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ing been accomplished, the column returned to Sekedumassi, the destruction of which place was then completed. In this town we found a large force of Ashantis, the remnants of very recent human sacrifices. The stench was awful, the sacrificial receptacles under the great trees containing fresh human blood and portions of human bodies.

An area of deserted country was now crossed and on the following day two more villages were burnt to the ground without opposition. In one of the villages we found a woman who said that all the warriors had concentrated two hours from Kumassi in order to oppose our advance.

Rapidly the situation became more threatening. On May 11, two hours after we had destroyed one of the enemy's towns, our native levies became heavily engaged, having walked straight into an ambush. They fell back on our advance column, and after heavy firing, in which we had twelve casualties, the Ashantis were driven off. The ambush had been very cleverly planned behind a great tree.

During the remainder of that day we entered and burnt three more villages. We found the country deserted, the Ashantis having evidently, in view of our unexpectedly rapid march, fallen back for the purpose of concentrating near the capital.

May 15, the date of our arrival at Kumassi, was a day of incessant fighting, in the course of which Major Morris was severely wounded in the groin while leading an attack. The previous night he had been engaged in a skirmish in the midst of dense plantation, and as an extra precaution all sentries were doubled. Early on the morning of the 15th scouts brought in word that a strong Ashanti force had been prepared in front of us, and shortly afterwards we saw an ugly stockade right across the road. The 7-pounder was at once brought into action to draw the enemy's fire, and in a few minutes the Ashantis replied with volleys from all directions. In about an hour the fusillade ceased except from behind the stockade, which Major Morris decided must be rushed without delay. The charge was ordered, Major Morris and Captain Maguire running ahead of their men.

The Ashantis were numbered 20 yards before he was badly wounded, and fell in the road. The stockade was eventually taken, with the loss of Major Morris and 15 Hausas wounded, and at 3 o'clock the same afternoon Kumassi was reached. Major Morris continuing to direct the operations from his hammock, although in intense pain with intervals of unconsciousness. The first stockade taken, the advance was rapidly continued in order to prevent the enemy reforming. A second stockade was encountered six yards to the rear, and was taken without delay. The 7-pounder had no effect, and scarcely had been scaled before a third stockade was discovered. Our rapid advance was checked by the discovery of the enemy, who had evidently prepared to strongly oppose us at this point. Kumassi was still some 12 miles distant. We continued our advance until we reached one of the investing stockades round the capital. To our great surprise this particular one was not held at the moment of our arrival, and we got on without further opposition. During the day's fighting we had killed several hundred Ashantis, including a number of important chiefs.

THE SIEGE OF KUMASSI.
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On May 19 it was decided to make a reconnaissance in force of the Ashanti lines. Captain Armitage, with a force of Hausas and levies, and a 7-pounder, was ordered to attack the Indubessan stockade, while a force of 160 Hausas with four 7-pounders and three Maxim guns was concentrated at the jail. The next morning Major Morris was carried down to the jail and opened a heavy fire on the Mampon stockade. Reconnoitering parties were sent out to other roads and all reported that the enemy was in great numbers. A force under Capt. Marshall approached to within a hundred yards of the Krobo stockade, but had to retire.

Captain Armitage was also ordered to reconnoiter the Ashanti lines. The stockade he was attacking had been voluntarily reinforced. During the day's operations Captain Leggett was severely wounded in the abdomen.

Several sorties were made to get information, and during the last week a vigorous rocket fire was directed upon the enemy's stockades. There were many casualties among the Ashantis, most of whom were wounded on several occasions.

On May 29 Captain Maguire was shot dead during an attack at N'Timda for the purpose of getting food, and was buried in the afternoon. The Governor conducting the service.

On May 30 a further reduction of rations was ordered, and every day matters steadily grew more and more worse, until it was decided to practically evacuate the place. Every road was eagerly watched by the enemy, but after infinite trouble Major Morris succeeded in getting out of the town, which he hoped to be able to get out of the town. This was kept a close secret, and until 10 o'clock on the night previous to their departure it was not known that an attempt to get out was imminent.

From the time of the departure of the relief column from Gambia, to the date of the departure from Kumassi we had one officer killed, while other officers received altogether seventeen wounds. The other casualties were:—Native officers, one killed, three wounded; Hausas, one killed, 24 wounded. In addition the native levies suffered heavily.

THE MARCH FROM KUMASSI.
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FOOD ADULTERATION IN THE U.S.
Conventional, Fraudulent and Accidental Mixtures.

Saleable Acid in 50 Per Cent. of All Canned Goods—Hiding the Traces of Unskilled and Uncleanly Manufacture—Dangers That Lurk in Milk—Wine Contaminated by the Board of Health.

Adulteration implies the debasement of a pure article by the admixture of something inferior in quality and value, whether innocent or dangerous. A large proportion of adulterations are commercial frauds. Those usually encountered in trade have in view the reduction of food materials with cheap inert substances in order to increase their bulk, and thus insure more money for a less quantity of the genuine article. Hence the great mass of adulterations are seldom in any other respect injurious than that they interfere with the processes of digestion and assimilation, or diminish the nutritive value of foodstuffs. Some, however, are positively prejudicial to health; as the arsenic in wall papers and wearing apparel, the poisonous pigments like chrome yellow that give color to confectionery, the copper used for the greening of pickles and canned peas, the tin dissolved off cans by the acid of grapes, the lead mixed with low-priced snuff, which induces severe attacks of lead palsy, and the salicylic acid employed as a preservative in catsups, fruit syrups, and 50 per cent. of all canned goods manufactured in the United States.

DAUGHTER PRESERVATIVES.
One of the most glaring and reprehensible cases of adulteration, and one which especially calls for legislative action, is the addition of preservatives to canned goods, jellies and jams, ciders and cheap claret, milk, condensed grape juice, etc. The preservatives commonly used are salicylic, benzoic and lactic acids, the sulphates, the fluorides and borax. It is true that the occasional use of these substances in small quantities is not injurious to health, but their continuous use in small quantities is. Borax and boric acid in relation to food, and the use of salicylic acid in food, are particularly dangerous. Salicylic acid induces gastric catarrh. Salicylic acid is an irritant poison. Plants watered with a solution of it wither. In large doses it produces vomiting, delirium, acute nephritis. It is eliminated by the kidneys, and physicians are to-day inclined to believe that the enormous consumption of this preservative in food, ciders, canned foods, etc., is to be considered in connection with the increasing prevalence of Bright's disease.

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