

WHAT. WHEN AND HOW TO EAT

The Importance of Selecting, Combining and Proportioning Food.

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HERE are three common laws that govern all forms of animal life-namely, nutrition, motion, oxidation, or, in other words, eating, exercising and breathing. Both exercising and breathing are automatic processes; therefore they are done in accordance with nature. but it is different with our food.

Man has put into his stomach in some form or other nearly everything on the face of the earth, and his efforts have been crowned with a series of mistakes that are largely responsible for a condition of universal disease and a woeful shortening of life.

As this series of articles will deal largely with these mistakes and how to correct them, I will first take up the subject of nutrition-man's food. I will subdivide this subject into three parts-selecting, combining and propor

tioning. In order to get the best results the diet must be selected so as to contain all the elements of nourishment the body needs. It must be combined so as to be chemically harmonious when mixed in the stomach, and it must be proportioned so that one is not overfed on some things and underfed on others. In other words, the diet must or should be balanced.

### Man's Life Is Too Short.

Man has existed a long time on this earth, and he thinks he has done fairly well without knowing or caring anything about these laws, but when we examine the mortality tables of all civilized countries we realize that there is something radically wrong.

The life period of mankind, reckoning from an age of six, is only a little over thirty-eight years, and if we take him from his infancy it brings his pe-



THE GROWING CHILD NEEDS SULPHATE

riod of existence down to less than thirty-four years. He barely gets grown before he drops into his grave. Nature does not demand exactness

in eating. If one eats a little too much or the wrong proportions the surplus can be worked off, but the work must be done or the penalty must be paid. The penalty is some form of congestion in the body which we are pleased to call disease

Three Other Laws of Diet.

When we learn how to select, combine and proportion our food it should be partaken of according to our age, climate (time of the year) and the work we do.

If we wish the best results we must select and proportion our food according to age, because the growing child or youth needs much structural material-sulphate of lime-with which to build bone, teeth and cartilage. This is found in cereals and all starch foods. The middle aged person needs but little of these, just enough for repair, and the aged person needs practically none.

In selecting and proportioning our food we should observe the laws of temperature or time of the year. We should not partake of foods of a high caloric or heating value at a time when the sun is giving us this heat firect, thus building a fire inside while the sun is giving us the same heat outside. The violation of this simple law is the cause of all sunstroke and heat prostrations. On the contrary, if we are going to be exposed to zero weather we should build the fire in-

side by partaking of foods of a high

Balanced Diet Essential.

We should select and proportion our food according to the work we do, because eating is a process of making energy, while work is a process of expending energy, and we should make these two accounts balance. When they are balanced we are healthy; when they are unbalanced we are diseased.

Health is our natural condition, and the nearer we obey the laws of nutrition as above subdivided the more perfect our health will be and the more automatically all functions of the body will work. Correct eating. exercising and breathing, therefore. cure disease by establishing normal conditions, by removing its causes. thus permitting nature to give us our birthright, which is health.

Results of Wrong Food Combinations. There are bundreds of chemicals so

opposed to each other that they produce violent action when mixed together, and so it is with food. Every article of food we eat is composed of a definite chemistry: therefore to get the best results or the bighest value (energy) out of what we eat our meals must be composed of things that are chemically harmonious.

The stomach serves two purposesfirst. a mixing and testing crucible: second, a storehouse or depot.

It is estimated by the highest anthorities that about 90 per cent of all human disease originates in the stomach: therefore if people knew how to select and combine their food so that every article composing the meal would be both nutritious and chemically harmonious it would do more to promote health and raise the standard of life than any other one thing known to science.

When several foods are eaten at the same meal that are not chemically barmonious nature pours into the stomach a large amount of hydrochloric acid, which produces fermentation. This is nature's way of neutralizing and getting rid of these opposing elements. Then we say the foods did not agree with the stomach when the facts are they did not agree with them-

Cause of Heart Trouble. When there is too much hydrochloric hen."

Why is it impossible to get a fair acid in the stomach foods digest too quickly. This causes congestion in the upper intestines. The food, being supercharged with acid, undergoes a process of fermentation which generates bence the faint heart action, now and then skipping a beat. At other times it causes an excessive blood flow or arterial overflow, and then we have palpitation, dizziness and sometimes complete heart failure and death.

In addition to congestion and irregular beart action the excess acid causes irritation of the mucous membrane or intestinal lining, and the millions of little nerve fibers that lead out from these irritated surfaces to every part of the body also become irritated and

cause what we call nervousness. The brain and the stomach bear the same relation to each other that a balloon bears to a basket. They are connected by thousands of nerves and capillary vessels; therefore when the stomach becomes irritated by acid the brain is the first organ to suffer. Then we have insomnia, nervousness, melancholia, tack of concentration, etc.

Results of Autointoxication.

These are only a few of the conditions caused by the wrong selections and combinations of food. The general physical trouble is described by the word autointoxication, which means that we have eaten more food than the body could use, and nature has decomposed or changed it into alcohol and carbon dioxide poisons.

Autointoxication causes innumerable symptoms, such as anaemia, languor, drowsiness, impure blood, indicated by pimples or acne; melancholia, a lack of interest in things. That is, where we should be normally cheerful we are melancholy. Instead of being mentally bright and quick to comprehend, our mind is disturbed, wandering and dull, and we undergo a sort of general men-

tal and physical let down. There are a number of other conditions caused by the wrong selections and combinations of food which, named in the order of their importance. are rheumatism. Bright's disease, gout, lumbago. diabetes, hardening of the arteries, enlargement of the liver, etc.

Inasmuch as the true remedy for ali diseases must be found in the field of their cause, it is obvious that the cure for these disorders lies in food. When I say cure I mean that scientific feed ing will remove the primary causes and nature will do the curing.

Disease Is the Penalty. Just as the state punishes people who violate ber criminal laws, so all disease is merely the penalty for violating natural laws. Nature, however. is more merciful than the state. She will forgive and cure if you will turn and obey her laws This is the reason why the greatest living scientists are gradually turning toward the food question to find the causes as well as the cure for a majority of

buman disorders. In this series of articles I shall endeavor to point out the various combinations of food that cause many common diseases and show how their causes can be removed and cures made

by the scientific use of food. Health is the one thing we all desire, and, as this great prize is a matter of obeying or disobeying natural laws, let us examine man with some care and if possible ascertain some of these cosmic rules

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means simplicity, good fiving, delicious food; it means knowledge of and obedience to the natural laws of building up and maintaining the human body, which are overlooked probably en account of their simplicity.

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