

Sulphur for the Grip.

In view of the prevalence of grip in New York the health board has decided to take advantage of the holiday season to thoroughly cleanse and fumigate the public schools. "The abnormally large number of children absent last week because of sickness," says the New York World, "was a cause of anxiety to the health board, and while it was not believed the school buildings were infected with grip germs, it was thought best not to take any chances. Every classroom in every school building in the five boroughs of the city will be fumigated. The rooms will be sealed up and quantities of sulphur burned in them. Liquid disinfectants will also be used. Doctors say that the effects of the epidemic are apparent, and that for weeks to come illness and death will result. In fact, the result of grip is in many cases more serious than the disease itself. Pneumonia, bronchial troubles, diphtheria, rheumatism, heart failure, even paralysis and consumption, follow an epidemic of grip. Many deaths have already been reported in New York from grip, and many have been reported from other causes which were from diseases which followed an attack of grip."

The determination of the New York health board to fumigate the school buildings is a wise one and the example might be followed with advantage in Baltimore. In connection with the grip, Mr. George T. Angell, of Boston, president of the American Humane Education Society, makes a suggestion which we give for what it is worth, although our friends, the doctors, will probably greet it with derision. In a circular just issued he says:

"It is a fact that when grip was prevailing as an epidemic largely in our city a few years ago, I ascertained, by inquiry of my officers at a match factory, that of the forty-three persons employed there not one had been troubled by it. I have at various times told the press how many at Memphis, Tennessee (including the agents of the Howard Benevolent Association), escaped the terrible epidemic of yellow fever there (as they claimed) by wearing powdered sulphur in their shoes—also the evidence of a distinguished German medical writer, translated into English, that wearing sulphur in this way has proved a complete protection against cholera and other epidemic diseases—also that those working the sulphur mines of Italy escape the malaria which prevails all about them—also that sulphur in the shoes has cured various cases of rheumatism—also that sulphur taken internally or worn in the shoes has sufficient power to pass through the body, the clothing and the pocketbook, blackening the silver there. I find in the London Lancet that no less authority than the president of the Institute of Civil Engineers of London declares that the sulphurous vapor produced by the combustion of coal in that city kills the disease germ in the atmosphere. It seems to me a duty, at this time, to again suggest as widely as possible that sulphur is very cheap, and whether it destroys or keeps out germs of disease from the body, or only acts upon the imagination, it cannot do much harm to try it. Half a teaspoonful of powdered sulphur in each shoe or stocking is considered to be sufficient. As our readers know, we did our best last spring to put these facts (for the protection of our soldiers) before our army and navy officials at Washington. We do not know whether anything was done about the matter by our medical officers there, but we have received letters from army officers and men that, with sulphur in the shoes, they had no fevers and also found the sulphur a complete protection against fleas. On this same December 22 we receive in a letter from Capt. Julius A. Palmer, of this city, the following: 'By the way, in view of your frequent recommendations of common sulphur, it came to my notice recently that on California ranches where walnuts are prepared for the market the shells are bleached by the use of brimstone fumes, and that the men having charge of that work are never touched by the grip, influenza or other epidemics which attack their fellow-laborers on the same estates.'"

While it is not safe, as a rule, for persons to attempt to doctor themselves, and it is wiser to consult physicians before taking suggested remedies, the preventive advised by Mr. Angell is at least not likely to do much harm. If it does not kill the grip, it may, at least, keep off fleas, if one is in a neighborhood where they are troublesome. If General Alger had worn some of it in his stockings during the recent war with Spain, perhaps his record now would not need so much fumigation.

Reputation and Character.

When the Kentucky soldiers returned to Louisville the other day Mr. Henry Watterson in his speech of welcome said of the commanding officer that if he had been at Kartoum his name would have spelled Gordon, at Obdurman, Kitchener, or as Solomon said, "Time and chance happeneth to them all."

Every man makes his own character, but every man is not by any means the "architect of his own fortune." The element of chance is to be taken into account, for it is often some special occasion that makes a man's reputation.

Admiral Dewey was unknown to the American public twelve months ago. He is described as being a man of no pretensions, a man of modesty, and a man of so little assertiveness as that on one occasion, so it is said, his friends were vexed with him because he had permitted himself to be imposed upon by the authorities in Washington without showing resentment. Had there been no war with Spain, Dewey would have moved along "in the even tenor of his way," would have discharged his duty, and in the course of time would have gone down to the grave, respected and beloved within his own little circle, but without reputation, without fame. But the war with Spain came, and Dewey, against his protest it is said, was sent with his fleet to Manila. One day he went into the harbor and destroyed all the Spanish ships there, nor lost a single man. A little later Dewey's name was on every man's tongue, and he was known not only all over the United States, but all over the civilized world, and was the hero of the age. Time and chance happened to Dewey that day and he turned it to good account. We would not detract from his glory, but there are other men in the navy who are obscure and who will remain in obscurity forever, any one of whom in Dewey's place would have given quite as good an account of himself and he would have been famous, while Dewey would have remained obscure.

We would not detract aught from the fame of Lieutenant Hobson. But it is a well-known fact that there were hundreds of young men in the navy who were anxious to sink the Merrimac, and if fortune had favored any one of them, he would have been famous while Hobson would have been denied the honor. Time and chance happened to Hobson in the early morning at Santiago and Hobson improved his opportunity to do a gallant act and to write his name among the heroes of the century. But there is nothing discouraging in all this to the man who esteems character a greater thing than reputation. Character is not made by accident. It is made by careful cultivation, by self denial and by everlasting training. Dewey was just as great, just as noble, just as fine a character before he fought the battle at Manila as afterwards. Character is worth more than reputation for reputation is temporary, while character is eternal.—Richmond Times.

"The Man Who Never Slept" Dead.

Millionaire Edward Bain, president of the Bain Wagon Company, whose death is announced from Pasadena, Cal., was familiarly known as the "man who never slept," and it is doubtful if another case like his existed. It is virtually a fact that for the last sixteen years he did not sleep an hour in his bed.

Constant devotion to business was the cause of his sleeplessness, he having been known to remain in his factory, up to sixteen years ago, as late as 4 and 5 o'clock in the morning, and when he would seek rest he found it impossible to sleep.

For the greater part of the last ten years it was his custom to take daily trips to Chicago to pass the time away in street car riding and driving during the day, and at night he was always to be found either at a theatre or billiard hall, which were the only places he was able to get a short nap, the music at the theatres and the clicking of billiard balls alone affording him short spells of repose. He was born in Kinderhook, N. Y., seventy-five years ago.

I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility doubt of his own power or hesitation in speaking his opinions, but a right understanding of the relation between what he can do and say, and the rest of the world's sayings and doings. All great men not only know their business, but usually know that they know it; only they do not think any better of themselves on that account.—John Ruskin.

We expect our Garden Seed to arrive about the 10th or 15th of January. Howard Gardner, druggist, cor. opp. postoffice.

The Staley-Tressler Wedding.

The happy event of the season was the celebrating of the marriage of the youngest daughter of the late A. J. Tressler, long associated with the First National Bank of Bryan.

On December 14, 1898, at noon, a large assemblage of friends and relatives gathered at the spacious home of Mrs. Emeline R. Tressler, Lynn and Bryan streets, to witness the marriage of her daughter, Emma Louisa, a charming and cultured young lady, whose purity and sweetness of character have won her the highest esteem, to Augustus Eugene Staley, from Baltimore, Maryland.

The floral decorations were of palms, ferns, smilax, holly and cut flowers, arranged with artistic designs, the prevailing hues being verdant and scarlet, most prettily shown on the pier glass, in front of which the solemn vows were to be made; giving to it all an idea of beauty and loveliness.

Promptly at 12 o'clock Mrs. F. W. Ingalls began the wedding march from Lohengrin. The groom entered the room and took his place, followed by the bride leaning on the arm of her brother, A. R. Tressler, of Chicago.

The bridal toilet was of rich white Dutchess satin, entrain. A veil of tulle was worn, with brooch of pearls and diamonds. The flowers carried were white roses. The ceremony was performed by Rev. M. L. Tressler, Third Presbyterian church, Cincinnati, a relative of the bride, assisted by Dr. Doggett, of Bryan. The scene was a beautiful and impressive one, followed by a pleasant and happy reception, after which most delicious refreshments, in varied courses, were served. The whole affair was sweetly and harmoniously arranged. The bride received many beautiful and valuable presents in silver, pearl and cut glass, and a bank check.

The guests from out of town were Mr. and Mrs. McElhanie, of Toledo, Ohio; Miss Daisy Helwig, of Kendallville, Indiana; Mrs. J. M. Webb and Miss Mary Chandler, of West Unity, Ohio; A. R. Tressler, of Chicago, Illinois; Mrs. J. G. Parpher, of Toledo, Ohio, and Rev. M. L. Tressler, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Staley left on the afternoon train for Baltimore, their future home, where they are followed by hosts of loving wishes and the good thoughts of the many friends who are interested in the happy pair.—The Bryan, Ohio, Press.

La Grippe Successfully Treated.

"I have just recovered from the second attack of la grippe this year," says Mr. Jas. A. Jones, publisher of the Leader, Mexico, Texas. "In the latter case I used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, and I think with considerable success, only being in bed a little over two days against ten days for the former attack. The second attack I am satisfied would have been equally as bad as the first but for the use of this remedy, as I had to go to bed in about six hours after being 'struck' with it, while in the first case I was able to attend to business about two days before getting 'down.' For sale by C. E. Holton.

Hobson Talks of Kissing.

Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Hobson sailed for the Philippines yesterday on the steamer Gaelic. He will undertake the work of raising and preparing for service under the flag of the United States, vessels of Admiral Montijo, which were sunk in the battle of Manila Bay. An immense crowd was at the dock to witness Hobson's departure.

Before his departure Lieutenant Hobson drove to the park with Mayor Phelan, and there received a crowd of about 9,000 persons. He made a twenty-minute speech on the events of the recent war. In the course of his remarks he deprecated statements in regard to his kissing of women in different cities he has visited.

"I have suffered deeply through printed reports of my actions," he said. "These reports are untrue. It is a fact that I have kissed in public some of my relatives, and also children who have offered their rosy faces to me. But I cannot express too strongly my feeling at exaggerated accounts of my actions. I have thought of making a formal statement concerning this matter, but I fear that even this might be misconstrued."—San Francisco Dispatch, 25th.

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Curing the Affliction.

"Justice," said the proverb-afflicted boarder, "is blind."
"Yet," said Asbury Peppers, "I saw one taking an eye-opener yesterday."—Indianapolis Journal.

Woman Rejected.

Woman is so generally conquering the fields of employment formerly held exclusively by man that one is shocked to learn that the Chicago and Northwestern Railway is discharging all its women clerks and stenographers instead of taking on more. The reason assigned by the company may or may not be deemed a good one. Its women employes, it says, are efficient enough as clerks and stenographers, but they do not advance beyond that status, whereas the company wishes all its employes to be advanced, if capable, from lower positions to higher ones, "and who can imagine a woman as general superintendent of a great railway system?" They block the movement all along the line, lessening the number of persons from which selections must be made for exacting duties in the active, outside management of affairs. But who says a woman may not make a good general superintendent, or even a railroad president?

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What it Cost.

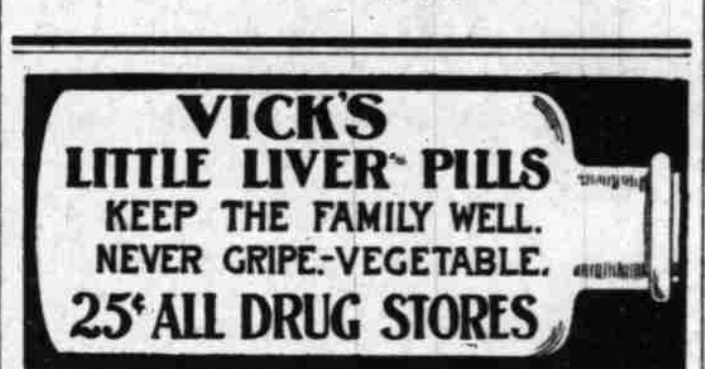
The expenses of the war up to October 31 were \$164,932,228, exclusive of the amount spent on army and navy last year. Up to June 30 next the total outgo on account of the war and garrisons in our "colonies" is estimated at \$253,000,000. Excess of expenditure above ordinary cost of the peace establishment marks the war expense. The Cleveland "emergency fund" of \$50,000,000, the \$200,000,000 raised by the war loan and the proceeds of the war taxes will, it is thought, meet the bills and leave an estimated surplus in June next. The cash balance at that date, including the gold reserve, is figured at over \$280,000,000. War taxes cure the failure of the Dingley act and the monthly deficits are now growing very small.

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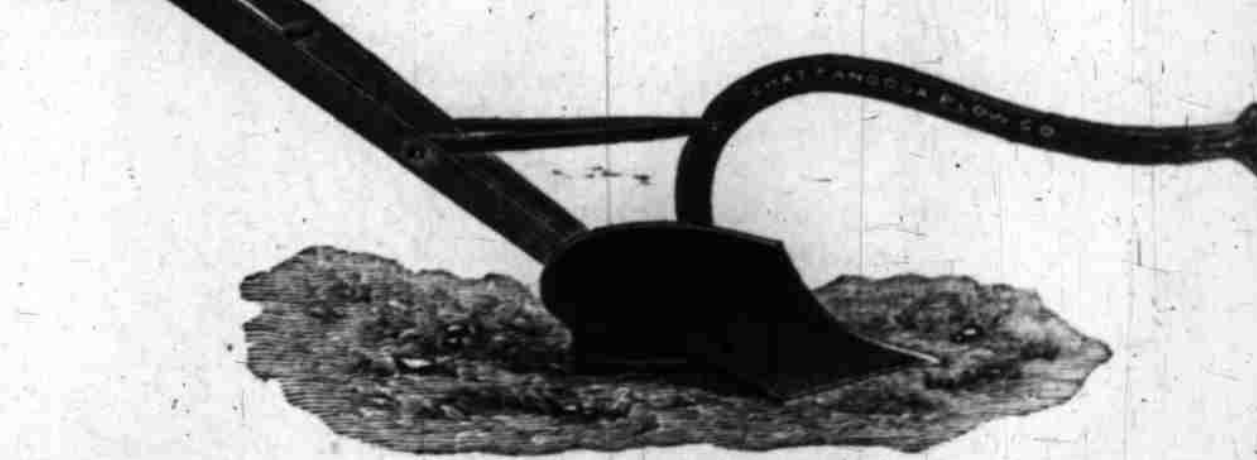
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