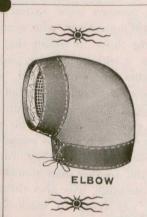
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much the greater. Equal amounts of the raw and boiled oils were absorbed; the blue oil, however, was taken up in much greater quantity by both bricks and sandstone, but by the end of twelve months the whole of the thirteen and one-half ounces of blue oil had apparently evaporated, and the bricks had returned to their original state, but those treated with raw and boiled oils were unchanged. Finally, it was seen that the sand-stone cubes treated with raw and boiled oils returned to their original weights, but not appearing to have lost the good effects of the oils, being practically impervious.



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