

THE ANALYSIS OF FOOD AND DRUGS. Part I., Milk and Milk Products
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pp. 152.

This work is clearly intended to be a practical manual on the subject of which it treats and is written in a clear and interesting manner, the object being evidently to give routine methods of examination without pretending to enter exhaustively into any of the finer details of analysis of milk and its products. There is a variable expression of opinion of the results obtained by the Local Government Board and other Old Country workers upon the analysis of milk, and the authors make very clear that the standard of purity for milk adopted, or understood to be adopted, by the Chiefs of the Inland Revenue Department Laboratory (that namely of, total solids, 11.25 per cent., fat 2.75 per cent., solids not fat 8.5 per cent.), is evidently founded upon the poorest quality of milk that has been known to be yielded by cows. This certainly is not fair for the purchaser who may reasonably demand that the article supplied to him be of the average quality and not materially below it. The standard recommended in Canada is distinctly higher (fat 3.5 per cent., solids not fat 8.5 per cent., and total solids 12 per cent.). The danger of having a low standard may be regarded as a great temptation, especially among the larger milk contractors, to bring the high quality of the milk down to the level of the standard by means of the addition of water or skimmed milk.

Following upon a very satisfactory consideration of the analysis of milk and milk products is a chapter upon the bacteriology, so short as to be neither the one thing nor the other.

There is a very good and full series of tables of analyses of condensed milks, interesting as condemning a large number of highly advertised condensed milks which as shown by this analysis are clearly not prepared from the whole milk. In this as in the other sections upon butter and cheese there is much information of interest not only to the medical man as such, but to the practitioner interested in the development of one of the most important industries in this country.

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HYPNOTISM AND ITS APPLICATION TO PRACTICAL MEDICINE. By OTTO GEORGE WETTERSTRAND, M.D., Member of the Society of Swedish Physicians at Stockholm. Authorised Translation (from the German Edition) by HENRIK G. PETERSON, M.D., Boston, Together with Medical Letters on Hypno-Suggestion, etc. New York, G. P. Putnam's Sons. Montréal, W. Foster Brown.

We are pleased at the appearance of this standard work in the English language. Of all works on hypnotism it is the most practical,