

The Bloomfield Times.

HOUSE, FARM AND GARDEN.

We invite communications from all persons who are interested in matters properly belonging to this department.

The Steam Cow.

"There you have it, sir, as fine an article of butter as ever was produced," exclaimed a manipulator of weights and measures in one of the well known grocery stores of this city, as he placed his left hand on his hip and with the right hand thrust a butter ladle under the nose of the reporter: "there you have it, sir, look at it, taste it, and then tell me what you think of it."

"It is beautiful, smells sweet, tastes delicious, and I think it's a very fine quality of butter," replied the critic, obeying the salesman's instructions, "but I wanted to inspect your oleomargarine."

"Exactly so," replied the clerk, "and you have already done so and pronounced it to be just what it is—a fine quality of butter."

"What? did I put that frightful stuff in my mouth? I only wanted to look at it, not eat it," and with decided symptoms of nausea the reporter made tracks for the street gutter. Without succeeding in accomplishing anything more than eliciting the sympathy of the passers-by, who exclaimed, "Poor fellow, he's drunk," the reporter returned to the dispenser of oleomargarine to settle with him for being imposed upon.

"Well, you seem to have survived the shock," said the clerk with a smile. "Now I don't mean any offence, but you will permit me to say that ninety-nine people out of one hundred are just as great fools on this subject of oleomargarine as you have been. Do you know what oleomargarine is composed of?"

"Tallow, soap, grease and filth in general, and I think it's mighty unkind in you to—"

"Stop! Stop!" exclaimed the clerk, interrupting the excited reporter. "Nothing of the kind: it's composed of the very same constituent parts as those of cow butter."

"So you say," suggested the skeptical scribe.

"And so says Professor Chandler, President of the New York Board of Health, and Professor Wayne, a leading chemist of the West, who have made a careful analysis of the oleomargarine and pronounced the products as pure and wholesome as butter made from cow's milk," explained the clerk.

"Now tell me, if you please, what the stuff is made of, will you?"

"Certainly, sir; but will you first tell me what cow butter is made from?" asked the clerk.

"From milk," replied the reporter, looking profoundly wise.

"True," returned the clerk, "but from what is the milk derived?"

"From—er—the cow," answered the puzzled reporter not being much of a student at anatomy.

"Yes from the fat of the cow," graciously interposed the champion of concentrated cow grease, "and oleomargarine is made from the caul fat of cattle. A French chemist named Meigs, who was desirous of furnishing an article of butter for the soldiers of the French army at a less price than it could be purchased for in the markets, discovered this process of manufacturing the article. He first selected a cow and steer of the same age and put them both on the same quantity of feed, and by this experiment discovered the fact that while the steer was constantly gaining in flesh, the cow, which was milked daily, grew thinner in flesh, and from this he argued that the only element of the cow's milk was neither more nor less than the fat of the animal. Then, by a process in which science imitates nature, the French chemist devised a plan for extracting the oleine from the fat and converting it into a substance so closely resembling butter that even connoisseurs are often unable to detect it from the genuine material."

"You have witnessed the process of manufacturing it?" inquired the reporter.

"Oh, yes: there is an extensive establishment at Thirtieth and Callowhill streets, where over 25,000 pounds are made and shipped weekly to England. Go out and see it for yourself."

Accepting the suggestion, the newspaper man found a neat-looking establishment, the floors and all appointments in a scrupulously clean condition and everything indicating the utmost care to avoid the possibility of any foreign substances coming in contact with the substance in the process of manufacture.

"First we select only the caul fat of the steer," explained Mr. Martin; "then this is put into these large tanks and thoroughly washed. Then it is removed to other tanks, washed again, and all the tallowy substance is carefully cut off, and after this operation is completed

it receives its third and last purification by water."

"The next process is that of rendering the fat, which is done in immense cauldrons at a low temperature, not to exceed 125 degrees, but generally at 100, about the temperature of animal heat."

"It is in this process that the patent of the French chemist," explained Mr. Fuller. "After passing through the sieve and being cooled, the substance known at this stage of the manufacture as stearine is placed in cloths and arranged in layers in a hydraulic press, which separates olein from the stearine. Then the former is mixed with certain parts of milk and churned so as to break the globules of oil, and after being suddenly chilled by means of ice, the substance is spread out on large tables. Remaining there a necessary length of time, it is again churned, salted and made ready for the table."

"I consider that the greatest invention of the age," said Mr. Martin, "for it affords a luxury to the poor which, at the present prices for butter, is denied them, as this can be had for eighteen cents per pound."

How many manufactories of this article are there in the United States?" asked the scribe.

"I know of but three—one in New York, one in Chicago and our own," answered Mr. Joseph J. Martin, one of the owners.

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