

The Japanese are not going to let any other country make any more than they can help out of the sale of goods in Japan. Their latest departure is the establishment of a \$250,000 wire nail plant at Tokio, with a capacity of 500 kegs of nails per day. They are sending young men out to learn methods of manufacture in other countries, and within a few years they will not only supply their own market, but they will be formidable competitors in every part of the world, with the manufacturing industries of older nations.

Another bonanza for the farmer is at hand, if it be really true that a Kentucky firm is making cellulose for warships out of cornstalks, for which it pays four dollars per ton. And yet there are cranks who despise the aid science renders to the agriculturist.

We were recently shown some state prison hosiery, or rather a line of hosiery made by convict labor. These goods were fairly well made and sold at a price that brought them into close competition with our manufacturers, merchants and operatives. If these were made exclusively for the inmates of the institutions it would not be so bad; but to have convict labor competing under contract, inside or outside of prisons with our honest laborers, is a wrong that should be righted.—American Knit Goods Review.

The prison labor problem is one that requires careful handling in all countries. There seems to be no reason why the adoption of a system might not make our penal institutions self-supporting as far as the product of everything but food was concerned and thus employ all convicts without bringing them into competition with honest labor.

The province of Ontario has shown its hand in regard to lumber and pulp wood. After next April, pine timber must be made into lumber on Canadian soil, but pulp wood may be exported as heretofore. Doubtless Premier Hardy, of the Ontario government, is acting under the advice of, or at least in harmony with the views of Premier Laurier, of the Dominion of Canada, and presumably the policy adopted by the province will also be that of the Dominion. Therefore, it is reasonable to suppose that there will be no export duty on pulp wood cut in Canada and brought into the United States. Such a condition would indicate very sensible conclusions on the part of Canada, although it is not of especial importance on this side of the border.—The Paper Mill.

Of course it would be sensible for us to allow our pulp wood to enrich American paper mill men. Of course it is of no special importance to Americans, anyway. Of course if we should forget to be sensible and put a nice large export duty on pulp wood that wouldn't make any difference to our friends.

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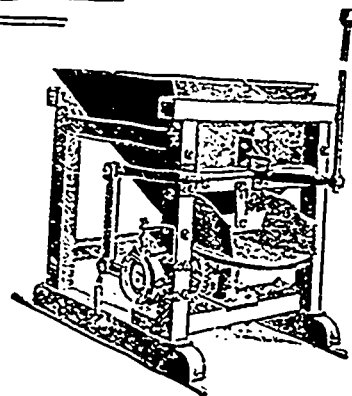
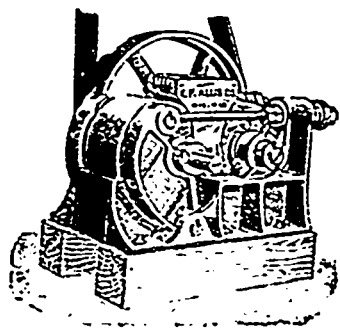
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