



**THE AUSTERITY
KITCHEN**
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Where the alimentary is
elementary.



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*Coweye Burgers and
Plastic Malts*

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A Contrary Image of
Steaming Excrement*

My wife left ... on the arm of a svelte yogurt distributor

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“The scale over there across the street is truly an ingenious device. One preprograms the desired new weight into it, and if one has achieved or gone below that new low weight, the scale bursts into recorded whistles and cheers and some lively marching-band tune.... A failure ... results in a flatulent dirge of disappointed and contemptuous tuba.”

— David Foster Wallace, *The Broom of the System* (1987)



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