

**THE AGES OF EGGS.**

Queer Lot of Men Who Work in the Dark Looking at Men Fruit by Candlelight.

**FRESH AND STRICTLY FRESH EGGS.**

There is a Difference Which the Ordinary Man Might Detect by Tasting but not by Seeing

Egg signs, such as "Fresh Eggs," "Strictly Fresh Eggs," "Warranted Strictly Fresh Eggs," puzzle a man who is not versed in egg lore. There are gradations in eggs as in lots of other things in life.

When the New York Press told Gothamites recently that they ate nearly a billion eggs every year, little was said about the kind and quality of the succulent edible. The process of grading these one thousand million eggs is a business of itself, employing skilled labor. The work is performed in the dark. Down in the wholesale egg district, in the vicinity of Warren and Washington streets, where they come from all parts of the country, eggs are stacked in crates one, two and three stories high.

Though they come to the city by the carload, each individual egg is carefully inspected before it is shipped away again to the retailer. Here is where the gradations are determined. The process is called "candling," the expert a "candler," because he uses a candle in the operation.

Every wholesale egg house has its dark room, where the eggs are "candled." The expert "candler," or "egg

months or more. Even the doubtful ones are very rarely labeled as bad, unless they explode on handling, and then there is, of course, no need of labeling. The very freshest eggs found in uptown groceries and labeled Long Island eggs are supposed to come directly from the farms from which they are gathered by vendors, who dispose of them to regular customers. These eggs command the very highest prices. It is with the crate eggs, however, that dealers do the most juggling. Age shows itself in an egg when it is held before a candle and looked at in a dark room. A fresh egg seen in this way looks translucent and red; a "float" will always show a shadow at the top, no matter which way it is held.

"As soon as an egg gets stale," said an "egg broker" yesterday, "the yolk rises to the top, while the white gets heavy and settles. These 'floaters' are not bad eggs. Oh, no! but we don't call them strictly fresh. See? They are good enough for cooking purposes. In fact, nearly all eggs that have been pickled show the shadow. You can tell one after it is cooked by the musty flavor. These are the kind you are sure to get in the cheaper restaurants. Fried and eaten with ham, you probably couldn't detect the flavor. By the way, never order a soft or medium boiled egg in a doubtful restaurant. Always get 'em hard boiled. You can't detect the odor then, especially if the egg is opened in the sitting up. An expert 'candler' holds two eggs in each hand and usually looks at four at a time. He deftly turns the egg completely round, in order to inspect them thoroughly. The really questionable eggs are put in a crate by themselves. They appear later, labeled 'Nice eggs' over on West street. These 'nice eggs,' which are not even called 'fresh eggs,' always find a ready market in the poorer quarters. Even the eggs broken in handling are not wasted. They, too, find their way to Hester street.

The drawback to the "egg broker's" business are the ones that explode. These freighten the pretty apt to drive a stranger out of the building. This is the height of the "candling."



The Amateur at Work.



An Unexpected Accident.

season. Hens quit laying late in the fall, and "crate" eggs keep the market well supplied until early spring.

**AN UNEXPECTED ACCIDENT.**

Dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's pain balm and bind it over the seat of pain. It is better than any plaster. When the lungs are sore, such an application on the chest, and another on the back, between the shoulder blades, will often prevent pneumonia. There is nothing so good for a lame back or a pain in the side. A sore throat can nearly always be cured in one night by applying a flannel bandage dampened with Pain Balm. 50 cent bottles for sale by all druggists.

**THE MARKETS.**

New York, Nov. 24.—Bar silver, 62 1/2c. Copper—Firm; brokers' price, 35 1/2. Government bonds—Steady. Petroleum—Steady; December closed 82 1/2c bid. U. S. 5c, reg., 117 1/2; U. S. 5c, coupon, 117 1/2; U. S. 4c, reg., 115; U. S. 4c, coupon, 115; Pacific States, 101; Atchison, 94; Adams Express, 110; American Express, 113; Canada Pacific, 93; Central Pacific, 15; Burlington, 79; Great Northern, preferred, 101; Kansas & Texas, preferred, 23 1/2; Lake Shore, 135 1/2; Lead Trust, 49 1/2; Michigan Central, 99 1/2; Missouri Pacific, 28 1/2; U. S. Cordage, 8 1/2; U. S. Cordage, preferred, 15 1/2; Northern American, 45; Northern Pacific, 41 1/2; Northern Pacific, preferred, 37 1/2; Northwestern, 97 1/2; Northwestern, preferred, 142; New York Central, 99; Oregon Navigation, 20; Pacific Mail, 22 1/2; Pullman, 155 1/2; Rock Island, 61 1/2; St. Paul, 99 1/2; St. Paul, preferred, 119; Southern Pacific, 14 1/2; Sugar, 88 1/2; Union Pacific, 129 1/2; United States Express, 42; West. 165; Western Union, 88 1/2; General Electric, 35 1/2; Linseed, 20 1/2.

Money easy at one per cent; sterling exchange, steady at 161 1/2 for 60 days; market active and fair for wheat prices a shade stronger, while common lots are weak. Rates range at \$2.74 1/2 for light; \$1.10 1/2 for rough packing; \$1.10 1/2 for mixed; \$1.06 1/2 for heavy packing and shipping lots.

Cattle—Receipts, 8,900 head; sales were on a basis of \$166.25 for inferior to extra natives; \$1.50 1/2 for western ranges, and \$1.25 1/2 for Texas. Sheep—Receipts, 1,000 head; ranged from 75¢ to \$1.25 for sheep, and from \$1.75 to \$2.75 for lambs.

Chicago, Nov. 24.—Wheat—Nov., 53 1/2c; Dec., 53 1/2c. Corn—Nov., 45 1/2c; Dec., 47 1/2c. Oats—Nov., 28 1/2c; Dec., 29 1/2c. Pork—Nov. and Jan., \$12.10 bid; May, \$12.42 1/2. Lard—Nov., \$6.50 1/2; Dec., \$6.55. Hides—Nov., \$6.65; Jan., \$6.95 bid. Barley—Medium, 52c. Rye—4c. Flax, \$1.50. Timothy—\$5.60.

**Hooker's Arsenic Salve.**  
The best salve in the world for Cuts, Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum, Fever Sores, Tetter, Itching Pimples, Chancres, Corns and all Skin Eruptions, and positively cures piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by the Farcher-D'Acheul Drug Company.

**Arms Shipped to Hawaii.**  
Port Townsend, Wash., Nov. 23.—Associated Press dispatches from San Francisco, indicating a probable uprising of the royalists in Hawaii to overthrow the present government and place Queen Liliuokalani on the throne, receive part of the confirmation in this city. A well-known and respectable ship broker, who requested his name withheld for the present, made a statement to-day that he knew of his own personal knowledge that large quantities of fire arms and ammunition had been recently shipped clandestinely to Hawaii on lumber ships.

A cup of Park's Tea at night moves the bowels in the morning without pain or discomfort. It is a great health giver and blood purifier. Sold by Farcher-D'Acheul Drug Co.

**Murderer Confesses.**  
Toledo, O., Nov. 24.—A special to the Blade says Charles Hart, who, with his brother-in-law, Clarence Brindle, is held for the murder of the children, Elsie and Ashley Good, at Paulding, O., confessed to-day. He ravished the little girl and murdered both. After the confession the sheriff went to the spot indicated by Hart and dug up the knife with which the deed was done. Rheumatism is caused by acidity of the blood. Hood's Sarsaparilla purifies the blood. Try it.

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**.. A GREAT WEEK ..**

**THE NEW YORK DRY GOODS STORE**

A WEEK devoted to the interests of our patrons. By the careful reading of this advertisement, the mystery of buying Dry Goods to an advantage is explained. We are the Dry Goods people of Helena, and a friend of all the people of Montana. Low prices for high class goods has placed us beyond all opposition of the Eastern part of the State. There is perfect harmony—for the people repose the utmost confidence in us. They know we never exaggerate, that our prices are right, that our system is correct, that every item mentioned herein will be as stated.

<b>THIS WEEK.</b>	<b>SATINS : SATINS</b>	<b>THIS WEEK.</b>
Ladies' Rain Coats, worth \$3.00, this week..... \$2 00	<b>IN COLORS OF</b>	Floor Oil Cloth yard wide ..... 30c
Ladies' Makintoshes, worth \$4.50, this week ..... 3 25	Cameo Pink, Balalaava, Red, Canary, Dove, Cardinal, White, Cream, Lilac, Medium Brown, per yard..... 50c	Nottingham Lace Curtains .... 60c
Ladies' Cashmere Wrappers, all shades, worth \$5.00, this week 3 75	<b>SILKS SILKS SILKS</b>	7 foot Opaque Curtains, with casters..... 35c
6-4 Chenille Table Covers, worth \$1.50, this week ..... 1 20	<b>IN SHADES OF</b>	Window Serim, per yard..... 8 1/2c
6-4 Chenille Table Covers, worth \$1.25, this week ..... 95c	Solferino, Russian Green, Gobelins, Lilac, Majenta, Stone Blue per yard..... 65c	5-B Comfortables ..... 70c
6-4 Chenille Table Covers, worth \$1.00, this week ..... 75c	<b>STAMP LINENS</b>	Splendid lins Heavy Outing Flannels ..... 6 1/2c
Heavy 10-4 White Blankets, all Wool, worth \$5.00, this week 3 75	A Rich Assortment, a Complete Stock. This week 25 per cent off.	Twilled Toweling, per yard .... 5c
One lot Children's Cashmere Hose, worth 60c, this week... 25c	<b>TABLE LINENS</b>	90c quality Embroidered White Flannel ..... 75c
108 1/2 doz Heavy Turkish Towels, worth \$2.25, this week... 1 70	Over 100 Bolts, White and Cream Colors. This week 20 per cent off.	Ladies' Heavy Flannel Rib Vests or drawers ..... 45c
66 pairs, Extra Fine Quality Comfortables, worth \$4.00, this week..... 3 00		18 inch Cotton Draper, per piece..... 65c
Ladies' Gored Belt Hose Supporters..... 25c		Celebrated Four in Hand Black Corsets ..... 99c
19 inch Initial Silk Handkerchiefs, each..... 10c		Ladies' Marino Underwear, each 25 inch Gloria Umbrella..... 85c
Curling Irons..... 50c		Ladies' White Aprons—imitation tucks..... 25c
Turkish Bath Towels, cream and white, per doz..... 95c		Figured Cheese Cloth for Comfort covers..... 4c
Ladies' Cashmere Hose, full regular..... 25c		Children's Corset Waists, white and drab..... 25c

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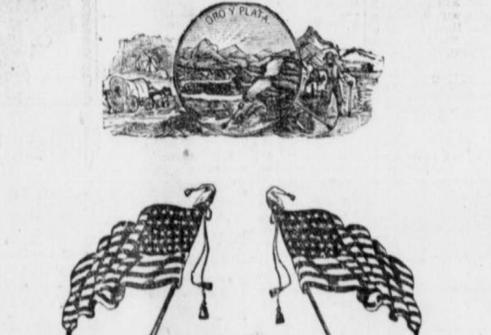


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