HAS MADE FORTUNE IN HORNS.

Horns Taken from Buffalo Hunts Make One Woman Rich.

Nearly twenty years ago when the plains of the West were covered with the remaining herds of buffalo the mother of a woman who now lives in Hartford, Conn., was engaged in purchasing the rights-of-way for the Great Northern Railroad and during his travels saw immense quantities of bones, skulls and horns of buffalo being collected for shipment East, to be ground into fertilizer for New England farms. Two hundred carloads had been collected and were being packed, when this enterprise man reflected that the slaughter of buffalo would exterminate the species, and buffalo gone there would be no more buffalo horns, which he had seen converted into various articles of usefulness and decoration. With him to reflect was to act and he soon decided to purchase all he could buy. Setting Indians at work he soon made arrangements for them to separate the horns from the skulls which had lain bleaching on the plains of Montana for many years. Horns were a drug on the market then and were worth a cent a pound. When he had got his heavy collection together there were about 10,000 pairs of buffalo horns stored way up in a corner of the State and he had cornered the market.

Other enterprises commanded his attention one little diversion being the purchase of town sites along the line of the road which alone was sufficient to make him immensely rich and in course of time he almost forgot his collection of horns. Meantime his niece in Hartford a woman who has displayed considerable invention goaded in a small way had heard of her brother's collection and wondered if she could make a market for horns. Samples of horns were sent on to her and she has now found that there is a demand for the goods. Her brother has made her a gift of the entire bunch nearly 10,000 pairs and she has made on the market in several forms.

The buffalo horn is susceptible of the highest polish. After an outside covering has been removed, the horn in the rough is as black as ebony all through. This takes a brilliant polish the method of obtaining which was at one time a secret possessed by the Indians. The Hartford woman, in arranging to market her strange collection spent some time in Leominster Mass., where there are twenty-three horn factories and studied the subject of horn training which was at one time a secret and horn manipulation and she learned the way to polish buffalo horns to her complete satisfaction. A corporation has been made to her to design many effects in which the horns may be used, and she now under contemplation an offer to sell the entire lot of horns, which on storage occupies 2,000 cubic feet of space, but she will probably make other arrangements.

TO SHELTER CORN STALKS.

Will Stalk-Protection Societies to Be Very Helpful to Eastern Virginia Farmers—Experiment at West Point, Va.

Southern Field.

A new source of profit and revenue has been opened up to the farmers of Tidewater Virginia, by the location of one of the best plants of the Marsden Company at West Point, where they are now going ahead with their factory buildings and will push the same rapidly to completion. The buildings are being constructed of frame and steel and the power house of brick. A 500 H. P. Plant will be installed and the factory will have a capacity of about 100 ton of cornstalks daily, which will be utilized by this company under methods which they control.

This company has made an important discovery by which they utilize stalk in the manufacture of products not heretofore known. They have in this country three other plants. One of their products is known as "Corn Pith Cellulose," manufactured into granular form and used as packing in the collar dams of vessels. In this capacity, it acts as a perfect water excluder, closing immediately any operations made by shells or projectiles and gives both buoyancy and stability. Other products are proxylin varnish a liquid form of cellulose, the uses of which are practically unlimited; cellulose for filtrating purposes, for making smokeless powder and other high explosives; for packing, it being the most perfect non-conductor known against heat or electricity, jars or blows; paper pulp, stock feed, poultry food, etc. Its value is unquestionably great. Any one of these products is important enough to form a large industry of itself, but taken together they form the basis for what promises to become a great business.

It is stated that the United States Government has stipulated that its new war vessels shall have their coffer-dams packed with this material. It is anticipated that the market abroad will be very lucrative. Liberal prices will be paid the farmers for their cornstalks and is now lost in that vicinity can, where this plant is contemplated, be utilized to the profit of the farmer.

There are sixteen portraits of the fair and patriotic daughters of the South in the April number of The Delineator. The article they illustrate deals with "The Patriotic Work of Southern Women." It is a powerful testimony to the ability of southern women for public organized work. William Dewitt is the author and he touches it with most sympathetic fervor. The Delineator can be procured from any newsdealer. This is the magazine which for twenty-seven years has been full of suggestions for women concerning the varied affairs of home and society.

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