
* **SOMETHING ABOUT "MURINE"** *

* **An "Eye Water" That Sells for a Dollar an Ounce and Costs** *
* **About a Nickel a Gallon to Make.** *

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Common city water, well advertised, would probably find a ready market and many advocates to vouch for its therapeutic properties. Well, good city water has therapeutic properties if properly used; but it is absurd to pay a dollar an ounce for it.

That's about what the folks do who buy the average patent medicine. That's about what folks do who buy widely advertised "eye-water" called "Murine."

For Murine, according to the analysis of the American Medical association, can be made for **five cents a gallon**—of water, borax and a little hydrastis. Here's the chemist's report:

"Murine, as found on the market today, is an amber colored liquid, practically odorless, having a slightly bitter taste, and giving an alkaline reaction to litmus. From examination we conclude that Murine is essentially an aqueous solution of borax (2.6 gm. per hundred c. c. or 12 grains to the fluid ounce) containing a trace of berberin or some golden seal preparation."

"One wonders," the chemist adds, "to what extent the therapeutic action of Murine is due to the price of it. For instead of paying a dollar an ounce—the price charged—the public could buy it for 5 cents a gallon—the es-

timated cost—would the removal of such a potent psychic influence have any effect on the virtues of the preparation?"

Baracic acid is good for tired or sore eyes—and a frequent eye bath with it is recommended to remove particles of dust. Buy a nickel's worth of the crystals from your druggist and dissolve some in water.

You can't get too strong a solution, for the water only dissolves a certain amount. Then give the eyes a bath with an eye cup, or drop in the solution with a medicine dropper.

Or you will find a wisp of sterile cotton batten dipped in the solution a fine wash rag for the eyes.



No war with Russia. There being some \$20,000,000 balance of trade in our favor, we wont even talk sassy, but we'll slap Russia right on her wrist. So there!

Truly fresh eggs 75 cents the dozen in New York city. To be real tony, Steel Trust King Gary should have given his wife a \$500,000 string of eggs, instead of pearls.

Money altitude shifts peculiarly. The man "higher up" is usually pretty low-down.