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SHOULD OUR DEFINITION FOR SUGAR BE BROADENED—
IF SO, WHY? *

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If, as Horatio C. Wood says, for more than ten centuries sugar remained a curiosity and was used only as a medicine, any definition that has any harking back to that time would certainly need furbishing up in this the twentieth century. Merely physical, eye-discerned attributes of the substance necessarily made up a part of any description, while taste and utility certainly entered into any early description of sugar. Evidently, in the lapse of time, there has been ample opportunity for a broadening of the definition and uses of sugar.

Scientific broadening is a self-progressing every-day occurrence; when the occasion arises and necessity of recognition dictates, new incontrovertible facts are welcomed and applied by every worker practically there and then. It is not necessary to hold a meeting and resolve, for if it were well done it would have to be done quickly.

In popular broadening, the task is harder. The adage that you can't teach old dogs new tricks applies to the weaning and diverting of the opinions of the masses. The hardest thing to do, perhaps, is to let them know that there is more than

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