

liberal, as the distance he had been taken did not exceed a mile. The defendant however, demanded 1s. 6d., and said he should not take less, as he had driven beyond his radius.

The defendant admitted that he had made a "slight mistake," the part of the town being new to him, and, in fact, being out of his latitude.

Mr. Norton observed that this was coming it rather strong as his real fare did not appear to be more than 6d. He then convicted him in a penalty of 14s. and costs.

At some point, C.T. Sparks went into partnership with his father in-law, as wholesale stationers, though the business at Watling Street was only ever in the name of John Newman.

It is not known if there was a link between Charles Terry Sparks' two business partnerships: as an East India Agent and as a wholesale stationer.

The stationery partnership was dissolved in 1867, with John Newman carrying on the business alone, as he had done before taking on his son in-law. Also in 1867, or soon thereafter, Charles ceased working as an East India Agent and vacated number 7 Shoe Lane.

For the following two years, Charles and family lived at Sandwich, in Kent. There are no records to indicate what the family did in Sandwich, other than producing two more children, but it is safe to assume that any business venture was not successful enough to keep them there. They moved back to London, residing at 3 Norfolk Terrace, Lambeth, by April 1871, with their seven children, aged between thirteen and one, along with a 74 year-old nurse who had already been with them for at least ten years, and a 13 year-old domestic servant whom they had brought up from Sandwich.

The 1871 census shows Charles' occupation as 'Clerk', which is both unenlightening as to his actual occupation and implies a role more menial than we might expect of him. It would also be less remunerative than would be required to support a large family and two servants.

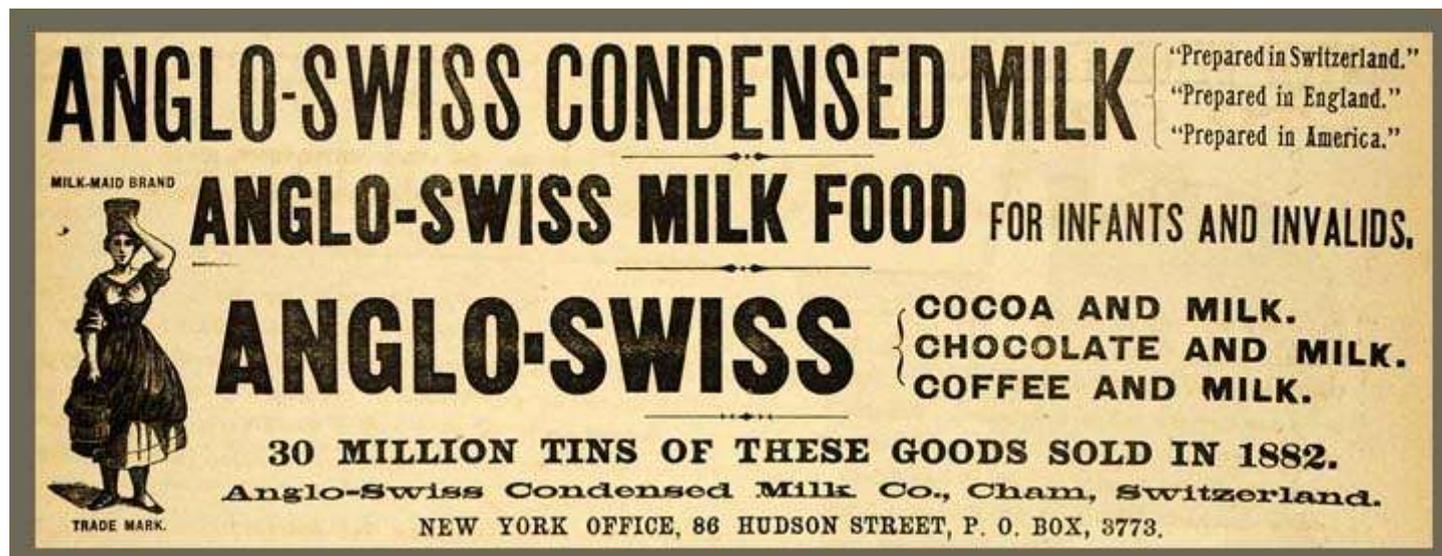
Charles' wife, Emma died in 1876



Soon after the invention of condensed milk, the Anglo-Swiss Milk Company, based in Switzerland, was formed in 1866. The company exported condensed milk to England until 1875, when they set up a condensing plant in Aylesbury. It might have been at that time that Charles Terry Sparks became their manager.

By 1881, C.T. Sparks and family were living at 39 Canterbury Road, Brixton, where he stayed for the rest of his life. Also in 1881, Charles' eldest son, 22 year-old Charles Newman Sparks, was working for the Anglo-Swiss Milk Company, as a clerk.

I wonder if C.T. Sparks had any creative input into the rather humorous and surprisingly modern advertisement of the country store keeper trying to convince the young lady to buy condensed milk instead of cold cream?



ANGLO-SWISS CONDENSED MILK { "Prepared in Switzerland."
"Prepared in England."
"Prepared in America."

MILK-MAID BRAND
ANGLO-SWISS MILK FOOD FOR INFANTS AND INVALIDS.

ANGLO-SWISS { COCOA AND MILK.
CHOCOLATE AND MILK.
COFFEE AND MILK.

30 MILLION TINS OF THESE GOODS SOLD IN 1882.
Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., Cham, Switzerland.
NEW YORK OFFICE, 86 HUDSON STREET, P. O. BOX, 3773.

Charles T. Sparks stopped working for Anglo-Swiss before 1891, most likely because at nearly seventy years of age, he wanted a quieter life.

In 1905, Anglo-Swiss merged with another, smaller Swiss milk company, who had built a strong public image by inventing an infant milk substitute for mothers unable to breast feed. Because of this popularity, the new company took on the name of that smaller partner: Nestle.

In 1891, Charles is shown as being a manufacturer of walking sticks and umbrella shafts. Whether or not this last change of occupation had anything to do with his second marriage, in April 1887, two weeks before his sixty fifth birthday, to forty one year-old Juliet lanthe Thomas, I do not know.

Charles Terry Sparks died in Brixton in September, 1891.

Unlike so many members of the Sparks, Cooper and Towsey families, all three of Mary Harriet Towsey's brothers managed to produce enough surviving offsprings to ensure the continuation of their branches of the Sparks family.