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Those who hold the salmon chiefly responsible for the fate of the man or woman who perishes in seeking it have placed the cart before the horse. The man or woman who knows the local alphabet knows perfectly well what are the inevitable consequences of ignorance and discolor life. No man or woman resorts to a liquor saloon either in innocence or ignorance; no man or woman perishes in seeking the liquor saloon in innocence or ignorance, and nobody need wear any sentimental tears over the man or woman who hypocritically pretends that he sought a liquor saloon because of ignorance or innocence. The desires and the wants of the man and woman who support such saloons are responsible for their existence. They threaten the old fallacy that local prohibition of the liquor traffic would radically abate intemperance and the social evil; that the liquor traffic is responsible for all the young men and women who have either never received any parental restraint or care in plastic childhood, and have deliberately decided to sin against light. Then men and women are not educated to virtue by keeping them in total ignorance of vice; it is knowledge of both good and evil, both right and wrong, that makes men and women of character that stands for conquest, not for the negative, colorless, cloistered virtue, for which that magnificent old Puritan, John Milton always expressed most hearty contempt.—Oregonian.

Science told us years ago that milk was unwholesome. Now it says that beef is dangerous, that kissing is unsanitary, that the use of the pillow should be abandoned and that bathes shorten life. Water seems to be full of bacteria, coffee and tea are suspected, and key is full of germs and uncertainty, beer and bile are synonymous and wine produces various kinds of disease. Hot bread is to be avoided and wheat bread is not what it might be. In short, to be scientifically healthy one must not eat or drink anything at all. We are willing to forego most of the things if necessary but when it comes to sacrificing that which made Hobson so famous, excuse us.—Ex.

It is now definitely settled that the Second Oregon will arrive at Portland on August 10, in a body, and that city will prepare a reception and banquet for them the equal of which it has never before seen. In view of the fact that the boys are somewhat tired of parades and army rations, we would suggest that the reception committee make the parade as brief as possible and the banquet as extensive. Then the boys, at least, will show their appreciation and Oregon's previously ignoring their gallantry and achievements on the field of battle will partially be atoned for.

The fling of Ah Toy for disregarding the health ordinances ought to serve as a warning to all those who part in similar practices. The health of the city is at present good; with cesspools in four or five back yards giving forth their disease breeding odors, it would not long remain so during the heated term. The laws of health are well known and that the ordinance must be enforced everyone except a Chinaman will agree to with unanimity.

Santo Domingo's president has been assassinated. This has caused Uncle Sam to dispatch two warships to that country to look after American interests. It recurs that American capital is largely invested in Santo Domingo, and that a crisis is momentarily expected.

The torpedo boat destroyer Goldsborough was launched at Wolff & Zwickel's iron works at Portland Saturday. She is supposed to be a 30 knotter. Let us hope there will be no such casualties as happened on the Davis when she makes her trial trip.

This office is in receipt of a complimentary ticket to the state fair, which commences Sept. 15, at Salem. From the list of officers who are conducting the fair this year it is easy to see it will be far more successful than it has been for some years past.

Nebraska, the hotbed of populism and "reforms", is also the best place in the world to look for grafts. The latest is fraud in connection with ballooning on a constitutional amendment relating to increasing the number of judges of the supreme court.

Alger has taken up a whole column in the newspaper to attempt to "explain" how he ran things during the war—and says nothing.

The salmon question is again agitating our leading papers. The Oregonian claims that "the salmon in the Columbia river is on the way to being

The Great Wall of China.

Four or five centuries, Europeans and Americans are said to be interested in the great wall of China. The wall has been in the best state of repair in districts that are most accessible and populous and it is believed that building stone from the wall will be worth fortunes to those who may secure the concession to tear it down. There are supposed to be fully 4,000,000,000 cubic feet of masonry in the great structure, which has a total length of about 2,000 miles, including its many windings and the double and triple lines of wall that are constructed at some places.

In the end the wall was a failure, for it could not keep out of China the hosts of Genghis Khan, who swept over it and conquered the country in the thirteenth century. After that time the wall ceased to have any strategic importance, but for fourteen centuries before the great conqueror lived the wall had served its purpose. It stretched all along the northern frontier of China and none of the hordes of the north had been able to pass it. Day and night for centuries Chinese guards were mounted on the towers that overtopped the wall, and they always gave timely notice of the approach of an enemy. Garrison was stationed at every gate and natural passage through the wall, and towns sprang up at these encampments many of which became important places. Thus the wall really helped China to develop into a strong nation.

Time has left its marks upon this heavy monument of China's early civilization. The climate is severe, and the fierce winter blasts from the Mongolian plains alternating with hot winds from the south in the change of the monsoon are enough to crumble the best of masonry. A good deal of the earliest wall has undoubtedly disappeared, and from century to century much of the structure was repaired or entirely rebuilt. In the course of this work the lines of the wall for long stretches were wholly changed, and the work of different generations is apparent in the various architectural aspects of the structure. The eastern part of the wall, north of Peking, is supposed to have been the latest realized and rebuilt, and it is now in a very good state of preservation, while for stretches further west it has disappeared entirely.

The Chinese are much given to walls. The word for city in the Chinese language means a walled town; and the law of the empire requires that every city be surrounded by a wall of specified height. This law, however, is not strictly observed and the walls around many cities have been allowed to crumble and afford no protection whatever. It happens sometimes that a city fears an attack, and then there

is a great brood at the walls, for a large force of men is put at work repairing them.

Viruses of Salt-water Baths: For a bath in salt water, a tub of water by use of the hands only, or by sponge or cloth, place a handful of salt in a basin as ordinarily filled for washing. Allow the salt to dissolve, or hasten the action by stirring it with the hand. The water should be as cold as you have the vitality to withstand. Do not neglect the face and neck in the free use of the salt water. This bath has an exhilarating influence, tones the entire system and gives to the skin a healthful condition that amply repays for the time and trouble involved. If used in the winter, it will be an excellent preventive of colds, besides being a substitute for face cosmetics. No chapping, no roughness of the skin and no clogging of the pores will trouble the person who systematically and regularly takes a bath of this sort. Ordinary table salt or rock-salt will do, but will not do so well. The sea salt contains medicinal properties not found in the others. Whether one exercise or not, the body should receive a daily bath of cold or of water, especially in the summer, either upon rising or before retiring.—EDWARD H. WARMAN in the August London Home Journal.

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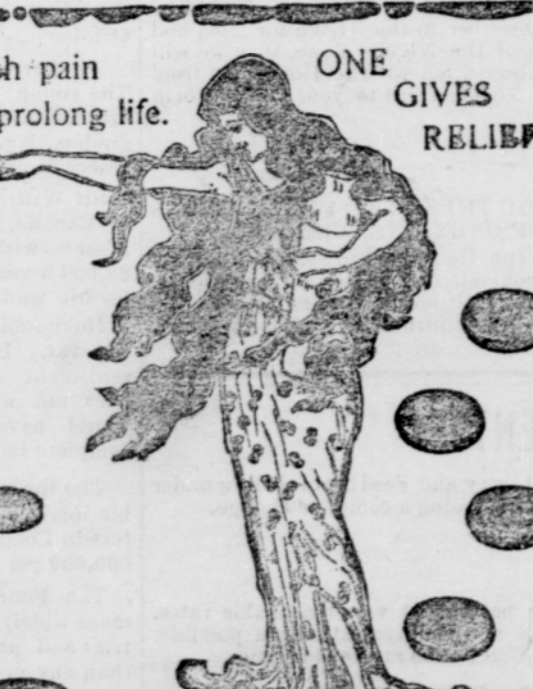
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