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**ADULTERATION IN GROCERIES.**

The adulteration of groceries is quite an im-  
portant question, and one which affects every  
living being. Realizing the enormous extent  
to which this disreputable and dishonest prac-  
tice is being carried, the Retail Grocers' As-  
sociation and the Grocers' Importers' Exchange  
of Philadelphia have decided to take action  
against this growing evil. A member of the  
National Retail Grocers' Union, who has been  
active in the investigations of the adulteration  
practice, gives the result of his work in the  
*Grocers' World* as follows:

"I am sorry to say that a number of grocers  
have and are growing rich by defrauding the  
public, and if something is not done the evil  
practice will grow and soon defy prosecution.  
Take coffee, for instance. There are a large  
number of stores in all large cities where it is  
impossible to get pure coffee. The article that is  
sold is dear at 10 cents a pound, yet it is sold  
for the same price that real coffee brings. All  
kinds of beans, coffee dregs, chemicals, etc.,  
enter into its production, and the thing is a  
base swindle. The excuse of the small grocer  
has always been that he is cheated by the  
manufacturer or wholesale dealer, and there-  
fore he is compelled to add to the fraud if he  
wants to keep his store going. If the manu-  
facturer and wholesale dealer are cheating the  
small grocer, which I don't believe, the latter  
should make it public. The larger and better  
wholesale grocers find no trouble in getting  
strictly pure goods, and why should the  
small dealer? It is true he may have a poorer  
class to deal with, but he can sell genuine  
goods of a cheaper grade without resorting to  
worthless goods with no substance at all. Some  
small grocers lend their assistance to frauds of  
every description. They knowingly sell adul-  
terated milk, butter, cheese and many other  
staple articles which are cheap and need not be  
imitated. In the tenement-house districts, the  
evils which are creeping in are more prominent  
than in other communities. Vinegar, one of  
the most common articles sold, is made of  
cheap chemicals, manufactured at a cost so  
small as to be almost incalculable. Cheese  
made of rancid fats, crumbly and tasteless, is

another article about which no excuse can be  
made, for a good many grocers are aware these  
goods are chemically impure and not fit to be  
sold. There are numberless brands of jellies,  
jams, etc., that are nothing but compounds of  
oils, flavoring extracts, glucose and gelatine.

"In adulterated food one is comparatively  
safe, because in most such foods the taste is  
unpalatable when adulterated beyond a certain  
point. Meat, fish, oysters, vegetables and such  
cannot be imitated nor adulterated. They may  
become dangerous on account of decay, but  
otherwise they are safe. Many of the fraudu-  
lent products are harmless, too. The coffee is  
made up of old grounds from restaurants and  
hotels, yellow ochre, beans, peas, beef blood,  
bread crusts and a coloring matter. Cheap tea  
is nothing but weeds flavored and colored by  
lead. There is more danger in cheap flour,  
because the sweepings from the mill floors con-  
tain microbes. The subject of impure foods  
must be taken in hand, and if an example was  
made of a few dealers the evil would be miti-  
gated, if not cured."

**PATENT RECORD.**

The following list of United States patents  
granted to Canadian inventors, June 11th and  
18th, 1895, is reported for this paper, by James  
Sangster, patent attorney, Buffalo, N.Y.:

William J. Gurd, Sarnia, fluid and gas  
meter.

Henry E. Moffat, Galt, feed-water purifier  
for boilers.

Joseph Moses, Toronto, sink.

George L. Darling, Simcoe, bicycle-gearing.

Robert H. Verity, assignor to Verity Plow  
Company, Brantford, jaw and clevis for plows.  
Edmond H. Cusson, Montreal, die for stamp-  
ing cigars.

Edward J. Devine, Port Arthur, electric-  
train signal.

David H. Ferguson, Montreal, tobacco pipe.

David Menard, St. Paul d'Abotsford, horse-  
shoer's stand.

Leonard L. Merrifield, Franklin, Mass.,  
assignor to Economical Gas Apparatus Con-  
struction Company, Ltd., Toronto, Canada,  
apparatus for manufacture of gas.

John C. Smith, Montreal, gas governor.

The following United States patents were  
granted to Canadian inventors, June 25th, 1895:

Harman Bunker, Barrie, press.

Robert Bustin, assignor of five-sixths to R.  
K. Jones, St. John; W. Vanwart and R. Mc-  
Connell, Fredericton, car fender.

George Cunin, Montreal, machine for making  
crimped stove-pipe elbows.

John Galt, Toronto, hot water boiler.

Charles L. Higgins, Montreal, clip for at-  
taching and holding in book-covers, counter-  
checks, manifold copy books, etc.

Fred. D. Linton, Toronto, rotary snow-plow.

Frank S. Mead, Montreal, gas engine.

Alfred E. Trevithick, Montreal, track-clear-  
ing apparatus.

—At the Christian Endeavor meeting in  
Boston recently, a San Francisco clergyman,  
Rev. Dr. Dillie, said, in the course of his  
reply to an address of welcome by the Boston  
people: "We are here from every land where  
the language of Shakespeare and Milton is  
spoken—for our imperial unconquerable race  
is one, on both sides of the St. Lawrence, both  
sides of the Atlantic, and in Australasia, that  
Greater Britain beneath the Southern Cross.  
See yonder host hailing from the Dominion—  
an empire that has an area forty times that of  
the British Isles, seventeen times that of the  
empire of Prussia, and twelve times that of the  
republic of France; a land that has rivers and  
lakes still unknown to song, and valleys un-  
trodden by the foot of civilization, which will  
yet resound to the tread of a population as vast  
as that of Europe."