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## THE WINTER OF EAMINE:

We are just etmerying from a remarkably
 been signalized by unusual and perrading
suffering from famine, Want las made is selt
 North-in part owing to the desolations of
War and the disorranization of Labor, but in part also to the defficiency of of our last
hurvest. Inceessant raing and floods throushl.
 retarded planing and roted seed in the
South,so bat the alldedevouring Army Worm, finding the eution green and immature, ate
at least la aif the bolls, reducing to Towo Mil lions of bales a crop that, should havo been
Four Millions. Otrier crops, suffered likewise, but the principai loss was on Cotton.
In the great corn-growing West, plowing, planting, and cultivating were likewise re
tarded by Spring and Summer rains, whic ware tollowed by an intense, protracted drouth, which reduced the Western staple
by a full half. Wisconsin seems to have loss other local exemptions; yet we are con Ident that not moro than balf a full crop of Obio and the Missouri. Hence, Pork and hey usually are or stiould be; bence th South is less bounteously supplied with
Northern Corn than she has usually been We believe the South grew more food in
1867 than in the average of the ten preceding years; but she has received far less
from the West-in part because the yield was less abundant than usiause and in part ascuse she was less able to pay. Hence,
bearcity and need throughout cousiderable districta, espocially those inundated in the
pring of 67 . Hence, also, mercantile em buranssments, and a decided falling off both in the demand for fresh goods and
ments for those already purchased.
Bents the Old World has suffered far mor
But
the rops in 1867 , especially in the northern pro vinces of Prussia, of Sweden, and it would
seem of Lussia aiso, was beyond moderin protedent. Wheat, Rye, Bartey, and Oats, hief staples whereon the poor subsist and ese were all but dédtroyed throughout exIn Northern Sweden, the destruction wa so complete that, coming, as it did, on the
back of kindred disasters in the immediate past, it suggests apresumption that-per he cipcumpolar regions-extemsive district hat have hitherto afforded adequate if ho
cenerowis sustenanoe to the human family

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MUTTON vs. PORK.
Physicians recommend mutton as the
nost wholesome meat; the easiest digested nd best body kno ws is the most unwhoren, a Cest eaten. In England, inutton is a favo nite dish, and we approhend it is to this wather than roast beef, that the Englishma Our people eat too much port and too little matton. And yet, as a conterfporary wel]
remarks, " mutton can be produced puand for pound at less than lialf the price of pork
ields more nonrishment when eaten : and ceeping shoep does not exhaust a farm to the cxtent feeding hogs does. Sheep can be
gept during the winter on hay and turnips, r mangel wurtzel, or sugar beet, whic
ogs ,"will not do without at least some

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