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One of the key factors in the growing popularity of tea in England had to do with Thomas Garraway. He owned a coffeehouse known as Garraway's where he served tea as a drink with medicinal qualities. Since his coffee house was also a centre for trade and business, he sold tea in bulk as well as by the cup. Coffee houses were hubs of business and trade news, and patronized entirely by men. This was a big step for tea being sold in coffee houses and not just at the drugstore.

1. In the coffeehouse established by Thomas Garraway

- a) tea was served mainly to men with health problems.
- b) people met to exchange current information of great importance.
- c) one could drink only one cup of tea a day.

Seeing coffeehouses as centres of trade and business, men would go there to do business or to meet others or to read the newspaper. And, of course, they drank lots of tea. Coffee houses were very active places for political discussions among the men. Yet, King Charles II perceived a threat from these coffee houses that permitted men to assemble and discuss politics. He ordered that all coffee houses be closed right away. His decision was widely criticized by the people of England and so Charles II had to change his mind, allowing the coffee houses to reopen.

2. King Charles II

- a) did not approve of the meetings that took place in the coffeehouses.
- b) actively participated in the trade and business discussions in the coffeehouses.
- c) was responsive to his countrymen's opinions.

Meanwhile the king's wife, Catherine, had been introduced to tea. Catherine used tea as a beverage at her court events where it was considered more a beverage than a medicine. She served tea in her literary circles and this promoted tea to the point where it could be seen for sale in the markets. By then, tea was a regular trade item and no longer a specialty.

3. Thanks to Catherine

- a) tea replaced coffee at meetings at the Royal court.
- b) tea was no longer perceived as a luxury product.
- c) tea became easily available to wider circles of the English society.

With an increasing demand for tea, a trade routine was established between China and England and it became possible for tea prices to become stable. Meanwhile, coffee became more difficult to import consistently and prices were not stable. Merchants in England were much more in favour of promoting tea because of its accessibility. Not only was tea a stable commodity, but tea leaves could be used again for additional cups of tea or by the lower classes. Tea was more expensive per pound, but a smaller quantity was needed to make tea than the amount needed for coffee. Reusing tea leaves was far more acceptable than reusing those coffee grounds.

4. Popularity of tea was growing

- a) due to decreasing availability of coffee.
- b) because of the economical aspect of its use.
- c) despite arising trade conflicts between England and China.

Much later, it became more patriotic to drink tea than coffee since by the early 19th century, British colonies of Java, India and Sri Lanka were growing tea for use in Britain. And coffee came from Arabia, which did not have the same links to Great Britain as the tea producers in India, Java, and Sri Lanka, being colonies at that point. There were difficulties with getting Chinese tea for a while during this period because of tensions between China and Britain which resulted in trade restrictions. With increasing tensions between Britain and China, trade was restricted in 1831 when China allowed foreign merchants to use only the Canton port.

5. By the early 19th century Chinese tea

- a) lost its popularity among English patriots who preferred tea from other regions.
- b) was also imported by producers from Java, India and Sri Lanka.
- c) could no longer be delivered to England in satisfying quantities.

It wasn't the resumption of trade alone that made more and more tea available. It was the Clipper ships, with their astounding speed that cut the time in half for transport of tea from China to the areas of the west. Tea could be received in half the time. That enabled tea prices to come down. A greater supply of tea pushed the prices down to where the working classes could afford to buy and enjoy it.

6. A greater availability of tea on European market

- a) was possible thanks to progress in seafaring technologies.
- b) enabled people from all circles of society to try its taste.
- c) exerted a great influence on the amount of money people spent on it.