

FRANKFORD'S EVANS OPENS RESTAURANT

22-YEAR-OLD DEBUTS "HOME PLATE CAFÉ", SHOWING NO SHORTAGE OF AMBITION

PHILADELPHIA (Jan. 23, 1875) – Joseph Evans is encouraging visitors to the Frankford Arsenal ballpark to spend a pleasant hour after the game at the Home Base Cafe, an eatery that the left fielder has recently opened with his partner, Henry Tafel.

HOME PLATE CAFÉ	
N.E. corner of Ninth and Chestnut streets.	
DINNER	
BILL OF FARE.	
ISSUED DAILY.	
Monday, Jan. 22nd, 1875	
DINING ROOM.	
Served at the Eating Counter Only.	
SOUP.	
Chow.	Vegetable.
FISH.	
Boiled Bass—Oyster Sauce.	Hot Fish.
BOILED.	
Ham.	Corned Beef and Cabbage.
ROAST.	
Beef.	Spring Chicken.
Lamb—White Sauce.	Pork and Beans.
ENTREES.	
Roast Birds.	Soft Shell Crabs.
Stewed Kidneys.	White Sauce.
Sweet Bread.	Stewed Snappers.
Deviled Crabs.	Broiled Oysters.
POTAGES.	
Oyster Pie.	
SALADS.	
Chicken Salad.	Potato Salad.
Broiled Tomatoes.	Letting Salad.
COLD DISHES.	
Turtle's Head.	Spiced Oysters.
Roast Pig's Feet.	Frozen Oysters.
VEGETABLES.	
Potatoes.	Sweet Potatoes.
Beets.	Squash.
Stewed Tomatoes.	Broiled Tomatoes.
PASTRY & DESSERT.	
Yagloze Pudding.	Rice Pudding.
Green Peach Pie.	Sweet Potato Pie.
Custard.	
EXTRAS.	
Sardines.	Worcestershire Sauce.
English Pickles.	French Mustard.
The Cheapest and Best Place in the City.	
BREAKFAST served at 5 o'clock.	
Your host: Joseph Evans	

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The establishment is already a success, featuring an extensive bill of fare including the house specialty, Clam soup. The chef will even prepare "Beef Tongue a la Evans", which is sure to please the gourmand and the baseball enthusiast alike.

The genial native of South Windsor, Connecticut assures the public that prices for these viands will be reasonable, with most dishes starting at fifteen cents. The options to choose from include numerous varieties of beef and chops, including Roast Beef, Spiced Beef, Corned Beef, Beef Salad, Pork chops, Mutton chops, and Veal chops.

With Evans finding himself a source of income that does not include backbreaking work during the offseason, does that mean a longer stay in Philadelphia for the young star, or will he still do what common opinion suggests and leave for a four-figure payday from a team in the A.P.B.L.? Frankford fans surely know which outcome they prefer.

In just two years Joseph Evans has become the brightest young baseball star in Philadelphia. Now he'll see if he can become the brightest young restaurateur in Philadelphia well. If his exploits on the baseball field are anything to go by then Evans has more than enough natural talent to pull it off.