## NEW YORK MARKETS.

There has been a very great rise in the price of cotton since our last market price table was published on page 300 . Then prices ranged from $18 \frac{1}{2}$ to $23 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per lb. ; now they range from 38 to $40 \frac{1}{2}$ cents per lb. Domestic coton हoods are rising in price with the rise of the raw material. The best qualities of flour have advanced fifty cents per barrel. Saltpeter, which is used for making gunpowder has become very scarce and has doubled in price-from 8 to 18 cents per 1 b .-In four weeks. By the latest news from Europe we learn that saltpeter was prohibited from being exporte to America, and one vessel that was loading with it had been ordered to unload her cargo.
The markets are very fluctuating, and common reports of prices are unreliable.

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J. B. W., of Mass.-Try hot chloride of lime in bleaching saw-dust white. The rosin contained in pine wood saw-dust will tend to resist the action of the chlorine. We have seen pine wood bleached with a warm solution of chloride of soda. Kauri-gum is
also sold under the name of New Zealand and Australian gum. It also sold under the name of New Zealand and Australian gum. It is a coarse, natural resin, found under the soil in Australia and New Zealand, and is supoosed to have been the exudation of trees be
longing to an ancient pre-Adamite forest. H. B. .B., of Mass.-All the information we can furnish on tempering tools, we are now publishing in articles and will com
plete them in a few weeks. plete them in a few weeks.
A. M., of N. Y.-Do you mean to say that in your opera tions of amalgamating gold, the separation of the gold from the mer cury 'is sometimes almost impossible ${ }^{\circ}$ " You employ the term "ore, we suppose it should be gold. In retorting amalgamated gold the proecss should be conducted under a very limited pressure and not too over some gold with it, but we never heard before that any diflcul ty was experienced in volatilizing all the mercury.

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