

To Preserve Cider.

Where cider is used from the cask, to prevent spoiling in the partly empty cask, pour upon the cider a quart of some tasteless oil, such as olive or peanut oil. The oil will form a thin film on the surface of the cider and prevent access of the acetic and putrefactive ferments always present in the air.—Southern Farm Magazine.

Shocking.

Daughter—Don't invite my rural uncle in the reception room any more.

Mother—Did he make any bad breaks before the company, dear?

Daughter—I should say so. When I showed him a Louis XIV chair he asked if Louis was a good chairmaker.

A New Longest Word.

What is believed to be the longest word in the English language has just been discovered by an enterprising druggist. It is "ortho-ethoxy-anamono-benzoyl-amido-quinolin," and is the correct scientific name for a well known proprietary medicine.

Steel Fishing Rods.

Steel fishing rods have been brought to such a state of perfection that they are now being sold extensively in the place of those of bamboo. It is said that they are handier to carry, and are better balanced.

Shouting Their Praises.

Kirkland, Ill., Jan. 2nd.—(Special)—Cured of the terrible Rheumatic pains that made him a cripple for years, Mr. Richard R. Greenhon, an old and respected resident of this place is shouting the praises of the remedy that cured him, Dodd's Kidney Pills.

"I had the rheumatism in my left limb so that I could not walk over ten to fifteen rods at a time, and that by the use of two canes," Mr. Greenhon says. "I would have to sit or lie down on the ground when I was out trying to walk and the sweat would run down my face, with so much pain. I could not sleep at night for about five or six weeks.

"I tried different doctors' medicines, but they were all no good. Then I sent for Dodd's Kidney Pills and almost from the first they brought relief. By the time I had taken fourteen boxes of them my rheumatism was all gone and I can truly say I feel better than I have in the last twenty-five years."

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AFFAIRS IN CUBA.

Senor Quesada Denies Some Sensational Reports.

WASHINGTON.—Senor Quesada, the Cuban minister, in view of reports that yellow fever was beginning to obtain a foothold in Cuba, and that the Cuban government was not vigorously enforcing sanitary precautions, gave out the following official statement:

"The rate of mortality in the island of Cuba has steadily decreased since the establishment of the republic. From official data the annual death rate in the last four months has been in the district of Havana as follows:

August, 1942; September, 18.24; October, 17.31; and November, 16.60 per 1,000, and for the whole island, 15.51, 15.45, 13.40 and 14 respectively. This compares most favorably with the best showings of the states of the United States and the countries of Europe, and is due not only to our splendid climate, but to the conscientious efforts of the Central Sanitary department of Cuba.

There has been no epidemic of quarantinable diseases. Yellow fever, smallpox, cholera and the plague have not developed in Cuba since the proclamation of the republic. Neither of the cases of yellow fever at Punta De Sal, in October and November, has propagated beyond the original places.

It is true that owing to the financial inability of certain municipalities, brought about by the low prices for staple products, they have been unable to do as much as they would like for water supply, street cleaning, pavement and sewers, but in nowise has this caused the yellow fever, which has not broken out in any of the ports of the towns. Havana has asked several times for large sums for public improvements, and to help the municipalities only a few days ago an appropriation of \$100,000 for immediate use was passed by the House of Representatives, the Senate amending the bill by increasing the amount threefold, and as soon as Congress reassembles in January there will be ample means to attend to all sanitary requirements. Cuba is a nation governed by a constitution, and without the action of Congress no money can be disbursed by the executive. Yet as evidence of how anxious are the inhabitants to maintain the work of sanitation, the instance of Guantanamo may be cited where a week ago the people met and subscribed several thousand dollars for street cleaning, etc.

The government of Cuba is doing its full duty in the matter and intends to continue improving the condition of all the towns, which can now be compared without any disadvantage with those of any other country. Cuba thus far has shown that it is protecting its neighbors efficiently and that its sanitary officers are fully able to meet any emergency and court and scientific investigation carried on in good faith.

REPORT FROM OKU'S ARMY.

Soldiers on Both Sides Still Lying in the Trenches.

General Oku's Headquarters, via Fusan—No change has taken place at the front of the Second army. The Russians continue a daily bombardment, firing at random and resulting in few casualties. The Japanese soldiers picked up fifteen centimetre shrapnel cases and with them made charcoal burners to heat the bomb proofs. Occasional collisions take place between patrols, the Russians always retreating. Both sides seem satisfied to remain in the trenches.

Lieutenant General Sir William Nicholson, director-general of military intelligence of the British was office, who was attached to the Japanese army, left here yesterday on his way to England.



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