

PATENT ELASTIC EGGS.

Since the earliest appearance of man on the planet, the adulteration of food has been practised. The earliest writers (to give this article a further encyclopaedic flavor) speak of the herdsmen going down to the river to put water in the goat-skin milk-bags before starting for the city. This mixture was the prototype of the present wholly artificial compound now delivered at our basement doors and dumb-waiter shafts every morning by the milkman. There are not many other natural food products which have not been superseded by the artificial article. Eggs have been among the few things which have held out against the inventor. True, Keely, of Keely's Motor, has experimented on eggs, but nothing would satisfy him but an egg which he could hatch out under an artificial hen connected with steam pipes, and so far he has not succeeded in producing such an egg. It is announced, however, that the question of artificial eggs has at last been settled by a Parsons, Kansas, man named James Storey. Mr. Storey has secured letters patent on his invention, and will immediately begin manufacturing on a large scale. "I can," says Mr. Storey in his circular, "put in an egg plant for \$500 and manufacture for three cents a dozen." The gentleman does not seem to have intended any fun in this, so the country will wish him success.

In the Storey egg no deception will be attempted. Mr. Storey could, if he wished, produce an egg which could not be distinguished from the natural product of the hen, but he prefers something different for various reasons. Instead of being inclosed in a brittle and unsubstantial shell, the Storey egg will be contained in a thin rubber bag, just the size and shape of an ordinary egg-shell. The egg can thus be carried in the pocket or even sat on with impunity. This will greatly lessen the cost of transportation, as they can be shipped as ordinary freight, or even, in the case of small quantities, be sent through the mails. The Storey egg will be soft and elastic and will make an excellent plaything for the children until wanted in the kitchen for omelet or frying-pan. The empty shells can be returned by mail and ten per cent of the first price will be allowed for them on future orders. The egg proper will be exactly like a hen's egg in chemical composition and appearance. "There is one place, though," says the ingenious Mr. Storey, "where the hen's egg will probably be continued in use. I refer to public entertainments which do not meet the approval of the audience. My eggs would not break when they struck the person aimed at. Later on, however, I may, during the humorous lecture season, supply an egg aged at the factory under my personal supervision, with an ordinary shell."

Mr. Storey does not intend his eggs for hatching purposes, as the vital principle is lacking, but he believes in the idea that electricity is life, having seen the statement in a newspaper somewhere, and he hopes some time to imprison a spark of electricity in his eggs (where it will be insulated by the rubber shell) which will render them so that they can be hatched by a hen of ordinary intelligence. This seems reasonable, though we fear that Mr. Storey will have to put up a small pair of scissors or a sharp knife in each egg for the little artificial chick to use in cutting his way through the tough rubber shell. But time no doubt, is the only thing that is needed to solve all of these points, and certainly the whole country (barring a few conservative hen-owners) will be glad to know that eggs are soon coming down to three cents a dozen.

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CHARLOTTETOWN. - His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor aroused a great deal of indignation on the Queen's birthday, by preventing people walking to Victoria by way of the shore in front of Government House. It appears that some person or persons unknown, had moved some fencing or had been guilty of some other mis-deed displeasing to Mr. Carvell, who punished the whole community on the same principle as a schoolmaster thrashes all his boys in turn to be certain that he gives the unknown guilty one a taste of the rod. Mr. Albert McNeill, one of our younger lawyers, has since published a letter questioning the legality of the Governor's act, but whatever be the merits of the question from one side or the other, the fact remains that many citizens were inconvenienced and forced to take a long, hot and dusty walk, which must have seriously interfered with the pleasure of their visit to the Park. Mr. Carvell, who is known to be a very kind man, must have been much annoyed, and probably now regrets the way he vented his displeasure.

His Honor the Master of the Rolls entertained at breakfast on Tuesday of last week the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Bishop of Charlottetown, the Queen's Counsels, the Masters in Chancery and the Registrar of the Court.

The Caledonian Club, at their last quarterly meeting, congratulated Hon. A. A. Macdonald their chief, upon his call to the senate.

By his will the late Hon. John Lefurgy of Summerside, leaves his personal property, together with the annual interest of \$50,000 to his widow. The balance of his large fortune, remaining after paying a few small legacies to relatives, is divided among his children, each of his three sons receiving \$20,000 for every \$50,000 to each of his four daughters.

On the feast of corpis christi, about one hundred children received first communion at the first mass in St. Dunstan's Cathedral. At the second mass, Reverend John P. McGrath and John A. McDonald were ordained priests by His Lordship the Bishop of Charlottetown, who, in the afternoon, confirmed a large number of children.

In the bye-election of Friday last, Mr. A. B. Warburton (Liberal), defeated Dr. McNeill (conservative) by a majority of 223 votes.

The academical year of Prince of Wales College ended last Friday: the closing exercises of speech-making, singing, reading of valedictory and essays, taking place in the Philharmonic Hall. The standard of this school is fast being raised, and the character of the instruction given made more in keeping with the requirements of our people. The staff has been added to this year by the appointment of Prof. Shuttleworth as teacher of Agricultural Chemistry.

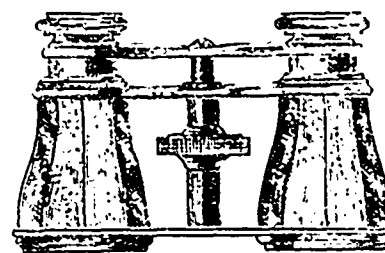
Captain Alexander Cameron arrived on Monday in the new steamer "Northumberland" which he brought out from England for the Charlottetown Steam Navigation Company. The new vessel is a beautiful boat, handsomely fitted and furnished with all modern improvements. She has ample passenger accommodation, with such luxuries as smoking room and lavatories.

The Captain was accompanied by Mrs. Cameron whose coming home must have been a sad one. During her short absence her father, Henry Longworth Esquire, had died, and, on the day before her return, her niece, Isabel Helen, the only daughter of Mr. Warren Longworth, was buried. The death of this child, who was but ten years of age, throws gloom over the home at Glynwood, where she was much loved.

Mrs. W. Owen arrived last week from Ottawa to spend the summer with her family. Miss Edith Longworth returned with her. We understand there will later on be a further re-union in the advent of Miss Agnes Longworth from New York.

Rev. Dr. McGlynn is lecturing here. The Philharmonic Concert is announced for Thursday of this week, the principle feature to be the rendition of "The Golden Legend."

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