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TEACHING SEX HYGIENE.

The bureau of education of the federal department of the interior has taken up the discussion of the question of teaching sex hygiene in the public schools and after reviewing in a recent bulletin the arguments put forward both by the advocates and the opposition to the movement announces its conclusion that the question is about to assume national importance.

After all has been said the fact is potent that parents are not meeting their obligations to their children in the way of imparting the information that would save many of them from disgrace through ignorance; that the "social emergency" as President Roosevelt of Reed college terms it, is the indirect if not the direct result of gross ignorance of the laws of nature; that, since the parents have largely failed in their duty, some other way should be provided to warn the children of the dangers that beset them, and that, failing in the home, the school seems to be the only proper place left for imparting this all-important information.

The city of Chicago's board of education has sought to get around the question by appropriating money to provide lectures on sex hygiene to parents and groups of high school students, with the ultimate idea of extending sex instruction to the elementary schools if the experiment with older pupils proves satisfactory.

have made a study of them, the sooner the teaching gets into the elementary grades the better it will be. If there are lax morals in the high schools, and we have not heard the assertion denied that there are, it is a state of affairs due largely if not entirely to ignorance. It follows that the imparting of this knowledge to the student after he has reached the age of proper understanding but before harm can come through the lack of it would tend not only to elevate the morals in the high schools but the morals in the community.

We have declined several invitations to take a look at babes. After hearing their fathers talk we feel that we could not look upon such awful brightness without smoked glasses.

When one learns the amount of pay received by the average minister, he begins to realize why salvation has to be free.

As bananas are still to come in free of duty there seems little chance to make them popular among wealthy people.

The best way to renovate some of those New York problem plays is with chloride of lime.

CHESNIMNUS STOCKMAN A TRUE SPORTSMAN.

One of the most interesting characters in the buckaroo world of today is S. T. Tippetts, of Chesnimnus. Twenty years ago he went into the inland country and entered the cattle business. Today he has more money than he needs, but money is not of much interest to Tippetts. He enjoys life; lives close to nature and loves the broad expanse of the rugged country. He has raised a bunch of boys in that free air and everyone or them are sons of their daddy, when it comes to loving nature and nature's way of doing things.

The Tippetts relay horses were at the Union county fair but owing to a bad track and bad weather, none of the relay string got a fair chance to show what they could do. Mr. Tippetts rode the string himself.

The Family Cough Medicine.

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FACTS ABOUT BABIES.

Some That Surprised and One That Pleased the Professor.

"I never knew before I had one," said the professor of physics to his bachelor assistant. "Just how slowly our science could be applied to a baby I have been astounded at the following conclusions:

"As two similar bodies vary in weight as the cubes of their dimensions, I find that a baby two feet long should weigh just about one-sixteenth of a man five feet high; also that, as the surfaces of two similar bodies vary as the square of their dimensions, a baby as before would have about one-sixth the surface of the man. So the extent of surface proportional to weight in the baby is vastly greater than in the adult. In fact, a square foot of the baby's skin would shield just one-third the substance of what a square foot would do an adult.

"Arguing from this and knowing that the rate of cooling of a solid depends on the extent of surface, I found that a baby got cold quicker or warm quicker when exposed to a fire than a man; also, as any living body is higher in temperature than the surrounding air and has to lose heat continually—the rate of loss depending on the surface—it is readily seen that a baby, in order to keep up normal temperature, has to furnish more heat in proportion to its weight than man, and therefore has to eat more in proportion to its weight than man. To prove that a baby gives out an enormous amount of heat keep the heat from escaping by wrapping a heavy blanket around it. In a half an hour the temperature under the cover will be almost unbearable to the hand, and the baby will be found covered with sweat.

"The same knotty problem comes up when the baby is bathed. You know yourself how cool you feel when you bathe in a cold room in warm water, but in very little of it, so that most of your wet body is out of the water on account of the heat of your body being taken to evaporate the water? The baby suffers much worse on account of that same big proportion of surface. "But I find one encouraging thing in this peculiar geometrical problem of the human form. I find that if a dress is made for my little daughter two feet high and one for her mother five feet high, it takes only one-sixth the cloth to do it, although the dresses were made in exactly the same style."—Lawrence Hodges in Chicago Record-Herald.

Big and Little Ships.

Speaking of the problem of unsinkable ships, the New York Commercial says: "Few people outside of practical shipbuilders and navigators understand the difference between a large vessel and a small one in point of structural strength. The strongest vessel that floats in the water is a common row boat. One can take an ordinary row boat and carry it by the ends or it can rest on cleats under each end without breaking in the middle. But the strongest man-of-war or ocean liner that floats today would break in two if subjected to a similar strain. The larger a vessel the weaker it becomes in this respect, and for this reason many apparently good ideas which work out well in model form have failed utterly when applied to large vessels."

WARFARE.

Regular troops alone are equal to the exigencies of modern war as well for defense as offense, and when a substitute is attempted it must prove illusory and ruinous. No militia will ever acquire the habits necessary to resist a regular force. The firmness requisite for the real business of fighting is only to be attained by constant course of discipline and service. I have never yet been a witness to a single instance that can justify a different opinion, and it is most earnestly to be wished that the liberties of America may no longer be trusted in a material degree to so precarious a defense.—George Washington.

The frontiers of states are either large rivers or chains of mountains or deserts. Of all these obstacles to the march of an army the most difficult to overcome is the desert; mountains come next, and broad rivers occupy the third place.—Napoleon.

BABY MIDSHIPMEN.

In the Old Days When Children Were Sent to War.

Among other improvements in the art of war as attained by the world in these later days is the abolition of the practice of sending children to sea, as was the case when the midshipmen of the old "oak walls" of England often were boys of less than fourteen years.

The Marquis of Dufferin and Ava in telling about the siege of Bomarsund, in the Crimean war, which he witnessed from the frigate Penelope, related this story of one of these little fellows.

"What pleased me most during the whole business," he says, "was the gallant behavior of a little midshipman, a mere child, thirteen or fourteen years of age. About the time when the fire became pretty hot I happened to come across him, and, as he seemed to be as much out of a job as myself, I touched my cap and took the liberty of observing that it was a fine day, to which he politely replied that it was.

"Encouraged by his urbanity, I ventured to ask him how long he had been at sea, to which he answered, 'I have only left my mamma six weeks, but I ain't going to cry on her majesty's quarterdeck,' a remark which I think is worth recording as many a one made by more illustrious heroes. Soon after this, however, a man was killed close to him, and the little fellow fainted and was taken below."

OUR USELESS BUFFALOES.

They Have Passed Away Because They Were Economically Unfit.

As a typical species of American fauna the buffalo had his place in our history, but take him by and large he was a rather useless beast, with no adaptability for civilization. He served his purpose on the plains when men led a nomadic life there and existed on his rifle. But as soon as the range land, over which the buffalo "roamed in countless thousands," became fit for settlement the buffalo was decidedly de trop.

Very little of him was fit to eat. He was worth a bullet when there was no other meat to be had, but a people accustomed to modern steaks and roasts would find him not overappetizing once the novelty wore off. In a word, the buffalo was economically unfit, and he went the way of the unit.

Had he been conserved he might now be affording opportunity for big game hunters to enjoy themselves in moderation. They are really the only persons who have suffered by his disappearance. To preserve the buffalo as a specimen in our zoos is proper. He is a curiosity and has a historical value. But entirely too many tears have been shed over his destruction. One steer was and still is worth a dozen bison.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

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