

CANADIAN OYSTERS.

Sudden Jump Into Popularity of the Dominion Bivalves.

The recent jump of Canadian oysters into popularity both in the United States and in Europe, where they received the highest honors at the Paris Exposition, has been followed by a visit of inspection to Quebec by Dr. F. H. Moore of the United States Fishery Commission.

The commission intends to make an attempt to breed oysters by artificial means on the Pacific coast. Former attempts in this direction, both by Canada and the United States, resulted in a failure.

As oysters are supposed to thrive best in cool waters, the high express astonishment of the oyster beds, his observations showing that the temperature ranged from 55 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

When in prime condition are very large specimens being offered with up to eight or nine inches long. Some are almost circular, but most of the larger ones are about two-thirds as wide as they are long.

By the major part of the oyster trade, the largest oysters are the most highly esteemed. They are exceedingly fat and meaty, these Malpeques, when in good order, and are always taken in a single month.

The Canadian oyster fishing season begins on September 16. This year a strong attempt was made by the mayor of Quebec and others to induce the Dominion Government to allow the season to open a few days earlier than usual so that Canadian oysters might appear upon the bill of fare for the Duke and Duchess of York when they dine at the Hotel.

The minimum limit of oysters allowed to be caught by the law is two inches in diameter. Oysters of round oysters and three inches of outer shell for long oysters. A change in this limit is now proposed.

EXCHANGE THEIR WIVES. Some Remarkable Cases of This Kind Are Recorded. Extraordinary as the statement may appear at first sight, it is nevertheless an incontrovertible fact that the records of the Dominion Government contain various instances of men who have actually exchanged their wives for the spouses of other people.

Wanda's Secret.

CHAPTER XXXII. How long they remained thus neither knew. A step in the gallery recalled them to the world.

Upon the white, lovely face beside Sir Richard's chair. Then all timidly left her, and only her womanly tenderness, moved her with a low cry of affectionate pity she ran forward and took the accused woman in her arms.

Richard stood looking at the young girl with a sort of mist before his eyes. It seemed to him that his wife had come back to him, and for a moment he could not realize that it was her daughter who knelt there by the side of the other wronged woman's child.

"My daughter," he murmured, "my child, my child, in that gentle heart, there was a feeling of resentment against the old man, but as she looked up at his worn face and astringent eyes, a sympathetic chord was true to Mr. Wilton's story, hoping its publication might help some other sufferer."

"What's the matter with you?" he asked, "you're looking at me as if I were a stranger." "I'm not, I'm not," she said, "I've known you since I was a child."

"Where are you going?" he asked. "I'm going to see my father," she said. "Your father?" "Yes, my father," she said. "Where is he?" "In the city," she said.

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YEARS OF SUFFERING.

HOW RELIEF CAME TO THOMAS FINDLAY, OF PETROLIA.

He Had Suffered for Forty Years from Dyspepsia—Food Became Detestable and Stomach Cramps Made Life a Burden.

Few men in Petrolia are better known than Thomas Findlay, who has resided here nearly forty years. In 1862 Mr. Findlay came here, and before the railroad connected with Petrolia he drove a stagecoach.

For some time he was a successful merchant, but later he suffered from a stomach ailment which gradually became chronic. He was unable to eat and his health failed.

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SOLDIERS LOVE TOBACCO.

Men Who Have Lighted Pipes During Bloody Battles.

Most of the distinguished officers of the world hold that whatever comforts the soldier on active service may be deprived of he should not be deprived of tobacco.

Private Jones, who obtained the Victoria Cross at the battle of the Somme, was in the very thick of the fight several comrades lighted their pipes with blazing fragments of wood from the wooden hospital which had been blown up.

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POLICEMAN

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