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A TRADER'S DELIGHT:

While the wondrous, exotic treasures of wealth and the durable, weather worthy gear of adventurers are quickly provided in equipment lists, there is a whole realm of other items to be bought and sold otherwise. The fantasy marketplaces are full to overflowing with strange and bizarre delights, and perhaps the most intriguing of all are the commodities.

In this book one will find over a dozen different items of commodity, from goods that can be easily acquired by even the simplest and cowardly of locals to highly sought out commodities that demand the courage and skills of the mightiest of adventurers.

THE COMMODITY SYSTEM:

The commodities provided in this book are handled with an easy to use and comprehend system. Each portion of the commodity system is outlined below.

Commodity:

This is quite simply the name of the commodity presented.

Weight/Volume:

All commodities are sold in a sense of measure. For many, a dry (or wet in some cases) sale weight is given while other commodities are priced by unit. For example, exotic nuts may be sold as a total dry weight while tanned pelts would be priced per item.

Value:

As listed as being the "Cost" in the commodity's description, this is an indicator of the worth of the commodity by the listed weight or volume. Commodities are provided by using a fantasy rpg generic standard of copper, silver, and gold coins. For the purposes of game conversion, 1 copper coin is the weakest of currency, an amount worthy of purchasing only the cheapest of goods. As such, 1 copper coin would probably buy a wee bit of wood to put on the fire, a few fresh eggs, or a small bit of bread suitable of staving off immediate hunger only. 1 silver coin is roughly the wages of the most simple and menial of unskilled laborers. A single silver coin could also buy a few rounds of drinks at the tavern. 1 silver coin is normally worth around 10 copper coins. Gold coins are normally worth 10 silver coins and quite often fail to pass through the hands of the community's simple folk. A gold coin offers much greater buying power and represents items of significant wealth and value.

Description:

This area, listed after the chart of the commodity items, provides extensive details regarding the different commodities covered in this pdf edition. Such descriptions often include the exact use of the product along with information regarding the exact climate and geography where the commodity may be acquired.

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This product contains information and ideas that may be used in many, if not most, high fantasy style, paper and dice format role playing games.

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THE COMMODITIES:

The offerings of this edition of Fantasy Commodities are detailed below.

COMMODITY:	WEIGHT/VOLUME:	VALUE:
Black Widow Spider	1 female spider, live	1 Silver Coin
Blaze Oak Sap	1 ounce	3 Gold Coins
Centaur Milk	1 ounce	25 Gold Coins
Dandelions	1lb.	2 Copper Coins
Deer Antlers	price per 1 point	2 Silver Coins
Earthworms	1 dozen, live	1 Copper Coin
Elk Antlers	price per 1 point	3 Silver Coins
Farsis Tree Sap	1 ounce	2 Copper Coins
Fire Bellied Toad	1 toad, live	3 Copper Coins
Fire Bellied Toad Eggs	dozen	1 Copper Coin
Fireflies	dozen	1 Copper Coin
Fish Tree Wood	1lb.	4 Copper Coins
Fritchsilver	1lb.	3 Gold Coins
Giant's Skull	1 skull	500 Gold Coins
Green Amber	1 ounce	2 Gold Coins
Hate Melons	1 melon	3 Copper Coins
Kwikglee Berries	1 berry	5 Silver Coins
Lemonsilver	1lb.	2 Gold Coins
Millipede	1 millipede, live	2 Copper Coins
Minnows	1 dozen, live	2 Copper Coins
Minotaur Bone	3 ounces	5 Gold Coins
Minotaur Horn	1 horn	250 Gold Coins
Molasses	16 ounces	1 Silver Coin
Mugwort	1lb.	3 Copper Coins
Stink Bugs	1 dozen, live	3 Copper Coins
Tarantula	1 tarantula, live	4 Copper Coins
Trulsilver	1lb.	25 Gold Coins
Whistle Gourd	1 gourd	3 Copper Coins

HAGGLING IT OUT ON THE PRICES:

While the prices for commodities usually represent a firm value, there may be reasons from time to time for an adjustment in value. A good example of such would be the giant's skull, the most expensive of items in this edition. While the normal going rate for this "commodity" (luxury would probably be more truthful) is 500 gold coins, there are some skulls that could be significantly smaller or larger than others, thus reflecting a change in the overall value of this item. Likewise, some of the skulls could be cracked, chipped, missing an excessive amount of teeth, or discolored due to a variety of different things. When presenting items for either purchase or sale on the open market, keep in mind that a typical merchant, even one of a fantasy variety, will be quick to haggle, complain, and bargain if there is a chance of getting a better deal in the end.

Black Widow Spider:

While most folks would love to see the complete and utter eradication of the mundane, common black widow spider, poisoners, potionists, alchemists, and wizards alike value the properties of the live, female version of this arachnid. Due to its fairly decent value on the markets that cater to such clients, it is not entirely uncommon to find money hungry peasants searching about for such creatures.

Cost: 1 silver coin Weight/Volume:1 female spider, live

Blaze Oak Sap:

While the reddish orange of the blaze oak sap is quite normal in appearance and properties when freshly bleeding from the tree, alchemists have found quite a few uses for such resin in the creation of explosive or extremely flammable applications. The sugar compounds in the sticky resin quickly ferment, ending with a high grade

of wood alcohol that is trapped in an extremely sticky, resinous form. The blaze oak is located in higher, elevation mountainous areas. Up to 20 ounces of the sap is likely to pour out of a tapped tree.

Cost: 1 ounce Weight/Volume:3 gold coins

Centaur Milk:

While most villagers are happy to simply be allowed to enjoy normal cow's milk, such mundane offerings are certainly rather bland and trite in the eyes of the filthy rich. Cow's milk good enough for one's regal tastes? Certainly not! Those who are said to have more wealth than intelligence are often rather quick to pick up on the socially elite craze of centaur milk consumption. Though said to imbue mystical, powerful properties into one's bodies, the wise men, alchemists, and wizards who serve such nobles have concluded that centaur milk does little more than leave a horrible taste in your

mouth and painful cramps in your stomach. Likewise, the practice of taking pregnant centaurs and enslaving them for the production of such a fluid tends to cause ill will amongst the woodland creatures as well. Still, despite countless findings against the usefulness of the consumption of this milk, the popularity of this drink amongst the rich and powerful remains, providing a particularly lucrative commodity for bold adventurers to gather.

Cost: 1 ounce Weight/Volume: 25 gold coins

Dandelions:

While the common dandelion is often ignored it is important to remember that this plant is both a worthy source of food as well as a bulk ingredient for a very dry and potent wine. As such, the leaves and/or petals of the dandelion have maintained the presence of an inexpensive but stable commodity in the open marketplaces.

Cost: 1lb. Weight/Volume: 2 copper coins

Deer Antlers:

Most nobles and members of status like to brag about their abilities as great hunters. That aside, there are a great many of these boastful individuals who couldn't successfully take an animal if they were to find the poor beast missing a leg, lying lame on the forest floor, and gasping out the last of its death rattles. For the incompetent but wealthy, there are quite a few hunters out there who are more than willing to give up their prized trophies in an effort to gain an extra bit of shiny coin. A complete rack of deer antlers is sold at a price reflective of their total points. The common rate for such antlers is 2 silver coins per point. As such, a noble who wishes to show off a rack of 12 point antlers can expect to pay a rate of 24 silver coins.

Cost: 2 silver coins per point, Weight/Volume: 1 rack of antlers with price per point

Earthworms:

Live earthworms are highly favored by the fishermen who cast their strings and hooks into bodies of fresh water. Earthworms are sold in units of 1 dozen.

Cost: 1 copper coin Weight/Volume: 1 dozen

Elk Antlers:

As stated above with the deer antlers, most nobles and members of status like to brag about their abilities as great hunters. A complete rack of elk antlers is sold at a price reflective of their total points. The common rate for such antlers is 3 silver coins per point. As such, a noble who

wishes to show off a rack of 12 point antlers can expect to pay a rate of 36 silver coins.

Cost: 3 silver coins per point, Weight/Volume: 1 rack of antlers with price per point

Farsis Tree Sap:

The heavily flowing sap of the high temperate dwelling farsis tree is widely known as being a powerful adhesive in its natural form. While the sap gathered must be sealed off to prevent it from quickly drying, the sap is otherwise quite resistant to other surrounding elements. A typical farsis tree can leak as much as 80 ounces of resin when sapped.

Cost: 2 copper coins Weight/Volume: 1 ounce

Fire Bellied Toad:

Though their bright coloration and name may hint at something more fantastical, these small, slightly toxic toads are nothing more than interesting, placid, mundane creatures. Fire bellied toads have orange and black stomachs with backs that are bright green or brown with black markings. These creatures are mostly valued as pets.

Cost: 3 copper coins Weight/Volume: 1 toad

Fire Bellied Toad Eggs:

While live fire bellied toads is a quicker form of sale on the commodity market, hopeful breeders are always seeking the live eggs of these small critters.

Cost: 1 copper coin Weight/Volume: 1 dozen, live

Fireflies:

Though these small, curious form of glowing insects are normally collected by children as pets during summer nights, wizards, alchemists, and potionists can always find some need or use for live fireflies. As such, it is not too uncommon to find children with old jars full of these critters running about the marketplace in hopes of gaining a bit of pocket change for candy or small toys. Many a kind wizard has always turned out a coin or two at the sight of such smiling faces, even if half the fireflies appear to be dead or even if the kindly mage in question truly has no current use for such critters.

Cost: 1 copper coin Weight/Volume: 1 dozen, live

Fish Tree Wood:

The freshly cut wood of this swampy, marsh-loving tree has the taste and texture of freshwater fish when boiled or baked. As such, one can

often find a hungry family cutting down a fish wood tree in hopes of gaining a bit of meat for the table. The pulpy wood of the tree is full of proteins and other nutrients, and the average tree can produce as much as 500lbs of edible wood.

Cost: 4 copper coins Weight/Volume: 1lb.

Flichtsilver:

Originally found deep within a cavern below a chilly mountain, the purplish metallic flichtsilver was once prized above gold and even platinum. Massive sized veins of discovered flichtsilver has drastically dropped the commodity worth of this strange precious metal throughout the last few ages, however, and now once rare and precious flichtsilver is worth even less than normal, common silver.

Cost: 3 gold coins Weight/Volume: 1lb.

Giant's Skull:

Due to the fact that most of these skulls quite simply appear to be a massive version of a normal human skull, giant skulls have become a staple decorative item for the wicked, brutal, and boastful.

Cost: 500 gold coins Weight/Volume: 1 skull

Green Amber:

Green amber comes from the orkpine tree, a northern, high elevation tree that is known for its leaking of a greenish-yellow sap. This resin petrifies rather quickly upon release, fully hardening up within a matter of a few days. While green amber is in many ways much like the jeweler worthy varieties of normal amber, the accessible ease of green amber has caused its worth to be rather trivial. As such, despite its greenish-yellow beauty, many jewelers consider this form of amber to be quite inferior and will refuse to use it in fine jewelry. The crafters of commoner's jewelry and costume worthy items value green amber highly, however, and will readily purchase it as an open market commodity.

Cost: 2 gold coins Weight/Volume: 1 ounce

Hate Melons:

These curious, fist sized melons of blue, purple, and yellow stripes are known to contain a mysterious compound that causes strange effects upon a consumer. Whenever an intelligent creature, particularly a humanoid, consumes of the hate melons they become filled with a sense of bold, belligerent prejudice for a few hours. Virtually anyone who does not happen to be of their same race or ethnic background is target for

unkind words and abuse. While most fresh hate melons are sold as a commodity to rulers who wish to make their soldiers more fighting mad and dedicated to a cause, many are sold by pranksters who enjoy slipping bits of the melon into other people's food at taverns and inns. Some of these ill willing buyers do this to start fights or cause major distractions, others do it so they can sit back and enjoy hearing a bunch of abrasive, socially forbidden jokes.

Cost: 2 gold coins Weight/Volume: 1 ounce

Kwikglee Berries:

It is widely known that when one eats a single one of these bluish, oval shaped berries that the consumer's running and walking speed increases by an extra 50% for the next ten minutes. The effects are almost immediate after swallowing. While kwikglee berries are beneficial to the eyes of most, there have been several marketplaces ban these berries as the consumption of such fruit offers a quick getaway with pick pockets and thieves. Kwikglee berries grow on the rare kwikglee bush, which is usually found in the warmer, marshy areas. Such bushes produce between 40 to 200 berries during the summer months. The powers of such berries are obtained if eaten fresh or dried.

Cost: 5 silver coins Weight/Volume: 1 berry

Lemonsilver:

Originally found deep within a cavern below a volcanic, island mountain, the bright yellowish metallic lemonsilver was highly prized, even above gold and even platinum. As with a similar precious metal, flichtsilver, massive sized veins of discovered lemonsilver has drastically dropped the commodity worth of this strange precious metal throughout the last few ages.

Cost: 2 gold coins Weight/Volume: 1lb.

Millipede:

Though most folks find live millipedes to be on the disgusting side, there are a few individuals that seem to favor these curious, long creatures as a form of pet. Wizards, alchemists, and potionists likewise have uses for live millipedes in their research.

Cost: 2 copper coins Weight/Volume: 1 millipede, live

Minnows:

As with earthworms, live minnows provide fishermen with a useful, effective form of bait.

Cost: 2 copper coins Weight/Volume: 1 dozen minnows, live

Minotaur Bone:

The bones of a slain minotaur have often made their way on to the commodity markets, particularly where there is the presence of carvers seeking exotic materials.

Cost: 5 gold coins Weight/Volume: 3 ounces

Minotaur Horn:

The bones of a slain minotaur have often made their way on to the commodity markets, particularly where there is the presence of people wishing to show off trophies that they didn't truly obtain. Wizards, potion makers, and alchemists also have a regular need for such horns.

Cost: 250 gold coins Weight/Volume: 1 horn

Molasses:

The ultra-rich, dark, sticky sweet result of sugar refining, molasses is a heavily sold commodity in many marketplaces.

Cost: 1 silver coin Weight/Volume: 16 ounces

Mugwort:

This common weed and herb is heavily used in the making of beer and ale. Also known as a "dreamer's herb", mugwort is sometimes smoked or used to stuff pillows.

Cost: 3 copper coins Weight/Volume: 1lb.

Stink Bugs:

These common little critters emit a foul smelling odor when threatened. While most people would prefer to avoid the presence of a stink bug, there are many pranksters, potion makers, and alchemists alike who have need or desire for these little bugs.

Cost: 3 copper coins Weight/Volume: 1 dozen stink bugs, live

Tarantula:

Essentially little more than a big, hairy spider, live tarantulas are often sold as pets.

Cost: 4 copper coins Weight/Volume: 1 tarantula, live

Trulsilver:

Also known as "troll silver", this greenish metallic precious metal is a variant of silver. While many explorers originally thought the greenish color came from tarnish and corrosion, further study on trulsilver reveals that the apple to medium green tones are the metal's natural color. Trulsilver veins are quite rare, making the metal quite precious.

Cost: 25 gold coins Weight/Volume: 1lb.

Whistle Gourd:

Sold as little more than a toy and a merry maker, dried, garden produced whistle gourds have several porous entries on their surface, which cause air to travel through numerous chambers and passages within the dried gourd's form. The result is that when flung or twirled about on a bit of leather cord or string, the whistle gourd makes a curious array of noises.

Cost: 3 copper coins Weight/Volume: 1 gourd

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