Some Tests For Death.

United States Army Surgeon on Danger of Being Buried

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The revivals sometimes reported during epidemics of cholera, smallpox and yellow fever depend, as in so-called sudden deaths, upon the fact that the patients are usually taken down in their ordinary health, with a reserve of strength which bridges them over after the force of the disease is spent.

The estimates of such disasters are based upon the discoveries made when the dead are removed from cemeteries, as is done in some great cities every five years. A portion of the skeletons are always found turned to one side or on the face, twisted, or with the hands up to the head. These are counted as living burials. And then there is the admittedly large number of narrow escapes from being buried alive, recovered as a rule by some chance. Hidden and mixed with ignorance, laxity and indifference as this whole matter is, the authorities naturally differ in their views as to the frequency of these cases. A personal inquiry in Europe and in the United States for several years has convinced me that they are alarmingly frequent. The proportion of discovered cases must be small compared with those that never come to light. Dr. Lionce Lenormond, in "Des Inhumations Precipitees," says that a one-thousandth part of the human race have been and are annually buried alive. M. Le Guen, in "Danger des Inhumations Precipitees," estimates premature burials at two a thousand. He collected 2,313 cases from reliable sources. Hundreds of foreign authorities with similar views could be given. Dr. Moore Russel Fletcher, in "One Thousand Persons Buried Alive by Their Best Friends" (Boston, 1890), gives many horrors, taken from American sources. Carl Sextus, of New York, collected in 18 years 1,500 cases of death counterfeits of scientific value. He estimates living burials at 2 per cent.

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Between 1780 and 1800 Europe was agitated on this subject. France first recognized the necessity for legal protection against these dangers. Germany was the first to put them in force. Then followed France, Austria, Belgium, Spain, the Netherlands and Scandinavia. The pith of these laws is in the requirement of an expert examination of the apparently dead, independent of the attending physician. In Germany, Austria and Belgium, the examiners, called inspectors of the dead, are officers of the state, specially qualified for their duties. In the other states mentioned they are physicians of standing, also qualified. They must decide the cause and fact of death, and register a certificate of verified death before a burial permit can be issued or the body disturbed in any way with the view to embalming, autopsy, burial or cremation. The underlying principle of these laws is well expressed in the Austrian imperial law thus: "That the only sure sign of death being general decomposition, which as a rule comes late in the case, the examiner of bodies, in the absence of this proof, must not be guided by any single sign, and must base his conclusions on an assemblage of all signs that point to death, and to any injuries that may involve the vital apparatus."

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One copy of the agreement should be retained by the signer himself—separate from his will, which is often opened only after the funeral. Another should be kept by a trusted member of the family, and a third deposited with the records of the association.

The extensive literature of this subject will be found under the heads indicated among the above causes of apparent death. The library of the Surgeon-General's office, Washington, is rich in this kind of matter.

EDWARD P. VOLLUM. M. D.,

Colonel United States Army,

WHEN JACK GOES ASHORE

The Humor and Pathos of the Sailor When He is Off Duty.

The London Express.

I have been studying him in the street, in the sailors' homes, in the music halls, in the public houses, in the model dwellings where he sometimes nestles with his wife and babies—that magnificent human man who, take him all in all, is the best thing in the way of flesh and blood that the British Empire has to show. I mean Jack.

I went through the Sailor's Home in this port the other day. It's comforts are those of a popular club, and everything is extraordinarily cheap. All the things to eat and drink are of the best. You can take your easy chair before the fire, smoke your pipe, and read your paper, like any lord in the land. And you can get full board and lodging for a mere song, with no obligation to turn in till you have had time to have a drink after the music-hall or theatre. Not that Jack need go out of doors for entertain ment. There are concerts and performances of all sorts in the home itself; and Have I written enough about Jack ashore? Are you tired of him? For I can assure you I am not. I should like to tell you of his joyous laugh as the comedian on the stage trots out some hoary joke which we landlubbers have heard a thousand times, but which is quite new to this four-years' wanderer—of his proud appreciations when the

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New Appointments—School Districts Re-defined School Inspectors and Exam-

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137. 138, 139, 142, 143, 146, 152 and 155."

The council has been pleased to create the following tract of land to be a school district; under the title of Gill school district:

All that tract of land in Alberni district not included in the Alberni school district.

Allan C. Stewart, of Vancouver, has been appointed school inspector for East and West Kootenay, with residence at Nelson.

J. Donald Buchanan, of New Westminster, is appointed assistant master of the provincial normal school, from July 1, 1901.

The Dawson Hardware Company is incorporated with a capital of \$100,000. Rrnest Waterman, of Princeton, has been appointed attorney for the Vermillion Forks Mining & Development Company, Limited, in place of William J. Waterman.

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MORE FIRMS SETTLE.

Hartford, Conn... May 25.—The Pope Bicycle Co.. and the Pratt & Whitney Co., tonight notified the striking mahinists and metal workers that compencing Friday, both shops would be un on the basis of 9 hours work for 10 cours page.

Crawford—He is trying to get up a health food that is nalatable.

Orabshaw—That's ridiculous. The medical profession would never agree that anything palatable was wholesome.—Judge.

I wonder if all men are fools, snapped Mrs. Enpeck during a little domestic tiff the other morning.

No, indeed, my dear, replied her husband. I know a number of men who are batchelors. Tit-Bits.

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\$55.00 cash for 5-drawer drop-head; \$65.00-on installments, at \$3.00 per month. From-\$5.00 to \$20.00 given for old machine in ex-change off these prices.

W. VRMILYEA, Island Agent.,

MINERAL ACT

CERTIFICATE OF IMPROVEMENTS. NOTICE—Magic Fractional Mineral Claimsituate in the Victoria Mining Division of Seymour District.

Where located: On the western slope of Mount Sicker.

Take notice that I, Clermont Livingston, acting as agent for the Tyee Copper Company, Limited, free miner's certificate No. B.49,219, intend. sixty days from the date hereof, to apply to the Mining Recorder for a Certificate of Improvements, for the purpose of obtaining a Crown Grant of the above claim.

And further take notice that action, under section 37, must be commenced before the issuance of such Certificate of Improvements.

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