PART II.-OF DIET.

In this part of my work I propose to consider briefly the adaptation of aliment to the different wants and conditions of human existence. But as it involves the consideration of the digestibility and nutritious quality of foods, as well as of the times best fitted for eating, I propose to offer a few remarks on these subjects, before proceeding to the examination of dietaries and the dietetical treatment of diseases.

CHAP. I .- Of the Digestibility of Food.

The term assimilation, as used in its most general sense, by Dr. Prout, has been applied to those processes by which alimentary substances are converted into the organized tissues of the body: primary assimilation comprising those concerned in the conversion of food into blood;—secondary assimilation, those by which organized or living textures are formed from the blood, and afterwards redissolved and removed from the system.

I need hardly explain that digestion is one of the primary assimilating processes. It comprehends those changes effected on the food in the stomach and intestines; and is partly a mechanical, but principally a chemical process. Dr. Prout speaks of it as being likewise a vitalizing process.

Most of the well-ascertained changes effected in the food in the stomach can be produced out of the body. By digestion starch is converted into gum and sugar: oily or fatty bodies are minutely divided (not dissolved), and formed into a kind of emulsion: proteinaceous substances (fibrine, albumen, caseine, and gluten) are dissolved or liquefied in the stomach, and afterwards precipitated in the duodenum. Now all these processes can be imitated out of the body. Thus fibrine or coagulated albumen can be dissolved either in the gastric juice withdrawn from the stomach, or in an artificial digestive liquor prepared by macerating the dried lining membrane of the fourth stomach of the calf in water acidulated with hydrochloric acid (see p. 71).

The saccharine matter, the emulsified oily or fatty substances, and the finely divided or redissolved proteinaceous matters are absorbed, and pass into the chyle.

The formation or secretion of the matters necessary to produce the requisite chemical changes in the food, is, as far as we at present know, a vital act. To dissolve the proteinaceous compounds two substances are required, an acid (hydrochloric) and a matter called pepsine or chymosine. According to Dumas, the first softens these bodies and causes them to swell up,—the second determines their liquefaction.

Without adopting the fermentation hypothesis of digestion, to which I have already (see p. 71) offered some objections, the necessity of certain agents in the

stomach to effect the solution or liquefaction of the food is obvious; and if we admit that these are formed by the vital powers, we can readily comprehend how, in certain morbid conditions of the organism, the digestive agents are altered in their nature, and the natural and healthy process of digestion thereby deranged.

The digestibility of food is affected by two classes of circumstances;—the one relating to the foods themselves, the other to those of the individual or the organism.

1. Digestibility of food affected by circumstances relating to the foods themselves.—A variety of circumstances affect the facility with which different kinds of foods undergo digestion. Some foods are naturally more difficult of digestion than others. This is especially the case with the oily or fatty substances. I have, however, already fully considered the subject, and I, therefore, beg to refer my readers to the opinions before expressed (see pp. 170-175).

"Vegetables," says Dr. Beaumont, "are generally slower of digestion than meats and farinaceous substances, though they sometimes pass out of the stomach before them, in an undigested state. Crude vegetables, by some law of the animal economy not well understood, are allowed, even when the stomach is in a healthy state, sometimes to pass the pyloric orifice, while other food is retained there to receive the solvent action of the gastric juice. This may depend upon their comparative indigestibility; for it is well known that cathartic medicines, various fruits, seeds,

&c. which operate as laxatives, are not digested; are incapable of being retained in the stomach; and pass rapidly through the intestinal tube."

In digestion, as in all chemical processes, cohesion is a force which is opposed to molecular changes; and the efficacy of various means of augmenting the digestibility of foods is ascribable to their influence in lessening this force. The more easy digestibility of whipped or lightly-boiled eggs than the same bodies when fried or hard-boiled is explicable in this way (see pp. 270 and 271).

Tenderness of fibre facilitates the digestive process; and, therefore, all those circumstances (see pp. 238-211) which affect the texture of flesh, have an influence over its digestibility. Violent muscuiar exertion immediately previous to the death of an animal renders its flesh more tender; and thus the meat of hunted animals is more digestible than it would otherwise have been. It is not improbable that the still more cruel practices of bull-baiting and whipping pigs to death, had their origin in some object of this kind (see p. 239).

Incipient decomposition promotes the tenderness and digestibility of food. Most persons are aware that fresh-killed meat is tougher than that which has been kept for some time (see p. 239).

To these observations some apparent objections exist. The flesh of young animals, as I have already stated (see pp. 239-240), is more tender and soluble than that of the adult animal; yet the latter is the more digestible. Moreover it might be supposed that liquid foods, on account of their lesser cohesion, would

be more digestible than solid foods: yet such does not appear to be the case. "Solid food," says Dr. Beaumont, "is sooner disposed of by the stomach than fluid, and its nutritive principles are sooner carried into the circulation. It has been observed, however, that the exhaustion from abstinence is quicker removed by liquid than by solid aliment."

Minuteness of division of solids is an important aid to digestion. Thus potatoes, when so far cooked as to be easily mashed, are more easily digestible than when cooked for a shorter period of time, so as to retain their form; and for the same reason mealy potatoes are more digestible than waxy ones (see pp. 376 and 377). It is obvious, also, that perfect mastication, by effecting the minute division of food, must be an important aid to digestion; and this fact cannot be too strongly urged on dyspeptics: for if the food be imperfectly chewed and hastily swallowed, greater difficulty is experienced in the subsequent operation of digestion. To the toothless, therefore, artificial teeth are important adjuvants to the gastric operations.

Nor is the process of insalivation, as affecting the digestibility of the food, to be overlooked. When food has been thoroughly intermixed with the saliva and mucus of the mouth, it is more readily and speedily permeated and acted on by the gastric juice. We may draw an illustration of the use of the saliva from the preparatory proceeding of the operation of displacement by percolation. In order to prepare a tincture of any medicinal substance by percolation, the solid material, first reduced to a moderately fine powder, is

moistened with a sufficiency of the solvent to form a thick pulp. This preliminary operation—which is analogous to insalivation—facilitates the percolation of the remainder of the liquid, while it also assists its solvent action on the solid material. If dry food be hastily swallowed without being duly admixed with the saliva and mucus of the mouth, we instinctively desire drink to moisten the alimentary mass; so that in this dry state it does not appear to be so readily converted into chyme; and it is probable that chylification, as well as chymification, is checked by imperfect insalivation.

The cookery of foods has for its immediate object the gratification of the palate; but it can scarcely be doubted that its more remote end is the promotion of digestion. The reader will scarcely fail to observe that nearly every substance possessing an organized texture, is, by civilized man, submitted to some cooking process before it is employed as food. One point, therefore, attained by cooking, is the more or less complete destruction of organization. Its effect, as I have before remarked (see p. 238), is not always to produce a chemical change in the ultimate constitution of food, for it does not appear that roasting affects the ultimate composition of meat. Boiling, however, produces some changes in the proximate composition of it (see pp. 408 and 409), and, in the case of the farinaceous substances, serves to break or split the starch grains (see pp. 125 and 126). Frying, of all culinary operations, is the most obnoxious to the digestive function, for reasons which I have before explained (see pp. 172 and 173).

2. Digestibility of foods affected by circumstances relating to the individual or organism.—The state of body and mind, idiosyncrasy or constitutional peculiarity, habit, the interval that has elapsed since the preceding meal, the keenness of the appetite, the amount of exercise taken either immediately before or after eating, and the quantity of food swallowed at one meal, are some of the circumstances relating to the individual, which affect digestion. Violent anger, for example, disturbs this process, and, according to Dr. Beaumont, gives rise to the appearance of bile in the stomach. In febrile diathesis, with dryness of mouth, thirst, accelerated pulse, &c. very little or no gastric juice is secreted. Under such circumstances, therefore, the propriety of withholding food is very obvious: if we permit its use no nourishment can be obtained from it, while its presence in the stomach is a source of irritation. The idiosyncrasy of some constitutions with regard to mutton has been already alluded to (see p. 242).

Considerable discrepancy of opinion has existed with regard to the influence of repose after eating. By one class of writers on dietetics exercise is said to promote, by another to retard, digestion; and both parties appeal to experience for evidence in proof of their position. "From numerous trials, I am persuaded," says Dr. Beaumont, "that moderate exercise conduces considerably to healthy and rapid digestion. The discovery was the result of accident, and contrary to preconceived opinions." Dr. Combe, on the other hand, observes, "that active exercise immediately after a full meal, such as is generally taken for dinner, is

prejudicial to its digestion, seems to me to be proved by daily and unequivocal experience, and I have often seen patients labouring under indigestion benefited by refraining from it."

It will, I think, be generally admitted, that after a full meal the functions of the body are more or less impaired, sluggishness is induced, and a tendency to repose experienced. These effects are almost universal in the animal kingdom. We experience them in our own persons, and we witness them not only on our fellow men, but on the inferior animals. The dog, when allowed to indulge his natural instinct, lies down and sleeps after he has satisfied his appetite; and the Python or Indian Boa, we are told, lies in a torpid state for three or four weeks after gorging itself with a goat.

These and many other analogous facts are satisfactory to my mind that repose is natural to animals after a hearty meal; and that the practice of taking the siesta, or after-dinner sleep, is not injurious, if moderately indulged in. It should, however, be followed by moderate exercise. But there are exceptions to these statements, and I have met with some few persons who have asserted that they find advantage in using exercise immediately after dinner; but these form exceptions to the general rule. After the earlier and lighter meals of the day, breakfast or luncheon, quietude or repose is neither desired nor required.

I shall close these observations on the digestibility of foods by subjoining Dr. Beaumont's table, shewing the mean time of digestion of various articles of food, as ascertained by experiments on the Canadian, whose case I have already had occasion to refer to (see p. 169). I may premise, however, that his statements are by no means to be implicitly adopted. "The rapidity of digestion, as the author himself shows, varies greatly according to the quantity eaten, the amount and nature of the previous exercise, the interval of the preceding meal, the state of health and of the weather, and also the state of the mind. But in scarcely any of the experiments have these conditions been carefully noted."*

TABLE

Shewing the Mean Time of Digestion of the different Articles of Diet, naturally, in the Stomach, and artificially in Phials, on a Bath.

The proportion of gastric juice to aliment, in artificial digestion, was generally calculated at one ounce of the former to one drachm of the latter, the bath being kept as near as practicable at the natural temperature, 100° Fahrenheit, with frequent agitation.

	Mean	Time of	f Chymification	n.
Articles of Diet.	In Stome	ich.	In Phial	's.
	Preparation.	И. М.	Preparation.	Н. М.
Rice	Boiled	1		
Pigs' feet, soused	Boiled	1		ļ
Eggs, whipped	Boiled	1 1 30	3171.2	
Trout, salmon, fresh	Raw Boiled	1 30 1 30	Whipped Boiled	3 30
Trout, salmon, fresh	Fried	1 30	Donce	0 00
Soup, barley	Boiled	i 30	-]
Apples, sweet, mellow	Raw	i 30	Masticated	6 45
Venison steak	Broiled	1 35	2411011012101	
Brains, animal	Boiled	1 45	Boiled	4 30
Sago	Boiled	1 45	Boiled	3 15
Tapioca	Boiled	2	Boiled	3 20
Barley	Boiled	$\overline{2}$		
Milk	Boiled	2 2 2 2 2 2	Boiled	4 15
Liver, beef's, fresh Eggs, fresh	Broiled		Cut fine	6 30
(1°Ye') 1 1	Raw	2	Raw	4 15
Apples, sour, mellow	Boiled Raw	0	Boiled Masticated	5 8 30
Cabbage, with vinegar .	Raw	9	Shaved	10 15
Milk	Raw	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 15 \end{bmatrix}$	Raw	4 45
Eggs, fresh	Roasted	2 15	11/11/4	1 30
Turkey, wild	Roasted	$\begin{bmatrix} \tilde{2} & i\tilde{8} \end{bmatrix}$		
Turkey, domestic	Boiled	$\begin{bmatrix} \bar{2} & 2\bar{5} \end{bmatrix}$]
Gelatine	Boiled	2 30	Boiled	4 45
Turkey, domestic	Roasted	2 30		
Goose, wild	Roasted	2 30		
Pig, sucking	Roasted	2 30		
Lamb, fresh	Broiled	2 30	1	ł
Hash, meat and vegetables	Warmed	2 30		<u> </u>
Beans, pod	Boiled	2 30 2 30	Broken	6 16
	Baked Boiled	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 30 \\ 2 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$	Mashed	6 16
Parsnips	Roasted	$\begin{array}{c c} 2 & 30 \\ 2 & 30 \end{array}$	Musuca	0 40
Potatocs, Irish	Baked	$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 30 \\ 2 & 30 \end{bmatrix}$	li .	<u> </u>
Cabbage, head	Raw	$\tilde{2}$ 30	Masticated	12 30
		- 55		0

[•] Experiments and Observations on the Gastric Juice and the Physiology of Digestion, by W. Beaumont, M.D., Edinb. 1838. Foot-note, p. 37, by Dr. Combe.

	Mean Time of Chymification.			
Articles of Diet.	In Stoma	ich.	In Phials	
	Preparation.	н. м.	Preparation.	н. м.
Calaal maggar animal	Boiled	2 40	Boiled	5 25
Spinal marrow, animal Chicken, full grown	Fricasseed			
Custard	Baked	2 45	Baked	6 30
Beef, with salt only	Boiled	2 45		9 30
Apples, sour, hard	Raw	2 50	Entire pieces	18 00
Oysters, fresh	Raw	2 55 3	Raw, entire	7 30
Eggs, fresh	Soft boiled	3	Soft boiled	6 30
Bass, striped, fresh	Broiled	3	10	
Beef, fresh, lean, rare	Roasted	3	Roasted	8 15
	Broiled	3	Masticated	8 30
Beef-steak Pork, recently salted	Raw	3	Raw	" "
Pork, recently salted	Stewed	3 3	Masticated	6 45
Mutton, fresli	Broiled Boiled	3	Masticates	[" "
Mutton, fresh	Boiled	3		
Soup, bean	Boiled	3	-	}
Chicken soup	Boiled	3	Boiled	6 30
Aponeurosis	Boiled	š		ļ
Dumpling, apple	Baked	3	Ī	Ì
Cake, corn	Roasted	3 15		1
Oysters, fresh	Broiled	3 15	-	l
Pork, recently salted Pork-steak	Broiled	3 15	ļ	1
Mutton, fresh	Roasted	3 15		1
Bread, corn	Baked	3 15		
Carrot, orange	Boiled	3 15	Mashed	6 15
Sausage, fresh	Broiled	3 20		
Flounder, fresh	Fried	3 30		1
Catfish, fresh	Fried	3 30		0.0
Ovsters, fresh	Stewed	3 30	Stewed	8 2
Beef, fresh, lean, dry	Roasted	3 30	Roasted	1 40
Beef, with mustard, &c	Boiled	3 30		1
Butter	Melted	3 30	Masticated	7 1
Cheese, old, strong	Raw	3 30	Masticated	' ''
Soup, mutton	Boiled	3 30 3 30	}	
Oyster soup	Boiled Baked	3 30	Masticated	4 30
Bread, wheat, fresh	Boiled	3 30	Musticatea	
Turnips, flat	Boiled	3 30	Mashed	8 30
Potatoes, Irish	Hard boiled		Hard boiled	8
Eggs, fresh	Fried	3 30		1
Eggs, fresh	Boiled	3 45		ł
Beets	Boiled	3 45	1	į.
Salmon, salted	Boiled	4	Boiled	7 4
Roof	Fried	4		12 3
Beef	Broiled	$\bar{4}$	}	
Fowls, domestic	Boiled	4	Masticated	6 3
Fowls, domestic	Roasted	4	1	1

	Mean	Time o	f Chymificatio	n.
Articles of Diet.	In Stome	ach.	In Phia	ls.
	Preparation.	н. м.	Preparation.	и. м.
Ducks, domestic	Roasted	4		
Soup, beef, vegetables and ?	Boiled	4		
bread Heart, animal Beef, old, hard, salted	Fried Boiled	4 4 15	Entire piece	13 30
Pork, recently salted Soup, marrow bones Cartilage Pork, recently salted	Fried Boiled Boiled Boiled	4 15 4 15 4 30	Masticated Masticated	10 6 30
Veal, fresh Ducks, wild Suet, mutton	Fried Roasted Boiled	4 30 4 30 4 30 4 30	Divided	10
Pork, fat and lean	Roasted	5 15		
Tendon	Boiled	5 30	Masticated	12 45
Suet, beef, fresh Beef-steak	Boiled Broiled	5 30	Entire piece Cut fine	12 8
Beef-steak	Raw		Cut fine	8 15
Beef	Boiled		Entire piece	9
Mutton, fresh	Broiled		Unmasticated)
Cream			Raw	25 30
Cheese, old, strong			Entire piece Divided	18
Cheese, new, mild Oil, olive			Raw	8 30 60
Tendon			Entire piece	24
Cartilage	ł		Divided	12
Bone, beef's, solid			Entire piece	80
Bone, hog's, solid	ļ		Entire piece	80
Parsnips	Boiled		Entire piece	13 15
Parsnips	Raw		Entire piece	18
Carrot, orange	D		Entire piece	12 30
Carrot, orange Potatoes, Irish	Raw		Raw piece Entire piece	17 15 14
Cabbage	Boiled	4 30	Boiled	20
Peach, mellow	27011016	1 50	Cut small	10
Peach, mellow			Mashed	6

Chap. II.—Of the Nutritive Qualities of Foods.

In order to arrive at any accurate conclusions with respect to the relative nutritive powers of different

kinds of foods, it is necessary, in the first place, to ascertain the amount of water these substances respectively contain; for it will be found that in this respect the difference between different kinds of food is enormous. Thus Turnips and Cabbages contain somewhat more than 92 per cent. of water, or not quite 8 per cent. of anhydrous or dry solid matter; while the Fixed Oils or Fats are anhydrous, or nearly so.

But of the anhydrous or dry matter of foods the whole is not necessarily nutritive. I have already stated (see p. 138), that the ligneous or woody tissue of vegetable foods is indigestible, and is evacuated with the faces. Moreover, the green resinous matter of plants, called *chlorophylle*, does not possess alimentary properties, as I have before remarked (see p. 381). So that from the amount of anhydrous, or dry solid matter of ordinary vegetable foods, we must deduct woody tissue and the colouring matter.

Furthermore, it is doubtful whether some of the substances which enter into the composition of animal foods are nutritive, at least under ordinary circumstances; such as *pack-wax* (see p. 235), and some of the membranous tissues which approximate to horny matter in composition (see p. 209).

Of the positively digestible and nutritive matter of foods we must distinguish those principles which are nitrogenized from such as are not. For whether the views of Liebig, as to the exclusively nutritive quality of nitrogenized foods, be or be not correct, it cannot be doubted that the mode of nutrition of substances which are devoid of nitrogen must be different from that of bodies which contain it, and whose ulti-

mate composition is identical with that of the living tissues.

The value of non-nitrogenized substances as aliments is probably in proportion to the quantity of carbon which they contain. In this point of view the oils and fats exceed all other foods of this class.

Of the nitrogenized aliments, those which contain the largest amount of proteinaceous principles (which are identical in ultimate composition with our own flesh and blood), exceed all other foods in nutritive power. I have already (see p. 55) mentioned Boussingault's opinion, that the nutritive value of nitrogenized foods is in proportion to the quantity of nitrogen entering into their composition; and I have pointed out some objections to this notion (see pp. 55 and 338). I may further add, that if it were true, the gelatinous alimentary principles must exceed the proteinaceous ones in nutritive power,—a conclusion not borne out by experience.

In the following table, which I have drawn up from the best accessible sources, will be found the per centage quantities of water, anhydrous or dry matter, earbon, and nitrogen, contained in foods as we usually meet with them in commerce. The numbers contained in the table are not always the actual ones given by the authorities quoted; but have in most cases been obtained by calculation from data furnished by the authors respectively quoted.

TABLE

Representing the Average Quantities of Dry Matter, Moisture, Carbon, and Nitrogen, in various Alimentary Substances of commerce.

100 PARTS.	Solid or Dry Matter.	Water or Mois- ture.	Carbon.	Nitro-	Authority.
Gum Arabic	87·6 82·4	12'4 17'6 10'53	36·3 31·78 42·09	0 014 0	Prout. Guerin.* Peligot.
Sugar candy Ditto English refined sugar	89.47	10.33	42:83 {41:510 42:5		Prout.
Maple sugar		•	42·1 42·1 40·88	0	Prout. Prout. Prout. Prout.
Sugar of Narbonne honey Sugar from starch [Potato sugar?]	4		36.36 36.3	0 0 0	Prout. Prout. Liebig.
Ditto (crystallized)	87.3	18	10.16 38.7 39.83 36.41	0 0	Prout. Liebig. Dumas.
Potato starch (commercially dried) Fine Wheat starch Arrow root	82 85·2 81·8	14·8 18·2	37·3 36·4 77·403	0	Prout. Prout. Saussure.
Olive oil	100	0 0	77.50 63.6 79.009		Saussure, Berard, Chevreul, Chevreul,
Mutton suct Wheat	83'3 83'4	0 14'5 16'6 20'8	78'996 39'415 39'536 40'15	1.966	Houssingault. Houssingault. Houssingault.
Oats Oatmeal Bread (Rye) average Ditto ditto	93°4 67°79	6.6	30·67 30·15	4	Christison. Beeckmann. Liebig.
Legaminous seeds ditto Peas	81·0 91·4	16·0 8·6	37·00 35·74 42·4		Liebig. Playfair. Boussingault. Einhof.
Beans	83·89 84·37) 14:11	35:21	.	Playfair. Einhof. Playfair.
Lentils Potatoes Ditto (fresh) Ditto (fresh)	24·1 20·6	75·9 79·4	10.00	0·361 0·37	Boussingault. Boussingault. Liebig.
Ditto (kept 10 months)	7.7	76'8 92'3 92'5	3.21	0.28 0.28 0.12 0.30	
Jerusalem Artichoke	20·8 25·1	3 71·8	7 9.0	0.33	28! Houssingault. Herard. Berard.
Green-gage (ripe). Peach (ripe) Cherries (ripe) Pear (ripe Jargonelle).	. 1 197	6 80·2 5 74·8 2 83·8	1 3 8		Berard. Berard. Berard.
Smyrna Figs	81 0 2 8	0 81·1 0 16·0 6 97·1	0	92 3:01	Berard. Bley. John. 4 Licbig.
Milk, Cow's	12.9	87.0 15 91.0	5	92 301	O. Henri and
", Woman's	13.3	0 86.8	30	::	Chevallier.

^{*} Guerin's analysis is that of what he calls Arabin.

100 Parts.	Solid or Dry Matter.	or Mois-	Carbon.	Nitro- gen.	Authority.
Butcher's meat, devoid of fat ,, ,, with 1-7th fat and cellular tissue ,, including bones, as purchased	26 29	74 71	13·6 21·75		Liebig. Liebig. Liebig.
Fresh beef flesh Muscular flesh of Ox ,, ,, Calf ,, ,, Pigeon ,, ,, Chicken Carp and Trout	25 22·5 {20·3 to 21·8 24·0 22·7	75 77'5 79'7 to 78'2 76'0 77'3	12·937 }	3.752	Hæckmann. Schlossberge Schlossberge Schlossberge Schlossberge
gaverage) """ """ """ """ """ """ """ """ ""	19·7 20·0 20·0 46·23 30·0 12·6 92·5 1·5625	60·3 80·0 80·0 53·77 70·0 87·4 7·5 98·4375	55·00 0·75	15:681	Schlossberge Brande, Bostock, Prout, Scherer, Morin, Pasquier, John, Christison, Liebig,

In several parts of this work (see pp. 175, 180-181, 183-184, 190, 192, 212-213, 234, and 241) I have referred to the statements contained in the Report made to the Academy of Sciences in Paris by the Gelatine Commission; and I, therefore, think it advisable to subjoin the conclusions which Magendie, in the name of the Commission, has drawn from the facts detailed:—

- 1. We cannot, by any known proceeding, extract from bones an aliment which, either alone or mixed with other substances, can be substituted for meat.
- 2. Gelatine, albumen, and fibrine, taken separately, nourish animals for a very limited period only, and in an incomplete manner. In general they soon excite such an insurmountable disgust, that animals die rather than partake of them.
- 3. The same immediate principles artificially reunited, and rendered agreeably sapid by seasoning, are eaten more readily, and for a longer period, than the same substances singly, but their ultimate influence on nutrition is not better; for animals who take them, even in considerable quantities, die ultimately with all the symptoms of complete inanition.
- 4. Muscular flesh, in which gelatine, albumen, and fibrine are united according to the laws of organic nature, and where they are

[†] Butter usually contains about one-sixth of its weight of butter-milk.

associated with other matters—as fat, salts, &c., suffices, even in very small quantity, for complete and prolonged nutrition.

5. Raw bones have the same effect, but the quantity consumed in twenty-four hours ought not to be much greater than in the case of meat.

6. Every kind of preparation, such as decoction with water, the action of hydrochloric acid, and especially the transformation into gelatine, diminishes, and, in some cases, seems even to destroy the nutritive quality of bones.

7. The Commission, however, does not wish at present to offer an opinion on the employment of gelatine, associated with other aliments, in the nourishment of man. It believes that direct experiment can alone illustrate this subject in a definite manner. It has been actively occupied with this subject, and the results will be published in the second and last part of this Report.

8. Gluten, from wheat or maize, alone satisfies complete and prolonged nutrition.

9. Fat, taken alone, sustains life during some time, but the nutrition is imperfect and disordered. It accumulates in all the tissues, sometimes in the state of claime (oleine) and of stearine, sometimes in the state of almost pure stearine.

CHAP. III.—Of the Times of Eating.

An able writer (Dr. Combe), on Digestion and Dietetics, has very justly observed, that "the grand rule in fixing the number and periods of our meals, is, to proportion them to the real wants of the system as modified by age, sex, health and manner of life, and as indicated by the true returns of appetite."

The time required for the digestion of the food, by the healthy stomach, varies from one to three or four hours; but hunger, or the desire to take more food, is not usually experienced until some time after this viscus has disposed of its contents. If fresh food be introduced into the stomach before that of the previous meal has been digested, the process of digestion is disturbed. The solution which Dr. Beaumont offers of this generally admitted fact is, that more food is received into the stomach, in the aggregate, than the gastric juice can dissolve. But this explanation is by no means a satisfactory one. It leads to the conclusion, that eating a little and often is not injurious, provided the total amount of food taken does not exceed that capable of being dissolved by the gastric juice. General experience, however, is opposed to this practice; and it can scarcely be doubted that, in the healthy state of the system, the custom of eating moderately at more prolonged intervals is most natural to man.

A variety of circumstances affect the length of the interval between each meal. On account of the greater activity of the organs of respiration, children require to be more frequently fed than adults, and they bear hunger less easily. For the same reason, also, persons who take much exercise, or labour hard, require more frequent and copious meals than the indolent and sedentary. In the former the number of respirations is greater than in the latter; and, therefore, a more frequent supply of food is required to supply the necessary quantity of carbon and hydrogen to be consumed in the lungs. "A bird deprived of food," says Liebig, "dies on the third day, while a serpent, with its sluggish respiration, can live without food three months or longer."

From experiments* made a few years ago at the Zoological Gardens, it appears that carnivorous mammalia require one meal in twenty-four hours only, and

^{*} See the Proceedings of the Zoological Society, No. xviii. p. 49.

that if fed more frequently their health suffers. It was found that when Leopards and Hyanas were fed with two meals daily they did not continue in equally good condition with those which had the same quantity of flesh daily in one meal only. It further appears, that in one instance (that of the Leopard), the temper changed for the worse; and in another instance the habits were altered as regarded exercise, a diminution of which, in confined animals, must be injurious to health.

It cannot be doubted that the practice of having fixed periods for eating is more conducive to health than eating at irregular intervals. But it will be obvious, from the foregoing observations, that the periods should vary for different classes of individuals. "So strong is the tendency to periodicity in the system," says Dr. Combe, "that the appetite returns at the accustomed hour, even after the mode of life, and consequently the wants of the system, have undergone a change; and if not gratified, it again subsides. Ultimately, however, its calls become too urgent to admit of being a second time disregarded."

The number of meals per day, and the intervals between them, must vary according to several circumstances; but for adults it may be admitted, as a general rule, that three meals at least are essential to health, though five are in frequent use; viz. breakfast, luncheon, dinner, tea, and supper. In public pauper establishments three only are permitted; viz. breakfast, dinner, and supper.

1. Breakfast.—The system is more susceptible of the influence of morbific causes before breakfast than at any other period of the day. "It is well known," observes Dr. Combe, "that the system is more susceptible of infection, and of the influence of cold, miasma, and other morbid causes, in the morning before eating than at any other time; and hence it has become a point of duty with all naval and military commanders, especially in bad climates, always to give their men breakfast before exposing them to morning dews and other noxious influences. Sir George Ballingall even mentions a regiment quartered at Newcastle, in which typhus fever was very prevalent, and in which, of all the means used to check its progress, nothing proved so successful as an early breakfast of warm coffee. In aguish countries, also, experience has shown that the proportion of sick among those who are exposed to the open air before getting any thing to cat, is infinitely greater than among those who have been fortified by a comfortable breakfast."

In some constitutions, especially those denominated delicate, much exercise, either of body or mind, before breakfast, operates injuriously; producing exhaustion, languor, and unfitness for the ordinary occupations of the day.

These facts show the importance of breakfasting soon after rising and dressing; at least in many cases. I am fully aware that there are numerous exceptions to this. Some persons not only suffer no injury from, but actually appear to be benefited by, active exercise taken before breakfast; its effect being with them to create or augment the appetite. But in others the effects are those which I have already stated. I am

satisfied, from repeated observation, that in children disposed to spasmodic and other brain diseases, the practice of making them attend school for two hours before breakfast is injurious; and I fully agree, therefore, with Dr. Combe, that in "boarding-schools for the young and growing, who require plenty of sustenance, and are often obliged to rise early, an early breakfast is almost an indispensable condition of health." Epilepties, especially those disposed to morning attacks, should invariably breakfast soon after rising. 1 think 1 have seen the fits brought on by neglecting this precaution. For travellers a light breakfast before starting is a great protection "against colds and subsequent fatigue or exhaustion." Medical men and others should not, if possible, expose themselves to the influence of infectious or contagious disorders, as fevers, &c. before breakfast, as the danger of infection then is greatly enhanced. For the same reason the practice of making post-mortem examinations and dissections before breakfast is to be condemned.

2. Luncheon.—This meal is admissible only when either the interval between the breakfast and dinner is very prolonged, or when the quantity of food taken at breakfast is very small. The lower classes, as well as the children of the higher classes, dine early, and thus with them luncheon is unnecessary, and accordingly is not usually taken. Not so, however, with adults of the middling and higher classes. With them, either from business or other causes, the practice of dining late has become general; and with such luncheon becomes a necessary meal. It should be taken about five hours after breakfast, and though called by

another name, it may be considered as a light dinner, taken to allay the cravings of nature, but not entirely to destroy the appetite.

3. Dinner.—" Supposing nine o'clock to be the hour of breakfast," observes Dr. Combe, "the natural dinner-hour would be two o'clock; and such, accordingly, is that sanctioned by the most extended experience, and which ought to be adhered to by all whose occupations will admit of its observance, and who wish to enjoy the highest health of which they are susceptible." This rule is a very good general one for adults, to which, however, exceptions oftentimes occur. Digestion is a process which is not effected in the same period of time in different individuals,—in some it is slow, in others rapid. In the former a longer interval between breakfast and dinner is necessary than in the latter. Λ variety of other circumstances, such as the quantity of food taken at breakfast, the occupation of the individual, &c. &c. also affect the length of the interval.

Business and the customs of society have led to the practice of dining late, which, as I have already stated, involves the propriety of taking the intermediate meal called luncheon.

- 4. Tea.—The moderate use of tea or coffee, two or three hours after dinner, forms a very agreeable and refreshing meal.
- 5. Supper.—General experience is unfavourable to the use of much food at supper. To those who dine late, supper is an unnecessary meal; whereas to those who dine early, and who take much active exercise, or are employed in laborious work after dinner, it is by

no means an unnecessary or unwholesome meal. An empty stomach, under such circumstances, will sometimes prove a most disagreeable preventive of sleep.

CHAP. IV.—On Dietaries.

It will, I think, be generally admitted, that an accurate acquaintance with the quantity and quality of food necessary to the maintenance of human health and life, under different circumstances, is a matter of great interest to every one; but it is more especially so to statesmen, magistrates, naval and military officers, physicians and surgeons, governors of hospitals and other public institutions, and the guardians of the poor. To them are entrusted the care and supervision of the inhabitants of prisons, ships, garrisons, armies, asylums, hospitals, and poor-houses; and on their knowledge or ignorance depends the health or disease—the life or the death—of a considerable portion of the community.

The Reports of the Inspectors of Prisons have furnished abundant evidence of the errors committed by magistrates in the dieting of criminals. Debility, diarrhæa, scurvy, and other evils known to be consequences of defective nutriment, have prevailed in many of the prisons of this country to a serious and alarming extent. I am fully aware of the difficulty, in many cases, of determining the cause or causes of these evils, and I am willing to admit that, possibly, in some of the instances in which defective nutriment has alone been charged with the production of diseases of an epidemic character, that other morbific causes,

either alone or concurrently with defective nutriment, may have contributed to the result. But in some cases the cause of the evils is too clear and unequivocal to admit of any doubt. Take the case of the Lewes House of Correction. The Inspectors of Prisons* inform us, that "Scurvy at one time prevailed in the prison: by an increase of the diet it disappeared. The diet was again diminished, and the scurvy again appeared. The diet was then permanently increased; the scurvy again disappeared, and has not since occurred."

The actual quantity of food required for the support of human health and life is subject to considerable modification by a variety of circumstances; and, therefore, it is quite impossible to lay down a fixed rule, or to adopt any standard: for the quantity of food which may be suited to the wants of one individual may be insufficient for another, or too much for a third. Age, sex, the amount and kind of exercise and labour, the constitution, the state of health, and the condition of life, are some of the modifying circumstances; the agency of several of which is too obvious to require comment.

Captain Parry,† in his Account of one of the Polar Expeditions, states, that experience satisfied him that the following daily allowance was quite enough to support his crew on ship-board; that is, while performing the ordinary or regular ship duties:—

^{*} Third Report of the Inspectors of Prisons. Supplement to Part I. Home District, p. 94. 1838.

[†] Narrative of an Attempt to reach the North Pole in boats fitted for the purpose, and attached to His Majesty's ship Hecla, in the year 1827. London, 1828.

But this quantity was found to be by no means sufficient to support the strength of the men during their harassing journey across the ice, living constantly in the open air, exposed to the wet and cold for twelve hours a day, seldom enjoying the luxury of a warm meal, and having to perform very severe labour. Their strength became considerably impaired, owing to want of sufficient sustenance; and both Captain Parry and Mr. Beverley, the surgeon, were of opinion, that in order to maintain the strength of the men thus employed for several weeks together, an addition would be requisite, of at least one-third more, to the provisions daily issued.

In framing prison dietaries an important element for consideration is the amount and nature of the labour to which the prisoners are subjected; those who are put to hard labour requiring a greater quantity of food to enable them to support the augmented expenditure of power. Accordingly, in the dietaries framed by the Inspectors of Prisons, and adopted by Sir James Graham, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, this element has been kept in view.

An opinion has of late prevailed that the condition of life, as regards liberty or imprisonment, is a circumstance which modifies the quantity of food necessary for the maintenance of health. On this point I shall quote the opinion of one of the Inspectors of Prisons, in his own words:—" In the construction of a dietary for a House of Correction, it is not unfrequently assumed that something less than what is the customary food of the labouring population of the vicinity should be sufficient for those in the degraded condition of criminals. Accordingly, in those agricultural districts where meat forms but a very small proportion of the ordinary food, less has been accorded, and in some instances none, without consideration being given to the wide distinction between the condition of the freeman and the prisoner:—the one enjoying purity of air, active bodily and healthful mental exercise, social intercourse, choice and diversity of diet. It is under such circumstances that the smallest modicum of animal food proves sufficient for the preservation even of the most robust health. But reverse the situation: place the individual, as an offender against the law, in a small, cold, ill-ventilated cell; a prey to his own reflections, or, what is worse, with his mind almost a vacuum, cut off from all real social intercourse, subjected to the irksome, uninteresting labour of treading a wheel or picking oakum; it is in this condition, I contend, that the stimulus of animal food becomes indispensable for his support against the inroads of low and debilitating diseases. I scarcely recollect an instance of scurvy being prevalent in a prison but where it might be distinctly traced

[•] Penmican is prepared by drying large thin slices of the lean of the meat over the smoke of wood fires, then pounding it, and, lastly, mixing it with about an equal weight of its own fat. In this state it is ready for use without further cooking.

to a want of variety in the diet, and its deficiency in nutritive qualities."*

That deprivation of liberty, with all its accompanying restrictions, exercises a depressing influence on the mind, and through this on the body, cannot be for a moment doubted. In this indirect way it becomes a means of affecting the organic functions; and thus it happens that an amount of nutriment, which, under the most cheering circumstances, is barely sufficient to sustain health, may prove, when conjoined with depressing mental influences, totally insufficient for the maintenance of health, and may be followed by scurvy and other diseases known to be common consequences of defective sustenance.

And here I may be permitted to remind my reader, that scurvy has ever been a disease remarkable for the influence exercised over it by passions of the mind. In Lord Anson's Voyage, we are told, "that whatever discouraged the seamen, or at any time damped their hopes, never failed to add new vigour to the distemper; for it usually killed those who were in the last stages of it, and confined those to their hammocks who were before capable of some kind of duty. So that it seemed as though alacrity of mind and sanguine thoughts were no contemptible preservatives from its fatal malignity." Mr. Ives, in his Journal, also gives an excellent illustration of the beneficial influence of mental exhilaration on this disease; for he states, "Upon the British fleet coming into the Bay of Hieres (February, 1744),

our men understood that the enemy's fleet and ours were soon to engage. There appeared not only in the healthy, but also in the sick, the highest marks of satisfaction and pleasure, and these last mended surprisingly daily, insomuch that on the 11th of February, the day we engaged the combined fleets of France and Spain, we had not above four or five but what were at their fighting quarters." Dr. Lind* relates a still more striking exemplification of the position here contended for, as having occurred at the siege of Breda in 1625.

In the Dietaries for Prisons recently adopted by the Secretary of State, the length of imprisonment has, very properly as I conceive, been taken into consideration. For if it be admitted that imprisonment has an injurious influence over the nutrition of the body, it is obvious that the longer the period the more marked will be the effect. Those, therefore, who have to suffer prolonged terms of imprisonment require to be better nourished than those who are sentenced for shorter periods, in order to enable them the better to resist the depressing influences to which they are, for a more lengthened term, to be subjected; and the consequences of which (viz. loss of health and strength) constitute "a punishment not contemplated by law, and which it is unjust and cruel to inflict.†"

Observation and experiment have fully proved the absolute necessity of considerable variety of food for

^{*} Seventh Report of the Inspectors of Prisons. II. Northern and Eastern District, p. iii. London, 1842.

[·] Treatise on the Scurvy.

[†] Sir J. R.G. Graham, in a Circular Letter to the Chairmen of Quarter Sessions, dated Jan. 27, 1843.

the preservation of health and life; and there is nothing surprising in this. The body is made up of many principles, differing the one from the other in composition and chemical properties; and we might à priori have presumed, that textures which are chemically different would require different aliments for their nourishment. The living body, as I have already stated (see p. 4, et seq.), has no power of creating elementary substances; and it is obvious, therefore, that the system must be supplied with foods containing all the elements which enter into its composition. Moreover, it is not sufficient to present animals with these elements in their raw or uncombined state; for the animal system has no power of forming its organic constituents out of simple or elementary bodies. It is capable of effecting a considerable number of combinations and decompositions; but there is a limit to its chemical powers. It cannot form the organic constituents of the tissues out of any substances which may happen to contain the same elements, but only out of those substances whose composition and properties are analogous to, or identical with, those of the principles of which the tissues are composed. With the exception of cellular tissue and of membranes, of the brain and nerves, which vegetables cannot produce, Liebig denies that the animal organism has the power of creating any of the organic principles which compose the animal tissues.

Nitrogenized foods are necessary for the formation of tissues into the composition of which nitrogen enters. Thus proteinaceous substances (fibrine, albumen, caseine, and gluten) serve for the formation of muscle and of the albuminous tissues, and, in the case of infants nourished by milk alone, they must also become food for the gelatinous tissues (cartilage, cellular tissue, membrane, the true skin, &c.) But as the foods on which the adult animal feeds, contain, or are capable of yielding, gelatine, it is probable that the gelatinous tissues are, in this case, wholly or partially nourished from this source.

Non-nitrogenized foods serve several important purposes in the animal economy; though perhaps their ultimate use is to act as fuel to be burnt in the lungs, and thereby to develope sufficient heat to support the high temperature necessary for the manifestation of vital power. Oily or fatty substances, sugar, and the starchy or amylaceous substances, serve this purpose. They save the injurious and excessive action of oxygen on the tissues of the body. "By diminishing the amount of alkali in the blood, and by giving non-nitrogenous food, the scurvy is cured, or prevented, in consequence of such substances being acted on instead of the tissues of the body. No other explanation can be given of the benefit which arises from vegetable acids, from fresh vegetables, from sugar, wine, beer, wort, treacle, potatoes, &c. all of which have been used with the best effects."* Oily or fatty substances are absorbed, and afterwards either laid up in cells, to be consumed at some future time, or immediately burnt in the lungs to furnish heat.

^{*} Mr. Bence Jones, On Gravel, Calculus, and Gout, p. 48. Lond. 1842.

According to Liebig, saccharine and farinaceous substances also contribute to the formation of fat, though, as I have before stated, Dumas denies this.

1. DIETARIES FOR CHILDREN.

In children the function of nutrition is more active than in adults. They have not merely to repair the daily waste, that is, to renovate their tissues, but to grow. Their functions of circulation and respiration are, therefore, more active than in after-life; and they require food; that is, substances to support the process of respiration, to be administered at shorter intervals.

There is also another reason why in children the elements of respiration (non-nitrogenous foods) are more necessary than in adults. In the former the transformation or metamorphosis of the existing tissues is less intense than in the latter. In an adult, who neither gains nor loses in weight perceptibly from day to day, the nourishment and waste of organized tissue are equally balanced; but in the young the weight augments daily, and, consequently, the nourishment must exceed the waste. In order that this may take place, the child must be supplied with a sufficient quantity of non-nitrogenous food, which, by yielding carbon and hydrogen to be burnt in the lungs, protects the organized tissues from the transformations consequent on the injurious action of oxygen. "What is wanting for these purposes an infinite wisdom has supplied to the young animal in its natural food. The carbon and hydrogen of butter, and the carbon of the sugar of milk, no part of either of which can yield blood, fibrine, or albumen, are destined for the support of the respiratory process, at an age when a greater resistance is opposed to the metamorphosis of existing organisms; or, in other words, to the production of compounds which in the adult state are produced in quantity amply sufficient for the purpose of respiration. The young animal receives the constituents of its blood in the caseine of the milk. A metamorphosis of existing organs goes on, for bile and urine are secreted; the matter of the metamorphosed parts is given off in the form of urine, of carbonic acid, and of water; but the butter and sugar of milk also disappear; they cannot be detected in the fæces. The butter and sugar are given out in the form of carbonic acid and water, and their conversion into oxidized products furnishes the clearest proof that far more oxygen is absorbed than is required to convert the carbon and hydrogen of the metamorphosed tissues into carbonic acid and water. The change and metamorphosis of organized tissues going on in the vital process in the young animal, consequently yield, in a given time, much less carbon and hydrogen, in the form adapted for the respiratory process, than corresponds to the oxygen taken up in the lungs. The substance of its organized parts would undergo a more rapid consumption, and would necessarily yield to the action of oxygen, were not the deficiency of carbon and hydrogen supplied from another source."*

^{*} Liebig's Animal Chemistry, pp. 68 and 69.

Children, for the most part, evince an almost instinctive fondness for sugar, which is supplied to them in their mother's milk. This perhaps is to be explained by the fact that it is an element of respiration, and, therefore, is more necessary for them than adults, on account of the greater activity of their function of respiration. But this fondness for sugar is by no means universal among children. In very cold countries, substances richer in carbon and hydrogen, and, therefore, yielding more heat by combustion, are preferred. "In one of those late extravagant voyages to discover a north-west passage," says Sir Anthony Carlisle,* "the most northern race of mankind were found to be unacquainted with the taste of sweets, and their infants made very wry faces, and sputtered out sugar with disgust; but the little urchins grinned with ecstacy at the sight of a bit of whale's blubber."

The natural appetite I believe to be an index of the wants of the system; and ought, therefore, to be consulted, to a certain extent, in the dieting of children; and I believe that parents commit a gross error who totally disregard it. I have seen children refused vegetable food, though they ardently desired it, because they would not eat what their nurses supposed to be the proper proportion of animal food; and, on the other hand, I have known children denied animal food, on the mistaken notion that it would be injurious to them, though the digestive functions were active, and the appetite for meat most keen.

Arrow-root, tapioca, sago, potato-starch, tous-les-mois, sugar, butter, and other fatty bodies; are elements of respiration, and if used in greater quantity than is necessary for combustion in the lungs, they contribute to the increase of fat; but they do not contain the necessary ingredients for the growth of bone, cartilage, ligament, muscle, membrane, and cellular tissue. For the latter purpose, nitrogenized food is necessary. The caseine or curd of milk is an aliment of this kind, supplied by nature, for the use of mammals. It is a proteinaceous substance, adapted for the growth of the organized tissues; and is accompanied by phosphate of lime, which is necessary for the solidification of bone. The cereal grains (as wheat, barley, oats) also yield most valuable nitrogenized foods for children; and of these, Hard's Farinaceous Food, Semolina, Groats, Oatmeal, &c. have been already noticed.

The uses of animal foods (meats) have been so fully described, that any further reference to them is unnecessary here.

Children may be over fed or under fed. Instances of the former, however, are comparatively rare. Of the ill consequences of defective nutriment we have, unfortunately, too many instances continually presented to our notice. Irritable bowels or diarrhæa, tumid abdomen, mesenteric disease, wasting, and fever, are the ordinary and obvious effects. They frequently follow the continued use of pea-soup and potato stews,—dishes which are in common use at poor-houses and other establishments for pauper children. Scrofulous and strumous diseases, marasmus, rickets, distortions,

[•] Practical Observations on the Preservation of Health, p. 73. Lond. 1838.

and pot bellies, so commonly met with among children of the poor, are referrible, in part at least, to food defective either in quantity or quality, or perhaps in both. I think it will be found that more than two-thirds of pauper children are strumous. They derive this condition in part, perhaps, from hereditary tendency; but partly also, as I believe, from defective nutriment. To the same cause also is ascribable their inferior developement. If the children in poor-houses be examined, they will be found, for the most part, smaller and shorter for their age, more frequently distorted, and more readily fatigued, than the children of the middling and higher classes.

Subjoined are the dietaries of several of the principal metropolitan establishments for children:—

1. FOUNDLING HOSPITAL.

	1. DIET FOR CHILDREN UNDER NINE.
Breakfati	. Bread, 4 oz. Milk, half pint, boiled with an equal quantity of water.
	Monday 4 ez. uncooked Mutton for reasting; 6 ez. Petatocs;
	2 oz. of Bread. Tuesday 4 oz. of uncooked Beef to be boiled into soup, with
	14 oz. of Rice: 4 oz. of Bread.
Dinner	Wednesday, Same as Monday. Thursday Same as Tuesday.
DIRECT	I Friday Same as Monday.
	Saturday Rice Pudding (viz. milk 3 pint, rice 3 oz. treacle 4 oz.) and Suct Pudding (viz. flour 74 oz. suct 14 oz. milk
	I of a pint) alternately.
	Sunday 4 oz. of uncooked Beef for reasting (cold); 6 oz. of Potatoes; 2 oz. of Bread.
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ы <i>фрс</i> т	Bread, 4 oz.; ‡ of a pint of Milk.
2. 1	DIET FOR CHILDREN AT AND ABOVE NINE.
Breakfast	Bread, 6 oz. Milk half pint, boiled with an equal quantity of water.
•	Monday 7 oz. of uncooked Mutton, for roasting; 10 oz. of
	Potatoes. Tuesday 7 oz. of uncooked Beef, to be boiled into soup; 4 oz.
	of Bread.
Dinner	Wednesday, Same as Monday.
	Thursday Same as Tuesday. Friday Same as Monday.
	Saturday Rice Fudding, with Suct Pudding alternately. Sunday 7 oz. of uncooked Beef for roasting (cold); with it
•	oz. of Potaloes.

DIETARIES FOR CHILDREN.

2. ROYAL MILITARY ASYLUM, CHELSEA. (Boys of from 5 to 14 Years of Age.)

Bread, 1-20th of a quart; Oatmeal, 1-16th of a lb.;
Bread, 1-20th of a quartern loaf.

Meat, 80z.; Potatoes, 120z.; Bread, 1-20th qu. loaf.
Thursday...

Beer, { On Sunday the meat is roast beef; on Tuesday and Thursday, stewed beef, and on Saturday...

Monday... Padding, Suct 13 oz.; Flour, 6 oz.; Potatoes, 8 oz.;

Beer, half a pint.

Wednesday, Pease Soup, 1 gill; Potatoes, 12 oz.; Bread, 1-20th of a quartern loaf; Beer, half a pint.

Sunday...

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Milk, half a pint.

N.B.—The Meat is estimated as taken from the butcher, including bone.

A proportion of the very small children on 6 oz. of Meat.

3. NAVAL ASYLUM, GREENWICH.

Breakfast pint Cocoa (} oz. cocoa, } oz. sugar, 1 gill milk); 5 oz. Bread.
Bunday { Tuesday { Tuesday { Potatoes, 8 oz. } Potatoes, 8 oz. } Bread, 34 oz. } Bread, 34 oz. } Bunday { But Pudding { 12 oz. Suet, } Friday } Wednesday { Pea Soup (t gill of Pease) Potatoes, 8 oz. Bread and Beer as above.
Wednesday { Pea Soup (1 gill of Pease) { Potatoes, 8 oz.—Bread and Beer as above.
Saturday {Mutton, boiled Irish Stew—Bread & Beer.
Supper Half pint Milk, and 5 oz. of Bread.

4. INFANT ORPHAN ASYLUM, DALSTON.

Breakfast Bread and Milk daily.
Monday Meat, or boiled Beef-steak Pudding. Tuesday Mutton (not over-boiled) Potatoes, and boiled Rice. Wednesday Cold Mutton, and family Pudding. Thursday Roasted Legs of Mutton and Potatoes. Friday Cold Mutton, and family Pudding. Saturday Roasted Reef, Potatoes, and Suct Pudding. Sunday Cold roasted Beef, and mashed Potatoes. Beverage—Toast-water.
Supper Bread and Butter, with Milk and Water.
Children under three years of age to have Beef Tea, or Mutton Broth, besides col
Meat, on Sundays. Where the medical officers prescribe, Beer is substituted at dinner for Toast-water Family Puddings to consist of dried Raisins, Apples, Rhubarb, &c. according to the
season. Green Vegetables are occasionally introduced, as circumstances require. The Bread to be of the best quality, and two days old before cut. The joints to consist of top sides of rounds of the best Ox Beef, weighing about 28lbs., and legs of the best Wether Mutton, weighing about 10lbs. each.
As much as they like to eat, within moderation.

5. MR. AUBIN'S ESTABLISHMENT AT NORWOOD, SURREY.

Breakfast	Milk Porridge with Bread in it.
	Sunday Baked or Boiled Mutton or Beef, with Vegetables and Broth.
Dinner	Monday Soup with Bread in it.
	Wednesday Baked or Boiled Rice Pudding, with Milk and Saturday Sugar.
Supper	Bread and Butter, with Milk and Water.
Children under	8 years not restricted to quantity: those from 8 to 14 or 15 are pridge, 4 oz. Bread, 5 oz. Meat, 1 ll. Potatoes, 2 plnt Broth, 14 pints Rice, 6 or 8 oz. of Bread and Butter. Those under 7 years of ago, Arrow-root, Milk, or any other nourishment their tender age may
require.	ill, to be dieted by the medical attendant. Roast Veal or Pork to be and Whit-Sundays, and Roast Beef and Plum Pudding on Christmas

6. DIETARY FOR FOUNDLINGS AND ORPHANS OF THE HOSPICE DES ENFANS TROUVÈS, AND THE LUNATIC AND INFIRM CHILDREN OF THE HOSPICES DES INCURABLES*, IN PARIS.

		QUANTITY	ALLOWED.
DIVISION OF THE DAY.	KIND OF FOOD.	Unpre- pared.	Prepared.
Daily {	CLASS I.—Infants less than a Month old. Milk Vermicelli, Semolina, Wheaten or Rice Flour Sugar. CLASS II.—Infants from One to Twelve Months old, or until weaning.		30 cent. 1 décag. 3 décag.
Daily {	Milk White Bread Vermicelli, Semolina, Wheaten or Rice Flour. Sugar.	= = =	50 cent. 5 décag. 3 décag. 5 décag.
Daily Breakfast	CLASS III.—Children from One to Tico Years old. White Bread Soup or Milk Porridge Meat Broth for Soup, or Vegetable Broth for Soup Meat		30 décag. 20 cent. 20 cent. 7 décag.
Dinner	or Dry Legumes (Haricots, Split-peas, Lentits) or Fresh Vegetables (Cabbage, Turnips, Carrots) or Potatoes or Rice	5 cent. 18 décag. 18 décag. 3 décag.	10 cent. 12 cent. 18 cent. 15 cent. 1 No.
Supper	Dry Legumes or Fresh Vegetables or Potatoes or Rice Prunes or Currant Jelly or Cheese	5 cent. 18 décag. 18 décag. 3 décag. 5 décag.	10 cent. 12 cent. 18 cent. 16 cent. 7 cent. 2 décag. 3 décag.

^{*} From the Réglement sur le Régime Alimentaire des Hôpitaux et Hospices civils de la Ville Paris, approuvé par le Ministre de l'Intérieur, le 30 Novembre 1811. Paris 1811.

	CLASS IV.—Children from Two to Six Fears old.	QUANTITY FOR CL	QUANTITY ALLOWED FOR CLASS IV.	QUANTITY ALLOWED FOR CLASS V.	ALLOWED ASS V.	QUANTITY ALLOWED FOR CLASS VI.	ALLOWED ASS VI.
	CLASS V.—Children Twelve Years old and upwards.	Cupre-	Prepared.	Unpre-	Prepared.	Enpre- pared.	Prepared.
Daily	White Bread for Soup, for Boys and Girls. Middling Bread { Boys Wine for Boys and Girls.	1111	10 décag. 30 décag. 26 décag. 10 cent.	1111	12 décaç. 40 décaç. 36 décaç. 10 cent.	1111	12 décur. 54 décur. 48 décur. 10 cent.
Breakfast	Jours Gras(Sundays, Mondays, Tucsdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays). Vegetable Broth (Bouillon maigre) for Soup { Girls	111	30 cent. 30 cent. 30 cent.	111	40 cent. 30 cent. 40 cent.	! ! !	So cent 50 cent
Dinner	illon gras)	15 décag.	20 cent. 7 décag. 6 décag.	20 décag. 16 décag. 8 cent.	30 cent. 10 décag. 8 décag. 16 cent.	25 décag. 20 décag. 10 cent.	40 cent. 13 décag. 10 décag. 20 cent.
Supper	Dry Lerumes or Fresh Vegetables or Potutoes or Rice Cheese or Prunes. or Raisine (Thick confection of grapes).	24 déag. 24 déag. 4 déag. 8 déag.	16 cent. 24 cent. 20 cent. 4 décig. 12 cent. 5 décig.	30 décag. 5 décag. 10 decag.	20 cent. 23 cent. 5 décag. 15 cent. 6 décag.	36 décar. 36 décar. 6 décar. 12 decar.	24 cent. 36 cent. 30 cent. 6 décag. 18 cent. 7 décag.
Breakfast (Jours Maigres (Fridays and Saturdays). Vegetable Broth for Soup { Boys Girls Boyth for Soup { Boys Girls Girls Boyth for Soup { Girls Gir	۱۱۱ ۱۱۱۱ ۱۱۱۲	30 cent. 30 cent. 30 cent. 20 cent.	5. Cent	40 cent. 30 cent. 40 cent. 30 cent. 30 cent.	18 1	50 cent. 40 cent. 50 cent. 40 cent. 36 cent.
Dinner	Dry Legumes or Fresh Vegetables or Potatoes or Eggs	50 décag. 50 décag. ————————————————————————————————————	36 cent. 50 cent. 1 No. 12 cent.	60 décag. 60 décag. — 8 cent. 30 décag.	40 cent. 60 cent. 1 No. 16 cent. 20 cent.	70 décag. 70 décag. 10 cent. 36 décag.	20 cent 20 cent 20 cent 22 cent
Supper.	or Fresh Vegetables or Potatoes or Rice Clucse or Prunes. or Raisinc.	24 décag. 4 décag. 8 décag.	24 cent. 20 cent. 4 décag. 12 cent. 5 décag.	30 décag. 5 décag. 10 décag.	30 cent. 25 cent. 5 décag. 15 cent. 6 décag.	용 9 립	36 cent. 30 cent. 6 décag. 18 cent. 7 décag.

7. MERCHANTS' SEAMEN'S ORPHAN ASYLUM.

(Ages of Children from 7 to 15 Years.)

Breakfast	4lb, Bread, 4 pint Milk.
	(Sunday)
Dinner	Sunday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Monday Alb. Rice, beiled and divided among 90 children. Saturday Alb. Bread.
	Monday [171bs. Rice, beiled and divided among 90 children. Saturday [41b. Bread. 101bs. Peas in Soup, divided amon ; 90 children.
	folls. Peas in Soup, divided amon; 90 children. 4lb, Bread, 10z, Cheese.

2. DIETARY FOR THE NAVAL SERVICE.

"The victualling of the Navy," says Dr. John Wilson*, " is as nearly as possible uniform throughout the service as circumstances will permit; at sea it is almost entirely so; in harbour it varies more or less, according to the supplies of fresh provisions procurable in different places."

In the "Regulations for His Majesty's Service at Sea," established by the King in Council, Jan. 1st, 1833, is contained the following scale of diet used in the Navy:—

-			ring in His Majesty's ships the foll	
	Bread	i 10"	Fresh Meat 1 lb.)	
	Beer	i gallon.	and }	
	Cocoa		Vegetables	
	Sugar]	Tea ‡ oz.	
When F			ued, there shall be allowed in lieu th	
	Salt Beer	# IU. Lalternat	ely { or Salt Pork \$ lb, and Pease \$ pint.	
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• Statistical Reports of the Health of the Navy, for the Years 1830—1836. South American, West Indian and North American, Mediterranean and Peninsular Commands. Ordered by the House of Commons to be printed, March 24, 1840.

"The following Scheme shows the proportion of Provisions with Salt Meat for each man for fourteen days:--

DAYS OF THE WEEK.	Bread	Beer	Sugar	Cocoa	Tea	Beef	Pork	Flour	Pease	Oat- meal	Vine- gar.
Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday		yall.	0%: 14 14 14 14 14 14 14	#:. 	: :	# 16.	# 16.	#	pint () () () () () () () () () (pint 4	pint 4
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Proportion for 14 days	11	14	21	11	33	51	51	5	3}	1	1
In case it sl to issue	, of Ri , of Ci , of Si wild b others	dsins b prauts let le found las the	being c	ousider -} sary to titutes;	red equ ditta attor s	ov of t	ditt the abo	ve spec	ies of 1	'rovisi	ons, and
1	or lb, of H or	tire		. }to b	e consi	dered (equal t	o 1 lb. (of Bisco	nit.	
1 1	pint of or pint of	Wine . Spirit		. } is to	be co	isidere	d equa	l to 1 g	allon o	f Beer	•
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1	or pint of or	Calava	 mces*.	. is to				al to 1 p			
			t ie		o be co to be	msider conside	ed equ ered eq	al to 1 l ual to	16, of C 1 16, of	ocoa. Cocoa	1.

"After fourteen days' use of salt food, lemon juice, with an additional allowance of sugar, is issued as an antiscorbutic ‡."

th, of Onions...... is to be considered equal to 1 lb. of other Vegetables."

• Calavances, a kind of pulse. According to Sir H. Sloane it is the Phaseolus sphærospermus.

† Dholl or Dal is the split pease of India. That which is obtained from Phascolus radiatus is reckoned the best kind.

† Dr. J. Wilson's Statistical Reports.

From these statements it is obvious that the quantity of food supplied to the Navy is most ample, though not excessive. The total weekly allowance, when either fresh or salt meat is issued, is as follows:—

• •		Fresh Meat Diet 112 oz		Salt Meat Diet.
Bread		112 oz		. 112 oz.
Meat		112 oz		. 84 oz.
Vegetables		56 oz		. 0
Flour		0 .		40 62
Pease		O [1] nin	ts sau)	. 991 oz
- Oaimeai [3]	pint say	1 . 5 oz		5 oz.
ougar		· IULOZ.		. 101 oz
Cocoa	• •	. 7 oz.		. 7 oz.
		. 3021		
Beer		. 7 gallons		. 7 vallone
vinegar .		j pint .		. ¿pint
Tea		I∄ ōz, .		. 1 oz.

The substitution of one kind of provision for another is an excellent arrangement, by which considerable variety of food, so necessary for the preservation of health, is obtained. A reasonable complaint, however, may be made with regard to the scale of equivalents adopted. It will be perceived that 8 oz. of fresh vegetables are considered equal to 12 oz. of flour, or to half a pint of pease: whereas in reality at least 86 oz. of fresh vegetables are required to be equal to 12 oz. of wheat flour *.

100 parts of potatoes contain about . . 21 parts dry matter.

**	cabbage turnips	72	· · 7·7	11
37		1)	7.5	"
***	carrots	1)	124	"
	Total . Average	• • •	48.6	·

If we calculate according to Boussingault's nitrogen scale of nutritive equivalents (see p. 55), about 1051 parts of fresh vegetables (potatoes, cabbage, carrots, and turnips), are equivalent to 12 parts of wheat flour.

Dr. Wilson declares the naval rations to be both abundant in quantity and excellent in quality; and he adds that they contribute largely to the high degree of health now enjoyed in the Royal Navy.

The water employed in the navy was formerly carried to sea in casks, and soon became putrid and offensive owing to the vegetable admixture. The substitution of iron tanks for casks has remedied this evil; and the water can now be kept for any length of time without becoming offensive either to the palate or nose. The metal becomes oxidized, and the oxide of iron thus formed mixes with the water; but, by its weight and insolubility, it soon falls, at least for the most part, to the bottom; and should a small portion remain suspended and be drank, it can have no injurious effect, but may possibly prove beneficial.

Subjoined are the Scale of Victualling for Troops from England to India, as fixed by the East India Company; and the Dietary for Emigrants, as fixed by Her Majesty's Colonial Land and Emigration Commissioners:—

[•] In making the above calculation, I have assumed that 100 parts of wheat flour contain 88 parts of dry nutritive matter, and that 100 parts of fresh vegetables (potatoes, cabbage, carrots, and turnips) contain, on the average, only 12:15 parts of dry nutritive matter. For

SCALE OF VICTUALLING FOR TROOPS FROM ENGLAND TO INDIA.

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For Two Days	Recf,* Two Pieces, or	16 lb. 5 lb. 1 lb.	
For One Day	Preserved Meat	6 lb.	
For Three Days	Pork,* Three Pieces, or	18 lb. 5 Pints	For a Mess of Six Men
For One Day	Flour	5 lb, ¶ lb, 14 lb,	per Week,
For Seven Days	Mustard Biscuit Tea. Sugar (crushed). Vinegar. Best London Porter	1 lb, 30 lb, 1 lb, 6 lb, 3 Pints 42 Pints	

Water at the rate of Seven Piuts per man per day, for twenty weeks: this quantity covers Wastage. Lemon Juice at the rate of One Quart per man for the Voyage out. The allowance of Porter to be exclusive of Wastage.

Fresh Beef or Mutton to be issued to the Troops when procurable; 14 lb. per man per day, with Vegetables for the Soup, and Oatmeal.

* New India Beef and New India Pork of British curing.

QUANTITIES FOR EACH MAN PER DAY.

Sunday Monday Tuesday	Jaog 8: 213 —	E S ? Flour.	7 Snet.	- I is Plums.	91 % Pork.	Pint per d Pease.	% Preserved	97 Rice.	Man per & Biscuit.	London 1 Porter.	Man per 91 Sugar.	week, & Ten.	Ness of E Vinegar.	ssof Six & Mustard.	n per Day, ir & Suet, & Potatoes.
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N.B. Women receive the same rations as Men, and Children half the ration, with the exception of Beer, half the ration only being allowed to Women.

The Porter to be in Hogsheads when the number of Persons is under 120.

DAILY MEALS.

Breakfast	Biscuits, Tea and Sugar.
Dipper	According to the above Scale.
Supper	Biscuits, Tea and Sugar.

DIETARY FOR EMIGRANTS.

The Passengers to be in Messes of six or more, as the Surgeon may determine; and to be victualled according to the following Scale, for one Adult:—

Days.	Biscuit.	Beef.†	Pork.†	Preserved Meat.	Flour.	Raisins.	Suet	Pease.	Rice.‡	Tea.	Coffee.	Sugar.	Butter.	Water.	Pickled Cabbage.	Mustard.	Salt.
	16	16.	lb.	16.	16.	oz.	oz.	<u>P1.</u>	16.	02.	oz.	lb.	oz.	Qts.	Pt.	oz.	oz.
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Saturday		j			1	2	1	—		1		—	-	3	-m	-101	"

* The Biscuit must not be of a more inferior description than the second quality of that article.

out article.
† Prime new Irish East India Beef, and prime mess Pork.
‡ During the first month 14 lbs. of Potatoes may be substituted for 4 lb. of Rice.

Women, and Children of 14 years and upwards, to receive the same rations as Men; Children from 7 to 14 to receive two-thirds, and Children from 1 to 7 years of age to receive one-half, of the above quantities.

The Children between 1 and 7 shall, three times a week, receive 4 oz. of Rice, or 3 oz. of Sago, each, in lieu of their salt Meat.

Children under twelve months receive no rations.

One pound of fresh Meat and one pound of soft Bread per adult, to be issued, with a suitable quantity of Vegetables, until one day after passing the Downs, and whenever opportunity shall offer, in lieu of the salt and preserved Meat, and of the Flour, Suet and Raisins, Rice and Pease.

3. ARMY RATIONS.

The daily allowance to the Soldier in Great Britain is 1 lb. of Bread, and 3 lb. of Meat, making together 196 oz. of solid food weekly. For this he pays a fixed sum daily, viz. 6d. whatever may be the market price; any excess being paid for by Government. He furnishes himself with other provisions.

4. DIETARIES FOR PAUPERS.

It has been very properly stated by the Poor Law Commissioners, that in the dieting of the inmates of workhouses, the object is to give them an adequate supply of wholesome food, not superior in quantity or quality to that which the labouring classes in the respective neighbourhoods provide for themselves.

To effect so desirable an object, the Commissioners, in their Second Annual Report (1836), have adopted six dietaries (numbered from 1 to 6), for use in poorhouses; and we are told that all of them have been employed in different parts of England, and have been proved to be sufficient in quantity, and perfectly unexceptionable as to the nature of the provisions specified in each.

1. DIETARY FOR ABLE-BODIED MEN AND WOMEN.

	Brea	Yast.		Di	nner.		Supper.		
	Bread.	Gruet.	Cooked Meat.	Pokio tora	Soup.	Suct or Hice Pulling.	Break.	Cheese.	Broth.
Sunday (Men	o:. 6	pints	0:. 5	lbs.	pints	02.	07. G	oz. —	pints
Tuesday Women	5	13	5	4		 	5	-	13
Monday Men Wednesday Women Saturday	6 5	11	<u>-</u>	_	11	_	6 5	2 2	- -
Friday { Men Women	6 5	11	<u>-</u>	_	=	14 12	6 5	2 2	=

Old people of 60 years of age and upwards, may be allowed 1 oz. of tea, 5 oz. of butter, and 7 oz. of sugar, per week, in lieu of gruel for breakfast, if deemed expedient to make this change.

Children under 9 years of age to be dieted at discretion; above 9, to be allowed the same quantities as women.

2. GENERAL DIETARY FOR THE ABLE-BODIED.

	B_i	reakfai	it.	Dinner.				Supper.			
	Bread.	Cheese.	Butter.	Meat Pud- ding, with Vegetables	Suet Pud- ding, with Vegetables	Bread.	Chcese.	Bread.	Cheese.	Butter.	
Sunday { Men Women	02. 6 5	oz. 1	02. 	02. 16 10	oz. 	0z.	02. —	oz. 6 5	02. 1	02,	
Monday (Men	6	1			_	7	1	6	ı		
Wednesday Thursday Women Saturday	5	-	å	-	_	7	1	5	_	ł	
Tuesday { Men Friday { Women	6 5	1	-	_	16 10	=	_	6 5	1_1_		

Old people, being all 60 years of age and upwards:—The weekly addition of 1 oz. of tea, and milk or sugar; also an additional meat pudding dinner on Thursday in each week, in lieu of bread and cheese, to those for whose age and infirmities it may be be deemed requisite.

Children under 9 years of age:—Bread and milk for their breakfast and supper, or gruel when milk cannot be obtained; also such proportions of the dinner diet as may be requisite for their respective ages.

3. DIETARY FOR ABLE-BODIED PAUPERS.

	Break	fast.	-		Supper.				
	Bread.		Cooked Mest.	Potatoes or other Vege- tables.	Soup.	Bread.	Cheese.	Bread.	Cheese.
Sunday (Men	oz. 8	pints	02.	16.	pints	oz.	0z. 2	oz. 6	0x. 1½
Monday Wednesday Women	6	14	-	-	-	6	18	5	11
Tuesday Men	8 6	110	8 6	3	=	=	=	6 5	15
Thursday Men	8	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	=	=	1 d 1 d	5	=	6 5	13
Saturday \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \	8 6	15 15	Bacon. 5	3	=	=	=	6 5	11 12

Old people of 60 years of age and upwards may be allowed 1 oz. of tea, 5 oz. of butter, and 7 oz. of sugar, per week, in lieu of gruel for breakfast, if deemed expedient to make this change.

Children under 9 years of age to be dieted at discretion; above 9, to be allowed the same quantities as women.

4. DIETARY FOR ABLE-BODIED PAUPERS OF BOTH SEXES.

	Break	kfast.				Supper.			
	Bread.	Gruel.	Pickled Pork or Bacon with Vegbls.	Soup.	Bread.		Rice or Suet Pud- ding with Vege- tables.	Bread.	Cheese.
Sunday (Men	oz. 8	pints	oz.	pints 2	oz. 6	oz.	oz.	oz, 6	oz. 2
Sunday Men Tuesday Friday Women	6	13		13	5		_	5	11
Monday \ Men Thursday \ Women.	8 6	11 13	=	=	_	=	12 10	6 5	2 1½
Wednesday Men	8	113	6 5	_	_	=	=	6 5	2 11/2
Saturday \ Men	8	13	=	=	=	12 10	=	6 5	2 11

The vegetables are not included in the weight specified, which is for the meat when cooked. If it be thought desirable, an ounce of butter may be given to the women, in lieu of cheese, for supper.

Old people of 60 years of age and upwards may be allowed 1 oz. of tea, 5 oz. of butter, and 7 oz. of sugar, per week, in lieu of gruel for breakfast, if deemed expedient to make this change.

Children under 9 years of age to be dicted at discretion: above 9, to be allowed the same quantities as women.

^{*} The vegetables are extra, and not included in the weight specified.

5. DIETARY FOR ABLE-BODIED MEN AND WOMEN.

	Bre	aksast.		Dinner.					Supper.		
Sunday { Men Thursday { Women Monday { Men Yriday { Women Women Tuesday { Women Women Wednesday { Men Saturday { Women	912 07 07 7 G 7 G 7 G	pints	Gooked Meat.	sum of Vertables			02 7 G - 7 G	1	076 76	rectant to	

Old people of 60 years of age and upwards may be allowed 1 oz. of tea, 5 oz. of butter, and 7 oz. of sugar, per week, in lieu of gruel for breakfast, if deemed expedient to make this change.

Children under 9 years of age to be dieted at discretion; above 9, to be allowed the same quantity as women.

6. DIETARY FOR ABLE-BODIED PAUPERS.

	D,	Breakfast.			Dinner.					Supper.			
,	Bread.	Clicese.	Butter.	Boiled Meat,	Potntues,	Yeart Dumpling.	Suet Dunpling.	Dread.	Cheme.	Dread.	Cheese.	Butter.	Broth.
Sunday { Men Women Monday { Men		oz. 1 -	02.	or. 	oz. -	oz. 	oz. 16 12	02. 6	oz. - 1	02. 6 5	oz. 1 1	02. -	pts.
*Wednesday Women Saturday Women Tuesday Men Women	5 6 5	_ 1 _ 1		4 4	- 12 12	 51 51 11	1 1 1 1	6 - 1	1	5 6 5 6	- - 1		1 1
Friday { Men Women	5	-	1		-	ii		-		Š	-	1 t	—

Old people, being all 60 years of age and upwards:—The weekly addition of 1 oz. of tea, and milk or sugar, to those for whose age and infirmities it may be deemed requisite.

Children under 9 years of age:—Bread and milk for their breakfast and supper, or gruel when milk cannot be obtained; also such proportions of the dinner diet as may be requisite for their respective ages.

[* 1 oz. butter ordered on Wednesdays for men. Is it a typographical error?]

From these six dietaries each Board of Guardians

of the Poor is required to select one most suitable to the circumstances of each Union.

It will be perceived that beer is not permitted unless specially ordered by the surgeon, and that the use of tea is confined to the aged and infirm. In all cases the sick to be dieted as directed by the medical officer.

The following table gives a comparative view of these dictaries:—

	DIETARY No. 1.		DIETARY No. 2.		DIET No.	ARY	DIET No.	ARY	Diet No		Diet No	
	Men.	Women. Children above 9.	Men.	Women. Children above 9.	Men.	Women. Children above 9.	Men.	Women. Children above 9.	Men.	Women. Children above 9.	Men.	Women. Children nbove 9.
Bread oz. Cooked meat, Potatoes, Suet or Rice? Pudding, Cheese, Meat Pudding with vege- tables†	81 15 21 14 8	70 15 24 12 8	112 	98 20* 4 10	132 8 24 — 181 —	106 6 24 — 161 —	116 21* 14 12	92 20* 101 10	98 10 48 14 81	84 10 48 12 81 —	102 8 24 16 15 	85 8 24 12 3 —
Hacon, Yeast dumpling ,, Vegetable,		=	=	=	- -		6 -	5 -	21	24	22 - 188	22
Gruel pints Soup , Broth , Vegetables	145 103 43 43 —	129 164 45 45 —	178	139	187 <u>1</u> 101 11 -		172 101 6	137½ 10½ 4½ 7	2021 101 3 —	1 -	- - 2	- - 2

^{*} Besides vegetables.
† The vegetables are extra, and are not included in the weights specified.

The average weekly amount of solid food supplied by these dietaries is for men nearly 179 ounces,—and for women about 152 ounces.

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17 13	No. 3. No. 4.		•	:	187 <u>4</u> 172	•	:	_		156 <u>1</u> 137 <u>1</u> 1861
Dietary	No. 1. No. 2.				145 oz. 178	•	•	•	•	129 oz. 139

Now according to the result of the Commissioners of Inquiry *, agricultural labourers are unable to procure for themselves and families an average allowance of more than 122 oz. of solid food (principally bread) weekly; and if we assume that the man consumes 140 ounces (say 134 bread and 6 meat) as his share, it is evident that his allowance would not be equal to that of the above dietaries.

COMPOUND ALIMENTS.

The dietary marked No. 2 is that of twenty-six Unions of the county of Kent; and, at a meeting of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of all the twelve East Kent unions, it was unanimously declared that this Dietary had answered well, and that no alteration in it was desirable †.

I have inquired at several workhouses the composition of the *suct-pudding*, the *soup*, and the *gruct*, used in these establishments. Subjoined are some of the answers which I have received.

1. Soup (in use at the Wapping Workhouse‡).— Liquor in which 119 lbs. of meat have been boiled, Legs and Shins of Beef 42 lbs., Residual Cuttings of Meat 9½ lbs., Split-peas 40 lbs., Onions and Carrots 16 lbs., Oatmeal 6 lbs., Dripping 6 lbs., Pepper 3 oz., Salt 1 lb., and Crumbs of Bread 5 lbs. This quantity is for 240 females, each having 1 pint (weighing about 1½ lb.)

A pint and a half of the soup prepared at the poor-house of St. George's, Middlesex, contains 6 ounces of meat and bone (equal to about $4\frac{1}{2}$ ounces solid meat), 4th of a pint of Peas, $\frac{1}{3}$ of an ounce of Groats, $\frac{1}{12}$ th of an ounce of Pepper, $\frac{1}{12}$ th of an ounce of Salt, and $\frac{1}{2}$ th of a pennyworth of Vegetables.

- 2. GRUEL (in use at the Wapping Workhouse).— Each pint of gruel contains 11 oz. of the best Berwick Oatmeal.
- 3. SUET PUDDINGS (in use at the Wapping Workhouse).—Flour 1 lb., Suet \(\frac{1}{4}\) lb., Water 13 oz. These quantities yield, when boiled, full 2 lbs. of pudding.

Mr. Gray, of the Stepney Union, informs me that,-

So that by making the puddings over stiff, that is, with 6 oz. of water, 1 lb. 2 oz. more were lost (equal to about $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.) than when made with 11 lbs. of water."

Mr. Gray has also furnished me with the following curious information respecting the loss sustained in cooking and serving in pauper establishments.

[•] See Mr. Tuffnell's report, in the Second Annual Report of the P or Law Commissioners.

[†] See Mr. Tuffnell's report, before cited.

[†] For the above and some of the subsequent information respecting the Wapping Workhouse, I am indebted to Mrs. Megson, the very intelligent matron of that establishment.

A Table of the Consumption of Beef and Mutton in certain Metropolitan Workhouses, shewing the "Number of Boilings," the "Average Weight of each Ration," and the "Total Loss" sustained in cooking and serving the same.

Number of Workhouses, and State of Cooking Apparatus.	which the		Average Weight of each Ration.		or waste	Centesimal Proportion of Loss and Waste to total Con- sumption.
1 good	15 months	193	7 ounces	lbs. 38354	105. 12015	30s. 31·16
1 rood	13 months	193	7 ounces	31131	10323	30.73
I very good	15 months	193	7 ounces	31330	10810	31.33
I good	15 months	193	5 onnees	21189	7930	32:48
2 good	3 months		7 ounces	12689	3909	30.81
1 good	3 months	78 39	5 ounces	6239	2504	30.39
1 very good	3 months	39	51 ounces	7311	2021	. 27 57
2 good	3 months	78	7 ounces	13161	3811	31.28
1 good	3 months	39	5 ounces	F381	2371	26:97
1 very good	3 months	39	5] ounces	G743	1952	28.0
4 good	3 months	156	5 ounces	21671	7(43	20.03
4 good	3 months	136	5 ounces	27853	8214	29.46
1 very good	2 years.	312	6 ounces	58131	16672	28.68
		1716		297990	90131	30:0G

The Ox-Beef was without bone, and consisted of Flanks, Leg of Mutton Pieces, Clods,

and Briskets.

The Mutton consisted of the Fore Quarters, weighing above 40 lbs.

The Issustained in preparing and serving cooked meat, in large Public Institutions, is very great, and may appear to the unpractised observer extraordinary; but there are so many sources from which loss accrues, that the surprise would be soon removed by an attentive consideration of the subject.

1st, The Cooking.—The quality of the meat will cause a difference of from 7 to 8 per cent. The want of skill, inattention, or inadvertence, on the part of the Cook, will at times increase the loss very greatly; for, in cooking large quantities, great and undivided attention is necessary to produce the article properly cooked.

2nd, The Serving.—Great dispatch is necessary in the serving. Two persons, one to cut, the other to weigh, will, on the average, have to serve 14 rations in two minutes. So much to be done, and, from necessity, in so short a period of time, requires some skill, and not a little practice, on the part of Carver and Weigher, to keep within a moderate loss. The following are among the principal sources of loss: the bone and fat of mutton—the outside and coarser parts of the beef—the evaporation and the running off of the juices during carving. To these must be added the drafts in weighling.

The annexed Table shows the Consumption and Amount of Loss in several large Establishments, and, I am of opinion, may be considered as something more than an approximation to the truth. It extends over a sufficient period of time "to take in Meat of all the Seasons." It was cooked in different apparatus, and served in the separate houses, by careful and intelligent individuals. The quantity cooked, and the rations served at each house, was sufficient to have formed a good average; but taken in the aggregate, they give data for calculation seldom to be met with.

32 Boilings of Multon.—The parts cooked were the Fore Quarters, weighing 40 lbs. the

32 Boilings of Mutton.—The parts cooked were the Fore Quarters, weighing 40 lbs. the pair; the contract price 7s. 5d. per stone, 14 lbs.

Total Quantity Cooked	3209 lbs.
Total Quantity Cooked Loss sustained in Boiling	563 lbs.
Centesimal Proportion of Loss to whole Quantity Cooked Maximum Loss	17:5414 l08,
Minimum Loss	

64 Boilings of Beef.—Parts: Brisket, thick and thin Flanks, Log of Mutton Pieces, and Clods, the whole free from bone; contract price 7s. 5d. per stone, 14 lbs.

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Total Quantity Cooked	5772 lbs.
Loss sustained in Boiling Centesimal Proportion of Loss to the whole Quantity Cooked	1018 lbs.
Centesimal Proportion of Loss to the whole Quantity Cooked	17:637 lbs.
Maximum Loss	21 lbs.
Minimum Loss	13 A Ilig.

6. DIETARIES FOR PRISONERS.

I have already (see p. 462, et seq.) offered some remarks on the peculiar circumstances affecting the diet of persons confined in prisons.

In January, 1843, the Inspectors of Prisons made a Report to the Secretary of State relative to the system of Prison Discipline, &c., in which they state that, with respect to Dietaries, they have arrived at the following conclusions:—

- "1. We have framed a series of tables, according to the length of the imprisonment, the additional punishment of hard labour, and the sex of the prisoners; and, as far as practicable, with regard also to the kind and degree of discipline enforced other than hard labour.
- 2. These dictaries are given as the minimum of what we recommend for each class, without reference to the local situations of the prisons, or to any peculiar circumstances which may render an increase necessary. Such peculiarities may also render it expedient, in certain cases, to substitute other kinds of food (of an equivalent amount of nutriment) for some of those included in the scale of diet.
- 3. The principle which we are of opinion ought to be acted on in framing a scale of prison diet, and that which we have endeavoured to carry into effect as far as possible in the annexed scale, is, that that quantity of food should be given in all cases which is sufficient, and not more than sufficient, to maintain health and strength, at the least possible cost; and that, whilst due care should be exercised to prevent extravagance or luxury in a prison, the diet ought not to be made an instrument of punishment.
- 4. In endeavouring to ascertain the precise quantities of food which ought to be allowed to different classes of prisoners, in accordance with the foregoing principle, we have been guided by our own experience, by the opinions of several prison medical officers of long standing, and by the dietaries in use.
- 5. We are of opinion that there ought always to be three meals each day in prisons, and that at least two of the three should be hot.
- 6. That there should be variety in the kinds of food forming the diet, with occasional changes; and that a considerable portion of the food should be solid.
- 7. That in the selection of the kinds of food, it is essential, for the

- maintenance of health, to include substances which are necessary for the support of the various parts of the body.
- 8. That it is very important to ascertain that the water is pure and wholesome, and that there is an abundant supply.
- 9. That prisoners should not be set to work immediately after any meal.
- 10. That animal food should form part of the diet of prisoners employed at hard labour.
- 11. That the attention of the medical officer should be directed to the scale of diet on which each prisoner is placed, and that he should have a discretionary power to increase or diminish the quantity of food with reference to the constitution and state of health of the particular prisoner.
- 12. That with regard to age, it is only in the extremes of youth and old age that any distinction of dict is advisable, and that the discretion of the medical officer should extend to these cases."

It will be perceived that the conclusions which the Inspectors have arrived at accord with the principles which I have advocated in this work. The scale of diet which they recommend, and which has been adopted by the Secretary of State, is subjoined.

It appears, however, that the Inspectors were not unanimous as to the dietaries; and it is but fair, therefore, that the reader should be put in possession of the following Reasons of Dissent as to the Scales of Diet assigned by Mr. F. Hill, one of the Inspectors:—

- "1. There is at present a great want of information on the subject of diet generally, both as respects the real quantity of nutriment required for health under various circumstances, and the best form in which that nutriment can be given, as regards bulk, solidity, quantity of animal matter, and the necessary variety to supply all the wants of the frame for renewing bone, muscle, &c. There is but little certain knowledge also respecting the comparative quantity of nutriment contained in substances of different kinds, such as wheaten bread, meat, and potatoes.
- 2. Owing to the many circumstances which affect the natural demand for food, such as age, sex, constitution, state of health, kind and quantity of work, it is difficult, under any arrangement, to determine what quantity of food any prisoner ought to have; and it

is impossible, in my opinion, to classify prisoners for this purpose with any degree of accuracy otherwise than by considering the case of each prisoner separately, which may be done by laying down a few scales of dict, and then empowering those who must be best acquainted with the case of each prisoner, viz. the Governor and Surgeon, to settle from time to time, subject to the control of the visiting justices, on what scale each prisoner shall be placed.

If a classification be made according to any one or two only of the disturbing causes, the rate of diet, if suited to the wants of a portion of the class, will, in my opinion, be found insufficient for some and too much for others, producing injury to health in both cases, and in one waste and extravagance also.

3. While it is right to give prisoners such a quantity of food as will keep up robust health, it is important to allow nothing beyond what is really necessary; both because excess of food is injurious to health as well as deficiency, and because the motives to honest industry will be weakened if any thing like luxury be admitted into prisons.

4. It having been declared as a principle that the allowance of food ought not to be made an instrument of punishment, and that that quantity of food should be given which is sufficient, and not more than sufficient, to maintain health and strength, I cannot see any ground for giving less food to a prisoner who is employed at the same kind of labour as another prisoner, and otherwise similarly circumstanced with him, except that he is to leave the prison sooner, unless, as has been alleged, the expectation of a long imprisonment has a depressing effect on the mind, and that effect can be counteracted, in its influence on the health, by a greater quantity of food. Without inquiring into the accuracy of the fact, as a general rule, I cannot agree to the inference from it. I believe, on the contrary, that a depressed state of the mind weakens the digestive powers, and makes them incapable of receiving even so much food as when the mind is cheerful."

Sir James Graham, Her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department, in a letter to the Chairmen of Quarter Sessions, dated 27th January, 1843, adopts the recommendations of the Inspectors with regard to dictaries, and offers the following very proper observations:—

"I desire to call the especial attention of the magistracy to those rules which relate to the Diet of Prisoners. On the proper adjustment of this particular their health mainly depends; and I am convinced that the adoption of the proposed scales will prevent the recurrence of those complaints which have frequently been preferred, and in some instances justly preferred, against the prison authorities. It is by no means intended that the precise articles of food specified in the dictaries should be strictly adhered to in the table which you may adopt; other kinds of food, containing an equivalent amount of nutriment, may, with advantage, be substituted, when those articles which have been named are either difficult to be obtained in your neighbourhood, or are considered not suited to the customs and habits of the prisoners; but that quantity of food must, in all cases, be given which is sufficient, though not more than sufficient, to maintain health and strength at a moderate cost; and, while due care should be exercised to prevent any approach to luxurious living in a prison, the diet ought on no account to be made an instrument of punishment. I have consulted not only the Prison Inspectors, but medical men of the greatest eminence, possessing the advantage of long experience; I have carefully revised the dietaries now in use; and I have come to the conclusion,-

1stly, That animal food should in all cases form part of the diet of prisoners employed at hard labour.

2ndly, That a considerable portion of the food of every prisoner should be solid; and,

3rdly, That there should be variety in the kinds of food forming the diet, and that occasional changes are necessary.

The dictaries which I now offer for your adoption are framed on these principles, and are upheld by medical science, and by the recommendation of persons on whose authority and knowledge reliance may be placed, but they have been framed without reference to the local situation of particular prisons, or to any peculiar circumstances which may render an increase necessary; they are therefore proposed as the minimum amount which can safely be afforded to prisoners without the risk of inflicting a punishment not contemplated by law, and which it is unjust and cruel to inflict; namely, loss of health and strength through the inadequacy of the food supplied."

DIETARIES FOR PRISONS IN ENGLAND AND WALES,

Recommended by the Prison Inspectors, and ordered by her Majesty's Secretary of State for the Home Department.

CLASS 1.
Prisoners confined for any term not exceeding three days:-
Malcs. Females. Breakfast 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel. Dinner 1 lb. of Bread 1 lb. of Bread. Supper 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel.
CLASS II.
Convicted prisoners for any term exceeding three days, and not exceeding fourteen
Malcs. Females. It pint of Oatmeal gruel; 6 oz. of 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel; 6 oz. of Bread. Dinner
Prisoners of this class employed at hard labour, to have, in addition, 1 pint of Soup
CLASS III.
Prisoners employed at hard labour for terms exceeding fourteen days, but not more han six weeks:
Males. Breakfast.—1 pint of Oatmeal gruel; 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel; 6 oz. of 8 oz. of Bread. Bread.
Sunday and { Dinner1 pint of Soup; 8 oz. of } 1 pint of Soup; 6 oz. of Bread.
Puesday and (3 oz. of cooked Meat, without bone;) 3 oz. of cooked Meat, without bone;
Monday, & 8 oz. of Bread; \$1b. of Potatoes 6 oz. of Bread; \$1b. of Potatoes. Monday, & 8 oz. of Bread; 1 lb. of Potatoes, or Of Bread; 1 lb. of Potatoes, o
CLASS IV.
Prisoners employed at hard labour for terms exceeding six weeks, but not more than
three months:- Females.
Breakfast 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel; 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel; 6 oz. of 8 oz. of Bread
Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday. Dinner.—3 oz. of cooked Meat, without bone; out bone; \(\frac{1}{2} \) lb. of Potatoes; \(6 \) oz. of cooked Meat, without bone; \(\frac{1}{2} \) lb. of Potatoes; \(6 \) oz. of Bread.
Monday, Wednesday, & { 1 pint of Soup; 8 oz. of Bread 1 pint of Soup; 6 oz. of Bread. Supper.—Same as breakfast
CLASS V.
Prisoners employed at hard labour for terms exceeding three months:— **Males.** **Females.**
Sunday, Breakfart.—1 pint of Oatmeal gruel; 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel; 6 oz. of Bread. Bread.
Saturday Dinner.—102. of Cooked Meat, without bone; out bone; 1 lb. of Potatoes; 6 oz. of Bread.
Monday, Wednesday, Priday Breakfast.—1 pint of Cocoa, made of 3 oz. of flaked cocoa or cocoanibs, sweetened with 3 oz. of molaslasses or sugar; 6 oz. of Bread. Dinner.—1 pint of Soup; 1 lb. of Potatoes; tatoes; 6 oz. of Bread
Supper the seven days.—1 pint of 1 pint of Oatmeal gruel; 6 oz. of Oatmeal gruel; 6 oz. of Bread.

CLASS VI

Convicted prisoners not employed at hard labour for periods exceeding fourteen days:-

Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday

Dinner.—30z. of cooked Meat, without bone; out bone; 4 lb. of Potatocs; 80z. of Bread...... 4 lb. Potatocs; 6 oz. of Bread.

Monday, Wednesday, Friday {1 pint of

1 pint of Soup; 8 oz. of Bread 1 pint of Soup; 6 oz. of Bread.

Supper.-Same as breakfast......Same as breakfast.

CLASS VII.

Prisoners sentenced by Court to solitary confinement:-

Males.
The same as Class VI.

Females.
The same as Class VI.

CLASS VIII.

Prisoners for examination, before trial, and indsdemeanants of the first division, who do not maintain themselves:—

Males.
The same as Class IV.

Females.
The same as Class IV.

CLASS IX. Destitute debtors.

Males.
The same as Class IV.

Females.
The same as Class IV.

CLASS X.

Prisoners under punishment for prison offences for terms not exceeding three days:—
11b. of Bread per diem.

Prisoners in close confinement for prison offences under the provisions of the 42nd section of the Gaol Act:—

Note.—The Soup to contain, per pint, 3 oz. of cooked meat without bone, 3 oz. of potatoes, 1 oz. of barley, rice, or oatmeal, and 1 oz. of onions or lecks, with pepper and salt. The Gruel, when made in quantities exceeding 50 pints, to contain 14 oz. of oatmeal per pint, and 2 oz. per pint when made in less quantities. The Gruel on alternate days to be sweetened with 2 oz. of molasses or sugar, and seasoned with salt.

The following table gives a comparative view of the weekly quantity of food allowed to prisoners confined for terms exceeding three days:—

	CLASS 2.		CLASS 3.		CLASS 4. CLASS 8. CLASS 9.		CLASS 5.		CLASS G. CLASS 7.	
Breadoz Cooked meat,oz Potatocsoz	168 0	Women. 126 0 0	Men. 168 6 64	Women. 126 6 64	Men. 168 12 32	Women. 126 12 32	Men. 126 16 112	Women. 126 12 56	Men. 168 12 32	Women. 126 12 32
Total solid food Gruelpints Souppints Cocoapints	14 0	126 14 0 0	238 14 2 0	196 14 2 . 0	212 14 3 0	170 14 3 0	254 11 3 3	194 11 3 3	212 14 3 0	170 14 3 0

These dietaries appear to me well calculated to carry into effect the principles laid down by the Prison Inspectors, that the quantity of food supplied to prisoners should in all cases be sufficient, and not more than sufficient, to maintain health and strength.

They have, however, been objected to, on the ground that the amount of food which they supply is greater than the hard-working, sober, and honest labourer can in general obtain for himself and family; and, therefore, that they hold out rather a temptation than a discouragement to crime. Should such be their effect, it is greatly to be regretted; but it cannot form a valid ground for altering them. For the question is, not what the honest labourer can obtain, but what is necessary for the prisoner; and under this point of view it appears to me that there exists no just ground of objection to these rates of diet. The dietary for the fifth class, which has been especially objected to, as being indulgent if not luxurious, allows an ample, but by no means an excessive, amount of food, when we take into consideration the hard labour to which the prisoners of this class are subjected, as well as their term of imprisonment (see p. 465, et seq.)

6. DIETARIES FOR THE SICK.

In the treatment of many diseases, attention to diet is a point of considerable importance; and in none is it more necessary than in non-febrile disorders of the digestive and urinary organs. For in acute maladies, in which abstinence or low diet is requisite, there is usually no disposition to take food: on the contrary, solids of all kinds are generally loathed; and in such cases, therefore, there is little or no chance of any error of diet being committed. Dietetical regimen is more important in chronic diseases of the assimilating organs, in which the appetite is unimpaired, or even increased,—since in such the patient is more apt to overstep the bounds of prudence by the employment of a diet improper, either from the quantity or quality of the food used. In chronic local diseases, when the constitution is unimpaired, and the appetite for food remains natural, I would, by no means, advocate the adoption of a spare or low diet; since 1 believe that in such cases the indulgence of a moderate appetite for plain food is attended with beneficial results. From this statement, however, maladies affecting the organs of assimilation must be frequently excepted. "Natural instincts," justly observes Dr. Billing,* "are too often thwarted: it is much too common to put patients empirically on low diet; and patients of the higher classes—the better educated—very often put themselves on low diet unnecessarily. So far as we may take natural instinct for a guide," he further observes, " we may assert, that when a patient can eat, he may be allowed to do so; for if he has even a slight degree of fever, he cannot eat."

Several diets, or kinds of dietetical regimen, are employed in the treatment of diseases. The most important of these are the following:—

1. Full, Common, on Meat Diet.—On many occasions where it is desirable to restore or support the powers of the system, patients are permitted to satisfy their appetite for plain vegetable and animal food. In many indolent diseases, in scrofula, in some affections of the nervous system (as chorea and epilepsy), and in the stage of convalescence after acute maladies, &c. this kind of diet is frequently directed. In these cases beer and, sometimes, wine are permitted; and spirit is occasionally required. In some diseases of, and in accidents occurring in, confirmed drunkards, it is frequently found injurious to withhold the stimulus to which the patient's system has been long accustomed; and thus wine, brandy, rum, or gin, is ordered, according to circumstances.

2. Animal Diet.—This term is applied to a diet composed of animal food, either exclusively or principally. The only disease, in which a diet exclusively of animal food is recommended, is diabetes. In this malady, strict abstinence from vegetable substances is attended with the diminution of both the quantity, and the saccharine condition, of the urine. But it deserves especial notice that the amount, as well as the nature, of the food taken in this disease, requires carefully attending to, as the craving for food is sometimes apt to induce the patient to indulge to an injurious extent.

A considerable variety of food is necessary for patients limited to the exclusive use of animal diet, on account of the loathing of the same substance if frequently repeated. Butcher's meat, bacon, poultry, game, fish, shell-fish, cheese, eggs, sausages, and brawn,

^{*} First Principles of Medicine. 4th edit. p. 109.

are allowed in private practice. For common drink, mater, beef-tea, or mutton-broth, may be sparingly used. Milk is generally permitted, but as it contains sugar, its use is not unobjectionable.

By the use of animal food exclusively, the quantity of sugar in the urine of diabetic patients is greatly reduced; but I have never seen this secretion entirely lose its saccharine condition by even the most rigorous adoption of animal diet. In one case, recently under my care in the London Hospital, the quantity of urine possed in twenty-four hours was reduced from about eleven, to three or four, pints in the twenty-four hours; but its specific gravity (1040 to 1045) and saccharine quality remained unaltered. From whence, it may be asked, in such cases, is the sugar derived? Where the use of milk is permitted, this perhaps is in part the source of it. I have, however, found it, where neither milk nor vegetable food was employed; and in such cases the only substances which were used as food, and from which sweet or saccharine matter is known to be obtainable, were gelatine and oil or fat. But neither the sugar of gelatine (glycicoll) nor the sweet principle of oils and fats (glycerine) is identical with diabetic sugar (glucose); and we are unacquainted with any means of converting the two former into the latter substance.

Patients, we are told, sometimes evince such an inordinate craving for vegetable food, that it is difficult, if not impossible, to persevere for any considerable length of time on an exclusively animal diet. In the cases which have fallen under my observation this has not been the case. I have several times met with patients who have objected to persevere with this diet, not on the above ground, but simply because they became satisfied of its inefficacy; the diminution in the quantity of urine not being attended with a corresponding relief of the constitutional symptoms.

In those diabetic cases in which it is thought advisable to permit a limited quantity of vegetable food, in conjunction with animal diet, those vegetables should be selected which are most highly nitrogenized, and which are freest from sugar or substances capable of being converted into saccharine matter, as the starchy bodies. These conditions are best fulfilled by the cruciferous plants,—as cabbage, greens, cauliflower, broccoli, watercress, and mustard and cress. Sauerkraut, or fermented cabbage (see p. 383), is sometimes permitted. The aromatic condiments (as sage, mint, marjoram, fennel, parsley, caraway, cinnamon, nutmegs, allspice, pepper, mustard, &c.) are, of course, unobjectionable, as far as sugar is concerned. Fruits, especially apples and pears, are highly objectionable, on account of the saccharine and amylaceous matters which they usually contain. For drink, Dr. Prout recommends sound porter in preference to wine or spirits.

Some practitioners, among whom Dr. Prout deserves to be especially mentioned, object to the exclusive use of animal food in diabetes; "but consider a certain proportion of farinaceous matters proper. The recommendation of this admixture of farinaceous matters is founded upon a fact already alluded to, and apparently well established, viz. that the assimilation of the saccharine principle is one of the last functions

that becomes extinct in animals. The proportions of these two forms of aliment must be varied according to the circumstances of the patient; and particularly according to the degree in which he is able to assimilate albuminous, in preference to farinaceous, matters; a point not difficult to be determined by a little attention. Of farinaceous matters, the high or strong, as the farina of wheat in the shape of bread, &c., seem to be most easily assimilated. The low kinds of farinaceous matters, as arrow-root, potatoes, &c. (with the exception perhaps of rice), seem to be reduced to a species of sugar, more difficult of assimilation than the sugar from wheat-flour, &c., and in general, therefore, should be avoided *."

Gluten is a nutritious vegetable principle, to the employment of which in diabetes no objection can be raised; and I have already (see p. 314) had occasion to notice gluten bread, which has been made for the use of diabetic patients.

- 3. VEGETABLE DIET.—The exclusive employment of vegetable food, in conjunction with the use of distilled water, has been recommended, by Dr. Lambe †, as a remedy for cancer, scrofula, consumption, asthma, and other chronic diseases; but he has, I suspect, gained few, if any, proselytes to his opinions and practice.
- 4. Spare or Abstemious Diet.—The term spare or abstemious diet is sometimes used to indicate the

employment of vegetable substances principally (not exclusively). It generally includes the use of the white fish (the flesh of which is less nourishing and stimulating than butchers' meat, see p. 281), sometimes alternating with a limited quantity of poultry or butchers' meat. In plethoric habits, where the appetite is unimpaired, this diet is ordered in cases of threatened apoplexy, gout, &c. By its adoption we diminish the quantity of nutritive matter supplied to the system, while we keep the digestive organs actively employed.

5. Feven Diet (Thin Diet; Spoon Diet; Slops).—
"In febrile diathesis," says Dr. Beaumont*, "very little or no gastric juice is secreted. Hence the importance of withholding food from the stomach in febrile complaints. It can afford no nourishment, but is actually a source of irritation to that organ; and, consequently, to the whole system." In another place † the same author observes, "that drinks received are immediately absorbed, or otherwise disposed of, none remaining in the stomach ten minutes after being swallowed. Food taken in this condition of the stomach remains undigested for twenty-four or forty-eight hours, or more, increasing the derangement of the whole alimentary canal, and aggravating the general symptoms of disease."

These observations suggest the approprate diet for febrile states of the system. Foods which require digestion are to be withheld: indeed, they are generally loathed,—want of appetite being one of the

^{*} On the Nature and Tr:atment of Stomach and Urinary Diseases, p. 41. London, 1840.

[†] Reports of the Effects of a Peculiar Regimen on Scirrhous Tumours and Cancerous Ulcers. Lond. 1809.—Additional Reports on the Effects of a Peculiar Regimen in cases of Cancer, Scrofula, Consumption, Asthma, and other Chronic Diseases. Lond. 1815.

^{*} Experiments and Observations on the Gastric Juice, &c., p. 132.

[†] Op. supra cit. p. 99.

early symptoms of fever. Aqueous drinks (commonly called diluents or slops), however, are rapidly absorbed without undergoing digestion. Tea, toastwater, and barley-water, therefore, may be taken ad libitum. Of the foods which are most admissible when the patient feels capable of taking them, the saccharine and the amylaceous are the lightest and most appropriate. Acidulous fruits and drinks sometimes prove most refreshing. Saccharine substances are absorbed and pass into the chyle, and subsequently support the process of respiration, while amylaceous substances yield sugar in the stomach independently of the gastric juice, and probably by the aid of the saliva merely (see p. 126).

- 6. Low Diet.—In acute inflammation of important organs, and after serious accidents, surgical operations, and parturition, patients in general are directed to adopt a low diet, consisting principally of liquid foods, as gruel, broth, milk, tea, and barley-water, and a moderate allowance of bread or biscuit, and light farinaceous puddings. The effect of low diet on the blood is similar to that of loss of blood; namely, a diminution of the number of the blood disks*.
- 7. MILK DIET.—Besides cow's milk, which constitutes the principal article of food, this diet includes the use of farinaceous substances (such as arrow-root, sago, and tapioca), bread, and light puddings (of rice, bread, or batter). Milk diet is ordered when we are

desirous of affording support to the system with the least possible stimulus or excitement. It is well adapted for inflammatory diseases of the chest (phthisis especially), of the alimentary canal, and of the bladder, when it is considered expedient to employ a nutritious but not stimulating diet. After hemorrhages, when the powers of the system have been greatly exhausted, a milk diet is frequently beneficial. It has also been considered one of the best means of preventing and of curing the gout. It is a good diet also for many of the diseases of children, especially those of a strumous or scrofulous nature. In some of the abovementioned maladies, where the stomach is weak and irritable, cow's milk is apt to occasion vomiting and other unpleasant effects, in consequence of the butter which it contains. In such cases, skim-milk or ass's milk may be advantageously substituted.

8. DRY DIET.—In several maladies it becomes necessary to restrict the quantity of liquids used; as in valvular disease of the heart, aortic aneurism, diabetes, and diuresis with either excess or deficiency of urea. The first of these diseases is incurable, and, therefore, our object is its palliation. One mode of attempting this is, to relieve the obstructed circulation by lessening the volume of blood; and which may be in some degree effected by limiting the amount of drink. In aneurism of the aorta we endeavour to lessen the tension of, and to promote the deposition of fibrine within, the sac. The indications are in part fulfilled by a dry diet, by which fulness of vessels and thinness of the blood are lessened. In diabetes, and also in diuresis, with either excess or deficiency of urea, a

^{*} See Andral and Gavarret's Recherches sur les Modifications de Proportion de quelques Principes du Sany. Paris, 1842.

most important part of the treatment is to diminish, as much as possible, the quantity of fluids taken.

I have said nothing of the nature of the solid food which is used by those who adopt a dry diet; because it is subject to considerable variation. In some cases a generous, in others a spare, diet should accompany it.

Subjoined are the diet-tables of the Metropolitan Hospitals for the Sick* of the Royal Ordnance Hospitals, and of the Royal Navy Hospitals and Marine Infirmaries:—

I. LONDON HOSPITAL.

	COMMON DIET.	Міррьк Дікт.	Low Dier.	MILK DIET.
Per Day {	12 oz. Bread. 1pint Porter, Men. 4 pint do. Women.)	8 oz. Bread.	12 oz. Bread.
Breakfa st	Gruel.		Gruel.	Gruel.
Dinner	8 oz. Beef, with Potatoes, thrice a week. 8 oz. Mutton, with Potatoes, twice a week. 8 oz. Potatoes, & Soup, with Ve- getables, twice	The same, ex- cept that 4oz. of Meat shall be given in- stend of 8 oz.	Broth.	1 pint Milk.
Supper	n week. 1 pint of Broth.	<i>!</i> /	Gruel or Broth.	1 pint Milk.

2. ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL.

	COMMON DIET.	Broth Diet.	Thin or Fever Diet.	Milk Diet.
Daily	Milk Porridge. 12 oz. Bread. 6 oz. Muttor Beef 1 pt. Broth [with Peasor Potatoes, 4 times a week]. 2 pts. Beer, Men. 1 pint, Women. 1 oz. Butter, twice a week.	12 oz. Bread.	Milk Porridge. 12 oz. Bread. 1 pint of Milk, with Tapioca, Arrow-root, Sago, or Rice, as may be pre- scribed. Barley-water.	Milk Porridge, 12 oz. Bread. 2 pts. Milk, with Tapioca, Arrow-root, Sago, or Rice, as may be prescribed. Barley-water. 1 oz. Butter. Bread Pudding, 3 times a week, when ordered.

^{*} In addition to the substances specified in the following Diet Tables of the Metropolitan Hospitals, other articles (as chops, steaks, fish, wine, spirit, porter, &c.) are permitted, when specially ordered by the medical officers. These are denominated extras.

3. GUY'S HOSPITAL.

Dally	FULL DIET. 14 oz. Bread. 14 oz. Butter. 1 quart Table Beer. 8 oz. Meat when dressed.	MIDDLE DIET. 12 oz. Bread. 14 oz. Butter. 1 pt. Table Beer. 4 oz. Meat, when dressed, and 4 pint Broth.	12 oz. Bread. 1 oz. Butter. Tea & Sugar. Half a pour	12 oz. Bread. 1 oz. Butter.	6 oz. Bread. 1 oz. Butter. Tea & Sugar. Beef-tea), or
·	r For eac	h diet, Grael or E	' larley-water, as	required.	

4. ST. THOMAS'S HOSPITAL.

	Folk Dier.	Мик Вит.	DRY DIET.	FEVER DIET.
Daily {	2 pints of Beer; 14 oz. of Bread.	12 oz. of Bread.	14 oz. of Bread, 2 pints of Beer.	12 oz. of Bread; 2 pints of Beer.
Breakfast	Water Gruel.	1 pint of Milk.	Water Gruel.	Water Gruel.
Dinner	ib.of Beef, when dressed, twice a week; 4 oz. of Butter, or 6 oz. of Cheese, thrice a week; 4 lb. of Mutton, when boiled, thrice a week.	I pint of Milk four times a week, Rice Pudding thrice a week.	40z. of Butter, four times a week; Rice Pudding and 40z. of But- ter, three times a week.	of alb, of Beef for tea.
Supper {	1 pint Broth, four times a week.	1 pint of Milk.		

5. ST. GEORGE'S HOSPITAL.

	Extica Diet.	Ordinary Diet.	Fish Diet.	Feven Diet.	Вкотн Вієт.	Milk Diet.
Daily {	120z.Bread. Men. 2 pintsBeer. Women. 14 pts.Beer.	12 oz.Bread. 1 piut Beer.	12oz.Bread.	120z.Bread. Barley Wa- ter ad libitum.	12oz.Bread.	120z.Bread.
Break- y fast i	1 pint Tea. 4 pint Milk.		1 pint Tea. 4 pint Milk.	1 pint Tea. 4 pint Milk.	1 pint Tea. 1 pint Milk.	1 pint Tea. 1 pint Milk
Dinner {	12 oz. Meat, roasted (weighed with thebone before it is dressed) four days,— boiled three days. 4 lb. Potatoes.	One half the meat al- lowed for extra diet.	Whiting, Plaice, Flounders		1 pt. Broth. 6 oz. light Pudding.	14pintsRice Milk four days. 4 lb.Breador Rice Pud- ding three days.
Supper {	1 pintGract. 4 pint Milk.	1 pint Gruel. 4 pint Milk.	1 pintGrael. 4 pint Milk.	1 pint Tea. 1 pint Milk.	1 pintGruel. 1 pint Milk.	₫ pint Milk

6. WESTMINSTER HOSPITAL.

	FULL DIET.	Middle Diet.	Low I	рект.	Spoon, on Feven Diet	INCURA- BLEA DIES
Daily	14 oz.Bread.	10oz.Bread.	Fixed. § 16. Bread.	Casual.	4 lb. liread.	1 10. Meat. 1 lb. Potatoc 4 pint Milk
Break- fast {	1 plat Milk Porridge, or Rice Gruel	1 pint Milk Porridge, or thin Gruel.	1 pint Tca, with Sugar and Milk.	- 1 pint of	1 pint Tea, with Sugar and Milk.	i pt. Porter
Dinner {	4 lb. Meat roasted, boiled, or chops. 4 lb. of Po- tutoes.	chops.	No fixed Diet for Dinner.	Broth, or 4 lb, of Bread or Rice Pud- ding, or 1 pint Beef Tea, or a Chop, or	Barley Water.	
Supper		1 pint Milk r Porridge, o l thin Gruel	1 pint Tea, with Sugar and Milk.	Fish.	1 pint Tea, with Sugar and Milk.	

7. MIDDLESEX HOSPITAL.

	DIÆTA CARNIS OR MEAT DIET:	DIÆTA JUSCULT OR SOUP DIET.	DLETA LACTIS OR MILK DIET.	DISTASIMPLEX OR SIMPLE DIET.	CANCER DIET.
5 -33	12 oz. Bread.	12 oz. Bread.	12 oz. Bread.	6 oz, Bread.	12 oz. Bread. 4 lb. Meat 4 lb. Po-
Daily { Break- {	1 pint Milk.	1 pint Milk.	1 pint Milk.	1 pint Barley- water.	tatoes. 1 pint Milk.
fast.	Physicians' Patients. 41b. Potatoes, 4 oz.	I pint soup,	4 pint Milk with Rice Pud	1 pint Gruel.	
	dressed meat (beef or mutton), roast and boiled alter- nately, 4 days. 4 oz. Meat in Soup, 3 days.	oz. Beef, alter- nately with 1 pint of Broth	ding, 4 days, and with Bat- ter Pudding 3 days.		
Dinner (Surgeons' Patients. 3 lb. Potatoes, 4 oz. dressed meat (beef or mutton), roast and boiled alter- nately.	,			
Supper {	1 pint Gruel alter- nately, with 1 pint of Barley-water.	1 pint Gruel.	pint Milk, or 1 pint of gruel	1 pint of Gruel or Barley- water.	

8. KING'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL.

	FULL DIET.	MIDDLE DIET.	Milk Diet.	Low DIET.	FEVER DIET.
Dally {	1 pint Beer, or 1 pint Porter. 14 oz. Bread.	14 oz. Bread.	1 lb. Bread.	8 oz. Bread.	-
 Dreakfast	1 pint Milk Porridge.	1 pint Milk Porridge.	ı pint Milk.	1 pint Gruel.	1 pint Gruel.
Dinner }	lb. Meat. lb. Potatoes.	l Ib. Meat. Ib. Petatoes.	ı pint Milk.	1 pint Broth.	2 pints Barley Water.
Supper }	i pint Milk Porridge.	1 pint Milk Porridge.	1 pint Gruel.	1 pint Mılk Porridge.	1 pint Milk Porridge.

9. NORTH LONDON HOSPITAL.

Fell Dier.	MIDDLE DIET.	Low Diet.	MILK DIET.
Daily 16 oz. Bread. pint Milk. ib. Meat and 11b. Potatoes 4 days. 1 pint Soup or Rice three days.	16 oz. Bread. ‡ pint Milk. 1 pint Soup or Rice.	8 oz. Bread. 1 pint Milk. Oatmeal for Gruel.	17 oz. Bread. 2 pints Milk.

10. DREADNOUGHT HOSPITAL SHIP.

	Full Dier.	ORDINARY DIET.	Low Diet.	Milk Diet.	FEVER DIET.
Breakfast {	1 pint Tea. 1 lb, Bread.	Ditto. Ditto	Ditto. 4 lb. Bread.	Ditto. 1 lb. Bread.	Ditto.
Dinner	 1b. Meat. 1b. of Potatoes. 2 pints Beer (if ordered). 	ib. of Meat. lb. of Pota- toes. pint of Beer (if ordered).	1 pint of Beef Tea.	1 pint Milk.	Gruel.
Supper	1 pint Broth.	1 pint Broth, or Gruel.	1 pint Gruel, or Milk (if ordered).	1 pint Milk.	Gruel, or Bar- ley Water.

Dr. Carpenter * observes that "there can be little

[•] Principles of Human Physiology, p. 384.

doubt that, as a whole, the diet of patients in English hospitals is much too high, being far better than that to which the same class of persons is accustomed in health: this is attended with injury to the patients, and with increased expense to the institution; and it has further the injurious effect of tempting the patients to stay in the hospital for a longer time than is necessary."

Taking the dietaries of the metropolitan hospitals as fair samples of those of the English hospitals generally, I am quite willing to admit that the full diet of these establishments is, in many cases, "better than that to which the same class of persons is accustomed in health;" but I by no means agree with Dr. Carpenter in his sweeping assertion that it is "much too high." That life may be supported on a more restricted diet cannot be denied; but I agree with the Rev. Mr. Porteus, in his letter* to the citizens of Glasgow, that "it is a difficult matter to ascertain what is necessary to preserve life," and that, "wherever the starving point lies, the managers of charity funds should endeavour to be above it."

In framing dietaries for the public hospitals, it is necessary to adapt them to the wants of the average of the patients. No diet scale can be formed which will not be open to objection in individual cases; but I contend as a whole the dietaries of the metropolitan hospitals are unobjectionable. To take the hospital (London Hospital, Mile End) with which I am connected, as an example, I may observe, that it is much more common to hear the patients complain of the insufficiency, than of the superabundance, of its full diet. Many of them are strong, healthy men, as sailors, accustomed to eat heartily, and who have received some accident which has led to their admission into the hospital. Others are convalescents from long and lingering illnesses, with depressed vital powers, which require, not merely to be maintained, but to be renovated or raised to the healthy standard. The rations allowed are not, in general, greater, but oftentimes less, than can be eaten with appetite; but should, in any particular case, the quantity served out be more than is requisite, it is the duty of the medical officer to place such patient on a more limited diet.

The objection raised by Dr. Carpenter to the diet of the English hospitals, that it has "the injurious effect of tempting the patients to stay in the hospital for a longer time than is necessary," would be valid, if these establishments were compelled to retain the patients as long as they are disposed to stay; but such is not the case. They are discharged by the surgeon or physician, under whose care they have been placed, as soon as their state of health permits this to be done with safety.

^{*} See Mr. Mott's report, in The Second Annual Report of the Poor Law Commissioners.

11. DIETARIES OF ROYAL NAVAL HOSPITALS AND MARINE INFIRMARIES.

	Full.	Half.	Low.	Facar.
Bread Beef or Mutton. Potatoes or Greens Herbs for broth Barley Salt Vinegar Tea Sugar Milk for tea Broth House for diet House Wine Poreign Wine Poreign Wine Porter	1 lb. 1 lb. 1 lb. 23 drachus 14 ditto 8 ditto 16 ditto 16 ditto 2-6ths of a pint 0 1 pint 2 pints 14 pints 14 pints	1 lb. 8 oz. 8 oz. 90 drachms 14 ditto 8 ditto 16 ditto 16 ditto 2-6ths of pint 0 1 pint 14 pints 1 pint	8 oz. { 0 12 drachins 7 ditto 8 ditto 0 4 ditto 16 ditto 2-6ths of pint 1 ditto 1 ditto	8 02. 07 Sago 4 02. 0 0 0 0 0 4 02. 20 ditto 2.6th 4 of a pint 4 pint
Veal	such quantities in lieu of beef or mutton as the medical officer may prescribe. W the discretion of the medical officer.			

Note.—Two drachms of southong tea, 8 drachms of Muscovado sugar, and one-sixth of a pint of milk, to be allowed to each patient for a pint of tea morning and evening.

The meat for the full and half diet is to be boiled together, with the 14 drachms of Scotch barley, 8 drachms of onions, 1 drachm of parsley, and 16 drachms of cabbage, for every pint of broth; or, at the discretion of the medical officers, 8 drachms of carrots and 8 drachms of turnips, in lieu of the cabbage, which will make a sufficient quantity of good broth to allow a pint to each on full and half diet, and half a pint to each on low diet:—

Rice Pudding.—Each to c	ontain	Flour Pudding.—Each to c	ontain
RiceSugarMilkPggsCinnamon	3 oz. 1 oz. 3 pint 1 No. 1 blade	FlourSugarMilkEggsGinger	4 oz. 1 oz. 2 pint 1 No. a few grain

12. ROYAL ORDNANCE HOSPITALS.

•		ESTABLISHE	D DIET TAB	LE.	
MEALS.	FEVER.	Low.	HALF.	FULL.	Common Drinks.
Breakfart {	One Pint of Tea.	One Pint of Tea	One Pint of MilkPorridge	One Pint of MilkPorridge	Tonst and Water
Dinner {	Bread, 41b.	Broth or } 1 Pint Beef Tea } 1 Pint Bread & lb. Meat & lb. (Fo make Broth) Potatoes & lb.	Bread 31b. Broth 1 Pint	Broth 1 Pint	or Croom of
Supper {	One Pint of Tea	One Pint of Rice Gruel	One Pint of Rice Gruel	One Pint of Rice Gruel	Barley or Rice } Water

The Fever Dict is adapted to such cases as will not allow of any excitement from animal food, in the shape of Broth or otherwise: extras, therefore, to this rate of Diet, are to be given with the same view, except in cases of early convalescence from Febrile Diseases, and of such as are attended with great debility. The Bread is for Panado or Toast and Water.

It is to be considered a General Rule that extras are to be ordered in addition to the Fever Dict. In particular cases, however, Rice or Bread Pudding, Sago, an increased quantity of Bread, or other similar articles, may be added to the low diet.

Milk Dict is to be formed by the substitution of one pint of Milk for Tea, either in the Fever or Low Diet, for Breakfast or Supper, or both, at the discretion of the prescribing Medical Officer.

The Meat mentioned in the three first classes of Diet is to be Beef and Mutton alternately; and the best pieces for making Broth are to be selected.

In particular cases Coffee may be ordered instead of Tea.

As the Diet Table provides liberally for almost every case of Disease that can occur in Hospital Practice, Medical Officers are strictly to adhere to it, unless very peculiar circumstances render a deviation unavoidable. The Diet ordered for Convalescents should always be increased gradually, and with discrimination.

7. DIETARIES FOR THE INSANE.

I have selected the diet tables of Hanwell Lunatic Asylum, Bethlem Hospital, and St. Luke's Hospital, as examples of the dietaries of public establishments for the reception of the insane.

Lunatic Asylums "there are patients who require food in much greater proportion than others; there are also some whose restlessness at night seems to be allayed by food, although they do not complain of hunger. The capriciousness of some patients respecting taking food is only to be overcome by temporary indulgence and little extra allowances. Without this consideration a great amount of discontent will occasionally prevail in the wards, particularly among the female patients; and attention to this point is to them more important than the application of medicine."

The same writer in another place † observes that the cases of refusal of food by insane patients are chiefly of two kinds:—"one, in which food is refused in consequence of some delusion, or some vow, or from mere obstinacy; the patient being in tolerable bodily health, or certainly not incapable of digesting food;—another, in which it is utterly repugnant to a stomach in a high state of disorder."

In the first description of cases, if all other means (such as varying the food, persuasion, &c.), "tried with the utmost patience, fail, it is justifiable and even necessary to introduce food into the stomach by artificial means." This is usually effected by the stomach pump. "In the second, the condition of the patient

is entirely different. The tongue is red, or thickly coated; the bowels are disordered; there is present a low kind of fever; the brain is highly excited, and the patient almost too feeble to stand or walk except by sudden and frantic efforts. His face is pale, the eyes are sunk, and wild in their expression; and the whole frame is emaciated to an extreme degree. All these are so many sure signs of death ensuing on long-continued disease of the brain, with all its complications. No where except in a Lunatic Asylum would such signs of sinking life be recorded as the result of food being refused. The aversion to take food arises, in such cases, as in cases of fever, from the general and terrible disorder of the system; from a diseased condition of the stomach itself, among other organs, associated with a brain disturbed to excess. To force food into the enfeebled and dying stomach of such patients would not be sanctioned by any well-regulated hospital, or by any competent physician; and their distinction ought not to be overlooked because they occur in an hospital for the insane."

[•] The Report of the Resident Physician of the Hanwell Lunatic Asylum, presented to the Court of Quarter Sessions for Middlesex, at the Michaelmas Sessions, 1840.

[†] The Third Report of the Resident Physician of the County of Middlesex Pauper Lunatic Asylum at Hanwell, Oct. 1st, 1841.

1. THE HANWELL LUNATIC ASYLUM.

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Breakfast	Males Milk thickened with Oatmeal and Flour, 1 pint; Bread, 6 ounces. Females Bread, 5 ounces; Butter, half an ounce; Sugar, 4 ounces per week; Tea, 1 pint.
	Sunday
Dinner	Friday (Vegetables.
}	Thursday Beer, half a pint.
Ì	Saturday , , Meat, 11 ounces.
Supper	Males.—Bread, 6 ounces; Cheese, 2 ounces; Heer, half a pint. Females.—Milk thickened with Oatmeal and Flour, 1 pint; Bread, 5 ounces.
	To Workmen.—Out-door Workers to be allowed half a pint of Beer at 11 o'clock, A.M. and at 4 P.M. daily, and 1 ounce of
Extras	Tea and 4 ounces of Sugar per week. To Laundry Women, &c.—Laundry Women to be allowed half a pint of Beer at 4 P.M., and together with Helpers, &c. 1 ounce of Tea and 4 ounces of Sugar per week, in lieu of the ordinary supper.

2. BETHLEM HOSPITAL.

Breakfast Gruel. /Every day Table Beer.
Sunday) 8 oz. cooked Meat.
Tuesday 8 oz. Bread.
1 liesting
Friday) Vegetables.
(Baked Batter Pudding.
Monday 4 oz. Bread.
I toz, uncese or a oz. matter.
Dinner (Pea Soup, with Legs and Shins of Beef
Baked Rice Pullling, 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz
Wednesday Baked Rice Pudding, 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Cheese, or 4 oz. Butter.
Thursday Boiled Suct Puddings, 4 oz. Bread, 1 oz
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Saturday Rice Milk, 8 oz. Bread, 2 oz. Cheese, o
1 oz. Butter.
18 oz. Bread, 2 oz. Cheese or 1 oz. Butter.
Supper Table Beer.
For the Sick. Mutton Broth, Beef Tea, Puddings, Fish, Meat
Eggs, Wine, Strong Beer, &c. &c., or whateve
may be ordered by the medical officer.
(8 oz. Roast Beef, 8 oz. Bread. (Mem If i
Christians Day fall on an ordinary Meat Day, the patient
On technic read) place # Most Induct on the following and
(A Mince Pic, 6d.
You Year's Dan SPlum Puddings, in addition to the ordinal
(A Mince Pic, 6d. New Year's Day Strage
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I The in a the common chapt the month of August Uter 1944
Bacon, Beans, 8 oz. Bread, 1 oz. Butter. Fruit, consisting of
I Commonts and Consultation
In the month of October, Apple Pies, in addition to the ord
nary dinner.

3. ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL.

CMales - a pints of Gruel made of cours parti	s of Milk and
Breakfast Males.—2 pints of Gruel made of equal parter with 2 ounces of Bread. Females.—14 pints Gruel with 2 ounces of Bread	
Females 14 pints Gruel with 2 ounces of Bread	
Daily Males.—1 pint Beer. Females.—1 P Sunday Males.—1 lb. Cooked Meat; Vegeta Bread. Tuesday Females.—4 lb. Cooked Meat; Veg	ibles; 6 ounces
Monday Males.—2 pints Broth * and 6 ounce Friday Females.—14 pint Broth and 6 ounce Males.—1 pint Broth, 4 ounces Bre	e s of Bre ad.
Wednesday Females1 pint of Broth, 4 ounc	es Brend, 3 lb.
Saturday Males.—2 pints Rice Milk, or 1 l Padding, and 6 ounces Females.—14 pint Rice Milk, or 3 lb 6 ounces Bread.	B. Baked Rice Bread. D. Pudding, and
Supper	n Wednesdays,
* The Broth is made of the liquor of the preceding day's meat, with 2 stones of fresh meat, for every 50 patients,	pease, &c. and

8. DIETARIES FOR PUERPERAL WOMEN.

The following are the dietaries employed at two Metropolitan Lying-in Hospitals.

1. CITY OF LONDON LYING-IN HOSPITAL.

Breakfast.—Tea and Bread and Butter, ad libitum.
Dinner.—Broth or Gruel until the third day, after which Boiled Mutton and Broth.
Tea.—As Breakfast.
Supper.—Gruel until after the ninth day: then Bread and Cheese and Beer.
Should the patient be delicate she is allowed Wine, Fish, Light Puddings, or any other thing she may fancy.
In cases of disease the diet is under the direction of the medical officers.
When the mother is prevented suckling, the child is suckled by some other patient, or is fed with Arrow-root, or a little of the Gruel prepared for the mother.

2. GENERAL LYING-IN HOSPITAL, WESTMINSTER.

Dr. Rigby informs me that there is no peculiar dictary. Gruel, with Bread and Butter and Tea, is the chief dict for the first three days; then a little Broth or Light Pudding; so that by the fifth day or so Meat is permitted.

If the mother be unable to suckle, the infant is occasionally fed with Gruel or equal parts of Milk and Water slightly sweetened.

Chap. V.—On the Dietetical Regimen suited for Disordered States of the Digestive Organs.

In consequence of the great extent to which the preceding parts of this work have run out,—an extent considerably greater than was originally contemplated,—I am under the necessity of compressing the subjects of this chapter into a much narrower compass than was at first proposed. Most of them, however, have already been incidentally referred to; and the principles, on which are founded the precepts, which I am about to lay down, have been before sufficiently discussed. The present chapter is, in fact, a condensed and brief summary of some of the topics already examined. In order, therefore, to save repetition, I shall put within brackets the pages at which the different points under examination have been respectively considered.

The subjects of the present chapter may be conveniently arranged under the following heads:—

- 1. Cookery of Foods.
- 2. Times of Eating.
- 3. Quantity of Food taken at one meal.
- 4. Conduct before, at, and after eating.
- 5. Nature and Quality of the Food eaten.

1. Cookery of Foods.—The influence of cookery on food I have on several occasions already referred to (see pp. 125, 191, 208, 211, 234, 238, 270, 286, 445, &c.)

Foods possessing an organized texture, as animal

flesh and amylaceous substances, require to be cooked previous to use (see p. 445). To this statement the oyster is an exception (see p. 295); the raw animal being more digestible than the cooked one. Apples, pears, and some other fruits, likewise form exceptions.

By salting, smoking, and pickling (see pp. 227 and 286) the animal textures become harder and more indigestible; and foods thus prepared are, therefore, unfitted for the use of dyspeptics. From this statement bacon must, in some cases, be excepted; as it occasionally proves more digestible than the fresh fat (see p. 173).

Sausages and cured meats occasionally acquire deleterious qualities by keeping (see p. 300).

The ordinary operations of the cook may be reduced to five in number; viz. boiling, roasting, broiling, baking, and frying.

Boiling is the operation by far the best suited for the dyspeptic, the convalescent, and the sick. In the case of vegetables, it effects the solution of gummy and saccharine substances, and the expulsion, wholly or partially, of volatile oil (see p. 380); while starch grains are ruptured and partially dissolved (see p. 126), and albuminous and fibrinous liquids coagulated (see p. 375). The changes which it effects on animal flesh have already been fully considered (see pp. 408-409). Over-boiling proves injurious to certain substances, as to eggs (see pp. 191 and 270),—which are thereby hardened, and rendered difficult of digestion,—and to the gelatinous foods, which become by it both less digestible and less nutritive (see pp. 208 and 211). Boiling renders potatoes more fit for

use, not merely by promoting their digestibility and nutritive power, but also by extracting or destroying noxious matter in the tuber (see p. 375). Over-boiling, however, though it may promote their digestibility, probably lessens their nutritive quality (see p. 377). Foliaceous parts, as of cabbages, greens, &c. require well boiling to render them digestible.

Roasting, next to boiling, is the best method of preparing food for dyspeptics. It splits and renders more or less soluble starch grains, and, therefore, serves to make some vegetables more digestible and nutritive than they would be in the raw state; as apples (see p. 349) and potatoes. It also coagulates the vegetable albumen. It deprives flesh of part of its water, liquefies the fat, which thereby partially escapes during the operation, coagulates the albumen, and corrugates the fibrine. It does not appear that it effects any change in the composition of the proteinaceous constituent of meat (see p. 238). Roasted meat should be neither over-done nor under-done. It is a popular opinion that it is much more nourishing when under-done; but this is, probably, an error. For the juice, which is more abundant in the under-dressed meat, is almost entirely aqueous, and can possess very slightly nutritive qualities. Moreover, by the prolonged roasting, the water of the juice is evaporated, the nutritive matter almost entirely remaining in the cooked meat; the composition of the solid or dry matter of which is, as I have already stated, identical with that of raw meat. So that well-done meat, probably, differs essentially from meat under-dressed, in having a little less both of water and fat, while it has

the additional advantage of being more digestible. By roasting, the gelatine is not extracted, as in the operation of boiling.

Broiling effects the same changes in meat as those produced by roasting, but more rapidly; so that while the outside is scorched, the inside retains its juiciness. Broiled meat, like roasted meat, is more savoury, though somewhat less fitted for very delicate stomachs, than boiled meat. A well-broiled mutton chop, however, is, for the most part, an unobjectionable dish for the dyspeptic.

Baking is a more objectionable process than any of the preceding. Though the general effects produced by it are analogous to those of roasting and boiling, yet meat so cooked is less fitted for delicate stomachs in consequence of being more impregnated with empyreumatic oil. From an experiment already related (see pp. 376 and 377), it appears that baked potatoes are less nutritive than boiled ones. The dyspeptic will act wisely in avoiding the use of all baked foods, except, perhaps, baked amylaceous puddings, as puddings made with sago, tapioca, arrow-root, rice, &c.

Frying is of all culinary operations the most objectionable; fried foods being more obnoxious to the digestive organs than foods prepared by any other methods. The reason of this I have already explained (see p. 173). Invalids, convalescents, and dyspeptics, will, therefore, do well to eschew this method of cookery; and abstain from the use of eggs, omelettes, pancakes, fritters, fish, livers, and other dishes cooked by frying.

2. Times of Eating.—I have already fully discussed

this topic (see p. 456). It is to be remembered that the practice of eating a little and often is, for the most part, injurious; and that the adoption of fixed periods for taking food is much more conducive to health than eating at irregular times. The length of the interval between the meals must, however, be regulated by circumstances; such as the rapidity of digestion, the age, the amount of fatigue or labour, &c. In some persons (as those of sluggish temperament) digestion is much slower than in others; and in such the interval between the meals ought to be more prolonged, in order that fresh food may not be introduced into the stomach before that of the previous meal has been disposed of. Children, old persons, and those who are engaged in laborious occupations, require food at shorter intervals.

Breakfast should in general be taken soon after rising, for reasons already assigned (see p. 459). Dinner should follow at an interval of about five hours, more or less according to circumstances. The practice of dining late is objectionable for the dyspeptic; the most natural and healthy dinner-time being about the middle of the day. Luncheon is admissible only where dinner is unavoidably late, or where fatigue has been endured. Tea or a liquid meal may succeed dinner at an interval of three or four hours. Supper for those who dine late is unnecessary.

3. Quantity of Food taken at one Meal.—The quantity of food proper to be taken at one meal can only be determined by the feelings of the patient, as it varies in different individuals, and under different circumstances. It is impossible, therefore, to affix a

standard of weights or measures by which this can be ascertained. On this point I cannot do better than quote the following observations of Dr. Beaumont: "There appears to be a sense of perfect intelligence conveyed from the stomach to the encephalic centre, which, in health, invariably dictates what quantity of aliment (responding to the sense of hunger and its due satisfaction) is naturally required for the purposes of life; and which, if noticed and properly attended to, would prove the most salutary monitor of health, and effectual preventive of, and restorative from, disease. It is not the sense of satiety, for this is beyond the point of healthful indulgence, and is Nature's earliest indication of an abuse and overburthen of her powers to replenish the system. It occurs immediately previous to this, and may be known by the pleasurable sensation of perfect satisfaction, ease, and quiescence of body and mind. It is when the stomach says enough, and is distinguished from satiety by the difference of the sensations—the former feeling enough—the latter too much. The first is produced by the timely reception into the stomach of proper aliment, in exact proportion to the requirements of nature, for the perfect digestion of which a definite quantity of gastric juice is furnished by the proper gastric apparatus. But to effect this most agreeable of all sensations and conditions—the real Elysian satisfaction of the reasonable epicure—timely attention must be paid to the preliminary processes, such as thorough mastication, and moderate or slow deglutition. These are indispensable to the due and natural supply of the stomach at the stated periods of

alimentation; for if food be swallowed too fast, and pass into the stomach imperfectly masticated, too much is received in a short time, and in too imperfect a state of preparation, to be disposed of by the gastric juice."

COMPOUND ALIMENTS.

4. Conduct before, at, and after eating.—Excessive fatigue, whether mental or bodily, immediately before a meal, disturbs the digestive function. The stomach participates with the other parts of the system in the exhaustion, and its function is thereby impaired. A little rest before eating is, therefore, under such circumstances, desirable. Hence the wisdom and advantage "of appropriating half an hour to any light occupation, such as dressing, before setting down to dinner*."

While at meals eat slowly, masticate thoroughly, and cease as soon as a feeling of satisfaction is perceived. Indulgence in the use of a variety of food at one meal leads to the overburthening of the stomach by provoking the appetite beyond its natural extent. This the dyspeptic should carefully avoid.

I have already expressed my opinion of the propriety of repose after dinner (see pp. 446 and 447). The Inspectors of Prisons seem to have been influenced by a similar opinion when they came to the conclusion "that prisoners should not be set to work immediately after any meal" (see p. 492). But the after-dinner repose should be followed by moderate exercise.

5. Nature and Quality of the Food eaten .- I have

already remarked (see p. 230) that man is an omnivorous animal; that is, he requires both animal and vegetable food.

Several alimentary principles (fibrine, albumen, caseine, oil, and sugar) are found in both animal and vegetable foods. But the nutritive principles of animal foods are intermixed with a much smaller proportion of non-nutritive substances than those of vegetable foods. Hence animal diet yields a much larger amount of nourishment than vegetable diet.

Vegetable food requires for its digestion more time, and probably greater power of the gastric organs, than animal food. Moreover, it is more apt to create flatulency and accescency than the latter. "Its digestibility is, however, dependent upon the same laws as those that govern the solution of animal food; and it is facilitated by division and tenderness*."

"Bulk is, perhaps, nearly as necessary to the articles of diet as the nutrient principle. They should be so managed that one shall be in proportion to the other. Too highly nutritive diet is, probably, as fatal to the prolongation of life and health as that which contains an insufficient quantity of nutriment. It has been ascertained that carnivorous animals will not live on highly concentrated food alone†." (See p. 455).

According to Dr. Beaumont's observations, solid food is sooner digested than liquid food. Fluids

^{*} Dr. Combe, The Physiology of Digestion, p. 260. 4th ed.

[•] Dr. Beaumont, Experiments and Observations on the Gastric Juice, p. 27. Edinb. ed. 1838.

⁺ Ibid. p. 31.

holding proteinaceous substances (albumen or caseine) in solution, as milk or raw egg, are coagulated in the stomach before they suffer the action of the gastric juice, which subsequently redissolves them. Solutions of gelatine (as strong broths and soups) being unsusceptible of coagulation, are not digested until they have acquired a more solid consistence by the absorption of their more watery part. These observations, therefore, suggest some useful practical applications. Persons with weak stomachs should not indulge in the copious use of liquid food.

Acidity of stomach arises from the presence of acids derived either from the gastric vessels or from the food. The latter is the only source of acidity which it will be requisite for me to notice, and that so far only as may be necessary to explain the nature of the alimentary substances which develope acid.

Lactic acid (see pp. 115 and 156) is one of the substances derived, in part at least, from the food. The alimentary principles which yield it are sugar, dextrine (starch gum), and gum:* those which furnish it with

^{*} The organic principles capable of yielding lactic acid have a composition analogous to that of the acid itself: that is, they consist of carbon and water (or its elements).

					Atoms.		Homs.
Lactic acid .	•	•	•		12 carbon	+	10 water.
Starch				•	12 carbon	+	10 water.
Dextrine					12 carbon	+	10 water.
Cane sugar .		•			12 carbon	+	II water.
Gum					12 carbon	+	11 water.
Sugar of milk			•		12 carbon	+	12 water.
Grape sugar					12 carbon	+	14 water.

But in order to convert them into this acid, or, in other words, to effect what has been termed the lactic fermentation, the presence of

the most facility are sugar of milk and dextrine. The acidity of stomach which is produced in some dyspeptics by saccharine substances, arises from the development of lactic acid. Milk also is apt to disagree with such individuals, not only in consequence of the difficult digestibility of its fatty constituent (the butter), but also on account of the conversion of its sugar into lactic acid. Both bread and beer contain dextrine, and are the occasional sources of this acid. The tendency which some farinaceous substances—as oatmeal (see pp. 156 and 326) and potato starch (p. 133) have to cause acidity of stomach, is owing, probably, to the formation first of dextrine, and afterwards of lactic acid.

Some of the fatty acids are also produced in the stomach from the food. The volatile ones (as butyric acid from butter) are exceedingly obnoxious to this organ. The disagreeable sour and rancid cructations which sometimes follow the use of fatty foods, especially of melted butter, are due to the development of these acids.

The difficult digestion of oils and fats I have on several occasions noticed (see p. 174); and to the remarks already offered on this subject I must refer my reader for further information. I have expressed

an organic nitrogenized substance, which has been modified by exposure to the air, is necessary: Its influence is that of a kind of ferment. Diastase, caseine, and animal membrane (as that of the stomach), when they have been exposed to the air, act as ferments. According to Boutron and Fremy (Journ. de Pharm. t. xxvii. 1841) mannite and viscid matter are not always simultaneously developed with lactic acid, as stated by some other chemists (see ante, p. 115).

an opinion (see pp. 171 and 172), that in cases where these substances prove obnoxious to the stomach, it is in consequence of the evolution of the oily or fatty acids. In connexion with this opinion I may refer to some recent observations of Dumas,* who has suggested that the separation of the neutral fats into an acid and a base is probably effected by a kind of fermentation (which he denominates the fatty fermentation) set up by an albuminous substance, aided by the presence of air, water, and a certain temperature. Thus the facility with which butter becomes rancid depends on the presence of caseine; from which it is necessary to separate it in order to its preservation. This is usually effected by fusion. The acid properties which the fats sometimes acquire in the stomach may arise from their having undergone some analogous change; and Dumas suggests that the influence of pepsine on the fats should be examined.

New bread, rolls, fancy bread, cakes (especially rich plum cakes), and hot buttered toast, should be carefully avoided by the dyspeptic. Good loaf bread, when a day old, is in general unobjectionable: it may be taken either in the form of dry toast, or, in some cases, thinly covered with butter. When the ordinary loaf bread disagrees with the patient, Dodson's unfermented bread (see p. 319) may be tried. Biscuits, on account of their compactness, are slow of digestion, though they sometimes suit dyspeptics better than fermented bread. Pastry, suet and yeast pudding, and pancake

are totally unfit for those troubled with a delicate stomach (see p. 322).

Of butcher's meat, mutton and beef are best fitted for the dyspeptic. They should be cooked by boiling, roasting, or broiling; and moderately well dressed. With some persons, however, mutton is apt to disagree (see p. 242); with others I have occasionally found beef to disagree. The young meats (lamb and veal) are less adapted for persons troubled with indigestion, being both less indigestible and nutritive than the older meats. Veal is further objectionable on account of the melted butter and stuffing usually eaten with it. Pork should be avoided by dyspeptics; but pickled pork and bacon are, in general, less objectionable than fresh pork (see p. 175).

Venison is one of the most digestible of meats (see p. 239); but it is too savoury and stimulating for convalescents. The flesh of the rabbit is light, and easy of digestion.

Of birds, the white-fleshed, as the common fowl, are best fitted for dyspepties and invalids, on account of their meat being readily digestible, moderately nutritious, and not too stimulating. They are best cooked by boiling, and should be eaten without melted butter. Game, as the pheasant and partridge, is richer and more stimulating. The aquatic birds, as the duck and goose, are more difficult of digestion on account of their flesh being permeated with fat; and they are, therefore, unfit for weak stomachs.

The white fish (as the sole and whiting) form light

[•] Traité de Chimie appliqué aux Arts, t. vi. 1843.

and easily digestible articles of food, and are well adapted for the use of dyspepties, invalids, and convalescents. They should be cooked by boiling, and caten without melted butter. Salmon, eels, herrings, and sprats, abound in oil, and on that account are objectionable. Cured fish of all kinds are unfit for persons with a delicate stomach.

Shell fish, with the exception of the oyster, are difficult of digestion, and should be avoided by the dyspeptic.

Mealy potatoes, when well boiled, are readily digestible; and, in general, are an unobjectionable article of food. The cabbage tribe is somewhat uncertain: when sufficiently cooked it is frequently taken by dyspeptics without any inconvenience; but at other times it proves indigestible, and occasions flatulence. Pease and beans, especially when old, are difficult of digestion, and apt to cause flatulence.

The oily seeds, as the walnut, the filbert, and the almond, are highly indigestible foods.

Of the fleshy fruits, the grape is the safest. Apples and pears should be roasted before use. Oranges, when quite ripe, seldom prove injurious; unripe ones, however, are apt to gripe.

For drink, simple water or toast water are unobjectionable. In many cases the limited use of weak table ale is unattended with ill effects (see p. 417). Malt liquor of all kinds, in some instances, proves injurious, creating flatulence and acidity, and otherwise disturbing the digestive functions. In such cases a small quantity of sherry wine may be substituted.

Dr. Paris states, that, in some cases of dyspepsia, wine and beer equally disagree with the stomach, producing acidity and other distressing symptoms; and in such, he observes, "very weak spirit may, perhaps, be taken with advantage." To the accuracy of this observation I can bear testimony, having repeatedly found the substitution of a weak spirit preferable to fermented liquids.

A weak infusion of black tea rarely proves injurious (see p. 308 et seq.) Coffee, employed moderately, is, in general, a wholesome beverage (see p. 401 et seq.) Chocolate and cocoa are objectionable in some cases, on account of their oily ingredient (see pp. 404 and 405). But to all these statements exceptions occasionally are met with.

I have already stated (see p. 436) that many of the substances called condiments are, in fact, aliments; and as such their dietetical properties have already been alluded to. But the hot and pungent condiments, such as pepper, cayenne, mustard, &c. as well as the ingredients of some of the sauces, cannot be regarded as alimentary. They act as stimulants to the stomach, and though, when used very moderately, they may not prove injurious, it can scarcely be doubted that their free employment must be hurtful to the dyspeptic, not only by provoking the appetite beyond its natural limit, but also by exciting the stomach itself. On this subject, however, I have already offered some remarks, to which the reader is referred (see p. 438.)

I do not think it necessary to enter further into

the digestible properties of aliments, and their suitability to the dyspeptic, as these subjects have been already fully discussed in previous parts of this work.

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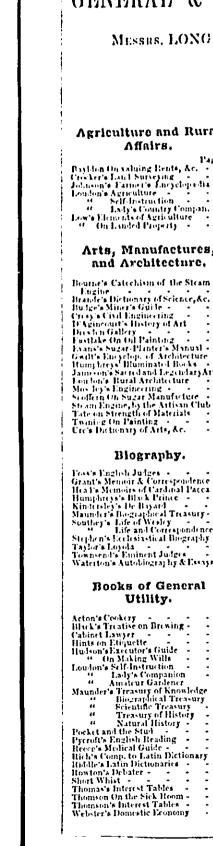
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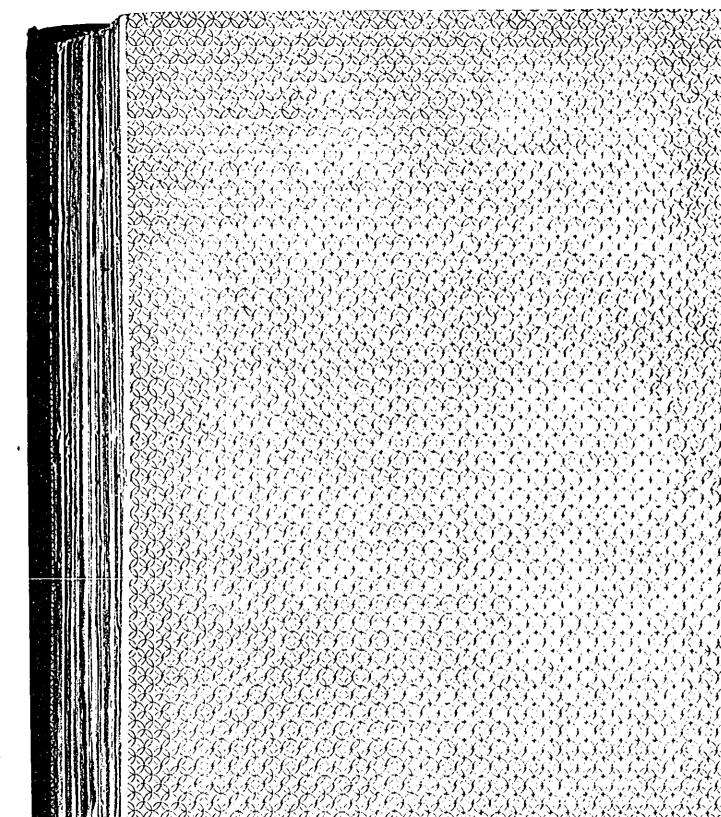
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