

claims to speak by authority because the only rolling mills in Ontario are owned by the Ontario Rolling Mill Company, of that city, which is the concern that buys scrap iron and makes bar iron. The Spectator says that this iron-making concern pay from \$15 to \$16 per ton for scrap iron and sells bar iron at 1.8 cents per pound, or \$36 per ton. Which is correct? Is Hardware depressing the market when the rolling mills want to buy scrap, and elevating it when consumers want to buy iron, and is this why it says that merchants should not allow their copies to get into the hands of consumers?

Those of us who were bored a year ago by the long-winded discussion of the tin plate industry until we hated the very words and didn't care where tin plate was made provided we didn't have to hear the subject debated, have at last some facts which we can tie to, and we need not read whole broadsides to get at the truth, either. A special agent of the treasury department has submitted to Secretary Carlisle a report upon this industry in the United States, in which he says that more than half the tin and terne plate made here is entirely of American manufacture, black plates and all. If half as much were done to establish the beet sugar industry, it would not be long before we should pay our own people the \$120,000,000 a year we now send abroad for sugar.—Farm and Home.

Our contemporary intimates that what the United States Government is doing for the beet sugar industry is not half as much as what it is doing to encourage the manufacture of tin plates. But what is being done in that country to encourage the beet sugar industry is to pay a bonus of some two cents per pound upon the production of beet sugar. Of course the desire of Farm and Home is to open up a new

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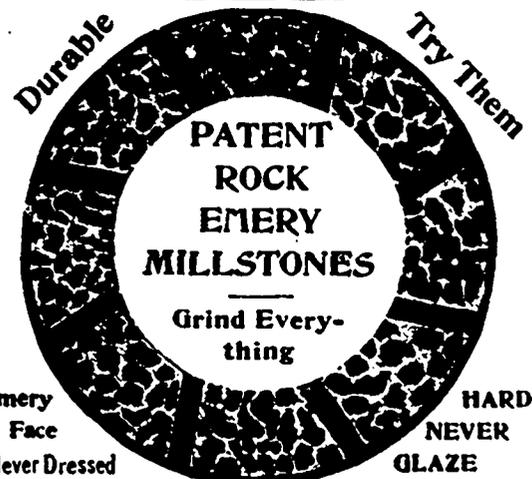
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