

WORLD TRADE POINTERS

The celebrated black tea from Anhui that you love so well is produced on the slopes of the Li Mountains at an altitude of more than 3,000 feet. The equally delightful "Hsiyenya" tea comes from even greater heights in the mountains of Kiangsi.

Food sharks cannot thrive in South Africa. Eight cents a pound is the maximum retail price that may be charged for sugar in the Province of Natal. In other parts of the union nine cents is the maximum price. These figures were fixed by the government.

Notwithstanding the impression that things of that kind were not needed in Russia, at least during certain seasons, refrigerating plants are to be built along the railway lines Novorossiysk-Petrograd and Omsk-Moscow.

The approximate value of the 20,156,667 pounds of tin exported from Siam during the fiscal year ended March, 1916, was \$7,807,703 in gold, showing that the prosaic metal from which we make tin roofs and tomato cans is quite capable of shining in golden society.

A resident of Rio de Janeiro has furnished the American Consulate-General with samples of Brazilian bamboo suitable for making canes, and says the material may be had in lengths up to twenty feet. Know of any gentleman who would like to have a cane twenty feet long?

A project is on foot to make Vera Cruz the principal bathing resort of Mexico. A modern hotel and bathing facilities are to be built on the beach southeast of the city at an estimated cost of \$200,000. Rather difficult at this distance, however, to see how the new improvements are going to help the appearance of Villa and his army.

Rich and continuous indications of gold, silver and iron have been struck by surveyors along the west coast of Sumatra, and in the future that country will not have to depend so much on the glory of the Sumatra wrapper to keep it in the international limelight.

A firm in Egypt wishes to be placed in communication with manufacturers of boxcalf, glazed kid and patent leather footwear, an evidence that fashions in Egypt have rapidly changed since the good old days when Cleopatra trotted around in sandals.

The total number of sugar mills in Cuba during the year 1916-17 was 201. Of this total 68 are owned and operated by citizens of the United States. The present crop will amount to 2,800,000 tons. But for revolutions and other pests that destroy the cane, and the inability of the mills to operate while the revolutionary disturbances lasted, the crop might have reached 3,500,000 tons.

The Depeche Stavienne (that's a newspaper) says, in speaking of the Tunisian olive crop for 1917-18, that it will be quite inferior to the preceding one, and that for the present only a third of last year's production can be counted on. Hard luck for the Tunisians, but the people in this section might have been more interested had the Depeche Staxienne given a kindly hint on how to juggle the first one out of the bottle.

There is a considerable demand in Shanghai for shoe findings and specialties to meet the needs of the foreign residents and of the shoemakers engaged in manufacturing foreign shoes. That increasing number of Chinese in Shanghai are adopting foreign shoes is not surprising. The native shoe may be all right as long as Mock Lung moves forward, but in walking backward or performing serpentine maneuvers it is nothing like as faithful to the foot as the American product.

A greatly increased sale of American soap of all grades is reported from Hongkong. British soaps in limited quantities will go into that field, but it seems that the Chinaman, whether in the bath tub or in the mill pond or scrubbing the kids out in the backyard, prefers the American cake. This is true to such an extent that the Standard Oil Company, of New York is planning to establish modern soap factories in Hongkong, Manila and Saigon, cities that come under the control of the Hongkong offices of that concern.

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GRASS
Christian Science Monitor

In every northern country, the world round, about now, when the hay harvest is just beginning, in full swing, or just over, grass is very much in the air, in every meaning of that phrase. Next to trees or rivers, or, indeed, one might say, equally with them, grass is one of the best-loved things in nature. The trees overhead, "the grass beneath our feet," and the waters of the river, running through a good land, have conjured up, for the men of many ages, visions of rest, peace and plenty.

The average man of course, has his own views about grass. For the vast majority of people it is essentially just something good to see. They know nothing of the inwardness of the farmer's view, and still less of the tremendous difficulties of the botanist, who never yet has quite decided what is grass and what it is not. Sufficient for him that he sees it spread out like a cloth of green velvet, all glistening with dew in the early morning sun, or gratefully walks over it past bush and brier, along some river bank, or, from a high place, sees it stretching over valley and hill until lost in the midst of a distant horizon.

To the traveler with an eye to see and a heart to understand, there is something peculiarly welcome about grass, just as there is something peculiarly welcome about the stones on the seashore. In most lands they are much the same. He may have left everything else familiar some thousands of leagues behind him. He may walk through a land of strange houses and strange people speaking a strange language, but, if he will go down on to the seashore, he is almost sure of finding, somewhere, the same familiar stones, all sizes, all shapes, and, when wet and glistening from the ebbing tide, all colors. So it is with grass. Amidst many unfamiliar sights and sounds, he will be sure, among the grasses of the field or by the roadside, to come across many old familiar friends. Even if he has never learned to know them by name, they will strike "kindly familiar" on his eye—meadow foxtail, cocksfoot, rough meadow grass, and dog grass, or that grass wherewith he was wont, at one time, to decide his future. He will recall, maybe, more than one hot summer day, and more than one grassy bank, and the supreme contest of telling off the little green seed pods to the refrain—

- Tinker, tailor,
- Soldier, sailor,
- Rich man, poor man,
- and so on to "impossible degradations." Then he could, of course, decide, just as readily by the same means, the question of clothing. And what alternatives they were!
- Silk, satin,
- Muslin, rags,
- Nothing else.

That is straying far afield, maybe. Still, it begins and ends with grass. It is one of the nearer views; but in its wider expanses, perhaps the most welcome recollection many a traveler will have is that of first discerning the green grass when he is coming home by way of the sea. "All hills look green at a distance" never was a true proverb. At any rate, it depends on the distance; for all lands, whether hill or plain, when seen from the sea, at a distance, look gray. Just a hazy cloud at first, on the horizon, gaining ever in distinctness, until cliff and hill stand out clear-cut against the sky. Then, gradually, the gray lightens, and takes on a greenish tone, until at last, there is no longer any doubt about it, and the grass is in possession. But then, there is no end to the recollection which grass supplies to no end of the people. The tall, waving grass of the prairie; the thick, lush grass of the mountain valleys of Switzerland; the boils and tufts of the Russian steppes; the green carpet of the college "squad;" the brown carpet of the South African veldt, and the rough russet over-all of a Scottish highland, are all "dear and kind" to many people.

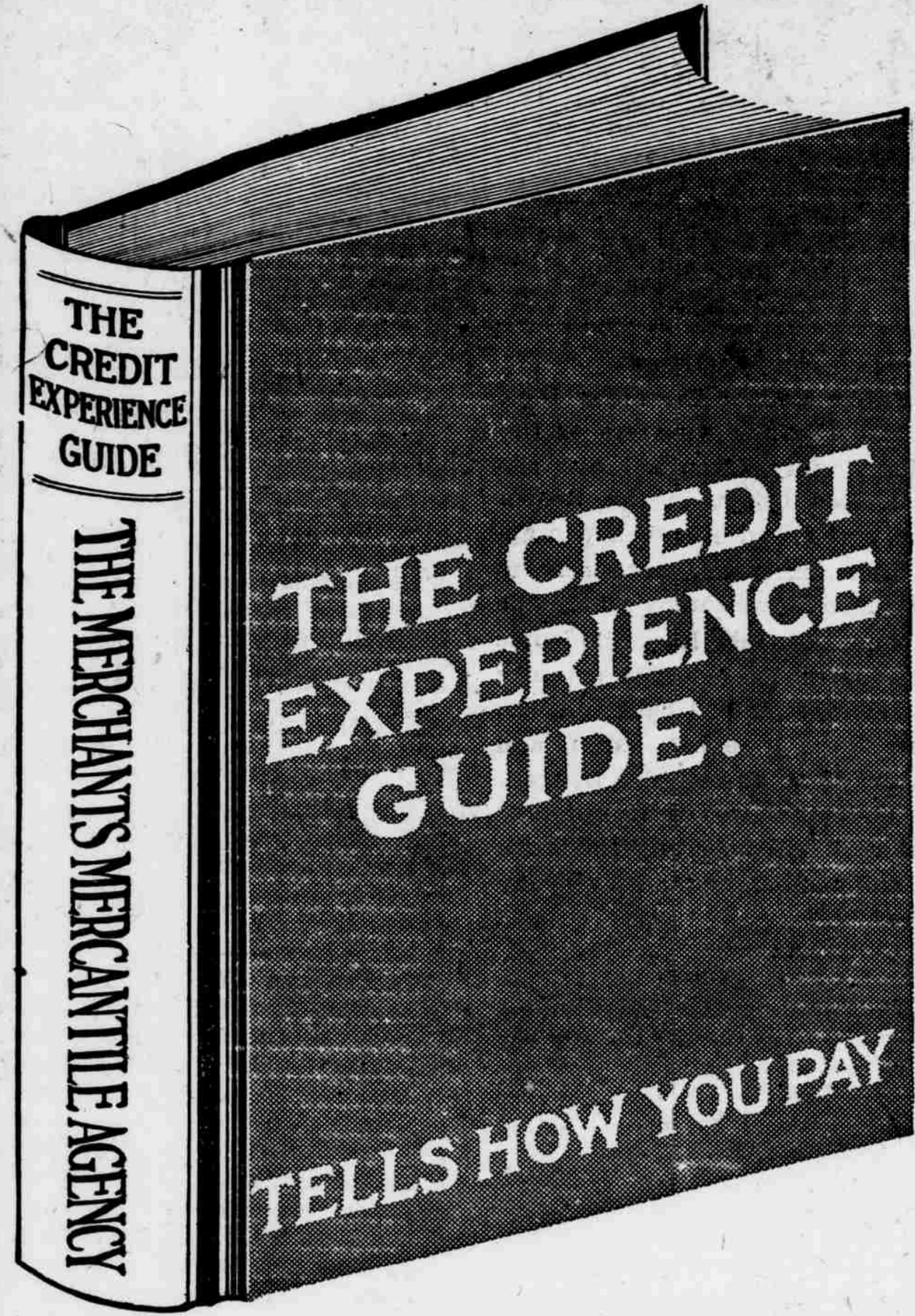
In the fiscal year, 1915-1916, the British post-office collected nearly 11,000,000 letters and 875,000 parcels weekly for the troops abroad and handed them over to the army. It distributed £2,200,000 weekly in separation allowances to 2,700,000 persons.

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The Erring Sisters.

Mrs. Al Fairbrother, who is vice president of the North Carolina Equal Suffrage Association, voices the sentiments of the membership in an article which she has contributed to Everything, in depreciation of the picketing affair. The conduct of the "militants" in persisting in this White House performance has been regarded from the first with feelings of sincere regret by the women in North Carolina, and they have never lost an opportunity to repudiate the whole business. The suffragists in this State are, as Mrs. Fairbrother contends, of the old school of which Anna Howard Shaw is representative and they have taken no stock nor parcel in the doings of the militants. It is true that conservative men and women in this country "have but little patients with such exploits." They will give endorsement to the words of Mrs. Fairbrother to the effect that "The American woman who wants suffrage on high grounds, and because she has shown herself capable of the responsible she wishes to assume, feels that the privilege of voting for a thousand years, if she should live that long, would not remove the stain of prison garment worn for one hour as the penalty for treason!" It is plain that the women of North Carolina have no sympathy for the erring sisters at Washington.

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