

DANGERS IN DRUGS.

WARNING TO THOSE DISPOSED TO USE THEM CARELESSLY.

Special Care Needed in Giving Medicine to Children - Fatal Results Possible from Remedies Usually Harmless - Mothers, Take Notice.

"More men are killed by drugs than disease," is an expression one occasionally hears. How much truth it contains is, of course, problematical. But, without doubt, no small proportion of the deaths occurring are directly or indirectly due to an unwise use of medicines.

Here is an instance where drugs, absolutely harmless in anything like reasonable doses, may yet be the cause of death: The patient is an infant, and it suffers from diarrhea. The mother doctors it herself. She goes to the nearest druggist and asks for a diarrhea mixture.

The physician is called, but he is powerless, for the brain is affected. The little one lingers along for days and days perhaps, and finally dies from disease of the brain. Now, for the child's death the catechu and chalk mixture, harmless as they are, were yet responsible.

I have been for several weeks discussing in The Sunday Herald the remedies in common use. Continuing to do so, I come now to calomel, an agent which has been much abused. As every one knows, it is a preparation of mercury.

Physicians no longer hold that it has such great power over the liver, nor that it controls inflammatory attacks, as their fathers before them believed. When calomel is given them now they never push it to salivation. That condition is very rare indeed at the present time, and never occurs when the drug is wisely given.

The prejudice against calomel seems to have grown with general enlightenment. It does not exist with those "behind the times." In the "far western country," it is still held in high esteem, and given in enormous doses—even more than half a teaspoonful—for almost every conceivable ailment.

The "drop a nickel in the slot" had been utilized for many things, but I never thought it would be used in the insurance business. It is a fact, however, and by dropping a nickel in the slot you can get \$500 accident insurance for twenty-four hours. I suppose soon a man will be able to get a corner lot by dropping a nickel in the slot.

FIGHT WITH A MAD DOG.

A Dedham Canine Made a Deal of Trouble and Stood off a Revolver. George E. Morse of this town, an agent for the society for prevention of cruelty to animals, and a resident of this town, had an exciting adventure with a mad dog. It appears that Joseph A. Laforme, a wealthy citizen of this town, was the owner of a dog of the Skye terrier breed. For a few days it was noticeable that the canine was getting cross and snappish, and his queer actions coming to the notice of Mr. Laforme he thought it best to have him killed.

Two advertisements appeared in Movements Publicus directly after the Restoration. The first was no doubt drawn up by the John Ellis who is mentioned in it. The second must have been written by the king himself: "A Smooth Black Dog, less than a Greyhound, with white under his breast, belonging to the King's Majesty, was taken from Whitehall the eighteenth day of this instant June, or thereabout. If any one can give notice to John Ellis, one of His Majesty's Servants, or to his Majesty's Backstays, shall be well rewarded for their labour."

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There is only one physician to every 6,500 of the population in Russia, and yet the destitution among members of the profession is said to be alarming. Of late there have been numbers of suicides of medical men who were without the bare necessities of life. This state of things is attributed to the ignorance of the people, who consult soothsayers and magicians in preference to educated medical men.

CANARIES AS ENTERTAINERS.

Birds are now used as a pleasing feature in the artistic decorations for balls, parties, teas, weddings and other society events. In his flight into the drawing room or reception hall the canary has not forced out any other useful or ornamental display, but has simply taken his place as a charming addition to the whole. It was the custom years ago to conceal music boxes in the drawing rooms where fashion met, so nicely arranged as to tance and tone that they forced the applause of even those who could not guess the source of the melody.

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The Acropolis of Today.

The town of Athens, and especially the Acropolis, is now passing through a very remarkable period in its existence. It is with mixed feelings that even those who reside here, and whose chief interest is in archeology, look upon the sweeping alterations that have quite changed the character of its appearance. The tendency to demolish all monuments of mediæval or modern history has been allowed free play of late years; in a short time hardly anything will be left that does not go back at least to Roman times.

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A Word to The People.

The motto, "What is Home without a Mother," exists in many happy homes in this city, but the effect of what is home without the Local Newspaper is sadly realized in many of these "happy homes" in Plattsmouth.

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