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DAIRY AND CREAMERY

RIPENING CHEESE.

Changes, Chemical and Otherwise, That Occur During the Process.

Professors S. M. Babcock and H. L. Russell publish in Heard's Dairyman a valuable account of their experiments in the chemistry and biology of cheese ripening. It is the most obscure of the operations involved in the making of dairy products, and the professors' paper throws light on it. Following are extracts:

Cheese is a highly nitrogenous substance and is therefore susceptible of many fermentation changes that do not occur in butter. Butter fat is not suited as a food medium for bacterial growth, but in cheeses, even those rich in fat, bacteria multiply very rapidly and continue to do so for a long period of time.

When the curds are put to press, they are firm, elastic and insoluble. "Green" cheese as an article of diet is not very tempting, but if the same curd is allowed to stand under proper conditions for a considerable period of time it loses its original qualities and becomes soft, friable and readily soluble. Chemically the change which occurs is a conversion of the insoluble casein into soluble peptones, and with this breaking down of the casein there is developed the peculiar flavor that marks a well ripened cheese.

In our American Cheddar cheese within a few days a marked development of bacteria occurs, particularly those forms that are able to sour milk. This class has been supposed by Freudenreich and Lloyd to be the cause of the ripening of cheese, but when pure cultures of various germs of this class are inoculated into milk sterilized by heat no change other than the usual souring is to be noted. This has been the insuperable objection to the theory that this class was the cause of the breaking down changes.

This summer in the course of some experiments with milk to which ether had been added we noticed that the milk curdled and underwent digestive changes without apparently increasing in acidity. This fact could only be explained by assuming that bacteria could live in this etherized milk or that certain ferments of an unorganized nature were present in the milk and that the digestion—the conversion of the casein into soluble peptones—was due to these agents. By further experiments we were able to exclude bacterial action and show that there were naturally present in milk ferments comparable to those that are found in the alimentary tract and that these ferments, technically known as enzymes, were the cause of the spontaneous digestion of milk.

This discovery in itself was a contribution of some importance to the science of physiological chemistry, for no one has previously claimed that milk contains these digesting ferments, although similar ferments are found in the body juices and many of its tissues.

Although of value from the standpoint of physiological chemistry, this discovery is invested with far greater significance when we study the relations which it bears to the ripening changes in cheese.

It was found that milk invariably underwent this decomposition if the bacterial fermentations were held in check by the addition of chemicals that did not destroy the action of these unorganized or chemical ferments. Among the substances used were ether, chloroform and benzol. Furthermore, this change was of a progressive character. It was also immediately suspended if the milk was boiled or treated with a strong chemical disinfectant.

A comparative study of the products formed in these milks so treated compared with those that occur in a normal cheese showed that they were strikingly similar.

Attempts were then made to isolate the supposed enzymes, and by means of the usual physiological methods it was possible to separate from centrifuge slime certain extracts that were relatively pure. Slime was taken for the reason that these enzymes are likely to attach themselves to solid matter held in suspension, and this being true we expected to find that the slime thrown out of the milk during its separation would be relatively richer in these substances than the whole milk. A chemical analysis of slime and skimmilk showed that the change was much more rapid in the slime, thus indicating that larger quantities of the ferments were present.

While every analogy showed that these changes were identical in character with those that occur in normal cheese, still we did not consider our point conclusively proved until cheese was made from milk that had been kept under chloroform. The same cheese was also kept in a saturated atmosphere of this anæsthetic for a long period of time. Under these conditions bacterial growth was impossible, and yet such a cheese ripened practically as fast as a normal cheese kept under favorable conditions.

It was therefore possible to break down the casein entirely without the aid of bacteria. Thus the proper texture of the curds is produced not by the action of the lactic acid organisms or any other known form of living germ, but by digestion of the casein caused by the inherent enzymes that are naturally present in the milk.

Other experimenters have failed to note these changes because they have without exception relied upon heat to destroy the bacterial life that is invariably present in the milk. Such a process "kills" or destroys the action of these ferments, just as a solution of rennet is stopped in its action when it is heated. By destroying the bacteria in milk by means of anæsthetics like ether, etc., the acidity of the enzymes remained unimpaired.

The flavor of cheese is an entirely independent problem, but so far as the conversion of the hard, "green" curds into soluble ripened cheese is concerned there is no longer any doubt as to the cause of this change.

The most important result of these investigations is the satisfactory explanation that can now be given for the breaking down of the green curd into cheese, but in addition to this there are one or two suggestions that might be made that show the practical bearings of the subject.

It has long been known that filled cheese does not ripen in a normal manner; that the type of fermentation is far from that which usually occurs in a normally cured cheese. In the light of this new theory how can this be explained?

Filled cheese is usually made from separator skimmilk to which neutral fats have been added. In removing the butter fat and centrifuge slime a very considerable proportion of the inherent milk enzymes are taken out of the milk, and as the cheaper oils added to replace the butter fat do not contain these the cheese is deficient in these ferments, and therefore may undergo an entirely different curing process. The same may be said to be true in part concerning the retarded ripening of skim cheese.

Then again it is possible that the better keeping quality of separator cream butter compared with the gravity product may be due in part to the fact that it contains less of these ferments to act on the nitrogenous elements of the cream (albumen, casein, etc.), and therefore the production of off flavors (proteid decomposition products) is retarded in the separator product compared with ordinary dairy butter.

Experiments are now under way to determine whether the elimination of the slime from milk intended for cheese is detrimental or not. We have heretofore recommended the use of a separator as a means of purifying the milk, as it takes out innumerable bacteria, dirt and all foreign matter. It is unquestionably desirable to have these removed, but it is possible that the elimination of the milk enzymes may affect the character of the curing changes.

Dairy and Creamery.

If a cow is bilious, she will give bitter milk. The biliousness may be determined by a yellow tinge in the white of her eye. A writer in The American Cultivator says he physicked with salts a cow that had yellow in the white of her eye and gave her a tonic of mixed gentian and ginger, which he put into her food. Then her milk, which had been bitter, was restored to sweetness. Of course if a cow's blood or digestion is out of order it will make her milk bad.

Moldy or damaged bran or shorts or fodder will make a cow's milk bitter.

Creamery men and butter dealers testify universally that the person the hardest to convince of the absolute necessity of cleanliness in regard to milk is the farmer. The butter maker and packer may do their work perfectly, the railroad may ship the product with the utmost care and in palace refrigerator cars, but if the farmer furnished dirty milk and cans to begin the case is hopeless. It is a disgrace to the rural population of this country that they are so dirty in their ways so far as the care of milk is concerned.

Don't, for heaven's sake, be an old hunks. Shake the scales off you and stir yourself up and learn something new.

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It is the viscosity or stickiness of cream that causes it to foam up and swell in cold weather and be forever churning. The particles of viscous cream tend to adhere together. Viscosity of cream frequently comes from the quantity of dry feed the cow receives. If that can be varied with juicy food, like roots, apples, ensilage or pumpkins, the trouble will disappear. Cows in summer have this succulent food in pastures.

In the home dairy a good way to keep the cream at an even temperature would be to have the cream jar made in the first place something like the well known earthenware cake pan, with a tubelike projection running up through the middle. Then the jar could be set in a tank of warm water with the water reaching up as high as the cream. The warm water would rise in the cylinder running up the middle and warm the center of the cream equally with the outside. This arrangement, with frequent stirring of the contents of the jar, would keep the cream of the home dairy at a thoroughly even temperature. We recommend potteries that make earthenware dairy utensils to prepare jars of this pattern and we charge nothing for the suggestion. We do not intend to patent it.

A Guernsey is naturally of larger and more robust build than a Jersey. Guernsey breeders agree that a black nose does not disqualify a cow of that breed from being a perfect type, yet, other things being equal, they would a little rather not have a Guernsey with a black nose.

Sterilize milk bottles by boiling them in soda water after every particle of dried milk or cream has been brushed out of them. When the milk is first drawn from the cow, strain and pass it over the aerator and cooler till this part of the process is thoroughly done. Then put in a can and stuck it into a tank of ice water or ice cold spring till you are ready to bottle it for delivery.

Glass Pyrography.

Everybody knows all about poker work on wood, but there is another branch of the subject which those who are possessed of sufficient ambition can take up which almost excels in artistic beauty and certainly does so in novelty the older form of the art. Quite lately glass pyrography has been invented, and thus quite a new field has been opened in this fascinatiing style of decorative work. It is explained in the New York Herald that in the newer form of pyrography the burning process is exactly the same as in the old, only the platinum point is made many degrees hotter for the glass. Indeed it can scarcely be too hot to accomplish the desired result, and therefore it needs to be of special hardness. This being the case, dealers have placed on the market points of a special quality for glass pyrography.

A Nice Hot Dish.

Wash and boil about 2 pounds of potatoes. When cooked, draw and let cool. Then remove the skins and slice the potatoes finely. Cook the slices in a little butter. Cut up about one-half pound of ham into dice and cook over a quick fire. Have ready a well buttered plain pudding mold, line the bottom and sides with potato, add a layer of the ham, a layer of tomato and proceed thus till the mold is filled. The last layer should be of potato. Bake half an hour in a moderate oven. Turn out on a hot dish and serve with tomato sauce.

Cigarette Smoking Among Women.

A fashion writer in The Jewelers' Circular tells that there appears to be no doubt that cigarette smoking among women is on the increase. In any event cigarette cases are now made expressly for the fair sex. These cases are smaller and lighter in weight than those designed for men. The latest thing out in this line is a case made of cork and mounted in silver or gold.

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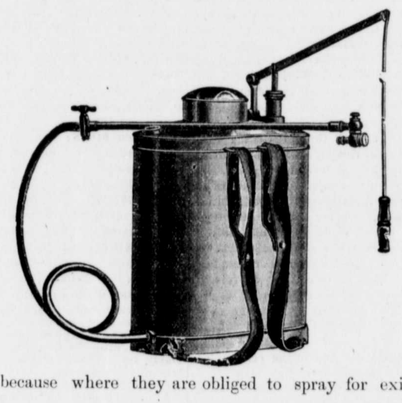

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The inexorable fact remains that no woman can by taking thought add one cubit to her stature. At best one can only hope to mitigate the severity of angles when that is necessary, or by very careful dressing produce an illusion of slenderness when nature has miscalculated the allowance of adipose tissue. Fashion at the moment favors the tall, stately women. Ruffles and frills of all sorts mark the incoming fashions.

An evening toilet worthy of imitation by women of slender figures has a satin trained skirt, the train set on in two large box plaits and untrimmed at the edge. The front and sides of the skirt are outlined with nine tiny frills of mousseline de soie, headed with sequined insertion. The full satin bodice is covered with the tiny frills, save for a flat yoke and plastron, embroidered with jewels and paillettes.

The same delicate coloring is maintained throughout the gown, and the belt is embroidered in the same fashion as the yoke. The sleeves consist of a tiny pouff of satin, nearly covered with small frills of the mousseline de soie. The mantle is of broche silk, the large floral design in pink on a silvery background, with cape sleeves, and trimmed with a handsome border of skunk fur, while the lining is of quilted surah in a delicate shade of pink.

With the close fitting skirt comes the exaggerated rumors in regard to the bustle. It is true that the closely cut skirt demands a well rounded figure, and where nature has been laggard art must step in, but the small rouleaux of horsehair, which continues the roundness of the hips and sets up the back fullness, is a long way from the old bustle, with its hideous protuberance and ungainly sway as the wearer moved.

Gowns altogether will be closer and more compact, the sleeves small and finished with stiff epaulets, the skirts clinging and the hips fitted quite closely, but at present there is the full bodice greatly in evidence. Yokes are growing longer and have a wide, broad effect quite in keeping with the pouched bodice.

Again and again comes the cry that the princess dress is to be worn, yet against the popularity of this fashion is the one fact that panniers and princess gowns, however becoming in their respective ways, require too great skill in fitting and arranging to obtain a strong hold on general favor.

A Parisian Fancy.

A "faience" blue straw hat represents a millinery novelty illustrated by the New York Herald. The upper part

BLUE STRAW HAT.

of the crown is in the form of a rounded cone. The brim is wide in front, growing narrower as it reaches the back. A blue feather encircles the greater part of the hat, a bow of small black velvet bands fastened by a strass buckle being placed behind. In front on the brim is an elongated velvet bow fixed by a strass bar.

For Mourning Wear.

Fashions in mourning are constantly changing. This year a widow who has put off her first heavy weeds, but who still clings to her veil, is wearing the latter of very coarse silk net bordered with crape for five inches. Heavy crape is very much worn for trimming, but it is made into folds, and then these are braided or made into stiff patterns for the trimming of bodices or skirts, says The Puritan.

It is often quite difficult to find just the appropriate mourning gowns for young girls. Camel's hair, henrietta cloth and cashmere are always appropriate, but there is no reason why for very young girls they should not be much lightened by sashes of soft silk and shirred skirts of silk muslin. Girls should wear white as much as possible in the house. Hats with any sort of feathers are also most inappropriate. There are supposed to be no festive occasions during a period of mourning, and for other times a plain felt trimmed in dull silk is the proper hat, a veil on a very young girl being out of place always, according to the authority here quoted.

Fashions In Jewelry.

Double wings are a favorite design in jewelry.

The turquoise enjoys unusual popularity this season. The large oval stones are in great demand for finger rings.

Quite narrow bracelets are fashionable, a popular style being a good chain bracelet with dangling locket or charm.

The new short handled lorgnettes have met with considerable favor, being more convenient and less formidable than the old time affairs.

The fashion for combs of various shapes and sizes is in full force, several combs being now employed in the up to date coiffure.

Many women are wearing in place of the tiara a semicircle of diamonds set far back on the head against the coil of hair.—Jewelers' Circular.

Economizing Space.

In houses where there is ample room the upper hall may be the counterpart of the lower so far as size is concerned, and the space required in the opening of the stairway can extend up without interruption to the ceiling of the second story, but in the majority of houses economy of room is a point that must be considered. The second floor, however, must be cut back to a considerable extent in order to secure "head room" in ascending the stairs. Country Gentleman gives an illustration showing how the space in the upper hall in one house that might otherwise have been practically wasted has been utilized as a cozy little den, that can be used as a sleeping room when desired. The "head room" of the stairway has been boxed

AN EXTEMPORIZED BEDROOM.

in and paneled in front. The top has been continued back, securing two deep drawers for bedding or other purposes, and a couch on top. If there is further space, it can well be utilized, as shown. This gives a closet at the bottom and above some bookshelves that are inclosed by curtains. In the house in question the whole front of the couch, the fronts of the drawers, the panels, etc., are made of oak, the effect of which is very pleasing indeed.

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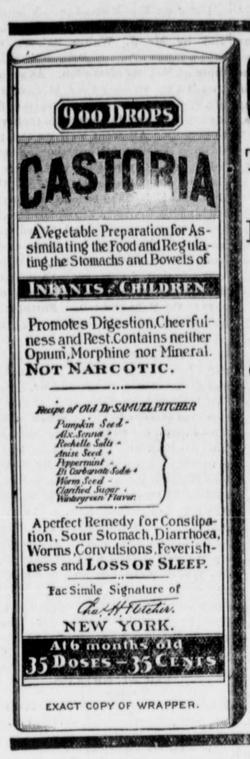

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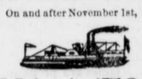

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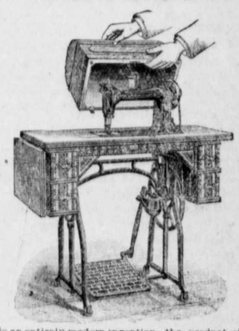

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