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SMOKING AS A NUISANCE.

There Should Be Some Sort of Public Restriction in Regard to It.

An alarming "accident" is reported today, which nearly had the most serious consequences, and we can vouch for it that this accident is by no means an isolated case of the sort, says St. James Gazette. As a lady was walking along Cannon street an omnibus passed by, with a full load of passengers on the top, and one of them, after lighting a cigarette, threw the match on the pavement. The flame caught the lace of a lady's dress and in a moment she was in flames, and the report shows what a narrow escape she had from being burned to death. We should be glad to think that this affair might prove a public warning, were it not that it is only a very few years since a lady was actually burned to death through a similar cause, at one of the South Kensington exhibitions. Most of us have heard of similar occurrences, when lighted cigarettes or matches, or burning ash from a pipe, have been dropped from the tops of omnibuses or otherwise in the public streets, with resulting injury to bonnets and dresses if not to the person of anybody unlucky enough to be in the way. The roofs of omnibuses are used to a very large extent by thoughtless people, who smoke, light matches, and (an even more disgusting and annoying, if less dangerous habit) expectorate, without regarding for a moment the fact that they are in a public place, where other persons may suffer for their acts. In summer, when ladies are wearing light dresses, and especially when, as now, muslin and such inflammable materials are in fashion, this practice of reckless smoking in the streets develops into a public danger; and when the omnibus companies take to encouraging the habit, by providing penny-in-the-slot machines for cigarettes, it seems desirable to draw as much attention as possible to this growing evil. We have no desire to begin a campaign against smoking in itself. But it is as well to recognize that the prevalence of smoking is such that some sort of public conscience is required, some universal rule of good manners, at all events, which should restrict the indulgence of this pleasure in such a way as not to turn it into a nuisance. And in certain places—such as railway stations, railway carriages, omnibuses, trams, etc.—the proprietors, whether individuals or companies, ought to see that the by-laws give protection against what may be called the natural and ordinary accidents and annoyances which may be expected in the usual course to follow from a reckless use of the facilities offered. The way in which smoking in public has increased in the last ten years or so is really more significant than any statistics of the increase in the amount of the consumption of tobacco.

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Roman Numerals Are Derived from Scores—Old Celtic Alphabet.

That tally sticks were at one time pretty general may be concluded from the derivation of the word score. In its original significance, a "score" is a "score" a cut made in a counting stick. So also a "tally" is derived from the French tallo, says Chambers Journal.

The Roman numerals are derived from scores. They were more notches cut in wood originally. The V for five was a rude representation of the outspread hand, and the X in like manner symbolized all ten fingers; the IV was a comparatively late innovation, originally the IV was represented by four strokes, or notches, as in clock dial.

The old Celtic alphabet—the Ogham writing—was of very similar nature. It consisted of notches cut at the corner of a square stone, or else from a stem line. The letters B, L, F, S, N are formed by cutting strokes at right angles to the stem line of the right hand, and the letters H, D, T, C, Q by strokes at right angles to the left. Thus, a simple stroke of the right is B and to the left is H, two to the right is L, and the same number to the left is D. Three to one side is F, three to the other is T. Long strokes, numbering from one to five, cutting the stem diagonally, expressed M, G, Ng, St, R, and short strokes, numbering from one to five, cutting across the stem at right angles, give the vowels. It is easy to see that the tally stick was used for numbers before the alphabet was thought of by our Celtic forefathers. Having proved the tally stick valuable for accounts, they applied it for writing messages on rods and memorials on tombs. The old Runic staves for calendars were somewhat similar. Strange symbols were introduced to mark the several festivals, but the days were indicated by notches.

The increased use of cableways in constructing engineering works requiring the transportation of large quantities of construction material is well illustrated by the adoption of this system for constructing the large power plant of the St. Lawrence Power company at Messina, N. Y., and the new Cornwall (N. Y.) bridge across the St. Lawrence river. At Messina the cableway will have a span of nearly 1,400 feet, and will be supported by one fixed and one traveling tower. The traveling tower, operated by power, will move around the fixed tower as a center, and the cableway will have the Miller aerial dump and new pattern fall rope carriers.

At Cornwall the cableways will be 1,250 feet long between the towers and will span the Cornwall canal and the foundation site of the bridge piers. All construction material for the bridge foundations will be shipped by the canal and the cableway will take it direct from the boats to its place in the foundations.—Engineering News.

The Rabbit Problem Solved. The vexed question of the extermination of the Australian rabbit, which has hitherto constituted the chief problem that has confronted every antipodean administration, has at length received a satisfactory solution. There is no longer any necessity for invoking the services of great scientists such as the late Dr. Pasteur and Professor Koch to devise means for their extermination, for the invention of the cold-storage rooms on board ship has led to the bunnies being exported in a refrigerated condition to the omnivorous market of the mother country. Rabbit pie is a favorite dish in the United Kingdom, and the rabbit which could not be successfully canned for transport and preservation is now leaving Australia for England at such a rate that soon there will not be a single one of them left in the antipodes.

Forty Chickens, Forty Dollars. A very peculiar happening took place on the farm of Lafayette Beach, six miles from Portland, Ind. Mrs. Beach raised a great many fine chickens every season, and takes great pride in the brood. Early a recent morning, when she went to feed the flock, she discovered that forty of the best fowls were missing. Mrs. Beach, in hunting a possible clue to the thief, noticed a pocketbook lying on the ground near the coop. This she picked up, and on examining it found inside the sum of \$40, or exactly \$1 for each of the purloined fowls. The thief had undoubtedly dropped the purse while taking the chickens.

Glad of It. Up at Stromsburg a farmer sold his wheat, paid his mortgage and floating indebtedness, bought his wife a new range and sewing machine, took \$100 to go to Buffalo and poor wife an outing, and had \$300 left. When he had finished all the business he wiped his brow with his shirt sleeves and remarked: "I voted for Bryan last fall, but I'm glad he wasn't elected."—York (Pa.) Times.

In a Fix. Policeman—Riding is forbidden in this street; get right down off that bicycle.—My name is Meyer, officer, and I live at 277 Tullip street. Please send a warrant there for my arrest. I can't get off my machine and I can't mount—I can only ride.—Fliegende Blaetter.

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Are You Engaged? NOT being to be so yet, perhaps. Well, don't hurry, and make no mistake. It is so easy to get in and so difficult to get out that it is well worth while to be sure you are right before you go ahead. There is no book so helpful in enabling you to check your own mistakes. The History of Marriage of all kinds in all countries. The experiments some nations have made, ancient and modern, between and civilized, tell us what not to do. The sexual immorality growing out of unregulated nature and marriage, the history of prostitution, its prevention, its dangers, results, the efforts of religions and societies to subvert and control the dominant passion—all these studies are fruitful in indicating pitfalls to avoid. On the other hand chapters on adaptation in marriage—physical, mental and magnetic—in early marriages, intermarriage, etc., etc., all the reader to make a good match, select happily for home and offspring, to avoid "Loverly Matches," and to escape the rat trap and lottery kinds of marriage.

Are You Ill? THEN you are indeed a rare man if you are not anxious to learn how to cure yourself, what the matter and what to do. Whether it be "only a cold," a chronic catarrh, or something more serious that has "settled on the lungs," in bronchitis or consumption, the power you find out how serious it is, and what to do for yourself the sooner you get the knowledge the longer you will live. Or, may be your particular weak spot is in the liver, stomach or bowels. Then you can make no mistake in knowing the function of the bowels, and how to regulate them. If you are full of aches, pains, neuralgia or rheumatism, it will amply pay to look up the way to make them off. Surely you can't want to neglect the indications of Bright's disease, or other destructive diseases of the "genito-urinary organs," and you better become posted on such things as gonorrhoea, stricture and venereal disease, and you will be able to "take care of the book" than by experience. The afflicted will read with avidity all about impotency, barrenness, diseases of women, nervous diseases, paralysis, skin diseases, scrofula, etc. Yet, frankly, one book cannot cover "all the ills that flesh is heir to," and therefore to ensure satisfaction, Dr. Foote authorizes the announcement that any purchaser of "Plain Home Talk" who finds it short of his needs may consult him in person or by letter, without charge, and the inquiry will be answered to the best of his ability.

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