

FRUIT AS FOOD.
 No subject is of more importance to us than that of food, as it has to do directly with human health and happiness. We condense a few thoughts from scientific and reliable sources as to the value of fruit for food. Though not containing so much solid food and nourishment as the usual diets of meats, etc., yet it often supplies a want of the system far beyond what is supplied by food with non-nutritive elements. Fruit, good, ripe fruit, in proper quantities and at proper times, tends to keep the blood cool and prevents feverishness. It keeps the kidneys and liver in a healthy state, and the free use of it is often a cure of these organs; and the same may be said of the bowels. It is an excellent diet for children, and as experience proves, the best of medicines for women, which are often so delicate as to require a delicate diet.

It is thought by some physicians, that in those districts where water is bad, and health consequently precarious, the habit of use of fruit would counteract all or nearly all of the evil results. But it must be good fruit; not the half-ripe or over-ripe and half-decayed stuff that the poor of our large cities buy at low rates, than which no food is more injurious. Fresh, unblemished fruit, clean and in good condition, particularly that which may be gathered in abundance around every country home, to add to the other luxuries and plenty, and also in the backyards of our towns and large villages—even of the poor man's—from June to November, and which comes on the table bright and beautiful in all its fragrance and aroma. But we should not always be gobbling down fruit, nor use it in excessive quantities; nor would we advocate the sudden turning to a fruit diet, as it is frequently introduced gradually into the system, and increase the proportionate quantity as taste and good results may dictate, and always provide the best. Buy fruit if you must, but raise it if you can.

WHAT NERVE WILL CURE YOU?
 The cry for rest has always been louder than the cry for food. Not that it is more important, but it is often harder to get. The best rest comes from sound sleep. Of two men or women, otherwise equal, the one who sleeps the best will be the most moral, healthy, and efficient.

Sleep will cure much more than food of temper, peevishness, nervousness, it will cure insanity. It will build up and make strong a weary body. It will do much to cure dyspepsia, particularly that variety known as nervous dyspepsia. It will relieve the languor and prostration felt by consumptives. It will cure hypochondria, and it will cure the blues. It will cure the headache. It will cure neuralgia. It will cure broken spirits. It will cure sorrow. Indeed, we might make a long list of nervous maladies that sleep will cure. The cure of sleeplessness, however, is not so easy, particularly in those who carry grave responsibilities. The habit of sleeping well is one which, if broken up for any length of time, is not easily regained. Often a severe illness, treated by powerful drugs, so deranges the nervous system that sleep is never secured after. Or, perhaps, long continued watchfulness produces the same effect; or hard study, or too little exercise of the muscular system, or tea and whisky drinking, and tobacco using, or to break up the habit are required:

1. A good clean bed.
2. Sufficient exercise to produce weariness, and pleasant occupation.
3. Good air and not too warm a room.
4. Freedom from too much care.
5. A clean stomach.
6. A clear conscience.
7. Avoidance of stimulants and narcotics.

For those who are overworked, haggard, nervous, who have sleepless nights, we commend the adoption of such habits as shall secure sleep, otherwise life will be short, and what there is of it sadly imperfect.

AFRICAN SPORT.

A party of Englishmen returned to Grahamstown, C. G. H., last August, after a hunting expedition of eighteen months in the Lake Ngami region. They succeeded in bagging eighty-two elephants, eleven white rhinoceros, thirty-seven black rhinoceros, six giraffes, twenty-eight buffaloes, four kudoodoes, nine oryx, and a few other animals. One sea-eagle, a leopard, a lion, and a host of smaller game. Their lions were heavily loaded with tusks, horns, skins, etc., of these animals. One of the party had a narrow escape from lioness. He had shot an eland and some other game, and while dressing it, to take back to camp, his horse ran away. After a long chase the animal was recaptured and mounted. The rider's subsequent adventure is thus described: "I reached the drift and, caught a glimpse of my game, with a lioness and two cubs in possession of a large kudu head. I walked quietly through, but no sooner did we reach the side than, catching the scent, off he went with a mad bound. I managed to get him in the right direction, and turning round, I saw, to my horror, the old lady close at my heels, and tearing along like mad. With my knife I cut the things that held my kudu's head, and thus lightened my horse's burden, and he galloped on. Her majesty stopped for a moment to smell the skin, but evidently wanting something more in the French taste (hippopotamus) she again gave chase. "I held my nag in as well as I was able, letting her come tolerably close, and then giving him his head. I shot her some little distance, but not loaded, but even if I had been a loaded gun, I could not have hit her. I shot and no mistake; and just as I felt myself secure, my horse fell with a violent start, and I over his head. I gained my legs unhurt, but my poor horse was dead. His over exertion to save either his life or mine had cost me dear."

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