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The Quack's Paradise

SPREAD OF THE "BOOZITIS" MALADY IN UNITED STATES—HOW PROHIBITION LAW IS BEING CIRCUMVENTED.

No fewer than a million gallons of liquor were consumed in America during the year ended June 30—as medicine. Grave concern is manifested by the Federal authorities in Washington at the moment at the spread of a malady which calls for such a generous consumption of ardent spirits. Washington authorities, diagnosing the complaint as "boozitis," report that during the year ended June 30 last retail druggists in 30 States and Dependencies where the law permits the prescription of liquors for medicinal use, filled no fewer than 11,268,469 such prescriptions. These called for a total of 1,469,514 gallons, including—

Whisky, 1,347,573 gallons.

Wine, 30,752.

Brandy, 9,945.

Gin, 5,173.

Rum, 2,015.

It is believed that this practice accounts in part for the prosperity of the army of quack doctors who have been provided with medical diplomas by bogus colleges and let loose upon the country. Thousands of more or less illiterate persons have been able to pose as M.D.'s in various States. Professor W. P. Sachs, a member of a college of medicine, which was recently raided by the authorities, has stated that he can testify that 15,000 to 25,000 "doctors" are practicing unlawfully in America. They receive their diplomas, it is alleged, from one or other of 17 institutions with impressive, but fictitious, titles. Explaining how licenses to practice in large cities have been obtained, Professor Sachs stated that false high school certificates were sold for \$10 each, prior to the purchase of the medical college diploma at prices ranging from \$50 to \$150. He also alleged that in some states members of the State examining board have been bribed. In one State, according to Professor Sachs, copies of examination questions were obtained in advance. Electrical apparatus with coloured lights was sold to the new "medicos." When tested in this manner, the person's disease was indicated by the colour of the light. When the dupe's capacity to pay was exhausted, a white light showed that he was cured.

Where are you getting off?

The Grenfell Hall, January 10th.

Jan 5, 11

Forged Bank Books

Amazing Find at Home of Post Office Clerk.

During the time he was employed as a temporary clerk in the Post Office Savings Bank, Henry John Hale Spoor, 29, managed to make good use of any opportunities that presented themselves. He forgot, however, the old saying concerning the pitcher and the well, with the result that he found himself in the dock at the Old Bailey, charged with demanding three sums of £10 by virtue of forged withdrawal warrants. It was stated that Spoor, in his capacity as temporary clerk, had access to the strong room in which deposit books and withdrawal warrants were kept. At his house were found 79 forged deposit books and 15 warrants. His total defalcations amounted to £230, representing 59 drafts of this nature.—Mr. J. A. C. Keever, defending, pleaded that Spoor got into debt owing to the cost of living.—Sentence of 18 months in the second division was passed.

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Roadside Drama

CATTLE THIEF'S FIGHT TO THE DEATH.

Lying delicious in hospital a chauffeur alone provides the details of a desperate duel to the death between a South African cattle-thief and his policeman captor. A farmer, who arrived after the battle, found sufficient evidence to piece together the outline of an encounter as grim as any in fiction. In the rear seat of a motor-car sat a dead constable, shot through the head, and with a revolver in his hand, a chauffeur lay delicious under the machine, while a cattle-thief was stretched out dead several paces away, clutching a gun. This discovery was made on the road between Dewesdorp and Thabanchu, in the Orange Free State. A number of repair tools lay scattered in the road. The constable had been to Thabanchu to arrest the cattle-thief, who had stolen several oxen, and the chauffeur, Lertche, accompanied him to identify the stolen cattle. They decided to take the cattle-thief to prison a Dewesdorp, and it is thought that something went wrong with the motor car. When the constable alighted to attend to the repairs it is surmised that he unstrapped the pistol-holders, one of which the prisoner seized, and a battle began, both being shot dead. The chauffeur was taken to hospital suffering from a flesh wound in the arm.

Tea-Drinking Tibetans

NEW YEAR CUSTOMS AMONG A STRANGE PEOPLE.

New Year customs in Tibet were described to the Royal Geographical Society by Sir Charles Bell, late Political Officer for Tibet. Sir Charles spent a year in Lhasa, a few years ago, at the invitation of the Tibetan Government.

"On the first day of the new year the leading priests make their obeisance to the Dalai Lama," he explained. "The next day is known as the King's New Year. There are religious services and songs, a dance with axes, a dance with swords, and theological disputations between two of the leading doctors of divinity. In an interval between these all Tibetan officials, from the Ministers downwards, made their obeisances to the god-king, and received his blessing. The Prime Minister had already made his obeisance, and with a threefold offering consisting of an image of the god of endless life, a religious book, and a model of a chorten or stupa. These represent respectively the Body, Speech, and Mind of Buddha." Tibetans drink on an average 30 cups of tea a day, are great playgoers, and have so great a faith in the power of the mind that they believe it can influence the climate. At the monastery of Samding, Sir Charles lunched with Dorje Pamo, the highest lady in Tibet, who was credited with possession of the peculiar power of turning herself and the 68 other inmates who were monks, not nuns, into pigs. As he travelled toward Lhasa, the Holy City he met many pilgrims covering every inch of the way by prostrating themselves. They lay on the ground and made a mark with their fingers a little beyond their heads. They then rose, walked to the mark, muttering a prayer, and again prostrated themselves. Some pilgrims had been known to traverse 2,000 miles in this manner, taking from seven to ten years to do so. Sir Charles described the festival called "The Offerings of the Assembly" in which the Dalai Lama's representative throws dice with the deities of the Devil "for the luck of the year." The Devil's dice has, however, only two spots on each face, while the Dalai Lama's has six on every face.

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A Silencer

It is told of Miss Ursula Williams, who ran for one of the Durham seats in the recent British elections, that she has the manner of a skilled old-timer in dealing with hecklers. In one of her meetings she was interrupted by a man who shouted: "Oh what do you know?"

"Many things," replied the candidate.

"Well, how many ribs has a pig got?" asked the heckler.

"I don't know offhand," retorted the speaker, "but if the gentleman will step up on the platform I will be glad to count them."

No more was heard from that heckler.

HOUSE OF COMMONS MUST BE RE-FURNISHED.

LONDON, Jan. 5.

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of curiosity, he gave an order for certain photographs, which he selected from the catalogue. He had no intention whatever of trading in the photographs, and had no idea he was breaking the law.—Defendant declared that he wrote for artistic pictures, but what he had ordered.—The Recorder expressed the opinion that the maximum penalty was inadequate for an offence of this character. In view of defendant's age, and his previous good character, he would not impose the full limit of punishment, but one which he hoped would be a lesson to people that our post was to be kept clean, and that it was not to be contaminated by this abominable foreign filth. He sentenced Tanner to nine months' imprisonment.

In the second division, and also ordered him to pay a sum not exceeding £75 towards the cost of the prosecution.

Postal Clerk's Error
Official Who Mistook Address For Amount Payable.

An error on the part of a Post Office clerk who mistook the number of a house for the amount payable on a money order led to a singular action in Wandsworth County Court. The Postmaster-General sued Mr. W. Pearce, an engineer, of Dawney-gardens, Wandsworth, for £23.—Mr. Fraser, for the Postmaster-General,

explained that in May last, Pearce was employed by the Allied Machinery Company, of Victoria-street, S. W., to supervise the erection of some machinery at Aberavenny. On May 12 the company remitted him £5 by means of a telegraphic money order. Owing to a mistake on the part of a telegraphist the telegram was altered and showed that £23 had been remitted. It was explained that the mistake was made by the clerk who took down the telegram mistaking the number of Pearce's house at Aberavenny for the amount telegraphed.—Judge Harington: It is a most extraordinary mistake.—Pearce gave evidence that he had spent the whole of the £23 in the purchase of tools and spare parts and expenses incurred on his employers' behalf. His money was overdue at the time, and he asked them to send him some, which they did by telegram. He had sent an account to the company showing how he had spent the money.—Judge: It seems to me to be a most unfortunate state of things. This man appears to have acted in a perfectly bona-fide way and spent part of the money on wages and part in purchasing necessary materials on behalf of his employers.—Mr. Bray, for Pearce, submitted that the Postmaster-General had sued the wrong person, and that he ought to have sued Pearce's employers.—Judgment was reserved.

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