

BETTERING THE MILK
 Report of Committee to Special Commission.
 REPLY MADE TO A CRITICISM
 Alleged Opposition to Reasonable Requirements.
 ENDEAVOR TO PROMOTE PURITY
 Evidence That Lactal Fluid is a Cause of Disease—Development of Germs.

At the fourth meeting of the special milk commission appointed by the District Commissioners to consider means of bettering the local milk supply from a sanitary viewpoint, a report was submitted by Dr. G. M. Kober, Emilie Berliner, Dr. G. L. Magruder, Dr. C. F. Mason, Dr. A. D. Melvin, Dr. J. R. Mohler, Dr. M. J. Roseman, Col. R. G. Smith and E. H. Webster, replying to a criticism and recommending a number of immediate safeguards until the needed reforms in dairy methods are accomplished, as follows:

The committee on the sanitary relations of the milk supply, to which was referred May 7 a letter from Mr. F. R. Horner, a member of the milk conference, and presented to the conference at its meeting held May 1, begs leave to submit the following report:

The committee believes that Mr. Horner is perfectly honest and conscientious in his views and doubtless has the best interests of the community at heart. On the other hand, the consumers of milk, and especially the innocent and helpless babies, have some rights, and public health demands that the facts concerning milk in relation to disease should be presented and remedial steps taken at the earliest possible opportunity.

Substance of Report.

The report states: "It is a remarkable fact that every attempt to improve the purity of this invaluable article of food should be promptly opposed by the milk industry, which constitutes a strong spoke in the commercial wheel and evidently considers it meddling interference with their trade. These men evidently do not know, and cannot know, that such hydra-headed diseases as cholera infantum, scarlet fever and diphtheria have been disseminated in the milk supply; that typhoid fever epidemics have been thus caused, and that milk may be the vehicle of the germs of tuberculosis and other infectious diseases and morbid agents."

"Pure natural milk can only be secured at dairies with sanitary buildings, a pure water supply, healthy well-cared and well-kept cows, a well-equipped and well-kept milk room, provisions for thorough cleaning, and conscientious and conscientious people in charge and clean methods throughout. There are a number of persons, thanks to the training received at the dairy schools, who make a honest effort to place on the market milk obtained under such conditions, but by far the majority are indifferent to hygienic requirements and would prefer the good old days, when there was no control even to prevent the shameful adulterations of milk by the intentional addition of water, the removal of some of its cream, or the addition of skimmed milk, practices which alas still exist."

"After declaring that honorable men will not object to regulations calculated to promote purity of milk and the health of their customers, the report continues:

Cause of Disease.
 "1. It has been shown by the most painstaking investigations extending over a long period of years that certain diseases in the animal are communicable to man through the medium of the milk, this especially true of tuberculosis, foot and mouth disease, anthrax, and other diseases that cause fever, gastro-enteritis and septic fevers in the cow will render the milk morbid to man."

"2. It has been shown that animals which have fed on poisonous forage plants or have been treated with strong medicinal agents for any of all causes are disqualified from producing a pure or sound milk."

"3. It has been shown that during the past twenty-five years there have been published in the different medical journals the histories of 156 epidemics of typhoid fever, 29 of scarlet fever and 36 of diphtheria, all traceable to milk supply."

"4. It has been shown in a former report that about one-fourth of all the children born in this district die of infectious diseases, chiefly infantile diarrhoea, and that of the 54,947 infantile deaths which have been investigated at home and abroad with reference to the cause, 86 per cent had been artificially fed, all of which points with more than mere suspicion to the fact that the morbid agent is introduced into the body with the food (cow's milk)."

Washington Market Milk.
 "The Washington market milk compares favorably with the supply in other cities; there is no evidence to show that it is worse, but there is abundant evidence to indicate that stale and infected cream is everywhere responsible for a needless sacrifice of human life, and it is clearly the duty of the state to take what precaution it can to prevent sickness and distress. To indicate the value of sanitary control in this city it may be stated that since the enactment of a pure milk law in this city the percentage of deaths in children under one year of age to the total deaths of all ages has been reduced from 26.94 to 18.36 in 1905."

Should Be Borne by Consumer.
 "The use of ice will result in a slight increase in the cost, and your committee is not unmindful of the fact that while everything else may advance in price without serious remonstrance, loud cries are made whenever a progressive dairyman declares that the production of clean, wholesome milk involves an advance of one or two cents a quart."

"The inspections made are unannounced and at irregular intervals, so as to insure maintenance of the prescribed standard. Any neglected condition is immediately reported to the commission, which decides whether or not the cause is sufficient to withdraw and cancel the last certificate issued."

"Your committee is aware that even with such precautions accidents are liable to occur, but to insist upon inspection of the cows before each delivery, although it is characterized as unreasonable and as a flag of theorists."

"Certified milk is reasonably safe, but this is no guarantee that the milk will not contain germs of disease, and those who desire to guard against this slight risk should pasteurize it in the home."

Pasteurizing Milk Depots.
 "It must be apparent that it will require time and education to secure compliance with even reasonable safeguards, and it is equally evident that the number of dairy farms now in a position to live up to sanitary requirements will supply but a small percentage of the population, although it is hoped that they will be stimulated into existence by trade competition and the refusal of the public to buy dirty milk at any price."

"Until this is accomplished the committee, in the interest of public health, strongly advocates clarification and pasteurization of all milk. This, to be sure, will not make bad milk good, but it will at least destroy its power to transmit disease germs."

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- Linen Finish Newport Suiting.**
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- 25c Printed St. Gall Swiss, 18c.
 50 pieces 27-inch White-ground Embroidered Swiss; in the new, and elaborate, in pink, printed effects of pink, blue, red, helio and black; for summer dresses; 25c value, for, yard... **18c**
- Mosquito Netting, 50c Piece.
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- Tartane, 1 1/2c a Yard.
 60 inches wide; for covering pictures and mirrors; all colors, a yard... **12 1/2c**
- WHITE.**
 English Longcloth, \$1.50.
 100 pieces of Longcloth; 36 inches wide; 12 yards to the piece; chambray finish; made especially for us; cut from the piece; worth 15c yard, per piece... **\$1.50**
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Owing to the backward season our dress goods stock is still very large. The assortment of colors, the variety of weaves, practically speaking, has no limit. These dress goods are materially reduced. It will pay you to come and look them over. The reductions are from 1/3 to 1/2 off regular prices.

- 69c Black Mohair, 50c.
 44-inch Lustrous Black Mohair Seiliani; 60c quality. Special... **50c**
- \$1 Black Mystral, 49c.
 44-inch All-wool Imported Mystral; beautiful black and wool; \$1.00 value. Special... **49c**
- \$1.69 Rain Cloths, \$1.25.
 58-inch Rainproof Cloth; in heringbone and plain weaves; light weight; \$1.50 and \$1.69 quality. Special... **\$1.25**
- 60c Batiste, 39c.
 42-inch All-wool First-quality Cream Batiste; a rare bargain, indeed; only a limited number of pieces; worth 60c at, per yard... **39c**
- \$1.25 Fine Serge, 95c.
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- 98c French Voile, 69c.
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- \$1.25 Fancy Suitings, 89c.
 58-inch Fancy Suitings; in checks and stripes; \$1.25 and \$1.50 values. Special... **89c**
- \$1 Panama, 79c.
 An extra fine quality Cream Panama; only a very scarce article. \$1.50 value; worth \$1; at, per yard... **79c**
- 15c Danish Cloth, 12 1/2c.
 100 pieces Cream Half-wool Danish Cloth; washable; guaranteed first quality; not more than sixteen yards to a customer; at, per yard... **12 1/2c**
- 69c Cream Serge, 59c Yard.
 40 pieces All-wool Cream Serge; full 38 inches wide; and a very scarce article. \$1.50 value for one day only. Our regular 69c quality. Special, per yard... **59c**

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- 1 case Pinhole Cambric; extraordinary value for 12c; equal in count to the Lonsdale; suitable for ladies' and children's underwear. Special... **8 1/2c**
- Apron Gingham; the standard grades; fast colors in blue, brown, green and pink check. Special... **53c**
- 32-inch Cannon Cloth; soft finish; steam shrunk; ready for use. For ladies' use. 10c grade. Special... **83c**
- 42x36 Pillow Cases; linen finish; 3-inch hem. Special... **12 1/2c**
- 36-inch Beach Cotton; extra heavy weight; one of the best brands; but sold untampered. 10c grade. Special... **10 1/4c**
- 45x36 Pillow Cases; linen finish; 3-inch hem. Special... **15c**
- 81x99 Pullman Sheets; an extra length for brass bed and box mattresses; very heavy; torn and ironed; 3-inch hem; 95c quality. Special... **80c**
- 72x90 Standard Sheets; made of excellent cotton; 2-inch hem; torn and ironed; 28c grade. Special... **45c**
- 81x90 Standard Sheets; 3-inch hem; torn and ironed; 88c quality. Special... **48c**
- 60x90 Leopard Bleached Sheets for single bed; 2-inch hem; torn and ironed. Special... **39c**
- 72x90 Puritan Sheets; 3-inch hem; torn and ironed; extra heavy; nicely boxed; three-quarter bed size; 85c quality. Special... **70c**

Special Reductions in New Black Silks.

The backward season has, to an extent, retarded selling in our Silk Department. It is our policy to keep stocks always active and ever new, and we shall not deviate from it in this instance, although the present cost of silks is extremely high.

Therefore, excellent choice is offered of some of the finest, prettiest and most-demanded weaves of the season at

Prices Much Under Regular.

These items are typical of the reductions which have been made:

- \$1.25 Black Taffeta, 98c.
 30-inch All-silk Black Taffeta; rustling finish; heavy and very strong. Regular \$1.25 value. Special... **98c**
- \$1.25 Black Taffeta, \$1.00.
 36-inch All-silk Black Taffeta; very lustrous and strong; satisfactory wear guaranteed; \$1.25 quality. Special... **\$1.00**
- \$1.75 Black Dress Taffeta, \$1.49.
 35-inch All-silk Black Dress Taffeta; the finish is beautiful and very strong; satisfaction guaranteed; our regular \$1.75 quality, for, yard... **\$1.49**
- \$1.25 Black Beau de Soie, 98c.
 30-inch All-silk Black Beau de Soie; beautiful soft finish; perfect black and satisfactory wear; \$1.25 value. Special... **98c**
- \$1.50 Black Dress Taffeta, \$1.19.
 35-inch All-silk Black Dress Taffeta; beautiful finish; very lustrous, and guaranteed to wear \$1.50 value, for... **\$1.19**

Upholstery Materials.

We can only hint at the good offerings now featured in this department, but a visit will demonstrate that for good, dependable upholsteries at little cost the spring home-beautifier need go no farther than this store.

- \$8.75 Set of Slip Covers, \$7.50.
 This set is for 5 pieces of furniture, and allows for 25 yards of best linene; fit guaranteed; French seamed, and made by an expert; full line of colors and patterns to select from. \$8.75 value for... **\$7.50**
- \$2.00 Tamative Summer Portieres, \$1.59.
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- Light-finish doors; all sizes; grill effect in center; 2 corner pieces and brace through center. Complete... **\$1.29**
- Light-finish Doors; 3-inch stile; 1 1/2-inch thick; selected fine lumber; fine grille at top and center; cross at bottom; very strong. Special... **\$1.75**
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Laces.

- Point de Paris Lace and Insertion in match sets and all widths. These laces are pretty in design and sold for 15c and 18c a yard. Now, yard... **10c**
- Chiffon Veiling, in all the leading shades; regular width sold for 30c a yard. Special, yd... **30c**
- Made Chiffon Veils; 1 1/2 yards long; in black, brown, navy, white, light blue, and garnet. Cream and gray. These veils are regular 60c value. Now, piece... **59c**
- All-over lace, in white and cream; 18 inches wide; pretty design; signs; used for yoke and waist; sold for 75c a yard. Now... **59c**
- White and Cream Nets; 45 inches wide; regular 75c value. Now... **59c**
- All-over Black Silk Lace; 45 inches wide; pretty design, and pretty designs; \$1.25 sold for \$1.49. Now... **\$1.25**

Embroidery.

- An entirely new line of Corset Cover Embroidery, on fine nainsook, with ribbon space, elaborately embroidered. Regular value, 75c. Special, yard... **50c**
- Beautifully Embroidered 8-inch Bandings; about 20 pieces in all. Actual worth, \$1.00. Special, yard... **35c**
- Embroidered Skirting, 27 inches wide, on sheer guinea, for robes and children's dresses. Regular value, \$1.50 a yard. Special, yard... **\$1.00**
- 150 pieces of Corset Embroidery that sells regularly for \$1.40 a yard. Special, yard... **\$1.00**
- One lot of Nainsook and Swiss Embroidery. Former price, 25c a yard. Special, yd... **18c**
- Red Embroidery Banding, for kimono and children's dresses. 20c value. Special, yard... **15c**

Ribbons.

- 5 and 6-in. a-all-silk extra fine quality Taffeta and Mosseline Ribbons; all colors; regular 35c and 30c quality. Special, yard... **25c**
- 14-inch Black Satin Ribbon; velvet ribbon; superior quality; regular 25c quality. Special, yard... **18c**

Linings.

- Sampson Silk. The best, strongest and most durable lining silk made. We guarantee for one year. Comes in all colors. The most appropriate material for making slips for your lightweight summer gowns. Guaranteed all pure silk. Yard... **58c**
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- 39c Muslin Drawers, 29c.
 Drawers, open and closed, made of muslin and cambric; cut full; finished with deep ruffle, full of fine tucks and hemstitching. Sizes 25, 27, 29. Actual value, 39c. Special... **29c**
- 79c Chemises, 59c.
 Long Skirt Chemises, of cambric and longcloth, finished with deep ruffle and rows of fine tucks; yoke of embroidery heading and ribbons. 79c value for... **59c**
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- Silk Featherbone; black or 6c white; yard... **6c**
- Cotton Featherbone; black or 5c white; yard... **5c**
- Five-yard pieces Angora Skirt 8c. Braild, piece... **8c**
- Boys' Pants Waistbands; made of good quality white jean; each... **5c**
- Skirt Gauge and Marker, for marking the bottom of skirt, 22c... **48c**
- Transparent Collar Supporters; 5c set... **5c**
- Stocking Feet; all sizes; black and white; pair... **5c**

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24 inches.	15 inches.	26 inches.	30 cents.
24 inches.	20 inches.	33 inches.	30 cents.
24 inches.	22 inches.	37 inches.	30 cents.
24 inches.	25 inches.	41 inches.	35 cents.
28 inches.	20 inches.	33 inches.	35 cents.
28 inches.	25 inches.	41 inches.	42 cents.
30 inches.	25 inches.	41 inches.	45 cents.
36 inches.	28 inches.	45 inches.	55 cents.

government, or, preferably, by private enterprise, which plan should be under the supervision of the health department.

"Milk should never be sold by grocery stores or milk shops, unless such milk has been delivered to such establishments in original sealed bottles, and only then when there is provision for maintaining the milk at a temperature of 50 degrees F.

Immediate Remedial Action.
 "Your committee is so strongly impressed with the manifold dangers connected with the milk supply that until the needed reforms in dairy methods are accomplished typhoid fever rate even only 10 per cent by this simple method, not to mention infantile diarrhoea and other infectious diseases, it is clearly our duty to do it."

"3. Your committee recommends that the results of the recent investigations into the milk supply, conducted by the bureau of public health and marine hospital service, the bureau of animal industry, and the bureau of chemistry of the Agricultural Department, with a view of supplementing the work of the health department, which on account of its limited force and laboratory facilities could not possibly conduct such an exhaustive investigation, be placed at the disposal of the Commissioners of the District."

"4. In conclusion, your committee recommends that until the health department shall be in control of a bacteriological laboratory and a sufficient number of inspectors that the health officer request the continuance of the co-operation of the bureau of public health and marine hospital service and the Department of Agriculture for improving the local milk supply."

At the beginning of the year 1906 the United Kingdom had 2,117 miles of tramways.

Wreck Destroyed With Dynamite.
 The revenue cutter service officials at the Treasury Department have received notice from Capt. Perry, commanding the cutter Gresham on the Boston station, that the recent cruise of the vessel after the schooner Everett Webster, reported derelict and dangerous to navigation on the North Atlantic coast, was unsuccessful, no trace of the vessel being found.

On the cruise, however, the Gresham discovered the wreck of a fishing schooner in latitude 71 degrees 42 minutes and longitude 98 degrees and 27 minutes. The vessel was cut in two and had apparently been in collision, and from what could be seen seemed to be new. One mast was showing above the water, with sails set, and the fishing dories used in deep-sea fishing were still attached to the sunken craft. Capt. Perry destroyed the wreck with dynamite.

In a census of the world the percentage of blind persons is 64 to every 1,000,000. The British empire has an area of 12,000,000 square miles, a coast line of 43,000 miles and a population of 400,000,000.