

**The Future of The Oyster**

As the Chesapeake oyster crop has grown annually less, the general demand has grown annually greater. The oyster appetite prevails from the Alleghenies to the Rockies, and the great interior has in the past looked to the Chesapeake Bay to meet the demand for the savory mollusk. But in recent years this general demand has been supplied largely from the bayous and estuaries of the gulf coast. The inlets from the Long Island sound and those that indent the coast of New Jersey are also producing an output of high-grade oysters that is increasing constantly from a careful and intelligent system of artificial culture. Many of these northern beds are supplied with young oysters from the lower Chesapeake, especially from Virginia waters. Original propagation has been adopted in many of the northern waters where the natural supply has become almost extinct. Notwithstanding the fact that the oyster product has been increased vastly in other sections by artificial breeding, the present price of the oyster is double that which prevailed a generation back. It is to be feared that the oyster may in time become a high-priced dainty instead of a general article of diet.—Baltimore American.

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