

in the ounce may be sold without a wine license; this may be the explanation of the frequency with which we see bottles of "cocoa champagne" exhibited in the windows of the drug stores. Not long ago a physician reported that he had experienced considerable inconvenience from taking a glass of standardized cocoa wine which he had mistaken for an innocuous beverage. Still more recently we have been furnished with details of the case of a man who, thinking to abjure the use of alcoholic stimulants, drank cocoa wine so freely that he died of delirium tremens. School mistresses, as a rule, have a deep-rooted belief in the efficacy of the popular drug, and give it to their pupils on the slightest provocation, in complete ignorance of the fact that they are establishing a liking not only for alcohol but for the far more insidious and pernicious poison cocaine. The child who is the innocent victim of cocainism is wayward in disposition, is restless and disturbed at night, and is incapable of prolonged application. The mania for taking narcotic stimulants is widespread, and is a distinct source of danger to the national health. It is difficult to say at present what steps should be taken, but it is obvious that at no distant date some restrictions will have to be placed on the sale of cocoa wine and its congeners.—*Dominion Monthly*.

TO RESTRICT THE SALE OF COCAINE.

Alderman Frank Gazzolo, who formerly conducted the pharmacy at Madison and Loomis streets, Chicago, had introduced an important ordinance in the city council of that city. It will be referred to the committee on health. A strong blow is dealt the indiscriminate sale of cocaine. The measure is warmly supported by all the reputable physicians and druggists of the city. The measure is:—

That it shall be and is hereby made unlawful for any druggist, pharmacist or other person within the corporate limits of the City of Chicago to sell, barter, exchange, or give away any cocaine or morphine or any mixture compounded

by him containing cocaine or morphine, except upon the prescription of a regularly licensed and practicing physician.

It shall be and it is hereby made unlawful for any person, firm or corporation within the corporate limits of the City of Chicago to sell, barter or exchange or give away, or have in his possession for the purpose of selling, exchanging, bartering or giving away any of Burney's catarrh powder, Campbell's arsenic wafers (as the same have been heretofore prepared), or any other prepared or manufactured preparation or mixture of drugs or medicines composed in whole or in part of arsenic, or cocaine, or morphine, except upon the prescription of a regularly licensed and practising physician.

Any person, firm or corporation who shall violate any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a penalty of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for each offence.

"The habitual use of cocaine is increasing at a frightful rate, according to my judgment. Morphine does not compare with any more," said the proprietor of a large drug store in the downtown section of St. Louis, last week. A wretched looking colored woman had just come in to buy something, and went away talking anything but Sunday school language because the druggist would not sell it to her. After she left the proprietor said the woman wanted some cocaine. He said it was really alarming the number of calls they had for this drug. They made it an invariable rule never to sell the drug over the counter, so the same parties scarcely ever came the second time. A tour around among the St. Louis druggists revealed a similar state of affairs in many other sections of the city. The negro race seems more addicted to the habit than any other. From the reports of the druggists, the habit is far more prevalent among the poor tenement class. One old time honored pharmacist, who usually knows what he is talking about, said, "The slums of the city are just killing themselves off with cocaine."