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The starch digestion should have progressed beyond the state erythrogextrin; in the course of an hour. There should have been enough free acid to have stimulated the n pyloris to relax to a certain extent, and there should have been some contents in the duodenum. I am assuming of course that it is a healthy stomach and that the digestion was not disturbed by any psychic cause which would disturb the mind or any severe physical exercise. I am not going so much by the physical appearance of the cabbage. Any severe physical exercise or mental stress has quite an influence on the digestion. Death does not change the composition of the gastric juices when combined with hydrochloric acid for quite a while. The gastric juices combine with the hydrochloric acid are an antiseptic or preservative. There is a wide variation in diseased stomachs as to digestion.

GROSS EXAMINATION. There are idiosyncrasies in a normal stomach, but where they are too marked I would not consider that a normal stomach. I wouldn't say that there is a mechanical rule where you can measure the digestive power of every stomach for every kind of food. There is a set time for every stomach to digest every kind of food within fairly regular limits, that is a healthy stomach.

There is a fairly fixed standard. There is no great amount of variation between healthy stomachs. I can't answer for how long it takes cabbage to digest. I have taken cabbage out of cancerous stomach that had been in there twenty four hours, but there was ^{an} obstruction. The longest time that I have taken cabbage out of a fairly normal stomach was between four and five hours. That was where it was in the stomach along with another meal. I found ^{it} the cabbage among the remains of the meal four or five hours after it had been eaten. Mastication is a very important function of digestion. Failure to masticate delays the starch digestion.

Starch and cabbage are both carbohydrates. I would say that if cabbage went into a healthy stomach not well masticated, the starch digestion would not get on so well, but the stomach would get