

What is Mineral Water?

From the Standpoint of Physicians,

Mineral Water is any water that has an effect upon the human system, no matter how feebly mineralized it may be ; that is, it is any water that possesses medicinal virtues, whether they be due to the presence of organic, inorganic or gaseous contents, or to the principle of heat. Under this definition, therefore, would be included many waters that, from a chemical standpoint, might be considered very pure, or chemically indifferent.

From the Standpoint of the Dealer

in bottled Mineral Waters, the definition has, of course, a very wide range. From this point of view, all waters put upon the market for sale, in bottles or barrels, or in any other way, come under the head of Mineral Waters, and in collecting the statistics of the commercial aspect of the subject it has been found impossible to draw any definite line, either according to the mineralization of the water or the uses to which it is put. A number of the waters would be considered indifferent when viewed in the light of their chemical