

HYGIENE FOR THE SCHOOLS

Best Means of Promoting the Health of School Children.

GOOD VENTILATION A PRIME NECESSITY

Importance of Proper Lighting for School Rooms—Faintly Deak and Postures—Educational Notes.

The school room has been aptly called the nursery of the nation, writes Harry Dwight Chapin, M. D., in the Independent. It is well to start here in any consideration of a proper hygiene for children, as so many hours must necessarily be spent in the school house.

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Closed stoves are little, if any, aid to ventilation. During recess, the air can be completely purified by opening all the windows. A little care and thought will keep the air pure in a small school, but where large numbers of children are massed together these devices are not sufficient.

The proper lighting of the school room is a point of very great importance. Prof. G. D. Bessela and others have found that there is a marked tendency toward nearsightedness in school children, induced to a certain extent by the nature of their work and encouraged by defective illumination.

A proper position of the chair and desk is important in the treatment of nearsightedness. The print must always be clear and distinct, and the paper should have a dull, smooth finish, with thickness enough to prevent any impression from the type on the opposite side of the page.

The furniture of a school room may have an important influence upon the child's health. If the seats and desks are too high or too low, or the air is in poor condition in the room or locality, as the various organic and gaseous impurities fluctuate according to the amount of carbonic acid gas present, the test of the latter is the gauge to measure the relative ventilation.

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Not been vaccinated should be allowed to attend school. An ailment that is apparently self-limiting should be closely watched by the teacher, and sent home if there is any uncertainty as to the nature of the trouble.

The Nebraska section of the American Chemical Society met December 19 at 8 p. m. Papers were presented by Benon Dalen upon electrolytic methods of metal extraction, and R. S. Hillner of the university firm will give a report of the recent meeting at Washington of the official agricultural chemists.

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The Omaha View Improvement club will meet Thursday, December 29, 1898, at Hillsdale church, 15th and Howard streets. Councilman Karr will be there.

The regular meeting of the Primary Sunday School will be held Saturday afternoon at the Young Men's Christian association parlors. Mrs. J. H. McConnel in charge.

WERE NOT GAMES OF CHANCE

Device Jack Norton is Accused of Maintaining Defined by Himself.

PLAYERS HAD NO SHOW WHATEVER

Manipulator Absolutely Controlled the Machine—Some Interesting Information Given by Defendant's Examination.

The word "grafter" was authoritatively defined by Jack Norton during his evidence yesterday in his own behalf in the trial of the gambling agent.

Just how this came to be added to the large volume of information already furnished to the jury in this case was that: Mr. Norton, "is a man who sets up a sure thing game."

As a school of technology in the "grafter" line the court room was an interesting device. The agent here in on the stand was asked to explain, in plain language, the meaning of the word "grafter."

Mr. Norton has something of the humorist about him. He would not say in answer to Mr. Winter's questions that the "grafter" and "pin" games were gambling devices. The accent here is on the word "grafter."

The burden of the Norton testimony was simply that he had not been a party to the offense of keeping and setting up gaming devices. Kirschbaum, Dwyer and Burns ran the joint in the blacksmith shop at 311 North Broadway.

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DRINKS A DEADLY DRAUGHT

John Devany Swallows Carbolic Acid for Cough Medicine by Mistake and Dies.

In the uncertain light of early morning John Devany, 76 years of age, who had risen before daybreak to tend to his furnace, mistook a flask containing carbolic acid for a bottle of cough medicine and before realizing his mistake swallowed enough of the liquid to cause his death in less than an hour.

John Devany lived at 2512 Douglas street, the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nellie Atherton, whose income is derived from the rent of rooms on the two upper floors of the house. He made it his duty to relieve Mrs. Atherton of the business matters incidental to housekeeping by looking after them himself, and as he did many of the chores about the premises it was his custom to get up before daylight to tend to the furnace and start a fire in the kitchen range in time for preparing breakfast.

High up on a shelf in a closet off from the kitchen stood a bottle of carbolic acid that had been in the house a year or longer. It was an ordinary bottle similar to those in which medicines are sold. Christmas day Mr. Devany bought a quantity of cough medicine and while taking a little of the preparation he glanced at the shelf beside the carbolic acid, which had long ago been forgotten.

Yesterday morning, as usual, he got up at 5 o'clock. His bed was made up on the second floor room. Before starting down to the basement where the furnace is, he went to the closet to take another dose of the medicine. It was very dark and the gas had not been lighted. Groping about on a shelf he could not see, the old man found a bottle and took a swallow or two of its contents. Then realizing the mistake he had made he ran to call his daughter. Her husband went next to the dining room. His cries were heard, but the powerful drug had begun to take effect, and before Mrs. Atherton could answer he staggered back to the bed on the floor and toppled over upon it. When help came he was in a comatose state and did not regain consciousness.

Mrs. Atherton's shrieks aroused the neighbors, and one of them ran to summon a physician, who came at once, but the old man was beyond help, dying shortly after 6 o'clock. Two other married daughters, who live in the city, were notified of their father's death, and after their arrival at his side one of them was seized with acute hysterics, becoming so violent that those in the house could not manage her. People who live in the neighborhood were alarmed to see her running from house to house, screaming and without wraps, screaming at the top of her voice. It required the strength of four men who were passing to carry her back to the house, and it was several hours before she could be quieted.

Work of Thieves.

A Kodak camera on Park street complained to the police that his tailor shop was turned into a fish pond by burglars and he does not like the role of fish warden. Thieves broke a window in his place and with a pole fished out three overcoats, one sack coat and five pairs of trousers, all of which they appropriated.

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