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BUYING LARGE BY RAILROADS OF EQUIPMENT

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Year. Because of inability of the railways within recent years to buy a normal amount of new equipment the number of locomotives and cars that ought to be retired is now unusually large.

"But two and one-half months of the year 1922 still remained when these statistics regarding the orders placed this year were computed. Substantial orders are still being placed and probably will continue to be until the end of the year. They will provide for a normal year's net increase in equipment but will hardly make up for any of the large deficiency in equipment which has accrued within recent years.

"The comparatively large orders for locomotive and cars being placed evidently are predicted on the belief of railway managers that traffic will continue to move in increasing volume.

"In the fall of 1920 the railways handled the largest business that they ever did in their history. The total number of cars loaded with freight in the four weeks ending with October 14, 1922, was only 2.5 per cent less than the number loaded in the corresponding weeks of 1920, but there are wide differences in the tonnage of the various classes of commodities handled in the two periods. Study of these differences may suggest what future tendencies are likely to be.

Many people believe that the reason why the railways are now handling such a large volume of freight is that the coal strike has forced upon them an abnormal tonnage of coal and that therefore the present excess in the demand for transportation over the supply will be temporary. The fact is that in the four weeks of 1922 mentioned the number of carloads of coal moved was 13 per cent less than in the same weeks of 1920. Furthermore, shipments of ore were 38 1/2 per cent less of forest products 5 per cent less, and of coke 29 per cent less. However, when it is noted that the total shipments were only three per cent less.

"Grain shipments and green products were 21 1/2 per cent larger than 1920; of livestock 15 1/2 per cent larger and of less-than-carload merchandise 11 per cent larger. The farmer is sending his crops to market and getting his money for them as fast as he can. He was holding his crops back in 1920 and not getting his money for them. In view of these facts, he is not likely to be a large purchaser in 1923 than he was in 1921.

"Shipments of L. C. L. merchandise thus far this year have been much greater than ever before. They consist chiefly of finished products. Retail merchants must have been buying them from wholesale merchants, and they from manufacturers, in large amounts, or they would not have been shipped in record-breaking volume. Since this has been the case, does it not seem probable that there will be great activity in general manufacturing for months to come? When there is great activity in manufacturing there is a large demand for food and raw materials. Those engaged in the construction business say

there is prospect of a great deal of construction work. Do these things not indicate the prospect of an increase in shipments of the classes of commodities which are not now moving in as large volume as two years ago?

"Unless all past experience is misleading, the demands upon the railways in months and years immediately ahead are going to increase, and they will have use for more additional facilities than they will be able to provide.

HANDS INDEX TO CHARACTER

Still Reveal Much, Though Probably Less Than Was the Case Some Few Years Ago.

Once it was possible to tell a "body" by her hands—that is if you regarded a lady as "a representative of the social class." She had well-kept hands because she did nothing to roughen them or enlarge their knuckles or cause premature wrinkles. Even if fortune had gone against her she somehow avoided the work that would mar the symmetry of those hands. She did not work for hours in order to avoid the work that she regarded as menial. And because a woman of this class knew that it was at her hands that others looked for an index to her social position it was her hands that she saved, wearing gloves by day and by night to keep them white and to protect them and repair them from the ravages of wind, sun and housework.

The situation is rather different now. The young woman of immigrant parents who sells thrives in the department store basement has elaborately manicured nails and hands that are smooth, but the wife of the college president has hands that clearly show the effects of work that we would once have regarded as menial.

Perhaps still to the keen observer hands have something to tell of their owner's rank or pedigree. There are some hands that no matter how diligently manicured always look a little grimy at the corners, and others, lacking entirely the index of the manicure buffer, that are always scrupulously clean.

PRIZED AMBER AS ORNAMENT

Romans Secured It From "Barbarians" Germans, Who Had Small Idea of Its Real Value.

Amber, which is fossilized resin, was in great demand among the Romans for ornaments. Tacitus, in his "Germania," tells that it was gathered by the barbarian Germans. "They explore the sea for amber, in their language called 'bleess' and are the only people who gather that curious substance," he says. "It is generally found among the shallows; sometimes on the shore. Concerning the nature of the cause of this concentration the barbarians, with their usual want of curiosity, make no inquiry. Amongst other superstitions discharged by the sea this substance has long been regarded. All Roman luxury gave it a name and brought it into request. To the savages it is of no use. They gather it into rude beads and offer it for sale without any form of polish, which at the price they receive for it."

Tacitus guessed correctly the origin of amber, saying: "There is reason to think that amber is a distillation from certain trees, since in the transparent medium we see a variety of insects and even animals of the wing, which being caught in the viscous fluid, are afterwards when it grows hard, incorporated with it."

Poem Had Origin in Actual Life.

The famous poem about the boy who stood on the burning deck had its origin in an actual happening which constitutes a page in history.

It was during Napoleon's expedition to Egypt that England sent Lord Nelson to capture him and annihilate his fleet. At the battle of Aboukir the French navy was crushed and Napoleon was forced to flee, all but four of his ships being sunk, burned or captured.

The French admiral had been killed. And on the deck of the flagship stood her captain, Louis de Casabianca, who then had command of the fleet. He was wounded and the ship was burning, but he refused to leave his post. And in spite of commands and entreaties, his son, a boy of ten, stayed with him and died with him when the ship went down, supplying the theme for that famous epic of child heroism, "The boy stood on the burning deck."

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