

REVOLUTION —IN— STOVE STRUCTURE.

If simplicity and common sense, as illustrated in a recent improvement in stove manufacture, can claim attention from the public, the improvement to which we are about to invite attention, presents no ordinary claim. Improvement in the taste of meat, and of everything submitted to an oven, and economy in the saving of fuel have been effected by providing for the ingress and egress of air to the oven, during the process of baking; this is now secured by the DUNDAS STOVE COMPANY, who have patented the invention. The mode of admitting air to their ovens is by providing a row of holes at the bottom of the door, and a corresponding row at the top provides for the escape of hot air and steam; a perforated tin-plate extends from end to end of these holes, and thereby prevents the admission of an undue quantity of air; as much as one and a quarter pounds is saved in nine pounds of meat, under these circumstances, owing to the retention of the gravy in the meat, and it is cooked in three quarters of the time required by the present practice of baking. Apart from the question of economy in the saving of fuel and weight of meat, bread, etc., it is obvious that all food baked in the manner above-described must be far more conducive to health than that which is baked in an air tight-oven.

As we have referred to the fact that a patent has been secured by the above-named Company for this invention, it will not be out of place to observe that the Patent Office is remarkably accommodating in the matter of granting patents, and we should not be surprised to learn that a patent had been extended to every stove manufacturer in the Dominion, for a precisely similar article. No doubt the lawyers (who thrive on the litigation which arises from the practice of the Patent Office) take a lively interest in this indiscriminate granting of patents.

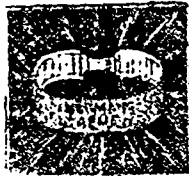
Inventors and manufacturers will do well to learn from the practice of the United States in this matter, and insist on the employment of experts in relation to every article patented; that the farce of indiscriminate patent-granting may be tolerated no longer.

One meets with some interesting circumstances and persons in looking about among manufactories, and our visit to Dundas furnished more than one illustration of the fact. Mr. Billington, the gentleman who planned the factory whereat the stoves above-described are produced, came from the States to Canada about forty years ago; he made the first respers which were seen in Canada; he also erected, and organized the screw-factory in Dundas, and throughout his life, has been actively engaged in the manufacture of machinery. At the present time, Mr. B. has the entire direction of the stove factory; one consequence of which is that he has so far vanquished the Editor, as to compel him to suppress some interesting particulars relative to himself and his adopted son, he allows him however to state that he has been over the 20,000 feet of floorage of the Company's factory.

In going over the factory, we did not pretend to count the "new patterns" of the

stoves which passed under review, but what will our readers conclude, if we acknowledge to have counted some hundred and ninety "spiders!" Take breath, gentle reader, and we will explain that the spiders proved to be frying-pans. It must suffice to observe in conclusion, that among some forty letters from physicians, stove manufacturers, hotel-keepers, and others, we observed one from Mr. Jewell of Toronto, testifying to the merit of the ventilated oven (as we should style it), and as Mr. J. has had experience of the culinary department at Windsor castle, we presume he has tasted the roast beef of old England in as favorable circumstances as anyone; Mr. J. states that "the meats are more evenly and thoroughly done (in this oven), the juiciness and flavor is retained, and the meat is more tender, and ~~is~~ ^{is} not better in flavor to that roasted in the old-fashioned English spit," &c.

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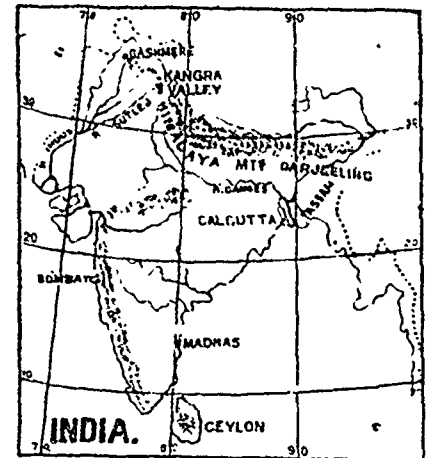
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