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MISCELLANEOUS

'I suppose, Bridget,' said Miss Woodby to the new maid, 'you think it strange that one who plays the piano so perfectly as I do should practice so much.' 'Yis, mum,' replied Bridget 'shure if 'twas me I'd give up in disgust.'

In reply to an advertisement for a messenger boy, one of the applicants was a dull youth.

'How far is it from the earth to the moon?' was the first question put to him in his exam.

'How far is it from the earth to the moon?' said the lad. 'I say, guvnor, if you're going to put me on that route I don't want the job.'

The nervous housewife who lives in constant dread of fire, may with very little trouble make an extinguisher that will put out a blaze if used at once. All she needs to do is to put three pounds of salt in a gallon of water, and in this add 1 1/2 pounds of sal ammoniac. This liquid should be bottled and when the fire is discovered it should be poured on it.

Japanese physicians declare it is impossible for internal poisoning to occur if powdered charcoal be swallowed as soon as the gastro-intestinal disturbance is felt. French physicians have tested the power of charcoal, and proved that it is the most active of all known antidotes. The charcoal must be taken as soon as the poison begins to show its effects and the doses must be large. Charcoal is in no way injurious, and as much as a soup-spoonful may be taken in divided doses mixed with water.


The custom of burning sugar in a sick-room is very current among all classes in France, but up to the present has been regarded by scientists as one of those harmless and useless practices which are rather tolerated than insisted upon by the medical profession. But M. Trillat of the Pasteur institute now assures us that formic aldehyde is given off by burning sugar and is one of the most antiseptic gases known. Five grammes of sugar having been burned under a 10-liter bell glass, the vapor was allowed to cool. Vials containing the bacilli of typhoid, tuberculosis, carbon, etc., were then introduced. Within half an hour every microbe had succumbed. Again, if sugar be burned in a closed vessel containing rotten eggs or putrid meat, the disagreeable smell disappears. M. Trillat affirms that the formic aldehyde combines with the gases given off by the putrid animal matter, and renders them inodorous.—From the *Practical Druggist*.

The Journal of the American Medical Association, published at Chicago, has just completed its returns from the year's Fourth-of-July battlefield. They are not as reflective of substantial progress toward safe and sane methods of celebrating the anniversary as one would wish. The Journal has kept such a record since 1903, and comparison of the bloody results of the last Fourth with those of previous years is as follows:

	Deaths from		Total
	Other	Tetanus.	
1908...	55	108	5,460
1907...	62	102	4,249
1906...	75	83	5,308
1905...	87	95	4,994
1904...	91	92	3,986
1903...	406	60	3,983

A total of 163 deaths from the 1908 celebration compares with 164 last year, 158 in 1906, 182 in 1905, 183 in 1904, and 466 in 1903. The marked reduction in mortality from lockjaw growing out of powder injuries is to be attributed to the work of medical associations and physicians in warning the people and giving instructions in regard to treatment of wounds. The more general use of anti-toxin is held responsible for the fact that only 72 per cent. of those thus treated for tetanus died this year, as compared with 85 per cent. last year.

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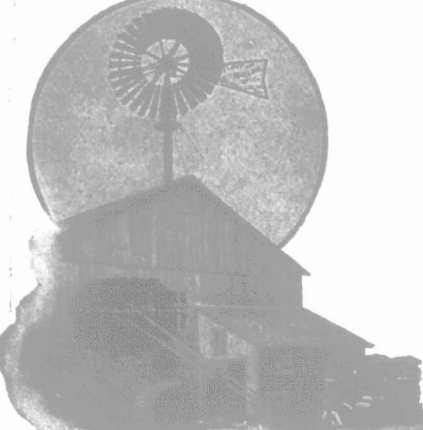
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