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### Anti-Oleomargarine in Congress.

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There is a determination on the part of dairymen, and others—who are unwilling that this interest shall suffer by reason of adulterated articles—to secure the passage of laws that will effectually protect straight goods from unfair and unjust competition with spurious articles that are sold as genuine butter and cheese. The states in which this industry is prominent have passed laws intended to prevent the fraudulent traffic in such goods, or are trying to perfect such laws where they have been found inefficient. It is difficult, however, to frame a statute that will meet all cases, as has been found by experience in this instance. In this state amendments to the law now in force are pending which it is believed will meet most cases of this kind. Under the present law several violations of it in this city have been punished. But it is proper that state laws on the subject shall be re-enforced by federal legislation, and that end we notice that the International Dairy Fair association, through its president, Mr. Moulton, has brought the subject to the attention of congress. Mr. Moulton addressed the committee of agriculture at Washington, a few days ago, in which he presented the arguments in the case very forcibly. The principal points made are not unfamiliar to most of our readers, but some of them may be profitably epitomized again. It was shown that farmers of twenty-three states, owning 13,000,000 of milk cows, supported on land worth many hundred millions of dollars, and producing between \$300,000,000 and \$400,000,000 worth of butter and cheese annually, are directly interested in this oleomargarine question, as are also the 50,000,000 people in the United States consuming these articles. From the state of Maine in the east to the Rocky mountains in the west, and from the lakes in the north to the Ohio river in the south, the producers of butter are calling for protection from the unfair competition brought upon them by oleomargarine. Mixed with butter and sold under a false name, it does the greater damage because of the dishonest methods employed in its sale. No state law seems competent to deal with it properly; acts of the legislature, compelling it to be branded, have been openly violated by merchants of the highest respectability, who thought it no harm to brand a package with cold iron upon a rough stove so indistinctly that they could not even discover the mark themselves. The legislature of Vermont has come the nearest to doing something practical with reference to it, by passing a law compelling every person who sells it from the package down to the half-pound lump to hand to the purchaser a printed note saying, "this is oleomargarine." Manufacturers have been put up in all sections of the country, and they are managed by the shrewdest and best manipulators in any branch of business. Vast sums of money have been invested in the business, and the farmers have to contend with a combination as strong as it is selfish and unfair. In the city of Philadelphia alone 100,000 pounds are being manufactured weekly, which is at the rate of 5,000,000 pounds a year.

Not only do our farmers suffer from competition with oleomargarine in our home markets, but it is doing great damage to our foreign trade. England, the best customer for our dairy products, has become

suspicious of them, and some weeks ago Sir H. Maxwell brought the matter up in parliament "in order to protect English producers from the unfair competition caused by the importation from America of spurious compounds resembling, and in many cases sold to and by retail dealers as butter."

Mr. Moulton referred to the "rapidly increasing exports of oleomargarine, saeene, soapstone, etc., from America to Holland, and the rapidly increasing exports of dairy products by the latter country to Great Britain," and urged "that safeguards be placed around the importation of such spurious compounds from Holland." The oil is shipped from this country to the continent, and there manufactured into a compound that takes the place of butter in the English markets; and oleomargarine is largely shipped from this country under the name of butter, it having been shown lately that some 15,000,000 pounds had gone abroad under the name of that article.

That it is unwholesome has been demonstrated by the ablest scientists in this country, including Dr. P. P. of Chicago; Prof. Michels, of New York; Prof. Henry Leffman, of Philadelphia, and others. It is true that a few quack chemists have been hired to speak in its favor. Mr. Moulton said that if any one will visit the fat-rendering establishments in New York—more than one of them under the same roof with a bone-boiling factory—they will not need any scientific proof to convince them that it is an impure and disgusting concoction, neither fit for dog nor man. The French academy of medicine have reported that oleomargarine is unfit for use in French hospitals. That the article actually sold in commerce was an injury to the digestive organs of sick people. Prof. Michels says that those who eat it run the risk of trichina from the stomachs of animals chopped up with the fat in making it.

In concluding his remarks the speaker told the committee that the sooner congress recognized the fact that it has a duty to perform to the agriculturists of this country the better it will be for all concerned; that organizations of dairymen and men engaged in handling dairy goods representing the producers of the country are in earnest in this matter, and are determined that their interests shall receive more attention in the future.

### Impressions.

Spirit of the press—During the cold weather how long can the ink stand!—Keokuk Constitution. Dmno. How long can the pen holder?—Burlington Hawkeye. Tell us how long can the pencil sharpener and we'll answer that.—Omaha Republican. They are all right as long as the weather remains stationary.—Omaha Daily Bee. Your puns are enveloped in obscurity. That's no wiser to get off jokes.—Detroit Free Press. We believe you write in this opinion.—Candid Post. Our penman run that way.—Yonker's Gazette. Seal ah!—Boston Globe. Gum, now, it hardly paste to print such paragraphs.—Boston Commercial Bulletin. We would like to wax why not, if questions are not against the rule.—Yawcob Strauss. We have proof for what we write but don't wish to press the subject.

—Fresh leaf laid at Warren and Eaton's.

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