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during the two world wars, food was rationed and people had to eat chicken as turkey was not available. If there was no chicken people had to make do with food that was easy to get, like mutton (sheep) or rabbit. Treats like chocolate and sweets were also rationed.

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