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## FIRECRACKERS ARE DEAR.

THE CHINESE ARTICLE, BIG ONES  
ESPECIALLY, SCARCE.

**Law Proscribes American "Dynamite" Crackers and a Fire in South Street Noted Much of the Chinese Stock—Prices Up—Still a Supply of Little Crackers.**

If the small boy is wise he will call upon his father in a few days to lay in the annual stock of firecrackers for the Fourth, else he may have hard work getting all he wants, and may have to pay pinicky prices for them. At any rate, a big jobber said on yesterday, and he added that he was not saying so to make a brisk trade for crackers, according to him, there is really a scarcity. For years there has been annually a cry of "Wolf!" that frightened the retailers into buying their stock months before it was needed, and ended in the more conservative buyers getting lower prices shortly before the Fourth. This year the early buyers are in luck, and the late ones will have to pay money to get their stock, and even then they may not be able to get some of the most desirable kinds of crackers.

Two causes have led to this shortage in the market, the law and a fire. The former probably is the most important, in that it discriminates against American crackers in favor of those made by John Chinaman.

There are several large concerns in this country that manufacture firecrackers. Americans do not bother with the little fellows that cost but a few cents a bunch. The American factories confine themselves to cannon crackers, big and little, and it is to their success in this line that the discrimination of the law is due. A Yankee always did go a foreigner one better when he started to make an article heretofore monopolized by the foreigner. And when they started in to make Chinese firecrackers they went far ahead of the Chinese. American cannon crackers go off with a bigger bang than the Chinese, but at the same time they are very much more dangerous.

As a result stringent laws have been passed in at least one State, Connecticut, and in many towns and cities, including New York, against the use of the "dynamite" cracker, so called, and what is more important still, the laws are going to be enforced. This has made an unexpected call for the Chinese article, and the Chinese did not expect the demand. The importers order a year ahead and they didn't prepare for such an unexpected demand for the imported article. The growing popularity of the American cracker had convinced them that the call for the less noisy Chinese article would continually grow less.

Then there was the big fire that partly destroyed Deacon's warehouse on South street

## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

New York Stock Exchange—Sales June 27.

UNITED STATES AND STATE BONDS (IN \$1,000,000.)  
1 U.S. 4s. 6. 1857....110 | 5 U.S. 6s. 6.....118  
10 U.S. 4s. 6. 1858....117 |

CLOSING PRICES OF UNITED STATES BONDS  
256. 4s. 6.....118 | 256. 4s. 6.....118  
U.S. 5s. Fr. 1852....109 | U.S. 5s. Fr. 1854....113 | 113½  
U.S. 5s. Fr. 1853....109 | U.S. 5s. Fr. 1855....113½  
U.S. 6s. 6.....109 | U.S. 6s. 6.....109½  
U.S. 6s. 6.....109½....112 | U.S. 6s. 6.....109½....103 | —  
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RAILROAD AND OTHER BONDS (IN \$1,000,000.)

4 Atch & St. 6s.....200 | 1 Ore Imp. Fr. T.R. 12 |

5 Atch & St. 6s.....178 | 6. Rio. V. & G. Fr. 11½ |

6 Atch & St. 6s.....204 | 6 Rock Island Fr. 6s.....105½

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