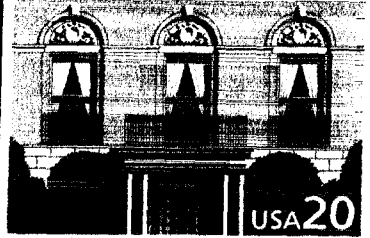


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THIS IS TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION THAT THERE APPEAR TO BE SOME FOODS ON THE MARKET WHICH HAVE BEEN DYED TO MAKE THEM LOOK MORE DESIRABLE TO MANY CONSUMERS WHO PLACE A GREAT DEAL OF IMPORTANCE ON FOOD COLOR. FOR EXAMPLE BEETS DYED WITH PHENOLPHTHALEIN WHICH CAN CAUSE A PERSON'S URINE TO <sup>APPEAR TO</sup> 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OUTDATED METHODS SUCH AS WERE USED IN THE US  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) <sup>IN PARMOUTH, CA</sup> 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 <sup>BENIGN</sup> 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