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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 two 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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### **Universally Compatible:**

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:
Beet Sugar	1 pound	3 silver coins
Cane Sugar	1 pound	7 silver coins
Chinchilla Pelt	1 pelt	15 silver coins
Chinchilla, live	1 live chinchilla	2 gold coins
Coffee Beans	1 pound	1 gold coin
Corn Oil	16 ounces	1 silver coin
Dirtfish	1 live dirtfish	3 copper coins
Dirtfish Eggs	1 dozen fresh eggs	2 copper coins
Dwarven Ginger	1 pound	8 gold coins
Elven Ginseng	1 pound	50 gold coins
Ferret Pelt	1 pelt	1 silver coin
Ferret, live	1 live ferret	3 silver coins
Giggle Nuts	1 pound	4 silver coins
Ginger	1 pound	5 gold coins
Ginseng	1 pound	10 gold coins
Gnomish Grass Oil	16 ounces	8 copper coins
Gray Willow Bark	1 ounce	4 copper coins
Kola Nuts	1 pound	8 silver coins
Lead	1 pound	2 copper coins
Manticore Milk	1 ounce	50 gold coins
Marjoram	1 pound	1 silver coin
Olive Oil	16 ounces	1 gold coin
Parch Fruit	1 dried/fresh fruit	3 copper coins
Purple Dreamer Root	1 ounce	4 silver coins
Red Manticore Hide	1 hide	400 gold coins
Rockwood Bark	1lb.	2 gold coins
Screaming Nettle	1 ounce	3 copper coins
Spot Root	1lb.	1 gold coin
Spotted Manticore Hide	1 hide	750 gold coins
Striped Manticore Hide	1 hide	750 gold coins
Sylvan Nut Oil	16 ounces	3 silver coins
Vanilla Beans	1 ounce	3 silver coins
Weeham Pig	1 live pig	2 silver coins
Yapris Nectar	1 ounce	5 gold coins
Zaph Weed	1 pound	3 copper coins

### Beet Sugar:

Though considered by many to be somewhat inferior to cane sugar, beet sugar is indeed sweet and fairly easy to obtain by the dwellers of the cooler, higher elevation lands. This white refined sugar maintains a prized commodity status for being heavily in demand.

*Cost: 3 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

### Cane Sugar:

The prize commodity of many coastal farmers as well as island route merchants, cane sugar is considered to be somewhat superior in flavor and quality than the more readily available beet sugar. As such, this sugar is a highly traded commodity in the wealthier market circles.

*Cost: 7 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Chinchilla, Pelt:**

The pelts of chinchillas are highly prized for the fabrications of expensive garments of fine fur. Long coats, mittens, and hats are particularly popular applications of these pelts.

*Cost: 15 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pelt*

**Chinchilla, Live:**

These small, furry creatures are mainly sold in the open marketplaces to potential breeders. While chinchillas also make great pets, the main interest in such an animal is in the nature of harvesting the chinchilla's pelt.

*Cost: 2 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 live chinchilla*

**Coffee Beans:**

An extremely popular and lucrative commodity, coffee beans are gathered from warmer climates and then traded at various ports. These beans are then ground and used to make coffee, which may drunk hot or cold.

*Cost: 1 gold coin, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Corn Oil:**

Pressed from corn, this oil offers some potential as fuel but is mainly used in cooking. Corn oil is much cheaper than olive oil and maintains a modest value but steady demand on the market.

*Cost: 1 silver coin, Weight/Volume: 16 ounces*

**Dirtfish, Live:**

These homely, fat looking creatures resemble a land dwelling fish with stubby appendages that resemble a cross between fins and a set of legs and feet. While the dirtfish resembles a fish in most aspects, it is believed that the creature is actually a form of reptile that gradually left the waters for land. In addition its already curious body, the bloated, bubble like eyes of the dirtfish and the tail that fins horizontally instead of vertically add to the creature's ugliness. While the dirtfish is not much to look at, the creature is highly regarded as a form of easy to keep yet high yielding livestock. Dirtfishes are content to wallow about in the mud and dirt when they are not snooping about for weeds, insects, and table scraps to feed on. About the size of a cat, several dirtfishes can be happily confined to a small area of one's barn or farm lot. They do need a reasonable amount of water, but such water does not have to be fresh. In fact, dirtfishes can sometimes be found hanging about the worst of ponds.

The meat of a dirtfish is superior to that of catfish but not quite as favored by most as trout. These creatures also lay up to three eggs a day, which are ball shaped,

roughly 2 inches in diameter, and bright red or orange. The egg is somewhat fleshy and pulpy on the inside, though having an outer shell a bit like the egg of a chicken, and this pulp can be eaten raw or cooked. The flavor is comparable to that of caviar. For the interest of breeding, an egg hatches in twelve days from being laid and needs no nesting beyond being partially buried in the mud and dirt for the protection of the shell. A young dirtfish fully matures in about three months and can live as long as four years.

*Cost: 3 copper coins, Weight/Volume: 1 live dirtfish*

**Dirtfish, Eggs:**

Round like a ball, roughly 2 inches in diameter, and being bright red to orange in coloration, these eggs are quite a curious sight on the open market. Dirtfish eggs have a taste that is somewhat comparable to that of caviar and a pulpy, edible substance beneath the protective shell.

*Cost: 2 copper coins, Weight/Volume: 1 dozen fresh eggs*

**Dwarven Ginger:**

More distinctive and superior to the human cultivated varieties of ginger in concentration and taste, dwarven ginger is considered to be a rather expensive commodity that is highly sought out by the wealthy.

*Cost: 8 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Elven Ginseng:**

Not to be outdone by the humans and their uses for the common varieties of ginseng, the elves sought out to perfect this plant and come up with their only variety. Elven ginseng is said to have a sweeter yet more dominant flavor and is more effective as a medicinal root.

*Cost: 50 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Ferret Pelt:**

Though rather inferior to some of the other pelts used to make fine clothing items of fur, the pelt of a ferret is still regarded worthy enough to be stitched up.

*Cost: 1 silver coin, Weight/Volume: 1 pelt*

**Ferret, Live:**

For some customers a live ferret is simply an animal to breed for its pelts. For others, the ferret makes a worthy pet. Either way that one wants to look at the live ferret, this creature makes a worthy commodity item on the market.

*Cost: 3 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 1 live ferret*

**Giggle Nuts:**

These bizarre, slightly bluish-gray colored nuts cause one to laugh and giggle rather uncontrollably after being consumed. Other effects include mild to moderate sensations of pleasure and a calming, soothing, somewhat numbing feeling that rushes over one's body. Giggle nuts come from the Gandelblax tree, a curious looking tree that grows in mid to high elevation temperate forests. A commodity often enjoyed by the decadent youth, giggle nuts have been banned from several marketplaces.

*Cost: 4 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Ginger:**

Known for both its distinctive concentrated taste as well as its numerous medicinal uses, ginger root is highly regarded as a much sought after, somewhat exotic commodity on the open marketplaces.

*Cost: 5 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Ginseng:**

Ginseng, flavorful and highly favored for its medicinal properties, has become an extremely lucrative commodity on the open marketplace. Ginseng root is normally sold by its dried weight.

*Cost: 10 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Gnomish Grass Oil:**

Though the flavor is not too desirable, the density inconsistent, and the brownish-green color fairly unpleasant, gnomish grass oil is perhaps amongst the cheapest of cooking oils.

*Cost: 8 copper coins, Weight/Volume: 16 ounces*

**Gray Willow Bark:**

Considered to be a natural "aspirin", gray willow bark is chewed up and swallowed in order to help kill pain. These well known medicinal properties have caused the willow bark to become a rather well sought after commodity on the open market.

*Cost: 4 copper coins, Weight/Volume: 1 ounce*

**Kola Nuts:**

A flavoring and potent natural form of caffeine, these exotic, tropical tree nuts have recently become quite popular on the open commodity markets.

*Cost: 8 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Lead:**

A heavily used base metal, lead has a low melting point, allowing the metal to be used a great amount amongst casters. On the open marketplace lead is

commonly sold in misshapen lumps or in the form of cast bars known as ingots.

*Cost: 2 copper coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Manticore Milk:**

Though having perhaps the most horrible of tastes, it is widely believed that manticore milk helps an evil ruler prepare for a reign of corruption and tyranny. Alchemists, wizards, and magicians alike simply believe that the milk causes terrible indigestion. Despite such wise knowledge, the milk of a captured, nursing manticore has found its way to the black market more than just a few times.

*Cost: 50 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 ounce*

**Marjoram:**

This commonly used cooking herb is highly regarded on the open marketplace for its heavy demand.

*Cost: 1 silver coin, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Olive Oil:**

One of the most expensive of cooking oils favored by the human civilizations, olive oil, particularly of the virgin variety, brings forth a high degree of demand and price on the open market.

*Cost: 1 silver coin, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

**Parch Fruit:**

Having a texture and flavor that is somewhat between an apricot and a mango, this oval shaped fruit quickly dries itself to a prune-like state when plucked from the tree. Due to this natural ability to dry one's self into a form of being worthy to be used as travel rations, the marsh loving, semi-tropical parch fruit has earned its place as a valuable form of trade commodity.

*Cost: 3 copper coins, Weight/Volume: 1 dried/fresh fruit*

**Purple Dreamer Root:**

This brilliantly purple colored root has lavender colored tips that are virtually drenched with mind altering properties. The typical experience of purple dreamer root consumption includes alterations of visualized colors in a conscious state and heightened states of dreaming in the unconscious states. Purple dreamer root can be found in the denser, darker forests of evenly temperate to slightly cooler mid to high elevation zones.

*Cost: 4 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 1 ounce*

**Red Manticore Hide:**

This deep red to orange-red colored hides come

straight off the backs of slain manticores. Though sometimes used to make garments of clothing or kept whole for use as a cloak, a red manticore's hide is most commonly used as a form of rug for the wealthy.

*Cost: 400 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 hide*

#### **Rockwood Bark:**

While this thick, smooth bark is extremely flexible, almost rubber like in texture, the outer protective coating of the rockwood tree quickly petrifies and hardens up when exposed to the sun. Segments of straightened out, typically shaped rockwood bark is sold on the open market as a commodity for making natural armors (particularly scale mail and the joints for armor suits) as the outer faces for shields.

*Cost: 2 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

#### **Screaming Nettle:**

The ground material of the screaming nettle plant is typically dried out and smoked as a visionary herb, which can cause either fascinating moments of inspiration or screaming, wail inducing moments of agonized hallucinations. Screaming nettle can be found in many climates, particularly the heavily forested areas of moderate elevation. Due to the often unsavory sort of side effects caused by the smoking of this plant, screaming nettle has been banned from many marketplaces.

*Cost: 2 copper coins, Weight/Volume: 1 ounce*

#### **Spot Root:**

While this splotchy, yellow, green, and gray root is rather homely to look at and smells of slightly rotting salmon, the spot root is a vital additive to alchemist creations that benefit one's skin. Spot root grows in dense temperate forests and has a wispy, gray to white vine that grows up from the root. The vine produces pale lavender and green flowers in the early spring that last to mid summer.

*Cost: 1 gold coin, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

#### **Spotted Manticore Hide:**

This blue, red, or green and purple, black, pink, white, or yellow spotted, colored hides come straight off the backs of slain manticores. Though sometimes used to make garments of clothing or kept whole for use as a cloak, a red manticore's hide is most commonly used as a form of rug for the wealthy.

*Cost: 750 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 hide*

#### **Striped Manticore Hide:**

This blue, red, grayish silver, brown, or green and purple, black, pink, white, or yellow striped, colored

hides come straight off the backs of slain manticores. Though sometimes used to make garments of clothing or kept whole for use as a cloak, a red manticore's hide is most commonly used as a form of rug for the wealthy.

*Cost: 750 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 hide*

#### **Sylvan Nut Oil:**

This worthy variety of cooking oil has gained a considerable amount of interest on the open market. Sylvan nut oil contains the pressed oils from a variety of wilderness nuts.

*Cost: 3 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 16 ounces*

#### **Vanilla Beans:**

These whole, flavor filled beans have provided a rather lucrative commodity for merchants and explorers visiting the open marketplaces.

*Cost: 3 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 1 ounce*

#### **Weeham Pig:**

These miniature pigs grow a total weight of 45lbs and reach a total length of 3 ½ feet. Weeham pigs are commonly raised by gnomes as a form of suitable livestock.

*Cost: 2 silver coins, Weight/Volume: 1 live pig*

#### **Yapris Nectar:**

This sticky, sweet nectar is refined from the blossoming yapris nectar vine, a rather rare plant that grows only in hot, arid regions. Though a distant cousin of the morning glory family, the yapris nectar vine is somewhat more animated and monstrous in form, having thin but sturdy vines that help the plant move from location to location as well as defend one's self against small predators. In addition to being a powerful, "activator" additive for various alchemical projects, Yapris Nectar is also known as being a potential, effective cure for the common cold.

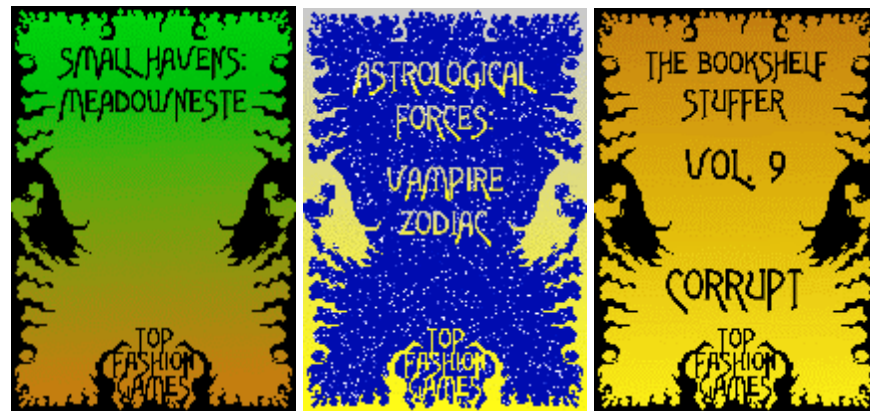
*Cost: 5 gold coins, Weight/Volume: 1 ounce*

#### **Zaph Weed:**

Zaph weed is a common, hardy little weed that can be found in almost any geographic region and climate. Easily dried, zaph weed has been cut and placed in smoking bowls for many ages. The flavor is a bit rough, however, and has a hint of hickory to the taste. While the satisfaction of smoking zaph weed is not the highest of pleasures, this little weed is certainly not the worst known form of smoking medium. As such, zaph weed maintains a presence as a marketable commodity, but at only a mere three coppers for a whole pound of dried medium.

*Cost: 3 copper coins, Weight/Volume: 1 pound*

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