DEATH IN THE WATER.

IS THE ELEMENT W& DRI K DECIMA-TING THE PEOPLE?

How a Universal Menace to Health May be Disarmed.

A few years ago she people in a certain section in one of the leading cities of the state were prostrated with a malignant disease, and upon investigation it was found that only those who used water from a famous, old well were the victims.

Professor S. A. Lattimore, analyst of the New York State Board of Health, upon analyzing water from this well, found it more deadly than the city sewage!

The filling up of the old well stopped the ravages of the disease.

Not long since the writer noticed whilesome men were making an excavation for a large building, a stratum of dark colored earth running from near the surface to hard pan. There it took another course toward a well near at hand. The water from this well had for years been tainted with the drainings from a receiving vault, the percolations of which had discolored the earth!

Terrible!

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A similar condition of things exists in every village and city where well water is used, and though the filtering which the fluids receive in passing through the earth may give them a clear appearance, yet the poison and disease remains, though the water may look never so clear.

It is still worse with the farmer, for the drainage from the barn yard and the slops from the kitchen eventually find their way into the family well! The same condition of things exists in our large cities, whose water supplies are rivers fed by little streams that carry off the filth and crainage from houses. This "water" is eventually drunk by rich and poor alike with great evil.

Some cautious people resort to the filter for purifying this water, but even the filter does not remove this poison, for water of the most deadly character may pass through this filter and become clear, yet the poison disguised is there.

They who use filters know that they must be renewed at regular periods, for even though they do not take out all the impurity, they soon become foul.

Now in like manner the human kidneys act as a filter for the blood, and if they are filled up with impurities and become foul, like the filter, all the blood in the system coursing through them becomes bad, for it is now a conceded fact that the kidneys are the chief means whereby the blood is purified. These organs are filled with thousands of hair-like tubes which drain the impurities from the blond, as the sewer pipes drain impuritiefrom our houses.

If a sewer pipe breaks under the house, the sewage escapes into the earth and fills the house with poisonous gas; so if any of the thousand and one little hair like sewer tubes of the kidneys break down, the entire body is affected by this awful poison It is a scientific fact that the kid-

neys have few nerves of sensation;

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

The people of Paris eat 2,000,000 arks every year. -The cook in an In lish clergyman's family has just received a legacy

of \$1,500,000. -It is reported that last year more than 100,000 emigrants went to the Argentine Republic, most of them from

Italy. -King Kalakaua of the Hawaiian Islands has gambled away \$74,000 deposited by poor people in the Postal Savings Bank.

-Sir Thomas Gladstone, brother of the ex-Premier, is a strong Conservative, and an unequivocal opponent of home rule in Ireland.

-A French crank's estimate of humanity in 1886 foots up "a lot of fools who spend most of their time and money in making iron balls to go through steel plates and in making steel plates to keep out iroa balls."

-The Dake of Devonshire, the Dake of Westminster and the Duke of Bedford have incomes ranging from \$1,-.00,000 to \$2,500,000 a year. No one hinks of trying to estimate their possessions in any other way.

-The other day at Oxford a man who had insisted on keeping bees was plainly told by a local dignitary that his bees must be sent away because a centleman commoner had just been tung. He replied instantly: "Mr. Dean, I assure you that you are doing is a great injustice. I know that bee vell. He is not mine at all, but beongs to Mr. Bigg, of Merton."

-To show how enormously the cost of a first-class iron clad has increased of late years in England, Lord Brassey states that the propelling machinery of the Howe has cost \$515,000, as against the \$316,000 of the Devastation; and the latter ship has no hydraulic machinery, which in the Howe adds to the expense to the tune of \$375,000.

At the Lord Mayor's banquet about 400 quarts of turtle soup are provided, 140 dishes of game, 400 chickens and apons, 85 turkeys, 36 hams, 150 lobster salads, 60 meat pies, 120 quarts jellies and 200 dishes of pastry. Two great barons of beef, each 150 pounds in weight, are features of the feast. About four hundred people prepare and wait on the feast.

-According to L'Electricien, M. H. Dunville pledged his scientific reputaion to the accuracy of the following observation: "If two glasses of water e placed, one upon the north pole of a powerful magnet, and the other upon the south pole, in four or five minutes the former acquires a slight alkaline reaction, while that on the south pole becomes slightly acid."

-Rene Goblet, the new French Prenier, is described by the London Truth as "a beautifully-built Tom Thumb. with a big head, staring and prominent lue eyes, a long and snubby-ended nose, and an air of splendid self-confidence. He is as aggressive as a gamecock, fond of badgering a Clerical as a log is of worrying a cat; no Red Radial, but a reduced copy in Republican surroundings of the skeptical, liberal and frondeur bourgeois of Louis Philippe's time. Mme. Goblet is a tall woman. He seems, on entering a lrawing-room behind her, like a torpedo-boat in the wake of a large steamer."

and yards are often spun from one unce of wool, each thread being threeold, thus making three thousand yards a all. Stockings knit from this can be irawn through a finger-ring, and for such delicate hosiery two guineas per pair, or even more, are often paid. Within a few years more and more of his exquisite thread is used in making hawls, pure white or dark gray, which ommand very high prices; they are like cobwebs for delicacy and light-

What the camel is to an Arab, the urg-footed, tough-fibred pony is to the Shetlander. One familiar with their ustoms has said that though bred wild on the heaths, the "shelties," as the ponies are sometimes called, can be amed in one night. The hunter, browing his lasso with skill, secures a risky colt, and for twenty-four hours ceeps him a prisoner. The small creatare hears no other voice than his maser's: the hunter feeds and caresses him. and gradually the terrible restlessness subsides. Hereafter he becomes a doile, affectionate burden-bearer and companion. He needs no stable, and has a happy faculty of enjoying whatever he finds to eat. A dun-colored 'sheltie'' of exquisite symmetry, seen ov a tourist, could stand under a din-

ng-table, and a little lady could seat erself upon its back without lifting her feet from the ground. They are favorites for the saddle, and many are sent to other countries for the pleasure of ladies and children.

Nearly all Shetlanders can read and write, and are scrupalously attentive to the simple religious services of their church.

As everywhere else in the world, superstitions have crept in among these imple-hearted islanders, and are handed down from one generation to another. Notably is that called "cured by the coin." For the scrofula nothng is regarded as so efficacious as "the ouch of a royal hand." As a substitute, a few crowns or half-crowns of the coinage of Charles L, carefully handed down from father to son, are accepted as effectual.-Harper's Bazar.

AN AMERICAN TRAIT.

Thackeray's Experience With One of the Once Famous "Bowery Boys."

In the United States the absence of hat segregation of the various grades of society which exist in Europe is winced by the habits and manners of the masses in that country. If the national independence of character be occasionally pushed too far and degenerites into offersive self-assertion, at least it prevents any approach to serility. No inequality of position or ircumstances will induce a native of my of the Northern States to submit o being dealt with in the manner or poken to in the tone which in England he man in broadcloth too often adopts, as a matter of course, toware the man in fustian. The late Sidney Godolphin Daborne used to relate how, once, a repectable artizan said to him: "I like ou, my Lord; there is nothing of the genleman about you." The meaning of the speaker was undoubtedly that Lord Osborne did not treat him in the patronizing manner that members of he higher class usually address those whom they regard as their social ineriors. Now, no one perhaps has a Complexion bright and clear. keener appreciation of the advantages

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and, consequently, disease may exist in these organs for a long time and not be suspected by the individual It is impossible to filter or take the death out of the blood wnen the least derangement exists in these organs, and if the blood is not filtered then the uric acid, or kidney poison, removable only by Warner's safe cure accumulates in the system and attacks any organ, producing nine out of ten ailments, just as sewer gas and bad drainage produce so many fatal disorders.

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They may not tell us that the cause of so many diseases in this organ is the impure water or any other one thing, but this poisonous water with its impurities coursing constantly through these delicate organs undoubtedly does produce much of the decay and disease which eventually terminate in the fatal Bright's disease, for this disease, alke among the drinking men, prohibitionists, the tobacco slave, the laborer, the merchant and the tramp, works terrible devastation every year.

It is well known that the liver which is so easily thrown "out of gear" as they say, very readily disturbs the ac tion of the kidneys. That organ when deranged, immediately announces the fact by sallow skin, constipated bowels. coated tongue and headaches, but the kidney when diseased, struggles on for a long time, and the fact of its disease can only be discovered by the aid of the microscope or by the physician who is skillful enough to trace the most indirect effects in the system to the decangement of these organs, as the prime cause.

The public is learning much on this subject and when it comes to under stand that the kidneys are the real Lealth regulators, as they are the real blood purifiers of the system, they will escape an infinite amount of un necessary suffering, and add length of days and happiness to their lot.

SHETLAND ISLANDERS.

single-Hearted Men and Women Noted for Their Industry and Honesty.

The Shetland and Orkney islands beonged to Norway until 1468, when, as history informs us, "they were impledged to James the Third of Scotland s a part of the dowry given with his Queen," for about that time he was married to Princess Margaret of Dennark. It is added that "these islands vere never redeemed."

Shetlanders are a small, active and hardy people, very genial, too, and disinguished, whether rich or poor, for very industrious habits. No less are hey noted for intense love of country. Much of the farm-work is carried on by the women of the household. Fields and gardens are their great delight. They are adepts in culinary lore, and spin, weave and make up stores of tousehold linen and flannels. No less successfully do they cut and make ull family clothing, and as well pride themselves upon the numher of bags of stockings, thick and warm, which they exhibit to neighbors and friends with intense atisfaction. Thrift and thoughtfulness levelop many bright touches of ornamentation, but the maiden's own wit must devise the outlining, her own lainty touch accomplish the delicate needle-work. Shops full of beautiful patterns and gay-hued materials are unknown joys in Shetlandom. The flowers of the field and the trees of the wood must furnish not only patterns, but the coloring needed for their wools Broome street.' and threads. Every maiden must be

her own purveyor for every pigment needed.

The great luxury of the peasant women is tea-drinking. This article, brought from distant ports, would be beyond their means unless secured by exchange, and is said to be a universal means of payment for little services rendered. An errand involving hours of travel will be cheerfully accom-plished for "one drawing" of the yearned-for refreshment, and this may be said of many household services. Skillful spinners will gladly "give many turns to the wheel" for a complement of the delicious beverage.

Sheep are largely a source of trade to (armers of these islands; the mutton is dark in color and of fine flavor, the fleece is soft and of such delicate text-There are five sawmills in a radius ure that from it may be spun a thread

American; but that the possessor of them should feel himself justified in using toward the man who lacks these advantageous gifts the language of a superior to an inferior is what he can not understand and which he will not for one moment put up with.

An anecdote Thackeray used to relate of an experience of his when in the United States well illustrates the trait of the people. While in New York he expressed to a friend a desire to see ome of the "Bowery b'hoys," who, he had heard, were a class of the community peculiar to that city. So one vening he was taken to the Bowery and he was shown a "b'hoy." The young man, the business of the day being over, had changed his attire. He wore a dress coat, black trousers and a satin waistcoat, while a tall hat rested on the back of his head, which was adorned with a long, well-greased hair -known as "soap-locks"-a style which the rowdies of that day affected. The youth was leaning against a lamp-post, smoking an enormous eigar, and his whole aspect was one of ineffable selfsatisfaction. The eminent novelist, after contemplating him for a few moments with silent admiration, said to the gentleman by whom he was accompanied: "This is a great and gorgeous creature!" adding: "Can I speak to him without his taking offense?"

Receiving an answer in the affirmative, Thackeray went up to the fellow, on the pretext of asking his way, and said: "My good man, I want to go to

But the unlucky phrase, "My good man," roused the gall of the individual spoken to. Instead, therefore, of affording the information sought, the "b'hoy"-a diminutive specimen of humanity, scarcely over five feet in height-eyeing the tall form of his interlocutor askance, answered the query in the sense that his permission had been asked for the speaker to visit the locality in question, and he said, patronizingly: "Well, sonny, yer kin go thar." When Thackeray subsequently re-lated the incident he laughingly declared that he was so disconcerted by the unexpected response that he had not the courage to continue the dialogue. - Chambers' Journal.

-Intellectual Boston chews more spruce gum than any other city in the country, but intellectual Chicago comes of three miles of Mount Hope, W. T. as flimsy as daintiest cambric; one thou- next on the list .- Chicago Times.

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