

# NATURE'S GREAT DISINFECTANT.

Let the Sunlight Reach Every Corner of the House and Destroy the Germs.

Nature's great disinfectant is sunlight. It is a most interesting fact that this wonderful light, which promotes the growth of useful plants and sustains animal life, at the same time destroys by its very brightness all sorts of germs which are brought in contact with it. It is this fact alone which renders the earth inhabitable. Germs develop with such marvelous rapidity that they would quickly overwhelm us by their very numbers if not constantly destroyed by the sun. A little computation will readily show this. Some germs are capable of such rapid multiplication that they may double every fifteen minutes under favorable conditions of temperature and food supply. Estimate the number of germs which might be produced in a single day of twenty-four hours, or ninety-six doublings. The number would be more than thirty-two thousand billion billions, or sufficient to cover eighty thousand square miles a foot deep, or fill a space of more than fifteen cubic miles. The increase of a minute organism occupying a cubic space of not more than one twenty-thousandth of an inch to such prodigious magnitude is beyond comprehension, and practically cannot occur; for while the germ may grow at this immense rapidity for a short time, the poisonous which it produces become destructive to itself. The material upon which it feeds is also exhausted, so that its growth ceases.

Doubtless all have noticed the fact that mold grows during the night and in dark, damp cellars. Bright sunlight quickly destroys germs, mold, and other parasitic organisms. Diffused daylight does not act nearly so rapidly, but accomplishes in the course of a few hours what bright sunlight is capable of doing in a few minutes. It is clearly evident, then, that in order that our houses should be kept free from germs, they, like our bodies, should be made full of life. The shutters should be opened, the curtains raised, and the light admitted to every room in the house, closets included, so that the disinfecting power of light may be exercised in every nook and corner of the dwelling.

## Occupation and Tuberculosis.

The influence of occupation as a cause of consumption is shown by Dr. J. M. French in the Medical Examiner.

At least four classes of employments have a tendency to favor the development of tuberculosis. They are:

1. Sedentary employments in ill-ventilated apartments, involving confinement in impure air, and other unwholesome conditions. This class of occupations is typified by the so-called sweat-shops for the manufacture of various articles of clothing.
2. Employments which necessitate the inhalation of irritating dust and noxious vapors. Such are those of stone-cutters, bleachers, matchmakers, file-cutters, grinders, engravers, etc.
3. Employments which involve the overuse or abuse of certain muscles. These are athletes, prize fighters, gymnasts, wrestlers, professional bicycle riders, ball players, etc., a large proportion of whom die eventually of phthisis.
4. Employments which involve undue familiarity with intoxicants. These are those connected with manufacture and sale of wine, beer and the various classes of alcoholic beverages. Tatham's tables show that, taking the average mortality from consumption at one hundred, that of publicans is one hundred and forty, of brewers one hundred and forty-eight and of bartenders two hundred and fifty-seven.

## Overcoming Hereditary Tuberculosis.

Much is being said nowadays respecting the out-of-door treatment of tuberculosis, a disease which, while rarely directly transmissible by heredity, is one of the predispositions to which is in the highest degree hereditary. It has been clearly shown by numerous experiments in various parts of the United States that out-of-door life with regular hygienic habits, irrespective of altitude or special climatic advantages, is capable of so aiding the natural powers of the body as to effect a cure of this formidable malady without the use of drugs of any sort.

Tuberculosis is a disease of civilization. It scarcely exists among savages who live in the primitive state, but quickly appears among such people when the habits of civilization are adopted, especially the indoor life. The South American monkey and the North American Indian alike fall victims to this disease when shut away from the sunlight and active exercise out of doors.

The time is not far distant when every large city will find it necessary to provide conveniences for the application of this simple curative measure, not only for the purpose of rescuing the victims of pulmonary tuberculosis from the certain fate which awaits them, but as an essential measure for protecting the public health.

## Health Observations Abroad.

One of the most pitiful sights in England is to see young women acting as barmaids in the public drinking places, and to see women elbowing their way to the bar and then stand there, shoulder to shoulder with

a crowd of coarse, half-drunken men, and with them partake freely of intoxicating liquor. Unfortunately, this painful sight is not at all rare, and it is quite common to see drunken women reeling about in the streets. What a sad commentary on our modern civilization.

In Copenhagen it is the custom to dress young schoolgirls so that their arms are almost or entirely bare, even in weather when Americans appreciate their overcoats. This practice necessarily chills the blood, and tends to produce congestion of the internal organs, and undoubtedly lays the foundation for colds, pneumonia and tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis is making sad havoc among the urban population of Norway. It is pitiful to note how this plague is decimating this once hardy race. Sedentary life, indoor confinement and defective ventilation are undoubtedly the most prolific causes, for fifty per cent of the tubercular cases make a satisfactory recovery when they are sent to some outdoor sanitarium; and what will cure a consumptive would certainly have prevented the onset of the disease.

The liquor curse is undermining the physical stamina of the Swedish race. Liquor drinking among the working classes is almost universal. One-third of their population die before the age of twenty-one, and one-fourth of those who live, are rejected from military service on account of physical disqualifications.

## An American Puzzle.

Dr. Lorenz, of bloodless surgery fame, cannot understand how Americans enjoy fair health on a diet that would depopulate any other country.

"The pies, puddings, sauces and innumerable other dishes, most of which are unhealthful in the extreme, partaken of by young and old alike in America, have caused me to wonder," says Dr. Lorenz, "that the people are not physical and constitutional wrecks."

The secret is to be found in the simple, hardy lives of the forefathers of the present generation. Their vigorous health has bestowed upon the grandchildren wonderful constitutional vigor. But the change from the simple to the luxurious is working havoc. The rising generation have squandered the constitutional capital bequeathed to them and are rapidly becoming physical bankrupts. A halt must be called and the simple habits resumed or the prophecy of Dr. Lorenz will surely be realized.

## BREAKFAST BREADS.

**Corn Puffs.**—Beat together two and one-half cups of unskimmed milk and the yolks of two eggs, until thoroughly blended. Add two cups of best granulated corn meal. Beat the batter thoroughly; stir in lightly the whites of the eggs, beaten to a stiff froth; turn into heated iron, and bake.

**Corn Dodgers.**—Scald one cupful of best granulated corn meal, into which a tablespoon of sugar has been sifted, with one cup of boiling milk. Beat until smooth, and drop on a griddle, in cakes about one inch in thickness, and bake slowly for an hour. Turn when brown. If preferred, the baking may be finished in the oven after the first turning.

**Hominy Gems.**—Beat one egg until very light, and add to it one tablespoonful of thick sweet cream, a little salt, if desired, and two cupfuls of cooked hominy (fine). Thin the mixture with one cupful or less of boiling water until it will form easily, beat well, and bake in heated iron.

**Sally Luncheon Gems.**—Beat together the yolk of one egg, two tablespoonfuls of sugar, and one cupful of thin, ice-cream, sweet cream. Add slowly, beating at the same time, one cup and two tablespoonfuls of sifted Graham flour. Beat vigorously, until full of air bubbles, add the white of the egg beaten stiffly, and bake in heated iron.

**Cream Corn Cakes.**—Into one cup of thin cream stir one and one-half cups of granular corn meal, or enough to make a stiff batter; add one-third of a teaspoonful of salt; beat well, drop into heated iron, and bake.

**Cream Graham Rolls.**—To one-half cup of cold cream add one-half cup of soft ice water. Make into a dough with three cups of Graham flour, sprinkling in slowly with the hands, beating at the same time, so as to incorporate as much air as possible until the dough is too stiff to be stirred; then knead thoroughly, form into rolls and bake.

**Hoeecake.**—Scald one pint of white corn meal, with which, if desired, a tablespoonful of sugar and one-half teaspoonful of salt have been mixed, with boiling milk, or water enough to make a batter sufficiently thick not to spread. Drop on a hot griddle, in large or small cakes as preferred about one-half inch in thickness. Cook slowly, and when well browned on the underside, turn over. The cake may be cooked slowly until well done throughout, or, as the portion underneath becomes well browned, the first brown crust may be peeled off with a knife, and the cake again turned. As rapidly as a crust becomes formed and browned, one may be removed, and the cake turned, until the whole is browned. The thin wafer-like crusts are excellent served with hot milk or cream.

# Complete List of Bills Passed by the Recent Session of the Legislature.

(Continued from Last Week.)

House roll No. 175, by Howe of Nebraska, to make it obligatory upon county boards, instead of optional to furnish aid to non-agricultural societies. Approved April 1.

House roll No. 223, by Perry of Furnas, to provide for the conveyance of the term of an insane husband or wife in the lands of his or her spouse, by means of a guardian, to be appointed by the county court, and to provide for the proper showing. Approved April 1.

House roll No. 214, by the finance ways and means committee, to allow the state printing board, in emergency, to purchase supplies to cost not exceeding \$100, on the requisition of the officer requiring them, of the best and lowest bidder, in addition to the supplies procured under the annual contract. Emergency clause. Approved April 1.

House roll No. 359, by Barto of Valley, to provide that no person can be compelled to pay for a newspaper, magazine or other publication mailed him if he has not subscribed, or after his subscription has expired, notwithstanding he may have received the same. Approved April 1.

House roll No. 364, by Voter of Cedar, authorizing county courts to empower executors, administrators or trustees to mortgage real estate when there is no money to redeem existing mortgages due or about to become due. Approved April 1.

House roll No. 377, by the insurance committee, providing for the admission of foreign fire and marine insurance companies to transact the business of accident or sickness or accident and sickness insurance, and to pay not to exceed \$300 funeral benefits in case of death from natural causes.

House roll No. 245, by Lee of Douglas, to amend the law providing for the county ex-officio treasurer of Omaha and also ex-officio city treasurer of the city of Omaha, to give bond to the city and school district in amounts to be fixed by the city council and the school board. He is to receive and hold the same until the mayor and city council shall authorize. The city shall pay, in addition, for the necessary expenses of the treasurer, an office for four years from January, 1906, and shall not be eligible for re-election.

House roll No. 246, by the committee on revenue and taxation, to require that holders of state warrants registering the same shall be required to pay a fee of 50 cents for each warrant, and 25 cents for each additional 50, but that no charge shall be made for registering warrants purchased by the state.

House roll No. 422, by McClay of Lancaster, to amend the law providing for the election of judges, to provide that the biennial election law.

House roll No. 77, by Scilley of Dodge, to give the city council authority to grant franchises, and also to furnish power to residents, citizens and corporations doing business in the city.

House roll No. 242, by Currie of Dawes, to amend the law providing for the collection of letters of administration upon the estate of a deceased personal tax debtor for the collection of such taxes.

House roll No. 256, by Casebeer of Gage, to establish, at the Home for the Friendless at Lincoln, a hospital for crippled children, to be known as the "Friendless Children's Hospital," and to provide for the care of those suffering from diseases from which they are likely to become deformed.

House roll No. 257, by Hill of Hitchcock, to amend the law providing for the office of the state physician, to provide that the state physician, by parties holding the services of the secretary of the state board of irrigation; filling applications for water permits; making maps or plats, 40 cents per hour for time consumed in making same; recording water contracts, 25 cents for each additional folio; issuing certificates of appropriation, 41 cents per copy of documents, 15 cents per folio.

House roll No. 267, by Hill of Hitchcock, to provide an official seal for the office of the state physician.

House roll No. 215, by Kyd of Gage, to provide that taxes levied for township purposes, for bridges, for parties holding the services of the secretary of the state board of irrigation; filling applications for water permits; making maps or plats, 40 cents per hour for time consumed in making same; recording water contracts, 25 cents for each additional folio; issuing certificates of appropriation, 41 cents per copy of documents, 15 cents per folio.

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perfect their title according to the terms and provisions of the laws of the state which were in force and effect prior to the date of the passage of the laws of the state under which law then in force they obtained said contracts for land.

House roll No. 298, by McAllister of Deuel, to provide that any water user's association which is organized in conformity with the provisions of the laws of the United States and which under its articles of incorporation is authorized to furnish water only to its stockholders shall be exempt from the payment of any incorporation tax, and from the payment of the annual franchise tax, and shall be required to pay as preliminary to the incorporation, only a fee of \$5 for the filing and recording of its articles of incorporation and the issuance of the certificate of incorporation.

House roll No. 352, by Scilley of Dodge, to amend the compulsory education law so as to provide that the required twelve weeks of attendance at school may be made at any time during the term in which the law is in force, and that the school shall be held for the first twelve weeks thereof.

House roll No. 196, by Meradith of York, to amend the law relating to the construction of the construction of ditches, as well as open ditches leading into natural water courses.

House roll No. 72, by Casebeer of Gage, makes it unlawful to manufacture, sell, give away or willingly allow to be taken any article of machinery or other article of manufacture. Violation of the act is made a misdemeanor, punishable on conviction by a fine of not less than \$50 or more than \$100, or by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

House roll No. 301, by Dodge of Douglas, to amend the law relating to the new revenue law. Makes the following changes: In counties having a population of 20,000 or more the county assessor shall make up the assessment books; the deputy assessor shall forward from time to time schedules of property to the county assessor, which the county assessor shall make up the books of assessment in his office; the county assessor shall have power to increase or decrease the assessed valuation of any class of property in any county by per cent, the county board of equalization and assessment has completed the work of equalization.

House roll No. 301, by Dodge of Douglas, disclaiming and relinquishing all title of ownership or title on the part of the state of Nebraska, to any lands now being within the boundaries of the state of Iowa, which shall hereafter be held by the state of Nebraska by virtue of the action of any commissioners appointed by the state of Nebraska, or by any act thereof by said state, and the title thereof by the congress of the United States or otherwise; provided, however, that the state of Nebraska shall retain the right to acquire title to any lands now being within the boundaries of the state of Iowa, which shall hereafter be held by the state of Nebraska by virtue of the action of any commissioners appointed by the state of Nebraska, or by any act thereof by said state, and the title thereof by the congress of the United States or otherwise; provided, however, that the state of Nebraska shall retain the right to acquire title to any lands now being within the boundaries of the state of Iowa, which shall hereafter be held by the state of Nebraska by virtue of the action of any commissioners appointed by the state of Nebraska, or by any act thereof by said state, and the title thereof by the congress of the United States or otherwise; 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