COMMODITY BASKETS







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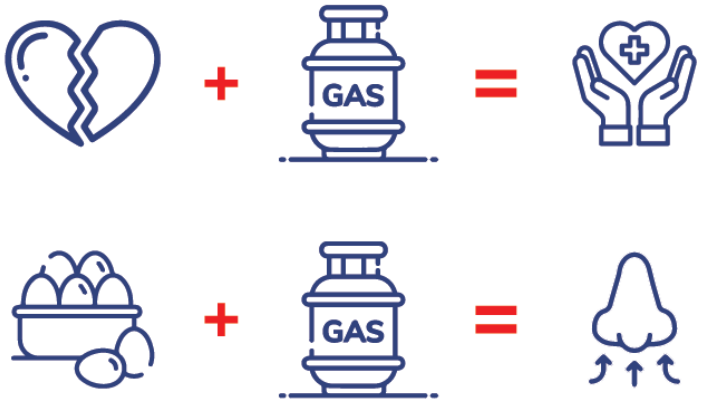
NATURAL WONDER



It's fascinating how ubiquitous products derived from Natural Gas are. From vinyl flooring, deodorants, cell phones to Aspirin and even heart valves. Natural gas is actually odourless, colourless and flammable. The rotten-egg smell we associate with it is actually a product called mercaptan which is added to make leaks easier to detect.

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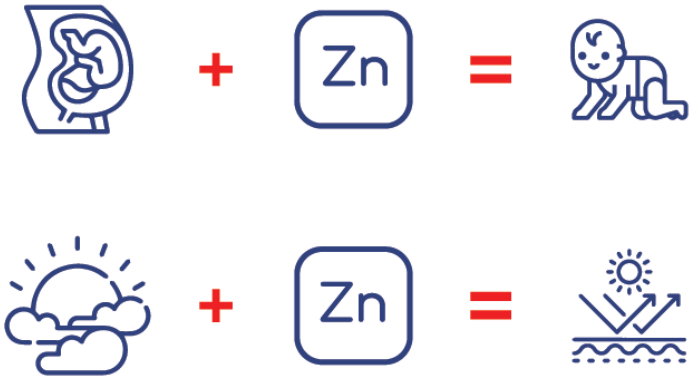
ZINC FOR HEALTH



Zinc should be a drug, not a metal. It plays a key role in maternal health and is critical for a healthy pregnancy. That is because this trace mineral ensures proper expression of genetic material and fetal development. Zinc oxide is also used in ointments, creams, and lotions to protect against sunburn and other damage to the skin caused by ultraviolet light.

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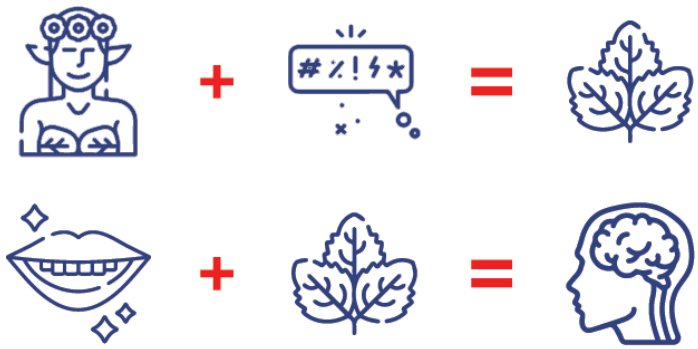
THERAPY FIT FOR KINGS



MINTHE was a Naiad-nymph of Mount Mintha in Elis (southern Greece) loved by the god Haides. When she claimed to be superior to his wife Persephone, the angry goddess transformed her into a mint plant. The Romans believed eating mint would increase intelligence. The scent of mint was also supposed to stop a person from losing his temper, and royal ambassadors carried mint sprigs in their pockets.

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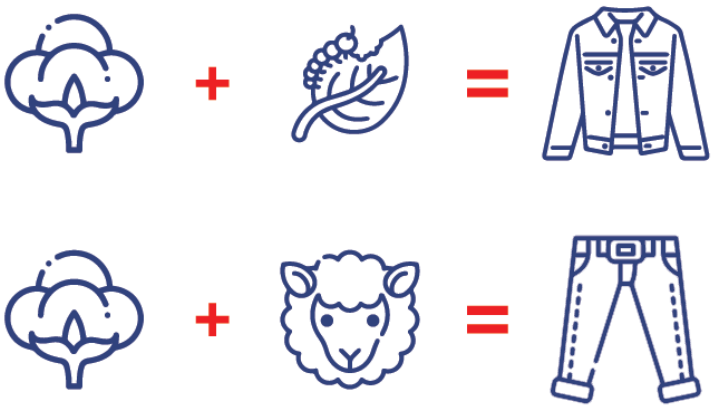
WORKING CLASS HERO



Generally, denim and jeans are used interchangeably. But denim was predominantly a blend of cotton and silk whereas jean was cotton mixed with wool. Even from a historic perspective, there are two different stories. Denim came about in Nimes about 300 years ago and the first jeans can be traced back to 15th century Italy, where it popped up in Genoa and was used to make sails for ships.

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IN NICKEL WE T-RUST





The superhero among metals, nickel is the fifth most abundant metal on Earth. Its main use is in the preparation of alloys such as stainless steel, which accounts for two-thirds of total consumption. Nickel alloys are especially valued for their strength, resistance to corrosion and aesthetic value, and are commonly used in the manufacture of armour plates and burglar-proof vaults.

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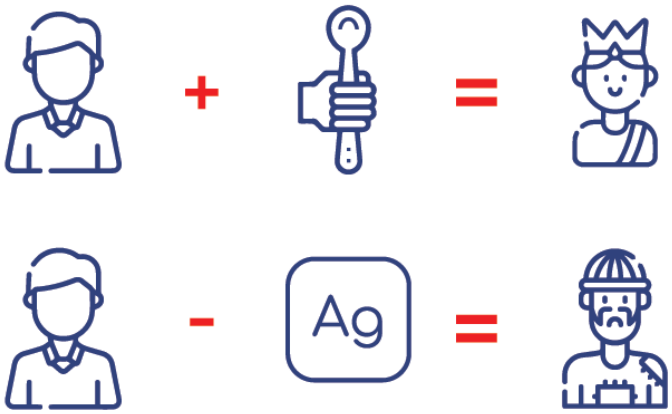
BORN WITH A SILVER SPOON



The phrase is rooted in 18th century Europe, first recorded as a Scottish proverb and appeared in the novel Don Quixote as early as 1719. Before table-setting customs became popular, people brought their own spoons to the table, especially when farmers and craftsmen worked long hours and frequently got dirt under their fingernails, ownership of a silver spoon differentiated land-owning classes from a serf or escaped slave.

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OIL BY THE BARREL





Whiskey and oil have a lot in common! In the 19th century, when commercial production of oil began, unlike today carrying oil was a big task. There was no standard shipping container for oil. So the explorers took inspiration from the whiskey industry and the barrels that they used. That's why, even today, oil is measured in barrels. One barrel is equal to 42 US gallons or 159 liters.

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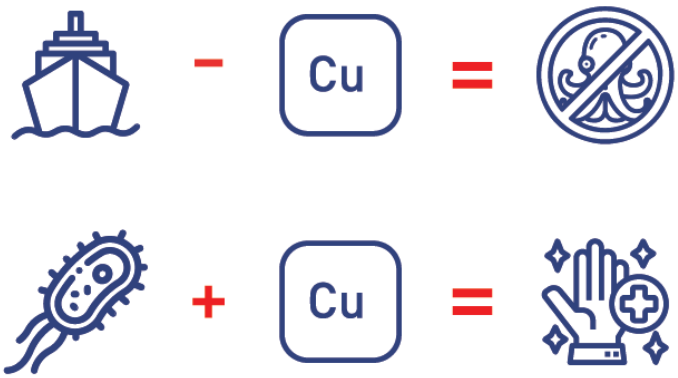
DR.COPPER



Copper has the power to cure lots of things! It has excellent resistance to corrosion by salt water and salt-laden atmospheres, which makes it a natural choice for the hull of ships. It's also useful in preventing shells and other organisms from growing on it because most invertebrates have a low tolerance for its salts. Copper is also naturally antibacterial, which is why metal door knobs made of brass or bronze reduce disease transmission.

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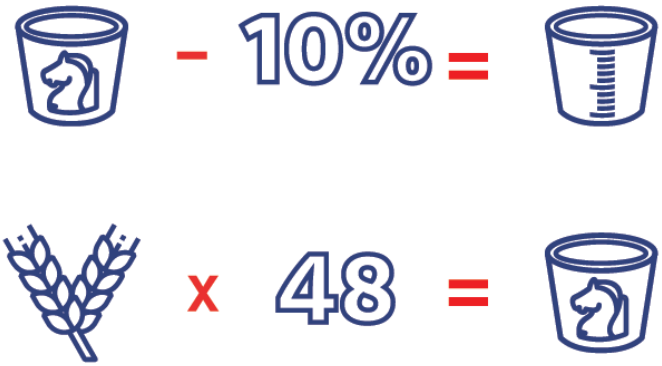
TROY AND BARLEY



Troy ounces are still used in measurements of gold, silver and gemstones. Most other objects use standard ounces. One troy ounce is equal to 1.097 standard ounces, making it around 10% heavier. The name dates back to the 16th century French town of Troyes, which was an important trade centre that standardized the troy ounce as 480 grains of barley.

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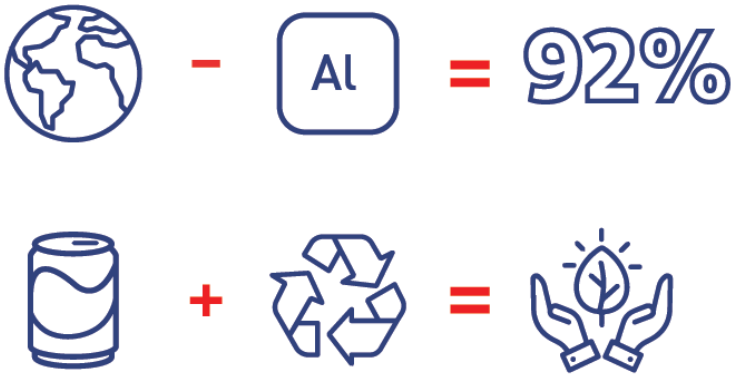
ALUMAXIMUM. ALUMINIMUM.



Aluminium is our planet's most abundant metal, making up roughly about 8% of the earth's crust. Despite the fact that it takes 95% less energy and is far less expensive to recycle aluminium than to create it new, only about 55 % makes it into the recycling bin each year. So do your part. Ensure you recycle your used aluminium.

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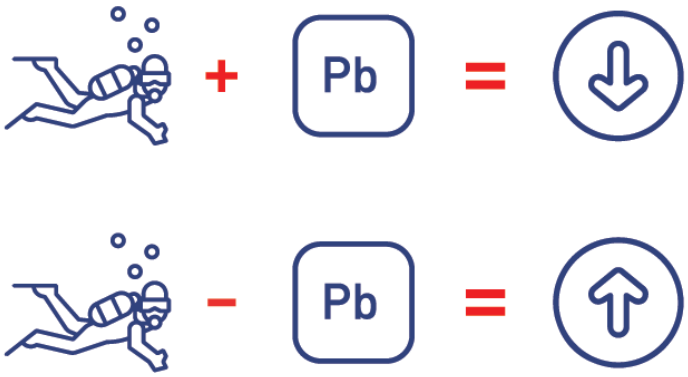
LEADING THE WAY



Lead might be toxic for humans, but is also extremely useful. Divers wear weighting systems made of lead to compensate for the natural buoyancy of the body and other diving equipment. These lead weights are designed such that in an emergency, they can be dropped and the diver can swim to the surface unencumbered.

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