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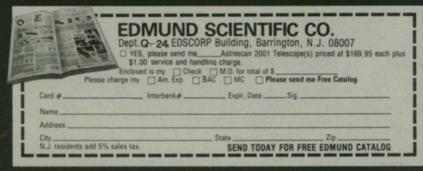
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### New research findings . . .

### ON ZINC . . . the amazing metal so essential to your health

Deficiency of it can cause endless problems many of them just now being realized

Almost half of all men at some point can expect a bit or a lot of prostate trouble. But if a group of Chicago investigators are right, much of it might be avoided by attention to the role of a metal, zinc, in prostate health. With zinc, the investigators report, they have been able to overcome inflammation and even enlargement of the prostate in many men.

It may seem a far cry from prostate disorders to some queer problems of taste and smell — no taste or smell at all or disturbing perversions of one or both. Yet zinc of late has been used with considerable success in overcoming such problems.

And these are just two of a considerable array of recent developments in the emerging story of the metal in human health and disease. It now appears that zinc may have notable potential for helping to overcome a wide variety of problems — ranging from slow wound healing to serious blood vessel disorders including

atherosclerosis or "artery-choking," from proneness to infections to infertility, and from retarded growth and sexual maturation to a life-threatening skin rash.

Studies suggest that the metal, although common in many foods and long supposed to be in adequate supply, can be, for one reason or another, deficient in many people and, in fact, is to a surprising degree.

Zinc is one of a group of what are called trace metals, found in the human body in only tiny amounts, as little understood for the most part now as were vitamins 75 years ago, yet vital. Iodine is one: copper, another: chromium (See Executive Health, Vol. XI, No. 5) still another; and there are more.

Their combined weight in the body amounts to no more than an ounce. Yet, in their minute quantities, they play vital roles. The total of iodine in the body, for example, amounts to 30 milligrams (and a milligram is only one thirty-thousandths of an ounce). But

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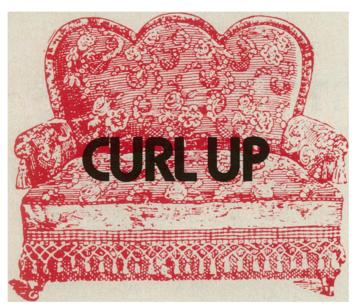
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