

DID NOT READ THE LABELS

People Who Have Taken Poison First and Looked at Bottle Afterwards

Chicago, Oct. 11.—An interesting compilation showing the number of persons killed or injured in the United States in a year from accidents resulting from the use of misuse of medicines and poisons, has just been issued from the offices of the press committee of the Proprietary association. The figures were compiled from newspaper accounts of accidents of this nature in all parts of the country—the reports being furnished by six of the largest press clipping bureaus in the United States.

During the twelve months, from July 1, 1905 to July 1, 1906, 2048 accidents resulted from the misuse of medicines and poisons, and of these accidents 892 were fatal. Carbolic acid figured in 456 cases, of which 186 were fatal; and holds the undisputed first place among drugs and poisons as an agent of injury and death. It was involved in 22.26 per cent of all the cases recorded, and 20.85 per cent of all deaths. It was the cause of ten times as many accidents and nine times as many deaths as all of the hundreds of patent medicines.

Of the 2048 accidents, 1162, or 56.92 per cent of the whole number, resulted in carelessness in handling poisons of various kinds, ranging from carbolic acid to shoe polish. The remaining 886 accidents resulted from the misuse of medicines, and of these 49 cases were attributed to "patent medicines," the other 837 being due to medicines usually prescribed by physicians. These medicines are chargeable with 40.87 per cent of all the accidents, and 52.47 per cent of all the deaths, while to patent medicines are attributed 3.39 per cent of all the accidents, and 2.35 per cent of all the fatalities.

The newspaper clippings on which this tabulation (which is the first of kind covering a full year) was based, show a great variety of accidents resulting from carelessness in the handling and use of poisons and medicines. As already stated carbolic acid leads with 456 accidents and 186 deaths; morphine is charged with 193 cases and 143 deaths;udanum with 135 cases and 56 deaths; strychnine tablets with 95 cases and 65 deaths; wood alcohol with 81 cases and 70 deaths; arsenic with 60 cases and 27 deaths; chloroform with 51 cases and 30 deaths, and all patent medicines with 49 cases and 21 deaths.

In no single case does it appear that medicines of any kind caused death or injury when taken in the prescribed doses. It was only when directions were disregarded, or the medicine left within the reach of children, or used by mistake that accident resulted. Medicines and poisons left within the reach of children were the cause of a large proportion of the accidents, some of which were chargeable to articles of daily household use. For instance, 17 accidents and 7 deaths were caused by fly poison being left where babies could get it; 14 children drank kerosene, and in 10 cases children swallowed turpentine. Washing powder, bluing, washing soda, benzene, soldering acid, stove polish, shoe polish, printers' ink, ant poison, polishing fluid, picture gliding, and mosquito poison all contributed their quota of victims.

One baby was killed by putting in its mouth a poultice that had fallen from a bowl on its father's neck, and another, sitting on its father's lap found in his pockets some strychnine tablets which it ate, while the father dozed, with fatal results. Lye in some form was responsible for 57 accidents, mostly to children, and was fatal in 16 cases. One prominent physician went to his medicine chest in the night to get a cough syrup for himself, and took carbolic acid instead; another physician took three times the regular dose of acetanilide; an undertaker's assistant drank embalming fluid in mistake for whiskey, and an editor, looking for the same thing, got a dose of mosquito poison instead. Not a few persons looking for whiskey in the dark got the wrong poison.

Four luckless individuals who drank bay rum as a beverage, lost their lives, nine persons were killed by drinking Florida water, 24 children were made sick by eating castor beans, the misuse of ordinary flavoring extracts injured eight persons, and several persons were injured because a cook mistook arsenic for baking powder. One man drank a preparation of borax intended for spraying fruit trees, and 37 persons took corrosive sublimate by mistake. These cases are fairly representative of the entire number.

The tabulation includes several cases where the wrong medicine was administered by trained nurses, and a few cases where medicines intended for inhalation was swallowed, and in practically every case the carelessness of some one was responsible for the injury done. A strong movement has been started to secure publicity for the information included in the tabulation, in the hope that by having their attention called to the great number of accidents that occur annually, parents will exercise greater care in keeping medicine and poisons out of the reach of children and also in taking medicines themselves, or administering it to others without being absolutely sure that they have the right medicine and are taking, or administering, the correct quantity.

The Potato Crop Outlook.

New York Oct. 11.—Now that the potato crop has almost matured, a reliable estimate can be made as to the yield compared with previous years. Though the month of August brought no improvement in the prospect of the crop generally it is fortunate that blight is not general, though rather serious in Michigan, Colorado, Ohio, New York and the New England states. Wisconsin and Minnesota have also been visited by the disease but not to such an extent as the states mentioned. In the heavy potato growing districts of the north western states conditions are quite irregular. In Wood county, Wis., early tubers are yielding indifferently and there are fair prospects for the late crop and on the whole the acreage and yield this season will be below the last. In Fond du Lac and Washura growers are estimating that the yield will fall short of last year by 20 per cent but in Sauk county the prospects are quite encouraging. In a few sections of Minnesota less than average yield is promised but elsewhere in that state the situation is fairly good. Accounts from the territory east of Ohio show variable conditions yet fairly promising. In New York where blight is not prevalent potatoes are developing reasonably well while the Southern New England crop is indifferent. This statement also applies to New Hampshire and Vermont, but Aroostook county, Me., a very important producer is bringing an increased acreage to good maturity. In connection with probabilities of potato imports into the United States during the coming winter and spring. The recent British government report on the crop there may have some weight. It states that the prospect for the 1906 United Kingdom potato yield is somewhat above the average.

Well-Known Writers Assist Charity.

New York, Oct. 11.—At the New York county fair in Madison Square Garden tonight was set aside as "Writers Night" and there assembled many well known newspaper, magazine and general writers. Mrs. Clarence Burns, president of the Little Mother Aid association, for which the event is a benefit was present and explained that the association has as its charges more than 500 children of the poorest tenement districts in the city, who are unable to attend public schools. The committee of writers who received the members of the association, and the little waifs who attended the garden, included Anna Steese Richardson, chairman; Roy W. Cardell; Allan Sangree; Walter St. Denis, Emma De Zouche; Martin Green, Alice Robt. Burton Browne, Dorothy Richardson, Isaac D. White, A. John-

son, Roland Burke Hennessy, Albert Pason Terhune and cartoonists T. Powers and Gene Carr.

Western Montana Fair.

Missoula, Mont., Oct. 11.—The inspection of live stock exhibits at the Missoula fair took place today. After the inspection there was a parade of road horses at the fair grounds and around the track and a parade of live stock in front of the grand stand. Two attractions that greatly helped to swell the attendance were a one mile ladies' driving race limited to ladies of the Bitter Root and Frenchtown valleys and a balloon ascension and parachute leap. In the agricultural hall in the afternoon there was an interestingly apple packing contest. The award of premiums also took place today. The western Montana fair which has been organized with a view to showing forth the advantages of Flathead, Sanders, Ravalli and Missoula counties has proved to be an unqualified success.

Interesting Masonic Relics.

The Oregon City Enterprise tells an interesting story of the recent removal temporarily of the records from the cornerstone of the Masonic temple in that city. The putting in of a new front in the building made it necessary to disturb the cornerstone. The records were placed in the bank vault for safe keeping while the changes were being made. Some of the papers in their 20 years' burial had become somewhat discolored as water had gained entrance to them. The original papers were again placed in the cornerstone and now are hermetically sealed. The present lodge, Multnomah No. 1, was instituted in 1847, receiving its charter from the grand lodge of Missouri. One of the relics of the lodge is an old horsehide trunk that crossed the plains in 1847, in which their charter came and which they have now in their lodge rooms.

Methodist Census.

New York, Oct. 11.—The Rev. Dr. H. K. Carroll, secretary of the Methodist Missionary society, who is known as a Methodist statistician, is compiling some interesting tables. These show that Ohio contains more Methodists than any other state or territory and that the smallest number are more than 1,800,000 Methodists. These are as follows: Ohio, 313,138; Pennsylvania, 309,122; New York, 287,862; Illinois, 225,266; Indiana, 203,307; Iowa, 152,260; Michigan, 114,220; New Jersey, 105,529, and Kansas, 104,358. Based upon the number of Methodist communications in proportion to the population, Delaware is the most Methodist state in the Union, having one Methodist to every nine persons. Maryland has one to thirteen, Ohio one in fourteen, Indiana one in fifteen, and West Virginia one in eighteen. The center of the Methodist population in the country is, according to Dr. Carroll, in Ohio near Waynesfield, southeast of Lima.

Philadelphia Mining Dividend.

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