



An Unpleasant Surprise In The Broth?

The following accident happened the 26th ult. at Shrewton, about ten miles from this city; A poor woman fetching water in the evening, to make broth for her family, drew up a toad in the bucket, which she, not perceiving, put into the pot, and boiled with the liquor. After it was ready, one of the children, more hungry than the rest, ate very heartily, without finding anything disagreeable, till taking up the plate, when she had almost finished her mess, she discovered the head and back of a toad. The poor girl, in a very short time after, complained of a violent pain in her stomach, and was swelled to a great degree; she now continues very ill, and it is feared will not recover. Very fortunately the rest of the family, six in number, ate little or none of the broth, complaining that there was an odd saltish taste in it, and by that means, in all probability, have saved their lives.

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