

and licensed to practice prostitution, which they advertised in the daily papers under the cloak of deception.

The regulations are enforced by police officers who are often tyrannical, and it is needless to say that the chances for blackmail are greatly increased, only, in this case, it is the man who has the advantage. Retention in a ward of a hospital is irksome to girls of this class, indeed to the *demi-monde* most odious, so that the women seek to deceive the examining physicians, where formerly they were anxious to explain their ailments, that their cure would be the more speedy.

Another undesirable result of this system has been the scattering of the prostitutes to all parts of the city, where once they occupied only certain districts. As one writer said of New York, when similar regulations were tried: "Once prostitutes lived only in the Tenderloin; now they are our neighbors."

The inevitable conclusion of these experiments, is that the suppression of prostitution is at present impossible, and its control impracticable by medical supervision.

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## NOTES.

### **The Mayor of Chicago Arrested.**

At the instance of the Coroner's Jury, empanelled to enquire into the cause of death of the victims at the Iroquois theatre fire, Carter H. Harrison and seven other persons, including the Fire Marshal, the Building Commissioner and the Building Inspector, as well as the theatre authorities, were arrested. The verdict ran, "We hold Carter H. Harrison, Mayor of the city of Chicago, responsible, for he has shown a lamentable lack of force in his efforts to escape responsibility."

### **Cigarette Smoking.**

The opinion is gaining ground that the inhalation of cigarette smoke, containing carbon monoxid and other poisonous gases, is the real source of the evil effects of cigarette smoking. In the British Parliament recently cigarette smoking was mentioned as one cause of the deterioration of physique in British soldiers. Public opinion requires to be roused in Canada regarding this evil of cigarette smoking.