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BECOMES SICK ON PURPOSE

Employed by Company to Test Curative Power of Medicine.

There is a man living in a Boston suburb who made himself sick in a variety of ways in order that he may test the healing powers of the medicines manufactured by the company which employs him.

Instead of being a shaky wreck from constant indulgence in foods taken purposely to provoke disorders this vindicator of infants' soothing sirups, headache cures, indigestion medicines and cold cures is hale and hearty, a stout German, past middle age, of a studious and phlegmatic temperament.

His office is one of the best of all at the headquarters of the company that employs him. There are oil paintings, soft carpets and Turkish rugs; he has a library of medical volumes, windows filled with flowers and a profusion of bottles, glasses and crucibles distributed in the apartment.

Has Variety of Duties.

He has a variety of duties. According to the Boston Herald he sits in a draught or wanders about coatless to entice a cold and then doses himself with cold cures. He contracts a violent headache in order to try the efficacy of a headache cure which is to be put on the market.

He acquires the headache by concentrating his mind so closely upon one subject that at the end of a few hours the nervous strain produces the pains in the head he has set out to obtain. Then he takes a dose of the medicine that is being experimented with and watches results carefully, noting every effect in a book in order to make his report on it.

Often he has to contract aches that aren't headaches. It may be that a new medicine is to be brought out for indigestion or the scores of disorders resulting from dyspepsia.

The manufacturers desire to make a practical test of the formula of their own satisfaction. The German tester goes to a restaurant late in the evening and gives an order that makes the waiter's eyes bulge.

Meal of an Ostrich.

"I eat a lobster salad, then drink milk, which is usually prohibited with such a salad," he says cheerfully in telling about it.

"To make it more certain I have vinegar mixed with the milk and follow it all with a Welsh rarebit. After that that the only thing I have to do it wait for the results.

"They are usually not long in coming. Soon I have violent pains in the chest, a feeling as of a heavy weight lying upon it, with sharp pains shooting across my body every second. Of course it is agony while it endures, but I take a dose of the remedy to relieve it.

"If it gives me relief I note all the circumstances of my sensations to the minutest detail and if it doesn't I do the same. You have no conception of what a delightful feeling it is to experience the contrast of intense pain and quick relief. I know that feeling well."

There are from seventy-five to 100 drugs mentioned in materia medica for disorders of indigestion and the German tester has tried them all. Some of the things he has to do would make an ordinarily courageous man look about for the cyclone cellar.

He Is Skillful Chemist.

For an eyewash he has more than once thrown sand into his eyes to produce inflammation in order to test the wash as to its relief-giving properties. He even imitates himself a baby occasionally in order to try the infants' medicines. He drugs himself by compounding a sleeping potion of infants' soothing sirup.

"You may say," he explains, "that because a thing soothes me it

does not necessarily follow that it would soothe a baby. Nevertheless, my results have invariably proved that what was good for me was good for the infant, but, of course, in milder doses.

"You see, we can not get a baby to experiment on, even if we desired one, which we don't. A baby could not tell its sensations or impressions after it took the medicine, which is necessary to the success of the experiments."

The man who voluntarily submits to "trying it on the dog" is not at all a dense animal, so robust that nothing can harm him, and willing from ignorance to sacrifice himself in this strange way. He is himself a chemist, a skillful one."

Why He Accepted Job.

That makes him all the more valuable, as he can record with accuracy the sensations before and after taking a medicine and the results obtained. And, of course, he knows quite well the properties of each remedy he takes, what its effect should be, how great a dose is required and how violent his ailment is.

How came such a man to embrace an occupation that carries with it so many disagreeable features? He will tell you himself that before he got his present berth he was a wreck, a victim of chronic indigestion, a wasted shadow of the man he had been in early youth.

"I have been in the manufacturing drug business myself for twenty-seven years," he says. "But things went wrong my health gave out, my stomach was gone and soon I had not even employment.

"It was then that I conceived the plan of offering myself as a subject for experiment to the manufacturers of proprietary medicines. The first to whom I applied said that he would be glad to obtain such a man who had a knowledge of chemistry and that it was a great difficulty to find him.

"I at once offered myself and have been with the firm ever since. That was some years ago and you can see for yourself what excellent health I am in now."

BAR ONE SUBJECT.

Thaw Jury Dines and Talks of Everything but Trial.

New York, April 20.—Eleven members of the Thaw jury dined together tonight in the Broadway Central hotel. Every topic except the Thaw trial was discussed.

OUTSIDE MARKETS.

Liverpool, April 20.—May wheat, 6s 5 1/2 d.

New York, April 20.—Lead, \$6 @ \$6.10; copper, \$24.25 @ \$25.25; silver, 65 1/2 c.

Chicago, April 20.—May wheat opened 78 1/4 @ 78 3/4 c, closed 78 1/2 c; barley, 69 @ 71 1/2 c; flax, \$1.11; Northwestern, \$1.18.

San Francisco, April 20.—Wheat, \$1.30 @ \$1.35.

Portland, April 20.—Wheat—Club,

75c; blue stem, 77c; red, 74c; valley, 72c.

Tacoma, April 20.—Wheat—Blue stem, 77 @ 78c; club, 75 @ 76c; red, 73 @ 74c.

TEXAS SUFFERS COLD.

El Paso, Texas, April 20.—The mercury has dropped seventeen degrees in three hours before 9 o'clock, and at that hour registered 40 above. It is still growing colder, and there is every indication of snow.

Handsome Clothing

With replenished stock we have the most attractive offerings of the season in men's clothing— Handsome fabrics, in rich new color tones, and with that expressive tailoring that differentiates our clothes from the average sorts.

THE BAZAAR

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THE UTILITY OF Eymann's Olive Oil

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But olive oil is not only good for cooking purposes. By the latest scientific investigation it has been proven one of the best ever discovered for the health. This oil is especially recommended for this purpose. It is agreeable, it purifies, heals, refines. Complexions are kept in the pink of condition by its daily use. Come into our store and let us explain more fully than this limited space will allow about properties of Eymann's Pure Olive Oil, of which we are sole agents.

Barrington Hall Steel Cut Coffee

This coffee is one of the greatest successes in the coffee business. It derives its name of "Steel Cut" from the fact that instead of being ground it is cut into fine particles with steel knives.

By this process all the chaff and injurious coffee dust is eliminated. Take the ordinary coffee and if after it has been boiled it is allowed to stand it will become bitter. This is not true of this coffee on account of the above mentioned process.

F. A. SACCHI

Shirt Waist Snaps at

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The biggest bargains you ever saw—Waists selling from \$3.50 to \$6.50—Your choice while they last : : : : : : :

\$1.50

We have about 40 or 50 waists left over from last year that are taking up much needed space and in order to get rid of them in a hurry we have cut the prices as above.

These waists consists of Taffeta, China Silk, Mohairs and light weight summer worsteds—Colors, Black, Blue, Pink, White, Helo and Cream, mostly in medium sizes from 32 to 38.

THESE ARE BARGAINS so don't wait until tomorrow and regret that you did not come sooner.

MERCHANT BROS.