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FOR A HOME MARKET.

Statistics show the peculiar fact that whereas the salmon of the Pacific coast are eaten in Great Britain at the rate of one pound per week to every 60 of the population, in this country, the home and headquarters of the industry, the average consumption is only one pound per week for every 300 of population.

To reach an accurate reason for this condition of things would, in view of the circumstances, be a hard matter. The centralization of population in England and the small distances that separate its big cities from each other would undoubtedly seem to have something to do with it.

Then again the English people eat salmon as we eat sardines, and in many localities among them it is the inevitable adjunct of beer—the national drink.

If these are reasons at all, however, they hardly seem to be sufficient to account for the very great difference in the salmon consumption between the two countries. On it is that the men handling the sale of the product with us are less energetic than their fellow workers over the sea? Or is it because the producers themselves have not sufficiently realized the immensity of their home market and have left it year after year to half work?

The weight of reasoning seems to favor the latter proposition, and brings out strongly a fact which we have always contended—that the foreign trade has been far more systematically looked after and better worked.

With the establishment of a fine hatchery that gives promise of exceeding the most sanguine expectations of its owners during the next few years, and the almost certain annual increase in the Columbia River pack consequent on the operations, it seems to us that it is time for the cannerymen to adopt a policy entirely different from the one they have followed up to the present.

Very few among us, men who are tied down in one particular spot for a term of years at least of all, recognize the immensity of the North American continent, and we do not hesitate to say that there are dozens of important centers, tapping enormous and prosperous divisions of the Columbia River salmon interests.

Mexico, which we have before referred to in this connection, knows no more of the merits of our salmon fishery by use or hearsay than it knows of Polar bear steaks.

In the East, while people may know a little about canned fish, the word salmon is to them a generic term and they know no grades in its quality. They would just as soon, with their present knowledge on the subject, think of classifying the different varieties of canned elephant.

While it is a fact that cannerymen like most people in harness all over the world are generally very busy men, it seems that they ought to devote a certain portion of their time to the opening up of more home markets, and in connection with that, the persistent education of the individual whose demand it is that makes the market.

Such a campaign, if systematically and honestly conducted, would result in the quickening of business almost immediately, would place that business on a permanent and safe basis, and all worth the expenditure of an amount of money hardly worth talking about.

We cannot believe that the Columbia River cannerymen are desirous of shutting their eyes to the future and living only in the success of the present, nor do we desire to think or have the impression go abroad that their horizon is the limit of their own cannery buildings beyond which they have no desire to penetrate.

If a suicidal policy of this nature were adhered to in times such as these, when every commercial concern in the country has to be progressive, sharp, vigorous, and unceasingly vigilant in order to live, then no very distant historian will be able to say of Oregon's industry, "Died of successive and regular injections of stupidity in large doses."

In a cursory review of the political situation as it affects the presidency, a Democratic contemporary concedes to the Republican party the electoral votes of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, Illinois and Minnesota.

The total vote in these states will be 153. That calculation is sound. Every one of these states will be found in the Republican column in November, 1896.

For the purpose of cheering up the drooping spirits of its party, the paper in question sets the following states down in the doubtful column, "that no party can claim": New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Indiana, Michigan, and Wisconsin.

Their total electoral vote is 53, which, if added to the votes of the sure Republican states, would be more than sufficient to elect. The states in the latter class are almost as certain to go Republican next year as the ones set in the first table.

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There is a boy in Bath, Me., who ate fifty bananas at a sitting. Rice water is not made from rice, but from the membranes of the bread fruit tree.

A first-water diamond, engraved with the figure of a two-headed bull, has been discovered by the excavators at Pompeii.

About the only cloud on the country's prosperity at present is that caused by the growing smoke from industrial chimneys.—Philadelphia Times.

An unpublished letter of Columbus addressed to two officers of the King of Arragon in 1492, was read at the last session of the Academy of Moral and Political Science in Paris.

A story is told to show what Chivalry's force was to blow the beast up. By means of a recent invention the blind are enabled to write with facility under the ordinary Roman alphabet.

The invention is described as a lined metal plate with square perforations arranged in parallel lines, inside of which the ordinary Roman alphabet is written. They watch, with cases covered with plain enamel, or bone to order, are a novelty. The plaids are the well-known symbols of the Scotch clans, which, colored by the way, are quite a study in themselves, they show such a variety, so near each other, and yet so decidedly far.

The best tea in Japan is raised in districts where snow often falls to the eaves of the houses. Many plants will survive under the heavy snow and play: even in the Southern states. By the same rule, some varieties of Japanese lilacs will survive Vermont winters that are hard in Missouri.

NEDDY. Hiding behind the sofa, Playing ho-peep through the chairs, Racing from attic to cellar, Sliding down the stairs.

Turning the houses topsy-turvy, (Grandmamma says, every day), Brimful of his roguish frolic, And his merry childish play.

Running for lunch to the pantry, And leaving the door ajar, Where pussy may slyly enter, And make havoc near and far; Sailing his shoes in the duck-pond, Scattering the new mown hay, Chasing the chickens and turkeys, Frightening them all away.

Trying on grandpa's glasses, "That hide his merry eyes, And make havoc near and far, Looking so wondrous wise, The paper's wrong side upward, But 'tis all the same to him; His eyes from steady at present, I assure you have never grown dim.

Yet dearly we love our Neddy, In spite of his mischief and play; And lonely and dull seems the household, When his smiling face is away.

And we ask that our Father in heaven Would guide and keep him each day, And watch 'er our darling's footsteps, 'Tis that he never may go astray.

—Kate.

DUANE STREET IMPROVEMENT NOTICE.

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