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SEED CORN SITUATION VERY SERIOUS

Good seed corn will be scarcer next spring than at any time during the last 50 years. That is the outlook now with the corn crop in the corn belt from two to six weeks late and frost is likely to come any night. There never was a time when early gathering, drying and storing of seed corn will pay greater thanit will this fall. Unless we gather our own seed this fall thousands of us next spring will plant seed that is weak or dead. Or we will buy seed from 'way off somewhere that is not suitable for our locality, and as a result our next year's crop will again be weak and late.

Here's an important thing to bear in mind right now:

Any farmer can have his own seed corn for next year, if his corn, this year, gets past the roasting ear stage and thoroughly dried will grow. It is surprising how vigorously it will grow. This early-gathered seed will shrink and shrivel considerably, but the important thing this year, is the fact that it will grow.

In any emergency delay is serious. The man who does something about his next year's seed before it is too late, is the man who will have seed corn to plant in the spring of 1928. The man who uses his head can figure out a method of gathering and storing seed corn on his farm. He can swing a sack over his shoulder and pick the best ears fromthe test stalks. That's the right method whether the corn is early or late. About 15 ears will plant an acre. Better gather two or three times as much as will be needed to plant the acreage. How long will it take to gather next year's seed supply? How can we make more money in the same length of time?

Don't throw the immature ears down in a bag or leave them in a box or barrel. Don't put them in a pile. Hang them up the very day and hour they are gathered. Hang them so the ears won't touch each other—they'll mold where they touch. Don't hang them outdoors—it may rain and freeze. Hang them where warm air will circulate all around them. There some place o nthe farm to thoroughly dry next year's seed corn. It may be over the kitchen.

Get the seed dry and keep it thru the winter where it won't freeze. Freezing never does seed corn any good no matter how dry the seed is. No one denies the statement that seed corn is better when it ripens on the stalk, but it won't do it this year. It's a lot better to have immature seed that will grow and be suitable for the locality than to have no seed next spring or to send away off for seed corn that may not mature, no matter how good a corn year 1928 may be. If frost stays away until November and the corn gets ripe, we can then gather ripe seed. Don't wait for that, but take advantage of it if it comes. Don't take a gambler's chance of waiting for ripe seed this year. Let's insure ourselves now at little cost with roasting-ear seed.

Do something. Do it now. Gathering roasting-ear seed is good business this abnormal corn year of 1927.

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Child Training That Has Harmful Effects

Too much or too little affection of parents is equally harmful and both spoil character. The training that produces docile obedience spoils the child's native aggressiveness and leaves him to be easily beaten in the later competitions of life by minds superior only in their inner preparation. The authority of a parent is a responsibility rather than a privilege.

Another risk assumed by parents, which is not so commonly understood, is that of hurting their children by affection. With human beings the love attitude may persist in such a way that the child never actually matures and comes to have a fully developed self-life, or indulgence heaped upon the child by the parent may spoil the zest of life and keep the child emotionally infantile. He may become fixed upon the parent so that he is essentially parasitic in his inner emotional cravings and cannot maintain normal relationships in business, social contacts or later family life if he ever attempts to establish a home of his own.—From "Social Problems of the Family" by Prof. Ernest R. Graves.

Famous Brigade That Served "Lost Cause"

Two reasons are given for the naming of the Orphan brigade of the Confederate army. Kentucky tried to be neutral when the Civil war broke out, but neutrality was violated and many Kentuckians decided to fight for the South. The famous Camp Boone was formed near the Kentucky line, a few miles north of Clarksville, Tenn. Fifty companies from 84 counties in Kentucky enlisted. These composed the larger part of the First Kentucky, better known as the Orphan brigade.

One of the reasons why this command was called the Orphan brigade was because so many commanders were lost, either by reason of promotion or by death on the battlefield, says a contributor to the Pathfinder Magazine. Another is that the members were away from Kentucky during nearly all the time of their service and so cut off from communication with friends or family.

Punishment a Deterrent

"I believe in punishment; not because it hurts, or is humiliating, but because it is the only effective reform measure. Of all my punishments—and they have been numerous, because I have often offended—I have observed that they usually do me good."—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

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Rock of Chickamauga

George Henry Thomas, a distinguished Union general in the Civil war, was called the Rock of Chickamauga for his brilliant, stubborn defense of the federal position in the battle of Chickamauga, September, 1863.

African Trade Center

Timbuktu is the name of a large town in the French Sudan, about ten miles north of the River Niger. It is chiefly inhabited by Arabs and negroes. A large caravan trade in gold, gum, and ivory is carried on with Guinea and the north coast of Africa. The population is about 20,000.

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Noted Men Superstitious

Noted men have been known to be superstitious. Charles Dickens believed in the luck of Friday and the earl of Balfour, when in the house of commons, was often seen to "touch wood," says the Dearborn Independent.

Sound Advice

It is well to grab all the brightness that comes within our reach. Do not let us live in dungeons and caves of selfishness, moodiness, and unsociability. We cannot all be sunshine painters. But we can all be sunshine makers.—Exchange.

Immense Masonry Work

The great wall of China easily is the greatest masonry structure in the world. It is said to contain more bricks and stone than there are in all the buildings in Great Britain.

Warning for Children

Children should be taught never to play around automobiles or touch any of the levers, suggests the California State Automobile association.

Man's Main Business

The main business of every man is to pay intelligent attention to his food, his work, his housing, to his credit and reputation in his community. Thus fortified, he is best fitted to meet his higher obligations.—E. W. Howe's Monthly.

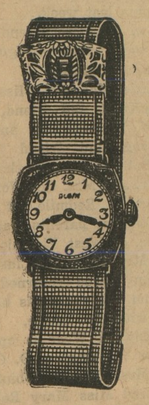
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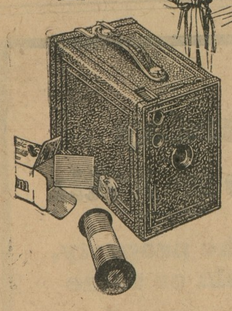
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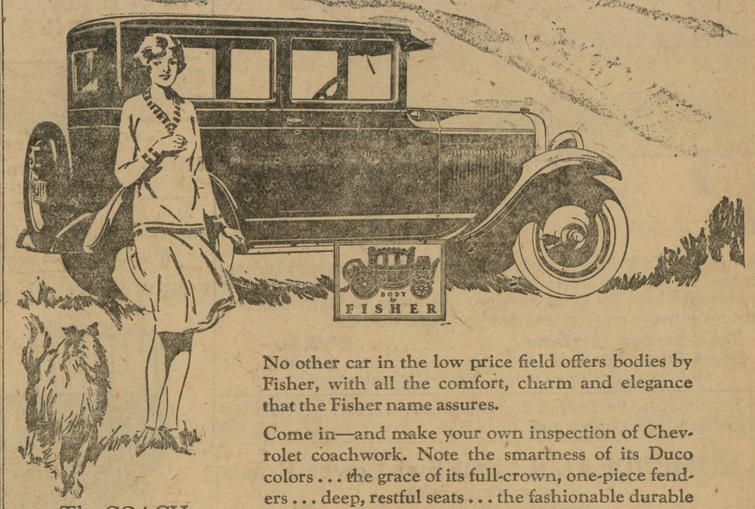
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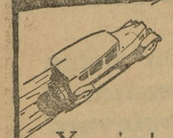
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