WHY WOOL IS SO CHEAP

BY ALFRED MANSELL, OF SHREWSBURY, ENG.

Objections to Legislation for Protection to Wool Growers,

The objections to the proposed Government Bill are rather strongly put by the Textile World, a paper judging from its name, which has its sympathies mainly with the manufacturers. They state that if the bill becomes law no fabric containing the slightest proportion of wool will come into the United States, for there is no method known to man of determining how much of the wool in a fabric has been and how much has not been subjected to a manufacturing process before it reached the mill where it was last converted into cloth. This, I am informed, is incorrect. The Bradford Conditioning House can determine what any fabric is made of by actual percentages.

It is stated that the Custom House officials can distinguish cotton, linen, silk, and certain other fibres from wool and woollen shoddy; but they will be forced either to refuse admission to the goods or accept the statement of the importer as to how much wool shoddy there is in the cloth.

THE NEXT OBJECTION

has reference to the enactment that all goods manufactured prior to the passage of the Act, and which had passed out of the hands of the manufacturer and the ingredients of which are not known, shall be labelled "Manufactured prior to the Pure Fibre Act: composition not known."

The article in question contends that the manufactured goods thus placed under a ban would approach in value $850,000,000, and by labelling them they would be cast under suspicion regardless of merit. This, I take it, could be minimized to a great extent by postponing the bill coming into operation until a year or so had elapsed from its becoming law.

When margarine was sold as butter a great hue and cry was raised, and rightly so, because the fat of an ox was being sold as the product of the cow, and now, forsooth, because a simple microscopic examination (as is the case with margarine) will not disclose the fraud, we are told in this article that no attempt must be made to protect the public and ensure their being able to purchase a pure woollen garment. Difficulties were made to be overcome, and we should not be content to sit down and take it as an accepted fact that there is no solution of this problem.

Another difficulty that the writers see is that honest manufacturers of goods containing 90 per cent. of wool would tag them as mixed or shoddy goods, whilst the dishonest manufacturer of goods containing 90 per cent. of shoddy would tag them as all wool. This difficulty may arise, but I am under the impression that to work up 90 per cent. of shoddy a considerable amount of cotton must be used, and the dishonest manufacturer would probably find himself

MULCTED IN A HEAVY FINE.

As before stated, undoubtedly some shoddy is far better, and would make a better cloth than some sorts of foreign, low-grade Kempy wool, but these alone, and not adulterated, would not make a cloth to deceive anyone, and therefore would not compete with any except the adulterated goods.

That there are many difficulties in the way of getting practical legislation on the subject cannot be denied, but the importance of promoting honesty amongst manufacturers and protecting the people from imposition demands the serious attention of the Legislature of all civilized countries, because, as a matter of fact, it really concerns the masses of the people more than the sheep men who are directly interested, because under present conditions all the poorer classes are entirely clad in the adulterated goods.

There can be no question that the majority of men and women who go into a shop to purchase woollen goods have no knowledge of the extensive fraud daily perpetrated in selling them goods largely composed of substitutes for wool, and that 90 per cent. of the buyers have no idea that when asking for woollen goods they are too often purchasing an article from which raw wool is conspicuous by its absence.

This presses heavily on the laboring and artisan classes, who practically never get anything except so-called cheap goods, but which would be more truthfully designated if called low-priced goods. It is contended that even if the price were somewhat enhanced, the genuine woollen garment would give a greater comfort and health, wear much longer, and in the end prove much more economical than adulterated goods.

In conclusion I beg to express my sense of obligation to the numerous correspondents in England, the United States, and Canada for much valuable information supplied to me.

Wife—"If I thought a thing was wicked I'd die before I'd do it." Husband—"So would I." Wife—"Huh! I think smoking cigars is a wicked waste; an impious defilement, in fact." Husband—"Then you should not smoke. Hand me a match, please."

The biggest hedges in England are at Haw Barn, in Buckinghamshire. They are of yew, 30ft. high.

SUNLIGHT SOAP

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HAVE YOU A GERMAN LAUGH?

"There are savages in the heart of Africa who never laugh at all," said a student of ethnology. "They grin, that is all; and this lack of the quality of laughter is a symptom of their low mentality. The Chinaman has no hearty bursts of laughter. He titters cynically—titters over the misfortune of an enemy or the elopement of the daughter of a friend. He cannot laugh. When he is delighted, or amused, or happy, he just looks calm. The Frenchman has a reserved laugh, one which he holds well in hand. Being a great stickler for dignity, he is afraid that a loud and honest laugh would injure his deportment, would demean him in the eyes of the world. You will not hear much male laughter in Paris, though it is true that the women there have a cultivated, musical 'ha-ha-ha,' that they use in cafes when they wish to attract somebody's attention. The German's laugh is cavernous. It comes from far down somewhere in his stomach. The laugh of the Irishman is, upon the contrary, rather soprano; not a stomach laugh, not even a chest laugh, but a head one. The English and the Americans laugh the best. Their mirth is so naturally and heartily and musically expressed that you cannot but rejoice on hearing it."

PROPHETS OF EVIL.

Somebody is always rising to remark that Great Britain's power is on the wane, that her trade is declining, her army in a state of weakness, her navy a hollow sham. The oldest inhabitant cannot remember a time when prophets of evil were not holding forth on these themes. But somehow Great Britain pulls through. This kind of talk was very common during the Boer war. The press of France, Germany, and the United States made no concealment of the belief that John Bull was getting wounds that would prove fatal after a lingering illness. But these evil predictions have not come true. It may be that the critics at home who raise alarms about British trade and the state of the navy, serve a good purpose in keeping the nation up to the mark. These critics must be useful or they would not be tolerated, for they contribute nothing to the pleasures of life.

Making oxalic acid out of sawdust is the work of 12 British manufactories, 6 German, 1 French, and 1 Belgian. Yellow and white pine dust is the best material.

Sprained Ankle Cured

Another Remarkable Case Where St. Jacobs Oil Worked a Wonder

Mr. W. H. Allen, jr., of 17 Denmark street, Aston, Birmingham, writes under date of May 29th, 1896: "I am a driver for the Keystone Bottling Co., of Birmingham, and I had the misfortune to be pitched off my waggon, and besides being bruised from head to foot my ankle joint was put out and my foot severely sprained. I tried many embrocations, but received no benefit; I then went to the hospital, but after having been treated for a considerable time, I left, not any better. I then determined to try St. Jacobs Oil, and I can assure you that before I used the contents of one bottle my ankle was as sound as ever, and I was able to go to work as if nothing had happened."

Lord Lackbrane—"The worst of belonging to a literary club, don't-cherknow, is that people take one for a fellow who lives by his—er—wits, don'tcherknow." Jack Smert—"Nonsense, dear boy. Nobody could ever suspect you of such an impossibility."

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THOUGHTFUL.

Young Wife—"There is a gentleman in the library, dear, who wants to see you."

Young Husband—"Do you know who it is?"

Young Wife—"You must forgive me, dear, but that cough of yours has worried me so of late, and you take such poor care of your health—and—and, oh, if I were to lose you, my darling!"

Bursts into tears.

Young Husband—"There, there, dear! Your fondness for me has inspired foolish and unnecessary fears. I'm all right; you mustn't be alarmed. But I'll see the physician, of course, just to satisfy you. Is it Dr. Pellet?"

Young Wife—"N-o, it is not a doctor; it's a—a life insurance agent."

There are now 385,000 foreign residents in Switzerland; 155,000 of these have settled since 1890.

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How Death was Disappointed by the Happy Restoration to Health and Strength of Mr. Teeny.

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