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From the Gilded Age to the present day, diabetes has embodied fears over controlling and mastering our bodies and our surroundings. It has altered relationships between farm and table, influenced diets and nutritional guidelines, intensified obsessions to quantify our bodies, bolstered reliance upon technology to prolong life, and reinforced differences between one another and the natural world that enfolds us. (From the essay)

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