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A reporter of the Herald visited several of the great drug importing houses, and consulted chemists in reference to this matter. All admitted that the quantity of arsenic used for medicinal purposes was insignificant, and that the bulk of the importation is used for manufacturing, preserving, decorating and beautifying purposes.

DEATH FROM THE DRUG.

A chemist who is engaged in the service of one of our leading importing houses, and who is an acknowledged authority among his brethren, said: "It is no secret that the careless and unskillful handling of arsenic and arsenical preparations results in serious illness and in heavy loss of life every year."
"Is it not a fact that arsenic in one form or other is making inroads into fashionable households year after year?"

"This cannot be disputed. Arsenic acid is the very best preservative of colors, and of the gaudy, tinted robes, which have a fascination for some young ladies."
"Does the presence of arsenic in an apartment necessarily imply that it must be an unhealthy place of abode?"
"Not necessarily; still, I myself would not care to sleep in such a room. Colors may be given out and are sure to sicken the stomach if the work is unskillfully done. In my opinion this accounts for a good deal of the debility and nervous ailments that prevail in fashionable circles here and elsewhere. Quite recently a woman lost her eyesight in this city while cleaning a carpet that was found to have its colors fastened with arsenic. I do not believe that any physician would maintain that it was proper to place such a carpet for use in any room."

"Are the dangers of using arsenical preparations fully recognized by the manufacturers who use them?"
"They certainly should be; there is no excuse for ignorance in a matter of this kind. It is our business to import and sell our goods under proper safeguards; after that all our responsibility ends."
"Are there dangers in the preparation of the article for the market?"
"The preparation of arsenious acid is a most hazardous occupation. The workmen employed generally die before the age of forty, and their mean term of life runs thirty to thirty-five years. They are compelled to avoid alcoholic drinks and to live principally on leguminous vegetables, with plenty of butter, taking very little meat, and that fat. To each man two glasses of olive oil are administered daily."

A SHORT-LIVED BRILLIANCY.
"To what extent is the drug used as a medicine?"
"A very small fraction of the importation is used for that purpose. It is used as a tonic occasionally, and addresses use it to a pretty considerable extent to impart a bright hue to the complexion and luster to the eyes. When once used for that purpose it must be taken right along or the young lady will find that not only her dazzling vision but her bodily energies will melt away with incredible speed. Horse dealers know a thing or two about arsenic and they also use it."

"For what purpose?"
"Take an old railroad horse that has become emaciated in the service, or a broken-down racer, and dose him with arsenic under the advice of a veterinary surgeon for a few weeks. His appetite will come to him, his old hair will drop off and a new coat will come out, and the animal will become as frisky as a two-year-old. In the horse market he is bound to bring a good price, and the countryman who buys him will be proud of his bargain—at least for a day or so. When the effect of the drug dies out the horse falls away, and he never regains his strength."
"Is arsenic acid used illegitimately by manufacturers?"
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