### DEL-MAR-VALEADS WORLD IN SEAFOOD PRODUCTION

in the hands of the people of the consider that the natural water re- geese, diamond-back terrapin, suc-Del-Mar-Va peninsula resources for sources of the peninsula were placed culent oysters, a hundred varieties their sustenance as well as for their at their very doors for their special of fish, crabs, and on the land, ber-

In each of the three States mak- they see them, jealously. ing up the Peninsula, but particu- While oyster culture is in effect The seafood industry has not land and Virginia, a business of proven its value in both States, on the Peninsula without effort and that averaged the cleanliness and sanitary conditions in the satching and sale of sea- production by nature, and but little On several occasions, the most to the imagination, and the history cultivated by private planters. of the business has a romantic ap- Yet in the rare cases where to the Del-Mar-Va oysters, and

widely known as the land of the to bear evidence that the watermen ed specifically with an epidemic of "diamond-back terrapin," and at of Maryland have some basis for typhoid fever in Chicago, and several Crisfield, Md., and in Accamac coun- their stand, nature replenishes the other cities of the Middle West. ty, Virginia, farms are conducted for growing and marketing of this fam- each year and the supply seems able tive efforts of Governor Ritchie, the ous food for epicures.

Diamond Backs their slaves "diamond backs" more through the capes soon has cause to than once a week because it made regret it did not detour from the them lazy and fat.

ago Baltimore was the center of press or motor trucks. the oyster industry in Maryland, the A decidedly interesting trend in PLUMBING and HEATING

which statistics have not been gath- year by year. ered, showed a steady increase in To insure the consumer the flavor this office. the number of gallons shipped.

oysters, large as they are, do not ac- methods of handling are invented count for the major portion of the each season oysters handled on the Del-Mar-Va Peninsula, Cambridge, Md. being a Year after year conservationists large shipping point and at least 50 warn of the extinction of the shad. other towns on the Peninsular furn- Yet season after season, as the ishing their quota in the total vol- March wind blows, the shad come ume marketed. Production Declines

though the waters of Tangier and bles of the ultimate consumer. Pocomoke sounds are capable of With oysters and fish there is Our office is equipped with all th

one particular locality, it often is | ' make their appearance, are Our 12 years or continuous practice built up in others, so the proposi- caught, and shipped to every State insures satisfaction with the MOS'! tion has been met in this instance. in the Union and Canada. The day of the power freight boat | Last season, at least one shipis here, and these tramps of the ment was successfully made from Chesapeake bay and the waters of Crisfield to London, England. Some Delaware and Virginia make their journey indeed, for a soft crab, the way to every section in which oys- most perishable of sea foods, and ters are caught and transport them | carefully was the shipment to the markets eager to receive prepared, and cared for on its jour-

ods, the dredge boats themselves oughly enoyed in Lonjdon. not only caught the oysters, but To authoritatively state the voltransported them to market, and in ume of business done on the peninthe rivers and shallow waters of sulta in soft shell crabs, and in hard purchased and transported to the gle day.

gance of old-fashioned methods and more than 1000 dozens per day by hesitation to start a program of one firm are common. oyster culture, the Chesapeake bay Here again, as in most branches for years to come. Guard Their Rights

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larly in the Shore counties of Mary- in Delaware and Virginia, the has been built up to present proportions such magnitude has been built up Maryland still clings to the idea of tribulation. feeds that the totals are staggering of the oyster-producing bottom is notable of which occurred in 1924-25

planting is being done intelligently, crimes of a startling nature were The Del-Mar-Va Peninsula is the regard is great. And yet, as if imputed to them. They were charg-

Not so many years ago, as time It is now shad and herring time oysters, the charge was proven false, is caunted, an old law was in effect on the Peninsula, and the unwary that slave owners could not feed shad or herring that makes its way

much-traveled channels. When we consider that terrapin of Nets are spread—the leaping, livthis same species, measuring seven ing fish are caught, transported to inches in length, readily bring about various shipping points and once Denistry at a reasonable cash fee -100 per dozen today, some misun- again the glory of the Chesapeake derstanding can be had of the rap- bay shad is a reality. So well has idity with which this famous Chesa- this business been organized of late peake delicacy has almost disappear- years that the fish are iced right at 347 W. High St. ed from the markets of the country. the pounds, run to shipping points Chestertown, It is in the catching and shipping in fast motorboats, barreled and boxof oysters and crabs. however, that ed, and iced again, and then shipped the Peninsula excels. Ten years to the markets of the country by ex-

couties of Delaware did little busi- the transportation of fish is the ness in this sea food and the Shore number of packages now being counties of Virginia were producers transported to Philadelphia, New of a negligible quantity of oysters, York and other Eastern cities by as compared with the volume mark- motor truck. Five years ago this method of transportation was un- Chestertown, Today Crisfield is without doubt known. Today a large fleet daily the largest shipping point for oys- makes its way out of Crisfield, the WANTED.

the number of bushels handled and and absolutely freshness of the delectable shad every ingenuity is employed and new methods better WM. C. SUTTON And yet Crisfield's shipments of ployed and new methods, better

Warn of Extinction swimming strongly, in school after school apparently eager to be caught It is undeniably true that, al- and find a lasting repose on the ta-

growing sufficient bivalves to feed naturally linked the sift shell crab. latest instruments for making a the the people of the whole Eastern sea- Nowhere. apparently, has Nature so rough and scientific examination o board, the production of oysters has carefully prepjared a dwelling place th EYE. steadily declined until today the for soft shells as on the Del-Mar-Va By our method of Shadow testing quantity caught and marketed is peninsula. And from the waters of a see able to fix glasses without hav Delaware to the Virginia Capes, as ing to depend upon what the patient But, just as industry declines in the weather waxes warmer, soft way say.

ney across the Atlantic, that the And where, under the old meth- crabs were fresh, edible and thor-

the Peninsula the same applied to crabs and crab meat, is impossible. the tongers, today the power boat is Theer are no statistics available searching the broad waters of boy that are dependable, because crabs and sounds and tributary rivers, are caught in such wide areas, and buying here a few bushels, there a marketed from so many different few more, and in the case of the points. Large shippers in some large dredge boats, hundreds and cases have forwarded to the various thousands of bushels at a time are markets about 300 dozens in a sinvarious shucking and shipping Shipments of 2000 dozens per

day by a single firm are hardly out In spite of waste and extrava- of the ordinary, and shipments of

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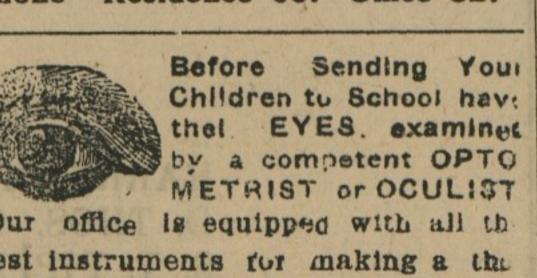
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