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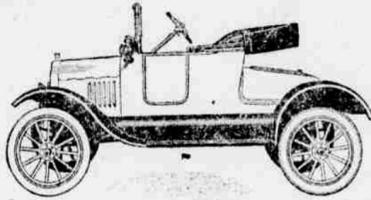
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From a Young Soldier to Mr. S. M. Phelan.

AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE, PARIS, August 21, 1917.

Dear Uncle Sid—I was awfully glad to hear from you the other day. I think of you a lot but I have very little time to write.

I have been at the front two weeks working 36 out of 48 hours and sometimes more. I eat about two meals a day and what I eat is hardly fit to eat.

Soap and I are strangers. I, once in a while get to wash, not often. I have been under shell fire and through gas. The gas I hate and fear; the shell fire gives you the most wonderful thrills on earth.

It is the greatest sport in the world to drive through shell fire in the daytime. At night it is not so much fun. I have seen some wonderful sights and some horrible ones—bombardments, sunsets and sunrises, dead men and horses, artillery in motion, prisoners coming in, troops marching out. It is great but as a permanent life the strain is too great.

The Catholic priests here do a wonderful work and go about everywhere in their steel helmets and gas masks. Give my love to all.

TOWNEE PHELAN.

Citizen Soldiers Go to Camps.

In the five-day period beginning Wednesday of last week 49 per cent of the new army, or about 275,000 men were transported from their homes to the sixteen military cantonments established throughout the country since the war began.

To handle this military movement, in addition to regular passenger and freight traffic, taxes the facilities of the railroads to the utmost. Another 40 per cent of the new army will move to the cantonments from October 3 to 7, and the remaining 15 per cent will begin entraining October 17. The first 5 per cent moved from September 5 to September 9.

Select Seed Corn From Big Yield.

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The second point to be observed is in avoiding the selection of fine looking ears which are not borne by high yielding plants. It is easy to make this mistake, for the natural tendency of the unpracticed selector is to consider a good looking ear good for seed. Many poor seed ears would be gathered if this tendency were allowed to influence the selection, for while it is true that good seed ears are unusually good looking, it by no means follows that all good looking ears are good for seed.

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Among plants which are equal in yield, it is advisable to select seed from those that mature earliest. A strain having a tendency toward early maturity may thus be secured. This, of course, would be very desirable. However, it would not be advisable to select only for earliness, paying no attention to the yield of the plant, for an extremely early strain is almost certain to be a low yielder. In the same plant only a very moderate degree of earliness is likely to be combined with a capacity for good yield. But the selection from extremely late plants whose ears are still heavy with sap should also be avoided. Such ears would easily heat or freeze in storage, thereby causing low vitality of the seed. A poor stand would result from seed of this kind.

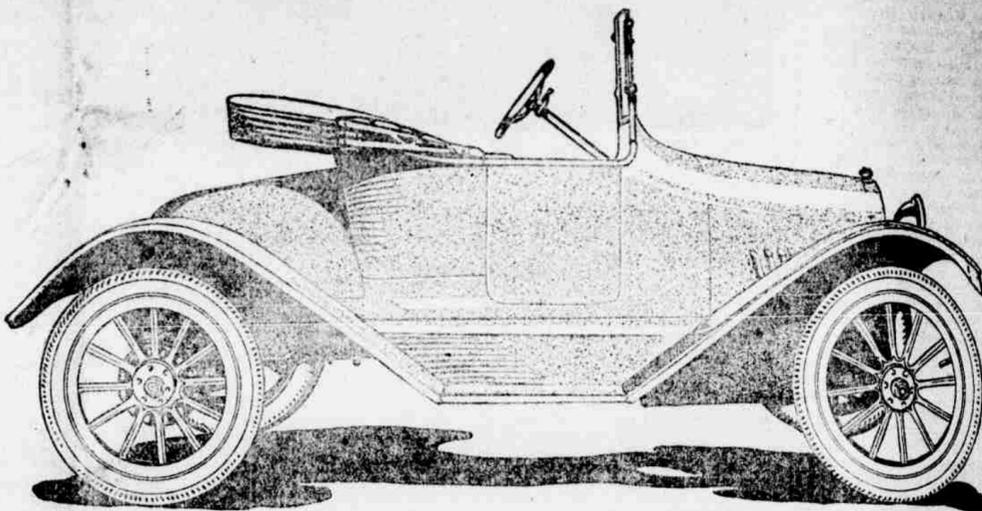
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The way in which the seed is actually gathered in the field is best left to the convenience of the individual farmer. It makes no difference how this is done so long as the rules for selection herein given are observed. The main thing is to make the selection.

Farmers Should Ship Now. An appeal to farmers to ship their wheat now is made by Fairfax Harrison, Chairman of the Railroads' War Board, who says: "We are assured that the price of wheat determined by the President will be maintained throughout the year by the food administration and that there can be no objective in holding wheat. In fact, the farmer saves interest and deterioration by marketing early. "At the present time the railways can handle more wheat to storage points for ready distribution and to mills to be manufactured into flour for domestic consumption and exportation to our allies where it is much needed and for which ships are available at ports. "The railways wish to appeal to the farmers to bring their wheat to market now. Later in the fall the handling of many more products will cause congestion and delays. "The railways are now being operated in common to serve the entire community. The demands for movements of military and supplies will be an increasing burden. Therefore the railways must have the co-operation of the entire community."

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Marshal Gillespie was furnished a description of the man wanted and he left yesterday morning, going to Kinder in search of him but heard that he was at Kinder's mill, about eight miles east of here. George McLane brought him back here, and, accompanied by the St. Francois county deputy and D. C. Howell, they went out to the mill. A short distance this side of the mill Deputy Parks and Howell got out of the car and made a circle so as to get on the back side of the mill. When they were stationed McLane drove the car up to the mill and Marshal Gillespie walked up and told the man he was wanted. Howitt had a twin brother working with him and it was necessary to keep both men until the deputy sheriff could reach the spot and get the man wanted. Howitt made no attempt to escape; however such an attempt would have been useless. He was taken to Poplar Bluff yesterday evening and from there back to St. Francois county.

Howitt has a wife and children and a sister who runs the Frisco Hotel at Poplar Bluff. The accused man was wanted in connection with a murder near Bonne Terre, in 1913. Howitt with four companions were engaged in a crap game at the time the man was murdered. The murdered man had been dead three days before he was found and hogs had almost destroyed his body. At the time of his death the man carried \$2,700 which was not found on the body.

Luther Howitt and another of the party were arrested at the time but sufficient evidence could not be obtained to convict them, so they were released. A few weeks ago an

unassigned letter which had been mailed on the train was received by the sheriff of St. Francois county, stating that if Howitt was arrested again the writer would appear with evidence sufficient to convict him. The authorities immediately got busy and arrested the man who wrote the letter; then the arrest of Howitt followed.

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