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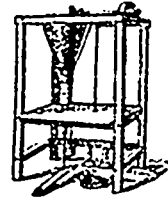
The competition between German and American manufacturers for the rich Russian market for agricultural machinery is becoming more active than ever before. As an offset to the exhibition at Moscow of American agricultural machinery and implements now at the Paris Exposition, the Central Union of German Industrials proposes to make a counter exhibition of German goods in the same line. At present the Germans have two great advantages in that they are in a position to accord liberal credit, and that Russian dealers as a rule understand sufficient German to conduct their correspondence in that language. On the other hand, the present agitation by the German Agrarians to shut out Russian wheat and other agricultural products from Germany is arousing warm resentment in the Russian newspapers, and if the proposed duties are incorporated in the new German tariff, American manufacturers will undoubtedly be given an opportunity to wrest a considerable part of the trade now enjoyed by German manufacturers in Russia away from them. The English seem to be steadily losing ground in this market, except on traction engines and certain of the heavier classes of machinery. In general the Russian agriculturist desires light, strong machinery, simple in construction, durable and easily operated and repaired by men of little mechanical knowledge. There is a growing demand in this market for all classes of hand farming implements and tools.

The production of good quality and high-class furniture is developing more and more, but a portion of the demand has still to be met by imported goods. Furniture in the French and English style sells well. Attempts have also been made to import original American office furniture, which is bought up quickly owing to its modern price and practical construction. The trade in bent-wood furniture has also largely increased, the eight large and twelve small factories here having produced three million roubles worth in 1899—a figure which will increase still further, as this kind of furniture is daily growing in demand in Russia. The manufacture of bamboo furniture has also increased to a marked degree in Warsaw; in fact the demand has grown to such an extent that the manufacturers, who sell at very high prices, were unable to cope with the demand.—Austro-Hungarian Consul at Warsaw.

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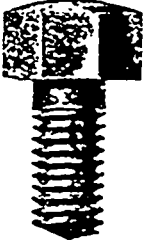
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