

The Miracle of the Lemon

What is the Lemon?

Each year new discoveries are being made about the wizard fruit, the Lemon. A new Vitamin—Vitamin P—has been added to the valuable Vitamin C found in the fresh appetizer of the kitchen, the diet laboratory, and even the boudoir.

The Lemon Has Many Tricks

Like turning water into wine, the lemon with its citric acid quickly changes an acid constitution into an alkaline one. With its heavy fruit calcium it supplies bones, teeth and nervous system with basic nourishment. It contains phosphorous also, and one of its grandest properties is its ability to “digest” proteins when put on meats, fish, bones and eggs.

The Lemon a Healer, and Antiseptic

Dr. Gerald Stahl reports innumerable cases of cataract which have been eradicated by using drops of half lemon juice and half distilled water in the eye three (3) times daily. Athlete’s foot needs no high-priced ointments for its taming. Lemon juice combined with papaya juice is a so-called “digestant” in this condition. Several prominent dentists prescribe the juice of lemon and salt for stubborn pyorrhea.

The lemon is one of the speediest acting enemies against germs. Industrial surgeons have used the lemon in cases of infection due to injury, with marked success. Harley Street specialists in London give the children of royalty lemon and honey for sore throat. Many people who have spent what amounts to fortunes on stubborn forms of eczema have been led to the homely lemon when all their money was gone, to find that the condition soon leaves them, and stays away, too.

Lemon Chases Away Halitosis

Not only is the lemon a local antiseptic for offensive breath, but as an internal alkalizer it protects the would-be fastidious mouth from giving offense. Screen and dramatic stars drink lemon juice drinks sweetened with a little honey, two (2) to three (3) times daily to guarantee sweetness of breath.

Why Have Asthma, When Lemons Are Plentiful?

Dr. Joseph H. Greer has no fear of asthma remaining with his patients. In addition to a general detoxifying diet, he gives them two (2) tablespoons of lemon juice before each meal, and before retiring.

Coughs and Colds

Roasted Lemons—roasted until they crack open—are given to cough and cold sufferers of all ages, and with marked success. When the lemon cracks open, the juice, with brown sugar and fresh pineapple juice, is given the patient, who feels immediate benefit. The pineapple juice adds its powerful “digestive” enzymes to those of the lemon, for disintegrating the mucous in the throat.

Chinese Use the Lemon for Medicine

When Chinese doctors reveal their remedies there is always something worthwhile to read. The clever cure of the felon [infection under the edge of the nail] is effected by them with this method: the top of the lemon is cut off, the finger is inserted in the lemon, and bound on. In the morning the felon is ready to be cleansed.

Biliousness and the Lemon

There are physicians who forbid all other medication in bilious cases, instructing their patients to avoid everything but lemon juice for at least one day.

The Lemon Is a Formidable Enemy in These Conditions:

How many people are terrified by the sight of infectious erysipelas! Poultices made from lemon juice have been producers of magic relief after other powerful drugs had proved useless.

Scarlet Fever

Dr. George W. Wood makes this statement about Scarlet Fever:

“I can cure 49 out of every 50 cases of scarlet fever with lemon and gum arabic. At the beginning of attack place the child in bed, giving it to drink some lemonade with gum arabic—one-half teaspoon of the gum to a glass of lemonade. Cover abdomen with dry flannel; then wrap child in a white woolen blanket wrung out of hot water: put a dry blanket on top; then add sufficient covering to cause perspiration. In some cases this is quickly induced by placing hot-water bags outside outer blanket. After one hour of perspiration, during which time lemonade and gum arabic has been given freely to drink, the child should be wiped dry and made comfortable as to amount of clothing. Lemon juice tends to remove deposits which form in the inner part of mouth.”

Diphtheria

In Diphtheria also, the lemon juice treatment still proves the power of the strong antiseptic and digestive qualities of the fruit. “The throat should be gargled,” says Dr. Wood, “with the juice every hour or two, and at the same time, from a half to a full teaspoonful swallowed. This cuts loose the false membrane in the throat and permits it to come out.”

Dropsy: “Remove skin from a lemon, cut the substance of the fruit into small slices, and cover with honey. To begin with, take juice of one lemon a day; increase gradually until juice of 8 or 10 lemons is taken daily.”

Chills and fever may be due to a variety of causes; nevertheless the lemon is always a helpful remedy. Spanish physicians regard it as an infallible friend. Here is the Spanish method reported by Dr. Wood: “The juice of one lemon is to be added to a teacup of coffee, and drunk at one draught without milk or sugar,—twice daily.” Instead of coffee, clover or alfalfa tea is recommended and found to be more potent and palatable.

Rheumatism

Take juice of half a lemon before each meal, and before retiring each night. It may be diluted with distilled water before taking, or used in the form of a strong

lemonade, and at the same time apply the juice twice daily—externally. Most physicians who use this remedy state that after three (3) days the sure but slow power of the lemon shows its cleansing and pain-relieving qualities.

Scurvy

The world well knows today that the lemon-juice cure for scurvy is effective. There are many cases bordering on scurvy, however, showing a lack of the powerful lemon vitamins which give quick improvement in better bowel action, healing of mouth conditions, and a greater immunity to infection—when a diet very rich in Vitamin C—which abounds in lemons—is followed.

Headache

Lemon juice with a few teaspoons of hot tea (clover or alfalfa tea is better) added is the treatment of a sophisticated New York bartender, for those who suffer with hangover headaches—and from headache due to many other causes. He converts his customers to this regime, and weans them away from drug remedies completely.

Tartar Remover

Lemon juice makes a delightful dentifrice all by itself. To keep the tooth brushes immersed in diluted lemon juice, helps to keep them clean, as well as the teeth.

The Lemon an Endurance-Maker

Many women, men and children who lack endurance are low in calcium supply. It is then that the lemon cocktail taken twice daily for 30 days changes the body chemistry, giving greater strength, improvement of memory and endurance, as well as complexion. The lemon cocktail consists of lemon juice, powdered milk and honey shaken in a cocktail shaker.

Lemon Peel a Great Delicacy

Great epicures insist on the free use of lemon peel, grated, in all cakes. It lends an indefinable something of luxury to the taste of any cake, or any flavor, and does not interfere with other flavors either in the frosting of the cake or in the body of the cake itself. No one who has not yet tasted Luxury Hamburger can realize what is in store for him. Ground onion with ground lemon peel added to beef before broiling or frying is a greater treat than the most expensive cuts of meat.

The costliest of chocolates in Paris contain finely ground lemon peel. Ground lemon peel is placed in the finest of European fruit and vegetable salads. In Berlin, Paris and throughout Italy their incomparable soups contain ground lemon peel. Lemon peel marmalade graces the breakfast tables of continental resorts. Many epicures are seen using ground lemon peel in their breakfast eggs.

Lemon a Good Seasoning

“But as far as material for greens is concerned, you need have no concern. . . . I shall be able to obtain the leaves of the yellow dock, the young dandelion, and

mustard . . . My thistle greens, nicely cooked, and seasoned with cream and lemon juice, are very appetizing.”—*Counsels on Diet and Foods*, p. 324.

Lemon, instead of vinegar, is much more palatable as a seasoning on all greens, particularly fresh, young beet tops. In making mayonnaise lemon is preferable to vinegar.

Lemon and Moth Preventatives

A charming French custom to keep closets free from moths is to take ripe lemons and stick them with cloves all over the skin. The heavily studded lemons slowly dry with their cloves, leaving a marvelous odor throughout closets and rooms.

Lemons and Fatigue

Long distance walkers and world travelers as well as explorers look upon the lemon as a Godsend. When fatigue begins a lemon is sucked through a hole in the top. Quick-acting medicine it is, giving almost unbelievable refreshment. Explorers use lemon for protection against many infections of the tropics. A small amount of lemon juice will quench thirst more effectively than many times the amount of water. Experienced travelers declare that when they add lemon juice to ordinary drinking water, in various localities, it acts as an antiseptic and prevents illness due to allergy towards different water supplies.

The Sophisticated Lemon

This trick was learned from important men of business and professional life, when they had to be on their toes in the morning after a night of feasting and celebration. A lemon is quartered. It is then sprinkled with salt, and all eaten except the rind, before breakfast. Public speakers say this trick is an important stimulant to them before going on the platform.

Vaginal Hygiene

Diluted lemon juice makes a safe and sane method of vaginal hygiene. Though it is a powerful antiseptic it is nevertheless free from irritating drugs in douches and suppositories.

London Health Authority Relies on Lemons

Reddie Mallett, a London health authority, has a complete therapeutic system based on the healing properties of the lemon, combined with various other natural aids. In his health home the patient is given his first treatment by being placed between two hearth fires on opposite sides of the room. His body is rubbed all over with lemon juice and oil. The heated air in this combination causes quick assimilation and well-being of a lasting character.

Ears, nose and throat have their particular care with lemon juice treatment. Dr. Mallett cares for stubborn catarrh cases in the following manner: A teaspoonful of olive oil with a teaspoon of lemon juice is gradually—through a dropper—allowed to trickle through each nostril. It is also put into the ears each week for cleansing and tonic properties.

Tiny amounts of lemon juice and olive oil are added to baby food at weaning time, and increased with the age of the child. This method is said by Dr. Mallett's patients to prevent ordinary children's diseases, through its peculiar immunity-giving qualities.

Constipation is treated with inner and outer supplies of lemon juice and olive oil. Four times daily, egg cups of olive oil and lemon juice are taken. The body is massaged three (3) times weekly with lemon juice and oil. Adenoids are treated with diluted lemon juice used in a nasal syringe in a gentle, trickling manner.

In arthritis, lemon juice and oil are gently massaged into the joints after patient has been made warm in a hot bath, or a blanket bath in bed.

Lemon pulp poultices are freely used for boils, abscesses and skin eruptions generally. Juice is of course used internally also. In bronchitis lemon and oil are used as a gargle, and also as an exterior massage for throat and chest.

In cirrhosis of the liver, as many as a dozen lemons are used daily in Dr. Mallett's home, with a starch-free diet, heavily supplied with fruits such as raisins, oranges, pineapples, etc. Striking results are said to be experienced by sufferers from colitis, with massage of abdomen twice daily (while lying down) with lemon juice and olive oil.

In diarrhea, Dr. Mallett used apple pulp and lemon juice for both young and old. In eczema, lemon juice and raw pineapple juice are applied every hour, and with a starchless diet, until condition is cured. Influenza, headache, indigestion are treated with increasing amounts of lemon juice inwardly and outwardly. In treatment of jaundice, lemon juice is combined with carrot juice.

Dr. Mallett has had unusual results in the treatment of neurasthenia with olive oil and lemon juice. The beneficial calcium, usually low in neurasthenia, is supplied with the nerve nourishing properties of olive oil, to give zest to patient's diet. Daily massage of lemon juice and olive oil is rigidly adhered to.

The treatment of piles in this lemon health home has been markedly successful. The diet is dry. No water is used—only fruits and vegetables. At night a small teacup of warm olive oil and lemon juice, equal parts, is very gently inserted rectally (enema)—and retained.

Cosmetics and Lemon

With arrival of the new dehydrated lemon juice in powder form, the woman interested in beauty can have a convenient jar of pure lemon before her for immediate use at all times, without the unsightly half-squeezed lemon on her boudoir table.

The lemon is a very valuable hand and nail bleach. The newer highlighting rinses for hair contain lemon. The pore-reducing treatment in the ultramodern beauty shop contains natural lemon juice, and one of the constituents in an effective breast-reducer—is lemon juice.

A new liquid powder designed for both treatment and beautification, contains natural juice of lemon for its ability to ward off facial and nose shine—also for its bleaching and freckle-removing qualities.

Lemon strawberry toothpowder is a new bleaching agent for teeth darkened by film and alkaline deposits.

A New York dancing teacher keeps her pupils' feet and joints pliant with olive oil and lemon juice massage before and after all lessons, and physical culture

experts are now using a remarkable massage cream made from egg yolk, lemon and olive oil.

Paris actresses prevent dark-circled eyes by twice daily applications of lemon juice. It is used to prevent yellow appearance of the neck. One clever actress carries with her at all times the new cleansing pads for removing makeup during the day. She adds lemon juice to the jar of pads so that with each application she secured a bleaching as well as a cleansing treatment of her skin before applying more makeup.

The Lemon has a host of uses for the hair and scalp. A lemon scalp massage may be given in one's own home by using the new dehydrated lemon powder, which is allowed to remain on during the night for its powerful tonic properties, as well as its ability to combat many scalp infections.

Lemon, a Good Cure for the Tobacco Habit

If one really wishes to stop the tobacco habit, in any form, it has been found that when the urge to either smoke or chew arises, then a mouthful of straight lemon juice takes away that desire. In approximately thirty (30) days of this treatment all desire for using tobacco will have disappeared. A convenient way of using the lemon is to carry one, with a hole in its top, wrapped in wax paper, then suck a mouthful each time the craving occurs. It may require several lemons a day to accomplish the desired result.

One must also stop using foods seasoned highly with pepper and salt, as the pepper and salt seems to increase the desire for tobacco.

Lemon Helps in Overcoming Alcoholism

"The patients should be shown the evil of intoxicating liquor, and the blessing of total abstinence. They should be asked to discard the things that have ruined their health, and the place of these things should be supplied with an abundance of fruit. Oranges, *lemons*, prunes, peaches, and many other varieties can be obtained; for the Lord's world is productive, if painstaking effort is put forth." Counsels on Diet and Foods, p. 311.

It has been found that the more fruit is included in the diet, particularly lemons, the less craving there is for alcoholic beverages.