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ARTIFICIAL EGGS.

How They Are Made and Who Eats Them.

Last April parties from Paterson reared a building on Broad street in this city. They began a manufacturing business, and evidently did a lively trade. Barrels and boxes were shipped daily to New York. They employed a score or more of workmen, who were recruited when questioned about their work. I went into the place the other day to solicit an advertisement for the *Sunday Call*. I found the proprietor an educated and refined gentleman. He invited me into his office, and I questioned him about his business. "Well," he replied, after a moment's hesitation, "I can't say that we wish to advertise, nor, in fact, have our business known; but as it will probably all leak out before long, I may as well tell you. We are making artificial eggs by a process of our own on which I have but recently received my patents. Look in the other room. All the eggs you see there are made in this place. Here is one. Let me break it open." He broke it open and showed me what appeared to be the inside of a real egg. "Oh, it's a fact."

"Do you mean to say that you made that egg without the assistance of a hen?" I asked.

"Yes," he replied, "and if you wish I will show you something of our process. Come."

He led me through a room in which there were stored boxes upon boxes of eggs, and into another large, cool room in the rear. Everything was clean and neat. Several strange-looking wooden machines, totally unlike anything I had ever seen, stood in different parts of the room. Six or seven men were operating the machinery, which moved noiselessly and with great rapidity. I followed my conductor to one end of the apartment, where there were three large tanks or vats. One was filled with a yellow compound, the second with a starchy mixture, and the other was covered. Pointing to these the proprietor said: "These contain the yolk mixture and white of egg. We empty the vats every day, so you can judge of the extent of the business already. Let me show you one of the machines. You see they are divided into different boxes or receptacles. The first and second are the yolk and white. The next is what we term the 'skin' machine, and the last one is the sheller, with drying trays. This process is the result of many years of experiment and expense. I first conceived the idea after making a chemical analysis of an egg. After a long time I succeeded in making a very good imitation of an egg. I then turned my attention to making the machinery, and the result you see for yourself. Of course, it would not be policy for me to explain all the mechanism, but I'll give you an idea of the process. Into the first machine is put the yolk mixture."

"What is that?" I asked.

"Well, it's a mixture of Indian meal, corn starch, and several other ingredients. It is poured into the opening in a thick, mushy state, and is formed by the machine into a ball and frozen. In this condition it passes into the other box, where it is surrounded by the white, which is chemically the same as the real egg. This is also frozen, and by a peculiar rotary motion of the machine the oval shape is imparted to it, and it passes into the next receptacle, where it receives the thin film skin. After this it has only to go into the sheller, where it gets its last coat in the shape of a plaster of Paris shell, a trifle thicker than the genuine article. Then it goes out on the drying trays, where the shell dries at once and the inside thaws out gradually. It becomes to all appearances a real egg. "How many eggs can you turn out in a day?"

"Well, as we are running now, we turn out a thousand or so every hour."

"Many orders?"

"Why, bless your soul, yes. We cannot fill one-half of our orders. All we can now make are taken by two New York wholesale grocers alone. We charge \$13 per thousand for them, and they retail at all prices, from 12 to 20 cents per dozen. We sell only to the houses. I suppose you have plenty of these eggs eaten in Newark as well as in other places. Col. Zuliak, Billy Wright, Honest Andrew Albright, Joe Haines, Judge Johnson, Judge Henry, and all Newark's candidates for governor are living on them. They are perfectly harmless, and of a substantial and wholesome as a real egg. The reason we made the machinery of wood is because we found that the presence of metal of any kind spoiled the flavor and prevented the cooking of the eggs."

"Can they be boiled?"

"Oh, yes," and he called one of the men, "Here, Jim, boil this gentleman an egg."

"Can they be detected?" I inquired, while the bogus egg was being boiled.

"I hardly think that anybody would be likely to observe any difference unless he happened to be well posted, as they look and taste like the real thing. We can, by a little flavoring, make them taste like goose or duck eggs, of course altering the size. They will keep for years. That one you have just eaten was nearly a year old. They never spoil or become rotten, and being harder and thicker in their shells, they will stand shipping better than real eggs. We calculate that in a few years we will run the hens of the country clean out of the business, as oleomargarine has driven out butter. We have a curious order to fill next year of a lot of different-colored Easter eggs. By an improvement in our machinery we contemplate turning them out hard-boiled. Oh, it's a big thing, and capable, I suppose, of being brought to still greater perfection. One of my employees here insists that if I go to work at it I can invent a machine which will run the eggs into an incubator and hatch out spring chickens. Call in again when we have enlarged our place, and maybe we will have more to show you. Good morning." —N. Y. Sun.

Chang's Lunch.

"Appetite? Well, I should say so! Just come with me," remarked an official at the dime museum yesterday in answer to a question put to him about the amount of food necessary to satisfy the cravings of Chang, the huge Chinaman. Following the man the reporter was taken to where Chang was about to begin his luncheon and was presented to the giant, whose face wore a kindly smile and who spoke English without any of the unique characteristics that generally mark a Chinaman's attempt at that direction.

"I have just had a letter from my home in China," said Chang, "and it has put me in my good spirits. Won't you have some lunch? Both the reporter and his guide declined. "Well, I am going to have some. Sit down while I get a bite," remarked the giant and he proceeded to eat. As the lunch proceeded he chatted away at a lively rate about the French troubles in southwestern China and expressed his opinion that the Frenchmen would be pretty sick of the war before they got through.

"During the course of his talk, a careful note was made of what he ate, and when at length he arose the following list started at the startled reporter from the page of his notebook: Four large plates of soup, 43 fried oysters, 2 rare tenderloin steaks with 13 baked potatoes and two dishes of stewed tomatoes, a large roast chicken, 3 bunches of celery, 2 omelet pies, 1 mince pie, 1 apple pie, 5 cream buns, 6 bananas, 1 pound of figs, 2 oranges, 26 ginger snaps and 11 slices of bread and butter. He also drank eight large goblets of water and four cups of coffee.

"Come round and see me when I'm not busy," said the Chinaman as he went out. "And look here, you Billy (to the waiter who was clearing off the table), I want my dinner on time to-day. Yesterday you kept me waiting nearly half an hour." —Philadelphia Record.

Gossip About a Wisconsin Senator.

Senator Philetus Sawyer, of Wisconsin, is a short, thick-set man having the appearance of a successful grocer. He always stands with his hands in his pockets and head cocked on one side like a rooster deliberating which worm he shall eat. Senator Sawyer is, however, one of the best hearted men in the senate. The *Detroit Times* tells this story as illustrating his generosity: He is a successful lumber merchant, and many good stories are told of his youthful experiences. He was "raised" in St. Lawrence county, New York, "bought his time" of his father and started out for himself when he was seventeen years old. He had in his belt \$1200 and \$99 to pay his expenses on his way west. He wanted another dollar and borrowed it of his brother. In a few years he began to accumulate. He made lucky speculations in timber lands and his wealth increased. Recently he returned to his old home in St. Lawrence county, New York, where he found his brother in straitened circumstances. Debt had got the best of him, and to satisfy a mortgage his home was about to be sold. "What is the amount?" said Philetus. "Twelve hundred dollars," answered Philetus with a face as long as an ass and a report. "Oh, brace up," said the Wisconsin statesman. "I'll pay you what I owe you, which with the interest will be enough to straighten this matter out." "But," said the former, "you don't owe me anything." "Yes I do," replied Philetus. "You remember lending me \$1 when I first went west? Well, here it is with interest," and he counted out \$1,500. "Every dollar I took away with me has brought me \$1,500 in return. If you ever get hard up let me know and I'll help you out again."

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