

WATER TESTS.—The August issue of the *Iowa Health Bulletin*, published by the State Board of Health, gives a simple test for sewerage contamination or pollution from privy vaults, which can be used by any one. To a glass of water add four drops of a saturated solution of permanganate of potash and let it stand two hours. If decomposing organic matter is present in a dangerous amount the rose color will change to dull yellow, and if there is a large quantity of decomposed organic matter in the water the rose color will in time completely disappear. If it turns paler but still retains a red tinge, it indicates a slighter degree of impurity. Another simple test of the quality of drinking water is to place twelve grains of caustic potash and three

grains of permanganate of potassium in an ounce of distilled water. If to a glass of water one or two drops of the solution imparts a decided color the water is drinkable; but if the solution immediately loses its color and disappears, the water should be rejected for drinking purposes.—*New York Medical Times*.

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