

## A COMMON SCENE IN PLAGUE-STRICKEN CITY



ARRESTING A PLAGUE VICTIM IN HARBIN

The Russian soldier, having noted that the Chinese is showing symptoms of the dreaded plague, is arresting him, keeping him at a distance with the aid of a sword, and whistling for the sanitary officials to remove from the streets one who is a danger to all he approached. Such scenes are common in Harbin.

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## WHAT'S THE USE

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At such a godly time as this Can any heart be sad?

What joy to see the budding things, The greenery appear! The soul within the body sings—The world is full of cheer. We soon may walk in country ways—This thought should stir my blood, But roads upon the raw spring days Are ankle deep in mud!

I've lived for months on common grub—Beans, side meat, and the rest; I've even dined—oh, there's the rub!—On prunes in piecrust dressed, But now I'll turn my fancy loose And let it soar on high.

It's almost time—say, what's the use? I don't like rhubarb pie!

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## SHE WAS SURPRISED

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Hearing of Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills, I thought they were worthy of a trial. My surprise was indeed great. From the very first I experienced relief. Continuing with them I found my troubles were slowly but surely leaving me, and before long I once more knew what it was to be free from the harassing effects of the ailments that had long sickened and weakened me. So great is my faith in Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills that I shall never on any account be without them.

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## QUESTION OF MOLASSES MIXING LIVE IN BARBADOS

Agricultural Society Takes it up—A Matter of Importance to the Maritime Provinces—Petition for Legislature to Prevent the Practice

(Barbados Standard) At a meeting of the Agricultural Society here, the president observed that the attention of the Committee of Management of the Society had been drawn to a matter which they considered of very great importance. It had come to their notice that molasses were being made and exported as Barbados molasses; and he believed he was correct in saying that there were no other molasses in Barbados. He was at the present constructing very extensive works for the purpose of mixing molasses. According to the information furnished him, what was being done was a certain quantity of fancy molasses was purchased and mixed with vacuum pan molasses and the mixture shipped abroad as Barbados molasses. They all knew what was thought of Barbados molasses in place where it was consumed. It was considered the best molasses in the world, and Barbados had a name for good molasses. If these mixtures were sent abroad as Barbados molasses, in time to come far from Barbados having a good name for molasses, it would probably be avoided as an inferior article. It was utterly impossible for the mixture of fancy molasses and vacuum pan molasses to be anything like the genuine Barbados molasses in flavor, whatever it might be in color. As he understood, the object for which the mixture was being made was, to enable the dealer, connected with the said mixture, to produce an article at a very much smaller cost than the genuine Barbados molasses. This mixture was shipped abroad and sold at a less figure than the real article could be purchased from other dealers in molasses in this colony. The result was, those merchants who dealt only in genuine molasses were placed at a considerable disadvantage and could not possibly compete with the dealer of that cheap and nasty mixture which was disposed of in Canada and Newfoundland. If such a state of things continued, the result would be, that in time to come, the entire molasses business of the island would be in the hands of one firm, who could give planters whatever they pleased for it. That would practically mean ruin to the molasses trade of the colony. In his opinion it was a very important matter, and a very serious situation had arisen. He thought the society should deal with the matter at once, and he did not think they could come to any other decision but that legislation was absolutely necessary. There should be legislation prohibiting any person in the island from making mixtures to be shipped abroad as Barbados molasses. That was the only way in which they could put a stop to the present state of affairs. By obtaining legislation, they would simply be prohibiting the mixture from going abroad as molasses. He was of opinion that every person in the country should aim at shipping only genuine molasses in order to keep up the good reputation they had long since earned by their good quality article. (Hear, hear.) The committee of management had drafted a petition which should be forwarded to the governor-in-ex-ecutive committee. They were of opinion that it would expedite matters by having the petition ready drafted.

**In Favor of Legislation** Mr. O'Neal thought the committee of management deserved to be very much commended by the society for taking the matter in hand. They were all aware that one of the island's chief specialties in the sugar market was molasses. Muscovado sugar had been surpassed by molasses. Barbados was one of the very few colonies in the world which produced the old fashioned genuine molasses today. They had a reputation for such molasses and they could not afford to lose that reputation. Although he was against interference of trade by legislation as a rule, yet he thought legislation was a necessity in the present matter. In England some time ago, legislative action had to be resorted to, in order to prevent oleomargarine from being sold as butter. He was of opinion that legislation should be sought after in the present instance.

Mr. Robinson was against the government interfering with legitimate trade, but he considered it a very serious and injurious thing to this country, for the genuine muscovado molasses to be mixed with vacuum pan molasses and shipped abroad as Barbados molasses. He thought the government should do everything in its power in order to prevent this mixture from being shipped away under the name of Barbados molasses. They should prohibit all mixing, because as soon as they could not sell molasses at a decent price they would have to cease making muscovado sugar, and as it was their staple industry it was the duty of the government to protect it in every possible way. There was no doubt that this mixture would interfere with the island's sugar trade seriously. Their good molasses

was being purchased, mixed with inferior vacuum pan molasses and then sold as Barbados molasses. It would be a very inferior article, and consequently price they could obtain for their good molasses. There were plenty of honest and respectable merchants in Bridgetown who would refrain from going in for such mixture, but if there were others who were doing it, he thought it time for the government to interfere and put a stop to it. Hon. G. L. Fife agreed with the remarks that had fallen from the last speaker. He was a producer of vacuum pan molasses, but he must tell the members of the society that he would positively refuse to sell vacuum molasses to any one, if he knew that they intended mixing it with a molasses of a different quality. He considered it necessary that the molasses trade of the country should be protected as much as lay in their power to do so, and there was not the slightest doubt that this mixture would interfere with it. Therefore he considered no step to be taken too drastic or too severe to prohibit the mixing of molasses. (Cheers.)

## Would be in One Firm's Hands

The president observed that he had been told by some one who certainly ought to know, that this mixture was being made and was being offered for sale to those on the other side, at a lower figure than the merchants here could purchase the genuine article at; and therefore, the merchants had considerable difficulty in disposing of the genuine article. If such a state of affairs continued, as he has said in his introductory remarks, it meant that the other merchants here would be put out of business and the entire molasses trade of the island would be in the hands of this firm or firms. Therefore, unless some step was put, the molasses trade would be sooner or later in the hands of a firm or firms and the result would be, they could give planters just what they pleased for molasses. He considered it would be an abominable shame if the merchants on the other side using the general Barbados molasses could not be sure of getting it, owing to these mixtures being made. As long as it was known abroad that mixtures were being made by a firm or firms in this island, all molasses shipped from this colony would be expected as mixtures, and Barbados molasses would cease to have the name for good quality it previously enjoyed. In fact, it was the only thing that enabled them to continue making the muscovado molasses.

Colonel Trollope remarked that there was an act in force in the island called the Food, Adulteration Act, and he enquired of the board whether molasses did not come under the terms of that act.

Professor d'Albuquerque replied that the act would only apply to molasses sold in Barbados, but would not be applicable to it, if it were exported.

Mr. Robinson at this stage, moved that the president be authorized to write a letter to the governor-in-ex-ecutive committee, asking that legislative action be taken to put a stop to any mixing of molasses.

Hon. G. L. Fife seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously.

## Petition Adopted

The president then read the petition, which was adopted by the committee of management, and the society having adopted it, it was decided that a copy should be taken and forwarded to the governor-in-ex-ecutive committee. The petition requests that steps should be taken to obtain legislation to protect the staple industry of the island, by declaring it to be illegal for any one to mix muscovado and vacuum pan molasses, and ship the mixture so made in the colony.

## Raises Interesting Point

An interesting point is ahead of the authorities who are arranging the coronation ceremonies. The homage done by the people to the king after his crowning is nowadays reduced to the symbol of one peer doing homage for each rank. The peer to whom the duty falls is properly the holder, in each rank, of the oldest existing title. That has raised the interesting point, for the premier barony is that of the De Ros. It is one which descends, failing male heirs, in the female line, and as the late Lord De Ros, the fine old gentleman who at the age of nearly eighty did homage to King Edward for the barony, left no son, the present holder of the title is his daughter, Lady De Ros, twenty-fifth of her line. It is curious that in these days of much socialist agitation a point like this should arise. Will Lady De Ros do the baron's homage? I imagine that such a case can never have arisen before, and it will be interesting to see if that course—no angustful one—is taken.—*Maudslayi Guardian.*

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## DUPES 37 STORES BY NEW MONEY CHANGING TRICK

(New York Herald)

"If the customer gives me a ten dollar bill and I take out for a twenty cent package of cigarettes, and the customer then asks me for five ones for the five dollar bill I have handed out, and he then pushes back the five dollar bill and the five ones and gets his ten dollar bill how much am I out and why?" This is the question thirty-seven different employees of the United Cigar Stores Company were asking themselves yesterday, for a most affable stranger had been active with a new trick of the human

order that had caught every man it was tried on.

"Here I've been behind a counter for twenty years and was certain I knew every trick that any man could spring, and I got me," said the only one of the victims who would talk. "As I figure it out, I am due to pay the company \$4.80 out of my salary next week in order to make the cash register figures right."

"It was worked on me like this: While I was about as busy as I usually am at ten o'clock in the morning a tall, thin, unattractive young man makes a quick dash into the store and gives the loud yell for a package of cigarettes which sets him back twenty cents. He shoots an old and crumpled ten dollar bill across the counter and then he busied himself lighting a cigarette."

"Of course, I've got to make change cash register and he was a block away

automatically and I dropped on the counter a five dollar bill, four ones and some small change.

"Was that a ten dollar bill I gave you?" asked the thin-faced expert's expression and when I told him it was he looked puzzled and slipped the four one dollar bills and small change into his pocket and showed the five dollar bill back to me.

"Give me five ones for that," he said. "I placed five ones on the counter and he showed the five ones and the five dollar bill back at me and said—"

"I guess after all I'd rather have the ten dollar bill; let me have it back, will you?"

"And I let him have it back, honest, just tossed it on the glass top of the counter and threw the five ones and the five dollar bill back into the drawer of the cash register and he was a block away

before I noticed it, and then it hit me like a case of the jumping toothache. I saw it in a minute, but it was a minute too late."

"At four o'clock this afternoon one of the chaps in the headquarters telephoned me and started to tell me that there was a film-thief working our stores, and that he was sending an expert out to explain the thing to all of us so that we wouldn't be caught, but I cut him off. I learned afterward that he caught thirty-seven of our clerks and many barkeepers on the upper west side."

If you would discover a man's sore spot, keep quiet and let him talk. There is one woman a man can depend upon under all circumstances—his mother. A man cannot get out of sight quicker than by forging ahead of his team.