



# THE FARMER'S TALK TO FARMERS

## THE BURNING OF CORN AS FUEL.

(See Specially For The Bulletin.)

Why burn corn for fuel again in various parts of the west? Not only do the farmers who raised it burning it in their stoves and parlor heaters, but public utilities companies are burning it by the carload to burn under their steamboiler boilers.

These latter are doing it simply because when they are near enough to buy it direct from the farmer-growers, it costs them less than coal. Not only less per actual ton weight but less per unit of heat-producing value. That is, not only does a ton of corn cost them less than a ton of coal but what's more to the purpose, a dollar's worth of corn will give them more heat and more power than a dollar's worth of coal.

The farmers themselves are burning it because they can't sell it for enough to buy coal with. Meanwhile they've got to even warm up something during the cold winter. It's a choice between burning corn in the stove or freezing to death in the empty coalbin.

So far as dollars and cents are concerned, the situation is set forth in the following figures. Corn, in actual lots at the lowest of wholesale prices, was quoted yesterday in New York city at a price over 40 cents a bushel. That National City bank says the same corn brought the farmer 17 cents a bushel, the railroad 17 from 49 and we go on. That is to say the western farmer who furnishes the land and the fuel for the coal, and the work of the man who gets all these dollars' worth value into the corn and delivers it to the consumer, gets only 17 cents for his part.

The railroad takes 32 cents for hauling it to New York city. Of which the farmer gets only 17 cents. The rest of the railroad employees—who are all the time threatening to strike if any body suggests that they take a fraction of a cent less.

I should care whether you're farmer or a consumer in the city. I want to ask you if that division of the money between corn-growers and corn-carriers strikes you as either just or even moderately "square." Only 17 cents a bushel for all the actual value there is in the corn, and 32 cents a bushel for hauling it across the table?

But I think the most maddening thing about the whole affair is the way in which certain writers and speakers who are usually in the use of corn for fuel as an economic advantage. They show that corn at 17 cents a bushel is worth about \$6 a ton. Coal, even of the cheapest bituminous sort, costs \$10 a ton in the city. And on those terms, the farmer has no wood to speak of, certainly none which is worth considering as fuel. It is a choice between corn at \$6 and coal at \$10. In either case Mr. Farmer has got to do his own hauling. If he sells his corn, he must draw it to the railroad. If he buys coal, he must draw it from the railroad. Why ask these smooth-tongued defendants of corn-burners why they should haul his corn to the station, collect 16 cents for it, and then pay \$10 for an equal amount of fuel coal? Why shouldn't an electric light and power plant buy corn to burn in its boiler, and if it can't haul it, let it buy an amount of heat which would cost it \$10 in coal? And so on and so on.

These men, you will observe, translate all the facts in terms of dollars and cents, and they ignore the profits and percentages. They do not care about the Johnny-cake and the corn-pone he takes rithlessly from the mouths of hungry babies and fet into the dooms of starving people by somebody's name or make \$4 a ton.

They are lower in the spiritual scale than that famous husbandman of the parable who had so much corn that he felt compelled to pull down his old barn and build bigger to hold the crop, than he never dreamed of burning it to save building expense. Nevertheless, that night his soul was required of him. Doubtless he was lucky in having a soul to be saved. There are men in these days who show no outward and visible signs of possessing such an attainment. Instead, they seem to be strong athletes and great, built around and about a considerable or an adding machine, and knowing no more except that the teeth in the gears of some head-bumper. They are great economists and fluent advocates of what they say is to all "save lumber." Sentiment is something which they want. They will have some of it. Indeed, it is doubtful if they comprehend what it is or that there really is such a thing. They are not the kind of men who are ever kind and generous to those who are less fortunate than they. They are the kind of men who are ever kind and generous to those who are less fortunate than they.

Today there are millions of people suffering across the face of this poor old globe burning for more and more coal and earthworms to eat because they can't get decent food. And this same day, out in half-a-dozen of our own middle states, farm boys and power-plant furnaces are heating with the combustion of tons and tons of the finest food nature ever developed.

Between the two stand the Chaffbands and stringencies of commerce smoothly and eloquently declaring that the smoke of the corn-burning is an offense in their god, the famous—and infamous "right to life."

Because it costs more to feed the hungry with it than to burn it up as fuel!

**Have Pains?**

Aches and pains seem to be the lot of the ordinary mortal. However, these should be taken simply as nature's warning signals that some part of the human machine is out of order. It is a mistake to resign one's self to physical torture when the cause can be removed.

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cannot and seek to find remedies which would cure the disease rather than aggravate the symptoms.

Isn't there any more such? "Why don't the farmers feed their unsalable corn to livestock?" The answer to this is very simple. They don't because feeding unsalable corn to make unprofitable beef or pork causes them greater loss than burning it up.

Innumerable farmers all through the west tried this, a year ago last fall says one writer who lives in the west and knows whereof he speaks:

"They bought feeders last fall fattened them through the winter and in the spring sold the hogs and cattle for less money than they had paid for them in the autumn. They lose the difference between fall and spring prices. They lost the food fed to the animals. They received nothing for the winter labor, the care and anxiety and responsibility."

"Received nothing?" They not only received nothing, they paid for the privilege of throwing their work and their risks away! They spent money to repeat that folly! They'd better burn their corn; they'd better have it ground and plowed under for fertilizer; indeed, they'd better throw it in the river or do anything else with it which doesn't actually cost them money out of pocket, than feed it to stock for nothing and pay roundly for the privilege of making the donation.

Meanwhile, famine stalks gauntly across one-quarter of the earth; the cities seethe with discontent; profiteers pick the pockets of consumer and producer. Indifferently, and the chorus of hired adulation sings cheerily to the

travelling of its one-stringed harp: "It's not at all alarming; instead, it's rather charming; keep right on with your farming; and burn what you can't sell!"

THE FARMER.

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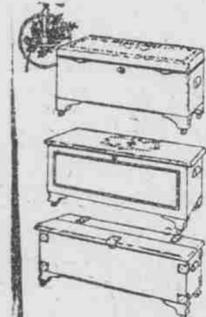
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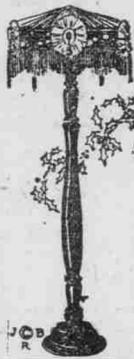
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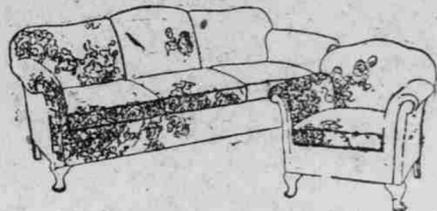
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