

BOGUS COFFEE.

Made of Molasses, Rye Flour and Other Ingredients.

How the Counterfeit Bean is Manufactured for the Market.

The adulteration of food in these days of keen competition and cheap production has given rise to a peculiar industry, which, in spite of its claim of legitimacy, is enshrouded with nearly as much mystery as the work of the alchemist in the dark ages, says the Philadelphia Inquirer.

The new industry is the manufacture of coffee compound or artificial coffee.

The "compound" is manufactured in the shape of coffee beans, made to imitate as closely as possible the natural article. It is sold to wholesale dealers and is mixed with the common grades of coffee. The bogus coffee is sold at about one-third the price of the natural product, and this allows a big margin of profit when the "compound" is mixed with the genuine article. Molasses, rye flour, chickory and other ingredients enter into the composition of the bogus coffee, and it is claimed that it contains nothing injurious to health. The secret of the preparation, however, is jealously guarded.

The manufacture of the bogus coffee berry is commenced on the third floor of the factory, otherwise known as the mixing room. At one end of a big room a huge tub is located, where the different ingredients are thoroughly beaten up—the mixture looking very much like children's mud-pie batter. It is next placed in a sort of grinding machine, over which a young girl presides. Her work is to see that the preparation is thoroughly ground, and to look after the long, brick-shaped cakes as they come from the oven.

The putty-like substance is now ready for the next machine, which merely rolls it out in thin sheets, similar to pie-crust. A third contrivance cuts these sheets into long, narrow strips about an inch in width.

Up to this point the composition has not the slightest resemblance to coffee. It tastes very strongly of molasses, and is slightly bitter. The next process is the stamping of the long strips into beans. The machinery that does this work is very intricate. There are a number of wheels, about six inches in diameter, and encircled by a brass band. At even intervals there are indentations just the size and shape of the convex side of the coffee bean. The flat grooved side of the bean is formed by another brass-banded wheel, stamped in a similar fashion.

The long thin strips are run into this machine and are divided by knives into two or three strips, the exact width of the bean. In running through the wheels the beans are stamped out with bewildering rapidity falling into square sieves placed directly beneath the machine.

The beans are carried to the floor beneath, where the drying room is located. A long double tier of closets extends from one end of this room to the other. Inside of these closets are steam pipes. The sieves containing the stamped coffee beans are placed in the closets and the steam is turned on. One hundred and thirty degrees is the temperature required, and the bean is left for several hours to thoroughly dry.

The bean is, of course, still very rough, and would easily be detected as spurious were it not smoothed down. For this process a dozen revolving sieves are required. The bean is taken from the sieves, and is smoothed and polished by friction. In the bottom of each sieve there is a funnel-shaped trap through which the beans fall into a receptacle on the floor below.

The compound now tastes like coffee, and were it not for a slight molasses flavor it would be almost impossible to distinguish it from nature's product. The final process is to roast the bean in the same manner as the genuine article. Any desired shade can be obtained in roasting, thus imitating the various brands of coffee. The entire process of manufacture occupies about two days.

The Largest Steam Engine.

The largest steam engine in the world is now in process of completion in the works of Sulzer Brothers, at Winterthur. It works with four cylinders, the steam for which is furnished by four boilers with 2,000 horse power capacity. The engine is 63 feet long and 45 feet wide. The flywheel measures 23 feet in diameter. When completed the monster will be put into a large factory in St. Petersburg.

A Story of Hard Luck.

Along in the late 60's I was in New York, and one morning I woke up, after having had only one meal in two days, to find myself the possessor of a five-cent piece. I was as hungry as a bear, and entirely without valuables except my overcoat, and the weather was bitterly cold. I left my temporary lodging place a stranger in a strange town, and walked up Broadway, in the hopes of meeting some one I knew. For three or four hours I plodded back and forth, when suddenly a feminine voice called my name, and I was greeted by a young lady whose family I had known in Georgia. We chatted a minute or two, and she asked me to come over to Brooklyn, where they were living, before I left New York. I said I was going to leave that evening, and, as I had hoped, she begged me to come over and take dinner that very day. I promised, and she left me with the remark that they dined at 6. It was then barely noon, and I was nearly famished. The fare to Brooklyn was then three cents, so I wandered down town toward the Wall St. pier, and bought two apples with two cents out of my precious five. At last the time came to embark, and over to Brooklyn I went. My friends lived in Montague street, where the Wall St. ferry boats land, and I was quickly at the house. They were all delighted to see me, and asked a million questions, which I could give no connected answers to on account of the occasional clink of dishes in the dining-room. That sound set me nearly crazy. At last dinner was announced. The father took his seat at the head of the table behind a big silver bowl of steaming soup. We were all helped, and I was praying for my portion to get cool enough to sip, when I hope I may die if my host didn't fall back out of his chair, stricken with apoplexy. Of course, there was no more dinner; everything was excited and hysterical, and I got out of the house as soon as I could. Nothing was left for me to do but pawn my coat. I did so, ate an immense supper, and the effects of it made me sleepy. When I was awakened to pay the check I didn't have a cent. I had been robbed while dozing. I was kicked out of the place. Talking about hard luck and out in the cold world, out in the street, I tell you I had enough of it in a few hours that time to last me all my life. I slept in an all-night lunch house, whose clerk took pity on me, that night, and next day managed to get a temporary job telegraphing; but it was a tough and awful experience. My old friend was buried two days after the dinner, but I couldn't go to the funeral, because I didn't have an overcoat.—Washington Star.

A Good Advertisement.

"What constitutes a good advertisement?" I asked this question the other day of a man who has a national reputation as a writer of bright, effective and trade-creating advertisements. He replied: "There is a wide divergence of opinion among advertisers as to what the ingredients of a good ad. consist of and each is entitled to some consideration, for among the most successful advertisers are men whose methods are widely at variance. In my opinion it is of prime importance that an advertisement contain nothing but the plain, unvarnished truth. No deviation from this principle is permissible, for fictitious offers are apt to be taken seriously, and when buyers cannot find the articles in the store at the prices quoted in the advertisement they soon become distrustful of the merchant who seeks thus to entrap them. Brevity is also an important factor. Then again an advertisement should have a bright, catchy introduction that will arrest the reader's attention until his mind has absorbed the substance of the ad. I also believe in a liberal use of price-figures and in frequent offerings of genuine bargains. It must also be remembered that an advertisement, like a dozen of eggs, may be spoiled in setting. Typography will make an advertisement, no matter how small, stand out prominently if what is needed."—Buffalo News.

The Miserics of Rank.

Haughty Baron—Waiter, what have you got to eat?
Waiter—Baron, I can recommend half a roast duck.
Haughty Baron—Half a duck! No, I thank you. How do I know who eats the other half? It might be some vile publican.—Texas Siftings.

He Was Precise.

"Are you a well-digger?" asked the man who wanted some work done.
"O! can't say that O! am," replied Mr. Dolan, leaning on his pick. "At present O! have a touch of the rheumatism."—Washington Star.

FASHION FANCIES.

BEAUTIES OF NEW WOOLEN AND SILK GOODS.

There is an Endless Variety of Materials and a Great Diversity in Colors—Striped Stuffs Fashionable.

IMPORTATIONS of wool and silk and wool goods are beautiful and varied. In black goods alone there are shown a greater number of different weights and weaves, crepon effects, stripes and figures heretofore all seen. Plain goods also, hennetta, serge and the new waterproof material called cravenette—a hard twisted light-weight stuff that does not rumple—are fashionable, while entering the domain of color so large a field for choice is opened that it is confusing to a woman who has not previously decided upon what she requires. A wide variety of two toned woolen goods is shown in all tints, figured and plain, woven on the same principles as changeable silk, while in solid colored materials covert cloth and

serge, with smooth finished cloth, are in the majority. Besides those already mentioned there is an endless show of checks and plaids, both large and small, mixed goods, boucle goods and goods with a pattern of one color laid on a ground of another. These last materials are better for combining with plain stuff than for making up into entire gowns.

Velvet and satin, re-employed for trimming, more having begun to decline in favor. It has already outlived its usefulness, being of transient beauty and quickly rendered shabby by dampness and wear. A good quality of satin or peau de soie is the most serviceable of silk goods. Spangled passementerie has fallen greatly in price, which may be taken as an indication that it is no longer esteemed by fashion authorities. It would naturally decline with moire, as it belongs to the same era of glitter.

Striped stuffs are very fashionable at present, and in slanting bars they are very effective for bodice use. A gown of reddish amethyst rep has black wavy stripes of jet slantwise round and round the figure. The sleeves are of black velvet to the elbow and below of the striped goods. It's a difficult job for the most skillful hand to attain this trellis effect and have it accurate. Without accuracy it will look like a dreadful blotch. With the stripes running perpendicularly the task is easier.

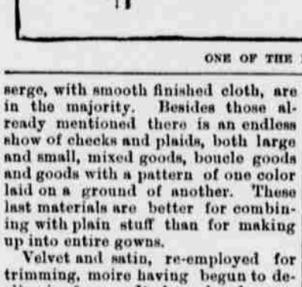
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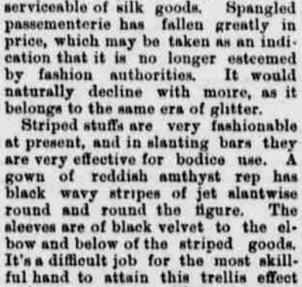
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shoulder to the turn of the arm at the elbow. This throws extra fullness on each side of the shirring, which is sometimes covered with a band of handsome passementerie, or again it is left to show the gauging. Another popular sleeve is accordion plaited at the armholes, and again at the elbow, with a deep Cromwellian cuff turned back at the elbow, above the close coat portion, the cuff covered with a rich beaded galloon.

AN UP-TO-DATE LITTLE GIRL. The best-selling model for a school-



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BONNET OF OLIVE GREEN VELVET. A good many of these "coal scuttles" over faces that are far otherwises.—New York Tribune.

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In this large hat the temple ornaments were distinctly out of place, but for small hats and bonnets they form an effective and becoming garniture. Indeed, the very latest fad in millinery is a broadening effect at the sides, and to emphasize this not only balls and jeweled horns of every description are used, but also velvet choux and seal and sable heads.

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AFTER LEE'S SURRENDER.

A CONFEDERATE'S STORY.

Breaking Up of the Last Organized Command East of the Mississippi.

At a meeting of the Confederate association of Kentucky, in Louisville, an address was made by Major W. J. Davis, relating his experiences in the closing days of the war. He said I will give you an account of my personal relation with the last command of the war. The news of Lee's surrender came to us at Christiansburg, Va., early in April, 1865. Gen. Echols was in command of about 2,400 dismounted cavalry. Gen. Duke's brigade was dismounted cavalry. Our horses had suffered so with foot evil, etc., that they had been sent, under charge of Col. Napier, to North Carolina. We were often ordered about as infantry. Gen. Nichols had moved forward, and we were ordered to follow him. At Christiansburg came the news of Lee's surrender. It was a cold, drizzling afternoon. We were all greatly depressed. Gen. Echols called a council of war and stated that he proposed to march to Gen. Johnston at Raleigh, N. C. He offered us all the option to remain or go with him. The infantry decided to remain. Cosby's and Giltner's brigades concluded to go to Tennessee. Duke's and Vaughan's brigades started to go to Johnston. A rush was made for the wagon trains from which the mules and horses were taken, and the men rode on mules and some carried horses with ropes for bridles. About 225 paroled prisoners came along and joined our party that morning. A notable incident occurred to me that night. A soldier accompanied me and asked to go along. It was Champ Ferguson, the noted guerrilla, who played the part on our side that Tinker Dave Deady did on the Federal. I asked Champ Ferguson how many men he had killed with his own hand, and he replied ninety-two in all.

"The next morning we found ten or twelve officers, with their men, and they went with us. That night a calamity occurred. Two years before a negro had appeared in our camp. Capt. Murrell said he bought him—I know his owner never gave him to Capt. Murrell; he may have bought him. The negro's name was Alfred, and he was invaluable. He was our cook, and when chickens were \$21 each and eggs \$12 a dozen, and pigs were of eight or ten dollars a head, Alfred did his marketing exclusively at night. He was invaluable, and when he disappeared as we were dismayed as when Lee surrendered.

"We marched to Stateville without a square meal since Alfred left.

"We marched toward Lincoln, and found Col. Napier with 45 men and 215 horses had been driven away by Stoneman. Gen. Echols had passed on to Raleigh. We marched on to Charlotte, arriving there April 16 or 17. Johnston and Bragg were negotiating. I found Jefferson Davis and his cabinet were Dillworth and Williams' brigades, the latter in command of Col. Breckinridge, of Kentucky. We were there ten or twelve days, and received the news of Lincoln's assassination before we left. Gen. Johnston telegraphed that his agreement with Sherman had been signed, but that Andrew Johnston, who succeeded Lincoln, had repudiated it, and Jefferson Davis had better leave. Davis proposed to take the cavalry across the Mississippi and form a nucleus around which the South could rally and secure their rights.

"There were a crowd of unattached officers and men who decided to remain and our leader. Davis wanted to put General Bragg in command, but the Kentucky officers went to Davis and said that Breckinridge had resigned his Major Generalship to be Secretary of War, and that they wanted him as their commander. Davis assented. Breckinridge took charge and did me the honor to make me his Adjutant General. We went with four or five clerks and destroyed all the records of the war office save five or six boxes—that is one reason there is a lack of official documents in the publication of the records. I greatly regret that destruction. The last destruction was on the banks of the Savannah river.

"We marched about twelve miles a day at Union Court House we found Col. Napier with the 215 horses, and the command was mounted. Forage was very scarce on account of Sherman's raid, but a quantity of hay was found occasionally in barns. One old woman was she objected to our taking the hay said: 'You are Kentuckians; why don't you go home like our boys. Go and decently withdraw. Why don't you do that?' 'You spoke out of your turn,' replied an old Kentuckian. 'You South Carolina people brought in this war and are going to do it.'

"At Union C. H. we found the first time I met Mr. Davis. He looked like his picture on the postage stamp, and was the gamecock style of man, full-chested square shouldered, only five feet eight inches high. I met all the Presidential Cabinet. Judge Reagan talked about the condition of the country. Judah P. Benjamin and Breckinridge quoted Tennyson and criticized the verses. Breckinridge was royal-looking. Benjamin was about five feet one inch high heavy and rotund; he rode a horse seventeen hands, and was a ridiculous figure, but when in his own voice he quoted poetry you forgot his appearance. Mr. Malory, secretary of the Navy, was about such a figure as Benjamin, and rode a large horse.

"At Abbeville we found it was no use to go any further. The officers told Davis that the soldiers would go with him as long as he desired, but it was useless to prolong the war. He said he could escape unaided. Gen. Duke, who was at the conference, told me that he never saw Davis so crestfallen. After the conference I was sent to the rear where they could disband, that Davis did not need them as an escort, and each man could strike out for himself. The Kentucky and Tennessee soldiers said they would march home in a body. That night four or five train loads were ordered, and a bullion came from Charlotte with some Treasury agents. Gen. Duke with forty-five men was put by Breckinridge to guard them. The following morning Duke asked that fifty men from each brigade be furnished him as a guard for the cars, this was done. A Treasury agent was seen taking a bag of gold away and he was brought back. We went on to Vienna on the Savannah river. Davis and his cabinet started for Washington, Ga. There Breckinridge, Mississippi Brigades and Vaughan's Brigades decided to wait and surrender.

"Duke's command having gone to Woodstock, Breckinridge did not know what to do. A Federal force appeared. Breckinridge said: 'Go detain them while I get away.' Col. J. B. Clay, Capt. Breckinridge and I were sent to parley with the Federals. We did hold them a long time. Their Major was a gentleman, and feeling good. He was bald, but he did not want to fight, and neither did we. He begged us to surrender. We pleaded and joked for three-quarters of an hour, then said plainly that as neither wanted to fight we would go on one side of the road and let him pass, or he could go on one side and let us pass. He agreed and moved to one side, and we marched by. They cheered us and we cheered them.

"Gen. Breckinridge, with his son Cabell and Col. Theodore O'Hara and Major Wilson, made their way to the Florida coast. Then came our parting—I never realized that the Confederacy was gone till we began saying to each other, good-bye. A number of Kentucky soldiers insisted on having a certificate of discharge. I wrote them each one and without knowing what I was going to talk about Capt. Joseph Pettus showed me one here to-night. Our command was the last organized force of the Confederacy this side of the Mississippi river. We broke up May 6. I was commissioned by Gov. Pickens January 19, 1861, and served till May 6, 1865. I always contended that I served longer than any other soldier in the Confederacy. When I reached home, Greenville, S. C., there was a Federal officer sent for me. I had only a horse and pistol, and had no parole, but as I had written a good many paroles I wrote one for myself, selecting a distant command whom the Federal officer knew nothing about, and the parole was satisfactory."

KEYSTONE STATE COLLINGS

TO SEINE A LAKE.

A Radical Way to Rid Connaut of Gar and Carp.

State Fish Commissioner B. R. Shyrock, Warden John E. Reynolds and the Trout Fishing club are going to go about the improvement of the fishing in Connaut lake in a radical manner. It is proposed to drag the lake with an immense half mile seine and take out all the gar and carp that can be caught in that way. The carp are considered a nuisance and the gar fish work destruction to all other fish. Two small steamers will draw the seine. The work will be begun next spring.

AT THE CONVENTION IN WILMINGTON the Rabbits association passed resolutions opposing the repeal of any of the Sunday laws and advocating a penalty of \$25 for all violators thereof. It is also pronounced the Sunday newspapers to be most injurious of all the enemies of the Sabbath-day, and urges the impeachment of all officials who fail to enforce the Sunday laws as they exist.

THEY KEPT THE CASE. Mrs. Cythera Humes, who resides at Woodcockboro, near Meadville, had stolen from her house several weeks ago \$4,500 in bonds and money. On Saturday morning she found in her house the \$4,000 of bonds, but the cash is still missing. The bonds had been thrown in the house during the night.

THE UNITED STATES tin plate company, whose plant is at Demmer station, on the Pennsylvania railroad, issued a circular to its old employees, stating that a resumption would take place without delay. The employees are members of the Amalgamated association, and will not go to work because of reductions demanded in the wages of the skilled workmen. They held a meeting in McKeesport and declared their position unchanged. The circular states that the wages of the common laborers will not be affected.

THE PEOPLE in the vicinity of Hulton, on the Allegheny Valley railroad, are excited over a discovery of oil on the Lee farm, about a mile back of Hulton station. A well was drilled for gas on the farm about two years ago, and a small vein was struck. Several days ago the discovery was made, and the well was filling up rapidly with oil, and it will be drilled deeper. Already some of the farmers having property adjacent are negotiating with a view of having their land leased, so that other wells can be drilled.

THE BOARD of public buildings at Harrisburg, accepted the new executive and library building from the contractors, Doyle and Doak of Philadelphia, and directed State Treasurer Jackson to pay the firm \$49,000, the balance due on the contract. Architect Windring gave a certificate to the board that the building was constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications of the executive and other departments will be transferred to the new building.

THE CONTRACT for the superstructure of the new Allegheny postoffice building was let by secretary Carlisle to the lowest bidder, Richardson & Burgess, of Washington. The amount of their bid was \$16,365. The work is to be completed August 1, 1895. The contract specifies that the material to be used must be Richmond (Va.) granite and Bedford (Ind.) limestone. Letters of acceptance have been written, and the work can proceed at once.

DURING A GAME of craps at Alice mine, Westmoreland county, two colored men quarreled, when one of the colored men was shot and shot his companion twice, once through the head and the second time in the side, causing instant death. The murderer then fled to the woods and has not been arrested. Their names could not be learned. The coroner will hold an inquest.

THE TWO Jeannette collieries at Hazleton, Luzerne county, and the new owners will immediately assume control. The negotiations for the deal have been under way for some time. The purchase comprises four collieries, the output of which is about 45,000 tons.

THE DUBSITES portion of the Evangelical church in Bellefonte Center county have determined to fight for the church property and not bow to the decision of the Supreme Court giving it to the Eberharts. Judge A. O. Furst will be retained in their cause as soon as his term expires. The property in Center county is worth \$200,000.

IN THE eastern part of Center county bears have become so numerous that they are a nuisance to residents. They carry off calves, sheep and pigs, and show fight when molested. Crows of farmers are hunting them on the mountains, with the hope that they can be killed off or driven from that region.

WOODCOCKBORO, near Meadville, is at present agitated over a tar and feathering scrape. The affair grew out of an attempted courtship in which the would-be-suitor persisted in paying attentions to the widow of his affections, and refused to keep away from her house when warned to do so by her friends.

THE BETHLEHEM Iron Company shipped forty tons of side armor plate for the Indiana to Gramps' shipyard, Philadelphia. This practically finishes the shipment of side armor for this vessel, only the turret plates remaining to be sent.

J. M. Bailey, a farmer in Bald Eagle valley, has discovered a lot of Dutch, French and English coin, all dated 1779, in a field near there. It is thought they were buried there in anticipation of an Indian raid. The whole field will be plowed up.

CHARLES Hubbermann, of Duquesne, has mysteriously disappeared from his home. It is feared he has met with foul play. He had several hundred dollars on his person shortly before he disappeared.

THE CORONER's jury in the case of James Young, of Punxsutawney, who was said to have been choked to death at Montpelier, Ind., found he came to his death from paralysis of the heart owing to violent exertion.

Judge Simonon of Dauphin county directs the fund of the Economical Mutual Benefit association of Sandy Lake, be distributed according to the report of Albert G. Church, of Meadville.

Highwaymen beat and stabbed Charles Hoffman, aged 43 years, so badly in the streets of Reading that his life is despaired of.

John Zimmerman and Wilson Farey were arrested at Richland, Juniata county, on the charge of counterfeiting by Detective Wood, of Pittsburg, and taken to the Altoona jail.

The large manufactory of John Mandel & Co., 117 North Seventh street, Philadelphia, was damaged to the extent of \$30,000 by fire, insured.

THE baggage-smasher had dropped the trunk from the car and knocked one end of it out. "What did you let that trunk drop that way for?" exclaimed the irate owner. "I beg your pardon," responded the baggage-smasher innocently; "I could have dropped it on the other end just as well if I had known you wanted it that way."—Detroit Free Press.

M. MAX LEMAUDY, the French politician, has presented each postman in his district with a bicycle. This will encourage them to wheel into line for him.