



Corn Exchange, Swindon Old Town

Trade And Inventions Exhibition

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT THE CORN EXCHANGE

A grand exhibition of some of the leading manufacturing firms of the Kingdom was opened in the Corn Exchange, Swindon, on Tuesday afternoon. The various stalls were tastefully arranged, and altogether formed a very potent exhibition. Messrs John Wright and Co., of Birmingham, the largest and oldest gas cooking stove company in the world, had a splendid display of the "Eureka" gas cookers and "Queen" gas fires, which might be obtained through the Swindon Gas Company.

George J. Hutchings, of London had on view his patent steam cooker, which might be used on a range of gas or oil stove, and contains four compartments.

Next was Mr J.W. Merrill's (Sheffield) array of patent, "Busy Buff" knife cleaners which are sold at the nominal price of 6d.

On another stall were exhibited Bird's (Birmingham) well known custard, blancmange, crystal jelly, baking and concentrated egg powders; free tasting samples being supplied at the stand.

Matchless metal polish was displayed on the next stand, and opposite were Vinolia soaps. The "Nuggett" waterproof black and brown boot polishes were also shown.

Messrs Lewis and Company made and served various sweets at the stall.

George Cowen and Co., of Sheffield had a good show of cutlery of their own manufacture, making a speciality of cheap goods for the occasion, carving knives and forks being sold for a small sum of 11½d. the pair.

The goods of Mr. A. J. Gilbert, house furnisher, of Swindon, are too well known to need introduction, and he certainly had an excellent and imposing display of general goods at this exhibition.

Messrs. Cadbury Bros., of Birmingham, showed some of their renowned cocoa and chocolate.

Messrs. Lewis and Co. of Liverpool, staged quite £500 worth of Parisian and Oriental jewellery, and at a stall close by visitors could have their sight tested by a representative of the same firm, who would provide a pair of spectacles to suit any persons needing the same. There was also a stand at which visitors could get articles engraved.

Miss S. Thwaites, principal of the International School of Cookery, gave some very instructive cookery lectures at 3-30, and will continue the course each afternoon and evening at 3-30 and 7-30 until Friday, September 19th, to which date the exhibition will be continued in this town.

Excellent selections of music were rendered by Mademoiselle Streble's Ladies Quartette at intervals.

The admission to the exhibition is free, and credit is deserved by the manager, Mr. Jones, for the excellent arrangements made.

The side attractions, for which nominal charges are made, include an illusion termed the "Flying Lady," and a cinematograph, by which pictures of the Coronation, Lord Kitchener's arrival at Southampton, and other up-to-date photos are shown.

Swindon Advertiser, Friday, 12 September 1902