

How frequently we hear people eloquently discussing the losses and miseries of an occasional bad harvest; but those losses and miseries are as nothing in comparison to the daily destruction of human food, occasioned by ignorance and pride in the process of its cookery: the confiscation amounts to six times the sum levied in the shape of poor-rates. There are 3,745,463 houses in England and Wales, consequently there are as many kitchens, and it is a very moderate calculation to average the waste and loss at 5*l.* per house.

The amount
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In this sum no calculation is made for doctors and apothecaries' bills, or the attendant expenses. Nor is the shortening of life, or the funeral expenses, taken into consideration.