#### CHILDREN

REMEMBER that babies and children feel the heat too. They should be fed regularly, summer and winter. But in hot weather don't force them to eat when not hungry. They should not be overdressed. Keep them as quiet as possible during the hot spells. Special care to keep baby's milk fresh and pure will prevent much sickness and distress.

## COLD WATER

FOR A QUICK cool-off on a hot day, dip your arms up to the elbows in cold water, the running water from a faucet, for example. All the blood in your body runs through your forearms in a few minutes. So if the water is cold, you can quickly cool down the body by this simple procedure.

# SUMMER COLD

IN YOUR EFFORTS to keep cool, don't catch cold. For the summer cold is as uncomfortable as the winter grippe and almost as dangerous, health authorities point out. Light clothing is fine for the dog days, but don't go on wearing it when they are over and don't scorn a wrap on a cool evening. Keep out of drafts when the underclothing is soaked with perspiration.

#### DIET

EAT LIGHTLY for greater coolness in hot weather. Food is the fuel that heats your body from within. Cut down particularly on the protein foods, which are the most heating. Chief protein foods are meat and eggs.

CHEMISTRY

# New Method of Cheap Zinc Plating Developed

COMMERCIAL process for plating zinc on metals that may make zinc plate cheaper than tin plate has been developed by Sherard Cowper-Coles, inventor of the sherardizing process for making iron and steel rustless.

The product has a grayish, smooth appearance as contrasted to the shiny









brightness of the familiar tin can. It is claimed that it will not rust or corrode even at a roughly cut edge. This property would make it extremely valuable for motor car fenders as the zinc plate would take the place of the priming coat of enamel.

Standard size sheets of steel can be plated by sending them through electrolytic baths on rollers. Bars of zinc metal dip into the bath and form the

positive pole of the electric circuit. With this mass production scheme in operation it is claimed that the cost of production is less than for tin plate mainly because zinc is cheaper than tin.

The process can be extended to brass and copper plating with only the appropriate changes in the anode materials and the electrolytic solutions.

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FORESTRY

### Experiments Cast Doubt On Orthodox Forest Creed

STRIPPING off the forest cover does not decrease the water which can be obtained from a given area of land; contrary to widely accepted beliefs, it actually increases the water yield. This disagreement with orthodox forestry creed is presented by W. G. Hoyt and H. C. Troxell, hydraulic engineers of the U. S. Geological Survey, as the result of experiments which have been conducted in two typical watersheds in the West, one of which was deliberately deforested, while the other lost a chaparral cover accidentally through fire.

By measuring the water yields before the forest cover was removed, immediately afterward while the ground was still bare, and through several subsequent years while the areas were growing up in brush, a considerable mass of comparative data was accumulated.

The total annual run-off from both sample areas was increased, 15 per cent. in the case of the cut-over forested area and 29 per cent. from the burned-over chaparral area. This is considered evidence that forests and brush do not "conserve the water supply." One very important factor in the reduction of water obtainable from a forested area, the two engineers hold, is the loss of great quantities of water through evaporation and transpiration.

The increased run-off was not confined to sudden destructive flood periods, Messrs. Hoyt and Troxell state, as the summer low-water flow was increased on one area 12 per cent. and on the other area 400 per cent. It was true, however, that the loss of vegetation did increase normal flood heights.

Messrs. Hoyt and Troxell conclude, on the basis of these and other facts learned from the two areas studied that reforestation to increase the annual yield or low-water stream flow will have an opposite effect. (Turn Page)