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French Look Askance at Cans, but Drought Is Ending Herds.

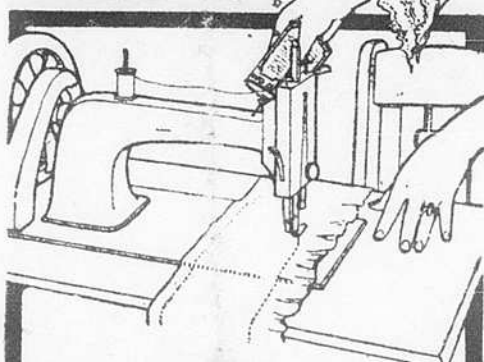
(Special Cable Dispatch.)

Paris Aug. 13th.—Bully beef from Chicago, known to the poilus as "tinned monkey", with rice and beans from France's Far East possessions, may be the poor man's menu this winter if the serious food shortage cannot otherwise be remedied. The long drought has spoiled the calculations of the farmers, except in regard to the wheat crop, which is reported to be almost normal.

Potatoes throughout the central departments shriveled in the sunbaked soil and there was a general failure of other vegetables. But the cattle raisers suffered the worst effects. The grass, burned by the July heat, left the cattle without food except last year's barn stocks, with the result that the fresh meat supply threatens to vanish entirely by fall—for the workingman, at least, for the prices will be far beyond the range of his purse.

The minister of food is attempting to solve the problem by importing frozen meat from Australia and South America, but this is impracticable owing to France's lack of cold-storage warehouses. The iced compartments in the suburbs of Paris are only sufficient to meet half the capital's needs, while other cities in France have not made the slightest advance in this direction since the war. The minister of food has taken an inventory of the Chicago tinned meat, mil-

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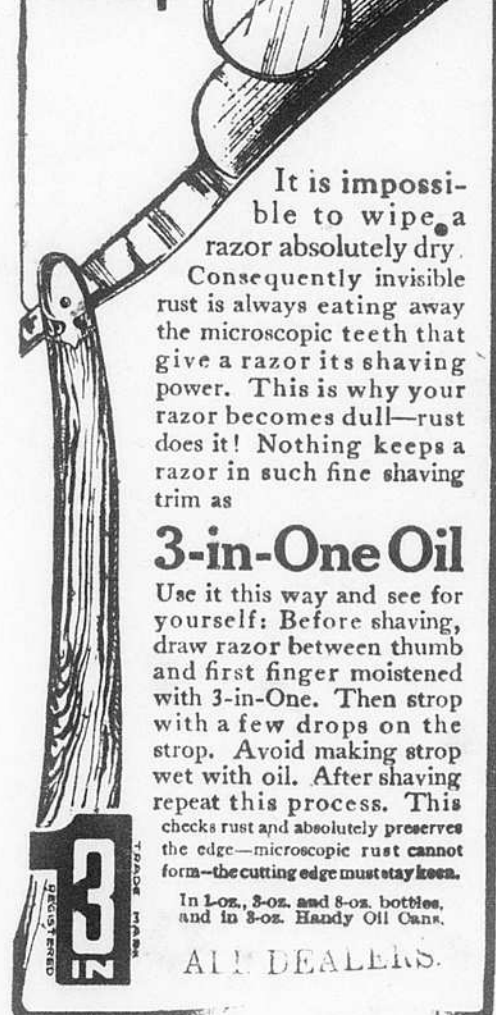
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lions of pounds of which are still available here, although the French look askance whenever varnished cans, are mentioned. To meet this opposition, the department of agriculture is suggesting a series of propaganda campaigns to develop an appreciation for tinned meats — *The Washington Post*, Aug. 14th.

NOTICE.

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