

I COULD EAT A HORSE

The history of horsemeat in Europe, from blue-collar staple to gourmet delicacy.

From Larousse Gastronomique, the encyclopedia of food:

"Horse butchery — the slaughter of horses for human consumption—

Horseflesh, forbidden in Mosaic law, was eaten from time immemorial in Tartary and northern lands. For centuries, it has been the principal food of the Gauchos Indians in South America, the Teutons also lived on horsemeat until their conversion to Christianity."

The people of Paris have always eaten horsemeat, in spite of numerous eighteenth-century police ordinances forbidding its sale in the hope of "preventing those diseases which the consumption of such meat cannot fail to induce." In spite of the fact that horsemeat was in use during the revolutionary period, the order prohibiting its sale was re-enacted in 1803, and again in 1811. There followed special orders permitting the use of horsemeat as animal food, for zoo animals in particular.

The interdiction was finally revoked in about 1830 following the publicly expressed views of Baron Larrey, who had used horsemeat extensively to feed his wounded men during the Napoleonic wars. After the battle of Eylau, being entirely cut off from supplies on the Isle of Lobau, he made soup of it in the breastplates of the dismounted cavalry and seasoned it with gunpowder in place of salt. At the instigation of Geoffrey Saint-Hilaire, there followed an ardent propaganda campaign in favor of horsemeat. This was crowned with success when, on Feb. 6, 1865, a horsemeat banquet took place at the establishment of Lemardelay, a Paris horse-butcher. Since then, horsemeat has become more and more popular and the number of horse-butcher shops, or *boucherie chevaline*, greatly increased.

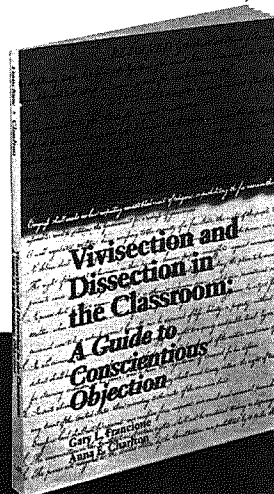
Today in France, horsemeat is sold in shops which sell only that. The meat, which is lean and tender, is cut at the same joints and cooked by the same methods as beef. The fat is yellower, but otherwise the meat is similar in appearance to beef. It is considered a delicacy and commands luxury prices.

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