

### BLAME PLACED ON PHYSICIANS

Growth of Drug Habit in United States Alleged to Be Due to Opiates Ordered in Prescriptions.

That 99 per cent. of all the cocaine and morphine manufactured in this country is used by persons who have formed the drug habit through physicians' prescriptions is the startling statement made by Dr. L. F. Kebler, Chief of the Division of Drugs, Department of Agriculture. This statement, and others, proving that physicians and not "patent" medicines are responsible for the appalling growth of drug addiction in the United States was made by Dr. Kebler in an address at Washington, before the American Society for the Study of Alcohol and Narcotics.

Dr. Kebler is quoted by Washington papers as having declared that drug usage had increased 100 per cent. in the last 40 years, and that American medical men were not discriminating enough in their use of opiates. Their overindulgence to their patients, he said, is creating thousands of drug users every year.

"It is a very sad thing to say that our physicians are doing the greatest work in promoting the use of cocaine and morphine," said the doctor. "State laws are not saving the public from the grip of the drug habit, and the American public is sinking tighter and tighter into the black abyss of the morphine and cocaine fiend."

"The worst of it is that the importation of opium into the country is becoming larger and larger year by year. I have heard it said on reliable authority that 99 per cent. of the cocaine and morphine manufactured in this country is used by persons who have formed the habit through doctors' prescriptions."

Almost simultaneously with Dr. Kebler's address, Dr. J. A. Patterson, at Grand Rapids, Michigan, in a public statement said that 19 out of every 20 patients who come to an institution with which he is connected for treatment for the drug habit owe their downfall to physicians' prescriptions.

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#### Rather Hot Shot for Doctor.

This incident is related of a Scotch doctor, new to the gun, who adventured upon a day's rabbit-shooting. Chased by the ferrets, bunny was a rather quick-moving target, and the medico was not meeting with the success he anticipated.

"Hang it all, man!" he exclaimed impatiently, to the keeper who accompanied him, "these beasts are too quick for me."

"Aye, doctor," the pawky keeper replied, "but ye surely didna expect them ta be still like yer patients till ye kill them."

#### STEADY HAND.

A Surgeon's Hand Should Be the Firmest of All.

"For fifteen years I have suffered from insomnia, indigestion and nervousness as a result of coffee drinking," said a surgeon the other day. (Tea is equally injurious because it contains caffeine, the same drug found in coffee).

"The dyspepsia became so bad that I had to limit myself to one cup at breakfast. Even this caused me to lose my food soon after I ate it."

"All the attendant symptoms of indigestion, such as heart burn, palpitation, water brash, wakefulness or disturbed sleep, bad taste in the mouth, nervousness, etc., were present to such a degree as to incapacitate me for my practice as a surgeon."

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## Tales of GOTHAM and other CITIES

### Drives Machine Down Steps; Lands in Hospital



NEW YORK.—Peter Kelly, attendant in St. Luke's hospital, in a cot in the J. Hood Wright hospital the other day, was bragging through the mass of bandages that swathed his features that he is a better man than General Israel Putnam ever was. Early the day before Kelly, in the automobile of the superintendent of St. Luke's, drove the machine down several flights of stone steps in Central Park.

Kelly will not speak of the incident that led to his ride. Dr. Clover, the superintendent, will not say whether the attendant had his permission to use the machine, but a shadow crosses his face when he thinks of the occurrence.

Kelly first was noticed as he drove the car rapidly around the Circle, a circular road, about 200 feet in diameter, opposite 106th street, near Central Park West. There is only one entrance to the Circle. Patrolman Smith, of the Arsenal police station saw the machine.

"Hey!" shouted the patrolman, run-

ning up. "Quit that merry-go-round stuff. This park isn't Coney Island."

Suddenly the machine started along a narrow footpath. Kelly thought the path was the road leading out. He had reached the top of the long, winding stone stairway leading down to Central Park West before he realized his plight. He started to turn his machine aside, then decided he would take the stairs.

"I should worry!" shouted Kelly as the machine leaped out into the air. "This will beat old Izzy Putnam to a frazzle, and the papers will publish my face!"

"Bang! Biff! Thud!" The car took the landings like a greyhound. Then there came a turn in the stairs and the machine stopped with a disintegrating shiver. Kelly kept on.

Workers in the Aqueduct shaft at the bottom of the stairs rushed to the surface, thinking there was an underground explosion. They found Kelly lying doubled up several flights below what formerly was the machine. All he could mutter as they carted him to the J. Hood Wright hospital was:

"Well, I got half way down, anyway."

Kelly's nose and head bear testimony to his attempt to reach the bottom.

Aqueduct workers pried the remains of the once handsome touring car from the rocks that line the stairs.

### Fluffy Headpiece Drops on Helmet of Bluecoat

CHICAGO.—This is the story of a hat and a void in the heart of a policeman. And it is a romance, too, but only the first chapter has been written.

Policeman Harry Bossen, he of the stern visage and once of the scornful eye, stood the other day on the corner of West Washington street and North Fifth avenue, blowing his whistle and scowling quite fiercely at the women who scurried past.

"Women were born to be in the way," he muttered to a brother policeman. "If it wasn't for them a policeman's life would be soft."

And then the hat entered the life of Bossen. From the elevated structure above came a woman's gasp. With it came the hat. Then a sudden fluttering of skirts and the owner of the head decoration hurried into her train.

It is not a part of the story that the came to a resting place, cocked rakishly on the helmet of the police officer. Neither is it material that he was blushing deeply when he started with the find for the Central detail station.

"Sergeant," he reported, pausing at



the desk, "I—I found a hat. Maybe I better try to identify it before I turn it in."

Bossen was full of thought and sadness as he passed the desk on the way to his corner.

"Sergeant, her name ain't in it," he said dejectedly; and then he pleaded: "But, say, sergeant, she'll come for it, sure, won't she? And say, don't forget to—get her name and address and—sort of—tell her it was me found it—just for—fun, you know. And say, sergeant, old man, do you know where a feller can buy furniture on the installment plan?"

But this is only the tale of a hat and a void in the heart of a policeman, and so—well, that's as far as the first chapter has been written.

### Edict Against Babies Opens Row in Apartment



JERSEY CITY, N. J.—The liveliest kind of a rumpus has started over the appearance of a baby in Jersey City's most fashionable apartment house—the Fairmont—at Fairmont avenue and Hudson country boulevard. There are many dogs in the house, but the management has made an iron-bound rule against children. Hence the whole affair will soon be aired in the courts.

Clinton B. Dow, a stock broker, who moved into the Fairmont with his bride a year ago, was politely told recently that he would have to move out as soon as the expected heir to the Dow family arrived.

"Well, this is the limit," said Mr.

Dow. "Why the deuce didn't they put the ban on Red Mike? He's been here ever since we moved in, and not a word of complaint about him. Sure, a child's no worse than a dog."

Red Mike is a large Irish setter, and heretofore he has been the pride of the Dow household. That is, he was the third member of the family until the Dow baby arrived. Dow argued with the management of the house, but in vain. So he moved to No. 84 Emery street before his lease had expired. Now the apartment house management has brought suit to recover \$300 for rent from the broker.

"I'll never pay a penny unless the court compels me," declared Dow the other day. "It's an outrage to think that a dog is considered better than a child in a fashionable apartment house."

Subpoenas have been issued for Mrs. Merritt Lane, Mrs. Howard Slater, Mrs. J. H. Subberly, Mrs. Marmaduke Tilden and other women who live in the Fairmont and own dogs to appear and testify at the trial.

### Cupid Is Routed; Quarrel Over Gifts in Court

CLEVELAND, O.—Cupid ran to cover the other day when the case of Jacob Nemerovsky, twenty-five years old, against Pauline Williams, was called in Justice Chapman's court.

"You see, it was something like this," said Constable Miller, who served the papers. "Nemerovsky was engaged to Miss Williams for more than two years. During the courtship he gave Miss Williams many presents. He wanted to get the presents back. With two policemen he went to her home. The policemen were unable to persuade the bride-that-might-have-been to deliver the presents, and Squire Chapman issued a writ of replevin, with which I secured a trunk containing the presents. They consisted of an umbrella stand, foot stool, sewing tray, folding card table, collar box, smoking jacket, and some other stuff. There was also a pair of shoes, which somebody threw at me as I was leaving the house, and they hit me on the back of the neck."

Miss Williams says that she and



Nemerovsky were to have been married December 7. The invitations had been printed, but because they were unable to get postage stamps out a certain night, about two weeks previous, they waited till the next day to mail them. However, the invitations were never sent, because Nemerovsky didn't come around for three days.

"He made all kinds of excuses and finally I forgave him," Miss Williams said. "Everything was all right for a while till he started to act up again. Then I told him to leave. Monday he came with a constable and took away the presents he had given me, and some of my other things, too."

## Backache Makes Anyone Feel Old

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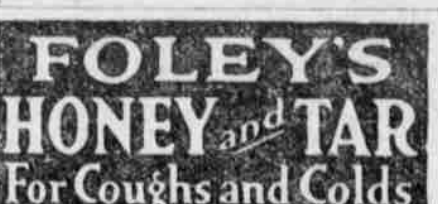
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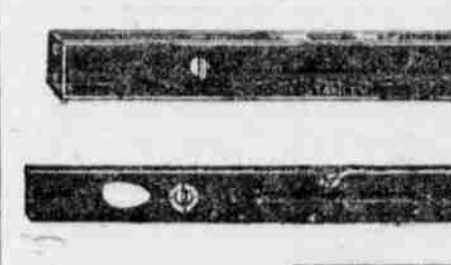


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