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"A year since, when Dialysed Iron was a novelty, I commended it to the *News*, as a most valuable addition to the *Materia Medica*. Twelve months of additional experience have confirmed my faith in its excellence. The object of this note is to call attention to the great variety of *spurious* preparations sold under the name of Dialysed Iron. In this city I have found nine varieties of so-called Dialysed Iron. Some of these were manufactured here, but most of them were made elsewhere. Genuine Dialysed Iron is nearly tasteless. It has the faintest possible saline flavor and a mere suspicion of roughness. Slightly diluted, its taste recalls that of fresh blood. It is not in the least unpleasant, and does not blacken the teeth or tongue. It seldom or never produces any gastric disturbance or headache, and very rarely constipation. It is exceedingly reliable and rapid as a tonic.

"The *spurious* forms of this drug are without the characteristic of taste and efficacy above enumerated, and chemical analysis readily detects their deficiencies. One of the *spurious* specimens before alluded to, was little less unpleasant than the Tincture of Muriate of Iron, another was excessively acid, another was decidedly saline, another was exceedingly astringent, another was sweetish, another was bitter, and another was seemingly only colored water; another more nearly approached correctness, but only a single specimen possessed the peculiarities of the true article.

"My attention was first directed to this matter through the failure or misbehaviour of the Dialysed Iron in practice. It is but just to say that the good specimen is from WYETH & BROTHER, the original manufacturers of the medicine in America. Wyeth's Dialysed Iron sells at about a dollar a pound. Other makes may be bought at about fifty cents."—*Louisville Medical News.*

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