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A DANGEROUS COSMETIC.

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I RECENTLY had submitted to me for analysis a small quantity of a white substance, in the condition of a magma, and I was informed in reference to it that it was used by an American lady as a face cosmetic. The lady, unable to purchase the preparation in London, desired to have some manufactured especially. The result of my examination showed that the substance consisted wholly of *calomel*, the wetness of the magma being due simply to water.

It is needless to add that on my representations the persons to whom the manufacture had been entrusted declined to go any further in the matter, while the existence of such a cosmetic in the American market is another instance of the 'cuteness of the Yankee,—regardless of consequences.

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