

consists chiefly of albumoses, and contains only an extremely small amount of true peptone, and, as has been determined by comparative analysis, it far surpasses all competing products in its percentage of albumoses.

This is important, for the value of a rational meat preparation depends not in the least upon its high percentage of pure peptones, but upon the presence of considerable quantities of digested albumen or albumoses. The albumoses are much more soluble and absorbable than native meat albumen, and are of greater value for purpose of nutrition than the final product of digestion, peptone, since they have a higher nutritive capacity than meat, while that of the peptones is only equivalent to the latter. A pure peptone preparation would therefore seem to be indicated only in cases where the digestive organs are completely unable to perform their function, while an albumoses preparation, such as somatose, is preferable in all cases where it is necessary to improve the nutrition, to produce a gain in flesh, and to give the digestive organs some work to do, even if it be very light. To save these organs

even from a small amount of work does not appear to be justifiable in the vast majority of cases, for they always require some stimulation for the exercise of their function in order that complete relaxation may not occur. It is also of especial importance to know the extent to which an animal food product is absorbed and its influence upon the stomach and intestines. In this direction, also, somatose has proved far superior to peptone preparations, since it does not irritate the stomach and intestinal tract and does not produce diarrhoea, which is so frequently observed during the use of peptones. We must, therefore, regard somatose as an admirable nutrient and restorative in all conditions where irritation of the digestive tract must be avoided, and where a digestible and readily-absorbed food is required.

This proposition will prove of especial value in all acute febrile diseases, in the acute digestive disorders which are so frequently attended with fever, although it is no less indicated in many other affections, especially anæmia, chlorosis, certain nervous troubles, etc., since disturbances of digestion are usually present in these cases. It

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