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Culinary hair care

A woman's quest to treat her daughter's chlorine-damaged hair evolved into a line of shampoos and conditioners.

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HUNTER'S GREEN - Its title was *Recipe Book*, and it did contain mixtures of mayonnaise, eggs, oil, goat's milk and more. But this volume, penned by Winifred M. Bate-Pope of Hunter's Green, did not contain even one edible final product.

Bate-Pope, 43, was recording her recipes for natural shampoo and conditioner.

"There are a lot of things just in your kitchen that you can use for hair conditioners," she said. "The protein from the eggs and mayonnaise - that's really good protein for the hair."

It has been almost two decades since Bate-Pope, then a full-time pharmacist, first started making her own shampoos and conditioners. She was frustrated with her 3-year-old daughter's hair, which was perpetually dried by chlorine from the pool. Familiar with compounding pharmaceutical drugs, Bate-Pope began mixing natural moisturizing compounds into already manufactured products.

"My stylist knew what I was doing, and she said, "Why don't you just make your own shampoo?" " Bate-Pope said.

Now, as chief executive of Naturceutics, Bate-Pope oversees the distribution of her Nature's Prescription line of shampoos and conditioners, manufactured by a plant in Texas. Her products no longer