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When a vestry official, as well known to dairymen as their own parish pump, walks into a milkshop and asks for a pennyworth of milk, it is not at all surprising that Simpson should be kept judiciously out of the way. Some east-end dairymen seem to have been, however, cuttingly satirical in their mode of dealing with the sapient local authority; instead of adding water, they added cream. Out of six samples taken for analysis, five were reported to the Limchouse Board of Works as containing an excess of cream; one only contenting itself with being pure. This was protesting too much. Such prodigality must lower his pride of office by sending a ragged boy, carrying a tea-cup, as deputy. It must be feared that his cup will not be as richly filled as the inspector's official bottle .- London Medical Record.

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