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**SHORT GRAVES.**  
Why do so many children die?—Why are our cemeteries filled with short graves? Who more than half of the children born never reach the age of manhood? Is it because God has not made man as wisely or as well as He made the ox or the dog? Who would think of raising cattle or horses if five out of every ten died before being old enough to come to the yoke or the harness?  
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There must be some great mistake in the original organization of man, or else some egregious errors in the habits and training of the human race.

There are several reasons for these early deaths, for this want of stamina in the human constitution. And let it be remarked, that it is not among the poor and ignorant, the hard-working and plain-living class where we find the greatest infantile mortality. It is with those who are well-housed and have a

plenty of food and raiment and culture. True, among the poor there are many deaths from contagious diseases, and occasionally an instance of wasting decay; but the ragged, bare-footed and, plainly-fed labourer's child is more often ruddy, rollicking, hearty, and healthy than the well-cared-for child of the opulent. No doubt extra warm rooms and too little out-of-door exercise sends many a child to the grave. Candies, rich food, irri-

tating condiments, and this everlasting nibbling between meals of cakes and delicacies tend to impair the young stomach and debilitate the nervous system and produce early death ; but we believe the prime destroyer of the children of to-day is TOBACCO, flanked on either hand by its conditors, tea and coffee, and in many instances supplemented with that scourge of scourges, alcoholic drink.

Boys smoke and chew tobacco. They

think it manly and smart. Thus, in the years of growth, they shatter their nervous systems, derange their digestive and circulatory apparatus, and fail to develop into that brawny, robust manhood which nature intended in their organization. They become pale, sallow, lank in cheek and lank in abdomen, weak in the back and weak in the head, fretful, fidgety, nervous, and not more than half developed. Many boys of seventeen,

When we advise them not to smoke; tell us they can not possibly leave off smoking. They must either chew or smoke; and they reveal to us the amount of their indulgence in this respect, which is really alarming. Ten, twelve cigars a day is nothing uncommon an amount, indeed, every day sufficient to kill three men who were not previously accustomed to the vile weed. These boys do not attain to their normal growth by an inch and a half to height, and, twenty-five or fifty

a man in weight, and are lean, scrawny, nervous, half-built wrecks. They marry the daughters, perhaps, of men of similar habits, and these daughters, housed up in ladyhood-without exercise, accustomed to strong coffee and tea, they are about as nervous, and nearly as much debilitated, as their tobacco-smoking bridegrooms. They have children born to them; and from such parents can healthy children be expected?

It is said that the Pejee cannibals have become wiser than to kill tobacco-users for the purpose of food; for they find it impossible to eat them, so saturated have they become with the poisonous drug! If a cannibal will not eat a tobacco-user, is it not fair to suppose that children will inherit the nervous condition and debilitated state of a parent saturated?

ing drank two or three cups of strong coffee and that child from birth is, to speak bluntly, drunk on coffee till, from enlargement of brain or brain fever, it is hurried off to a tiny grave.

The use of tobacco produces, on nearly all who use it, more or less disease of the throat. Who shall say that the prevailing epidemic, Diphtheria, was not born of tobacco. Our young men must quit tobacco, or the

The death of the Duchess of Kent is bringing out anecdotes of the manner in which she brought up her daughter, the Queen. At the age of 12 years the Princess was taken about on various tours through England, and thus became accustomed to the gaze of crowds, to formalities, addresses and homage. Distinguished travellers and men

science were invited to Kensington, the Duchess's residence, that her daughter might converse with them, and thus improve her mind. It seems, however, that there were some family difficulties, for years, in consequence of the Duchess's wish that the heiress to the Crown should be treated by the King and Queen with greater attention and formality than was in accordance with their more private habits, and also because the in-

ome of the mother was insufficient for the expenses of living, and of educating her daughter. Though there were many bitter events in her life, the Duchess of Kent for the last few years had much repose and tranquility of mind. The Queen in her youthful days was very often without pocket money, and her generosity to her young companions was often checked by her necessities, and the want of even a penny in her purse.

A terrible gale prevailed on Seneca Lake Wednesday night, and as the steamer Ben Loder was proceeding down the lake, with about twenty canal boats in tow, some ten or twelve of them broke away. Reports are rife that fifteen or more boatmen were drowned during the gale, but the captain of the Loder, though he saw four of the boats sink and some of the horses drown, thinks that

The proprietor of a pistol-gallery in Milwaukee has prepared a target in the shape of a man, over which is painted in conspicuous letters:—This is Jefferson Davis—shoot the traitor." He has plenty of custom.

The taxes of New York city now amount to twelve million dollars, equal to two per cent. of its real estate.