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Bankers and Brokers,
311 Jackson St.

St. Paul, Minn. March 21 1892

J. J. Hill

New York City
Telegram received say to our New
York friends our delegation will
be instructed for Cleveland as
strong as language can instruct
them. Every county so far that
has elected delegates instructed
for Cleveland our people are all
for Cleveland ~~him~~

M. Doran

New York March 21/92

James I. Hill Esq
St Paul

Minn:

Sir

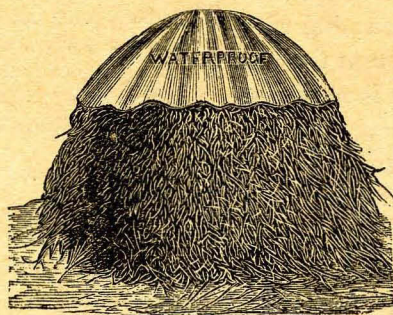
I herewith enclosed
descriptive circular of our Hay
& grain Caps - Price \$37.⁵⁰ per hundred
at Plymouth N.H. - weight about
215 lbs. each - A superior quality
of hay can be made with these
Caps - even if there is no rain -
by cocking the hay after it has
matted a few hours - putting
on caps - allowing them to remain
until the hay is cured - Keeping
off the cold dew at night &
keeping it from sun bleaching -
An order addressed to me care
of J. I. Hunt 77 Pine St. N.Y.
will greatly oblige

Yours truly
A. Symmes

THE SYMMES PATENT HAY AND GRAIN CAP!

THOROUGHLY WATERPROOF.

The most
Practical,
Cheap, and
Efficient
Hay and Grain Cap
yet introduced.



Thousands of them
sold, and in
Every Case Satisfac-
tion given,
as will be seen by
referring
to Testimonials.

FULLY PATENTED.

Facts in Favor of Using them and How to Use them.

1. We claim that hay made or cured in the cock is the proper method.
2. That by cutting hay in the bloom and letting it wilt a few hours, then cocking and covering with our caps, keeping off any outside moisture, such as dew and rain, it will cure properly in the cock without injury.
3. That by covering cocks of hay with our caps, keeping off the cold dew and retaining the heat in the cock at night, keeping off the hot sun during the day, a superior quality of hay can be made.
4. One day in the week, whilst haying, can be saved by using our caps, enabling a farmer to cut hay on Saturday and have hay ready to put in the barn on Monday.
5. They do not require fastening down on hay, as the wind blowing on the concave shape tends to keep them on the cock. Are easily handled by using a wagon or stone boat, on which a horse can haul a quantity of them over the stubble, and by keeping them together, and distributing on each side and collecting them the same way. They will last a lifetime, as when together one protects the other. One hundred, when packed together, take up a space three and one-half feet high, and one hundred will cover from six to eight tons of hay.
6. They are valuable for covering potatoes and all kinds of root crops after being dug, allowing them to sweat before putting them in the root house, also for covering apples, allowing them to sweat before being put in barrels.
7. When used on grain—by standing the sheaves upright, putting the cap on and using strings and pegs to keep the shock in place, preventing it from blowing over—the grain is as safe as if under an open shed.
8. They are thoroughly waterproof, not by painting, which would wear off, but by dipping in a boiling solution, which passes through and through the material of which the cap is formed. Size, fifty-six inches spread, eighteen inches deep, and four feet in diameter.

MANUFACTURED BY THE
ALDEN & WOODS FIBER CO.,
PLYMOUTH, N. H.
Sole Manufacturers for the U. S.

Testimonials.

[From J. A. Hamilton & Co., Nashville, Tenn., March 12, '91.]

Answering your esteemed favor of the 10th inst., we beg to say: About two years ago one of our customers purchased a lot of the Symmes Pat. Hay Caps, with the hope of receiving them by the time his clover hay was ready to cut. For some reason or other the Caps were detained on the way, so that he did not receive them until after he had cut about one half his crop of clover hay, which was stored in his barn as fast as he could get it cured enough to put away. In doing this, however, he experienced some difficulty through frequent showers and heavy dews. The balance of his crop was then cut and cured under the Symmes Pat. Hay and Grain Caps without being exposed to either rain or dew. This second cutting was also stored in the same barn with the first cutting, and as a matter of course being the last stored was the first fed to his dairy cows, which they ate freely, but when the second cutting, which was cured under the Symmes Hay Caps gave out, his milch cows refused to eat any of the first cutting, so that he was compelled to buy other Timothy hay with meal and wheat bran to keep his cows up to the quantity of milk required to fill his contracts with his customers.

[From Chas. O. Flagg, Director Rhode Island State Agr. School and Experiment Station, Kingston.]

This season has been one eminently fitted to test the utility of Hay Caps. A large part and sometimes all of the 100 Caps purchased of you early in the season found almost constant use on account of the frequent rains. On one occasion we had 108 cocks of hay out, 100 of them protected with your Caps and eight with no protection. A heavy rain fell, thoroughly wetting the unprotected cocks and badly damaging the hay, while almost no damage was done the capped hay, and the labor of making was much less than in the case of the badly damaged uncapped hay. We have no trouble with the wind blowing them off. They will stay in place, without fastening, through any ordinary wind.

[From L. F. Whitcomb, Florida, Mass.]

I like the Hay Caps you sent me. If had taken 500 of them the first of July, I should have saved, in quality of hay, \$100.

[From M. French, Solon, Maine.]

Enclosed find draft to pay for Hay Caps. We like them well. If any one wants a Hay Cap they are the best thing out. They will not blow off and are quickly put on.

[From H. C. McDowell & Son, Ashland, Lexington, Ky., April 24, '91.]

We used last year 300 of your patent Hay and Grain Caps in curing our hay crop, and were well pleased with them.

[From O. Ricklefsen, Manager The Swickley Dairy Co., Swickley, Pa.]

The Hay and Grain Caps which we bought of you have given us perfect satisfaction during our hay harvest, which amounted to over 1,000 tons of hay. I don't think that a larger Hay Cap than the size bought of you would answer our purpose. If a man knows how to use Hay Caps to advantage he will find the present size of your Hay Caps large enough.

[From W. H. Warren, Augusta, Ga., April 1, '91.]

I have pleasure to say that I used 500 Symmes Hay Caps on the crop of 1890 with great satisfaction and profit. They were used to cover hay, grain, and pea vines, while in process of curing. They are durable and fully meet such use as they are recommended for.

[From W. A. Henry, Director University of Wisconsin Agr. Experiment Station, Nov. 13, '91.]

Last spring we ordered a hundred wood fiber Hay Caps from you, and have been much pleased with them in our Experiment Station work. We have found them useful not only in covering hay, but also for purposes of protection to plants, and in other ways in our experimental work. They seem durable and well adapted to the purpose intended.

Testimonials.

[W. S. Thompson, Springfield, O.]

I think your Hay and Grain Caps a very good thing. I found them very useful in the clover hay making. Weather was showery and the Hay Caps were just the thing. Wish I had another hundred. Intend using them in corn husking, out of shock. It will keep it in nice shape to haul in any time.

[From Russell Marston, Boston, Mass.]

The 100 Hay Caps I purchased from you last summer did very good service. They are convenient and easily handled, and I consider them in every particular far superior to the cloth caps.

[From I. P. Roberts, Director Cornell University Agr. Experiment Station, Ithaca, N. Y.]

We have used some fifty of your Hay and Grain Caps during the present wet season and find them to be almost indispensable in securing hay in the best possible condition. As to durability I can say little as we have used them so short a time. I can most cheerfully recommend them to all progressive farmers.

[From Wm. L. Simmons, Lexington, Ky., April 20, '91.]

I take pleasure in testifying to the unusual merit of your patent Hay and Grain Caps. They do all that is claimed for them and do it in a very satisfactory manner. Hay cured under these Caps is much more nutritious and toothsome than any other hay I ever saw.

[From M. A. Scovill, Director Kentucky Agr. Experiment Station, April 21, '91.]

I have used the Symmes Hay Caps and find them a great protection in curing hay, or in preventing the ravages of the English sparrow on grain whilst in the shock.

[From F. I. Barbee, Paris, Ky., Nov. 27, '91.]

I purchased of the Alden & Woods Fiber Co., last spring, 100 covers and found them to be as represented. They saved my oats in bright condition.

[From John Screven, Jr., Savannah, Ga., Nov. 9, '91.]

All of our planters who have used the Symmes Pat. Hay and Grain Cap speak most highly of it, although the season has been exceptionally fine. Next summer I may be able to sell quite a number for you if we can make good terms. My office is headquarters for most of the planters of this section, as I sell most of the crop.

[From W. C. Davis, Huntsville, Ala., Dec. 4, '91.]

I have been using your Caps for the last two years, and consider them invaluable, particularly in covering clover cut when about one fourth of the blossoms are blown, and placed in high cocks the same day it is cut, and covered with the Caps. It cures nicely in from one to three days (depending on the weather as to time), retaining its green color, its leaves and blossoms, adding much to its value over that exposed to the sun, dew, or rain in curing: the latter almost entirely spoiling it. I have had no occasion to use the Caps on grain. They would doubtless serve a good purpose, the way grain is usually shocked. I would not part with my hay caps for any reasonable consideration.

[From J. R. Holland, Charlotte, N. C., Nov. 12, '91.]

I wish to offer you my testimonial as to the value of the Symmes Hay and Grain Caps. You will remember I was so well pleased with my first purchase, and the amount of money saved by their use from time to time, that I found it necessary to double my order this year. I would not be without the Caps for double the price paid for them.

[From I. S. Long, New York, Nov. 10, '91.]

I am so well pleased with the eight hundred Hay Caps purchased from you last June that I intend purchasing enough more next spring to enable me to make my entire crop in that way. I used the Caps on wheat and oats with perfect satisfaction. Am satisfied in a wet season I can make my hay at less expense by the use of them, and certainly make a very much better quality. Farmers cannot afford to do without them.

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To James J. Hill. Care Albemarle Hall
New York

Fratriciding garnisher Doran. Thumping Received.

Sculptured. Whipped Palliation nursery Zurich James Palliation
descend yoke benignant intrust frenchman Coincided leavening
as Supreme as Leech Carrott intresive them. exorbitant crone
so fidgity that herring encouragement derogatorys intrust frenchman
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To James

St Paul Minn Ill.

J Hill

Care Albemarle Hotel, N.Y.

Peteler offered one hundred dollars monthly for next five months. He will forego this offer and hold himself your disposal if you can promise him one years employment please say - Stephens. James. J. Hill

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