

PATENT MEDICINES

DEATH has lately claimed two Americans whose works or whose names and physical presentation were intimately familiar to the unnumbered millions of their countrymen. About a fortnight ago there passed away at Columbus one S. B. Hartman. He gave Peru to civilization. On Sunday there died at Palm Beach one James M. Munyon, whose uplifted index finger had for its only rival in popularity the somewhat similar gesture of the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. It is not recorded that either of these men died of a broken heart, or that an autopsy would have revealed, inscribed on that organ, the words "Pure Food Law." Yet there is a certain tragic coincidence in the fact that the disappearance of these two men should have come at a time when prohibition is swarming over the top for the final charge. It is the climax of a campaign which began with the capture of the first-line trenches several years ago, when Peru and its allies, the various Bitters, Malt Whiskies, Wines of Life, and Reinforced Sarsaparillas were thrown definitely on the defensive or altogether swept out of existence. Another year or two and most of these giants of the advertising columns will be forgotten. Their fame was writ in equal parts of water and alcohol.

Acute observers of American civilization, both foreign and domestic, used to dwell on the lust for patent medicines as an outstanding national trait. More properly it should be called Anglo-Saxon trait. The most superficial study of English railway stations and London buses will demonstrate that the passion for paper-wrapped tonics must have been brought over from England together with the language of Shakespeare and the principles of Magna Charta. It is still difficult for the foreign traveller, longing for the first glimpse of Magdalen Tower and the Bodleian, to determine whether he has really got off at Oxford or at a place called Horsley's Health Drops. Visitors bound for the Bank of England have let many an omnibus pass by under the impression that the latter were bound for Bovril or Eno's. The great classic of patent medicines has been written by an Englishman, H. G. Wells, in "Tono-Bungay," incidentally the most humanly appealing of all the Wellian books. An Anglo-Saxon trait, undoubtedly, with this conspicuous differentiation perhaps, that England has a preference for pills, while we concentrate on brown bottles. It is easy to imagine how the historical investigator of American social phenomena between 1870 and 1910, by applying the methods of the professional archaeologist in the Aegean and the valleys of the Nile and the Euphrates, will reconstruct out of our advertising columns an entire American mythology. Munyon the Health-giver for Apollo, Father Duffy for Esculapius, Old Father John for Cheiron, Lydia Pinkham for Ceres the Nourishing Mother—these require no abrupt leap of the imagination. They all have about the same relation to reality and to the human will to believe.

To-day the bleak winds are howling across the fast-emptying seats of the patent Olympians. We cannot escape a sense of poignant regret which attaches to all Götterdämmerungs. Like the art of the Greeks which sank with the disappearance of the bright gods, our own landscape art is bound to suffer. The Jersey meadows and the immemorial rocks along the route of the New York Central no longer blossom with the forms and visages of these demiurgic preservers and restorers of Life, Youth, Beauty, Hope, of these slayers of the dragons of rheumatism, asthma, sick headache, and that mysterious pain in the back when you get up in the morning. Their place is taken by a sordid civilization of patent fly screens, and piano players. Yet, to quote a Königsberg philosopher recently favored by Imperial approval, this is but the shifting play of appearance. The reality remains. The passion for magic remedies is probably as strong in the heart of America to-day as it ever was in the days when innocent clergymen wondered why Peru after the preliminary "kick," left them with a greater discontent than ever. The difference is only that the patent remedy has passed from the physical realm into the spiritual realm. The point of attack is no longer those neuralgic pains in the back, that tired feeling in the morning, but the feebleness of will, the lack of concentration, the absence of ambition, the inability to tap one's hidden reservoirs of soul energy to which a whole advertising literature addresses itself to-day.

Consider, for example, the correspondence courses in concentration which are being offered to the American public in such profusion at a ridiculous monthly sum in view of the \$10,000 salary which is almost certain to follow. Consider the various book-shelves through which different farmer boys may become leaders of men, stillers of may lears in Clean-up Weeks, Baby Weeks, Love-your-Mother Weeks, and Remember-your-Grandfather Weeks. It is the old Hartman, Pinkham, and Father John instinct at work. There is no essential difference between Dr. Munyon's uplifted finger and the finger of the young man pointing directly at you and commanding you to concentrate for Success for three dollars down, and a dollar a month. It is a comforting thought that the hale American constitution which did not break down under Peru will survive these magic spiritual potions.—New York Evening Post.

PROBLEMS IN THE RULES THAT PERPLEX GOLFERS

IF all the perplexing golf problems that have been put up to the U. S. G. A., and other governing bodies for unraveling were to be published, they would fill volumes. In this country there have been many unusual cases to decide upon, while those who have followed the game for years recall how in the old days it was customary for St. Andrew's to give out a batch of decisions ever so often.

Lifting a ball is something that has puzzled golfers and they never seem to get to a point where they are positive as to the exact interpretation of the rule. When the sphere enters the turf and becomes partly embedded, the natural tendency is to remove the ball, irrespective of whether there is a local rule making such a thing possible. Then again, unusual latitude is taken when on the tee. One instance brought to the writer's attention had to do with a mixed foursome in which one of the women players missed the globe completely, on her drive, whereupon her partner took it upon himself to pick up the ball, and tee it over again, on another part of the teeing ground, before making his shot. Following are a few of the problems which have been presented and answered:

Q. All the traps and bunkers of our golf club are covered with grass sod, no sand being used. Our members assumed that these traps are not hazards, contending the same rules apply as when playing through the fairway. Can a club be spled with penalty when playing out of these traps and bunkers?

A. It is customary for clubs to have all hazards designated, and known to the players in order that there will be no misunderstanding. It is obvious that although you have sodded your bunkers, players are not intended to sole their clubs in playing out of them. It is therefore advisable to make a local rule to this effect.

Q. Where a local rule provides that a ball in a road crossing the line of play "may be placed in the road" is it permissible to ground the club when playing out? A. A road is a recognized hazard and therefore it is not permissible to ground the club in playing out.

Q. A player drives a ball out of bounds from the tee; he re-tees the ball and in addressing it accidentally knocks off the tee. Has he a right to re-tee without penalty or must he play the ball from where it lies? Does he incur a penalty stroke for moving the ball? A. Under definition 18 when a ball is lifted in accordance with the rules, re-teeed and knocked off the tee while addressing, there is no penalty.

Q. Does a twosome, have the right of way over a threesome or foursome? A. Twosomes, threesomes, and foursomes have, according to the rules equal rights, a threesome being three players playing two balls, and a foursome four players two balls. According to the etiquette of the game, however, should any match hold another match with a clear hole ahead they have the privilege of asking to go through.

Q. A and B are partners against C and D. The match is one up on the eight in favor of C and D. C attempts a six-foot putt for a 3, misses by six inches, follows up the putt and makes it though the partner calls attention to the fact that it is his turn, as the play is to alternate. A and B claim the hole, making the match even. Can A and B, after claiming the hole, concede it or retract their claim on the hole? A. C having putted twice in succession, therefore playing out of turn, automatically loses the hole.

Q. If ball is driven from the tee and lands on the green dead and sinks in the mud on the green, but the ball is visible—nearly half of it—has the player any right to remove the ball and replace it so that he can putt? A. Unless you have a local rule governing the situation as you state, the ball cannot be lifted without the loss of the hole in match play.

Q. In medal-play tournament, eventual winner, finding ant hills on green, sweeps them aside with putter. What is the penalty?

A. The player had no right to sweep the ant hills aside with his putter, but should have lifted them, according to the rule. Ant hills are not included as loose impediments that may be brushed aside with a putter. The penalty is two strokes in medal play.—New York Evening Post.

PINE OIL FOR COBALT ORES.

The oil flotation process is one of the most economical for the treatment of certain metal bearing ores. Pine oil which hitherto has been exclusively used in this process is a product of the turpentine industry of the Southern States. It is so scarce, and so much in demand to reduce ores in United States plants, that it is practically impossible for Canadian mines to purchase it. In this difficulty the Forestry Branch of the Department of the Interior was appealed to and an investigation started in the Forest Products Laboratories which resulted in showing that pine oils could be produced in Canada, and also that a by-product oil of the hardwood distillation industry could be successfully employed in extracting Cobalt and similar ores. The discovery has aroused great interest in mining circles, as it will greatly facilitate the introduction of the oil flotation process.

TORONTO'S SEAMY SIDE

THESE are times when a man is called upon to summon to his aid all the reserve courage he has in his storehouse. It was such a time for George Baxter when he appeared before Magistrate Denison this morning on a charge of having liquor on York street. That in itself was worry enough, and called for fortitude, but the worst was yet to come. Last November the same gentleman was convicted of having beautified the same thoroughfare with a similar bottle.

This meant a second conviction; and a second conviction means six weary months at the Farm. And knowing this, Baxter gripped the rail, set his teeth, took a long farewell and went below like a man who could hold himself just as well as he could hold a bottle.

Thomas Davis and Henry Cyllerton, with only a \$200 fine to worry about, showed more concern.

WORKED WITH HIS BRAIN

The industry of Victor Roy failed to impress Magistrate Ellis, and it impressed Staff-Sergeant McKinney ten degrees less. Victor is a colored gentleman, with a fine pair of shoulders and disinclination for work. During the past two years he has never once been able to join the Village Blacksmith and say that "each morning sees some task begun; each evening sees its close." City relief officer said that the vigorous Roy had more than once applied for relief for his wife and children and had a little knack of moving out instead of paying rent. This system had been applied to no less than seven houses, McKinney asked the busy gentleman if his dull, flat, and unprofitable life was brightened periodically by love letters from a lady of his own tint. All he could recall was an expression of gratitude from a dusky fair one who had been escorted home from a dance. Two years of rest kept the too wonderfully light and fantastic. Once he had been found a job at \$19.60 per week. The firm shunted him because of his irregular response to the whistle. Mr. Victor explained that he had nobody to call him. The cook's shrill clarion wasn't shrill enough in his neighborhood and the hunter's horn never blew. It was interesting, however, to hear how easily he could borrow dollars.

Magistrate Ellis regarded the gentleman as altogether too busy to be around, and fined him \$50 and costs or six months at the Municipal Farm, where the work won't hurt his tender susceptibilities.

FRESH AIR, PLEASE

The 17th of Ireland appeared to have been celebrated by all sorts of people except the Irish. Perhaps the Irish constabulary were looking in other directions. The foreign element was strong in the drunk court—so strong, at times, that the window had to be thrown up. Some day a man will blow into the Police Court and try to sell Staff Inspector Gregory a fumigator. Lovers of pure air will be glad to subscribe.

RAISING THE JONESES

There must have been a cloudburst of the "Joneses." When the staff inspector drawled out "J-o-n-e-s," at least half a dozen people got up. Just as quickly they all sat down with a flop when Arthur Jones strolled in. The rest of the family seemed much relieved. Arthur was charged with obtaining board and lodging to the value of \$6, but excused himself by claiming he had paid the money to the wife of his landlord. As the lady is sick in hospital the case stands till the 25th.

BADLY ASSAULTED

It will take considerable time to restore Harold Dyer to normal condition. In the meantime George Jones goes before a jury to answer for the alleged neighborly attack he made upon Mr. Dyer. Mr. Corley called it "an unprovoked and serious assault."

MEDICINE COST \$203

Thomas Davis may have suffered from all sorts of things calling for a war dance with a bottle, but judging from the terrific blast in which he enveloped the word "guilty," not one of the maladies was lung trouble.

PROMISE WORTH MONEY

The solemn promise of George Rooney, Esquire, to go to work and pay his landlady the \$6.58 owed for board and lodging was accepted, the Colonel remarking that he would have preferred to have had the cold cash.

A STRONG WELL

It was dark. William Wilson had had what he estimated as "a few drinks." Grabbing a bottle, he steered himself in the direction of the kitchen for water.

The police say that the bottle which went to the well contained whiskey, and a week from to day will call a lady, who, it was explained as delicately as possible, was too drunk to come to court this morning.—Police Court News in the Toronto Evening Telegram, Mar. 18.

Cause of Early Old Age

The celebrated Dr. Michenoff, an authority on early old age, says that it is "caused by poisons generated in the intestine." When your stomach digests food properly it is absorbed without forming poisonous matter. Poisons bring on early old age and premature death. 15 to 30 drops of "Seigel's Syrup" after meals makes your digestion sound. 10

"WE'LL WIN THIS WAR."

SAYS THE VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

We have received a copy of the *Daily News*, Daytona, Florida, of the 11th instant, and reprint therefrom the following report of an address delivered in Daytona on Sunday, March 10, by Hon. Thomas R. Marshall, Vice-President of the United States:—

Mr. Marshall delivered an eloquent address in a clear voice, which carried to the remotest corners, where attentive hearers listened for his every word.

"What Forced Us Into This War" was the subject taken by Mr. Marshall, who very forcefully expressed his knowledge of the events which brought the United States into this conflict for world democracy.

Mr. Marshall, in beginning his address, paid a beautiful tribute to the late Commodore Charles G. Burgoyne and his widow, Mary T. Burgoyne, for their public spirited generosity which prompted the building of the casino. Mr. Marshall said: "When I was asked to speak at this forum I fully expected that I would address my hearers in a tent, but found that this splendid building had been erected by Commodore Burgoyne and Mrs. Burgoyne for just such meetings as this."

"We may have the power of free speech in these days of conflict, but we have not the moral right. Those who think we shouldn't have gone into this war have no right to say so. They should be silent, which is the only way to be true patriots, and defend the constitution, the rights of our flag, and of free men."

This is an unavoidable war, a holy war. Patriotism in peace times is different than in war times. Patriotism does not consist in singing the 'Star Spangled Banner,' in merely flying a flag at your residence; not merely lip or voice service, but in strict adherence to conservation, eliminating all social affairs, and practicing rigid economy in all household affairs, if we want to win this war. We all share the responsibility of this war; it is every man's war. I firmly believe in the United States as a great melting pot of good citizenship, out of which will spring the cosmopolitan American, the best citizen on earth. As to the hyphenated American, we must get rid of him. There is no place in this land for the British-American, the Irish-American, the German-American; he must go forever.

"We must take the teaching of the German language out of our schools; not

because it is not rich in literature and in science, but because of the deception which must of needs come with speaking a language foreign to the language of the flag."

Mr. Marshall then enumerated a number of instances preceding the declaration of war by the United States, which began with our supposed neutrality in the beginning up to the time of the order by the German imperial government for ruthless warfare on the high seas. "If ever a country ate dirt at the feet of another, we did at the feet of the German imperial government. Secretary of State Bryan, as his first official act, sent peace treaties to all nations, which were signed by all but the German imperial government. Had the German imperial government signed this treaty the war which came soon after would have been a breach of faith."

"The German government has been impeached in the American forum. We SHALL WIN this war. The Kaiser can have a place in the sun, but he must be attended by the American army to prevent his casting an ugly shadow upon the world and mankind."

"There can be no arbitration of the opinions of the people."

Mr. Marshall's address was punctuated with vigorous applause from the opening to the close, which plainly portrayed the unity of spirit which reigns in Daytona for patriotism and the flag.

A reception followed the address, during which a large proportion of the audience shook hands with Mr. Marshall, who was assisted in receiving by Col. C. M. Bingham, Mayor of Daytona; Robert S. Holmes, Chairman of the Weekly Forum, and Smith G. Young, finance chairman of the forum movement.

ALIEN SHIPS SEIZED

Halifax, March 26—Three steamers, two Dutch and one Russian, were seized by the naval authorities here yesterday and will before long be engaged in the British merchant marine service.

The Dutch steamers, which are about 2,000 tons net each, have been in Bedford Basin for some time, while the Russian steamer was towed into this port Sunday minus a propeller blade. When the officers boarded the Dutch steamers there was no protest. The Dutch ensign was not flying and the British flag will not be raised until the Dutch crews leave for Holland. On the Russian ship the Russian flag was lowered, but the British flag was not raised.

"What did you do when you found your boat's course arrested by the incoming waves?" "Why, I tailed her out."—*Baltimore American*.

KEEP YOUR HOLIDAY HEALTH

Make it your business to always look and feel as well as you do at the end of your vacation. Sunshine, fresh air and exercise are nature's great restorers and the health gained during a holiday should carry you well along to the next vacation.

It is most important that the blood be kept cleared of impurities. This is the business of the Kidneys. One hour's incapacity on the part of the Kidneys and the blood begins to get clogged with poisons which are carried to all parts of the body—giving rise to one or more of the following symptoms:—

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Swollen joints and ankles indicate the immediate need for Gin Pills. Pains in the sides and back and through the groins, constant headaches, restless nights, derangements of the urinary system, stone and gravel, puffiness under the eyes and frequent chills—all these should be taken as warnings and a treatment with Gin Pills taken at once.

Five a box or 6 boxes for \$2.50, or a free sample will be sent upon request to National Drug & Chemical Co. of Canada, Limited, Toronto, or to the U.S. address, No-Dru-Co Inc., 202 Main St., Buffalo, N.Y.

MOONSHINERS IN CHAINS

Womble, Ark., March 15.—Twelve farmers chained together are marching to Little Rock to-day in charge of fifty internal revenue officers, who slipped into the Montgomery County hills yesterday and arrested the men on charges of making "moonshine" whiskey.

In addition to being chained together as a further precaution against an ambush, the prisoners were forced to march on foot ahead of the officers, for a distance of twenty-five miles over the Ozark Hills to the nearest railroad station, from where they are to be taken to Little Rock for arraignment.

Reports came from the hills that "moonshine" whiskey has been sold openly for years and that any attempt to raid the district would meet with resistance. The revenue officers encountered no trouble in making the arrests, although they seized more than two dozen rifles.

"A wise man may change his opinion." "Yes," replied Senator Sorghum, "but he takes an awful chance if he changes it more than once or twice during the same campaign."—*Washington Star*.

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