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this defect by grinding down the glasses to the shape known as "clerical." This, at the same time, effected an improvement by reducing the weight. I am thinking of similarly grinding away the lower third of each lens, thus making them so that they can be seen under as well as over. I am not, however, induced to this by their being still too heavy, for, although a quarter of an inch thick at their bases, they are not appreciably burdensome. They might have been made thinner by being less in long diameter, mine being one and one-half inches. But perhaps it is well that instruments so costly (\$12) should be "chunky" enough to not easily break from falling.

By having the frames made so that the glass will rest about half way down the nose, you get a larger image than when they are made to hug the eyes, and it is also easier to look over them.

I found it necessary to bend the frames to correct the angle at which the planes of the glasses stood to the line of vision. Unless this is an exact right angle, objects will appear slightly blurred, and lines of print will appear either bent upwards into an arch, or contrariwise, downwards, according as the crystals lean towards or slope away from the eyes.

Having tested these glasses for hours at a time, both in operating and reading, I think I can safely say that they have no injurious effects upon the eyes; at least no sensible strain is experienced.

Mr. Pearsall says: "For persons under forty-five years of age a lens of plus 6 D, combined with a prism of 12° base in. for each eye, usually gives a working distance of from five to seven inches; but the glass for one or both eyes may have to be modified, and even a cylinder introduced to suit the focus. Unless the

vision is perfectly normal, an oculist should be consulted."

Baking Powder Adulteration.

The following circular from the Inland Revenue Department at Ottawa has been issued for the guidance of manufacturers and dealers in baking powders and copies have been sent to the drug trade:

The *British Sale of Food and Drugs Act*, as amended last year, provides that the term "food" shall include, "any article which ordinarily enters into, or is used in the composition or preparation of human food." This amendment leaves no doubt that Baking Powders are "food" for the purposes of the Act, a point which was not made clear in the original. Since January of this year, many convictions against vendors of Alum Baking Powder have been secured, it having been shown to the satisfaction of the Magistrates, that Alum is injurious to health, and a dangerous component of human food.

The Canadian *Adulteration Act*, as amended in 1888, defines "food" as "every article used for food or drink by man or cattle, and every ingredient intended for mixing with the food or drink of man or cattle for any purpose whatsoever."

In accordance with the decisions of the British Courts, there can be no doubt that similar findings would result from prosecutions for the sale of Alum Baking Powders in Canada; and it will be obligatory upon this Department to carry such cases to court, as provided in the Act above mentioned.

Since, however, the sale of such powders has been permitted for many years, it is thought desirable to notify dealers of the intention of the Department in this

matter, and to fix a time limit, after which the Act will be enforced in this regard.

The next systematic collection of Baking Powders will be made in December of the present year, and proceedings will be instituted against all vendors of Baking Powders found to contain Alum.

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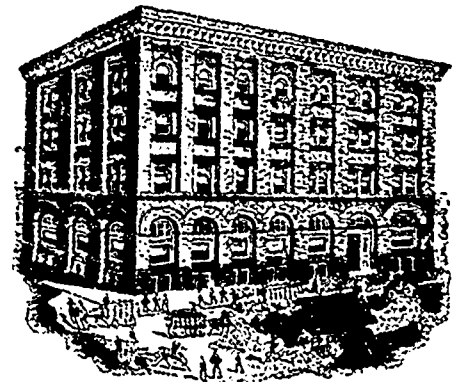
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