

FOOD RESOURCES.

The Important Part Which Cotton Seed Will Play in the Economy of the Future.

The ulterior effect of the reasoning of Malthus on the data of population is that in spite of wars, pestilence and famine, the increase will still continue, even if the ratio be very small and that unless some artificial check is employed, the earth will eventually be swarming with many more inhabitants than her products will support.

Since Malthus propounded his theory of population, however, enormous advances have been made in our knowledge of the natural resources which may be used for the sustaining of human life. A number of new substances, or substances not previously suspected of having that quality, have been added to the list of foods. Among these is the seed of the cotton plant.

It will probably surprise a very large number of persons to learn that this product is available as nourishment for the human species, and much more to be informed to how great an extent it is already employed for that purpose.

Nutritious oils and especially those of vegetable origin have been extensively used as food by various nations. The cultivation of the olive appears to have been earliest known in the Hebrew writers after their nomadic forty years' diet of manna in the wilderness. From Asia Minor the olive tree was transplanted to the mainland of the Peloponnese and the islands of the Ionians, and Homer does honor to it in the Odyssey. Gradually the oil expressed from the fruit became the great staple of food for the southern nations of Europe and the peoples of Southwestern Asia and Northern Africa. The Romans used it far more freely at table than the Greeks who adopted its cultivation at an early date, and one of their notable sages asserted that there were two fluids which were essential to a long and pleasant life—wine and oil. Very few Anglo-Saxons realize the extent to which olive oil enters into the daily diet of the inhabitants of those countries in which it has for so many centuries a principal position.

That cotton seed could come forward as the chief competitor of the olive would very probably have been doubted by Malthus, had such a product been made to him. Yet such is really the prospective importance of this commodity. The manufacture of cotton seed is rapidly increasing and has already attained to very great proportions.

The cotton plant is known to be indigenous to both Asia and America. It was cultivated in India five hundred years before Christ, in China two hundred years before Christ, and was found by the Spaniards in Mexico in 1519. In Egypt it was also raised in very ancient times.

The first de-oiled cotton seed that was known in Europe was exported from Egypt in 1852. From that time dates the knowledge of its useful qualities, aside from the mere propagation of the cotton plant. It is singular that not until much later did the cotton planters in this country begin to understand its real value. Its first use in their hands was as a fertilizer for land on which cotton was produced. It was found that the seed restored to the soil in good part the essential elements which were taken from it by the crop. For nearly a century prior to that time the seed had been regarded as useless, and, after being separated from the fiber of the boll, had either been burned or thrown into the sea. The next advance in knowledge on the part of the planters was the discovery that the seed was an excellent food for cattle. For a good many years it was employed for this purpose, but at length it was found to be too rich to effect the greatest good in that way. It impaired the health of the stock to which it was given. A like objection was made to it as a manure. It caused the cotton plants to grow too rank, and did not tend to the production of as fine a fiber as other materials that could be employed for that object. The desirability of adapting it to the digestion of cattle led to the expression of the oil. The seed was by this operation formed into cakes, which were used both as forage and manure.

Only sixteen years ago this process began to be generally adopted in the south, and as great quantities of oil were thus produced which was naturally found to be useful for many purposes a market for it was desirable. It did not take long to discover that the qualities of the new product were a good deal like those of olive oil, and that it could be substituted for the latter or used for like uses. This was the commencement of an enormous trade. The business of making cotton-seed oil has within a very brief time grown to astonishing proportions.

The example of this industry serves only as one illustration of the fact that the world is full of unsuspected food resources. A number of other modern instances might be given of this fact, among them those which are derived from an improved knowledge of chemistry. The vista of the possible enlargement of the food supply which is thus suggested must be relegated to an extremely remote period the time when the prophetic theory of Malthus need become, if ever, a cause of serious inquietude to mankind. It may be added that this is but one of the important features of the subject, an examination of which will reveal still further how little man avails himself as yet of all those means which remain to him of assuring a continued existence.—San Francisco Chronicle.

Characteristic of Royalty.

Mrs. Muggers—I see by the paper that Queen Victoria never eats anything but stale bread. Mrs. Wuggers—You don't say! Well, it's just the same way over at the Smiths; they're of royal descent, you know. "So I've heard." "Yes, Mrs. Smith is so afraid her bread will be wasted that she won't put any fresh on the table till the old is all gone, and by that time the new batch is as dry as a chip."—Omaha World.

Dogs and Women.

The dog had developed again with even greater force than ever before. Yesterday I walked along Twenty-third street from Sixth to Fifth avenue, and in that one block met, by count, twenty ravishingly pretty women, who were either leading or carrying dogs, from a pug to a Scotch terrier. Setters and Newfoundlanders, however, seemed to be the favorites. It was quite too awfully jolly to see a bright-eyed, mid-faced young woman leading a big Newfoundland, black and shaggy, with one hand, and carrying in the other a formidable dog whip. I don't believe the young woman would have touched that dog with that whip for the world, but the dog whip is a part of the canine impedimenta decreed by fashion, and it never would have done to omit it. But what with the dogs, pretty girls and the dog whips. Twenty-third street is a pretty dangerous locality for an ordinary biped, even though he be a man about town. New York Star.

How to Understand Horses.

It is astonishing how few men there are who know anything about a horse. There is no other animal that the average man is on such close and intimate relations with, or that he treats with such a gross ignorance of its peculiarities. The teamster, now, has probably done little else than drive a horse in the intervals of shoveling coal. He certainly knows how his heavy load is, and you would think he ought to know what the horse could do. But when his horse gets stalled the only way he can think of to help the horse is to beat him. This is one of the things that ought to be taught in our public schools. I would have it made a regular branch of study, and I know the teacher who could furnish a text-book. The school of the Centaurs on the plains of Thessaly was indeed famous in its day, but that was a long time ago, and the drivers of our coal carts are not Apollos.—Boston Post.

Understood the Cause and Cure.

Gen. H. C. Lee was a man of strong convictions and to these he was ever loyal. He early realized that the only successful basis on which to conduct the war was the extinction of slavery. Hence he arrived at Annapolis, Md., in November, 1861, with his regiment and demand was made upon him for certain slaves who had found employment in the camp. He peremptorily ordered the owners from camp and declared he would never surrender the slaves to them. This was one of the first if not the first instance in which our officers defied the fugitive slave law. Such actions soon convinced the country and its officials that the army at least understood the cause and cure of the rebellion.—[W. P. Durly in Springfield Republican.

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It Was Her Chocolate.

The secret of Miss Everts' popularity as a maker and dispenser of chocolate when her father was secretary of state lay in the fact that the chocolate was exceedingly rich and eaters relished it greedily in the tiny cups in which it was served. More chocolate was used in one of these small cups than ordinarily enters into the composition of two coffee cups of this beverage. Beaten white of egg and cream was served with it, and the mixture was so toothsome that it gave the young lady a national reputation.

A physician whose specialty is anal diseases has been studying the relation of anal fistula to consumption. It is an old idea that an anal fistula has a good effect in cases of consumption, but this physician says that any improvement in consumptive symptoms which follows the occurrence of a fistula is not permanent. He says: "As a general rule, these fistulae greatly aggravate the pulmonary affection by impairing the constitutional powers, especially if attended by copious discharge of pus, and much irritation. The principal indication in such cases is to build up, not to deplete."—[From Dr. Foote's Health Monthly.

The Reason Why.

It is said "there's nothing new under the sun," and it may be a true saying. But when the light of reason is thrown on some of the everyday occurrences in life it is astonishing how little we actually know as to the why and wherefore of matters which attract our attention. In the busy-busy of this world we are apt to take for granted facts as they appear, because we have not time to thoroughly investigate them. The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company has endeavored to save the enquiring mind the trouble of much research, and has published in a little book entitled "Why and Wherefore," many reasons why various facts exist. The language is plain and simple, and the volume might be used with profit as a reliable class book in public and private schools. As a household reference it is invaluable, and children as well as grown people can read and understand it. While this publication is in a measure an advertising medium for the railroad company, that fact does not detract from its value, and a copy of "Why and Wherefore" will be sent free to any address by enclosing ten cents in postage to A. V. H. Carpenter, general passenger agent, Milwaukee, Wis.

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The Breakfast in Society.

The breakfast, as a form of entertainment, is coming into favor, and may give the tea a rare popularity. The beauty of a breakfast is that people generally have an appetite for it, and have also an opportunity of seeing something of those who are there and exchanging a few ideas. This is the great drawback to the tea. Guests rush in, pay their respects, hurry into the dining room, gulp down a cup of hot tea and bolt for the door, to go through the same rush at several other places. There is a social and informal quality about the breakfast. The fishing, so to speak, in a social or sentimental point of view, is better. The bait, you observe, is better and a wary "catch" will rise to a breakfast bait who will swim around a tea every time.—[Washington Letter.

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A Lucky Houstonian.

Houston (Tex.) Post, Jan. 18, 1887. A reporter in his daily jaunt in search of interesting matter for the perusal of the readers of the Post happened into the cigar store of S. Alexander, jr., where he was told that one of our popular young clothing dealers had suddenly come into the possession of a large sum of money. Closer investigation revealed the fact that the popular young merchant was Ben Kiam, of the firm of Kiam Bros., and the sum of money was the neat little amount of \$15,000. Mr. Kiam, on being interviewed, stated he disliked publicity, but as the rumor had been circulated, he preferred emulating George Washington and Grover Cleveland, and would "tell the truth." "Some time last month," he said, "I concluded to purchase a ticket in the January drawing of the Louisiana State Lottery Company, and sent my office-boy after one, which I put in my safe. I thought no more about the ticket until the 11th instant, when Mr. Alexander called at my store and told me if my ticket was No. 91,960, I had won one-tenth of the capital prize—that his telegram from the Louisiana Lottery Company stated the winning ticket had been sold in Houston. You can hardly imagine the state of my feelings while examining my ticket to see if I really was the lucky individual. When the truth dawned upon me that my little investment of \$1 had returned me the snug amount of \$15,000, I felt—well, I can't tell you how I did feel. If there are words in the English language comprehensive enough to describe my feeling, they are not at my command." To the question, "Have you got your money?" Mr. Kiam replied: "Yes, the ticket was promptly cashed on presentation." Mr. Kiam will surely invest a portion of his prize for the next drawing, which takes place on the 8th of next month.

A Petition of Husbands—the Match-maker.

"He who is false to present duty," says Henry Ward Beecher, "breaks a thread in the loom, and will find the flaw when he may have forgotten its cause." A case in point occurs to us. Mr. Wm. Ryder, of 87 Jefferson street, Buffalo, N. Y., recently told a reporter that, "I had a large abscess on each leg, that kept continually discharging for twenty years. Nothing did me any good except Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It cured me." Here is a volume in a few words. Mr. Ryder's experience is entitled to our readers' careful consideration.—[The Sun.

Our national arms should hereafter bear a salt codfish.

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