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The Modern Kitchen


An error commonly made by house owners is in underestimating the necessity of proper sanitary equipment for the kitchen.

Only a few years ago it was considered good form to encase the sink, thereby concealing the trap and pipe fixtures; also providing a place for storing kitchen utensils. This offers an opportune place for collection of germs and vermin. You will be horrified to examine and learn the true state of affairs in a sink of this kind.

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THAW JURY DISAGREES

The Jury is Hung Instead of the Defendant.

The Thaw case hung the jury instead of the defendant. Seven were for conviction and five for acquittal on the insanity theory.

The case has cost \$300,000, of which amount \$200,000 is said to be the cost to the Thaws.

There are numerous other murder cases on the New York docket to be tried at this term of court, and if each case should cost the state of New York as much as the Thaw trial there would be no use in trying to convict murderers. The state would be bankrupt if it didn't turn the murderers loose.

Harry Thaw shot Stanford White. He didn't shoot because he was in immediate peril. He couldn't plead self-defense, nor did the evidence show that Stanford White had made any threats against Thaw. No matter if White was a villain, a seducer, and had kept a room for that purpose in which it is claimed he accomplished the ruin of Evelyn Nesbit which seems to have been the cause of the shooting. There are other phases of law that would deal with his case without shooting White down in lawlessness. Evelyn Nesbit was not at that time acquainted with Thaw and this subsequent shooting was an act of revenge based upon an insane desire to blot out an objectionable part of his wife's early character.

There is no doubt that there was an insane ego or "brain storm" that caused Thaw to forget the rights of others to live, even though they might have been unfriendly or antagonistic to him.

The same indifference is manifest in every premeditated murder to the extent of a "brain storm" or an exaggerated ego of a superior right to life. It is murder which has been defined by our courts as the first degree. Some people do not believe in capital punishment but it is one of the oldest laws handed down for ages. A life for a life was the ancient custom and was found to be more effective than a tedious long-drawn out trial which finally results in a short sentence to the pen or absolute acquittal, according to the evidence.

Thaw was guilty of murder in the first degree. If he was insane he is the more dangerous but should not escape the penalty for his crime. The same defense could be supported in every premeditated murder and in fact all mankind might be considered insane: any time they do not act wisely or judiciously. If insanity can be injected into our courts as a plea in defense for murder, then all murderers should be thrown into the mad-house which would be only a farce and the patient declared sane since his object of wrath was out of the way and in a few months he is turned loose upon a defenseless people who must either arm themselves against sudden attack or keep a bodyguard for safety.

This turns us back to the dark ages. If we would be law-abiding it is our duty to enforce laws with as much vigor against criminals as we make effort to obey laws and restrain ourselves.

W. C. T. U. Column.

Our next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, April 23, at Bethel hall.

The silver medal contest will be held at M. E. church on Tuesday, April 30th.

Mrs. Simmons' lectures were highly entertaining and instructive. People who miss hearing such as she, do themselves an in-

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justice.

The following was prepared for last week's paper:

Whoever reported to our editor that such a demonstration took place at the burning of the gambling devices as was stated in last week's paper, must have been enthused beyond control of himself.

Had all the devices been put in the flames that we feel belonged there, possibly such a scene would have been fitting. The other editor seeks another controversy. Very well, we will enter into it.

A spirit of persecution! Well, well! Who are the persecuted? Those who, for the sake of gaining evidence to prosecute the violators of the law, risked their lives because men (who might better have been at home, but who many a time might have done this same work, being eye witness as to the gambling being done) had not grit or backbone enough or a sense of honor to expose this evil that has been taking the where-with-all to clothe and nourish many a poor wife and child at home, while the husband was passing his days or nights in these places of vice. If men would all be brave enough to take a stand for the right and have persistence to push a work of this kind through, women could well afford to stay at home and let them go ahead, but how many men are there who will take our places?

Some poor women have stayed at home a little too close for their own good. It might be well for them to get out occasionally and see how some of their men are spending their time. Both sides might haply be taken by surprise.

The other editor's "majority" must be among those who would oppose any radical reform measure and who cater to the saloons in one way or another, for we know the sentiment among the better thinking class of people is not to censure women for being courageous enough to undertake to put a stop to gambling, and the other editor does not need to think we will put on the "white feather" and stay at home because that is where he would have us stay, when we feel dusty calls us out to watch, as well as pray.

A Sunday school superintendent who, through the columns of his paper, invites his patrons to drink and patronize the saloons, and who on election day associates with and co-works with and for the saloon men, should realize where he stands and how his influence counts. We fear, in the sight of God, he is counted on the side with the saloons.

Press Supt.

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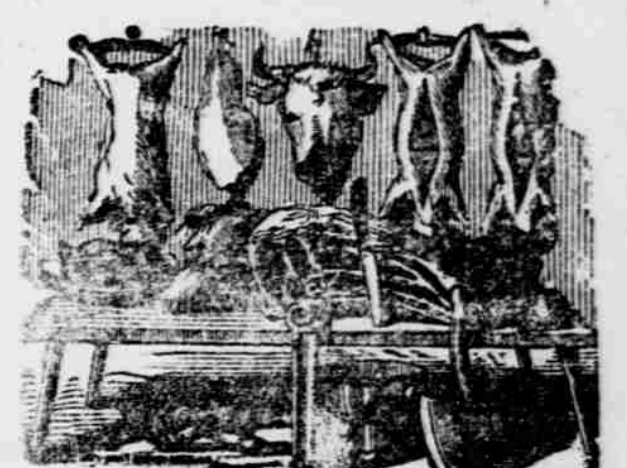
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