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FILTHY HABITS AND DISEASES

In New York they had 12,000 deaths in 1915 from influenza and pneumonia, or 1,500 more than from the same causes in 1914. The condition has aroused the city health commission to call in the aid of the police department for stricter enforcement of the sanitary code, and particularly in regard to what Dr. Havens Emerson, health commissioner of New York, calls "the filthy habit of spitting," on the streets, in cars and in public places generally. He does not say "expectorating" but just plain spitting, and he says the practice is "unnecessary, indecent, and dangerous as it spreads disease."

By way of warning, patrolmen, street car conductors and health inspectors carry printed slips which they pass out to those they see for a first time indulging in the practice complained of, and which read: "You are violating the law against spitting. You are subject to arrest. You are endangering the health of your fellow-citizens."

Much of the death dealing influenza and pneumonia is attributed to the practice referred to, and the New York practice is to issue no second warnings, but to arrest offenders. Of 1,223 so arrested last year in New York but 49 were discharged by the magistrates. Of course, the practice is not indulged in here, but a mention of the view held in other cities is not out of place, and may restrain strangers from being classed as guilty of doing something which is "filthy, unnecessary, indecent and dangerous."

AMERICAN DYE NOW.

Before the European war started, only about 3,300 tons of coal-tar colors were manufactured in the United States. These were made mostly from foreign raw material which came from Germany. About 15,000 tons of coal tar colors,

made wholly from American raw material, are being manufactured in this country during the current fiscal year.

This large and vitally important industry has come into being largely because of the aid of the government. Government scientists have worked out a process by which benzol and teluel, the foundation of aniline dyes, explosives and gasoline, may be made from crude petroleum. The department of commerce is assisting the growth of the industry in every way possible. Its establishment on a permanent footing is now a certainty.

A report just issued by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, of the department of commerce, shows that the total imports of artificial colors before the war was something like 25,000 tons. Hence, American production is still short of the demand.

There are now 17 firms engaged in manufacturing intermediates and 12 firms are turning out the finished dyes. One of the features of the bureau's report is an up-to-date list of the firms engaged in these lines.

The textile and allied industries that the country shall never again be exposed to such a famine as it has recently experienced. The large organizations of dye stuff users have expressed a willingness to bear the burden of higher prices than prevailed before the war, if necessary. Most of the companies engaged in manufacturing coal-tar compounds are planning to enlarge their production along the lines already taken up.

The sultan of Turkey, it is reported, has sent his photograph as payment for an operation performed by a titled Berlin surgeon. If we could all pay our gripe bills in this way, the tintype galleries would put on an all-night service.

Pennsylvania holds fast to the rule that waiters and waitresses must be free from contagious disease. Which is all right, because we can get all the germs we need from the food.

While times hangs heavily on the minds of the debating societies why not let them settle the question whether Eve used mosquito netting in the garden of Eve.

The bi-product of a furnace is said to be profanity, and profanity is of no earthly use, except in the basement near the furnace.

How The Duke of Genoa "Subs"

BY HENRY WOOD
 Rome, Jan. 29.—(By Mail)—The Duke of Genoa who "subs" as King at the Quirinal while Victor Emanuel is at the front, is fast proving himself a formidable rival of the latter for the affections of the Italian people. King Victor, however, seems in

no way disturbed. Eight months ago he asked his august uncle to come down to Rome and "sit in" for him. Until his return from Italian front this week the king had not even returned to see how his "sub" was getting away with the job. There is perhaps no other royal family in Europe whose members would do such a thing. The House of Savoy now includes, besides King Victor and the Duke of Genoa, the Duke of the Abruzzi, the Duke of Aosta and the Count of Turin. The five are cronies. Each has had the rigid military or naval training required of every male member of the House and each is considered competent to be King. Victor would just as soon trust the Duke of Genoa because he was the eldest. He figured the younger ones could better serve Italy in their respective positions as military and naval commanders. The choice met with disapproval only from the Duke himself.

"I know I am getting old," he said wistfully to the court functionaries who welcomed him to the throne, "but my hand would rather have grasped the sword than the pen that must sign royal decrees."

King Victor has ever been known as the most democratic sovereign in Europe although perhaps the title of Soldier King would better suit him. His "sub" has gone him one better for democracy and won for himself the sobriquet of the Civilian King.

The nearest the Duke of Genoa came to accepting any of the kingly perquisites that go with his job, is at 4 each day when he goes for his drive in the country.

Four cavalymen surrounded his carriage and corps of bicycle guards follow. The police won't let him drive unless he accepts this escort.

In the evening he makes up for it by walking about the streets of Rome in civilian clothes, accompanied only by his chief aide-camp. He traverses the principal streets and window shops as he goes along.

It was while amusing himself this way one evening that the Duke saw a street car collide with a fat woman. Of all the men who leaped to her assistance, the Duke got there first. She was quite unharmed but the Duke bundled her off to a hospital before she knew who had helped her.

Half an hour later, when the Duke returned to the Quirinal he sent his aide to the hospital to make certain she really was not injured.

When the Duke comes down to Rome to "sit in" for his nephew as King he does not bring his family with him. His nearest relative here is his sister, Queen Mother Margherita and he never tires of visiting her hospitals and charity works with her.

He comes nearest to being king on Thursdays and Sundays, when the ministers bring the various decrees to him for his vicarious royal signature. It is then that he gets first hand information from the Prime Minister, the Minister of War and the Minister of Marine on the conduct of hostilities. The Minister of Marine especially never fails to bring him some news about his son, the Prince of Udine, who is commanding a squadron of submarines.

The Duke's new job bought back to public memory the fact that his wife is a German princess. She and all of the children however, are loyally Italian.

One week the Duke tries to get away and go home to see them. It was while waiting for the train once to bring him back from one of these home visits that a distinguished army officer commiserated with him that the war kept them both separated from their families.

"And your Highness, when do you think the blessed war will end?" demanded the officer.

"Not until we are victorious," declared the Duke as he boarded the train and started back to his throne.

CITIZENS WILL MAKE EFFORT TO CAPTURE BEAST

Usual Weekly Record of Movements of the Local People

Palmer Valley, Jan. 29.—There is a cougar of monstrous size roaming over Palmer Valley. His tracks have been seen frequently and there will be an attempt made to get his pelt.

Ben Harold and family were visitors to the Junction Sunday.

There was quite a thaw Sunday night and on Sunday there was a chinook all day.

Monday there was a snow during which six inches fell.

Mr. Galloway went to the Junction Thursday after gain and to break the roads.

Mr. Ben Oakman has returned from La Grande where he has been looking after some business.

Mr. Galloway was out breaking the roads Wednesday.

Garfield Thomas and his sister were visitors to the Junction this week.

Mrs. Sterner and daughter went to Elgin on a visit Thursday.

Hohn and Kalmbach were visitors to the Junction Thursday.

Mr. Jack was a visitor to the Junction Thursday to get supplies for his camp on Wallowa river.

Jas Nickolet visited the Junction Wednesday.

Mr. Dozier returned Wednesday from Enterprise where he has been attending court.

Jas. Harlod came to the Junction Wednesday and reported that the snow came up to the sides of his horse.

Mr. Galloway went to the Junction Thursday to meet his wife.

The O'Shay brothers came down from their hill place on skis.

Mr. Steerer went to the Junction Saturday on business.

Little News O' the Day

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Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot injure, makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink which all regular meat eaters should take now and then to keep the kidneys clean and the blood pure, thereby avoiding serious kidney complications.

the name of Women's Christian Associations were organized in Hartford Conn., Providence R. I. Pittsburg and Alleghany, Pa. in 1867. Cincinnati Cleveland and St. Louis followed in 1868 by forming similar societies. Similar associations were formed in St. Joseph, Mo., Scranton, Pa. Kansas City, Mo. Minneapolis, Minn. and Toledo, Ohio. All city associations emphasized religious meeting and Bible instruction and as early as 1872 the New York Y. W. C. A. commenced a Bible class which shortly developed an average attendance of 600. Employment agencies have always been an important part in association work. In 1872 Hartford, Conn. erected the first building for this purpose. The first Association home was built at Asbury Park by the Philadelphia Association in 1874. In 1891 Kansas City, Mo., opened the first self serving lunch room, now known as the cafeteria. In 1866 a convention was held at Lake Geneva and the National Young women's Christian Association, which later became the American Committee with headquarters at Chicago, was formed.

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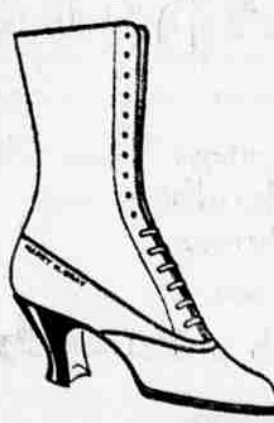
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