

# SELECT YOUR SEED CORN EARLY FOR NEXT YEAR

(Special to The Times.)  
CROWN POINT, IND., Sept. 4.—Many years ago the arguments for selecting seed corn from the standing stalk in the field were not so convincing as they are today. Careful experiments prove that corn grown from corn which has blown down each year for several years will produce corn having a tendency to blow down. This cannot be detected by selecting seed corn from the crib. Another point which scientists have determined is that ears grown at medium height on the stalk, say approximately four and one-half feet from the ground, will produce a heavier yield per acre than if they grow close to the ground or high up on the stalk. You cannot pick seed corn out of the crib and tell at what height it was located on the stalk.  
Seed corn should be selected early in Lake county from the old native varieties or from those introduced varieties which have shown beyond any doubt that they will mature corn at this latitude. In selecting a seed corn field, particular emphasis should be placed on the proximity of the proposed seed ear to barren stalks, down stalks, and hills containing but a single stalk. The pollen from these undesirable relatives will influence the heredity of the seed.  
Get your seed corn now.

## Letters from Soldiers

Written to the Home Folks From This Side and the Other Side of the Water.

**From Forest Meyers.**  
To Mrs. Theo. Tennyson, 454 Indiana avenue, Hammond, from her nephew, Sergeant Forest E. Meyers, Quartermaster Corps, A. E. F., P. O. 712.  
On Active Service With the A. E. F., France.  
Aug. 5, 1918.  
Dear Aunt and Niece:  
Received your letter today of the 27th of July and will answer Toronto de suite. Everything is lovely over here, except that traffic between here and Berlin is still congested but not quite so bad as previously and we will soon have a York special running on regular time to Potsdam, Kiel, Berlin and all points east.  
We are all somewhat disappointed, as Kaiser Bill, a very prominent man (in his home town), has been promising to pay a visit to Paris and vicinity all spring and summer, but for some reason or other he has not been able to get here yet; in fact, we have given up all hopes of him coming, as he has some very bad roads to travel over, ha ha!  
We have seen quite a number of his friends traveling in that direction, but they seem to have had a very rough time of it and didn't seem to be enjoying the trip at all, and one night say they were being compelled to go as they were being guarded by a bunch of toughs called Yanks, and who they said had been using them real mean, especially at Chateau Thierry. There they say these same toughs jumped onto them when they weren't looking (which wasn't fair).

and beat them up something awful. It is also said that the Kaiser's tin Lizzie with which he intended to visit Paris is badly worn and in need of repairs; in fact, in such a state of collapse that although he has attempted the trip a number of times the machine has always broken down when he struck the F. E. and A. road. And, although being a man of his word? he will have to forego the trip altogether.  
Well, folks, this is my anniversary of my arrival in sunny France. Just a year today I said Hello, France! I wonder when I will say Hello U. S. A. again. You can't realize what a fine old country we've got over there till you get away from it awhile.  
Good morning here I am again, and it's a fine morning except that it's raining again—I mean yet. But then we only have light showers now, of one or two days' duration, and a day or so between showers. About November I suppose we will get a real rain again.  
Well, Bertha, there isn't any such thing as No Man's Land over here, as we claim it all. I think you will get some idea of the religion of No Man's Land when I tell you the three greatest sins are stinginess, cowardice and self-praise.  
Well, I reckon this will be about enough for one time, so hoping to hear from you soon I remain as ever with love to all.  
FOREST.  
Sgt. Forest E. Meyers,  
Q. M. Corps, A. E. F., France.  
P. O. 712.

## AIRMEN TALK TO EARTH FROM SKY

LONDON, Aug. 2. (By Mail)—What would be more natural than that the German who forces the hidden power of the atmospheric air to maintain his craft aloft, should again employ that same ether to carry his message to earth. There are other methods of communication, of course, but wireless telegraphy is predominant.  
The wireless branch is a very highly specialized department of the Royal Air Force, and its very chief but not its sole function is concerned with getting artillery, British airplanes for hours at a stretch over the German lines; circling comparatively slowly over a given area; they register the guns below until the work of destruction has been completed.  
Far below, in the advanced positions of the field batteries are the wireless telegraph mechanics receiving correctives by wireless from airplanes. Their work involves considerable exposure to shell fire.  
At sea wireless is extensively used in connection with submarine chasing. Airplanes flying boats and airplanes very long patrols in co-operation with destroyers. Immediately the aircraft sight a U-boat, the destroyers are informed by wireless of its exact location. This method is highly successful for a submerged submarine which is invisible from sea level can be seen clearly from the air, in good weather. It is a significant fact that every German submarine is fitted with an anti-aircraft gun.  
Pilots Pass Tests.  
Every pilot in the British air service must pass certain tests in wireless telegraphy before he is allowed to graduate, and in consequence at practically every home training station the air is made musical by the sound of many practice "buzzers."

means of more powerful current provided by electric generators; these generators are run off the airplane engine in the larger machines, and take the place of comparatively weak accumulators hitherto employed.  
Copper Wire Used.  
The aerial on an aircraft consists of a length of copper wire, with lead weight on the end, rolled on a drum. This can be wound or unwound at will by the observer; but care must be taken in unwinding, for if the winch is left to run free, the lead weight will snap the wire and render the whole outfit unserviceable in a second. Most people have seen an aerial on board ship; it is the wire stretched horizontally between masts.  
Another form of communication between aircraft and the earth consists of a message bag. This is a long, thin, brightly-colored streamer, with a little weighted pocket at one extremity. The aviator also frequently "talks" by means of a daylight signalling lamp. This is a device for flashing the Morse code, somewhat on the principle of a searchlight, and is chiefly used in flying at low heights when operating with the infantry during an attack. But these and the other methods used, have rather narrow limitations compared with wireless telegraphy.

Enormous strides have been made during the war in the use of wireless telegraphy in aircraft. One of the chief difficulties was to overcome the noise of the engine. But skill and ingenuity conquered this difficulty almost completely. It is not permissible to state just how it was accomplished, for in these matters Germany has not yet discovered the secret of various methods successfully used by the British.  
The effective range for wireless transmitted from the air has been largely increased. Not so very long ago the limit was a few miles, but this has now been greatly exceeded by

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