SMOKING STUNTS THE GROWTH OF BOYS.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be upon the advisability of smoking for men, there is none as to its pernicious effect upon boys. It affects the action of the heart and reduces the capacity of the lungs. Young men who are being trained for athletes are not permitted to smoke by their trainers because, as they say, "It is bad for the wind." The argument that will appeal most forcibly to your boy is that smoking will stunt his growth alt has been proved that youthful smokers are shorter and weigh less than their comrades who do not smoke. Cigarettes are particularly injurious. Nicotine, the ac tive principle of tobacco, is said by chemists, to be, next to prussic acid, the most rapidly fatal poison known. The tender tissues of a growing boy cannot absorb even a very small quantity of it without most injurious results.-February Ladies' Home Jour-

CANVASSING OF THE ELECTORS.

Personal canvassing by a candidate for municipal or parliamentary honors is repugnant to a man of modest, respectful sensibilities, says the Stratford Herald. The practice of personal canvassing for office has become so common that self-respecting men often decline to become candidates, with the result that men of rough, uncultivated, and disrespectful natures rush in as candidates, and bore and tease the electors for their votes to the disgust of well-balanced people. It has been-well-remarked that the man who canvasses usually belongs to one of two classes. He either canvasses because he knows he could never get elected on his merits and thinks by extracting unwilling promises from the electors enough of them will keep their word to ensure his election, or he belongs to the other class who do not believe in canvassing, but canvass because their opponents do so. The abofition of the canvassing habit would be a blessed relief to both voters and candidates. Whenever an elector is canvassed for his vote by a candidate he should ascertain to which of these classes the canvasser belongs, and if to the first he should be dismissed without encouragement.

THE SAME THEN AS NOW.

There is a striking passage in a book written very early in the present century. It goes to show that the British people are the same to-day, in their weaknesses as well as in their virtues, as they were nearly a century agothat then, as now, they expected impossibilities of the men who were fighting their battles, and were too quick to blame if all was not going well. The book is A Prisoner of France, a narrative of the early portion of the Peninsular war, in which the author, Captain Bothby, took part. The third chapter, written shortly after the great battle of Talavera in which the British were victorious, begins as follows:

"The mass of the people of England is hasty and often unjust in its judgment of military events. Reported success gives them undue exultation, and if any reverse ensue they sink as much as they rose. This indiscretion on the part of the people causes uphill work for the generals of England. Instead of feeling any fondness for her bold sons, who to gain her approbation, brave death, and give up the luxuries of life-instead of feeling a parental concern for their honor and credit, and a consequent reluctance to see their faultsthe people are often ready not only to blame them for disaster, but also to impute success to fortune, and failure to their want of skill. The demon of discord, also, or, as we name him, Party, extends his baneful influence over the fortunes of our heroes. Often half the nation condemns a general as rash when he advances; the other half revile him as a coward when he retreats. It follows that it is an indispensible duty for a British general to drive from his heart all expectation of popular applause. Let his own judgment be his perpetual guide, and the good and the glory of his country his perpetual object. Should folly, ignorance or prejudice deprive him of applause, be his sweetest consolation the certainty of having deserved it."

These bitter words are as applicable to-day as they were when they were written, ninety odd years ago.

If crookedness were practiced in the East Middlesex election, as the reports indicate, Hon. G. W. Ross should be held personally responsible. He could stop these disgraceful crimes if he wanted to. If he be fit to lead a great party his influence should be sufficient to restrain the baser followers of that party within the bounds of decent politics. And if he possass no influence as a political leader to prevent this corruption then he should use his authority as attorneygeneral to free the province from the

Winter Finds Out What Summer Lays By.

Be it spring, summer, autumn cr winter, someone in the family is "under the weather" from trouble originating in impure blood or low condition of the system.

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Could Not Sleep—"I did not have any appetite and could not sleep at night. Was so tired I could hardly walk. Read about Hood's Sarssparilla, took four bottles and it restored me to perfect health." Miss Jessie Turnbull, Cranbrook, Ont.

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A woman hanged for child murder in Vienna a few days ago, was the first female executed in that city since 1809, and the first in the Austrian monarchy since 1867.

Harry Watterson says the situation in Kentucky is not surprising and is the natural outcome of "a campaign of corruption and debauchery." This opinion is hereby referred to George Washington Ross to gently ponder

The gutter-snipe element in Grand Rapids have sent a memorial to Washington asking the U, S. government to recognize the Boers as belligerents. Better send a copy of that document to Gen. Buller. He'll probably not object to recognizing their bell gerency. He's been up against it

The Molineux murder trial in New York promises to be one of the most remarkable in recent years in point of length. It has now lasted some 110 days, and the main evidence for the defense has yet to be taken. Molineux is accused of killing a Mrs. Adams by sending poison through the mails. His intended victim was a man he disliked, named Cornish.

We are in receipt of several pieces of obituary poetry. Once more we say that we make the ordinary advertising charge for matter of this kind.—Windsor Record.

So you should, for Windsor, old boy Obituary poetry and the Record's other ads are so much alike that they should be taxed on the same scale.

The penitentiary officials are advertising to sell binder twine direct for farmers for cash. This is due to the exposures of the Conservative newspapers regarding the handing over to the friends of the Government all last year's prison twine at 41-2 cents a pound. It was afterwards retailed to the farmers at 15 cents. The latter not having a "pull" like Bate, of Ottawa, will likely have to put up a good deal more than 41-2 cents a pound this year.

Ald. Robert Barr, of Windsor, is in favor of substituting a biennial asessment for the yearly arrangement now in force and making the tax rate the same for each of these years. He claims the scheme would be economical and satisfactory, but the stumb-ling block is the law, which provides annual assessment. As a matter of fact a general assessment every three years ought to be enough with some provision in the law for making alterations in the interim. Year after year the assessors, in compliance with the statute, make their rounds, and we will wager they don't make any change in nine-tenths of the property in ten years.

The present situation in Kentucky, in which a state of civil war practically exists, is due to the same methods the Hardy Ross threshing machine gang pursued in West Elgin, and other constituencies. Crookedness usually leads to anarchy and honest men, who use their ballots on the same side as crooks, are just as morally responsible for the bloodshed and murders which which follow as if they did the dastardly work themselves. Crooks would not have dared to commit the crimes they did to keep Hardy and Ross in power, if they didnot think they would be overlooked because it was all done for the party and paid for by the party's leaders. Propular sentiment is in such shape now that both parties can take steps to stamp out corruption. The question is, will they do so?

CENTENARIANS ARE NOT UNCOM-MON.

Chicago News. As to centenarians, there are thous ands of such living in our own time. In 1898 Ireland boasted of 578 centenarians of authenticated age; Spain 491, France 293, England 146, Germany 75, and Scotland 46. Our own country lacks verified records of centenarians, although it is quite an ordinary thing to come across the

obituary of a centenarian, or to read of birthday anniversaries of persons whose age exceeds the century mark

A LESSON TO STABBERS. Ittawa Citizen.

It was a severe but merited sentence-twenty years in the penitentiary-that Judge Rose imposed upon Arthur Cardinal, a prisoner in the Central Prison, for stabbing a fellow convict named John Hughes, in the head.

> WHEELMEN IN BATTLE. Chicago Journal,

The enthusiasm for volunteering in England has given rise to the proposal for the formation of a corps of 500 fully equipped cyclists for service at the seat of war in South Africa. The wheel warrior can, at any time, be turned into an infantry fighter. At s further argued in favor of a cyclist corps that the mounts require neither food nor water, and consequently are capable of carrying combatants twice as fast and four times as far as the best cavalry animals.

Canada and England.

THE SERVICES CANADA HAS REN-DERED FULLY APPRECIATED.

Prominent Brockville Business Man Pays a Tribute to the Good Work of a Canadian Institution in England.

From the Brockville Recorder. One of the most successful business

men in Breckville is Mr. Thomas Nappy, the well known Perth Street nappy, the well known rerth Street grocer. Mr. Nappy is an Englishman by birth and the success he has achieved in business here, has enabled him for some years past to make an annual holiday trip to the Motherland. make an annual holiday trip to the Motherland. In a casual conversation with some friends in the Bank of Montreal, recently, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills happened to be mentioned and Mr. Nappy said that if the pills effected many cures as marvellous as one that had come under his notice, he was not supprised that they were one that had come under his notice, he was not surprised that they were so frequently the theme of conversation. Asked later by a reporter of thep Recorder to give the story, Mr. Nappy readilly consented to do so, and we give it practically in his own words: "Don't be disappointed when I tell you that the cure did not occur in this country," said? Mr. Nappy: As a matter of fact it occurred in England and came under my observation on the occasion of my observation on the occasion of two visits made to that country. During the summer of 1898 I paid a visit to my old home in England and while there visited William Led ger, a relation of mine, living at 45 Fitzwilliam Street, Doncaster. In Fitswilliam Street, Donoaster. In Ledger's family was a little girl, Lilly, about six years of age, who was absolutely helpless with what the doctors said was St. Vitus dance, but really seemed to me more like paralysis. This child was one of the most pitiful sights I ever saw; more helpless than a new born habe. more helpless than a new born babe. She could not move a single limb, and if the head were turned to one side or the other it remained in that position until someone changed it.
The poor child had to be fed and
looked after like an infant, and as
the doctors had not been able to do anything to relieve her, recovery was anything to relieve her, recovery was not thought possible. Indeed, I said to the child's grandmother that I thought its early death would be a relief, not only to the child but to its parents. This was the condition of the child when I left for Canada. Again in the summer of 1899 I made a holiday trip to England and to my amazement when I visited my friend Ledger I found Lilly as bright and Ledger I found Lilly as bright and active a child as one would find any where, with absolutely no trace of the trouble that had made her helpless burden the year before.
told her parents I had never extold her parents I had never expected to see her alive again and asked what had effected her cure. "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills," said the father. He further said that returning from work one night, he found in the house a little book describing the pills, left during the day, and, after reading it, decided to use them in Lilly's case. After supper he hought some of the pills and gave the first to the child that night. In a few days they saw they were helpfew days they saw they were help-ing her, and in less than two months' time there was not a child in the neighborhood, brighter, healthier or more active. I have heard a great deal concerning what Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done in this country, but this case coming under my own observation is as near a miracle as we can look for in these days, and

shows why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are so much talked about everywhere.
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THE KENDUCY ROW Frankfort, Feb. 2.-Gov. Goebel is re ported better. The Democrats are arming. Gov. Taylor has appealed for Federal aid. The Kentucky leaders have warned President McKinley not to interfere.

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LITERARY NOTES.

HUNTING FOR NEW WRITERS. Eight thousand manuscripts were received by the Ladies Home Journal during the year just closed. Each was given a careful reading, but out of the entire number only eighty were of the entire number only eighty were found worthy of publication. The Manuscript Bureau of the Ladies' Home Journal is operated at a large expense, but the hope of discovering new writers or some aspirants with undeveloped talent warrants the outlay. It can be seen that the articles secured by such a careful winnowing process brings the cost up to and above the remuneration paid our best writers.

These facts bring refutation to the oft-repeated but none the less erron-eous assertion that only welf-known eous assertion that only well-known writers of established literary reputation are able to find a place for their work in the magazines. Exactly the contrary is true. The Ladies Home Journal, through the manuferipts considered, has discovered three or four writers of excellent meritand great promise, and this "find" three or four writers of excellent mer-it and great promise, and this "find" its editor regards as fully warranting the large outlay of maintaining an ex-pensive bureau for reading all the manuscripts submitted.

M'CALL'S FOR FEBRUARY.

The February number of McCall's The February number of McCall's Magazine (The Queen of Fashion) is just at hand, containing two beautiful, full-page colored pares and illustrations of patterns of more than one hundred exquisite fashion designs of seasonable styles, including ladies', misses', children's and infanta' wear.

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lars and neck adornments, styles for children, fashionable fade, informa-tion for dressmakers, styles for young peopl and ornaments for coiffures.

In addition to the foregoing, we find

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If we may judge by the frequent conversations on the subject among vival of interest in embroidering, both in colors and in white—always a fascinating—and beautiful—employment. In recognition of this development, The Delineator, now in its 55th volume, introduces in the February number some dainty specimens of colored ber some dainty specimens of colored embroideries in an artistic plate, supembroideries in an array polymer plemented by designs and working instructions for the details. Lady readers will, no doubt, hail with great pleasure this initial instalment of the new department, which would seem to cap the efforts of the publishers of The Delineator to make this charming magazine a delight to its patrons.

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