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SOAP CLUBS AND SO FORTH. How Such Schemes of Mail Order Houses Decrease Business. A close student of trade conditions has just made the surprising statement that "last year at least \$250,000,000 that should have gone to the retail merchants of the middle west was sent away from home to these mail order concerns."

Whether mail order trading is a fashion, a habit or a fad is not under discussion here, but it is a fact and a serious fact. The writer already mentioned goes on to say: "This buying of catalogue houses and through soap clubs is a fad that has grown up in the commercial garden like a rank weed. People have been so busy about other things that they simply have forgotten the obligations they are under to their fellow neighbors and to themselves as a community."

The soap club, by the way, and schemes of its sort do a lot of damage in many communities. A woman or girl sees in one of the cheap monthly mail order publications an alluring offer of a prize in return for selling so many boxes of soap or something else for household use. Let us suppose it is soap. Everybody uses soap except tramps. Soap appeals to the housewife, and when her neighbor and friend comes around and requests her to subscribe to a box of soap so that the canvasser may win the prize of a package of beautiful hatpins or a new parlor rug almost any woman will take the soap. It helps the neighbor along, you know.

But these good women fail to think of other neighbors, just as deserving, who are not helped by this little transaction, but, on the other hand, are hindered. There is the storekeeper in town who sells soap. He sells soap just as good, no doubt, as the mail order brand, and his small profit on the sale helps him to succeed in business and to continue patronizing his other neighbors who are in business. Perhaps he buys many things for his own household use from the husbands of the very women who send the order for the mail order soap.

The competition of the catalogue house with the local retail store, in the opinion of those who study the situation, is doing more than any other thing to sap the commercial strength of the country towns.

Rogue River Fruit Notes Profitable Pointers Regarding the Industry Gathered From Various Sources in This Favored Section of Oregon.

The other day Rev. W. G. Smith, one of the well known [Presbyterian] divines in Southern Oregon, visited Grants Pass, with a view to getting more information regarding this locality, as a fruit growing section and he informed the Courier that he confidently expected to come here to make his future home. He is not in charge of any church, but is devoting his time and energies to the growing of fruit in the vicinity of Medford. But he says prices of land are entirely too high, over that way and that there are other conditions which make Grants Pass a more desirable place in which to reside. Mr. Smith is competing for one of the valuable prizes which have been offered for the best articles, setting forth, in succinct language the many reasons why the Beaver State should attract the newcomer. Elsewhere in today's Courier will be found except from one of his interesting efforts.

Comparison of receipts from shipments to eastern markets in the last year have proved that Oregon pear growers are receiving from three to four times as much per car for their products as are the orange growers of southern California. It will surprise the world to learn that ordinary pear and apple orchards of Oregon have outstripped the world-famous California orange groves as profit producers.

In the Los Angeles Times of January 5, appears a statement to the effect that the year's banner shipment of oranges was made from the Redlands farm of Miss Clara Whitmore, and brought \$1232 per car in New York.

During the year just closed single carloads of southern Oregon pears sold in the eastern markets brought the following respective receipts per car: \$3206, \$3420, \$4558, \$4622.—Journal.

"The way growers are taking an interest in the important matter of spraying, portends great things for the industry in Josephine county," remarked one extensive orchardist to the news gatherer. He predicts that the output of fruit from this immediate vicinity will be fully four times what it has been recently, in the course of two years' time. And he bases his calculations purely upon facts that he sees and recognizes as meaning much for the industry. He likewise does not hesitate to predict that in the course of a very few years, fruit growing hereabouts will have come to be of immense importance to everybody concerned. He sees in the dim distance growers shipping their own products by the car load and in this he is also quite sanguine, owing to the interest and application which the growers are taking with regard to getting all the latest and best ideas regarding fruit growing.

There was an interesting meeting of the Rogue River Valley fruit-growers held at the Commercial club rooms Saturday afternoon, there being

present over 100 fruitmen. Professor P. J. O'Farra of Washington, D. C., gave an interesting talk upon the prevailing diseases of the fruit tree, the most prominent feature of the address being pear blight, a disease that originates and spreads over an orchard and to adjoining orchards, but cannot be conveyed any great distance, as the germ is very short lived when taken from the tree. Attempts have been made, so says the professor, to ship live pear blight to Germany for analytical examination, but have not met with success, because the germs were dead upon reaching their destination. Blight is highly contagious and can be spread from tree to tree and from orchard to orchard by the use of pruning shears that are not sterilized after being used upon a tree that is affected. The germ of pear blight is so small that 25,000 placed in close succession in straight line are required to make one inch in length, and cannot be seen except with the aid of a powerful microscopical instrument.—Tribune.

D. Peterson, proprietor of the "Hugo Heights Fruit Farm," was at the county seat, Saturday, and in conversation with the Courier man he remarked that as yet there has been no killing frost at his place, near Hugo and as it is now nearly the middle of January, he thinks Jack Frost will have to watch out or he may forget that favored spot entirely. Mr. Peterson was formerly a railroad man, but he never regrets the day when he decided to leave the iron horse and delve in mother earth and get an orchard started. He finds it not only healthier and more enjoyable in every respect, but vastly more remunerative. He has ideal peach land and proposes to make a record with this variety of fruit.

The apple market is firmer today, slightly higher prices are quoted on some grades than two weeks ago, and there is every reason for the belief that conditions will steadily improve as the season advances. Receipts from the country are much lighter than in December, indicating that stocks are largely out of growers hands and the available supply in the Front street market is not such as to give dealers any apprehension. A feature of the trade, according to one jobber, is that the demands for the cheaper sorts of apples, which was strong a few weeks ago, has fallen off materially. At the same time the stocks of inferior fruit have been much reduced. Now the call is principally for the better grades and the demand for these is improving. Recent reports from the East show improvement in the apple markets generally. Stocks of low grade stuff have been largely worked off, and the prospect is for a steadily stiffening market for the better grades from this time on. No large shipments are being made here to Eastern markets now, and it is the belief of some dealers that few if any will be made, for it is figured that present stocks will be gone too large for the regular coast consumption.—Oregonian.

Her Graduation. When a sweet, checked, good natured Irish girl fresh from the other side recently sought employment in the service of a German town woman, the latter began anxiously to interrogate the girl as to her qualifications. "Can you cook, Nora?" asked the lady most earnestly. "Are you a good cook?" "Yes, mum, I think so," responded the girl naively. "If you'll not try to help me?"—Harper's Weekly.

The Main Thing. "You told him to diet, didn't you?" asked the young doctor. "Yes," replied the old one; "I told him to eat only the plainest food and as little as possible." "But this case has been chronic so long do you think that will help him?" "Well, it will help him to pay my bill."—St. Louis Republic.

Odd Epitaph. A traveler in Ireland recently saw upon an old tombstone over there the following epitaph: DR. HENRY JONES Reader, buried with gravity. For here lies Theodora Jones, Filling his last days.

Chinese Matchmakers. The custom of arranging matrimonial contracts through agents or matchmakers has been practiced in China for ages. This business receives support from all classes, for, although the high caste men in some instances select their first wives themselves, the additional wives are all secured through the agents.

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One grower sold \$110 strawberries from 1/8 acre rows 3 ft. apart. Another grew 16 tons pumpkins on less than 2 acres. Sold berries to local store \$97, besides giving quantities of fruit for picking from 40 hills raspberries and 38 Logan berries. One grew 380 boxes Yellow Newton Apples on 2 acres young trees, worth \$2.45 f. o. b. Medford. 28 boxes Gravensteins from 1 tree sold \$28 f. o. b. Woodville. 225 Salway Peach Trees in four successive years sold: 1904 1300 boxes 1905 2300 " 1906 1300 " 1907 1000 "

One Royal Ann Cherry, 16 years, picked 500 pounds 1907. One D'Anjou Pear 7 years picked 6 boxes. 4 acres Ben Davis picked 2500 boxes. You can get such results as these and better; come to me and I will tell you why. You can buy a cosy 7 room house and bath with 1 acre lot for \$800, or a fine timbered 20 acres 2 miles from town for \$300, or irrigated lots, irrigated acres, or irrigated farms close to station, school and church.

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May Wipe it off the Earth. When an eminent authority announced in the Scranton, Pa., Times that he had found a new way to treat that dread American disease rheumatism, with just common, everyday drugs found in any drug store, the physicians were slow indeed to attach much importance to his claims. This was only a few months ago. Today nearly every newspaper in the country, even the metropolitan dailies, are announcing it and the splendid result achieved. It is so simple that any one can prepare it at home at small cost. It is made up as follows: Get from any good prescription pharmacy Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Eragon, one ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Mix by shaking in a bottle and take in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime. These are all simple ingredients, making an absolutely harmless home remedy at little cost. Rheumatism, as everyone knows, is a symptom of deranged kidneys. It is a condition produced by the failure of the kidneys to properly filter or strain from the blood the uric acid and other matter which, if not eradicated, either in the urine or through the skin pores, remains in the blood, decomposes and ferms about the joints and muscles, causing the untold suffering and deformity of rheumatism. This prescription is said to be a splendid healing, cleansing and invigorating tonic to the kidneys and gives almost immediate relief in all forms of bladder and urinary troubles and backache. He also warns people in a leading New York paper against the indiscriminate use of many patent medicines. 1-17 11 Special Sales of Millinery at Greatly Reduced Prices—50 per cent discount, by Mrs. Waughal, during the month of January. 1-10 11 Miners' blanks at the Courier office.

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