

MATURED ALCOHOL FROM POTATOES

The Rural Spirit," published in Portland, and which is the recognized authority on all matters pertaining to farmers, has the honor to say about the law recently passed by congress, which allows farmers to engage in the manufacture of denatured alcohol: Only a short while ago congress of the United States, owing to the pressure brought about by various granges, farm organizations, farm papers and other influences, passed a law allowing the manufacture of denatured alcohol on the farm. It had been clearly proven that alcohol could be manufactured from potatoes at a cost that would be most profitable if the price were about that of kerosene or gasoline, to both of which it is vastly superior for light or power engines. When a bill became a law it was hailed as a measure passed strictly in the interest of the farmers. But when the provisions of the law and the ruling thrown around by the Interior Department were studied it was discovered that a farmer could not avail himself of any of its advantages. It still must be of a capacity to produce a large amount of the alcohol and an inspector must be charged. This, together with the provisions, simply made it impossible for any one farmer to avail himself of its provisions. The "dissolved" Standard Oil Company is still charging the same rates for gasoline, while the great potato crop of this year is selling at ruinously low prices. In Germany, the country from which the idea was borrowed, a farmer can have as small a quantity as he wishes; can make any sufficient alcohol for his use if he wishes. Corn

stalks or any of several other waste material as well as potatoes can be successfully used and the ability to make the alcohol is a real benefit to him. We have to admit that Germany and several other European monarchies do more in the way of practical assistance for their rural population than this great and glorious free country of ours. But the law is as we have it and is not likely to be changed. What the Rural Spirit wishes to suggest is a method of securing some actual benefit from it. If this can be done at all it is only by cooperation. We have not studied the provisions of the law carefully, but believe it possible to put up a co-operative factory in which all the potato raisers of a community could manufacture or have manufactured as much of their crop as they might desire. By the co-operative plan a still or "factory" could be kept running continuously until all the crops were used up and the government inspector could then be let go and that expense cut off. A factory much larger than one man alone would use, could be secured and the manufacturing done in a rapid manner. It seems entirely feasible. If it is, it is the only way to get any real proof of the need of co-operation and the co-operative spirit among farmers. We may have further suggestions to make about alcohol from potatoes when we have time to give the law closer inspection. But in the meantime, we suggest that anyone interested, write to the Secretary of the Interior and ask for full instructions for the putting up of a factory to manufacture denatured alcohol and the laws and rulings relating thereto. He will refer the letter to the proper division and the information will be sent. We hope to learn of some community in the Northwest manufacturing denatured alcohol from potatoes on the co-operative plan and will take much pleasure in publishing a report of the first attempt.

Concession to His Feelings.



"Willie, have you drowned the cat as I told you to?"
"No. I was too tender hearted."
"What have you done with it then?"
"Sold it to a sausage maker."

Would Lose No Time.



American Girl—I am sure I have met you before.
Baron Habenichts—Impossible! By this time you would have married me.
—Satire.

Exacting.

"Only a pound of porterhouse steak for your large family?" said the butcher.
"That isn't for the family," replied Mr. Cumrox. "You surely don't expect our new cook to eat sausage the same as we do!"—Washington Star.

California Woman Seriously Alarmed

"A short time ago I contracted a severe cold which settled on my lungs and caused me a great deal of annoyance. I would have had coughing spells and my lungs were so sore and inflamed I began to be seriously alarmed. A friend recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, saying she had used it for years. I bought a bottle and it relieved my cough the first night, and in a week I was rid of the cold and soreness of my lungs," writes Miss Marie Gerber, Sawtelle, Cal. For sale by all dealers.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

OLD SANTY, while in the city during the early part of the month, visited the Madras Trading Company's store, and delivered one of the largest assortments of Xmas goods that has been received here in many years. Realizing the large and select patronage that this popular and progressive emporium enjoys, the "Old Man" and his team of reindeer made an early trip over the Cascades, bringing the large consignment of Christmas presents, among which there are articles that will please the most fastidious, and which are now on sale at prices that will fit the purse of any one. We have something for everybody—father, mother, sister, brother, uncle, aunt, cousin, husband, wife, son, daughter, baby, sweetheart, friend and acquaintance. There is only one present that we are not selling this year, and that is airships. But we have a full assortment of appropriate gifts. We are too busy to mention everything we have on display, but the following is a partial list.

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Thursday, Dec. 12, 9 A. M.

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