

vision. Of the constituents of human food science has already produced the fats, the sugars and carbons, and the production of the albumenoids alone remains to be attained. The great requisite yet to be attained is an inexhaustible supply of energy, and M. Berthelot is confident that it can be secured. Either the sun's rays or the heat from the centre of the earth will be forced by science to yield it up.

As to the scientific possibility of the future which M. Berthelot predicts, only the scientist can speak; and of these some call the French savant a prophet and some a visionary. But we crave liberty to put in an utterly unscientific plea upon behalf of good-dinner-loving humanity. It would be cruel to rob us of our feasts and of the dyspepsia which follows. Moreover, we hold the strings of the purse, from whose contents the scientist must finance the reform, and we may withhold supplies.

We have been preached at of late about the simple life. We have been fed on breakfast foods, nut preparations, and other sawdust concoctions. Are we now to be robbed of our roast beef, our chops, our pork and beans; even of the grain from which the breakfast foods are manufactured, and be fed upon so many ounces per day of fat and so many ounces more of carbon, sugar or albumenoids?

What were Christmas dinner shorn of the plum pudding and the turkey? What would Thanksgiving amount to without the goose and pumpkin pies? Surely we should have neither gusto in eating nor dyspepsia the next day. The medical men would become poor, and the vermiform appendix would be without function, either for its owner or for his physician.