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THE TRICKS OF TRADE.

It is a surprise to the country that the tricks of trade condemned by Dr. Wiley, the agricultural department expert, should have won out through the decision of an expert commission which did not sustain the findings of Dr. Wiley.

After a great battle of over twenty years and a series of triumphs, it is discouraging to see the use of benzoate of soda endorsed, formaldehyde and other digestive-checking and health-inspiring ingredients O. K.-ed.

The battle is on again and the makers of pure food are contending for the pure food law in support of Dr. Wiley. This is what a leader says:

"It is because of this drug (benzoate of soda) the unscrupulous manufacturer is enabled to realize large profits by employing in his product raw materials that are unfit and unwholesome to the point of exciting extreme disgust at their mere mention.

"Wherever I have found a man who was an adulterer of foods, swindler of the public, a seller of foods that were injurious to the health of the consumer, I invariably found that man to be an enemy of Dr. Wiley."

That is the situation. With a knowledge of these things the people should support all the pure-food advocates and give individual attention to the purity of the food they purchase.

The people must protect themselves since congress cannot be depended upon to do it.

UP TO THE GOVERNMENT.

The indications now are that the American congress will make a move to clear the wreckage of the battleship Maine from Havana harbor. Hitherto the constant appeals of patriotic Americans have had no effect, because it is necessary to secure, by a treaty or otherwise, the consent of the republic of Cuba to the authorities of the United States entering the harbor of Havana and proceeding with the work of removal; but now Governor Magoon declares that the sunken battleship is a serious menace to the shipping of the harbor as it occupies a portion of the best anchorage.

Obstruction has increased annually during the past ten years by causing a shoal. It will be necessary, in a short time, to begin dredging in order to provide proper anchorage for the large amount of shipping now entering the harbor unless the wreck is removed.

Even more important than this obstruction to navigation is the fact that this wreck, although it contains the bodies of sixty-three American seamen, who are still under the supervision of the Cuban government, is partly abandoned and forgotten by the government and people of the United States. It has become a national reproach and an international scandal, and that the necessary permission from the Cuban government can be obtained and that the Cubans would gladly afford all the assistance in their power to accomplish the desired result, not only because of the injury to the harbor facilities, but also because of the prompting of patriotism and sentiment.

There remains no excuse or defense for further negligence of such a patriotic duty.

WIRELESS SHOULD BE MADE COMPULSORY.

The saving of the passengers of the Republic because of her ability to respond to her plight by wireless and the prompt response which doubtless saved over one thousand lives, has shown that it is akin to criminal negligence for large passenger ships to be plying the ocean without this additional means of protection for their passengers.

Attention is being called to the fact that in these days of fast ships a flyer would require comparatively few hours to cover say two hundred miles in reaching the point where her services were needed. The Mauretania is coming this way, for instance, at the present moment, at a 26-knot gait, traveling thirty land miles an hour over wintry seas. Summoned by a distress signal caught by her wireless, half a day would be sufficient to put her alongside a vessel four hundred miles distant when the appeal was received. There would be no seaman could or should resist.

The declaration is timely that "the adoption of the wireless should be no longer left to the chances of ownership being progressive, but should be made compulsory, like ships' lights.

In fog it is the great, indeed the greatest, reliance of the captain who fearlessly sees the stern from the bridge, much less another vessel close at hand. Whistles are not entirely trustworthy, and indeed under certain conditions may confuse quite as much as enlighten. Fog is the one great obstacle to safe and speedy navigation, against which science has made little progress. Science cannot reinforce eyes or glasses to the point that will penetrate the curtain of the fog, but indirectly science by the wireless telegraphy can throw out warnings which if not complete are of mighty assistance to the puzzled man on the bridge who is enabled to pick them up."

The Norwich Bulletin sighs for the good old days when men did not worry about what they ate and drank, which would naturally encourage the suggestion that the public who are fast asleep the temperance movement.

Middletown Sun. Only yearning for the good old times of peace and plenty.

South Carolina has a bill before the legislature requiring all secret societies to take out a license. They might make that measure apply to the family, too, for that is something of a secret society.

Senator Tillman, since that Oregon exposure, appears to be suffering from the rabies of suspicion to such an extent that he snaps at any innocent inquirer.

If the members of the house would carefully study the rules for avoiding sunstroke they might be the better prepared to lighten other strokes.

A GREAT EVANGELICAL CAMPAIGN.

The great evangelical campaign of a month's duration, with 50 evangelists in active employment, will interest church people in all parts of the country.

A Boston paper, announcing the concerted opening of the work, on Tuesday, said:

"In the projected revival there is perhaps the largest concentration of religious organizations and forces that Boston has ever known. The movement follows a different plan from most of the evangelizing enterprises of the past. It is a simultaneous effort of a hundred and fifty churches of various denominations, with evening 'centers' for gathering in those who are still unchurched and unresponsive to the ordinary religious appeals. Some preliminary work was done in various pulpits yesterday. From one of them it was stated that while the usual revival meetings convert the sinner for only a short time, after which he relapses into his old life, the aim of the present movement is not only to win men but to hold them.

"These meetings are planned to appeal to the conscience as well as to the emotions. That is certainly essential to permanent results. Too often when emotions have been stirred they have been mistaken for the voice of the Holy Spirit, and when the sinner has relapsed into his old life, the cause of his relapse is too often found not to have been affected.

"However opinions may differ as to method, the end in view must appeal to all good and virtuous people, and nothing but good in whatever promise moral and spiritual uplift, because that inevitably benefits the civic and social life as well as the life of the individual. It is not a question now as to the expediency of the plan, but as to the wisdom of it, and it is at once to be put in operation and no obstacles should be placed in the way of giving it the fullest and freest trial, with a hope that the results will be all that are anticipated."

A RISING WAR CLOUD.

The rising war cloud to which The Bulletin would call attention is not hanging over Brazil for Japan, but over Long Island, and since it is not a war of conquest but simply an economic strife, it promises to spread.

Massachusetts and Connecticut are waging an economic war against the sly moth, New Jersey against the mosquito and San Francisco against the flea, and now war has been commenced against the rats of Gowanus bay, with a view of their extermination.

It has been estimated by the United States department of agriculture that the damage done annually to food products, grain, buildings, etc., by the gnawing of rats and their destruction of edible stores, aggregates at least \$100,000,000.

It is believed that \$100,000,000 a year is too much to sacrifice to rats, to say nothing of these rodents as multipliers of other vermin and spreaders of disease.

New Jersey thinks its \$8,000,000 of loss is worth saving; San Francisco had to end its rats and its fleas; and Connecticut will find it profitable to get rid of her rodents.

The anti-rat war, which has been commenced at the Erie basin under the supervision of the federal government, is in part a discovery by the director of the laboratory of agricultural biology in the Pasteur Institute, Paris. It has been used successfully in France and England. It is not a poison, it is innocuous to children, to cats, dogs, chickens and animals not rodents. It inoculates the rats with a disease from which they die in a few days, and it is administered to them by means of baited and spread on bread or biscuits and then placing it where rats can get it.

If this virus works well it will be eagerly sought for by the people. It would save millions to New England farmers alone.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

There is one consolation for the faddist-faddist and fool have not yet become synonymous.

A western paper asks, "If money really talks, why do business men use it in making signs?"

Oklahoma's blind senator and Rhode Island's blind boss are open-eyed to their business, anyhow.

The government is so committed to irrigation that it will issue wet licenses for dry territory.

A January thunder storm can furnish no special reason why it should be to be the "Maud" of the heavens.

The American hall of fame should be confined wholly to the secret services. The other Hall of Fame is no haul.

The "fearsome foursome" is said to be a golf situation which is more interesting than anything in route.

Do not let love prompt you to endorse a note, for if you do you may come up against a lawyer instead of a lover.

When the American Indians were discovered they smoked tobacco. This is our only strong resemblance to the aborigines.

The governor of Kansas declares that every man ought to read his Bible and his newspaper without assistance.

Sunkissed Norwich must not get the impression that she is a special favorite of Old Sol's, but she is oscillating in all parts of the country.

Signor Ferraro has a mighty poor opinion of the writers of ancient history. It is apparent enough that they never stickled over the truth.

"Happy thought for today: When 'dog eat dog' ceases to be a political slogan, it will be the greatest millennium may be considered at hand.

Eighty per cent of Ireland's emigrants come to this country. They have always been famous for knowing a good thing when they saw it.

Postmaster Allen of Middletown must feel the person who cried, "Hark! hark! simply assumed authority and should not have been noticed.

At a High Tension. Every editor in Augusta, Ga., writes his name in the address himself directly to a president of the United States. The high tension is dangerous.—Memphis News Scimitar.

Not for a Domestic Reading. "Why Clever Girls Don't Marry" is the title of an article published in a London paper. But don't read it in a London paper, it won't entertain a Toledo Blade.

THE BULLETIN'S DAILY STORY AT THE COUNTRY STORE.

How Sim Found a Cure for Indecision

"There had been an undecided customer in the store who had hovered for ten minutes between two grades of draw shaves and was asked by the clerk that he would look around a while and see if there wasn't something over at the hardware store, which would suit him better. The storekeeper appeared to the lounging group about the stove.

"Well, what do you s'pose he'll find that'll suit him any better?" he asked in an exasperated tone.

"A can opener, mebbe," ventured Newt Foster, jocosely. "After he studies on it a spell longer he'll probably conclude it's a long-handled shovel he needs."

"If Rufe had jest handed him out the one kind he'd have took it without any trouble," said Sol Baker. "When you give like Sim's case, it kinder mixes him up. He don't know right well what to do.

"That's how Sim was with everythin'—politics, religion, temperance, horse tradin', food for his stock an' food for himself, an' gals an' cut'n' hams an' hall insurance an' the race problem an' home fertilizer. Some times he'd come one way about 'em an' take the other way about 'em an' take the other way about 'em."

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"Well, that's the other little gentleman going to give me?"

"In future," said Stevenson, as they strode coldly on, "I shall be the other little gentleman."

Northern Mexico is well adapted for the cultivation of the pecan tree. One of the largest firms in Mexico is sending Harvey C. Sillos of Raymondville, Tex., to Florida to purchase 200,000 young trees to be set out next January in the northern part of the state of Coahuila, Mexico.

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