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The following chart, prepared by my distinguished friend from North Dakota (Mr. Johnson), exhibits the increase in the production and the decrease in its price since 1878:

Year	Production (Millions of Dollars)	Price per ounce (Cents)
1878-1880	1,000,000	100
1881-1883	1,000,000	100
1884-1886	1,000,000	100
1887-1889	1,000,000	100
1890-1892	1,000,000	100
1893-1895	1,000,000	100
1896-1898	1,000,000	100
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1902-1904	1,000,000	100
1905-1907	1,000,000	100
1908-1910	1,000,000	100
1911-1913	1,000,000	100
1914-1916	1,000,000	100
1917-1919	1,000,000	100
1920-1922	1,000,000	100
1923-1925	1,000,000	100
1926-1928	1,000,000	100
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2001-2003	1,000,000	100
2004-2006	1,000,000	100
2007-2009	1,000,000	100
2010-2012	1,000,000	100
2013-2015	1,000,000	100
2016-2018	1,000,000	100
2019-2021	1,000,000	100
2022-2024	1,000,000	100
2025-2027	1,000,000	100
2028-2030	1,000,000	100

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CAUSES OF SUNSTROKE.

The Strict Meaning of the Common Term Defined.

Ordinary Heat Prostration Not Dangerous—Heroic Treatment Necessary in Acute Cases—How the Vital Organs Are Affected.

Judging from the newspaper reports of a few years ago as compared with those of the last season or two, it would seem as if there had been a marked decrease in the number of sunstroke cases in this city. While it is perhaps true that there has been some improvement, owing to the cooler dress and more sensible habits of eating of many people, there is another and a different explanation of the apparent gain in this direction.

Until recently the word "sunstroke" has been used to cover a multitude of ailments to which it could not properly be applied. This is still true to a large extent among people in general, but much greater care is now exercised in the formal reports of cases of sudden illness in summer due directly or indirectly to the heat, but not necessarily sunstroke on that account. Formerly these were classed rather indiscriminately under the latter familiar head; hence the long lists in the papers which are not seen to-day.

Real sunstroke, or "insolation," to use the medical term, is a rare thing. At the Hudson street hospital, which, owing to its location in a crowded part of the downtown district, receives more cases of the sort than any other in the city, seven patients suffering from actual sunstroke were received during the summer of 1895. Four have been treated there thus far this season, two of them within the last few days. At the Gouverneur hospital, on the East side, there have been only two insolation cases since the warm weather began. It is understood, of course, that great numbers of persons suffering more or less from the effects of the heat are taken to the hospitals every day. They feel faint and ill, and the temperature rises perhaps two or three degrees above normal, but they are seldom in a dangerous condition. They have, emphatically, not been sunstruck, and by no means such vigorous restorative methods are used upon them as upon the real insolation patients.

The condition of the latter is always extremely critical. If the abnormally high temperature of 110 or 111 degrees to which their blood has been heated cannot be speedily reduced they die within 24 hours after the beginning of the attack. The modern heroic treatment of plunging sunstroke persons into an icy bath, heaping ice about the neck and head, and giving them all the ice water they can drink when they have partly recovered has been very successful. So persistent is the fearful heat of the body that this ice bath has sometimes to be continued for hours. Occasionally, though not often, it fails to effect its purpose. Autopsies upon such patients have shown that the vital organs were softened and in the process of being literally cooked by the intense fire in the blood.

What is called, in a general way, heat prostration is not uncommon. It may result from being exposed to a high temperature anywhere, whether from the sun's rays or not. As has been said, the symptoms are not dangerous, and though, if the patient is stricken outdoors, it is commonly said that he has had sunstroke, the doctors decide differently when he is brought before them. People are frequently taken to the hospitals under the supposition that they have been overcome by the heat, when the real trouble is an attack of gastritis, acute indigestion or some other disease.

The causes which predispose to either sunstroke or heat prostration are several. Too heavy clothing and careless habits of eating and drinking have a great influence. One physician said a day or two ago that the abolition of the free-lunch system had wrought a marked change for the better. The food offered on such counters, he said, was nearly always indigestible stuff, and the beer taken with it in large quantities was anything but a desirable drink for a man who was to work all day under the hot sun. Alcoholic liquors in general are condemned in hot weather, unless taken in very limited amounts, it having been proved that heavy drinkers are far more liable than others to heat prostration.

But in the opinion of some physicians lack of sleep is a more fruitful cause than any other of suffering from the heat.—N. Y. Tribune.

Woman's Way.

"What is it, Mary?"

"It's a boy, mum, with a telegram."

"A telegram! Oh, ask him if James is killed."

"He says he doesn't know, mum."

"Ask him what he does know about it."

"He says all he knows about it is that it's for you, mum."

"Oh, dear! Oh, dear! What shall I do? Oh, my poor James. I just knew something would happen to him before he went away this morning. Why they bring him home on a stretcher, Mary?"

"I suppose so, mum. Maybe you'd better read the telegram."

"I can't. I can't. Oh, it serves me right for not kissing him three times when he left. And we've been married such a short time, too."

"Why don't you open the telegram, mum?"

"Well, I suppose I must; but, oh, I can't tell how I read it."

Reads Telegram—"Will bring friend home to dinner.—James."

"Oh! the heartless wretch!"—London Press.

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THE "CUNGER BAG."

How the Negroes of the South Protect Themselves.

One of the most remarkable mysteries connected with the life of the southern negro, especially those of Georgia and Florida, is the wonderful and abiding faith they have in the power of the "cunger bag." When cornered, however, with the question as to whether they carry concealed about them an article of the kind, or whether they ever pay a visit to the "doctor," every last one of them will stoutly deny the soft impeachment; yet, as a matter of fact, a large per cent of the colored population of the south are firm believers in voodooism and faithfully spend a portion of their earnings each month in procuring imagined security from enemies and evil spirits, or in laying up a supply of good luck for future use.

"Cunger bags" are of two kinds. The one made of yellow camell in is ward off evil spirits, the other of red flannel is supposed to insure good luck, or bring to pass some cherished desire of the owner. The contents depend upon circumstances, and the cost is from 25 cents to a dollar.

The doctor hears the visitor's story, and after deciding what the remedy shall be, selects a small bag of the proper tint of red or yellow, and puts into it something like the following:

A piece of hair or whiskers; some earth that the right or left foot has trod at the stroke of midnight at a certain date; a clippings of a relic of a dead friend; a clippings of the applicant's finger or toe nail; a piece of money from the person, or belonging indirectly to the candidate, which must be soaked so many hours in vinegar, alcohol or whiskey; a few watermelon seeds; a little gunpowder, perhaps, or maybe a pinch of snuff or a piece of "Little David root" will do the business. What "Little David root" is no mortal but a voodoo doctor has ever been able to find out, and yet the greatest possible faith is placed in its powers by the superstitious darkies, who believe anything the doctor tells them.

It is a peculiar growth that looks very much like slippery elm, and the secret of its origin or place of hiding is held in common only by the doctors and the priests who practice this style of "black art."

Among other things that an applicant is told to do is to place a piece of this root in his or her mouth. It is almost immediately dissolved into a kind of soft paste, and when pressed between the palms the future can be as easily foretold as if read from so many pages of typewritten manuscripts. At least the astonished negro thinks so, and thoroughly believes in it. "Little David root" is responsible for a great deal of superstition in the south.

There is now living in a suburb of Atlanta, Ga., a fine fat negro, weighing 250 pounds or more, who has the reputation of being the most successful voodoo doctor in these parts. Her cabin is a veritable curiosity shop, which is hung about with more symbols and charms than an Indian's wigwam.

Among other things her supply of "cungers" is unlimited, and these are sold to visitors (unbelievers included) at an average rate of 50 cents each. If a higher degree of potency is desired, of course, the charge is higher.—St. Louis Republic.

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