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# CHOCOLAT LOMBART

75 AVENUE DE CHOISY, PARIS.

In 1760, under LOUIS XV, M. MEUNIER first established himself in the rue des Vieilles Etuves-Saint-Honoré, near to the *Croix du Trahoir*, now known as the *Fontaine de l'Arbre Sec*.

This quarter can boast of being the birthplace of the manufacture of Chocolate, in fact, it was here that a few years later an official of the household of Marie Thérèse, wife to Louis XIV, obtained, by permission of the Queen, the monopoly of this industry, and introduced it in France.

In 1789, King Louis XVI appointed MEUNIER by Royal Letters Patent purveyor to H.R.H. Madame Victoire de France.

In 1804, Grimod de la Reynière, in his *Almanach des Gourmands*, endorses the immense reputation gained by the Maison Meunier; he says that he considers it "as one of the only two or three houses which manufacture good Chocolate," and in the edition of the same *Almanach* for the year 1807 he certifies that the Chocolat Meunier is very much superior to those manufactured either in Florence or the other towns of Italy.

In 1814, H. R. H. Madame la Duchesse d'Angoulême makes MEUNIER her purveyor by special appointment.

The prosperity of the house is continually increasing.

In 1852, the *Gazette des Hôpitaux* calls attention to MEUNIER by quoting a report of the Medical Faculty which terminates as follows: "We judge the value of the Chocolate of the MAISON MEUNIER only by the results we have obtained by its use, and we recommend none other."

In short, from 1849 to 1880 this house has gained the following awards:

Paris Exhibition, 1849, 1855, 1867 and 1873, Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals.

1873, Vienna Exhibition, Medal of Merit.

1874, Marseilles Exhibition, Gold Medal.

1876, Medal, Centennial Exhibition, Philadelphia.

1876, Gold Medal, First-Class, of the Academie Nationale.

1878, Class 52, 2 Medals for Patent Machine for weighing and cooling Chocolate.

1878, Class 74, NOT IN COMPETITION, ONE OF THE JUDGES.

1879, Grand Diploma of Honor, Academie Nationale.

1880, Melbourne Exhibition, Australia.

On these recommendations the CHOCOLAT LOMBART rests its claim to the confidence and patronage of the public.

M. LOMBART, the proprietor of the MEUNIER MANUFACTORY, has for the last twenty-five years followed in the footsteps of his predecessor, and added to his business every improvement suggested by his long experience, aided by the advancement of science.

The works now in operation at 75 AVENUE DE CHOISY are the largest and most important in Paris.

The MAISON LOMBART imports Teas direct from China, and handles none but the choicest Black Teas, and of an extra quality.

Black Teas are the only Teas recommended by the Medical Faculty as conducive to health, for which see reports of Doctors TROUSSAUX and PAYEN.