

The analysis of potato flour is as follows, excluding water; which, of course, is a considerable element :

	Per cent.
Pure starch flour	98.98
Mineral substances	0.4
Albumen	0.28
Starch covers, etc.....	0.34
	100

What is left of the potatoes after the starch is extracted is fed to cattle and swine, and is said to be available also for sundry uses in distilleries, breweries, and sugar factories.

BUTTER IN JAPAN.

The imports of butter into Japan for the year 1897 amounted to 136,863 catties, or 182,484 pounds, at a declared value of about \$37,500 gold. Of this quantity, the United States furnished 73,000 pounds, France 32,000 pounds, and Austria, Denmark, Germany, Holland, Italy, and Switzerland the rest. The larger quantity imported from the United States comes from California. The average price is about seventy sen per pound, or some thirty-five cents gold. A small quantity is imported from Canada, and Danish and Dutch brands are quite popular.

The demand for butter is chiefly confined to the foreign population and vessels touching at Japanese ports, and is, of course, somewhat limited. Creamery butter, properly prepared for table use and put up in attractive packages in such a manner as to preserve its sweetness and keep it fresh, would speedily control the market.

There is no trouble in procuring sweet butter from October to March or April, but during the rest of the year all butter in Yokohama seems to become more or less rancid. Butter carefully wrapped in cloth and packed in tins, and seemingly sweet when first opened, becomes rancid when exposed to the air. The native output is quite limited.

DRIED APPLES IN FRANCE.

During the year 1897 upwards of 12,000 barrels of dried apples were received by the merchants of Nantes. These apples are chopped into slices just as they come from the trees, including stems, seeds, and skins. After being dried or evaporated, they are packed into barrels ready for shipment. They are used for making cider. The apples are soaked in water, to which a little sugar is added. They retail for from sixteen to eighteen centimes a kilogram, which is a little more than seven cents a pound. In nearly every grocery in Nantes,