

### **Social and Cultural Events, 1809-1865**

- 1809 Marino sheep appear in Colebrook.
- 1820 Lambert Hitchcock begins manufacturing chairs in Hitchcocksville (Riverton).
- 1828 Boots with side lacing and decorative fringes on the top become popular as women's footwear.
- 1832 Oranges and lemons entered the American diet. They were not of economic importance until later on.
- 1833 Fly fishing introduced in Massachusetts.
- 1834 Americans began to eat tomatoes.
- 1837 Young officers at Charlestown Navy Yard, Massachusetts adopted the mustache, a fashion from England.
- 1843 Commercial soap powder marketed.
- 1845 Hitchcock-Alvord chairs manufactured in Colebrook.
- First formal rules for baseball. The game ended when one team reached 21 runs. The ball had to be pitched underhand; ball caught on the first bounce was an out.
- 1848 First commercially made chewing gum is marketed.
- 1850 Spring fashions for women turned from simplicity to ornamental elegance. Bonnets, mantles and dresses were trimmed with puffings of net, lace and flowers.
- 1851 First baseball uniforms had straw hats, white shirts and blue, full length pants.
- Gail Borden makes evaporated milk.
- 1856 Gale Borden builds the first condensed milk plant in Torrington, but not successful.
- 1857 Borden builds successful condensed milk plant in Burrville.
- Baseball fixed at 9 innings.
- 1860 Croquet introduced from England.
- Mink muffs were advertised in New York City for \$10.00.
- 1863 Roller skating introduced into the United States.