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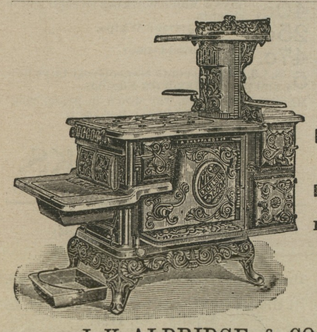

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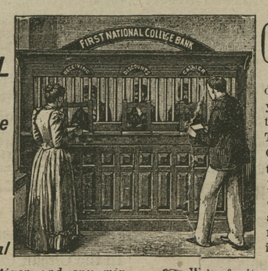

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SHAD IN THE SUSQUEHANNA.

Some History of the Toothsome Fish Now in Season.

Shad are being brought up now in considerable quantities from North Carolina and Virginia waters and a few from the Patuxent river. The Maryland season will soon open and preparations are in active progress on the Susquehanna for the annual big catch. The Susquehanna is considered the best that comes to this market. The fisheries on that river are visited every year by the people from all over the Middle States to witness the novelty of the operations. Large floats resembling wharves are anchored in the stream from which the seines are laid out and hauled in. On each float is a house with sleeping accommodations for the managers and seine haulers. The seines, some of which, with the lines, measure over a mile in length, are "played" out from batteau-shaped boats rowed by from 20 to 30 men. On one end of the boat is a donkey engine, which furnishes the power to pull in the seine.

The "haul" of fish is carried up an incline, where the shad are separated from the herring. The shad, according to fish scientists, is a species of the herring family, clupea, and besides being larger, is distinguished from the herring proper by the total absence of teeth in the lower jaw. They migrate to the South in the early summer and return North in the spring to deposit their spawn, running up into the rivers from the sea. They appear in the vicinity of Charleston in January, Norfolk in February and in the upper Maryland waters in March.

It is a common belief that the life of a shad is limited to a single year, but this is an error, as some of a year's growth have been marked and turned out in the Susquehanna, and have returned the following year. A few years ago the stock in Maryland waters became nearly exhausted, but by artificial hatching under the supervision of the Government Fish Commission the supply has increased rapidly. It is a notable fact also that under the process of artificial propagation the shad are increasing in size every year. In gathering spawn for planting the Commission uses only large healthy shad with ripe roe, which accounts for the yearly increase in the size of the shad. This is perfectly natural, as a flower, vegetable or fruit is made perfect and larger by cultivation.

Shad leave their place of birth when about six or eight inches long. They go to sea and down the Southern coast as far as Florida, but every one of them that is not gobbled up by some big fish will return the following spring to the stream in which they were hatched. The greatest enemies to the spawn and little shad are eels and catfish, which infest the upper waters of nearly every stream in Maryland.

The other day a gentleman said to an old fisherman, "But for eels and catfish we would have a greater supply of shad."

"Eels and catfish," replied the fisherman, "If it wasn't for them the rivers would be all shad and no water."

A CRYSTAL MAZE!

Jack Frost Touches Everything With Artistic Fingers—Beauty Everywhere.

When the sun arose Saturday morning it shown upon a scene of exquisite loveliness, one which the artistic painter would give a fortune to imitate. Jack Frost was the master hand and again proved that he was the prince of decorators. During the past winter he has many times shown his art in making imitation drapery, but on Saturday he reached a climax in the exhibition of his skill. Sparkling crystals were as numerous as the stars and appeared even more beautiful than the real crystals. Every wire and clothes line, every bush and every twig sparkled in the morning light. Icicles hung from the cornices of houses and porches and made them look as if fringed with crystals. The full effect of the icing could be better seen among the trees. They were so laden with the effects of the frost that they bowed low to the earth. The evergreen trees were even more beautiful, whole branches and twigs being completely covered with ice. Every spear on the twigs was a bit of ice with a green centre, producing an indescribable effect. The trees on our streets formed beautiful pictures of huge arches of ice which waved and sparkled in the sunlight. All day Saturday the ice dropped from the trees and rattled into the streets. Fields covered with weeds seemed to sway to and fro in the wind, myriads of diamond-like crystals shining and glistening. The woods about town were transformed into a complete crystal maze, and those who saw the sight were charmed with its loveliness.

Their Best Aid.—"What aid is the most helpful to the W. C. T. U.?" "Lemonade."

Progressing.—"Have you learned to ride your new bicycle yet?" *Little Boy:* "No, sir, not quite; but I've got so I can fall off without getting killed."

Accounted For.—"What makes such a bad smell about the post-office?" asked one gentleman of another. "I know, pa," interrupted little Johnny "What, my son?" "Why, it's the dead letters."

GROWTH OF THE PHOSPHATE INDUSTRY.

It is not generally known that the United States is fast becoming the principal phosphate producing country in the world. The interest is one of the first in importance from both the commercial and economic standpoints, and it is remarkable that it has been developed to its present proportions since the civil war. Phosphate beds were discovered in South Carolina as far back as 1837, but they were not worked to any extent until 1868, when their output amounted to some 11,862 tons. Rich deposits of phosphate were found in Florida in 1881. The growth of the industry in these two States during the past few years have been very remarkable. In South Carolina last year some 30 phosphate mines produced 294,000 tons of phosphate, and in Florida 106 mines yielded during the year 500,000 tons. The total output of the entire country for the year was 1,550,000 tons, and this exceeded the output of Germany, which was the largest European phosphate producing country, by 50,000 tons.

The importance of the phosphate beds in enriching a vast area of farm land, and thus developing the agricultural interests of the United States, can hardly be over-estimated. The production of our enormous cereal crops results in a constant exhaustion of the soil. It is estimated that a single crop of cereals in the United States takes from the soil upward of 17,650,270,800 pounds of mineral matter, and over 2,000,000,000 pounds of ash and phosphoric acid. An acre of land must supply about 19 pounds of phosphoric acid to produce one cereal crop. The need of returning to the soil some of the phosphoric matter which is constantly being drawn from it, in time becomes a necessity. The numbers of abandoned farms in New England bear witness to this fact, In the South, and especially in the vicinity of the phosphate beds, the phosphate has been used in immense quantities. Georgia consumed the largest quantity, or 280,000 tons, and South Carolina 200,000 tons. The New England States used in all 60,000 tons; New York 90,000 tons; Pennsylvania 150,000 tons, and Delaware 20,000 tons. It is significant that very little phosphate is used in the West, where the soil is still virgin. The phosphate deposits cover a large territory in North and South Carolina and in Florida, and it is believed that the supply cannot be exhausted for many years.

Remarkable Results of Cross-Breeding

Some ten years ago we crossed Plymouth Rock and Brown Leghorn, using the Leghorn cockeral and Plymouth Rock hens. From this cross we got progeny in which the Leghorn color and size predominated. Most of the hens being what we would call yellow dominiques. In size they were a little larger than the Leghorns but with the fluffy thigh feathers of the Plymouth Rocks.

They proved to be very valuable birds partaking of the fine laying qualities of the Leghorn and the proverbial brooding qualities of the Plymonth Rock. These were crossed back on the Leghorn and soon lost their most valuable characteristics as combination birds.

Last season we reversed the method of crossing using a very superior Plymouth Rock cockerel and typical Brown Leghorn hens. The chicks resulting from this cross are all dark dominiques, without a trace of red or yellow upon their plumage in either sex. In size they approached the Plymonth Rock very nearly. Indeed the hens would pass for thoroughbred Plymouth Rocks but for the white ear lobes, the only mark showing their relationship to the Leghorn. These birds are as uniform in type and color as are the thoroughbreds of either parent stock.

A CORRESPONDENT of the esteemed Chestertown KENT NEWS indulges in doubt as to the capabilities of the Hon. Isidor Rayner to properly understand the oyster issue, and, therefore, suggests that a home candidate for Governor would be more to the "sovereigns" of Rock Hall. Mr. Rayner, we believe, knows an oyster from a clam, but whether he is informed as to the purpose of the Creator in depriving the oyster of legs after having provided it with them in the first instance, is a matter of speculation. Of course, no candidate who is unable to answer that first question, in the catechism of the oystermen, has a rose-colored future. We hope, however, that Col. "Oyster Bill" Thompson and the Hon. "Hanse" Barnes would not allow their distinguished fellow-townsman to appear before the Bayside voters without affording him the benefit of their acquaintance with the history of the bivalve and its political ethics.—*Baltimore Evening News.*

IT has been said that the corn fodder from one acre is worth more for feeding purposes, when properly prepared, than the ears from the same acre, and this is a matter of test. The butts contain much more valuable food, and will be eaten by cattle when cut and crushed; they will eat practically all of it.

IF a field has not paid you, change the soil or the crop. Test the milk and dispose of the profitless cows. Sell the scrub horses and stop feeding them. Get rid of the surplus cocks and the old hens. Weed out everything unprofitable. It is true today that the seven lean kine devour the seven fat kine.

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