

DANGERS IN DRUGS.

WARNING TO THOSE DISPOSED TO USE THEM CARELESSLY.

Special Care Needed in Giving Medicine to Children - Fatal Results Possible from Remedies Usually Harmless - Mothers, Take Notice.

"More men are killed by drugs than disease," is an expression one occasionally hears. How much truth it contains is, of course, problematical. But, without doubt, no small proportion of the deaths occurring are directly or indirectly due to an unwise use of medicines.

Here is an instance where drugs, absolutely harmless in anything like reasonable doses, may yet be the cause of death: The patient is an infant, and it suffers from diarrhea. The mother doctors it herself. She goes to the nearest druggist and asks for a diarrhea mixture. He gives her one made up of catechu and chalk mixture, two of the simplest and most innocuous of medicines.

A physician is called, but he is powerless for the brain is affected. The little one lingers along for days and days perhaps, and finally dies from disease of the brain.

Now, for the child's death the catechu and chalk mixture, harmless as they are, were yet responsible. The mixture lessened the diarrhea, but in so doing invited an inflammation of the bowels; the little one's brain, always exceedingly sensitive and susceptible to injury, became congested as a natural consequence, and more serious changes followed.

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ANTS FOR EATING.

They Are Said to Be as Good as Pickles. Some as Large as Foxes.

Should a Maine lumberman find a stump of rotten log with thousands of big black ants in it, he scoops the torpid insects from their winter domicile and fills his dinner pail with them.

Ants are said by those who have tasted them to have a peculiarly agreeable, strongly acid flavor. The woodsmen, whose food consists largely of salted meat, baked beans and similar hearty victuals, naturally have a craving for something sour.

Ants have at various times and in different countries been quite extensively used in medicine, and fornic acid, which was first obtained by distilling the bodies of these insects, but is now artificially prepared, is a well known and useful chemical product.

Herodotus tells of ants that live in the deserts of India which are in size "somewhat less than dogs, but larger than foxes." These creatures, in heaping up the earth after the manner of common ants, were a very efficient aid to the Indian gold hunters.

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THE WOMEN OF MANILA.

MANY OF THEM ARE VERY HANDSOME AND INTELLIGENT.

They Are Experts at the Sewing Machine and in Making Toys - They Dress Prettily, but Do Not Lace - Many Superior Brass Bands in Manila.

Perhaps one of the most interesting studies in this part of the world is the native and the development of his racial features. Those who are given to the study of physiognomy are impressed at once with the intellectual superiority of the female native over the male.

Some years ago sewing machines were introduced here and the native women very soon learned to run them as easily as any white woman. Now no well regulated household is completely equipped without a sewing machine and a native woman to run it.

They live in their own homes - little nipa huts, with one or two rooms - and are in the houses of their employers from about 8 a. m. to 5:30 or 6 p. m.

The natives are a branch of the Malay race, and none are much darker than a very dark brown. They have some of the characteristics of the American Indian, among which are the high cheek bones, which, however, are not as a rule prominent in the female face.

What would be called Eurasians in other parts of the east are called Mestizos or Mestizas; that is, the offspring of white fathers and native mothers.

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A Warrior's Matrimonial Fate.

Walking along Lake Shore with an old soldier, who had married thrice and for money every time, I had some new and valuable light shed upon the question, "Is marriage a failure?"

"How did she repay me, think you? Well, she insisted upon spending all her own coin upon herself, and then demanded half of my little income. Wasn't that pretty cheeky?"

"Even my wife sometimes tells me that I must be different from other men," Abraham Lincoln once more pathetically than jocosely remarked.

"Oh, yes," interrupted the friend, with a superior smile; "that is all very well, but can you tell the world how to throw off trouble, how not to feel pain?"

"I would like such a recipe myself," was the laughing answer, "but I was only speaking of the ability to shift the load of pain or trouble, so that it might not incapacitate a man from being of some help and comfort to his neighbors."

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