833	5-37	1802	6-50
1832	5-62	1801	7-25
1831	5-25	1800	11-00
1830	5-31	1799	10-00
1829	5-43	1798	9-75
1828	8-00	1797	8-50