

inflexible, and the protest referred to brought a letter from Commissioner Mason, in which he explains that matter very plainly. The Keeley people objected to the declaration under oath that they are retail liquor dealers. Commissioner Mason says that every druggist who sells whiskey or other spirits not combined with drugs, though he furnishes the spirits on a physician's prescription, and for medicinal use only, is required to pay special tax as a retail liquor dealer.—*St. Louis Daily Globe-Democrat.*

EARLY RISING NOT ALWAYS A VIRTUE.—This subject is discussed by *Harper's Bazar* in the following manner: "Thousands of people have no choice whatever about their hour of rising in the morning. Later or earlier, that hour is fixed for them by the requirements of the office, the shop, or the class-room; by the time-table of the railroad; by the arbitration of their employers or the necessities of their employés. But in the cases manifold where personal liberty is enjoyed, it should not be thoughtlessly restricted simply because of the domestic tradition that early rising deserves praise and late rising blame. Breakfast may often be a movable feast without materially disturbing the routine of an orderly housekeeping day. Invalids, mothers whose rest has been broken by teething babies, and, above all, rapidly growing children, should have their sleep out. Nature demands this, and violence is done to her when sleepy people are rudely aroused from their beds. Early to bed is the single safe prescription to insure early to rise. We need to repeat it over and over to our hurrying, anxious, toiling American men and women—Rest, rest, and again, rest. Do not think time ill spent that is spent in repairing the ravages of our well-nigh incessant activity."

—Dr. Nathan Woodhull Condict, who belonged to the coterie of distinguished physicians that flourished in New York a generation ago, died on June 27th, at his home in Morristown, N.J., at the advanced age of 83 years. He was born in Morristown, and was the son of that eminent physician and statesman, Dr. Lewis Condict, who was one of the originators of the United States Pharmacopœia, one of the commissioners to fix the boun-