

CHAT CONCERNING EGGS.

Information About the Egg Business Imparted by an Expert Candler.

A man busily engaged in holding eggs up before a candle attracted the attention of a reporter the other evening. An interview was the result, and here it is: "What are you doing?" "Candling eggs. You see I pick up each egg and hold it before the candle. The light shines through it. I can see at a glance whether it is cracked or speckled or spoiled. If it is cracked I set it aside to be sold at a low price. Bakers and confectioners and some prudent families buy cracked eggs, and they are as good as any eggs not cracked, but they must be used within twenty-four hours."

"Is not that an old-fashioned way of testing eggs?" "Yes, but experience proves it to be the best, and it is quick. An expert can candle 50,000 eggs a day. It has been tried to test eggs by water. A good egg will sink and a bad egg will float, and you cannot find out a speckled egg that way."

"What makes speckled eggs?" "Lying in one position. An egg should not be left many days in one position. If an egg is turned every day it will keep a long time. An experiment was once tried by O. H. Dennis, president of the Dutchess County creamery, as to how long an egg could be kept good. He kept one on his desk nine months, and turned it every day and kept it good."

"How long are the best eggs kept before they get upon the tables of the best hotels?" "It takes about four days, because they are bought in bulk in the country and must be carefully assorted before being placed on the market."

"How are imported eggs kept from spoiling on the voyage?" "They are carefully watched and turned. They come in cases easy to handle and an expert soon learns to handle them quickly. It adds about a quarter of a cent a dozen to the cost, but we can pay that and the freight and get well eggs that come from France and Germany cheaper than we can sell western eggs, and some think they are better. We can get them here in about twelve days from France. England also gets many eggs from Germany and France."

"How about desiccated eggs, or canned eggs?" "Some use them and say they are good and cheap. The process is now brought to perfection in this country. Mr. Dennis tried it on a large scale, but it would not pay. There is, in fact, no need of it, as long as people know how to keep their eggs good by turning them. The present mode of packing each egg in a separate paper compartment facilitates turning and insures a constant supply of good eggs. True, they must be handled carefully in transporting but that soon gets to be an easy habit. Of course, the bank paper smashers do not go near the eggs."

"Why don't we eat duck eggs as we use goose eggs? Why should substitutes be all the eggs in market to buy eggs?" "Because people prefer hen eggs. Just as they prefer cow's milk to the milk of any other animal. Few people like the flavor of duck eggs or goose eggs. The eggs of ahad are very palatable, however. But hen's eggs are universally liked, and they are good, strong, easily digested food, often relished by the sick. As a rule, the imported eggs are newer and more carefully selected than domestic eggs, and we get them on the table eggs fresher than the eggs that come from Kansas or Minnesota."

"How about the variation in the price of eggs?" "The wholesale price varies from six to ten and a half cents to thirty-one cents a dozen. They are generally cheaper in the summer, because the supply is greater. They do not spoil so rapidly in winter, but there are not so many of them. The larger supply of the summer makes up for the loss by spoiling."

"What food makes hens lay the best eggs?" "Grains, fresh liver and ground oyster shells. A good hen will lay an egg every other day on the average. At that rate a hen is the most profitable of live stock on the farm. President Dennis ciphered it out once, and sent out circulars to farmers to convince them that no product of the farm pays better than eggs."

"The Tourist in Switzerland." "Statisticians have dipped into the subject and tell us that every stranger coming to Switzerland during the summer season costs his landlord an average of six francs daily for his nourishment alone. Add to this the further charges for room, service, lights, handling of baggage, omnibus, etc., and the tourist will not find an average charge of twenty francs per day excessive. Moreover, the interior country of the first class Swiss hotels are in comparable. One finds bath, billiard, smoking and card rooms and, best of all, the coziest of reading rooms where the latest papers from America and all European countries are to be had."

"In the evenings there is generally music in the garden or court, the guest is really allowed no time for count, and yet the organization and system are so perfect that all these provisions for his entertainment and comfort move on as noiselessly as the machinery of a parlor clock. One of our best known American public men, who has represented us at one of the principal European courts, and who is familiar with life in both continents, once remarked to me on this subject that it had long been a pet scheme of his to have a first class hotel, thoroughly Swiss in all its appointments and management, established at some of our promising summer resorts. Why doesn't one of our enterprising Catekill or Ashrounack proprietors try the experiment?—Councilor Catlin's Zurich Letter in Philadelphia Times."

"Several business men of McMinnville have offered prizes at the approaching Yamhill county fair for the most popular young lady, for the second ditto, and for the finest baby under a year old."

"E. Mayer, who has been engaged in the bakery business at Arlington, was caught robbing a saloon till, and was notified to leave the town within 24 hours, which he did."

A Challenge. Manager Crews received a telegram today from the manager of the Salt Lake club, which is now on a tour of Eastern Oregon, saying that this team boys would like to play the "Stars" two or three games during this week, and asking what inducements could be offered. Mr. Crews has sent a return telegram, offering the Salt Lake nine fifty dollars to come, and the chance to win one hundred more by betting that amount against the "Stars." This is the best offer that could be made, as the base ball grounds have not been secured, and there could be no gate receipts. A baseball park would come very handy in cases like this.

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Cord of Thanks. We take this method of expressing our thanks to the many kind-hearted ladies who visited, assisted and comforted us during our recent bereavement, and for whose favors we are deeply grateful. Mr. and Mrs. G. S. J. Meyer.

Lodge Notice. Members of Pendleton Lodge No. 32 A. F. & A. M. are requested to meet in Masonic Hall tomorrow Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. By order of the W. M.

The Weston Leader is responsible for this imitation of Munchausen: "A cow, in the mountains, was bitten about two months ago by a rattlesnake. Some time during this week she had a calf, which does not differ from other calves, with the exception that its tail is finished off with fourteen rattles and a button. At the slightest alarm, the animal endeavors to coil its tail around as rigid as a pick-handle, and rattles away like a whole den of snakes. Each of the rattles is as large as a hen's egg."

Dayton, W. T., Indianapolis, On Monday, August 18th, while working with a fork in the harvest field, a young man named Della Baker, tied a cord about the muscle of one arm to hold up his shirt sleeve. The action of the muscle on the fork cut through the flesh, and fever set in followed by gangrene. On Sunday Mrs. Pietrycki and Bortos went out to Mr. Hayden's to amputate the arm, but the young man was dying when they arrived.

They say that Dick Waugh, the good-natured ballist, has a peculiar method of his own for adjusting court, very different from the usual formal, stereotyped style. He goes at it this way: "Oyez, Circuit Court has adjourned. Nine o'clock." Dick has been instructed to use the "Pendleton yell" on the next occasion.

Baker City Democrat: Messrs. D. Hendrick and Wm. Yaguter, representatives of Misses Bros, some house of Pendleton, returned from their canvassing tour of Grant county yesterday. They report having done an immense business in the sale of pianos and organs. The boys are rustlers and always "get there."

Uncle Jimmy Vinson, well-known in Umatilla county, who has been residing of late in Lebanon, Linn county, was thrown from a horse a few days ago and sustained a fracture of three ribs. He is quite old, being over 80 years of age, and from last November it was thought to be doubtful of the old gentleman's recovery.

The Empire Commission Company is now paying the highest market price for wheat. If you want to sell, go to J. M. Bentley or J. H. Kaley, who are the company's buyers. They buy any amount of wheat in any part of the county.

Mr. J. H. Turner, wife and daughter returned last night from their pleasure trip to Portland and Hwago, "down by the rolling sea," the favorite resort of Oregon pleasure-seekers. Their excursion was of course an enjoyable one.

Wheat 04 1/2 cents to-day. The market looks up and down severely now every twenty-four hours, and today the granary smiles.

Link Swaggart, while intoxicated, brutally assaulted an old man named Tucker, at Arlington, for which he was fined \$10 and costs.

M. E. Hendrick, of Wheatland, raised 200 bushels of Early Crawford peaches this year, which he will sell for \$2 per bushel.

M. J. W. Garrison, of McMinnville, was recently kicked in the back by a vicious horse, and very badly injured.

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