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BENZOIC ACID AND PURE FOOD

Washington Health Officer
Tells What It Is Made
of—Defends Wiley.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The reversal by the referee board of consulting scientists of the findings of Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, pure food expert of the agricultural department, in regard to the alleged poisoning nature of benzoate of soda when used as a preservative for fruits has aroused much comment and some criticism.

Dr. Wiley, it is pointed out by his friends, never has asserted that the poison was quick acting. In fact, the position of the advocates of pure food has been all along that the danger in poisons so slow in their effects that it was almost impossible to bring home to offending manufacturers his complicity in resulting disease.

Dr. Wiley's friends are saying that the judgment of the referee board is an experiment to demonstrate to his own satisfaction, in the nature of the drug under consideration, hardly can be over-taken by a two months investigation, especially when this investigation was conducted by chemists some of whom have not in recent years been out of chemical laboratories, and whose speciality was not foods.

Dr. H. S. Blackmore of Washington, who is consulting chemist to the state of New York department of health, in an interview, said:

"Benzoate of soda, of which we have heard so much of late as being employed as a food preservative, has all the earmarks of a most dangerous substance. It is a compound of benzoic acid and soda. Benzoic acid is phenyl-formic acid. The phenyl content is the active constituent of carbolic acid and acetylsalicylic acid, the latter of which is employed in headache powders, and has been the cause of many wrecked lives from diseases of the heart, which it affects seriously, while the former is a well known corrosive poison.

The formal content is a constituent of formalin, which has been universally condemned as a food preservative. The benzyl (phenyl-formyl) content of benzoic acid is the substance which makes cocaine active.

Commercial benzoic acid is manufactured from horse or other animal urine or artificially made from coal tar. All these facts would point to the possibility of benzoic acid or its compounds not only being of a composition most dangerous to health, if continuously used, but to say the least, an uncertain substance as a constituent of an article of food. It would seem that the foisting of this substance on the public as a constituent of food by commercialism would be as dangerous as the foisting of opium on the people."

EIGHT-YEAR-OLD GIRL COMMITTS SUICIDE

Worried by Household Cares, Poor
Miner's Child Shoots Herself
in Her Father's Presence.

Greensburg, Pa., Feb. 20.—"Goodbye, papa, I'm going to shoot!" were the last words of little May Elliott Flais, eight years old, as she raised her rifle to her temple and fired, falling dead at her father's feet.

That the little child, worried with the family troubles of the whole family, deliberately planned her own death is borne out by the almost frantic manner in which she rushed to her father's room, where she had hidden a revolver which she had talked tearfully of her troubles as a housekeeper.

Flais is a poor miner's whose wife died several weeks ago, leaving him with three small children. May, the girl of 8, being the oldest, said, not having the money to get a housekeeper, decided to allow May to act as woman of the house, to take care of the two smaller children in his absence and to do some of the housework.

Both her baby brothers had been ill Saturday and she had not been able to prepare the meal for her father against the time of his coming home from the mine.

He went into the kitchen and began weeping the grime of his face and hands, without warning, his little child mother of the family appeared in the doorway with a big revolver, which she held in both hands, and saluted him with:

"Good-bye, papa; I'm going to shoot!"

GRAVE DIGGER BURIED WHEN EARTH CAVES IN

Chester, Pa., Feb. 20.—Shrieks and cries for help coming from the Upland Baptist cemetery started the sexton, Samuel T. Proctor, who was working in the church adjoining the burial grounds and following the direction of the shrieks he ran to the spot where Theodore Mullin, buried up to his neck in a newly made grave.

Pretty, aided by two other men, dug Mullin out of the soft earth. He was not seriously hurt, but the experience worked upon his nerves to such an extent that he was compelled to go to bed.

Mullin was digging a grave when the one beside it caved in upon him, catching him under the load of clay which he could reach the ground above.

GIBBONS' IDEA OF WOMAN'S SPHERE

Baltimore, Feb. 20.—In a sermon at the cathedral Cardinal Gibbons spoke of the importance of the small things in life. In the course of his sermon he said:

"In one of the passages of the Old Testament there is special praise for a woman. She is not mentioned as worthy of commendation for her efforts to obtain social triumphs, nor for her position in struggling for women's rights, particularly the right of suffrage. It is not told that she, in seeking these things, was bold and resolute and shook her fist at the prime minister. No, we are made to understand that she was a womanly woman, a loving mother and a dutiful wife."

ON SLED TRIP WITH WOLVES, HE CLAIMS

Sioux City, Iowa, Feb. 20.—Riding in an Alaskan sled drawn by Alaskan wolves, Eric Smith, a United States mail carrier of Nome, is on route home from Washington, D. C. He is making a trip across the continent and back with a dog team.

The big snowstorm which has covered the middle west just a few days ago, is now making its way to the north, and when it strikes you or when there is no snow on the ground, it has to put where on my sled and make very poor time."

TO SAVE WEALTH OF ALL AMERICA

Representatives of Great Political Divisions Meet
at Capital.

Washington, Feb. 20.—The three great political divisions of North America, Canada, Mexico and the United States, were represented in the conference, which met at the White House today to discuss a plan for the conservation of the natural resources of this continent. The conference is the outgrowth of the two conservation conferences held in Washington during the past year, in which the governors of the states and territories were the principal conferees.

Acting in the belief that the conservation of the natural resources should not be limited by boundary lines which separate nations, President Roosevelt invited Canada and Mexico to join in the movement. The governments of both countries readily responded to the invitation. In their letters of acceptance Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier, and Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, expressed their cordial sympathy in the objects of the conference and at once appointed delegates to attend the gathering.

The invitation was welcomed also by President Diaz who appointed the following delegates to represent Mexico at the conference: Miguel A. Quevedo, president of the commission of forestry; Carlos Selierier, mining inspector of the commission of forestry; and Romulo Escobar, director of the agricultural school of the City of Mexico.

The opening of the conference was entirely a ceremonial one. President Roosevelt personally greeting the visitors from Canada and Mexico and briefly explaining his views in regard to the importance of the matter to be discussed. Gifford Pinchot of the forestry bureau and several other representatives of executive departments of the United States government took part in the discussion.

It is expected that before it adjourns the conference will take the preliminary steps in the preparation of a general plan adapted to insure the conservation of the forests, fisheries, minerals and other natural resources of North America.

RUDE BABOONS SPANKED BY LADY ORANG-OUTANG

New York, Feb. 20.—Mimi, the 3-year-old orang-outang of the Zoo, hasn't been feeling quite well lately. She caught a bit of a cold the other day, and Dr. W. Reid Blair, the Zoo physician, attended her and gave her bitter medicine, to the great joy of Philemon and Philander, the two baboons in the adjoining cage.

Philemon and Philander laughed rudely every time Mimi had to take her medicine, and they gazed her unmercifully between times.

Yesterday Mimi lost her temper and, wrenching a small wooden exercising ladder from its fastenings in her cage, she used it as a battering ram and broke the plate glass between the cages.

Then she dropped the ladder and sailed in to inflict such corporal punishment upon her tormentors as she thought they deserved. She spanked them soundly and was enjoying herself very much when big Joe Riley, the keeper, came to their rescue.

Mimi merely shrugged her shoulders when she was persuaded to desist, but it was noticed that Philemon and Philander were not in a hilarious mood thereafter, and they never even batted an eyelid when her medicine hour came around.

BLUFFED BR'ER B'AR WITH RED BANDANA

South Norwalk, Conn., Feb. 20.—A genuine brown bear hung right on the outskirts of the city is at present causing more excitement in South Norwalk than would a presidential wild west show. A posse of 50 men is hot on the trail of bruln, and everything from flintlocks to Gatling guns have been brought out to take part in the hunt.

Harry Brown, the best known hunter and trapper in these parts, while going the rounds of his traps, was struck right up on a brown bear that was making a breakfast of a muskrat that was caught in one of Brown's steel traps. The bear paid no attention to the hunter until Brown, by throwing sticks and stones and shaking a red bandana at him, drove him to the Sassafras river. The bear plunged in and swam to the other bank.

Brown got a posse and they have chased bruln to Kellogg's swamp, an almost inaccessible retreat back of Westport.

Brown Your Hair

With Mrs. Potter's Walnut-Juice
Hair Stain.

"I would never think I stained my hair, after I use Mrs. Potter's Walnut-Juice Hair Stain. It is so gentle, it does not hurt the hair as a dye does, but makes it grow out nice and fluffy."

It only takes a few minutes once a month to apply Mrs. Potter's Walnut-Juice Hair Stain with your comb. Stains only the hair, doesn't rub off, contains no poisonous dyes, sulphur, lead or copper. Has no odor, no sediment, no grease. One bottle of Mrs. Potter's Walnut-Juice Hair Stain should last you a year. Sells for \$1.50 a bottle at first class druggists. We guarantee satisfaction. Send your name and address on a slip of paper, with this advertisement, and enclose 25 cents (stamps or coin) and we will mail you, charges prepaid, a trial package of plain sealed wrapper, with valuable book on hair. Mrs. Potter's Hygienic Supply Co., 144 Groton Bldg., Cincinnati, O.

Mrs. Potter's Walnut-Juice Hair Stain is recommended and for sale in Portland by Woodward, Clark Drug Co., wholesale and retailers; Eversell's Pharmacy, 259 Morrison street; S. G. Skidmore & Co., 151 Third street; Blumauer, Frank, Drug Co., wholesalers, 112 Fourth street.

Large size seal Bags, leather lined, fitted with coin purse; \$3 values, Monday \$1.29 Seal, walrus and fancy leather Handbags, fitted with coin purses; \$4 and \$4.50 values.

\$3 Large Seal Bags, \$1.29

Reg'lar \$4.00-\$4.50 Handbags at \$1.98

\$4.00 and \$5.00 Rama Bags, \$1.48

New Rama fancy gunmetal trimmed Bags, very stylish; \$4 and \$5 values for \$1.48

La Vida and W. B. Corsets for spring of 1909 fitted and explained by Mrs. E. D. Dean, an expert corsetiere from New York. Exclusive models.

Lipman-Wolfe's

"Pellard" Tailored Suits for Women of Fashion

"PELLARD" Tailored Suits are the only tailored suits bearing the stamp of an exclusive and famous maker that are sold in Portland. We make an extensive showing of these high-class garments, each of which exemplifies some striking style feature. They embody the advance Paris style features—just as the Pellard Suits of last fall were a forecast of the present spring styles. The charm of these suits lies in the exclusive tailoring. No ordinary garments can imitate them. Pellard Suits are made in many instances in exclusive shades of color—fabrics that cannot be bought in Portland stores. These first arrivals are moderately priced—\$40 to \$100. Later we will have Pellard Suits up to \$300.

Probably it's difficult for the average customer to appreciate how unusually large an assortment of new ready-to-wear garments we now have. The explanation is quickly found. The styles are assured, the plain tailored effects having unquestioned preference with the well dressed. But in the new shades and the new materials there are notes of warning. The most coveted materials of this season are largely imported; the shades are unusual, and when the original purchases of materials are exhausted there is a possibility that more ordinary fabrics must be substituted. Today our assortment is probably the largest we have ever offered at this season of the year. We can deliver a suit or costume quickly because our alteration room is prepared to do the work promptly. As soon as the busy season begins, the usual length of time will be required. In fact, everything conspires to make the present moment opportune for the selection of spring apparel.

SPECIAL OFFERING OF SEVERAL NEW MODELS IN TAILORED SUITS, \$35 EA.

The \$35 values in tailored Suits that we have provided are indeed notable. Our buyer went to the highest-class suitmaker in New York, bought various styles of his \$50 suits, and had exact duplicates of them made by another manufacturer, who purchased exactly the same materials. By somewhat lessening our profits, we are able to give the best \$35 values ever known. Be sure purchasing a \$50 Suit, be sure to see the style, the quality and the exclusive colorings of these suits at..... **\$35.00**

Specials, Spring '09 Waists in Variety

- \$3.00 Lingerie Waists in new-spring styles, front beautifully embroidered in eyelet, filet and Grecian effects..... **\$2.38**
- \$3.00 Pleated Tailored Waists of Union linen, special sale price tomorrow at..... **\$2.38**
- \$3.00 Rajhine Blouse Waists, the new summer material, in cream, dark red, navy and light blue..... **\$2.38**
- \$3.00 novelty stripe Madras Tailored Waists, sale price..... **\$2.38**
- \$4.50 striped madras Tailored Waists; also pure white linen, with wide pleated fronts; some with light blue, tan, pink and lavender piping; sale price..... **\$2.98**
- Superb Vellia Flannel Waists, tailored style, new sleeves, values up to \$6.50 each..... **\$3.98**
- \$1.75 pleated and tucked Tailored Waists, white lawn, the new long sleeves..... **\$1.39**
- New long-sleeve taffeta Silk Waists, in black, smoke, brown and navy..... **\$4.79**

Sale Spring Embroideries Vals. to \$1 Yard, 25c

For Monday's selling we offer 1000 yards of all this season's most desirable styles in Swiss, nainsook and cambric Embroideries—all kinds of effects in Demi-Flounces, Corset Cover, Novelty French and English effects, in bands, insertions, edgings, etc.; regular values up to \$1 a yard, for Monday sale..... **25c**

Reg. \$1.50 Allovers at 75c

A big special in extra quality, full 18-inch Swiss and nainsook Allover Embroideries, in a large variety of pretty patterns; worth \$1.50 yard, Monday's price **75c**

Spring 1909 Embroideries

From our buyer now in New York, and from our foreign office we have received thousands of yards of spring, 1909, Embroideries in white and colored effects—one of the largest and best collections of staple and novelty embroideries ever shown by a store in the northwest. "It's a pleasure to show goods."

New Spring '09 Neckwear

We have just received some of the latest effects in women's Neckwear for spring, 1909. Their fresh, new beauty will add a touch of attractiveness to every costume. Prices from 35c upward.

\$2.50 to \$4.00 Ruffs at 89c

To sell quickly our entire line of fancy Ruffs—some worth \$4 and more, none worth less than \$2.50—Monday **89c** one price for all.....

Lumino Satin Ribbon 50c Yard

The new Lumino Lustrous Satin Ribbon, 5/8 inches wide, extra grade, nothing better for millinery purposes; all the new trimming shades; special good value at **50c**

\$3 Large Seal Bags, \$1.29

Reg'lar \$4.00-\$4.50 Handbags at \$1.98

\$4.00 and \$5.00 Rama Bags, \$1.48

New Rama fancy gunmetal trimmed Bags, very stylish; \$4 and \$5 values for \$1.48

\$8, \$8.50, \$9, \$10 Values at \$4.98

New pigskin, walrus, seal and fancy suede leather Bags; \$8, \$8.50, \$9, \$10 values, special..... **\$4.98**

\$1.50-\$2 New Spring Belts, 48c

Special lot of new spring Belts, all new shades and styles; \$1.50 and \$2 values for..... **48c**

Regular \$1.50 Dressing Sacques, 89c

Regular \$3.00 Long Kimonos, \$1.39

Memorandum Books, Ledgers, Journals, Records: Clearance

We are closing out this department of business stationery. Profits are not an object. All books extra well made, with heavy duck-covered backs and leather-covered corners.

- Regular 10c Memorandums, plain or indexed, clearance..... **6c**
- Regular 15c Memorandums, plain or indexed, clearance..... **9c**
- Regular 20c Memorandums, plain or indexed, clearance..... **13c**
- Regular 25c Memorandums, plain or indexed, clearance..... **17c**
- Regular 35c Memorandums, plain or indexed, clearance..... **24c**
- Regular 50c Memorandums, plain or indexed, clearance..... **32c**
- Regular 60c Ledgers, Records and Journals, 200 pages..... **32c**
- Regular 80c Ledgers, Records and Journals, 300 pages..... **43c**
- Regular \$1.25 Ledgers, Records and Journals, 500 pages..... **72c**

Great Sale 3000 Sample Picture Frames

The most attractive Picture Frames in immense variety. The selling line of America's best frame manufacturers. Every kind of frame you could think of. Look over your pictures at home. Bring them here and have them framed for very little money.

Reg. \$5.00 Picture Frames, **\$2.85**

Reg. \$3.00 Picture Frames, **\$1.85**

Reg. \$2.00 Picture Frames, **95c**

Reg. \$1.50 Picture Frames, **65c**

Reg. \$1.25 Picture Frames, **49c**

Reg. \$1.00 Picture Frames, **49c**

Reg. 50c Picture Frames, **25c**

Hundreds of artistic designs and shapes and a great variety of up-to-date designs and finishes.

Sale of Wool Dress Goods

\$1.50 English Cheviots, 52 inches wide, in black, navy and brown; February Trade sales..... **\$1.19**

\$1.50 Cream Yachting Serge, 54 ins. wide, extra superfine quality. Trade Sale price..... **\$1.23**

\$1.35 Rajah Panamas, 54 inches wide, in navy, myrtle, olive and wine; sale..... **79c**

\$1.25 Herringbone Serge, 50 ins. wide, in navy, brown, myrtle, black and smoke; sale..... **98c**

\$7.50 Lace Curtains, \$5.85 \$4.50 Lace Curtains, \$3.19 \$1.50 Lace Curtains, \$1.19

900 pairs of Marie Antoinette, Renaissance, Lacet, Arabe and Cluny Lace Curtains, all made on the best quality of French nets, both edging and inserting patterns, white or Arabian color, 2 1/2 and 3 yards long:

\$7.50 Curtains at \$5.95 \$5.50 Curtains at \$3.89

\$6.50 Curtains at \$4.68 \$4.50 Curtains at \$2.98

Also 500 pairs of Scotch Lace Curtains, 3 and 3 1/2 yards long, specially priced as follows:

\$5.00 Curtains at \$3.89 \$3.50 Curtains at \$2.39

\$4.00 Curtains at \$2.98 \$2.25 Curtains at \$1.49

\$1.50 Curtains at \$1.19

Sale of New Wash Goods

In way of introducing our immense stock of 1909 Wash Goods, we offer the following special prices of the season's most-up-to-date wash fabrics in effects that are beautiful examples of spring's latest demands:

50c Ottoman Suiting 39c yd.

A highly mercerized rep-woven Suiting, in solid colors; has a permanent finish, in all the new and standard shades. At the Wash Goods section.

50c Irish Linen Suiting 35c

36-inch Irish Linen Suiting in solid colors, blue, navy, tan, cream, pink and lavender; one of the season's most fashionable materials for spring and summer wear.

50c Mercerized Linens 35c

27-inch mercerized rough-weave Linen in solid colors and stripes; many to select from, in following colors: Blue and white, black and white, pink and white, lavender and white.

A Sale of Hair Ornaments

Headquarters for the celebrated "lock the locks" Barrettes, either in plain or cut work, shell or amber.

The fad—large Barrettes in all styles.

25c La Chic Hair Nets, any shade..... **18c**

35c La Chic Hair Nets, any shade, in transparent celluloid cases..... **31c**

50c Ever Tidy Fringe Net..... **33c**

50c odds and ends in Back Combs, Barrettes, ribbon Combs, Hair Roll Holders, etc..... **11c**

50c fancy cut Back Combs, shell or amber..... **39c**

Jewelry Sensation Vals. to \$5.00 at 89c

Great sale of small lots of staple and novelty Jewelry, such values as have never been known before in Portland. This lot includes sterling silver handled whisk brooms, hair brushes and paper knives with pearl blades, fancy sterling silver spoons, Grecian bandana combs, card cases and coin purses with chain handles, gold eye-glass chains, pearl necklaces, novelty bead neck chains, hat pins, brooches, veil pins, etc.; values to \$5; the greatest lot of all jewelry sales at.....