STOP WASTE IN GARBAGE

U. S. Food Administrator Launches Nation-Wide Campaign Against Waste.

AN APPEAL TO HOUSEWIVES

Watch Garbage Pail and Keep It Free From All Tin Cans and Other Rubbish.

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A score of other materials valuable in munition making.

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The United States Food Administration Urges Every Housewife

To be watchful over what goes into the garbage pail; to put less in and take more out. But what must go into the pail should be kept separated from other household refuse, so that it can be utilized either for making munitions or for hog feed. Do not permit broken glass, crockery, phonograph needles or other foreign substances to get into the garbage pail.

REMEMBER, GARBAGE IS VALUABLE—KEEP IT CLEAN.

COLUMBUS, O. (Special.) — A campaign for the utilization of garbage has been inaugurated by the United States Food Administration to reclaim millions of dollars' worth of material now being wasted and to urge upon housekeepers the necessity for keeping garbage (kitchen and table refuse) in a separate container from other house refuse.

Figures and statistics issued by the Food Administration show that in one ton of garbage there is sufficient glycerine to make the explosive charge for fourteen 75 millimeter shells, enough "fatty acid" to manufacture 75 pounds of soap, fertilizer elements to grow eight bushels of wheat and a score of other valuable materials essential in the manufacture of munitions.

It is also pointed out that 24 cities of over 100,000 are not utilizing garbage and that the combined population, which is estimated to be over 5,000,000, is wasting 4,400,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine and 40,000,000 12-ounce cakes of soap, besides 60,000 tons of tankage which contains fertilizer elements sufficient to produce a 3,000,000-bushel wheat crop. The value of this loss of materials is estimated at $5,000,000.

In 29 cities where there are garbage utilization plants the figures show that a combined population of 18,000,000 people are utilizing these products, to the value of over $11,000,000 annually, and that a large percentage of this saving is being directly used by the government in munition making. Plans are under way in several cities for the manufacture of alcohol on a large scale from garbage and from experiments it has been shown that the grade of alcohol produced equals a high grade grain product.

Don't Burn Garbage

But in these 29 cities, or most of them, large amounts of garbage are destroyed by burning or made useless by being mixed with other wastes. This means that around 9,000,000 pounds of grease is lost, or sufficient to produce 1,200,000 pounds of nitro-glycerine, which would furnish the powder charge of about 2,000,000 shells of the famous French "seventy-fives." In addition there is a loss of fatty acids sufficient to manufacture 25,000,000 12-ounce cakes of soap.

If, in these 29 cities the garbage was "kept clean" or free from bottles, tin cans, crockery and other foreign matter, the saving to the government would be many million dollars more. The responsibility devolves upon the shoulders of the housewife, who is urged to see that nothing but garbage goes into the garbage pail. Other house refuse has a value, but its value is lost and the value of the garbage is lost if refuse and garbage are mixed.

The same is true about garbage that is to be used as hog feed. The Food Administration is also urging that table and kitchen refuse be fed to hogs and is driving home to the housekeeper the fact that one ton of garbage will produce 100 pounds of good, firm, first quality pork.

Figures from 200 cities of over 10,000 population, which are disposing of their garbage as hog feed, are daily demonstrating this fact. The combined population of these cities is more than 9,000,000 and the estimated yield of pork should be 100,000,000 pounds. But because of poor separation, inedible materials and losses, the amount of garbage-fed pork that is actually marketed each year is only 50,000,000 pounds, which has a value of over $8,000,000.

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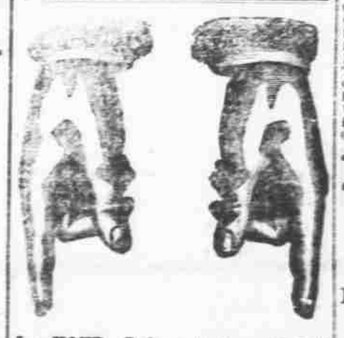

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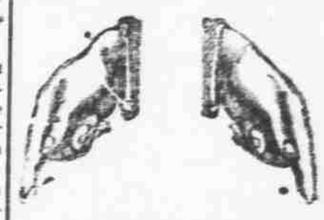

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