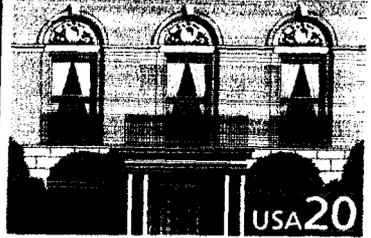


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THIS IS TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION THAT THERE APPEAR TO BE SOME FOODS ON THE MARKET WHICH HAVE BEEN DYED TO MAKE THEM LOOK MORE DESIRABLE TO MANY CONSUMERS WHO PLACE A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE ON FOOD COLOR. FOR EXAMPLE BEETS DYED WITH PHENOLPHTHALEIN WHICH CAN CAUSE A PERSON'S URINE TO ^{APPEAR TO} CONTAIN TRACES OF RED. THIS CAN IN TURN LEAD TO MISDIAGNOSES BY PHYSICIANS CHECKING PEOPLES URINE FOR BLOOD VIA



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OUTDATED METHODS SUCH AS WERE USED IN THE US
VETERANS HOSPITAL (MEDICAL CENTER) ^{IN PAST HISTORY} WHERE THEY
THEN TRIED TO GET ME TO UNDERGO A PAINFUL IN-
VASIVE EXPLORATORY PROCEDURE TO ASCERTAIN
WHETHER I HAD A PROSTATE PROBLEM (SOMETHING
CALIFORNIANS IN LOS ANGELES & SAN FRANCISCO HAVE A
VERY HIGH INCIDENCE OF ACCORDING TO WHAT I'VE
READ). I REFUSED TO UNDERGO THAT INVASIVE PRO-
CEDURE AFTER MY OWN DIAGNOSIS OF HEREDITARY ^{BENIGN} FAMILIAL
HEMATURIA FROM A STUDY OF MY FAMILY HISTORY, WHICH NONE
OF THE PHYSICIANS THERE EVEN ATTEMPTED TO CHECK.
NOW I'VE NOTICED NUMEROUS CANNED BEETS WHICH
APPEAR TO ME TO HAVE BEEN DYED A SHADE OF RED
MUCH BRIGHTER THAN I'VE EVER SEEN IN BEETS ~~THE~~
~~WHEN~~ WHEN THEY WERE HARVESTED IN A GARDEN. THEREFORE
PLEASE TELL ME IF THIS IS ~~A~~ PROBLEM AND/OR IF IT WILL BE CHECKED.
POTENTIAL OR ACTUAL