

from the railway station to the police station, were mustered with others in the station yard, and for the next four hours were in the streets in pouring rain and puddles galore under foot, or in the station in rooms reeking of wet clothing, with "draughts to the right of us, draughts to the left of us, draughts in front of us," and it may be added "draughts behind us." At eleven o'clock we were dismissed and returned to Marlborough street by the same route. I got to bed at 12.45 and slept soundly till seven. The following day I had no cough.

There may have been other causes in operation—for one thing the weather got much milder and the wind went out of the north-east, but I was inclined to believe that inhalation of lysol cured my cough, and I was convinced of it after trying it again. A night later I was coughing again, and I feel I must sound a note of caution here. I fancy it may have a stupefying effect. I used the remedy in an ordinary spirit boiler, and as soon as a good cloud of steam began to rise put my nose and mouth well into it, and as near the boiling fluid as possible, and breathed deeply. In about two minutes I got drowsy and was very near dipping the end of my nose into the hot liquid, which would no doubt have proved an excellent restorative. There may be a source of fallacy here, because it was my bed-time, and I had been in the streets for the greater part of the two preceding nights, and could have slept standing up against a wall. Another thing, I am not sure that lysol used in too strong solution or inhaled for too long a time may not be irritating to the respiratory mucous membrane, for on the last occasion I experienced something of the sensation which all of us who can remember when there were no other lucifer matches than the old-fashioned sulphur matches have felt if we tried to light a pipe or perform any such operation near the nose and mouth without waiting till the brimstone had burnt off.

I have given my experience for what it is worth, and hope it may be of use to others. I would suggest that the solution I used was too strong; it is somewhere between 1-60 and 1-30, very likely more, and I expect 1-100 is plenty strong enough. I did not measure the lysol; I have measured the whole mixture I used and it is four ounces.

I am, Sir, yours faithfully,

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