

THREAD SHORTAGE IS DUE TO WOMEN

Dealer Says Many Buy More Than They Require.

"I want a box of white thread No. 70," ordered the late customer at the notion counter.

"We can't sell you one spool," returned the tired saleswoman.

"And why not?" demanded the lady.

"Because we haven't got it and can't get it."

"Some store," and the late customer swept out of the store with her head turned to a dangerous altitude.

"Now that's just the reason we can't keep thread in stock," observed the saleslady.

"Just as soon as a woman hears there is a shortage on the article she makes a tour of the department stores and buys up every spool of thread in the house and stocks up for the next ten years."

HAVE WHAT THEY DON'T NEED.

"There are hundreds of women in this city if we could only learn the actual truth, who have from three to ten spools of thread which they do not need."

"If the public could only see that they

make the shortage themselves—and not do this—we could tide them over."

There has been and still is undoubtedly a shortage of thread in the United States.

A South Meridian street wholesale house receives fifty dozen spools a day instead of the customary 50,000.

The heavy shortage has been on white cotton in the numbers ranging from 30 to 70.

These are the numbers where the demand is the greatest, although not such a noticeable shortage runs through all numbers of cotton thread both white and black.

The primary trouble begins with the production in the fields.

IMPOSSIBLE TO GET LABOR.

Draft for service and war occupations make it impossible to procure sufficient laborers to raise the cotton.

Likewise, the mills have been given over to war products until recently, and even now it is impossible to employ help enough to make a normal output.

The recent factory strikes and the railroad tieups also have helped to complicate the situation.

In addition the new spools are being made to hold 150 and 250 yards of thread. Confusion in the local stores because of the respective increase in prices further has tangled up the matter.

Merchants advise that if women do not wish to cause a vacancy instead of a

PUSS IN BOOTS JR.

By DAVID CORY.

You remember in the last story that as soon as the little goat bleated, the table disappeared with all the good things on it. And then Puss said to the little girl:

"I wish I had a little goat like yours. He'd make a fine companion to me on my travels."

"I couldn't part with him," said the little girl. "His name was 'Two-eyes,' for without him I should have only 'one eye to eat!'

"Oh, are you the Two-eyes in the Fairy Story Book?" asked Puss, and he curled his whiskers and smiled at her. And after that he went home with her and the little goat, and when they were quite near the castle he said:

"I fear my mother and sisters will treat you ill if you come into the house."

So Puss said he'd sleep in the stable with the little goat.

Early in the morning Puss was awakened by a noise and, peeping out of the

stable, he saw one of the cruel sisters bending over the poor little goat, whom she had just killed to spite Two-eyes! And then, all of a sudden, a wonderful tree sprang up from the spot where the golden fruit had been.

The tree sprang away from their hands and they couldn't touch the fruit.

"Now's the time for me to do something," thought Puss, and he ran out of the stable and said: "Noble Prince, the fairest of the four sisters is hidden in this barrel. 'Tis she who owns this wondrous tree and only she can pluck the fruit."

And as soon as he heard that, the noble Prince sprang from his horse and lifted up the barrel, and there sat little Two-eyes with her lap full of golden apples.

"Take her away with you," whispered Puss, "she is the fairest of the four sisters in the family."

And then the Prince lifted her up on his saddle, and after that he took Puss in his arms and sprang up beside her and away they went on his fast horse to his stately castle in the green woods far away.

Over the meadows and over the sea, the noble Prince was riding so free,

And little Puss Junior safe at his side.

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and the morning wind made it sing like a harp.

And after that a handsome prince rode up on his horseback and the three cruel sisters ran on seeing him, and poor Two-eyes sprang up from the barrel, which they were about to fill with the golden apples.

But the noble prince didn't see this,

for he was still too far away. And when he rode up he asked for some of the golden fruit. But, oh dear me! When those cruel sisters tried to stop the golden apples, the tree sprang away from their hands and they couldn't touch the fruit.

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Italian Bee Being Grown Over State

citation, according to C. O. Yost, apary inspector for the state conservation department.

The marked improvement in scientific bee culture is largely due, Mr. Yost said, to the co-operation of the affiliated country associations.

According to Mr. Yost's report the inspection force under supervision of Frank N. Wallace, state entomologist, is now closing a most successful season.

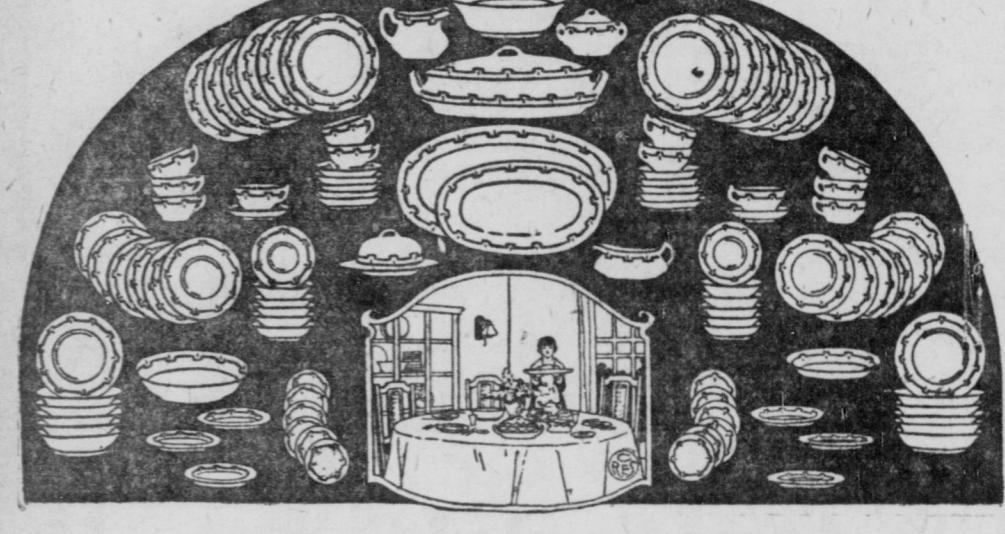
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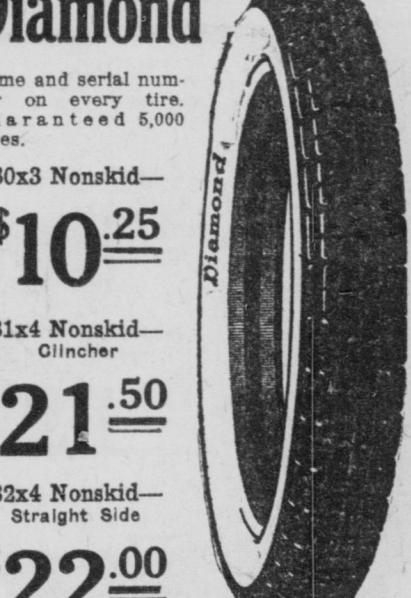
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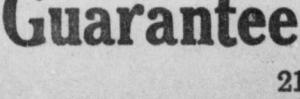
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