

Perhaps it will now be seen why we fear that progress will be hindered, commerce unreasonably hampered and restricted by unwise theorists who would cling to their shibboleth of law though the nation should starve. If Nature's processes are in themselves largely self-preserving and of proven innocence, why cannot there be a greater leeway afforded to manufacturers who would have to disclose their formulas and if not generally approved offer themselves up to destructive and ruining criticism?

The burden of this rather excursive consideration of antiseptics may be given briefly: there is no intention of advocating unnecessary and indiscriminate use of antiseptics in the preservation of foods, but the point is emphasized that if we legally and commercially discourage and make unpopular the study of antiseptics for the purpose mentioned we are absolutely hindering progress. In this day and age when the transportation of food products immense distances is of vital importance, we should rather offer rewards and encouragement for research of this character than to practically condemn such work by greeting it with chilly indifference or faint praise.

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