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"The latest craze in the east is the compound oxygen drink," said a traveling man. "There are a half dozen establishments that are doing a rushing business in catering to this sort of dissipation. They are patronized exclusively by men and women of the highest social position, the women outnumbering the men." The sensation produced by the inhalation of the compound oxygen is described to me by those who have tried it as ecstatic. There is nothing known to the science of medicine or pharmacy that equals its delights. Big quaffs of it that fill the lungs' air cells are said to set all the nerves of the body a-tingle and the brain in a delicious whirl. The effect lasts all the way from five minutes to an hour, according to the person, and it is said to have no deleterious results, except a peculiar mental collapse, from which the dissipator doesn't recover for several hours. While under the strange influence of the stuff one feels completely lost to the world and oblivious to everything terrestrial. That is the reason it is called the compound oxygen drink.

A London exchange tells of an instance of a laboriously produced effect being effaced by the simplest means—that of a breach of promise case. The barrister who held the brief for injured beauty was famous for studying effect when he pleaded, and to that end arranged that his fair client should be so placed that her charms should be well under the observation of the jury. He began a most pathetic appeal by directing their attention to her beauty, and calling for justice upon the head of him who could wound the heart and betray the confidence of one so fair, concluding with a peroration of such pathos as to melt the court to tears. The counsel for the defendant then rose, and after paying the lady the compliment of admitting that it was impossible not to assent to the encomiums lavished upon her face, he added that nevertheless he felt bound to ask the jury not to forget that she wore a wooden leg. Then he sat down. The important fact, of which the fair plaintiff's counsel was unaware, was presently established, and the jury, feeling rather sheepish at their tears, assessed damages at the smallest amount.

The following remarks made by Dr.

J. S. Helmcken to the editor of the Colonist will be read with interest at this time:

"The people of Victoria must get used to having the smallpox among them. As there is regular communication between Victoria and China and Japan, the disease will now and then break out in the city in spite of every precaution. The city authorities must be on the *qui vive* and use every precaution to prevent the smallpox spreading and doing harm when it is imported. Vaccination is the only sure preventive of smallpox. Everyone in the city should therefore be vaccinated. It may not be possible in this country to make vaccination compulsory, but it can, with comparatively small expense, be placed within the reach of all—the poor as well as the rich. In order to effect this there should be a public vaccinator, who should vaccinate all who come to him for nothing. The payment of a fee deters many from being vaccinated themselves and having their children vaccinated. Every reasonable means should be used to persuade parents to get their little ones vaccinated."

A crowded car, lots of men reading their newspapers, comfortably ensconced in their seats; the time, about 6. An old lady enters only to find the seats all taken and the aisle crowded with people hanging to the straps. Most of the gentlemen who are seated are too far away to make the offering of a seat practicable, but one sits in his seat directly in front of the old lady and reads his paper without looking up, or paying any attention to the matter. The old lady is old in appearance and looks tired and worn. Time has not dealt gently with her, and she shows in her bearing all the evidences of fatigue and nervous exhaustion. Warily she hangs to the strap, and it looks as if she would almost drop from tiredness. And then we see the man calmly reading his paper. He has been sitting in his office all day and has no reason to want a seat when an old lady is standing. We wonder at first what kind of a thing it is, and then we recognize it—it is the human hog. And he is simply showing one more of his many beautiful traits. The other passengers wanted to drop him out into the street, but wiser counsel prevailed, and he was permitted to remain.

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- Lot 1, block 27, Montreal street, 104 feet front x 108, 5-room house, hard finished, \$2,000; \$1,100 cash, \$1,000 in two years.
- Lot 14, part of sections 23 and 24, Beckley farm, James Bay, 30x160, 2 houses renting for \$10 and \$18 per month; \$25.
- Lots 101 and 102, Edward and Catherine streets, Victoria West, block N, 120 feet on Edward street, 132 feet on Catherine, 2 houses, greenhouse, bathroom, stable, etc., \$4,000.
- No. of lot, part of C, block V, Victoria City, 8-room house, bathroom, water, gas, etc., stable; \$3,250; terms half cash; balance 3 years at 8 per cent.
- NW 1/4 section 33, range 6, 20 acres, \$40 per acre, Port Angeles, W. T.
- Lot 220, block 44, Michigan street, James Bay, 60x120, 5-room house; cash price \$1,700.
- Lot 5, block 3, Howard and Charles streets, 50x115, 4-room house, bath-room, stable, etc., \$575; terms \$50 cash; \$15 per month.
- Section 109 Beechy Bay, Sooke District, good land, some rock, beautiful situation, \$1,600.
- Lot 32, Chandler street, Gonzales Farm, half acre, \$1,000; terms, \$400 cash; balance in two years, quarterly payments at 7 per cent.
- Lot 26, section 69, Oak Harbor, Mount Baker Avenue, 66ft 7in x 154ft lin x 122ft 5in; 7-room house, shed, etc, fenced, \$1,600; terms \$650 cash; balance 2 years at 10 per cent.
- Lot 5, block 3, sub-div of sub-div lots 75 and 76 section 71, 50 x 115, 4-room house, No. 8 Edmonton Road, \$300.
- Section 10, range 6, South Saanich, 80 acres good land, 30 acres cleared, 20 acres slashed, 30 acres cultivated, sea shore; \$8,000; terms, \$100 cash, balance 8 per cent.
- Lot 81, Lake District, 6 acres good land, not cleared, \$2,100; terms \$1,550 cash, balance 1 year at 8 per cent.
- Lot 42 Johnson street and Fernwood Road, 60 x 114, two-story, 8-room house, 24x41, woodshed, chicken-house, \$3,500; terms \$2,000 cash, \$1,500 in 1 year at 8 per cent.
- Lot 4, Battery street, 8-room house, bath, pantry, hot and cold water, \$4,200.
- Lot 16, block 73, Edmonton Road, 47x146, cleared, not fenced, cash \$475.
- Section 100, Lake District, 1/2 of lot 5 and whole of lot 6, \$2,130; 7 1-10 acres of land, 1/2 acre cleared.
- Lot 18, subdivision 70, West Fernwood estate, 51 x 135, \$400; terms \$150 cash, balance \$35 quarterly at 8 per cent.
- Lots 23 and 24, Caddboro Bay Road and Oak street ea, 40 x 120, two 2-story houses, 6 rooms, bath, closets, etc., \$4,200; terms \$1,000 cash, balance \$30 per month without interest.
- Lot on Caddboro Bay Road, corner of Oak st, 40 x 120; \$450.
- Lot 63, Whittier avenue, Cloverdale, 1/2 acre, 2-story house, 10 rooms, plastered, good well, \$2,000; terms \$200 cash; \$500 quarterly, or \$500 cash, \$200 quarterly.
- Lot 24, section Richmond avenue, 40 x 135, \$200; 1/2 cash, balance in one year at 8 per cent.
- Lot 19, Moss street, 65 x 90, \$700, terms 1/2 cash, balance in one year at 8 per cent.
- Lot 21, block 10, Powderly Avenue, \$525; half cash, balance 3 and 6 months.
- Lot 16, part of section 33, part of lots 24, 36 and 38, Esquimalt District; \$1,000.
- Lot 9, Belton Avenue, two houses with pantry, bath, hot and cold water, rented for \$12 per month; \$1,500 each.
- Lot 14, Powderly Avenue, 6-room house, pantry, scullery, hot and cold water, wash-hand basin and w. c., shed and w. c. outside; \$1,800.
- Lots 12 and 13, Springfield estate, 6-room house, \$2,100; terms \$100 cash, balance \$25 per month without interest.
- Lot 15, Alberni District, 150 acres, black loam, all crab apple, 2 acres of orchard, 30 acres seeded with Timothy and clover, small house, 12 x 14; \$3,200.
- Lot 15, block 38, Springfield estate, 4-room house, bath and pantry, \$1,400; terms \$200 cash, \$15 per month.
- Lot 8, section 74, Victoria City, \$20,000.
- Lot 30, Oak street, off Caddboro Bay Road, very easy terms, \$450.
- N 1/2 of s 1/2 of block 43, Cloverdale estate, \$350, 1/2 cash, balance to suit.
- Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, Block C, Fairfield estate, Esquimalt District, \$1,600; terms \$1,000 cash, balance to suit.
- Section 107, Lake District, 10 acres, \$85 per acre.
- Part of section 16, S. Saanich, 50 acres, 4 cleared and fenced, at \$60 per acre or \$50 cash.
- Lot 20, Springfield estate, No. 20 Front street, Victoria West, 6-room house, pantry and c., \$1,250