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Press Freedom Bunk

It has long been a saying among salesmen that if you want a real, lasting profit, get something that everybody has to have to be comfortable.

Take domestic things, household necessities, sewing machines, vacuum cleaners, cooking utensils, especially the superior aluminum utensils that are such a necessity, those are the things every well regulated household must have.

The people want and are entitled to a free and open market on such things, but they are not getting them, if we are to believe the Federal Trade Commission's report of most recent issue.

The outstanding features of the report are the control exercised by patent pools among manufacturers of washing machines, the shutting out of new competition in the vacuum cleaner industry, the questionable competitive tactics of the leading manufacturer of aluminum cooking utensils, which is affiliated with the Aluminum Company of America, the monopolistic position of the latter company, which has apparently engaged in various practices forbidden by a judicial decree under the Sherman act; the dominating position of the Singer Company in the sewing machine industry, the efforts of trade associations in the refrigerator and broom industries to enhance the prices of their products, and the competitive methods of retail dealers in kitchen utensils and domestic appliances.

Every line of the report is of profound interest to every householder in America. The report is entertaining, illuminating and instructive. It would tell you how and by whom you are being gouged.

You didn't read it in your daily newspaper. If you should ask your editor he would say glibly, as the writer of this has said many times, "It was crowded out." That would be the truth but only a part of the truth. He is insincere, lacks candor and is quibbling and will, if hard pressed, tell you a lie.

This may seem harsh, but vigorous words are necessary to trim off some hypocrisy and de-bunk along this line.

Newspapers and magazines live by advertising of these sort of things. Get them to print the truth about a big monopoly that is gouging the public with one hand and spreading a little largess through the advertising department with the other? Guess again!

And yet, dear friends, the exploitation of the public through such means could be stopped in a few weeks if the public press were not bribed, muzzled and subsidized thru the business office.

The next time you read anything about the freedom and fearlessness of the unmuzzled press, just remember the protection rendered to the cooking utensil trust and the vacuum sweeper trust and the sewing machine monopoly by these things of freedom from the press down as just 100 per cent.

DOUBTFUL IT DID

Typical of all and even modern days have a standard quarrel with proof readers. A comma chaser is what the printers used to call proof readers. What the proof readers, the old timers with bushy whiskers and black pipes loaded with rags and slug, called the printers, and they were all printers in those days, was a plumb scandal.

A comma chaser was needed on a country newspaper recently but apparently there was no such luxury about the place. Printers or editors of country newspapers either read their own proofs or they do not read. In any event a comma knocked the community for a row of Circassian catstaps. Left out, the comma would never have been missed. Left in it was simply shockin'.

The editor wrote a rather flat description of a local week-end house party but it scored big on counter sales.

"The young ladies at the party had on nothing that made them look conspicuous."

That reads fair enough but see what a little comma did to it when the printer set it thus:

"The young ladies at the party had on nothing, that made them look conspicuous."

WHAT PURE SEED MEANS

To the Agricultural College and the Farmer

Seed Selection Helps in Even One Year—Large Plump Seed Best—Soil Fertility Experiments Give Interesting Results—Feeding Calves.

(Contributed by Ontario Department of Agriculture, Toronto.)

During the year 1923 the Field Husbandry Department of the Ontario Agricultural College supplied to nearly 2,000 farmers pure seed and other material, with instructions and full information for conducting tests on their own farms.

One hundred and twenty-one distinct experiments were conducted during the season on the Field Husbandry area.

Selection of Seed Important.

Different selections of seed of various classes of grain have been carefully tested at the Ontario Agricultural College for from six to nine years. The average results show that even one year's selection of seed grain has a marked influence on the resulting crop. In every instance, the large plump seed gave a greater yield of grain per acre than medium sized, small plump, shrunken or broken seed. In the average of the six classes of grain the large plump surpassed the small plump in yield of grain per acre by 19 per cent., and in the average of the three classes of grain the plump seed gave a yield over the shrunken seed of 20 per cent. It should be understood that equal numbers of seed were used in this experiment. The results throughout show that a large plump seed will produce a larger, more vigorous and more productive plant than is produced from a small plump or from a shrunken seed.—Department of Extension, O. A. College, Guelph.

SOIL FERTILITY EXPERIMENTS.

Following Up the Soil Survey—Lime Phosphate With Wheat—Experiments With Potatoes.

The three demonstration plots that have been started as follow up work in connection with the soil survey are now giving interesting results. The outstanding feature so far is the proved beneficial effect of lime and phosphoric acid. On the light sandy soil of the Norfolk County plot the increasing amount of decaying organic matter is beginning to make itself felt in the improved texture of the soil and increased crop yields. On all three of these experimental plots certain mixtures of fertilizers are giving paying results, while other mixtures are not.

Lime Phosphate Experiments With Wheat.

The lime phosphate experiments planned to discover the effect of lime, lime and acid phosphate and mixed fertilizer on wheat and the succeeding crop of clover, have given interesting results. Each experiment consisted of four half-acre plots, and these were laid down on three different farms in eight different counties, twenty-four experiments in all. As these experiments were started in the fall of 1922, only the wheat crop has been harvested. The clover, however, shows marked differences in development in the various plots and interesting results may be expected next season. The outstanding results so far obtained is that acid phosphate increased the yield of wheat in every experiment. The average for the check plot was 22.2 bushels per acre, and the acid phosphate plot 34.34 bushels per acre, an increase of a little over 50 per cent. Assuming that the addition of the acid phosphate at the rate applied on these experiments would have given the same results on the 717,307 acres of fall wheat harvested in Ontario in 1923, the value of the crop would have been increased by nearly eight million dollars, at a profit over the entire cost of the acid phosphate of over four million dollars.

Experiments With Potatoes. The Triangle experiments with potatoes have demonstrated in every county where held that legumes may be used to gather all or nearly all the nitrogen required by the potato crop, and that phosphoric acid and potash in proper proportion may be used to increase both the quantity and quality of the crop with profit.

This work is being extended to eight additional counties, and is being carried on by the Chemistry department of the Ontario Agricultural College in co-operation with the Agricultural Representatives—Dept. of Extension, O. A. College, Guelph.

Feeding Calves.

It is considered a good practice, in teaching calves to eat grain, to begin by feeding them a little ground corn or sifted ground oats. This kind of feed may be given for a few days, and then they may be given either whole oats or whole corn, or a mixture of equal parts by weight of both. This whole grain may be fed to the calves until they are six to eight months of age and then they should be fed ground feed. When a calf reaches eight months of age it does not chew its grain so well; consequently a high percentage of the grain will be lost if fed whole. The theory of feeding calves whole grain when a mouth is eight months of age is that they chew the grain better, which stimulates the flow of saliva.

If new wheat, which is frequently damp, is thoroughly mixed with dry old wheat from the previous year and put into bulk storage for a few days, experiments show the dry wheat absorbs a sufficient amount of moisture from the damp wheat to improve both kinds for milling purposes.

Except for the animals with good feed is not a business. There work all the time, with good care, is much more so.

FAIRY TALES RETOLD FOR MODERN CHILDREN

"The Three Bears"

Once upon a time there were three bears; a Papa bear, a Mama bear and a Teddy bear. They were good bears, as bears come, and they lived a quiet life, having neither a phonograph nor a radio. They all went out for a long walk one afternoon to read the billboard ads along the country roads.

Goldilocks, a young peroxide blonde, happened to go for a stroll the same afternoon. She had an adventurous spirit and walked and walked for a long, long time. Many automobiles offered her lifts, but Goldilocks was far too wise to accept these invitations. At length she became very tired and fell asleep on the grass. She probably would never have chosen this particular spot but for the fact that it had a sign on it which read: "Keep off!"

It was almost night when Goldilocks awoke. Tired and hungry, she looked at the door of a nearby house, and receiving no response, walked in and made herself at home. Presently the three little bears returned.

"Somebody has tasted my porridge," growled the Papa bear and Mama bear—in unison for the first time since they were married.

"Yes, but somebody ate all of mine!" wailed the Teddy bear.

"I better look and see if any of my liquor's been touched!" cried the Papa bear in real alarm.

"And somebody's slept in our bed!" roared the Papa bear and Mama bear, as they entered the bedroom.

"Somebody is sleeping in mine!" shouted the Teddy bear.

Goldilocks awoke at this moment and gave all three bears a piercing glance. The correspondence course she had taken in hypnotism stood her in good stead in this crisis. The bears looked transfixed. A bright idea struck Goldilocks. She ordered the Papa bear to sit down, and he did. She ordered the Mama bear to dance, and she did. Then she ordered the Teddy bear to wiggle, and he did. With the bears completely under her magic spell, Goldilocks knew prosperity was just around the corner. She had read a few days before that there was a great dearth of trained bears in the country and she had little difficulty in booking the act for a huge salary over a prominent chain of vaudeville theatres.

DECLARES ADAM WAS BROWN-RED NEGRO

A German archaeologist, Franz von Wendrin, has made the astonishing discovery that Eden was not situated between the Euphrates and the Tigris, but in Mecklenburg, 100 miles north of Berlin. He has embodied his conclusions in a book recently published, "The Discovery of Paradise." He contends that had Eden been in Mesopotamia, Eve would have offered a date

or a banana, not an apple. The fact that both the world's parents were fig suits even does not deter him, for he asserts that while Germany's climate is too cold for fig bearing, nevertheless fig trees flourish as shrubs in Mecklenburg.

Naples like Jericho, Jordan and so forth arose because emigrants took the names of their home places to their new habitat. The original Jericho, Herr Wendrin asserts, is Jerichow, near Magdeburg, and Jordan is derived from the old village of Jordan in Brandenburg. Another of Herr Wendrin's declarations is that Adam was a brown-red Negro.

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