

## **Summary**

Vinegar must have been known to man for thousands of years since he apparently learnt to produce alcoholic beverages. Basically vinegar may be regarded as wine spoiled by the Acetic acid bacteria, but for which other uses have been found. Throughout history, vinegar has proved to be the most versatile of products. The dictionary defines versatility as capable of turning with ease from one thing to another, and from more than 10,000 years ago to today; consumers continue to use vinegar in a variety of ways. Vinegar is now mainly used as a cooking ingredient. Historically, as the most easily available mild acid, it had a great variety of industrial, medical and domestic uses