Double-Bar Cross Official Emblem of T. B. Institute

The use of the double-barred cross as an emblem of tuberculosis warfare by medical science has an interesting origin. It was at a meeting of the International Conference on Tuberculosis held in Berlin in 1902 that Dr. Sersiron of Paris proposed that the ancient Lorraine cross be made the emblem of the fight against the White Plague. The suggestion was received enthusiastically for the Lorraine cross was eminently suited for such a purpose. It dated back to the ninth century when it was made the emblem of the eastern branch of the Christian Church. To this day it remains the emblem of the Greek or Orthodox Catholic Church. the eleventh to the fourteenth centuries the crusaders, through contact with the Eastern Church in Palestine, familiarized Europe with it. Godfrey, Duke of Lorraine, a leader of one of the first crusades, saw the cross in Jerusalem, and adopted it as his standard when he was elected Christian ruler of the Holy City in 1099. It is generally believed that after his return to France as the Lorraine Cross and differs from the Eastern Church cross in one respect only; the lower bar is nearer the base.

In order to protect the use of the emblem, the National Tuberculosis association secured its registration in 1920 as its trade mark. The double-barred cross today is strictly the trademark property of the National Tuberculosis association.

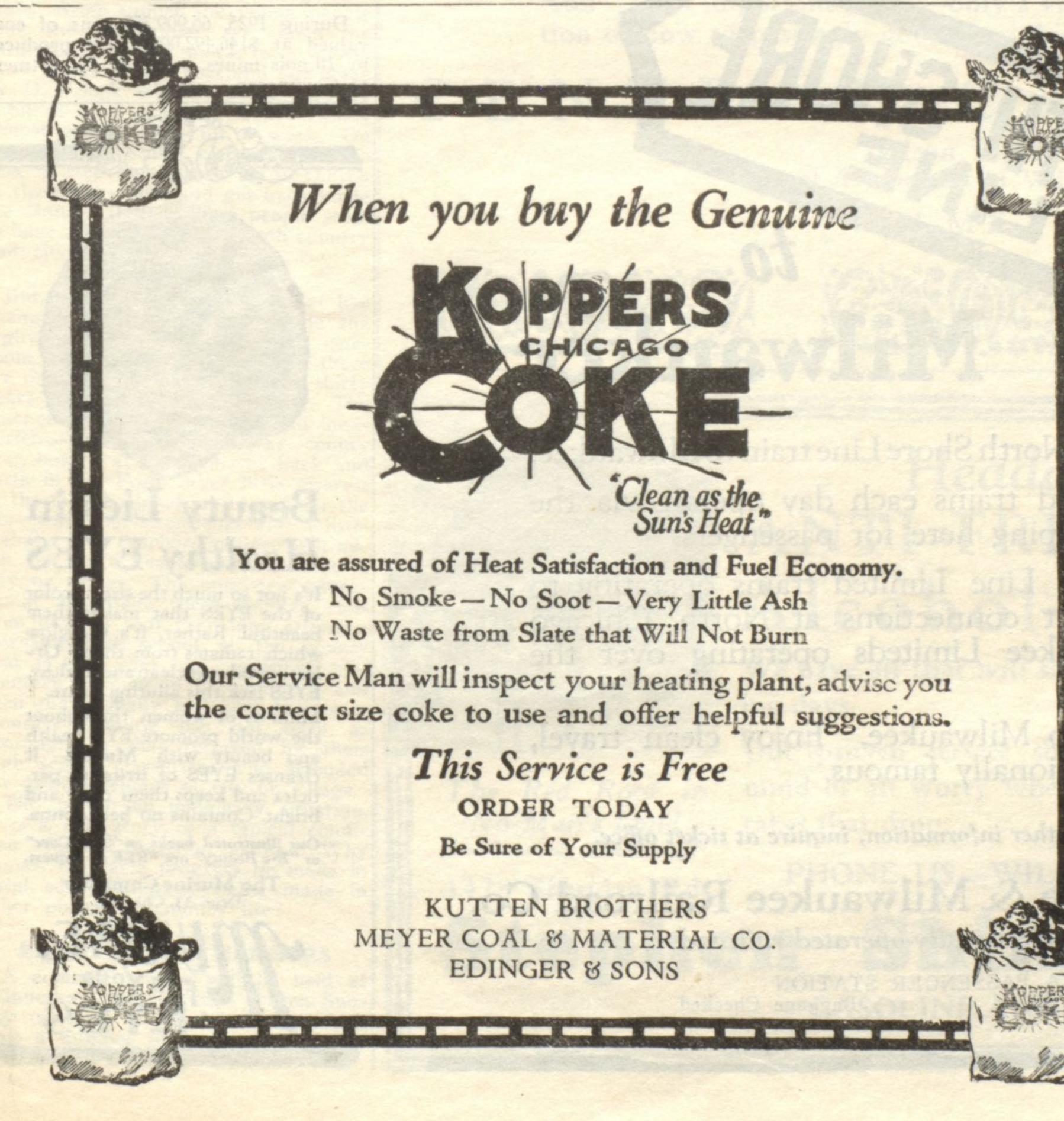
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