

Dolly Visits Birmingham Macaroni Factory and Sees the Manufacture of Delicious Foodstuffs

Tremendous Building Splendidly Equipped—Sixty Barrels of Flour Used a Day—Large Force Employed—Sells to the Retail Trade of the Entire Country—Started From Humble Beginning and Has Grown Into Fabulous Proportions

WONDER if there has ever been anybody who ate spaghetti who didn't think of the show in Birmingham. David Warfield's inimitable play, "The Music Master," where the macaroni and spaghetti business and the feast of a box and give an exhibition of the real way to eat spaghetti?

I certainly thought of it when I paid a visit to the Birmingham Macaroni factory and saw the great, shining, amber-colored ropes of spaghetti swinging across the rods that hold them!

I don't know when I've ever seen any "real" spaghetti that I haven't thought of the way Mr. Warned wound the steaming food about his fork, and throwing his head back, dangled it teasingly into his mouth until fairly enveloped him the delicious morsel that he was about to partake of!

Macaroni and spaghetti are quite different. If you please, although they are both made of the same material, spaghetti is just little macaroni that has broken into society, and it is a very good description of this food, because macaroni certainly is the "grown up" member of the family—it's larger in every way than spaghetti, but otherwise the two foods are as like as two peas in a pod.

Upon entering the Birmingham Macaroni factory, which is located at the corner of Fourteenth street and Avenue D, you find one of the most complete industries in all the Birmingham district. A splendid building, three stories high, brick and stone, is the home of this company, the little frame building that once bore that distinction having been moved over into the adjoining lot. Connected with the present building, being used for packing purposes and other things.

To the splendid ability and unwavering energy of one of Birmingham's most valued and prominent citizens, Mr. Charles S. Simmons, and his associates, the success of the Birmingham Macaroni factory is due.

It is needless to say that this institution is sort of a "hobby" with Mr. Simmons. He is very proud of it, and he has a right to be, and nothing pleases him more than to have the factory visited, especially housekeepers, and if the latter only knew what they are missing by not going over the Birmingham Macaroni factory and seeing for themselves where the delicious foodstuff is made, they would surely avail themselves of the very first opportunity to do so.

"When my brother and I went out of the grocery business some years ago," Mr. Simmons told me, "we became interested in the Birmingham Macaroni factory. It was then a small establishment situated on the present site of a little frame building and only three barrels of flour a day were consumed in the making of macaroni and spaghetti. Now we use 60. Three years later we found ourselves in need of a larger building. The industry had increased to such proportions that it demanded such proportions and the present building was erected."

"You know, it has always been thought until recently," Mr. Simmons continued, "that good macaroni and spaghetti could not be made in this country. That, of course, is now an exploded idea. The Italians are the greatest spaghetti makers and eaters in the world and they do make good spaghetti and that's why nearly all our own love with the exception of a few is composed of Italians. The reason that we surpass Italy now in making spaghetti is because we have better machinery. Given the best Italian labor that can be found, the result is that we turn out in the 'Eagle Brand'—in the blue boxes with gold labels—the familiar to every housekeeper—the best brand of spaghetti in the world. I say that advisedly, because our patronage sustains me in the statement. It is a very hard job to keep up a reputation that there has never been anything more loyal, more encouraging or more appreciative than Birmingham. If a man makes a good article of food or clothing or anything else he can depend upon success following him because the people want the best and when they find it they stick to it. I am very proud of the large clientele and we try to live up to the mark in every respect and merit their kind approval."

If you're a spaghetti lover—and even if you're not—you would never see it in this country for the past 12 years.

Mr.—or should I call him "Signor" Pasquale—has forgotten more about "curing" spaghetti than nearly everybody else in Birmingham has known about it all their lives.

He's an expert and I would have liked to talk with him—but, what's a body to do when the other fellow can't talk in your language, and you can't talk in his? Mr. P. J. Serio, the efficient general manager and "head man" at the factory, however, speaks English as well as he does Italian, and very kindly offered to act as interpreter, but I may as well tell you now as any other time that Mr. Simmons had whispered to me at the start that it was Mr. Serio who had started the Birmingham Macaroni Factory, which Mr. Simmons and his associates bought.

Mr. Serio besides knowing thoroughly the art of manufacturing macaroni and spaghetti, knows how to cook it, as many epicures in Birmingham can testify, who have enjoyed a dish of spaghetti made by him.

It may be of interest to the housekeeper of Birmingham to know that upon inquiry Mr. Serio will be glad to furnish the recipe, the real Italian recipe for cooking spaghetti.

I can't close this story about the Birmingham Macaroni factory without telling you about their "macos".

The cunningest little brown eyed curly headed boy you ever saw, packing the blue and gold "Eagle Brand" boxes like a sentinel during working hours, and brings all sorts of good luck to the factory.

In youngster's real name is Frank Graso—but he wouldn't recognize himself by that name if you called him, because his nick name is "Buckshot" and as a "Buckshot" he is known far and wide—by all who know and like him.

Birmingham is rich in industries—industries which many a housekeeper doesn't know the existence of, and yet she makes the table every day in the year.

How many housekeepers, for instance, know that "Eagle Brand" spaghetti is "made in Birmingham"?

How many housekeepers have ever taken the trouble to find out?

In this day of so much "pure food"

the factory and his genius for making spaghetti is too well known all over this district by his friends and his business associates to need comment.

Mr. Serio was, as we say in the south, "raised" on spaghetti.

"I came to this country when I was 5 years old," he told me, "and I have never been in any other trade except the macaroni and spaghetti business. I am proud to say that we make the best spaghetti in the country right here at the Birmingham Macaroni factory. Our equipment surpasses any other and besides we know how to do it just like they do on the other side. France and Italy are the greatest spaghetti countries in the world and had a monopoly as long as we couldn't get the proper flour in this country to make the foods with. Those countries drew on Russia for their supply until they were practically exhausted and now wheat flour is shipped in great quantities from this country to those countries for the purpose of making spaghetti.

Mr. Serio took us from the first floor of the building where the initial stages in the making of spaghetti are seen up to the "drying" rooms, which are almost indescribable in their interest. The great rooms are filled with the shining, gleaming sticks of spaghetti (in which by the way no coloring matter is used, only the natural color of the flour), hanging from iron suspended rods, make a sight never to be forgotten—one which the average person knows little, if anything, about, and which is an event in anybody's life to witness.

Mr. Serio takes about four days to "cure" spaghetti and there are different rooms used as the drying process goes on. After the spaghetti is dried it is conveyed by machinery to a huge department where 35 or more girls—brown eyed, olive skinned, black haired girls—some Italian, some Syrian, others just plain American like us, are engaged in packing it.

The boxes—always the "Eagle Brand" with the blue and gold design—go through a process of "sealing"—the bottom of the boxes being sealed and sent on to be filled with spaghetti.

Thirty-five boxes a minute pass through the hands of the girl who has the task to perform, and at the other end of the line the girls weighing and filling the boxes perform their work, and now the filled box is conveyed into another piece of machinery and sealed. The great fingers of the machine, glue-tipped, look like human fingers as they reach out and seal the little blue and gold boxes as they muster by.

Mr. Serio has invented a most remarkable piece of machinery, which is now on the market for sale, for the cutting of spaghetti before it is ready for packing. The old way was to use a saw, but that is quite obsolete now and the great bundles of spaghetti run through a piece of machinery which looks like a wheel, the knife or saw going right through the spaghetti and cutting it into the length of the box into which it is to be placed.

After the boxes are filled, large cases are in waiting, each to be packed with 25 boxes (one pound each) of the spaghetti.

It is really one of the most interesting sights imaginable, and one thing that impressed me so forcibly about the Birmingham Macaroni factory was its extreme cleanliness.

Spotless to a degree, immaculate in every way, shape and form, it is really appalling to see just how beautifully clean the factory is.

Besides macaroni and spaghetti, the Birmingham Macaroni factory makes "noodles." This is done by large sieves being placed at the end of big machines into the great cases—stand at their ends and turn it out in great quantities, only to be replaced by other sieves to catch more.

The nutritious qualities of macaroni have recently been emphasized greatly by eminent physicians all over the world, and the hospitals, colleges and other institutions all over the country patronize largely the Birmingham Macaroni factory.

Mr. Serio has hundreds of friends here who know him when he started the Birmingham Macaroni Factory, which Mr. Simmons and his associates bought.

PLANS COMPLETE FOR RELIGIOUS WORK AT 1915 EXPOSITION

Evangelical Meetings to Be Held Both on Grounds and in City

MANY EMINENT DIVINES TO APPEAR

Efforts of Quakers to Prevent Use of Their Name for Commercial Purposes Indorsed by Other Bodies

New York, November 21.—(Special.) Plans are now completed for religious work and exhibits during the Panama Pacific exposition. The Rev. H. H. Fell, representing a committee of 103 which was named by the federal council of churches but is supported by San Francisco and the coast, is in general charge, but has given his chief interest so far to public meetings. He has been in the middle west for some weeks, arranging for speakers and is reported to have secured the promise of many foremost divines. These he finds more available than might otherwise be the case, since trips to Europe are not now contemplated.

In part on the exposition grounds and in part in the city, in which latter place a great iron auditorium is erecting, the plan is to have public meetings on evangelized lines and yet with broad limits, so as to include social service, civics, missions and allied topics. The speakers will be Protestants, but all bodies will furnish preachers. These are not to be given without interruption, but are to be in series as arrangements are made with preachers of prominence.

Ten thousand feet of space with an auditorium have been allotted to missionary societies, Bible societies and allied interests. About \$27,000 is needed for expenses and as yet the sum is in hand only in part. Decisions are to be made within short time, and it is felt, certain that the project will go through; so certain that the statement is authorized that exposition religious plans are practically completed as at first mapped out. The societies are to be located in the education and social economy building. About 100 societies are in the proposition.

The Young Men's Christian association will make exhibits in the education and social economy building, but will carry on its work in the San Francisco building proper. This building cost \$500,000 and was given entire, immediately after the earthquake and fire, by John D. Rockefeller, Cleveland H. Dodge, Morris K. Jesup, The Young Women's Christian association has erected a building within the grounds, quite near to the Tower of Jewels, in the south gardens, immediately after the earthquake and fire. The building cost \$50,000. Public meetings will be held in this building. The Young Men's Christian association has erected a building within the grounds, quite near to the Tower of Jewels, in the south gardens, immediately after the earthquake and fire. The building cost \$50,000. Public meetings will be held in this building.

At a meeting of Episcopal church workers held in a New York suburb, where 250 men were present, the city authorities furnished, without any request from the church meeting at all, eight patrolmen in uniform to guard the entrance, and 10 plain clothes men stationed about the small hall. The meeting was held to discuss criminal evils, but to present work of Red Cross, missions and religious education. A county judge was, however, one of the speakers.

Clark Wants to End War
President Clark of Christian Endeavor fame has entered the peace movement, and has asked Endeavorers everywhere to join him. He wants to end war. He

Eating When Others Are Through
Is Not Gluttony, But Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets Will Enable You to Have Such An Appetite

Trying to Protect Name
Quakers who prefer to call themselves, the Society of Friends, have received formal indorsements from leaders in other Christian bodies of their campaign legally to stop vendors of nostrums, dummies and patented articles from using their name. Some time ago an effort was begun by Friends to secure the passage of laws by the various legislatures, but this plan was dropped and two bills are now pending in Congress, with good prospects, so Friends ray, of early adoption. Leaders in other bodies are helping Friends get the bills through Congress at the coming session.

The complaint of Quakers is that promoters of nostrums often trade to which Quakers object, employ their name, not merely for the sake of a name but because Quakerism stands for honesty. Quakers exhibit a long line of things sold in their name, that they say are not honest, and not intended to be honest. Quakers have long objected to the use of their name to brand breakfast food, but recently their name has been applied to a brand of drink that is widely advertised.

To Use Buildings of The Young Men's Christian Association in England has given at buildings, temporary and use in place of tents, raised \$200,000 to pay the

talk, and hubaloo that it would behoove to learn something that these places on are made, and what I can imagine no than a visit to the city factory.

It is a credit to city of Birmingham testimonial to the who are at its

the cold weather's advent the first of them are being put to use. Most of these are located in training camps, where some of the 1,000,000 recruits just authorized by Parliament are stationed. Five hundred are in England, and the remainder in these camp stations in England and with the British army on the continent. Additional secretaries are in training, and some new men, already trained, have been sent to America.

Jews Work With Common End
To an extent that their own leaders say they never knew before, the American have come together for common action. The occasion that brings them into harmony is relief for Jews on European battlefields, in the great cities of countries now at war, and in Palestine, where 100,000 Jews are said to be starving, with absolutely no way to reach them at present, and a strong likelihood that a large proportion will die. Three hundred Jewish leaders met just met and took this common action.

Louis Marshall of New York is president of the central Jewish relief committee, and Felix M. Warburg, the government expert who with others directs the affairs of the new federal reserve banks, is treasurer. Galician Jews have already raised in this country \$200,000. It is stated that while there has been gathered not a dollar has yet gone to the sufferers. Jews now find it impossible to get any word to Palestine or even to Constantinople. They are expressing fear that all industrial enterprises which have gathered through the past years there to help the people toward self-support will be destroyed.

County judges of New York are declaring, at public meetings of Christian workers, that conditions are worse in New York at the moment than they have ever been. They declare also that they are worse than they have ever been in any city calling itself civilized. These judges refer to defiance in various forms from private denunciation to bomb throwing by the so-called criminal classes. At one public meeting just held by workers in one Christian body a judge made these assertions and added that so far as he could see churches are doing little or nothing to counteract menacing evils.

It is known that leaders in this social unrest in New York are saying, more or less privately, that the disturbances of last winter were mild indeed compared to disturbances to come during the winter season at New York. New methods of disturbance, all less than bomb throwing, have been devised and people in the criminal ranks or at least confidence are known to be in training to put them into effect. While last winter's disturbances were often disturbed, it is now stated that Protestant churches are this winter to come in for the same or worse.

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TURCO KEPT BULLET AND WENT HUNGRY

Declares He Is Going to Bayonet 50 Germans to Avenge Captain

Bordeaux, November 21.—(Special.) He is a black Turco, convalescent from an absurdly slight wound, a bullet through his right hand, and the day after tomorrow will leave again for the front. He has the bullet in his pocket and shows it round, but refuses to sell it at any price. He has (we afterward find) not a penny in his pocket, but he won't sell the bullet. He starts telling his story and begins crying like a baby. Not about his wound. Let me translate his story from his negro French into some English equivalent.

"Me only 13 Germans kapout. Go back soon; then 50 Germans. But poor captain! Was captain's orderly. Captain he very great man. Wanted die for captain. And die for me."

"Led great fine charge, me following him close. Bayonet charge. I only had time run through 13 Germans with bayonet. Then good captain he bullet in head. I carried him on my back about 12 kilometres into wood, laid him down, watched over him. Watched there two days, then Germans sons and safe to carry him out of wood in ambulance. But poor great captain he died of wound. Next time will kill 50 Germans to avenge him."

And the great black Turco cried like a baby.

After that we discovered, by accident, that the great big baby warrior of a Turco actually was hungry and not a son to buy a meal with. He would not think of selling his German bullet, but the cap was passed around and came back with francs

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claims 4,000,000 Christian Endeavor members at the present time, scattered in every part of the world, and 10,000,000 more once Christian Endeavor but now no longer young. The pledge he asks all to take follows:

"As a follower of the Prince of Peace, I will seek to promote good will among men and peace on earth; I will work as I have opportunity toward the abolition of war, and will endeavor to cement the fellowship of people of all nations and all denominations throughout the world."

Christian Endeavor members are formed into local, city, county, state, national and international unions, 250 such in all, covering all of Europe, much of Asia, and thousands of societies in South America. It is claimed there are 80,000 active societies at the present time, all countries.

President Clark says the movement is both to put an end to war and also to help solve some of the problems that will at once present immediately the war now on comes to an end.

Catholic Alumni to Organize

Cardinals Gibbons, O'Connell and Farley have formally approved a plan to bring together alumni of all Catholic colleges and academies for women, and a convention for organization has been called in New York for November 27-29. The movement started in the small way at St. Joseph's college at Emmittsburg, Md., and has been indorsed and entered into by women educational leaders in every part of the country.

Aims of the proposed federation are announced to put an end to religious prejudice as far as possible, both between competitive Catholic institutions and between Catholics and all others; to advance the social and social service life of Catholic women; and to bring women who are competent into the plan of child training on week days. Concerning the latter aim it should be explained that in some cities Catholic teachers have offered to give an afternoon a week to religious instruction to Catholic children who do not receive such instruction in public schools.

There are nearly 100 institutions whose alumni can be asked to enter the federation. These include a large number of schools of varying grades in charge of religious orders of women. It is reported that these orders are enthusiastic for the federation. So far more than 100 institutions, including some of the largest, have elected delegates to the organization convention.

The Dried Apple

From the Detroit Free Press.

An eastern paper the other day remarked that "dried apples of the kind that used to hang from the rafters in the freight car are about to swell the volume of export trade," buyers from Norway and Sweden being in the United States market for large supplies of the product. Well, don't you believe it. The dried apple that hung from the rafter in the freight car when you were a boy sitting beside the blazing log in the cabin fireplace went out long years ago as a commercial product. The "evaporated apple" of the trade is a whiter, cleaner, different product. Only here and there in isolated places where the tradition of doing and making things for one's self survives, is the old-fashioned dried apple to be found—and it isn't dried in the firelight's glow. For the glow and the crackle are but memories of a vanished yesterday, since the coal stove came to the farmhouse. And yesterday are all bygone, to return no more, taking everything with them, their thoughts and customs and deeds, and leaving only a few whitening heads to remember them.

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