

ODD FACTS ABOUT OYSTERS.

Worth Telling to Your Wife When You Eat Your First Plate of Raw.

September, with its cool mornings and chilly evenings, brings the toothsome oyster back into favor again. The big dealers all feel the sudden increased demand from retailers all over the country, for comparatively few oysters are sold during the summer months. None of the best restaurants serve them from May until September, and no well-informed man will ask for them during that season. That is the spawning time, and on this account the bivalves are in poor condition, and if eaten are apt to cause serious sickness.

Despite the oft-cited fact that the oyster contains only 230 or 235 units of potential vigor, while beef affords us 1,800 and salt pork 3,500, the gourmand continues to seek out his Blue Points and Savin Rocks with all the old-time eagerness. This country supplies many of the European markets now, and last year shipped nearly five thousand barrels and this season will send over at least six thousand. A few years ago the European epicure scorned the product of our waters, but now pays more for them than some raised in his own seas. Some idea of the magnitude the oyster growing, dredging and selling trades have assumed may be gathered from the fact that New York's trade alone is estimated to be \$17,000,000 to \$18,000,000 annually.

Few living things are considered more uninteresting or more unromantic than this much-abused, long-suffering shell-fish. Yet his history, the happenings of his small life are far from prosaic. To the student the oyster is known as a bivalve mollusk. In eating raw oysters nearly everyone has noticed that one of the shells is flat and the other is deeply concave, and doubtless he has made use of the latter as a natural saucer from which to drink the juice. These shells are the only protection the oyster has against a host of enemies. They are formed by annual layers ranged one upon another and hung together by a tough, rubbery ligament or hinge.

There are doubtless a score of creeping and crawling things which destroy the oysters. Three of these are very well known and cause annually vast losses to the oyster planters by their inroads on the beds. First in the order of destructiveness comes the star-fish. He is a born pirate, and his family increase so fast that the dredgers cannot exterminate them, though they drag up and sling ashore to die thousands each day. The starfish sucks out the oyster, and it takes him very few minutes to do it, after he has caught him with his capacious confiding mouth wide open.

The winkles operate differently. With their big horny feet they grasp the whole bivalve shell and all, and then by a powerful contraction of the muscles crush the shell as if it were paper. Then they eat Mr. Oyster at their leisure.

The most patient and smallest of the oyster-killers is the drill. This minute creature lives in a pointed shell similar to that of the winkle, but less angular. It does not grow to a length of more than two inches at most, but makes up in persistence what it lacks in size and strength. Crawling along the sea bottom, it comes upon a fat oyster, which, immediately becoming aware of its enemy, suddenly closes its hospitable shell. This does not dishearten the small visitor. He had no hopes of making so easy an entrance. He would be as disconcerted to find an oyster with its mouth open as an expert crack-smaran would be to have the front door opened by the servant when he was planning to force the cellar windows.

Mr. Drill calmly fastens on the upper shell of the oyster and begins to bore. Down below the frightened occupant of the shell hears the fatal grinding and often adds a new layer of inside shell to baffle the borer. But nothing will stop the drill. Day by day he will deepen the tiny hole until at last he breaks through and drains the life fluid of the agonized oyster. A smooth, round hole, no bigger than the head of a pin, is all that is left to tell the story, and many a half of a scallop, clam or oyster shell you find upon the shore is marked with this tell-tale perforation.

Oysters are hermaphroditic, and each individual produces its eggs with its own shells, and in the summer months these, a million or more, are discharged and float off on the tide. Hundreds of fish greedily devour the spat or spawn, and scientists assure us that only one egg out of each million escapes destruction and ripens into a full-sized oyster. This is wholly an accident, too, that the one is sound. It catches on some rock or shell or timber, and fastening there, begins its real life.

Thus it will be seen there is an enormous waste in the natural scheme of reproduction. It is by counteracting this waste that the bulk of the money has been made in the oyster business. When oystermen speak of the artificial culture they only mean the providing of some suitable resting place whereon the floating spat may lodge and grow. This is accomplished in the Carolinas, where this is rapidly becoming the chief industry on account of the facilities offered by its shoal sounds and bays, by sinking bundles of brush all along the beds. The drifting seed oysters catch on the twigs, fasten and grow. Gradually the wood rots and their weight carries them to the bottom, where they soon form a compact bed. A very slight capital is required to get and watch the

seed-catchers, and the state furnishes the ble at a nominal cost to any one who will keep them under active cultivation. Stones of not too great size make good spat-catchers, and are often used where they are more easily obtained than brush.

In Connecticut, where the oyster business has been an active one since Colony days, when the first fishermen's huts were built on the Fairhaven shore, the dried shells from which the oyster have been eaten are used entirely to plant the beds. The surface of these half shells being rough offers a better resting place than either stones or wood, and being so light they are easier to dredge when the oysters are grown. This scheme was the idea of Capt. William Merwin, the retired veteran planter of Milford, who has made a fortune out of this business.

Since the first experiments proved such a great success the shells became at once so sought after that the price advanced rapidly and to-day good first quality shells are worth 50 cents a bushel. There is no such necessity as that of planting the spawn. That is floating by the millions across the beds. It is merely a question of catching and sowing it.

New York consumes most of the small-sized oysters in preference to the great fat fellows, which are shipped by the carload to the West. Owing to the bad effect that the motion of the train has on them they are never in the best of condition when received. It is safe to say that no Westerner gets a taste of a real oyster at its best until he comes to the coast. The sea voyages do not appear to injure them, and those sent to England well packed invariably arrive in good order.

The up-to-date Manhattan resident takes little plump oysters always and on the half shell.

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DEAR SIR,—I was troubled with running sores on my face which nothing could cure up to the time I tried Burdock Blood Bitters, but after taking two bottles my face was completely cured and it left my flesh clear and sound.

A. HEATHERS,
27 Woolsey St., Toronto

To Sunday School Workers.

The Dundas, St. Mary's and Scotch Settlement District Convention will be held in the Hall at Scotch Settlement Oct. 8th 1895. The following Programme will be carried out as far as possible.

AFTERNOON SESSION 2, P. M.
1. Thirty minutes Prayer and Praise led by Rev. E. Ramsay.
2. Words of welcome by President.
3. Minutes—appointment of Committees.

4. Five Minutes report by Supts.
5. The greatest need in our Sunday School by Rev. M. Normandy.
6. Discussion on same by Supts. and Teachers.

7. Temperance Work in our Sunday School by Rev. A. Morton. Discussion on same open to all.

8. Offerings and Questions.

EVENING SESSION, 7 P. M.
1. Thirty Minutes Prayer and Praise led by Rev. R. Bynon.
2. Minutes and other business.
3. Duties and Privileges of Supts. by Rev. R. Bynon.
4. Discussion on same by Teachers and Supts.
5. Soul winning by Sunday School work, Rev. E. Ramsay. (Open to all.)
6. Special offerings for Provincial Work. Questions.

Mrs. W. E. Falconer,
Parish Sec'y.
Cocagne, Sept. 28th, 1895.

Rogersville.

We are having very fine weather at present and the farmers are all nearly done reaping a very bountiful harvest.

The streams are all very low and the mills have had to shut down for want of water.

The new school building, it is thought, will be ready for use in a short time.

Mr. J. Maloney is putting up a very large building which will serve as dwelling house and store combined, and will greatly improve the look of the place.

There is talk of another picnic soon and we hope it will prove as successful as the last one.

We are sorry to state that J. Duggan has been very ill but is now slowly recovering.

Operator Desmond, of Acadieville, has charge of our station at night.

A very enjoyable evening was spent at a certain house down the road. The principal amusement was dancing.

There is talk of a wedding in the near future. We wish them a happy life.

CHURCH SERVICES.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Rev. Wm. Hamilton, pastor. The usual services will be held on Sabbath first, viz:—Kingston at 11 o'clock a. m., and Richibucto at 7 o'clock p. m.

Rev. J. S. Allen will preach on Friday night at Mill Creek at 7 o'clock. Thursday, Richibucto at 11 a. m.; Mill River at 3 p. m.; Kingston at 7 p. m.

K. D. C. Pills cure chronic constipation

A DUDE, BUT VERY STRONG.

Some Bad Men Get Into Serious Trouble With Him.

"Appearances are deceptive," said the club man. "I remember, several years ago, I was a passenger on an avenue car one evening. A gentleman, accompanied by two stylishly-dressed young ladies, got aboard. He didn't look much for size, but he was gotten up regardless. His linen was the whitest, his collar the highest, his clothes fitted him to perfection, his tall hat was the shiniest, and his trousers couldn't have been creased more. He looked like a typical dude—nothing to him but clothes. The car was not crowded, but fairly well filled. On the rear platform were a couple of toughs who had evidently been drinking, for one of them leered at the young ladies as they passed and made an insulting remark. The young man passed into the car apparently without noticing the insult. When the ladies were seated he politely lifted his hat and asked to be excused a moment. Upon reaching the platform he quietly said: "You made a remark as those ladies passed."

"Well, what the—-is that to you?"

"Bim! I never saw such a quick blow."

The fellow fell off the platform as if he had been shot from a gun. Of course, his companion jumped to his assistance, but he had scarcely moved before he was met with one straight from the shoulder. He, too, landed on the asphalt. But the young man was not satisfied. He jumped off, and as one of his victims attempted to get up gave him a settler, and there they both lay completely knocked out. Of course, the conductor had stopped the car, but it was hardly necessary, for it was the quickest fight to a finish I ever saw or heard of. When the supposed dude rejoined the ladies his immaculate attire was not a bit rumpled, he wasn't even breathing hard. You could have thought he had simply got off to speak to some one. He apologized for having left them and I don't believe they had any idea of what he had done. The next day I saw the young man on the street, and said to a friend, "Do you know who that is?"

"Why, yes. Don't you? I thought all the boys knew him. He's the champion all-round athlete of one of the big Philadelphia clubs, and has more medals and prizes for running, rowing, jumping and sparring than any man in Philadelphia."

"So I say appearances are mighty deceptive, and I'm not picking quarrels with well-dressed strangers."

Little River Notes.

Rev. Mr. Bynon preached in the Baptist church Sunday night and four persons were received into membership.

Miss Alma D. Hyslop has returned home looking hale and hearty. The West seems to agree with her.

Jim is lonely now. Dayton's show had a Beau Kay

Sunday night was warm. Some of the girls had their fans and some had their Coates.

Who helped John get the creamer? Buctouche has midnight walkers.

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