THE practice of clipping oat grains by mechanical means has been employed for many years. Its chief purpose is to increase the test weight, though it also helps to improve the appearance of the sample. Seedsmen and exhibitors at grain shows find that rubbing or clipping works very beneficial changes on oats. Even mediocre looking oats can be greatly improved in both test weight and general appearance by this so-called “face-lifting” process.

Fig. 1.—Representative grains of Cartier variety, showing treatment. Top row, no treatment (original); middle row, lightly rubbed; bottom row, heavily rubbed. 1.7 times natural size.

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