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JUVENILE DRINKING.

The London Lancet prints a letter from Mr. F. G. Mackerech in which the writer deals with the consumption of alcohol among the young in Britain. He gives figures, which although only estimated, are sufficiently based on investigation to warrant their approximate correctness, and which are really startling. Mr. Mackerech states: "Some months ago I obtained figures from a few of the London County Council infant schools, and found that in each no less than forty per cent. of the infants under eight years of age drank alcohol more or less regularly. There appears to be no doubt that a similar state of things exists in every part of Christian Europe except in the countries of the farthest north, and it would be interesting to find out whether the figures I obtained from schools chosen haphazard are true of the rest of the country. In one school of some 200 infants I found that 11.3 per cent. drank alcohol daily and 34.1 per cent. drank occasionally."

Following up this statement, and argument for action, my medical inspectors, Mr. Mackerech quotes a report prepared by the Hungarian government, and from it makes his own deductions relative to Britain. He says the Hungarian government caused most carefully prepared statistics to be obtained as to the drinking habits of Hungarian children. The investigation was carried out in a very thorough manner, and it was found that 38 per cent. of the children who drank alcoholic drinks were inattentive, nervous and careless, 15 per cent. were melancholy and shy, 30 per cent. were coarse in habits and manner, 8 per cent. were vindictive and given to theft, 45 per cent. were immoral, and only 50 per cent. showed no signs of any evil effect. In Vienna it was found that 32.2 per cent. of the girls drank beer and 11.8 per cent. of the boys and 15.1 per cent. of the girls drank wine.

"I believe," continued Dr. Mackerech, "that an inquiry in England would be productive of similarly remarkable results. My own inquiry into two infant schools, but although there are no widely based statistics there can be no doubt that alcoholic drinks are very often given to children under eight years of age. Among the poorer classes it is very common to give children a sip or two out of the parent's glass, or to give them a glass of ale as a special treat once or twice a week, or to administer spirits to babies by way of a sedative. If the same proportion of children in all London elementary schools drank alcohol to the extent that was found to obtain in the two schools from which I obtained figures there must be nearly three hundred thousand child drinkers in London. It is highly probable that a similar condition of things prevails in both town and country districts, and if this is so there must be some two million child drinkers in England and Wales who more or less regularly drink alcohol."

CONSOLING REFLECTIONS.

What a comfort it must be to certain classes of individuals that in the effort to throw off responsibility for their own follies or weaknesses, they can find scientific facts to offer assistance and support. How would many of the men and women of today get along if they were unable to lay the blame for their own shortcomings either on remote ancestors, or on a mysterious disease, which according to so-called eminent authorities—often created for a particular purpose—is supposed the foundations of social life. In every class of society the contention is heard that wickedness or weakness is in most cases due to heredity or environment, and not to the individual or his own mode of life. This is a point which has never been definitely settled, and never will be so long as men and women feel the need of excuses for their own actions. If a boy is a good boy, why then it is natural for him to be so, says his mother, because he had up-right parents and grandparents. If he is a bad boy, the poor fellow cannot be blamed, for his great-grandfather was inclined just the same way. The family tree is a magnificent support for the mantle of virtue.

Of late years, however, scientists of a certain order are displaying an inclination to disregard the theories of heredity and environment, and are exhibiting a tendency to look upon wrongdoing as the result of widespread disease. Neurasthenia is declared to be the curse of modern civilization. Now neurasthenia, in this sense, it should be understood, is simply unadulterated laziness developed by reason of the revolution in social life during the past two or three centuries. In bygone days men sat down to dinner and afterwards got so drunk that the minority who survived put the helpless to bed. In bygone days, during the hours which could be spared from eating and drinking, these men

participated in games of skill and strength. Nowadays drinking has gone out of fashion except among our highest and lowest classes, and we are in the habit of paying others to provide that amusement which our forefathers created for themselves. The task of watching a ball game or even a circus does not prove of such lasting interest as does personal participation in sports, and hence modern society is always on the lookout for some new form of entertainment. The demand for fresh excitement, provided by others, has created a mental strain, the nerves are on edge all the time, and this condition through the passing of generations has reached the stage which physicians now call neurasthenia. It is, for all the medical men can tell, the product of an idle mind. And now we are informed by an eminent writer in the British medical journal, that it is to become a worldwide disease, to rob humanity of mental and moral responsibility, and make of us a race of semi-lunatics.

Doctors, he says, have daily opportunities of observing the steady spread of the disease. "They see students with pale faces, victims of intellectual overwork, who complain of slackness and enervation, loss of power of concentration; they are haunted by the fear of examinations, which loom before them like specters."

"By their side are seen other examples of a different class, the chief symptom being a weakness of mind, with an accompanying instability or want of purpose, arising out of lack of purpose in life."

And the disease manifests itself in numerous other forms. Some of the sufferers are shy to the extent of becoming paralyzed before the simplest demands of social life—they grumble at everything.

"Others are lars and full of spirit against their fellows. Others still are violent, passionate, impulsive, with little or no power of self-restraint. One symptom is common to all, inadequate power of resistance and total lack of intellectual discipline."

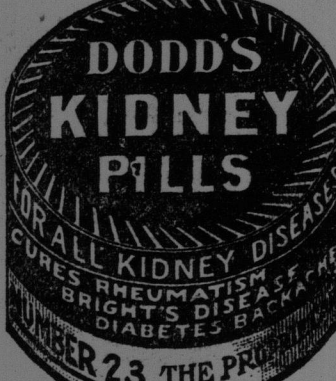
This writer, Dr. Diomedes Carito of Naples, is surely taking a dismal view. It is no doubt true that our present 'right' system of education, the continual competition among students, and the unfortunate conditions surrounding those who attend school for the purpose of acquiring knowledge best suited to their minds, have some influence, but certainly if the race could be inoculated with a few germs of energy, even if this treatment had to be given on the end of a cane, to men, women and children alike, the disease might to a large extent be overcome.

DANISH WOMAN INVADERS HOUSE

Forced Way in While Parliament was in Session

COPENHAGEN, Aug. 23.—A suffragette named Westenholtz forced her way into the hall where the Danish chamber was in session yesterday, addressing the presiding officer, said: "Here you sit, Danish men, bargaining and haggling in the lust of power over the wail or woe of the country, but let it be told you that Denmark's women down you and brand you as a lot of hirelings, belonging to no country, who betray the honor of Denmark."

The president rang his bell and the deputies kept up a fire of interruptions, but to no purpose, for the lady continued her speech calmly. Eventually, however, she was conducted out of the house.



NORRIS AND ROWE'S CIRCUS ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION

Creating great interest among the young, the Norris and Rowe circus reached the city early this morning from Sussex. Ideal weather conditions greet the big show for the performance here. Everything is hustle and bustle and the Union Depot and North End especially present an animated scene. The populace flocked in large numbers to the Shamrock grounds this afternoon to witness the matinee. The circus barkers were on hand early and the pink lemonade man did a thriving business. The side shows are as numerous as ever.

The forty-two cars of the Norris and Rowe's show started to arrive shortly after midnight. By three o'clock all the animals and paraphernalia had reached the Union Depot. Promptly a large corps of workmen started the unloading. The teams removed the equipment to the Shamrock grounds and within a few hours after sunrise the regular circus camp. Tents were being erected in every nook and corner. It is spread near the baseball diamond on the grounds, and tent as well as the kitchen enclosures were also put up before many hours had elapsed.

The circus is not to be complete without the street parade. And it took place too. Leaving the grounds at about 10.30 o'clock the parade traversed the chief thoroughfares. Hundreds of persons lined the route. There were animals galore and many cars. The horses are of splendid appearance and several well trained ones took part in the parade.

ST. JOHN PEOPLE FALL IN LOVE WITH AUNT MARY

Large Audience Greatly Enjoyed Last Evening's Performance Given by May Robson and Excellent Company.

The rejuvenation of the Opera House and the rejuvenation of Aunt Mary, formed a combination, last evening mightily hard to beat. There were many expressions of admiration at the greatly improved appearance of the interior of the playhouse, and there would have been more comment along the same line had the very large audience been able to see with their eyes what they were too busy laughing at Aunt Mary, in whom the elixir of youth had been pronounced, to do so. The play, in which the artist brought a well-balanced company, head, vivacious, sentimental, bubbly and refreshing, as an old-fashioned picture, Miss Robson is an ideal Aunt Mary. She has no cold or woe, and as well as her youthful friends, fell in love with her. Her charming halcyon days, her monotonous and quaint remarks kept the audience in a continuous uproar, for the comedy is based on the fact that the comedienne is a different, Miss Robson has created the role, and the performance was a den of indignity to her. The times when, as a country spinster, she relates her first bath tub experiences to her son and daughter, and her son and daughter on the last scene in her own home after a giddy career in the metropolis, she holds the undivided attention of her hearers—that is unparallelled.

Aunt Mary, is Miss Mary Watkins, Jack's Aunt Mary, a wealthy widow, a woman, left single in this world because the one she loved in her youth never returned after he left. She is a den of indignity to her. Lucinda, the maid of all work, and Joshua, she has brought up Jack as her own son and has bestowed upon him all the love of a lonely woman. She has paid his college bills, looked after him when he was expelled from college and to her he ran with his troubles when he got into scrapes. She is a stroke of misfortune, never joined a mother's club, but the motherhood is there. She herself is a mother. She has to have cast around and then soliloquizes that it is because they want something to love. Aunt Mary lives in a house with mahogany door and brass knocker. New York, which she has been to, she has a stroke of misfortune, never joined a mother's club, but the motherhood is there. She herself is a mother. She has to have cast around and then soliloquizes that it is because they want something to love.

Mitchell, played by Paul Decker, is a strong assistant in the comedy line, and Miss Faye Cusick as the girl in the case won the approval of all. Indeed every member of the cast appeared to the best advantage and the piece as a whole ranks as one of the best seen here in years. The cast was as follows: Betty Burnett, Burnett's sister, ... Nina Saville, Jack's maid, ... John McMahon, Lucinda, Aunt Mary's property boy and soul, ... Mrs. Daisy Mullins, a village, ... John Watkins, Jr., Denham, ... "Jack", ... Jack Storey, Robert Burnett, Jack's chum, ... Mitchell, Jack's chum, ... Paul Decker, Aunt Mary Watkins, ... May Robson, Mrs. Daisy Mullins, ... Mrs. Lela Thompson, Messenger Boy, ... Harry Jones, Mr. Disbrey, ... Lester Wallace, James, the Burnett's butler, ... George P. Hall, Maid, ... Josephine Daly, The Girl from Kalamazoo, ... Grace Morse, ...

Norris and Rowe's shows have exhibited in this city on previous occasions. Since their last visit, however, the show has been greatly enlarged. The program is made up of the usual features characteristic of the saw dust arena and in addition a number of sensational features and trained animals. There is "Stuck" Davenport, the most expert of bareback riders, who turns forward and backward somersaults while the horse is in swift motion. There is Bob Stickey, the hurricane hurdle and jockey rider; Bella Stickey, the principal rider; Clara Euel, the dashing young English horsewoman; Merritt Deane's four horses act; Ada Dumont and her high school horses; R. H. Dockhill, the Bear Brummel of ridges; a troupe of three Russian Cossack troopers concealed the most reckless of horsemen. There are a score of mid-air acts, aerial numbers, high wire walkers, a complete horse show, a herd of educated elephants, camels, domesticated and tamed lions, tigers, hyenas, jaguars, leopards, panthers, deer, elk, moose, rabbits, etc.

In the two rings and upon the elevated stage and upon the hippodrome, there are a succession of features that follow each other in rapid succession and it would be hard to name a patron indeed who has not got a surfeit of good things and just a little more than his money's worth with this season's program of the Norris and Rowe's circus.

TROOPS ORDERED OUT AT NATCHEZ, MISS.

Mob, Exalted Over Throated Assassination, Threatened to Tear Up the Town.

NATCHEZ, Miss., Aug. 23.—Company B and C, third regiment of the state national guard, left here at 6.30 for Meadville. Sheriff Jones of Franklin County called for the troops, because of a mob of about 100 persons, who had been coming into the town from the country all day and were threatening to "tear up the town" upon the arrest of the Norris and Rowe's circus.

UNIFORM PURE FOOD LAW IS REQUIRED

Convention of Food and Dairy Departments Will Recommend Model Law.

DENVER, Aug. 23.—Give us a uniform pure food law which may be accepted or rejected by the individual states according to its needs. A national law should attempt no more than the regulation of interstate commerce. This was the slogan sounded tonight for the opening tomorrow of the 13th annual convention of the Association of State and National Food and Dairy Departments. That the convention will take definite action by submitting to state legislatures a "model food bill" was the opinion expressed after a preliminary meeting tonight of a special committee headed by Dr. E. E. Ladd, state food commissioner of North Dakota, and author of the Ladd model food law.

It is the plan to forward the drafted bill after its approval by the convention to the various state legislatures. Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who he is present as a "spectator," expected to use his influence for a more stringent enforcement of the federal laws as opposed to the state laws. Secretary Wilson is not a delegate and it is not known whether he will speak. Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the Department of Agriculture, will confine his remarks to "the chemistry of bleached flour."

E. O. PEARSON IS TENNIS CHAMPION

BAR HARBOR, Me., Aug. 23.—E. O. Pearson defeated Craig Blidie in the final of the men's singles in the championship tennis tournament began here today on the grass courts of the Niagara Golf and Tennis Club. The scores were 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5. Spectators at today's swimming pool where the match was played, agreed that it ranked with the best tennis ever played here. The first round in the men's doubles will be played tomorrow.

INTERNATIONAL TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT NIAGARA

NIAGARA ON THE LAKE, Ont., Aug. 23.—The All-Canadian and International lawn tennis tournament began here today on the grass courts of the Niagara Golf and Tennis Club. Progress was slow, owing to the late arrival of a number of players. The entry to date is 228, the largest ever held here.

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SERIOUS CHARGES AGAINST BOSTON ADMINISTRATION

Commission Sees Extravagance, Carelessness and Favoritism.

BOSTON, Aug. 23.—The first distinct arraignment of the executive and legislative branches of the municipal government of Boston during the present administration was made today in the report issued by the finance commission, a "lessening of executive vigilance" in the management of the city's finances, and a "lessening of executive vigilance" in the management of the city's finances, and a "lessening of executive vigilance" in the management of the city's finances.

Comparing the condition of the city's finances with other years, the commission says: "The present year owing to the disregard by the city council of the financial condition of the city, the extravagance of certain departments, the heads, and the failure of the mayor to continue the work of reform there has been on the whole a retrogression."

THE PEANUT INDUSTRY INCREASES IN IMPORTANCE

The peanut is rapidly becoming an important farm product throughout the southern states, says the September Popular Mechanics in an illustrated article. It says:

"It's vines are valuable as forage and the peas that are not marketable can be used for feeding purposes. Throughout the belt where the peanut is raised, the peanut is used as a money crop, and special oil-producing varieties will assist in keeping the oil content of the peanuts high. The value of the commercial peanut crop of the United States for the year 1908 was estimated at \$11,000,000. "Although the majority of people recognize the peanut only as it appears in the shell, hulled and salted, as peanut candy, or in the form of a peanut butter, many new lines of consumption have been found for it in the past few years. In addition to these uses, it is an ingredient of peanut butter and vegetable meats, peanut meal, and salad oils. In the preparation of vegetarian meats a bushel of first-class peanuts, weighing 25 lb., will produce about 1 gal. of oil, worth 45 cents, and 20 lb. of oil cake and hulls, which when ground and mixed together, is worth approximately 25 cents. Such peanuts must be obtainable at prices not exceeding 40 cents a bushel to make the oil industry profitable. "By-products of the peanut are used in the manufacture of feeds for farm stock and dairy cows, and the plant is being largely utilized as forage and as a soil renovator. In large cleaning factories the shells are generally used for fuel, and the ash resulting therefrom is valuable as a fertilizer. The thin brown covering of the pea or nut has a feeding value almost equal to that desirable for mixing with the smaller particles of broken peas for stock feeding."

The article further explains the conditions governing the successful cultivation of peanuts for commercial purposes.

BUT THE OTHERS DID. There may be a good reason why some jokes are funnier when there is a minister around.

At a certain boarding-house where there was a minister, there was also a little boy, who with his mother occupied the front room upstairs. As they all sat down to dinner one evening after a dreary day of rain, the landlady asked the boy, "Well, Willie, what have you been doing all afternoon?"

"I've been running ribbons in mother's underwear," replied Willie, with naïveté and a twinkle in his eye. And the minister did not smile.

LABOR LEADER SHOTS TAMMANY CAPTAIN

Billings Family Present Fair Grounds to Vermont.

Record Catch of Mullet—A Thousand Persons Homeless—That Uneasy Lid in Atlantic City.

NEW YORK, Aug. 23.—William J. Bowen, President of the Bricklayers and Masons International Union of America, fired two shots from a revolver tonight at Michael O'Shaughnessy, a Tammany district captain, wounding him in the chest. Bowen was arrested. He gave no reason for his action.

WHITE RIVER JUNCTION, Vt., Aug. 23.—Through the gift of the Billings family of Woodstock, Vt., the State of Vermont now owns the extensive fair grounds here. The property, including grounds and buildings, the former extending over 60 acres, valued at about \$50,000. The annual state fair will take place Sept. 21-24.

ATLANTA CITY, N. C., Aug. 23.—A catch of mullets aggregating half a million pounds, said to be the largest ever landed on the Atlantic Coast, was made off this port by deep sea fishing this morning.

KREMENCHUK, Russia, Aug. 23.—A thousand persons in this district have been rendered homeless by a fire that started yesterday in a local lumber mill and raged throughout the night. The local appliances were inadequate to control the flames and the mill and a large section of the dwellings of the city were destroyed.

ATLANTA CITY, N. C., Aug. 23.—Interest in the reform movement in this city was intensified today when Mayor S. P. Story officially refused to receive a notice from Attorney General Wilson ordering him to close Atlantic City saloons on Sunday.

UTICA, N. Y., Aug. 23.—Chinese students from colleges in all parts of the country are gathering at Hamilton to attend a conference of the Chinese Students Alliance to be opened tomorrow night under the auspices of Col. Gate University. The object of the conference is to enable the Chinese students who are from many different provinces of their native country, to become acquainted and to exchange ideas regarding the work to be taken up by them upon their return to China.

THE SUN AND STAR CONTEST

(Continued from page one)

VOTES NOT TRANSFERABLE. Every certificate issued by the contest department has "Not Transferable" printed on it. This should be sufficient evidence that they cannot be sold or if, when the final accounting is made, any certificate showing that it has been tampered with or changed in any respect will be thrown out and not accounted for. This is final and conclusive. No votes will be transferred from one contestant to another under any circumstances.

DON'T FORGET EXTENSIONS. Remember that the best rate of votes you can get this week is on extensions of subscriptions issued during the two weeks of bargain days. These, whether originally issued in your favor or to some other candidate, will count you at the rate of the time on which they were written and you will get the full benefit of the subscription for the whole length of the time for which it is extended, minus the votes that have already been issued on it. If the subscription was new at the time it was issued it is still counted as new on the extension. And again, do you realize, too, that the money paid in on these extensions will count you on your bonus, which is now extended up to and including the last night of the contest. You see, candidates, that we have made this a banner week, and it is up to you to do the rest. One man has given you every chance and opportunity to show what you can do.

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COURT NORTH END, No. 47—Union Hall, Main street, last Tuesday each month.

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NEEDED SCRATCHING.

They were having trouble in getting a jury to try a case in a county court in North Carolina recently. There had been a good deal of food around, and no one seemed particularly anxious to put himself on record for either side. One man hesitated a long time about stating the grounds on which he based his claim of exemption. Finally he said: "Well, your honor, the truth of the matter is, I have the clerk, scratched him off," instantly replied the judge.

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DEATHS.

HARDING—Suddenly, on Aug. 22nd, at 127 Duke street, Capt. Wm. H. Harding of this city, in the 76th year of his age, last surviving brother of the late Sheriff Harding and Geo. F. Harding.

FLEWELLING—At Oak Point, Kings Co., N. B., on Tuesday, 17th Aug. 1909, Alice, wife of D. D. Flewelling, aged 50 years.

STERLING—Suddenly, on Aug. 23rd, James Sterling, sr., in the 70th year of his age. Funeral on Wednesday, 25th instant, at 2.30 o'clock, from the residence of his son-in-law, John A. Bauer, Castle street.

BLACK—At his residence, 137 Duke street, on August 23rd, Rev. Samuel McCully Black, D.D., aged 83 years. Funeral services at his late residence on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, and at the Baptist Church, Annapolis, on Wednesday, August 24th, at 2.30 p. m.