The Cloomfield Cimes.

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FARM AND HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

How Sugar is Purified.

If there still are people who prefer dark brown sugar to white as being" sweeter" and "richer," we commend to their attention the following, describing the condition in which sugar arrives from the South, and the processes which are found necessary to rid it of extraneous dirt :

First, the sugar in filthy black bags, hogsheads covered with mud, and boxes smeared over with bilge water and filth, was landed at the Williamsburg docks, where you see those immense sugar-houses. The stevedores carried it back to a big copper vat filled with hot water, broke open the boxes, cut open the bags, and knocked in the heads of the hogsheads, and let it all-dirt, mud, sticks, niggers' shoes, old hats, pipes, bones, undissolved newspapers, and sleeveless shirts-yes, let it all slide into the vat together.

What, all this dirt?

Yes, and more too. They placed the filthy old hogsheads, soiled bags and dirty boxes into a steam-vat, steamed and washed off the dirt and sugar, and then put in that too. Then the greasy old Dutchman stirred it up, occasionally expectorating tobacco juice here and there, and scraping his Williamsburg mud into the future frosting of our wedding cake.

What next? Well, the hogshead-staves, after the sugar and dirt are worked off, are sent back to Cuba, and 400 hogsheads of sugar and dirt per day are pumped, in a liquid form, into the fifth story to be cleaned and purified. * * * First, the dirty liquor is pumped into one thousand-gallon cauldrons, with a steam pipe in the bottom. Then, blue litmus paper (paper soaked in blue cabbage juice) is dipped into it to see if it is sour. If it is sour, the blue paper is changed to red. Then they throw in a pail of lime. This kills the acid, or the acid leaves the sugar to attack the lime, when, like Kilkenny cats, they are both eaten up. If you pour acid into soft soap, the alkali (another form of lime) will leave the grease to feed upon the acid.

What next? Then the half-naked men who work over the hot caudrons pour five gallons of warm bullock's blood, fresh from the slaughter-house, into each 1,000 gallons of melted sugar. The white of eggs would be better, but eggs cost too much, while blood, which is almost as full of albumen, only costs eleven cents per gallon. The blood "settles" the sugar, as an egg "settles" your coffee-that is, the albumen seizes hold of every particle of dirt and holds it. Then, when they raise the temperature to 180 degrees, the blood, lime, dirt, sticks &c., float to the surface, while the syrup, yellow and quits transparent, is drawn off through strainers from the bottom, leaving the scum on top. This scum and dirt are rinsed with clean water, the sweet part saved to wet up a fresh lot of sugar, and the dirt carted off as a fertilizer. They take a ton of rich manure out of the sugar house every day.

How is the syrup strained?

Through bags-long cloth bags, having four or five thicknesses of cloth in them. They catch all the heavy dirt, little stones, sand, etc., and the syrup leaves them transparent, only slightly tinged with yellow. These bags take out about four per cent. of dirt-real black, mucky dirt, the same as you see in the streets. The syrup is now 98 per cent, pure sugar, whereas it was 80 per cent. five hours ago. There remains seven per cent. coloring, foreign salts and gases yet to be removed.

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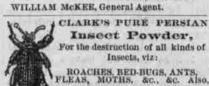
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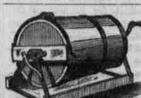
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