

STREET PEDDLERS.

What They Sell, How They Sell It, and What Results.

Of all dirty, disgusting, dangerous places to buy foods, fruits and confections, the street stands and pushcart peddlers take first place. Did you ever stop for even a few minutes to watch the various ways in which these foods are continually exposed to dirt and disease? Who has not seen some more or less unkempt, filthy looking foreigner hovering about an old push-cart loaded with the cheapest grades of stick candies, stale nuts and over-ripe fruits? In many cases his entire stock of wares is exposed to flies and dirt. Some of the more progressive venders now have their candies and fruits protected from flies by means of mosquito netting. But this affords little protection against the clouds of dust that are stirred up by street sweepers, gusts of wind and passing vehicles. The idea of having to inhale such dust is revolting enough, yet in this case it is eaten—only in a disguised and more palatable form. All thoughtful persons recall at once the possibility of eating dangerous germs in dried tuberculosis sputa as well as unaesthetic material from the street sweepings.

To minimize this dust nuisance, peddlers can frequently be seen blowing the dust off their candies and in the case of fruits the original lustre is restored by rubbing in the hands, with the coat sleeve, or worse still, with a badly soiled pocket handkerchief. It is unnecessary to even speculate on the possibilities contained in these handkerchiefs.

The unsanitary methods and conditions under which much of this candy, ice cream, etc., is made is another item. Not only are these candies, fruits, etc., made and stored in filthy cellars, kitchens, etc., but these same rooms are frequently used for bedrooms and living-rooms for the peddler and his family. Nor is this all. In competing with each other and with other stores, an effort is made to sell the greatest quantity possible for a penny or a nickel. This leads at once to using inferior materials and great quantities of various adulterants, coloring matter and flavors.

Last of all, let us not forget that it is the small boy and girl, with their pennies and nickels, that are the greatest victims of these peddlers of confections and diseases. Growing children must have sweets, but there is no reason for our permitting them to patronize such places. Give the boys and girls good, pure candies and clean fruits. It will reduce doctor bills and increase the child's prospects for a good stomach.

BORROWING AND RETURNING.

Be reticent about borrowing. Many borrowers have unsavory reputations, at least so far as the borrowing habit is concerned. They "are careless users and poor returners, and this is the hardest part for the lender. He is put to unexpected inconveniences and loss. Borrowing has its place, but young people are wisest if they form the habit of being quite independent on that score." But if you must borrow, be a careful user and a prompt returner. The Bible says, "The borrower is servant to the lender." According to Will Carleton, "It is he who goes lending that does the most sorrowing." But it should not be so.

Return a borrowed book as soon as possible; never keep it for weeks, much less for months. Many have vainly wished for some way of insuring prompt return of borrowed books; but so long as our public libraries receive such large sums in fine from delinquents, it can hardly be expected that where no fine is

charged, books will be promptly returned. One should, however, make no less effort to be on time in the latter case than in the former.

A person should not be too ready to ask for the loan of a book. If interest is shown in one, its owner will usually offer it for perusal if willing to lend it.

Endeavor to replace borrowed things with others of the same kind. "Why is not the money just as acceptable as the postage stamp, or the spool of thread, or the cupful of raisins which a neighbor has run in to borrow?" asks some one. "Because it does not replace the useful article. It only furnishes the means to replace it, when time and opportunity offer. And very often the want of a thing is more than the worth of it, as the old phrase has it. Even in the town it adds a little to the burdens of life to take thought of and replace supplies. Both justice and neighborly thoughtfulness should remind us to return our loans in kind."

Thoughtful planning will greatly lessen need for borrowing. Some one has given the timely hint to boys, "Never lay your pocketknife down and you will never lose it, and so will not be compelled to borrow."

Lending a borrowed article unless you have permission to do so is not good form.—Selected.

If everybody would do as they agree, be reasonably honest, fair and square in their dealings with their fellow-men, there wouldn't be much to fuss about in this little round world, and folks would be a lot happier. Just because a lot won't play the game right, don't let that influence you to follow a bad example. It never pays a man to do anything that will make it difficult for him to go to bed and sleep with his conscience.—Michigan Poultry Breeder.

Put some oats in a box that will not leak; wet them thoroughly with warm water, cover them well, let them stand one whole day, then turn them into a box that does leak. Keep putting warm water in them morning and night till sprouts are well started. Spread them out thinly, moisten more, and keep this up till the sprouts are of the required length. Some folks let them grow a foot long. No finer feast for the birds than oat sprouts.

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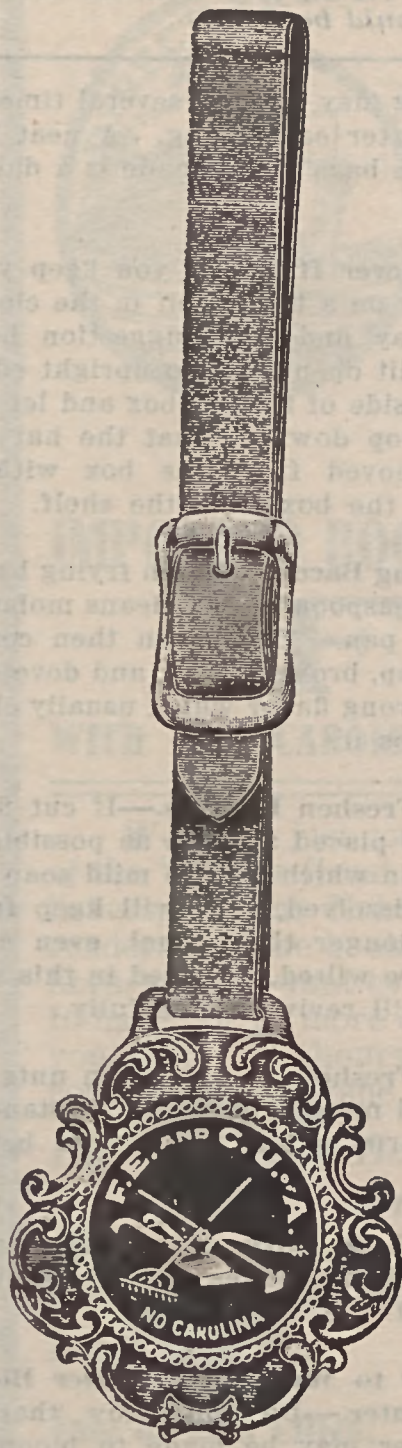
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