

tin No. 34, experiments with sorghum in 1891, by Prof. H. W. Wiley.)

The sugar crystallized readily and separated perfectly in the centrifugals from the syrup in from two to five minutes. By the processes hereinbefore mentioned the sorghum grower of the central States may compete with the grower of ordinary cane in the South. From an acre of good sorghum may be obtained a barrel of nice nearly white sugar, equal in every way to ordinary cane sugar.

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It is doubtful if cane can be profitably raised more than three miles from a central factory, and besides enough cane can be raised within two miles of the factory to supply all of its demands. Such being the fact, the central and northern States must hope to make their own supply of sugar, not by individual factories, but by a system of central factories put up on a large scale and equipped for all the steps of molasses and sugar making.

The amount of sugar consumed in the United States for the year ending June 30, 1890, was about three billion pounds (an average of fifty-five pounds per capita), and there were eighty million gallons of molasses consumed.

The United States produced about one-tenth of the sugar and one-fifth of the molasses. Hence the necessity for increasing our sugar producing crops, *viz.*: the southern cane and the northern sorghum and the beet.¹

¹ To these may be added "corn cane," for a most interesting discussion of which the reader is referred to *Science* during the month of September, 1893.

—The third annual meeting of the Ohio Academy of Science was held at Columbus on Dec. 28 and 29, 1893. The usual necessary formal business was done, and papers were read on various subjects connected with geology, botany, entomology, ornithology, and a beginning was made in chemistry and astronomy, which have not previously claimed their fair share of attention. The following among the papers read may claim notice here: "On the Evolution of Indian Corn," by Mr. W. A. Kellerman; "Distribution of North American Lepidoptera in Norway," by Prof. F. M. Webster; "On Certain New and Known Marine Infusoria," by Dr. D. S. Kellicott; "Lake Licking; a Contribution to the Buried Drainage of Ohio," by Prof. W. G. Tight; "Further Study of the Wheat Scale," by Prof. A. D. Selby; "On a New Fossil Crustacean from the Water-Lime," by Prof. E. W. Clappole; "A Revision of the Lichens of Ohio," by Mr. E. E. Bogue, and "On the Nutritive Value of Common Fruit," by Prof. W. R. Lazenby. Arrangements were also completed for the organization of a Natural History Survey of the State. Three directors were appointed, Professors Clappole, Kellicott and Kellerman, whose duties were simply to enlist and arrange all the volunteer laborers who could be induced to take part in the work and aid them in the choice of fields and in the prosecution of their labors, leaving the whole method or responsibility in their hands as much as if they were independent workers. These results when obtained will be presented to the Academy, by the authors if possible, referred to suitable experts and, at the discretion of the Academy, printed in the annual report. The organization of the undertaking is the most important one of the still young academy. Prof. F. W. Webster, of the Agricultural Experiment Station, was elected president for 1894.

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