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dren.

From the 1st of July to October 15 the press of a few states reported forty-five cases of poisoning of children from the use of fly poisons, nine resulting fatally within a few hours. In a number of cases the child at the time the report was made was still very sick. In other cases the child was reported as having fully reserved.

covered.

The reports cover only a few states, so are incomplete. Sofie cases of poisoning from the use of fly poisons are doubtless mever reported, for it is difficult, perhaps impossible, for even an experienced physician to distinguish a case of arsenical poisoning from cholera infantum, the symptoms being so similar. How many children have been poisoned from these fly poisons and the deaths ascribed to cholera infantum can mever be known. The cases reported are all children from slightly less than a year old to six or seven years old. In many cases these children are not old enough to tell what they have taken if questioned about their illness and unless seen taking the poison the chances are that the cause of the childs illness will never be known, and it will be thought the child had cholera infantum. The danger is especially great to the children of the foreign born, for as is well known many of the foreigners are slaw to call medical add in case of children's allments. In country districts, where it often takes several hours to get a physician, it is especially dangerous to use fly poisons.

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These fly poisons are often exposed on the w nlow sill because thes are attracted to the light. Baness also are attracted by the light and the window sill being in reach is therefore the most dangerous place to expose poisonous fly destroyers of any kind.

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There are as efficient and more sanitary ways of catching or killing flies, and fly poisons if used at all should not be used in any home where there are chidren or where children may visit.

We have copies of these newspaper clippings on file and will be glad to exhibit them to anyone interested.

Certainly in our propagandas for health conservation, child betterment and educational movements this peril should educational movements this peril should

health conservation, child betterment and educational movements this peril should be recognised and a warning be issued so that the coming summer does not wit-ness a repetition of these fatalities and accidents that are wholly preventable. Arsenical fly destroying devices are as damagenus, the characteristics are the dangerous as the phosphorous match. They should be abolished.

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INCREASE for the year	270,594
ASSETS, December 31st, 1914	16,736,444
INCREASE for the year	2,353,787
SURPLUS EARNED, 1914 (the largest by far in the Com-	
pany's history)	892,951
BUSINESS IN FORCE December 31st, 1914	08,221,932
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