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Typoid.

During the months past there has been much talk about impure water leaking into the pipe running across the bay, and by some this impure water is believed to be the chief cause of the many cases of typhoid fever in the city recently.

Dr. Alkin's view is that "due to the water we are using" adding that one ought to be careful in making a charge of that kind.

Dr. E. H. Wright attributes the prevalence of typhoid "to nothing but the improper system of water supply."

Dr. Coventry condemns the present system of water supply, but reminds us that air, as well as water, is highly dangerous when tainted by the dejects of typhoid patients.

The many wells still in use in the city he believes to be doing much harm.

Dr. O'Rielly has done much work in the past, and he still thinks that the great evils from which we suffer are imperfect drainage and bad plumbing.

Dr. Russell thinks the prevalence of typhoid has been exaggerated, death from other causes having been ascribed to it; also that the city water is not as bad as has been represented.

Dr. Foland will not complain of imperfect drainage of the city water until it has been boiled, but he adds that bad drainage and defective plumbing are fruitful sources of danger.

Dr. O'Rielly, of the city hospital, speaks with regard to patients treated there, who, he says, did not come from any particular part of the city, but from all sections.

A few of them came from the Canadian Pacific railway works on the north shore of Lake Superior, and here the remark at once occurs to us that water contaminated by sewage could scarcely have been to blame in their cases.

The old saying that "doctor's differ" continues to be true as ever. We see that although the city water has been blamed as the chief cause of typhoid fever or similar diseases amongst us, yet there are other things that require looking after as much as the water does.

A sanitary suggestion is made by Mark H. Irish, the general host of the Rossia house. He proposes that the lake end of the pipe be "coiled up" and the water cut off at the engine house long enough to pump the pipes clean out from end to end, if the latter could be done.

If after that water continued to come in, while the lake end was coiled up, then the fact that there was a leak somewhere would be established.

As Mr. Irish says, it need not cost much to do this, and a very important point now in dispute would be settled one way or the other.

With all due respect to those medical authorities from whom we may differ, we hold that the balance of expert testimony favors the view that the invasion of sewer gas into our houses—in other words, bad plumbing and bad drainage—is the main cause of typhoid and kindred diseases in Toronto.

Contaminated water is dangerous, no doubt; but so also is contaminated air. Let us suggest how foul air—sewer gas, in fact—probably gets diffused through many houses, and even through some of the most expensive houses, too.

In summer windows are left more or less open, and doors too, a great part of the time. Thus drafts of air, either inward or outward, are at their minimum, and through all the house, and outside of it as well, an equal pressure prevails.

As the cold weather comes on, doors and windows are shut, and fires are lighted, and now observe what happens. The kitchen stove burns during the greater part of the day, the hall stove both day and night. Neither coal nor wood will burn without air, and the volume of air that must be drawn in to keep a stove going is something astonishing.

A powerful suction of air towards the stove is established, and the air required must come from somewhere or other. Windows being closed, and doors open only now and then, where is the air to come from, to supply the fire? Suppose, now, that there are defective points in the plumbing arrangements, where the sewer gas might escape into the house, by its own pressure, but only to moderate extent, let us say. The greedy fire sucks in air from all

available quarters, and the suction draws in large volume of the sewer gas that before escaped in small quantity only.

To the expansion or propelling force of the sewer gas itself there is now added a drawing or suction force of great power, and between the two the sewer gas comes into the house in great quantity.

We would put this question to the doctor: Is it true that in cities typhoid is more prevalent after the cold weather has set in than it is during summer? If so, then our suggestion as to the effect of the suction power of fires in cold weather, drawing gases from sewer connections, also from basements, has some degree of proof in its favor.

The Game of Grab.

The rush of European powers to secure distant possessions just now is phenomenal. In this line France makes a pretty big show, for it is not an odd bit of territory here and there, but a large empire in the east that she is after.

Her last move is for the purchase of some islands to serve the purposes of a naval station near to the Panama canal.

Germany appears to be bent on appropriating every spot she sees vacant, from the west coast of Africa to the vicinity of Australia.

Spain has just announced some territory on the west coast, and Italy has all the time an eye on Tripoli, which will doubtless fall into her hands some day.

Portugal claims a large territory on the lower Congo and will oppose all comers to the extent of her ability. It is safe to say that had Germany instead of Portugal been the party in possession there the Congo conference would have been entirely superfluous.

Of course Russia is engaged in completing the biggest game of all—to consist of northern and central Asia, with India kept in view, in the distance.

At Samarcand, some of these days, the czar is to be crowned emperor of central Africa. With Russia pressing upon China from the west and north, and France from the south, a partition of that tettering empire seems to be among the probabilities.

"Grab" being the order of the day among the powers of continental Europe, what is England going to do about it? Well, she has grabbed enough already, in what some will reply, Meantime let us note that Bismarck has promised to explain all about his colonial policy on the reassembling of the Reichstag this present week.

Some of those many manufacturers who are constantly on the lookout for bonuses ought to turn their attention to Mexico, where the government offers \$30,000 to any one who will start a paper mill.

This bonus is backed by a guarantee of all the cactus trees on the public lands. If Mexico had a stable government and an orderly people, this offer would not long ago begging, but capital is shy of a land of riots and revolutions.

Mr. Withrow had no claim to the seat by reason of a deal made a year ago, but if there was a man bound to support him it was Mr. Bowtell.

Lord Dunham proposes to amend Gladstone's franchise bill by inserting a provision that no one shall vote who cannot write a legible hand.

In Canada, and probably in England, too, such a law would disfranchise a large number of lawyers and journalists. The late Maurice Greeley would have been incontinent shut out by such a law.

The present revival of the grain market at Chicago and other important points is something to be remarked upon. What now brings 71 cents in Winnipeg (this for No. 1, we suppose), and large quantities are coming in. In Chicago the bulls in the grain market are reported strong and well prepared to force an upward movement.

A report that present European troubles are likely to lead to war is probably at the bottom of it all.

In reply to some expressions upon his conduct as head of the Canadian Pacific railway, Geo. T. Orton, M.P., alleges that the Boston capitalists are the only denomination that have sent clergymen into the Rocky mountain camp hospitals.

This allegation, from so responsible a source, will remind every reader of Dickens of that author's satire upon the inconsistency of great missionary efforts upon Asia and Africa, while the home vineyard is being neglected.

The Winnipeg Times declares that no complaints are heard in the Northwest against freight rates, which, in the absence of competition even, are more moderate than they are upon the other side of the border.

The "iron heel" seems to grind partisan journalists more than it does the farmers.

An alternative motto to an Alabama democratic meeting, called to listen to Randall of Pennsylvania, read: "Peace, pig iron and prosperity." As a sign of the times, this indicates a great change in the industrial sentiment of the south.

The English courts have dismissed an appeal against a conviction under the act requiring bakers to carry scales with them when serving their customers.

Like many other laws for the protection of the public, this one is said to have hitherto been more honored in the breach than in the observance.

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—A. D. Noyes, Newark, Michigan, writes: "I have entered at the drug store for Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, but have failed to find it. We brought it both with us from Quebec, but it is nearly gone and we do not want to be without it, as my wife is troubled with a pain in the shoulder, and nothing else gives relief. Can you send us some?"

When we see a beautiful seal skin we little realize the work necessary before these skins are ready for use. When first taken from the animal they little resemble the warm, glossy skins worn by so many, for until dyed and cured they are of a light brown hue, coarse and full of sand.

They are first shaved down on the flesh side until not thicker than paper, the long hairs are pulled out and the fur dyed. The coat of the article is due to the labor that is expended on it. The killing season in Alaska begins about June 12, and the 100,000 skins are usually ready for shipment a month later.

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How Mother Cuts the Boy's Hair. You can always tell a boy whose mother cuts his hair by the way he steps in the street and wriggles his shoulders. When a fond mother has to cut her boy's hair she draws the front hair over his eyes and leaves it there while she cuts that which is behind his ears. When she is through his eyes appear to be surrounded with electricity, and that which is silently dropping down under his collar band appears to be on fire. She has unconsciously touched his head, and until his nose presses his breast. In the meantime, he is seized with an irresistible desire to blow his nose, but he recoils, and the lights on his nose, and does it so unexpectedly that he involuntarily dodges, and the Boston capitalist are the only denomination that have sent clergymen into the Rocky mountain camp hospitals.

At this he commences to cry and wish he was a man. But his mother doesn't notice him. When she is through she holds his jacket collar back from his neck, and with her mouth, blows the short bits of hair from the top of his head down his back. He calls her attention to the fact, but she looks for a new place in his head and hits him there, and asks him if he goes out and wriggles to get the hairs out of his neck, and wonders what the other boys will say to him.

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A Military Holiday in Russia. A Paris letter to the New York Telegram contains what follows: "Edouard Detaille, the battle painter, has recently returned from a visit to the emperor of Russia, who asked him to attend the Russian military manoeuvres as his guest. The account the young master gives of his experiences in the land of the czars is interesting.

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