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Export of Wheat and Flour.

In an article in the Review of Reviews Charles Cranston Bovey argues that our exports of breadstuffs should be in grain rather than in wheat. About one-third of the wheat grown in this country goes abroad, and of this only about one-half went in the shape of flour.

The advantage of exporting the milled product is apparent. Every sack of flour that goes abroad adds to the work done by American mills, leaves a larger share of the wheat for use as "shorts" or cheap food for cattle and economizes freight and capital in transportation by leaving less to move.

The current of our export trade is fortunately in this direction. A generation ago, in 1874, of our wheat exports 71,000,000 bushels went abroad in wheat and 18,000,000 bushels as flour. In 1880 exports had doubled, 133,000,000 bushels in wheat and 37,000,000 bushels as flour, but the proportion was the same. By this time steel rolls were being substituted for grindstone, and the new milling was being introduced in this country. Instead of a fourth going abroad as flour by 1887, fifteen years ago, one-third of our wheat exports were in this form, or 102,000,000 bushels of wheat and 51,000,000 as flour. The proportion of flour grew. By 1891 it was nearly one-half, or 55,000,000 bushels of wheat and 51,000,000 as flour.

For a decade this proportion has been maintained. In some years, as 1898, only a third of the wheat exported left as flour, but by 1891 nearly half and half was the rule, or 131,000,000 bushels as wheat and 84,000,000 bushels as flour, out of a crop of 229,000,000. Out of this crop about 49,000,000 was milled and consumed at home, 84,000,000 milled and consumed abroad, and 131,000,000 went abroad as wheat, the raw material of food.

We have ample milling facilities, and none of our wheat should go abroad save as flour. If freight rates were properly arranged, this would take place. In railroad freight classification, as Mr. Bovey urges, flour, particularly export flour, is overrated as compared to the rate on wheat. Both railroad and ocean rates should encourage the export of flour and minimize the export of wheat.

Why didn't Poultny Bigelow tell the Kaiser to send us a statue of Major General Baron Friedrich Wilhelm August Heinrich von Steuben, U. S. A. Instead of Emperor Frederick the Great? The last statue of a king erected in this country was pulled down in Bowling Green, New York city, 126 years ago and melted up and converted into 48,000 bullets, which were all fired at a King's soldiers who came of them by Baron Steuben himself.

If King Alfonso decides to substitute horse racing for bullfighting as a popular sport in Spain, this country can furnish him the necessary jockeys. They are the prime essentials of the turf nowadays all over the world.

President Paunce of Brown university gives this new recipe for happiness: Reject nine-tenths of all the literature about literature and come to know the few really grand and inspiring things in literature itself.

Now that General Miles either of his own volition or through force of "circumstances beyond his control" has stepped into the background, the gallant General Humidity is once more to the fore.



Uncle Sam: "I hope that committee will break it up."
—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The Last Relic of An Ancient Custom

By CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT, President of the National Woman's Suffrage Association



THE very same objection which for many centuries denied women property or right of wages, which offered neither opportunity nor encouragement to the education of women, which persecuted the first women physicians and opposed the opening of each new industry to the woman wage earner is still objecting to giving women the ballot.

AND WHAT IS THIS OBJECTION? AN INSTINCTIVE FEAR THAT INDIVIDUAL LIBERTY FOR WOMEN WILL DISARRANGE THAT TIME HONORED SCHEME ONCE THOUGHT DIVINE AND DEFINED BY BLACKSTONE:

"THE HUSBAND AND WIFE ARE ONE, AND THAT ONE IS THE HUSBAND."

To maintain this oneness of husband and wife he once administered her property, collected her wages and spent her money for her. He thought for her and acted for her in every capacity possible. Time has destroyed the old time oneness, and now the wife manages her own affairs and does her own thinking; but, as a last relic of ancient custom, the husband votes for her.

He does not do this because he or any one else supposes for a moment that he really represents her. HE VOTES HIS OWN OPINIONS, WHILE HERS GO UNRECORDED. Man is usually quick and willing to admit that this condition is neither logical nor just, but the average man who still opposes giving the suffrage to women stands frightened before this act of simple justice. He is like a distinguished congressman who admitted the other day that he was convinced the arguments for woman suffrage could not be answered, yet confessed that he quaked in his shoes in dread of the necessity of rearranging his ideals when once it should come.

IT IS MAN, LIBERTY LOVING, PROGRESSIVE, FEARLESS, WHO ADVOCATES WOMAN SUFFRAGE. IT IS MAN, CREED AND TRADITION BOUND, TIMID, FRIGHTENED, WHO OPPOSES IT.

ECZEMA

is due to the retention in the system of Uric Acid or other inflammatory poisons which find their way into the blood, and are forced by the circulation through the glands and pores of the skin, causing it to burn like fire, and the incessant itching allows no rest night or day. Eczema appears in a great many different forms, beginning frequently as a mere redness of the skin, followed by little blisters or pimples, from which a clear or straw colored matter oozes, forming into sores, scales or scabs; this is weeping Eczema, commonly called Salt Rheum. These acid poisons sometimes dry up the natural oils and the skin becomes hard and dry, often cracking and bleeding and causing intense pain and fearful itching. This form of Eczema is known as Tetter, and often attacks the hands and feet. Unsightly eruptions in the shape of pimples and blackheads break out upon the face, neck and shoulders as a result of polluted blood, and this humiliating disease is called Acne. Local remedies afford but scant relief. The blood and system being saturated with the poison, the disease cannot be reached with washes, salves, powders or other local applications. S. S. S. restores the deteriorated blood to its normal condition, stimulates the sluggish organs, and all the waste matter is eliminated through the proper channels. S. S. S. makes the blood rich and strong, and under its tonic and invigorating effects the general health improves, and the skin becomes soft and smooth again.

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T. C. WOOTEN,
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