

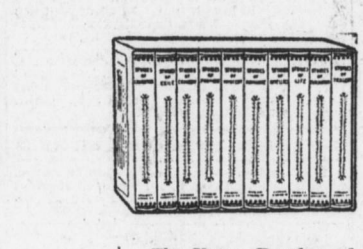
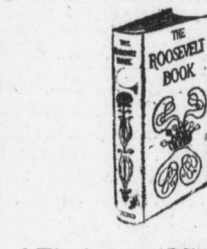
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The food manufacturer is permitted to add artificial elements to nature's formula or subtract natural elements from it at will, depending entirely upon what he considers necessary or expedient in attaining the commercial results desired.

In the laboratory when pneumonia germs are studied it is found that a little sprinkle of calcium will revive a culture in a stationary state.

Calcium is necessary for the strength of the bones, for the hardness of the teeth, for the firmness of the muscles, for the tone of the nerves for the coagulation of the blood on demand, for every pulsation of the heart, for the digestion of the food, for the functioning of the kidneys

and other vital organs, for the health of the body.

When a baby is deprived of its necessary calcium its bones are softened and it becomes "rickety." The muscle that is deprived of its calcium quivers and twitches. The nerves under such deprivation act in similar manner.

We know how oxalic acid acts on the body when introduced with food. We do not know how other chemicals act upon tissue calcium, yet the food manufacturer who employs other chemicals gives no thought to the manner in which his germicidal agents may interfere with the integrity of life's processes.

Food manufacturers declare that their chemical preservatives are "harmless." Scientists are found to agree with them. Thus they set up arguments of such plausible and convincing character that the government has been prevailed upon to permit them to employ chemicals in the manufacture of a hundred food products.

One thing is certain. There is premature and untimely death everywhere. Men and women suffer out fifty years of more or less misery instead of living the same fifty years in a state of bounding, buoyant energy and health. Yet, eminent professors declare that it is unscientific to connect untimely death and preventable ills with the many follies of our diet system.

We shall see as we progress, whether it is unscientific to establish such a connection between food folly and disease or whether it is the refusal to admit such connection which is unscientific.

This we know. Some dozen drugs can now be legally put into food intended for interstate commerce and another dozen are permitted by various State governments in the manufacture of foods not intended for interstate commerce.

At least twelve necessary mineral elements can be legally taken out of foods intended for interstate commerce. Thus the manufacturer is permitted to add to nature's formula or subtract from it at will, depending entirely upon what he considers necessary in attaining the commercial results desired.

The 400,000 children under ten years of age who died last year loved their "innocent" cakes, cookies, crackers and biscuits; their "innocent" white bread smeared with syrup and factory jam; their "innocent" gorgeously colored candies.

When they went their unheralded way to death they gave testimony of the ignorance of those who love them as well as of the greed of those who sell them as high as the hills, as deep as the seas and as dark as the night.

We have seen that men who raise prize poultry for the poultry show or prize animals for the country fair know how to feed their stock in accordance with dietary laws to which they strictly adhere. In consequence we smile at the very thought of the farmer mixing with his carefully and scientifically prepared food the red, blue, green, yellow, brown and purple ribbon dyes of the coal tar family which the law permits the manufacturer of foods intended for human consumption to use.

pyrolygneous acid, soap bark, furniture glue, lamp black, shellac, gum benzoin, paraffine, stearic acid, hydrogenated fats, hydrolyzed starch and other foodless substances so frequently mixed with the food of the growing child and the nursing mother.

All these substances at this hour are now in use in the United States. With the exception of benzoin and copper sulphate they are all legal, but notwithstanding their legality, the man who has money invested in prize animals refuses to color and drug the food upon which his live stock depends for its prize-taking qualities.

Little pigs are tenderly cared for; the young colt, the baby calf, the wee chicks are watched with a solicitous eye. Caution, vigilance, common-sense, scientific knowledge are exercised to produce stock that will yield a profit. In consequence, when money is invested in animals those animals are fed on a diet carefully arranged, and their young do not die untimely deaths when their food is of a proper kind.

But human beings! That is another matter. The law says, "You shall not consume carbonic acid, arsenic, opium, cocaine, morphine or heroin, nor shall you purchase them under any circumstances whatsoever unless the law's restrictions are removed by trained and licensed physicians."

The law also says in substance: "The food of your children may be whatever the food manufacturer sees fit to sell you."

You are now prepared for the long neglected truths concerning that great human destroyer—the white bread of America. You will now learn exactly how your daily bread is robbed of its vitalizing mineral elements, not its calcium alone but its iron, potassium, magnesium, silicon, phosphorus, iodine, its ferments, enzymes and vitamins.

You will now learn how to go about the work of getting your share of straightforward, honest food such as nature provides for you and desires your children to consume.

As you advance in your study of these unhappy facts the mystery concerning the annual deaths of 400,000 children under ten years of age in the United States will clear a little:

You will see that, after all, there is a reason for the prevalence of tuberculosis, a reason for the national affliction, constipation, with the hundred disorders that follow in the wake of this infirmity; a reason for the rapid increase of acidosis, cancer, Bright's disease, diabetes, appendicitis and organic heart disease among adults, particularly among those who have passed the age of forty.

It doesn't do much good to try to brush or wash it out. The only sure way to get rid of dandruff is to dissolve it, then you destroy it entirely. To do this, get about four ounces of ordinary liquid arvon; apply it at night when resting; use enough to moisten the scalp and rub it in gently with the finger tips.

By morning, most if not all, of your dandruff will be gone, and three or four more applications will completely dissolve and entirely destroy every single sign and trace of it.

You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop, and your hair will look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive and four ounces is all you will need, no matter how much dandruff you have. This simple remedy never fails.

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Girls—if you want plenty of thick, beautiful, glossy, silky hair, do by all means get rid of dandruff for it will starve your hair and ruin it if you don't.

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