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A CORRECTION.

In Bulletin No. 8, page 307, under the heading Sulphate of Soda, the term Epsom Salt was used by mistake in place of the correct term, Glauber’s salt. Also, in the same paragraph it is stated that the “effloresced” salt (sulphate of soda), for use in clarifying fat, is prepared by exposing finely powdered Glauber’s salt in a thin layer to the air for some days, “or better, by drying the powdered salt at a gentle heat.” This last clause is wrong, unless the sample to be dried has previously effloresced to a considerable extent—as was the case with that in use by myself when the paragraph was written. If freshly powdered crystals are dried by artificial heat the product will be spoiled for the use intended, being too coarse and dense. Therefore the first directions are the better, namely, to allow the powdered crystals to crumble by exposure to air, unaided by artificial heat.

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