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KEEP YOUR TEETH CLEAN.

If You Don't, You'll Have Grip, Says a London Doctor—One Means to Better Health.

Influenza has been so rampant in England, especially in London, of late, says the London Daily Mail, that medical men have been making great efforts to discover its causes and to find the means of preventing its spread. It is now generally accepted that the disease is due to a special microbe bacillus influenza which enters by the mouth and forms poisonous products, which, circulating in the system, give rise to the symptoms. Investigators were still puzzled to explain why the microbe attacked some people and not others exposed to the same risks of infection.

The theory, and to the lay mind a rather startling one, has been propounded by a well known dentist, that bad teeth and the defective hygiene of the mouth are the most important causes in determining the infection. He contends that in a healthy mouth the invading microbes don't find such a good feeding ground as in a mouth where the teeth are decayed and covered with tartar and the gums in an unhealthy condition.

A well known west end physician to whom The Daily Mail applied for an opinion strongly supported this theory. He said the idea had been gaining ground in the medical profession that the defective hygiene of the mouth is largely responsible for a great many diseases of the intestinal tract and especially dyspepsia and gastritis, and much greater attention is paid to the care of the teeth and mouth than was formerly the case.

"Personally before treating any case of indigestion," he said, "I advise a visit to the dentist. As to influenza, I should think it extremely probable that bad teeth predispose to it and especially in those varieties of influenza in which intestinal and gastric symptoms predominate."

Another dental surgeon, who, by the way, also possesses a medical qualification, stated that if people practiced strict hygiene of the mouth the majority of physicians would starve for lack of employment.

MOHAMMED EL TORRES.

Venerable Head of Morocco's Mission to the Algeiras Conference.

The most striking figure at the conference in Algeiras, Spain, over Morocco affairs is the head of the Moroccan delegation, the venerable Mohammed El Torres. He is the confidant of the young and picturesque ruler of Morocco, Mulai Abdul Aziz and his minister of foreign affairs. There was a spectacular scene when the Moorish envoys debarked at Algeiras from the Spanish cruiser Rio de Plata. The party consisted of sixty-seven persons, all richly garbed in flowing white robes and wearing red and white turbans. The Spanish state coaches, which were brought from Seville, received Mohammed El Torres and his suite and took them to a villa. The aged foreign minister spends much of his time while at Algeiras in prayer to Allah, beseeching him to protect the faithful and prevent Morocco, the only remaining independent Mussulman kingdom of Africa, from falling under the power of those who do not accept the doctrines of Mohammed. In respect to the purpose of the conference he is quoted as asking ironically, "Why do they not call a conference to restore order in Russia?"



MOHAMMED EL TORRES.

New Remedy For Cancer. A Scotch doctor, with an Edinburgh degree, who has for nine years been engaged in cancer research, states that he is able to cure cancer by a secret remedy. The exact nature of which he declines to disclose. He claims to have cured eight cases, and one is at present in the Manchester Royal Infirmary under the observation of another doctor for the purpose of verifying his conclusions. It is on the lines of the theory of the cancer research committee that a cure would be effected by stopping the proliferation of cancer cells that he has worked. Hitherto he has devoted himself to external cancer, but is now administering his remedy in a case of internal disease.—London Telegraph.

Telegraphing Photographs.

At a recent lecture in Munich Professor Korn stated that the problem of telegraphing photographs had been solved in principle. The experiments which the professor has already carried out prove that it is possible to transmit a photograph or sketch six or seven inches square in a period varying from ten to twenty minutes. These experiments were carried out on the telegraph line from Munich to Nuremberg, a distance of about 100 miles, but Professor Korn declares that the same results would be obtained if the photographs were transmitted by a telegraph line or submarine cable 5,000 miles in length.

A Real Devil Wagon.

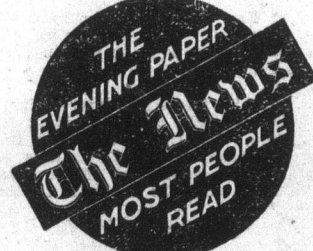
A new weapon which is about to be added to the equipment of the French army consists of a thirty horsepower automobile completely incased in armor and mounting a machine gun in a revolving turret. A dispatch from Paris says it goes "galloping across broken country leaving a trail like a hunting horse, firing its hidden battery at the rate of 600 rounds in sixty seconds, mowing down a battalion of infantry in two minutes and wiping out a squadron of dragons at a hundred yard range." What an improvement upon the one-man-a-time city machine!



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"A Star Out of Jacob."

In the time of the reign of Hadrian, about A. D. 130, a Jew appeared among the people of Palestine claiming to be a messiah—the "star out of Jacob"—which Balaam predicted in his prophecy. (See Numbers xxiv, 17.) This Jewish messiah's name was Simeon Bar-Cocheba, which later name in the Hebrew language means "son of a star." This individual who so blatantly proclaimed himself to be of divine origin took Jerusalem by storm (A. D. 132) and actually commenced the rebuilding of the temple. He took the government in hand and issued coins and performed many other public offices. One of these coins, now in the British museum, has an enlarged star upon one side and upon the other a Hebrew legend meaning "The Deliverer of Jerusalem." The Jews, it is said, lost 600,000 men defending this messiah at the time when the Roman government attempted to put down the popular delusion. In Roman history Bar-Cocheba is known as "Coziba of Barchocheba." The enemies of the "son of a star" changed his name to "Bar-Cocheba," which in the Hebrew means "son of a lie."



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Troops to Awe Strikers.

Lens, France, March 22.—A thousand more troops are being assembled here owing to the menacing spread of the miners' strike. The strikers are divided into two camps, the extremists and the moderates, which threaten to attack each other.

EASTER EXCURSION ? — YES.

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UNFORTUNATE MISTAKE

That Directors of Sun Life Made Profit on Certain Stock.

Mr. Blackadar Resumes His Interesting Admissions Before the Insurance Commission—Silent Assets Receive Some Attention—Mr. Hellmuth Appears as a Cross-Examiner, and Mr. Blackadar Protests That Mr. Fitzgerald Should Be Asked the Questions.

Ottawa, March 22.—Yesterday, before the Insurance Commission, Mr. Blackadar's admissions did not diminish in interest. The fact that directors of the Sun Life make a profit upon Illinois Traction stock purchased by the company at \$1 and now quoted in Montreal at \$3, was characterized as "an unfortunate mistake."

The existence of subsidiary companies, bookkeeping entries made on Dec. 31 and reversed on Jan. 2, fictitious new business and new business that cost 25 per cent, were among the practices disclosed.

"Silent assets" received some attention. Mr. Blackadar was asked if the Sun Life had not omitted from its return securities whose market value aggregated \$1,958,111. He had no definite recollection of this two million dollar item. He said it was not the custom to note the market value of securities omitted by the company from its return. It was not a matter of much concern. They were often obtained as a bonus and carried on the company's books at a nominal figure. He only enquired about them in case they were "written up" and returned as assets.

By Mr. Hellmuth: "Is there not a certain form that you furnish the insurance companies and which they must follow in making their returns; and does it not call for the cost price, book price and market price of all securities held by them?" A. "But these securities are not included in its return to the department."

Q. "Why not? The statute requires a return, does it not, of all other property owned by the company, with details?" A. "The department does not take your view of it."

Q. "Does the department interpret the act to mean that a company may return assets enough to show solvency and omit millions of other assets belonging to it?" A. "That is not in my jurisdiction."

Q. "But what is your interpretation of the act?" A. "I think you should ask Mr. Fitzgerald. I could only give my private opinion."

Q. "Well, what is your opinion about it?" A. No answer.

Q. "You prefer I should ask Mr. Fitzgerald?" A. "Yes."

Mr. Blackadar will stand aside for the present, subject to recall, and further examination by Mr. Hellmuth. The examination of Mr. Fitzgerald will be resumed to-day.

The commission will adjourn from Friday afternoon till Wednesday morning.

When Mr. Shepley's examination of Mr. Blackadar was resumed in the morning, Mr. Blackadar said that a memorandum read on Tuesday morning in reference to stock sold to the president and directors of the Sun Life at less than market price was misleading, inasmuch as under a certain resolution directors claimed the right to participate in the purchase of "very attractive securities." Still, certain Illinois traction securities which were purchased at a value of about \$5 brought certain profits to the directors individually.

T. B. Macaulay, secretary and actuary of the Sun Life, was up from Montreal, and made statements to the reporters to the effect that the directors did not know when the purchase of these securities was going to take place, and the company bought for itself and the directors in their personal capacity, too, without receiving instructions as to amounts from the directors. This happened on the last day of the year, and it was impossible to discriminate. The error was discovered in a few days, and was reversed in the accounts.

Mr. Blackadar's report on the Continental Life was read by Mr. Shepley. It showed that the increased assets were principally mortgages, a large block of stock having been sold, and the proceeds used to buy an office building.

At the end of 1904 the capital was impaired by \$69,000, and at the end of 1905 by \$75,000. This company was spending \$136.80 to get \$100 of new premiums.

Recently Mr. Blackadar reported that some companies returns as new business actually paid for three policies for the first premiums, on which the insured had merely given promissory notes, instead of cash—a frequent device of agents desperately anxious to get commissions, whether the business "materializes in cash or not."

The North American Life and the Imperial Life each reported about \$600,000 worth of new policies not paid for. In the following year these policies are shown as terminated. Mr. Blackadar suggested that this practice of representing promissory notes as receipts should be prevented by law.

A report criticizing certain securities held by the Home Life was submitted. For instance, an investment of 100 shares of the common stock of Sioux, Sheffield at 71-1/4 was condemned; and the directors gave heed accordingly.

Bonds of the Dominion Coal and Dominion Steel Co. had been taken for debts. Mr. Blackadar thinks that these are not securities which an insurance company should hold.

The Confederation Life had also invested various funds in Nova Scotia Steel and Coal, Dominion Coal, and C. P. R. The Nova Scotia securities were sold during 1904, as they are authorized by the act. Mr. Blackadar thinks that the ordinary stock of the C. P. R. is unauthorized, and the Confederation actuary had assured him that the stocks would disappear by the end of the year.

Several memoranda were read regarding the affairs of other companies, and the I. O. F. Several items of expense in the I. O. F. were gone over, some of which Mr. Blackadar could not explain. For instance, in 1898, the excess of receipts over disbursements was over-

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DARRELL.

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Garnet Griffith; also singing by the Darrell quartette, the Misses Duncan and French; speeches by the chairman, Benj. Agar, the Rev. McKelvie and Lester Gregory.

Mrs. John French, of Kent Bridge, visited Mrs. Edwin French last Thursday.

Mr. Phillip Knight, of Northwood, visited friends in this vicinity last week. He leaves for the West next week. He is 80 years of age and still enjoys good health.

Mr. A. Pugh, from Wheatley, is moving into Tom Gray's house today, where he and his family will reside for a few months before going West. We are pleased to see them in the settlement again.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. A. Braggs is seriously ill.

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