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The Swedish bride fills her pockets with bread, which she dispenses to every one she meets on her way to church, every piece she disposes of averting, as she believes, a misfortune.

Barbers' shops in Sweden have bowls in which one can wash one's face without using the hands. On touching a button the water spurts up like a small fountain and the man who has been shaved holds his face in it till the soap is all washed away.

The medical profession, says Popular Science, supplies 40 per cent. of the male morphinists, which is the largest proportion; after which follow men of leisure, 15 per cent.; merchants, 8 per cent.; while workmen, clergymen and politicians occupy the lowest positions numerically on the list. Among the women addicted to the habit, the largest number, 13 per cent., are women of means, and these are followed in number by the wives of medical men, who make up 10 per cent. of the list.

Dr. E. Stavers gives some instructive statistics illustrative of the effects of tobacco on the development of the young. From measurements of 187 of the class of 1891, Yale, he found that the non-smokers gained in weight during the college course 10.4 per cent. more than the regular smokers, and 6.6 per cent more than the occasional smokers. In height the non-users of tobacco increased 24 per cent. more than the regular users, and 12 per cent. more than the occasional. In increase of chest girth the non-users had an advantage of 26.7 per cent. and 20 per cent., and an increase of lung capacity of 77.5 per cent. and 40 per cent., respectively.

A short time since, Prof. Roskief says, physicians held the eating of food immediately before retiring almost a crime. The whole theory is quite exploded. Some physicians have declared, indeed, that a good deal of the prevalent insomnia is the result of the unconscious craving in the stomach for food in persons who have been unduly frightened by the opinion that they must not eat before going to bed, or who have, like many nervous women, been keeping themselves in a state of semi-starvation. Nothing is more agreeable on retiring for the night than to take a bowl of hot broth, like oatmeal gruel, or some good nourishing soup. It is a positive aid to nervous people, and induces peaceful slumbers.

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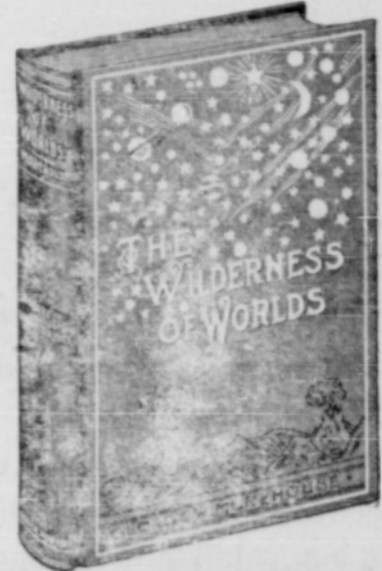
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