

**A LONDON CHARACTER.**

**The Cheery Voiced "Baked Potato Man" and His Customers.**  
One of the unique street characters of London that interested me was a "baked potato man." He stood in front of a "pub," as a liquor saloon is designated here, calling out his wares in a cheery, inviting voice and leaving off his "h's" in a reckless fashion.

He had quite a little crowd about his movable can, whence the steam whistled upward from the receptacle, where these wares were kept as hot as pepper. A few of the crowd were ravenously eating their halfpenny or penny "taters," salted and buttered to taste and consumed without forks.

A few, having eaten their potatoes, were thirsty and rounded out the meal at the "pub" with a glass of "bitter beer." And there were others, poor, hungry urchins, who, with awful pathos, watched the more opulent eating their simple meal and tried to satisfy hunger's cravings on the odors arising from "the fruit of earth."

The face of this street merchant looked like a well baked, neatly potato, and there was a general air of warmth and smugness about him going well with his honest calling. My first query was as to the success of his occupation in a pecuniary sense.

"Well," he replied, "'spite,' as the people generally calls taters round 'ere, is allus a favorite vegetable. But trade 'as fell off to wot it was. Trade starts in middle o' August and ends about last o' April. A scorchin' hot summer as last was is awful bad for business. I went into taters as a boy bout 13 years old. I'm five and thirty now, and I make a tidy livin' out o' it. The trade was just a startin' as a reg'lar calling when I begun, so you see it ain't more'n 20 year old—that is, done as it now is. The female sect 'a'kin up the line 'as 'urt us wonderful."

Here he sadly shook his head, and I felt my face flushing up in shame for my sex, who are crowding the men out of life's race in occupations of all descriptions.

"But," he continued, his optimism coming to the rescue, "you got to take the sweet long o' the bitter, whether it be feelin' or beer. A man 'as 'as a jolly heart and gives bout a cheerful call needn't starve at anything he turns himself to do for a livin'. I used to carry a bigger can, fitted with a charcoal stove, and did my own baking, as a many does now. But this 'ere invention is better. You gets your spuds baked at the bakers' shop for ninetpence the 'undred weight. Then you pops what you wants into your pot, which hangs over your fire, close to a biler for your 'ot water. The steam is wot keeps your taters 'ot. Then at one end you carries your butter and salt, at t'other end your extra coals, and there you are 'as right as roine."

The words I have spelled as pronounced by my informant, translated into good English, it is a favorite saying of humble Londoners and reads simply "as right as rain."

I learned that customers are of all classes. Often the potatoes are purchased late at night by a good sort of bohemians for a quiet midnight supper. But the majority of customers are of the working people. The little redhot bed of charcoal seen through the holes in the fire tin was a ready gleam "to illustrate" the atmospheric dullness. On my asking how many men and women, all told, sell baked potatoes in the London streets, the answer came, "Well, there's about four 'undred of us all told."—Boston Herald.

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