

conclusion that the American people expend from \$12 to \$17 for the 'necessaries' named, to every dollar paid out for liquor.

A VICTIM OF FASHION.—A sensational illustration of the fatal effects of tight lacing was afforded last week by the death of a single woman aged 52, who died quite suddenly in the street. Mr. A. A. Varne, the house surgeon of the North West London Hospital, to which institution the lifeless body was taken, stated that the deceased was a woman who laced very tightly, so much so that she could hardly breathe, and it was owing to the impossibility of proper expansion of the lungs that syncope had been produced. Two years ago he had been called to her in the street; she had fallen down and "broken a blood-vessel." Here is a text which popular health lecturers will be able to use effectively, it may be hoped, and—we fear—for many a long day.—*British Medical Journal*.

I BELIEVE there is extant a law intended to exterminate the Canada thistle. That plant is the scourge of the field, its seeds are scattered far and wide, precisely as spores of disease fungi are scattered. This law, if executed, would stamp out the thistle. Such a law was necessary because individual effort was unavailing. The lazy farmer would grow enough seeds to sow a whole township. There are plants more noxious than thistles; plants that bring disease and death to thousands of people and animals in this State every year. These plants grow beside our homes, nay in the very chambers wherein our loved ones sleep in supposed security. Have you lost a child by any of the diseases I have named? If so, they came to

their death by plants that grew around your home. Shall these plants be allowed to grow? Shall we continue to fold our arms and look on disease as a necessary evil, and on death as the work of Providence.—Hon. E. A. Wood, Ind., in Pennsylvania Legislature.

IN order to locate the body of a man drowned at Abbeyville, Ga., the other day, (*Annals of Hygiene*) an old negro took a bundle of fodder and put it in the river where the man first sunk. It floated down about fifty yards and suddenly stopped and commenced to whirl slowly round and round. Here the old negro dived and secured the body. He claims to have recovered four or five other bodies by this means.

THE "Medical Age" says, the following are a few popular fallacies: That a baby should be washed every day [washing won't hurt it]; that sitting in the sun will give you chills; that a homœopath gives different medicine from a regular physician; that eruptions on the skin from medicine show that the disease is coming out; that a man grows in height in the spring and in bulk in the fall; that scarlatina and scarlet fever are different diseases; that sleeping in the moonlight will make you crazy; that growing flowers are dangerous in the sick-room.

TOBACCO PROHIBITION.—The following bill is before the Legislature of the State of Illinois, and will probably become a law:—**SEC. 1.** *Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois represented in the General Assembly:* That hereafter no person or persons in this State shall sell, buy for, or furnish, any cigar, cigarette, or tobacco, in any of its forms, to any minor under 16 years of age, unless upon the written order of parent or guardian. **SEC. 2.** That if