

PEARLS GROWN LIKE ANY OTHER CROP IN JAPAN

Pebble Inserted in Oyster
Becomes Valuable
Gem.

This is the third of a series on the modern Japan and its industrial leaders.

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TOBA, Japan, July 15.—For the first time, the pearl king of Japan, Kokichi Mikimoto, has permitted outsiders to look in on the secrets of his pearl farm here, where oysters are induced to yield vast quantities of these most precious of all gems at will.

Centuries ago the silkworm was known only in its wild state and spun its cocoon haphazard. Now it is cultivated and controlled like any other crop. In much the same way oysters until recently produced only an occasional pearl, and this very much at random, and it remained for a poor peasant peddler of this little hamlet on the inland sea to solve the mystery of the pearl and produce it virtually without limit.

I have just been permitted to view the entire process, from beginning to end, including what goes on inside that strange laboratory which holds the principal secret of the pearl king's discovery. And here is how pearls are created:

Nurse Oysters 3 Years

First the floating larvae of oysters are collected in specially constructed wire cages suspended from rafts floating in the sea. Inside are plates to which the larvae attach themselves.

In this manner from 10,000 to 15,000 young oysters are nursed along in each cage for three years, the cages being raised from time to time to be cleaned of parasitical growths and to see that they are not being harmed by their greatest enemy, the octopus, or cold or discolored currents which sometimes sweep in from the open sea. At the end of three years the oysters, now of a size, are brought into the laboratory. There surgeons operate upon them. A wooden wedge about half an inch thick is inserted to hold the jaws of the shell apart while a tiny mother-of-pearl sphere, about the size of a small bird shot, is covered with the membrane or skirt of another, newly-opened oyster and so prepared for insertion.

Operate on Bivalves

Now, by means of fine, specially-made surgical instruments, the body of the pearl-bearing oyster is punctured to a depth of about half an inch near the point where it is attached to its shell, and the membrane-covered bead introduced. The oyster is then returned, in its free state this time, to the bottom of the sea.

For seven years the oyster is left to itself on the floor of the ocean. Then "amas," or diving girls, plunge to the bottom and bring them up. Girls, it appears, make better divers than men. They are attached by a small rope to a floating tub into which they put the oysters as they are brought up from the bottom.

3,000,000 Planted Yearly

All that now remains is to open the oysters and bring the pearls from their bodies, back in another laboratory where the pearls are graded. A comparatively small number of the pearls are perfect, but when it is realized that the Mikimoto pearl farms are eight in number and cover a total of more than 40,000 acres, and that 3,000,000 oysters are planted each year, the actual quantity of perfect pearls produced is found to be astounding.

Some of the oysters produce no pearls at all, but absorb the bead into their systems. Others produce discolored spheres resembling a pebble. Out of some 200 which I saw opened, 70 per cent, I should say, produced pearls varying in size from a BB shot to a large buckshot.

LIQUOR RUNNING KING ARRESTED IN NORWAY

Used Huge Fortune Developing
Great Smuggling Business.

STOCKHOLM, July 15.—Norway's king of liquor smugglers, Marius Measane, a giant in physique, whose exploits on Norway's "rum row" have been surrounded with a halo of the picturesque, has been arrested at Gothenburg.

Measane amassed a huge fortune, which he used freely to develop liquor smuggling from Sweden. He bought large tracts of mountainous and rocky land on the coast and constructed cunningly hidden natural harbors from caves blasted away by dynamite. He owned most of the many smuggling vessels which used these specially built harbors.

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Approximately 300,000,000 pike fry have been distributed this spring from the nine hatcheries to thousands of persons in the state for planting in the various lakes.

SINGER FREED OF SPY CHARGE

Woman Cleared of 'German' Brand After 14 Years.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—After fourteen years of effort Mrs. Caroline Bartlett, well-known New York singer, finally has succeeded in removing the stigma from her name caused by being branded a German spy during the World war.

Mrs. Bartlett, who was formerly Miss Caroline Gott of La Grange, O., was placed under suspicion in 1915 while in this country raising supplies for French hospitals, when a Cleveland newspaper carried a story she was a German spy. Although Mrs. Bartlett immediately declared the story was false, she found every hope of early vindication blocked by government red tape.

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