

THE CURSE OF CHINA.

Small Growth of Opium Smoking in the Far East. The growth of opium in India has been almost equal to the rapid increase in their export to China. The poppy fields of the Flowery Kingdom are driving the foreign product from the market. There is a law in China forbidding opium smoking, but it has been a dead letter ever since England, simply because she was deriving an annual income of \$6,000,000 from the tax on Indian opium, forced upon China to receive her markets to the west.

Opium growing for several years past has been rapidly increasing in China. About one-third of the cultivated land in Yunnan is now devoted to poppy raising. Travelers describe the valleys of south-western China as white with poppy blossoms. China is now raising about two-thirds of the opium she consumes. Other foreign opium also is coming into competition with the Indian product. The Monarch Opium Company is putting 24,000 acres of land in the Shanhai valley into opium, and the African products are already selling in the Shanghai market.

At this season of the year it is very necessary to keep a bottle of Wells' Eucalypti in the house for sudden colds. Coughs like this. Cures like magic.

Yongey Aikins, May Justice on the Street. The Duke of Cambridge, the commander-in-chief of the British army, has just issued an order regarding the old rule which imposed a penalty upon all soldiers caught smoking in the streets. Now, during current general hours, the Government is publishing their cigars, cigarettes, or clay pipes, and puff the Duke's military genius.

A Nice Little Point. The Georgia Legislature passed by a vote of 15 to 10 a resolution which was in session at Atlanta the other day a man was found strolling with drink in his hand. The police had no jurisdiction. The detective was for Adjutant-General Steph.

A Lucky Man. A lucky man is rarer than a white crow, says a woman. However, we have heard of thousands of lucky ones and we propose to let their secret out. They were people known down in health, and were free from blood and skin diseases, scrofula, dropsy, and consumption, and were able to do anything they pleased.

Wells' Eucalypti. A young lady of Central, being married, had a very happy idea during the late winter season to catch a husband. She gave her name as Miss 'Bonnie' Mayberry, and on the bottom of her wedding card she scribbled briefly and in a delicate hand her matrimonial inclinations. The note finally found its way into the hands of the recipient of many answers. From these she selected a number, whom she was subsequently married, and who, she says, has never been known to desert her.

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