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Evidence of the Specificity of the Intracutaneous Pollen Test in Man.

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Duplication of positive skin reactions to pollen extract was possible in most of the patients when 2 tests were made simultaneously, or when 2 or more weeks elapsed between the 2 tests. The pollens employed included a gramineae, a chenopodiaceae and 2 compositae. The majority of the individuals were positive to but a few pollens though some were positive to nearly all pollens.

Six species of *Artemisia* and 7 of *Atriplex* were tested on a series of patients. We have demonstrated that an individual may react to but 1 or 2 species of the 6 or 7 tested. Eighteen individuals reacted to but one of the 2 subspecies tested, while 6 patients reacted to the other subspecies.

In combination with the factor of accuracy previously discussed, these findings are considered evidence of the specificity of the intracutaneous test and, *a priori*, of the reacting substances in the pollen extract.

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**A New Dietary Deficiency With Highly Purified Diets.
III. The Beneficial Effect of Fat in the Diet.***

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Some years ago Osborne and Mendel¹ reviewed the work which had been done on low fat diets, and from an experiment with 6 young male rats concluded that "if true fats are essential for nutrition during growth, the minimum necessary must be exceedingly small." In view of the fact that their experimental animals were compared with the animals reared on a diet high in fat but low in protein, it seemed probable that both the controls and the experi-

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