BOILED EGGS FOR KLONDIKE.

The Canadian Farmer Thinks He Has the Basis of a Fortune.

HIS NEW PROCESS.

Cooked His Eggs Last Summer, Gave Them a Clay Coat, and They Are Still Fresh.

The anxiety of the Canadian authorities to do all in their power to send provisions to the Klondike miners this Winter has been the means of stimulating people interested in the question to the invention of some novel ideas, but the most curious is that of an old farmer, who intends to make a trip to the new mining region as soon as the Spring weather opens with a load of hard-boiled eggs. Jason Edwards is not a visionary theorist, but a hard-headed business farmer, who owns one of the largest poultry farms a few miles east of Toronto. His annual supply of eggs numbers nearly 200,000. It has long been a matter of concern with him how to dispose of these at a big profit. He realized that if he could preserve his eggs laid in Summer for Winter use he would reap a fortune in a few years. So he has spent much time in experimenting with various methods of preserving eggs.

How to Keep Eggs.

"I have discovered at last a method of preserving eggs, in perfectly fresh condition," he says, "but I shall not be able to make use of the discovery until next Summer, when the eggs are plenty. I shall begin next season and preserve every egg that my hens lay, and by the middle of Winter I shall begin to market them on a wholesale scale.

"But meanwhile I have made another discovery. Last August, when the rush for the Klondike started, I began to think of some way of reaping a profit out of it. I knew I was no miner, and that I would die before I could get rich digging for gold. But if eggs would make my fortune I would get there. What I don't know about eggs and hens ain't worth knowing. An idea struck me, or, rather, I stole my idea from Li Hung Chang when he visited New York. To say we can't learn anything from the Chinese is making a pretty broad statement. Now come down into my storeroom and look at my cargo that I shall carry to the Klondike in early Spring."

He led the way down into an underground cellar, where there were numerous barrels and boxes piled up in tiers. Opening one of these, he disclosed to view the most curious looking eggs that a man ever saw. They were of a dark clay color and rough to the touch. In fact, there was nothing about them to indicate that they were eggs except their oval form.

"Don't look much like eggs, do they? No, they don't; but wait until I break one."

He gave the egg a sharp rap with a knife handle and it cracked in two. As the shell fell apart it revealed the white hen's egg inside. The part that was outside was nothing but a husk—an artificial covering of clay. When this was peeled off the egg shell looked very natural; but when it was broken open the white part of the meat was tinged a little with green, and the yolk was a shade darker than that of the ordinary egg.

Boiled It Last Summer.

"Now eat it and see if it isn't good. I don't believe you could tell it from a fresh hard boiled egg. Yet I boiled that egg late last August, and it will be just as good next Summer as it is to-day. It would make delicious eating to the miners in the Klondike, who rarely get eggs or fresh meat. I have preserved thousands of them in this way, and I shall sell them to the miners in the Klondike next Summer. They are as cheap to transport as meat, and eggs bring far more than meat up there. Nobody has attempted to take eggs. They have carried canned goods and milk of all kinds, but eggs have been omitted from their bills of fare.

"How did I do it? Well, simply this way: I boiled the eggs hard, and then while they were hot I packed them in soft clay and put them in a cool place to dry. In this condition they will keep forever. I understood that Li Hung Chang's commissariat brought to New York with him eggs preserved in this way that were reputed to be 1,000 years old. I thought I would try the experiment, and sure enough it worked. I have some duck eggs that are treated in a similar way. I have followed out the Chinese method in this instance, too. Instead of using clay for covering the shells I take a paste of charcoal. This has even a better preservative effect upon the eggs than the clay, and I wish now that I had used it on the hens' eggs.

"I expect to start for Klondike in March and get there in time for the rush. I expect to get about $1 apiece for my hard boiled eggs. There may be a disposition at first not to accept such peculiar diet; but a little demonstration will satisfy any one that the eggs are as good as fresh ones. If you like your eggs served hot, drop them in boiling water just long enough to heat them through, and they will be as good as any you ever tasted. When chopped up they make excellent relishes with meats and gravies. The only drawback is that you can't beat them up for cakes and puddings. That is why I have no demand for them in this country, where fresh eggs can be obtained."

A Fortune in Sight.

Then, looking reflectively at a large flock of clucking hens, he changed the subject by adding:

"But I have the secret of preserving eggs that will bring me a fortune in a few years. No more limed eggs or refrigerator eggs on this farm. I don't have to bury them in sand or sawdust, either. When they get to market no man can tell them from the fresh-laid eggs. I have a patent process all my own, and no man deserves it more than I do. I've spent half my life raising chickens and eggs and the other half in experimenting with methods to preserve them. I think now I'll go out of the chicken business and just buy up fresh eggs in the Summer and preserve them for Winter sale. I can get all I want in Summer for 15 cents per dozen, and will sell them for 25 cents and 30 cents a dozen. Calculate how much profit that would leave me on a thousand, and then multiply that by ten and 100. There is no end to the business. If I oversupply the Winter market in Canada and the States I'll ship a boatload to England. Why, bless me, England has to import a billion and a half of eggs every year, and she don't get enough then. She pays a good price for these in the Winter.

"I don't suppose you know that artificial eggs are now made and sold in the market. Well, England uses a great many of these, and so does every other country. But they are not artificial eggs sold in shells. They are sold in bulk, with the shells off them, and they go to bakers, confectioners and such people. They are made of carrots, saffron and other compounds, and when baked up into an omelet or cake you wouldn't know them from the natural ones. In fact, they are much superior to natural stale eggs any day. You can buy these artificial eggs in bulk by the quart or bushel, same's you would oysters or clams. They don't make a very nice looking mess; but they are not half so bad to the taste as to the sight.

The Artificial Egg.

"Ten years ago I spent my time trying to make artificial eggs, and worked like a fool trying to make a shell of lime, starch and glue. I could make a pretty fair imitation of the white and yolk of an egg; but the shell bothered me. How to make a good imitation shell and then get the white and yolk inside was a problem. I spent so much time over it that my business nearly went to pieces. Then one day I read that artificial eggs had been made, and I went down to New York to see them. I wanted to find the man who had succeeded where I had failed. Well, sir, the artificial eggs were served up to me in an omelet or scrambled; but when I asked to see the eggs in the shell they told me they didn't put them up in that form. They were sold in bulk with no shells on them.

"Then I felt like kicking myself, for here was a man who had appropriated my very idea of making the insides of the eggs, and was getting rich selling the stuff, while I was worrying and fussing over manufacturing a shell. And what good is a shell after all? Nobody eats it, or uses it. When I got home I was so mad that I set up a business for myself to run that Yankee out, and I did in Canada. I got the start of him here, and made a good business in selling artificial eggs without the shells. But the business is rather overdone now, and there isn't much profit in it. You can't sell even an artificial egg at a profit for much less than 10c. a dozen.

"Yes, I was speaking first of preserving fresh eggs, but I didn't say how it was to be done. I simply said I had discovered the secret. It wouldn't do for me to give that away, for everybody in the land would be preserving them. I will merely say that I do it by giving each egg a chemical bath just as soon as laid. This bath closes up the pores of the shells, and makes them absolutely airtight. In this condition they will retain their freshness and sweetness for years. Of course, I don't know just how many. Time will tell that. One year, however, is sufficient for all purposes. Next Summer I'll treat several hundred thousand of them to this chemical bath, and when Winter comes I'll have a corner in eggs in this country. If successful I'll buy enough the next season to control the egg markets of the world; I'll make my pile in eggs yet, and then retire from business. I haven't studied these old hens and thei eggs for a lifetime for nothing."—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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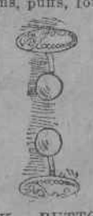

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