

## TIPPLERS OF MEDICINES

DR. MACKAY THINKS SOME CRITICS INCONSISTENT.

MUCH ALCOHOL IN PATENTS

Prejudiced People Condemn One Form of Tippling and Take to Another. Women are the Principal Consumers of Proprietary Medicines.

Of all the many heritages of the human mind, that form of mental obliquity called bias, or, the predisposition to its acquirement, seems the most unreasonable and unaccountable. It is a quality so incompatible with the ordinary, rational adjustment of a sane person's ideas as to constitute a mental strabismus—a survival of a trait transmitted from the earliest ancestors of the race. And yet so strong is this mental attitude that it frequently governs our lives and actions. Let some dyspeptic inaugurate a crusade against some common article of food and forthwith he becomes the head of a new cult and votaries from all ranks enroll under his banner. In clothing, food, drink, religion, politics, the point of view has its influence in determining the ultimate choice. In India ladies of high caste think nothing of exposing their lower extremities but should the veil fall from their faces they would be completely ashamed. More paradoxical, however, is that form of reasoning by avowed temperance people, who are opposed to the use of all forms of alcoholic beverages, yet who use without compunction preparations containing large amounts of alcohol masquerading under some sentimental trade mark. Take for example the consumption of patent medicines which is increasing so rapidly and investigation reveals that they are generally used by temperance people. Ask any druggist what class purchases two-thirds of the patent medicines he sells and he will reply, "women."

From time to time state and municipal boards of health and pure food commissions have analyzed all the prominent patent medicines and published their contents which may be obtained by application to the following: Massachusetts state board of health, the Manhattan board of health, the Philadelphia pure food commission. According to these investigators all the popular brands of patent medicines owe their stimulating properties to alcohol and such drugs as strychnia. The following partial list gives the percentage of alcohol in each brand: Hood's Sarsaparilla, 18.80 per cent; Lydia Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, 20.61; Swamp Root, 7.32; Peruna, 28.59; Paine's Celery Compound, 21; Allen's Sarsaparilla, 13.50; Carter's Scotch Bitters, 16.69; Whitecomb's Nerve Bitters, 20.39; Werner's Safe Tonic, 35.70; Warren's Bilious Bitters, 21.50; Ayer's Sarsaparilla, 26.20; Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, 44.39; and this represents crude alcohol, not aged and refined whisky from which the fuel oil has been removed. Proof whisky, the United States standard, contains 50 per cent. alcohol. Gin, brandy and rum will scarcely gauge as high. Beer and ale contain about 4 per cent and wine about double that amount of alcohol. How absurd it seems to teach children the chemical nature and physiological action of intoxicating beverages that owe their properties to alcohol and yet give these children preparations containing 45 per cent of crude alcohol. There can be no doubt that the seeds of drunkenness are frequently planted by parents in the home by the administration or consumption of patent medicines. When we consider that 45 per cent. crude alcohol is equivalent to 60 per cent aged whisky in strength and capacity to irritate the system, and that people take from three to six tablespoonfuls per diem, or, as in the case of stomach bitters, a wine glass before meals, we can easily compute the amount of alcohol taken into the system daily. If it be true that parents may transmit to their offspring a craving for stimulants their mothers should avoid preparations like Mother's Friend, etc., that stimulate and brace them up in a depressing period of their lives. The conclusion is that we are a biased people and perforce hypocrites or that inherent in our natures there exists a craving for stimulants, which we aim to gratify in one form or another. To be fair we should teach in our public schools that the whisky bottle and beer keg are not the only sources of drunkenness and that closing the distillery or the saloon does not diminish the source of stomach bitters, tonics and mother's enemy.

J. H. Mackay.

### SATURDAY SIFTINGS.

J. E. Abbott was up from Fremont. Wm. J. Vath of Columbus was in Norfolk.

A. Hammond was in the city from Howells.

E. C. Burns was up from Scribner yesterday.

W. R. Clark is a Norfolk visitor from Surprise.

Geo. G. Bayha of Niobrara was in Norfolk today.

Jas. A. Chin was in town this morning from Minden.

Miss Lucy Shober of Plainview was in the city today.

J. J. Johnson of Fremont was in

Norfolk yesterday.

A. H. Loebe was in Norfolk yesterday from Stanton.

M. W. Flanagan was registered in the city from Emerson.

M. Richardson of Meadow Grove was in Norfolk yesterday.

John F. Stuckern was in the city yesterday from Scribner.

Emil C. Augenter was in the city yesterday from Randolph.

W. W. Buckley was in the city yesterday from Grand Island.

Sheriff J. J. Clements had official business in Norfolk yesterday.

F. E. Kuble of Niobrara transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

H. W. Abts and H. G. Brindley of Columbus were in Norfolk over night.

Miss Mabel McWhorter of Foster was a visitor to Norfolk this morning.

A. Stortz and family were down from Creighton on the early train today.

M. Dole arrived yesterday to visit over Sunday with his daughter, Mrs. C. E. Greene.

Mrs. Whitta of Battle Creek is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Will Darlington.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Stortz and children of Creighton are in the city to visit with friends over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Holt of Tillam were in the city yesterday doing some Christmas shopping.

Robert Utter of this city received this morning from Bonesteel an offer of \$700 for his claim on the Rosebud. He announces that his claim is not for sale, and that he holds it at \$2,000.

The temperature was frosty last night, the minimum point reached being seven degrees above zero. It was one of the coldest nights of the season considering that there was no wind blowing.

The Elks enjoyed one of the pleasantest parties of the season at the club rooms last night. Military euche proved a great success during the early hours, with refreshments following and dancing after that. At the euche, a merry contest developed toward the end, when the side which stood lowest in score suddenly won out in a desperate struggle.

Prof. Hodgeman of the state university of Lincoln, state inspector of high schools, was in the city yesterday and went through the process of inspecting the Norfolk high school.

Prof. Hodgeman stated that the university students coming from the Norfolk high school rank at the very top, and he expressed pleasure at being able to visit the school that prepared them for university work.

Geo. A. Stapenhorst, formerly in the shoe business in Norfolk, writes from Everett, Wash., that he has been busy settling his household there and that he has met numbers of former Norfolk people, among them George Correvon. Mr. Stapenhorst states that he likes the country very well; roses and other flowers were in bloom when he wrote on December 4. He says that the rainy season has set in; that it rains three or four days and then clears for two or three days and keeps that up during the winter. He considers it not disagreeable, and likes it better than Nebraska's cold, and thinks it especially favorable for the shoe men.

Newman Grove Reporter: We have been shown an anonymous letter which was mailed Sunday evening to one of our professional men warning him to leave town as he was in all kinds of danger. It seems hard to believe that anyone in this town could have written such a letter and we hope that no one here did. But whoever wrote it, and whatever motives they may have had in writing it, it was a cowardly and contemptible thing to do. The courts are always ready to redress grievances and punish wrong but Nebraska is a poor state, and Newman Grove a poor town for anyone who wishes to introduce the Mafia and the Black Hand. It is for the interests of this community that the criminal be forfeited out and given the severe penalty that the law provides.

Pierce Call: The many friends of C. A. Reimers will be pleased to learn that he expects to be home again on Thursday, December 22, arriving in Pierce from Sioux Falls, S. D., on the 1:30 p. m. passenger. That he will receive a hearty and sincere welcome from old neighbors and friends goes without saying. An innocent man suffering from the shortcomings of another is one of the tragedies of life experienced by Mr. Reimers in the past five years. The death of a beloved son a short year before release must have nearly overwhelmed the grief-stricken father and it certainly melted the hardest heart of any that night at first have condemned. That the remainder of Mr. Reimer's life may be spent happily and peacefully among the old friends and neighbors is the expression of all.

### Croup.

Not a minute should be lost when a child shows symptoms of croup. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy given as soon as the child becomes hoarse, or even after the croupy cough appears will prevent the attack. It never fails, and is pleasant and safe to take. For sale by Leonard the druggist.

I have at my ranch, four miles northwest of Ewing, 26 head of fine 3-year-old steers, will average 1150 to 1500 lbs., just right to put in the feed lot. Call at ranch, or write me at O'Neill, Neb.

T. V. Golden.

## MANY LETTERS TO SANTA

CHRISTMAS MISSIVES DELIVERED TO UNCLE SAM.

THE CHILDREN WANT PRESENTS

Have an Abiding Faith That the Post-office Department Can Reach the Font of Christmas Cheer—Getting Requests in Early.

Santa Claus, that popular fellow, has already begun to get basketsful of letters through the mails which enter the Norfolk postoffice. Already the carriers from the city districts and from the rural routes, besides the citizens who drop their letters into the postoffice itself, have begun to bring in arms well filled with missives to Santa, asking him for a doll or a sled or a knife or a what not for Christmas.

Every year sees enormous bunches of mail from the little folk of the child world—the little men and women to whom Santa Claus means more than all the rest of the year put together; and this year there is every indication today that the good old saint will receive even more than the usual number. Just how Santa Claus takes care of all of these letters would puzzle the ordinary business man, but he has a way that is all his own, and it works like a charm.

### INSPECTS IT.

Governor Mickey Examines the New Buildings at Norfolk Asylum.

Governor Mickey has returned from a trip to the northern section of the state, where he went to inspect the Norfolk hospital and incidentally to attend to private business. While on his trip he was besieged by office seekers and persons desirous of securing executive clemency for various prisoners and persons desirous of securing buildings at the Norfolk institution. In company with Dr. Greene, superintendent of the Lincoln hospital, the governor looking carefully into the arrangements for the care and comfort of the inmates.

The cottage system adopted by the board of public lands and buildings marks the beginning of a new era in western asylum architecture. The governor was particularly pleased with the homelike surroundings that the detached buildings would afford. Dr. Greene regards the new system as the logical one. He was called into consultation by the members of the board at the time the plans were adopted and at that time expressed his hearty approval of the system from the viewpoint of an alienist. Every room in the isolated buildings has plenty of light and air. About fifty persons may be kept in each cottage, and the resemblance to home life will be carried out as much as possible. The decorations have also been planned with that purpose in view.

The work has not been completed, but the legislature will be asked to make provision for its maintenance during the next biennium. The appointment of a superintendent will be one of the biggest plums at the disposition of the governor.—Lincoln News.

### Died of Typhoid Fever.

Mrs. Emil Heckman died at her home on South Sixth street yesterday afternoon at 4:30 after an illness of less than a week from typhoid fever. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 from the house and at 2 o'clock from the Johannes Lutheran church. The Sons of Herman, of which Mr. Heckman is a member, will attend in a body.

Besides the husband Mrs. Heckman leaves two small children who will miss the loving care of a mother.

### Old People Have Their Troubles.

The most common ailments to which people past middle age are subject are indigestion and constipation. Fortunately there is a remedy especially suited to these disorders and that affords prompt relief. It is called Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. The laxative effect of these tablets is so agreeable and so natural that you do not realize that it has been produced by a medicine. They also improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion. Write to the Chamberlain Medicine Co., Des Moines, Iowa, for a free sample, and give them a trial, or get the regular 25-cent size from your druggist. Leonard the druggist.

### Homeseekers' Excursions.

to the northwest, west and southwest, via the Northwestern line. Excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates are on sale to the territory indicated above. Standard and tourist sleeping cars, free reclining chair cars and "the best of everything." For dates of sale and full particulars apply to agents Chicago & Northwestern R'y.

### Eagles' Annual Ball.

Sugar City Aeria, No. 357, Order of Eagles, is arranging to give its second annual ball on the evening of December 30 at Marquardt's hall. The Eagles had a big time on the event of their first ball last year and they propose to make the one this year even better than the first.

As a medium of exchange for anything in north Nebraska try a News want ad.

No Poison in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

From Napier, New Zealand, Herald: Two years ago the pharmacy board of New South Wales, Australia, had an analysis made of all the cough medicines that were sold in that market. Out of the entire list they found only one that they declared was entirely free from all poisons. This exception was Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, made by the Chamberlain Medicine company, Des Moines, Iowa, U. S. A. The absence of all narcotics makes this remedy the safest and best that can be had, and it is with a feeling of security that any mother can give it to her little ones. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is especially recommended by its makers for coughs, colds, croup and whooping cough. When taken in time it prevents pneumonia. This remedy is for sale by Leonard the druggist.

### "OLE OLESON."

Mr. Hendricks and His Company Make Good—A Local Actor.

Ben Hendricks in "Ole Oleson" is always the same, yet always new and fresh and the good audience that greeted him last night at the Auditorium is attestation that his visits here are ever welcome. The way he foils all the villains in his slow awkward way just in the nick of time always calls out manifestations of delight, while the charity he dispenses and the love he makes to "Yeannie" adds inestimably to the story of pathos and comedy presented. "Ole" never came to Norfolk with better support than he had last night and they drew generously from the applause of the audience.

Local interest in the production was afforded by G. G. Wright, formerly of this city and whose parents reside here. He takes the part of Agnes' first husband, Jefferson Bassett. It is not a part designed to make the auditors love him, but his artistic rendering of the role brought him warm commendation for he made a villainous part do testimony to his artistic merit. The other characters likewise put up work of merit and from beginning to end of the performance the company made good in Norfolk.

Of especial merit was Mr. Hendricks' singing of Swedish and dialect songs and the audience was favored with several encores. Other specialties were also well received.

### OIL IN NEBRASKA GOOD.

State Inspector Church Says it Has Improved Through Competition.

State Oil Inspector Ed Church is the happiest man in the state. He admits that he is responsible for the advent of two independent oil companies to this state to compete with the Standard Oil company.

"The result has been a great improvement in the quality of oil sold," he said yesterday, when questioned about the outlook for next year. "The National Light company of Cleveland, O., has established a plant at Omaha and the Marshall Oil company of Iowa, connected with the Waverly Oil works of Pittsburgh, Pa., has opened a big plant at Lincoln. Both these companies are independent of the so-called trust and both have good oil. The Marshall company has a quality that can hardly be equalled. Consequently, all competing companies are selling a high grade and the people are getting the benefit. It is no use to tell me that these companies are working in conjunction with the Standard Oil company, for I know they are not. At present I have my office so systematized that if there should happen to be an explosion of oil at any town in the state I could turn to my books and tell exactly how the oil sold there has tested under the official test of my deputy."—State Journal.

### Battle Creek.

H. Wienek, who intends to move to Cleveland, O., has sold his city property here to Wm. Volk, sr.

P. F. Zimmerman has put up lightning rods lately for C. H. Reeves, A. R. Osborn, R. C. Osborn, J. C. Osborn, Aug. Volk and Frank S. Wright. Henry Krotter departed on the Thursday morning passenger for Orange, California.

John Wright has sold the Blakely farm, nine miles west, to J. I. Hogstedde of Stanton. Consideration, \$50 an acre.

G. W. Day of Jefferson, Iowa, visited with his son W. C. Day, Wednesday.

T. D. Preece went west on a business trip Wednesday.

Herman Hogrefe and J. E. Sanders attended the Ayers' funerals at Meadow Grove Monday.

Henry Stange of R. F. D. No. 2 of Norfolk, transacted business here Tuesday.

Howard Miller and L. B. Baker are shelling corn of the new crop this week.

F. C. Meinecke of Verdigris is visiting with friends here.

Geo. W. Taylor, R. H. Brown and Jack Smith left Wednesday for Wood Lake, where they have claims.

Alex. Burton departed Monday for an extended visit to Virginia.

Miss Emma Schneider went to Crookston Sunday for a visit with her parents.

Wm. Barnes is home from Emerson, Iowa, for a visit with relatives. Henry Reif returned Saturday from the Lutheran hospital at Sioux City, where he had been successfully operated upon for appendicitis.

## PRISONERS AS WITNESSES

CONVICTS BROUGHT UP FROM LINCOLN TO NELIGH.

TESTIFY IN BURGLARY CASE

Turnkey Baird and Yardman Ringenberger Brought Kelly and Jones to Witness Against Condon—Another Verdict Against Donner.

Neligh, Neb., Dec. 9.—Special to The News: A surprise was sprung in court here yesterday afternoon in the case of the state versus Condon, for burglary, Will Baird, turnkey at the penitentiary, and Ringenberger, yardman, brought up at witnesses Kelly and Jones, the former a twenty-year man for murder.

Jones testified in a surprising manner and was removed. Kelly was brought in and refused to swear or affirm, and after a short time the two convicts were removed, handcuffed, to the city jail. Kelly is known here, having twice escaped from jail.

The Donner trial was concluded in district court here yesterday, the present jury bringing in a verdict of guilty after being out but a short time. This is the third time this verdict has been rendered, Donner having twice before been sentenced to the penitentiary.

### Revival Services.

Neligh is experiencing an old-fashioned revival. Evangelist Hough of Wheaton, Ill., with his singer, Sweet of Chicago, are conducting the meetings. Much good is expected to result.

### FRIDAY FACTS.

A. R. Oleson was up from Wisner yesterday.

Fr. M. Elry was over from Madison yesterday.

E. J. Healy was down from Creighton yesterday.

H. C. Siman was a city visitor from Winside yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Pont were up from Stanton yesterday.

J. M. Hengstler was down from Creighton yesterday.

Marie Cohrs was in Norfolk yesterday from Madison.

J. A. Elliott of Fremont was a Norfolk visitor yesterday.

Frank Yorly was a Norfolk visitor from Aurora yesterday.

J. F. Lunenburg of Randolph was in town on business yesterday.

B. A. Roberts of Albion transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

E. M. Huntington has gone to Tilden to inspect his farm lands.

H. Carrol and John Fully were in Norfolk yesterday from Fremont.

J. A. Marcellus came down from Monowi on the early train today.

Geo. S. Hoveland of Lindsay transacted business in Norfolk yesterday.

Mrs. Winnie Westervelt and children left today for Tucker, Wash., where she will join her mother and brother, S. A. Barnes, with the intention of making that her future home.

Tom Hughes, traveling passenger agent for the Missouri Pacific railroad, and John R. Barrett, traveling freight agent, were in the city from Omaha today. They had been up the Bone-steel line and arrived early this morning.

ing, leaving for Columbus at 11 o'clock.

The Elks will hold a dancing and euche party tonight at the club rooms.

Pete Barrett is still very ill at his apartments in the Oxnard, from gall stones. He has been bedfast for two weeks and suffers intensely.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Butterfield have issued invitations for a military euche party at their home on Norfolk avenue next Thursday evening.

Senator Gamble will introduce a bill extending the time in which to commence the bridge across the Missouri river at Yankton for the Yankton, Norfolk and Southern railroad.

W. N. Huse, operated upon two weeks ago at Clarkson hospital in Omaha, for gall stones, still continues to steadily improve and says he "feels like a new man already." He will not be able to be brought home by Christmas.

Insanely whipping around to the north like a frenzied animal, tearing up the earth in great chunks and tossing dust as far as you could see—or farther, the wind last night brought winter out of summer in less time than it takes to tell it. At 8 o'clock all was serenely calm and beautiful and warm as day in the good old spring time. At 8:15 the chilly blasts from the northland had frozen up the evening atmosphere, and had sent overcast men and jacketless women, shivering to their homes for protection. It was a change that came suddenly for fair; more of a change than some men felt in their pockets.

Congressman Martin of South Dakota has introduced in congress a bill having the same provisions as the Kinkaid law, making it possible for homesteaders to take up claims of 640 acres, and will urge its passage at the present session of the national legislature. Senator Gamble proposes to introduce a bill giving those who took up claims on the Rosebud until the first of May to make settlement on the land. As it now stands people will be compelled to move on their farms by February 8, which it is contended would work untold hardship upon the settlers.

### A Certain Cure for Croup.

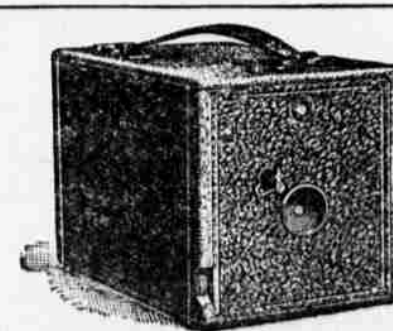
When a child shows symptoms of croup there is no time to experiment with new remedies, no matter how highly they may be recommended. There is one preparation that can always be depended upon. It has been in use for many years and has never been known to fail, viz: Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. Give it and a quick cure is sure to follow. Mr. M. F. Compton of Marekt, Texas, says of it, "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in severe cases of croup with my children, and can truthfully say it always gives prompt relief." For sale by Leonard the druggist.

### Missionary Meeting.

The Womans Foreign Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet with Mrs. Sisson Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock. As it is the closing meeting of the year, a full attendance is particularly desired.

Try our New York buckwheat flour. Feed store, Pacific block.

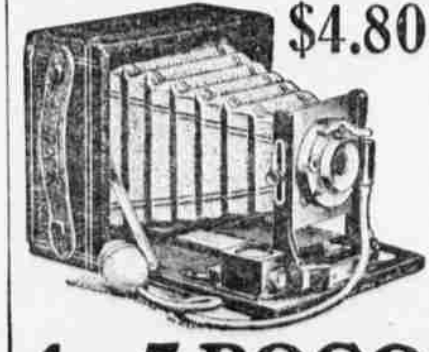
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