

Eet is one grond compilong.”—OMAHA MAN.  
—“I have seen New York harbor itself.”—F.—  
“Oui, but in zee picture you get zee grond view  
woutout zee smell.”

AT A MEETING of the Board of Health of the City of New York the following resolution was recently passed: That Drs. Prudden, Briggs, and Loomis, the pathologists of this department, be and are hereby requested to formulate a brief and comprehensive statement regarding the contagiousness of tuberculosis in man, stating therein the evidence of the same, and recommending in the briefest possible manner practicable the simplest means of protection from its influence.

EXPERIMENTS have been made in Berlin with India-rubber pavement. It is said to be very durable. It is of course noiseless, and unaffected by heat or cold. As a covering for bridges it has special merits, its elasticity preventing vibration.

THE Michigan State Board of Health, and we think also the Iowa, Board, has decided that the so-called inflammatory croup should be classed with communicable diseases, and be reported and treated with the same precautions as diphtheria, as in the objects of the Public Health Office diphtheria and croup are identical.

FLORIDA now has a Board of Health. It has locked the stable etc.

THE American Lancet says: It was noticeable that most of the graduates of Detroit College of Medicine were from Canada.

In line of development, physicians sprung from priests, surgeons from barbers and apothecaries from grocers.

LIVERPOOL is making arrangements to obtain its water from the mountains distant sixty-eight miles, requiring the longest aqueduct ever constructed.

NEEDLESS NOISES we have frequently denounced in strong terms. That which is unpleasant to the senses—and, so far as the sense of hearing is concerned, discordant noises always are—is always injurious to the nervous system. The shrieking of steam whistles, the hiss of steam pipes, the rattle and clash of wheels on stone-covered streets, the rumble of street cars, the clangor of bells, the howling of hucksters, keep up a condition in which a healthy nervous system of natural strength and sensitiveness is impossible. And there is not one of

those agencies that is not suppressed more or less completely in most of the great cities of the world. In Berlin heavy waggons are not allowed on certain streets. In Paris, any car-load of rattling material must be fastened until it cannot rattle. Munich allows no bells on street cars. In Philadelphia church bells have been held a nuisance in certain neighborhoods by judicial ruling. Steam whistles are forbidden in nearly all the larger cities of this country, and most of these noises in our advanced stage of civilization are utterly unnecessary. An exchange says clocks and watches are now so cheap and plentiful that steam whistles and bells to denote the time are useless.

JOE HOWARD, says that alcoholic spirits are destroying our men and women, while cigarette smoking is duceing our boys and girls. “Effeminate-looking boys, strutting about with vile-smelling cigarettes in their mouth, a nuisance to everybody, would be bad enough, but well-informed physicians say that cigarette smoking has largely increased pharyngeal, bronchial and catarrhal troubles, which are fast laying the seeds of phthisis, filling our hospitals and cemeteries with consumptives faster than an epidemic. Another evil effect of the cigarette habit was recently brought to our attention by a prominent tobacconist. He says that it has enormously increased the number of smokers and the amount of tobacco consumed, not only by this addition to the ranks of smokers, but out of all proportion the amount smoked by those who were only moderate cigarette smokers before, and have now become cigarette fiends.

SIR SPENCER WELLS, the eminent English surgeon, at a recent meeting of the Scottish Burial Reform and Cremation Society, called attention to the danger of the extension of disease through grave-yards. He mentioned a remarkable case which occurred in Yorkshire as an illustration of the propagation of specific disease through grave-yard infection. Several scarlet-fever patients had been buried in a church-yard. A portion of the church-yard was afterwards included in the garden of the rector, who had it dug up. Scarlet fever broke out in the house-hold of the rector, and in a number of families in the neighborhood. An exchange says, It seems incredible that the germs of this disease should survive, so long an exposure to the disintegrating elements, but the story is vouched for by a man whose integrity is not