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UNINTENTIONAL SUICIDES. —

Three women found dead in their chairs about a gas stove in a small closed sitting room in an Ohio town were the first victims of carbon monoxide poisoning this fall.

The women had gathered for a quiet chat, with sewing in hand, and the gas from the stove had put them into a stupor which ended in death.

Many persons will die thus needlessly and without warning before spring comes again.

The tragedies will be due in most instances to the use of gas stoves which are not connected with a flue, or to the use of gas heaters in unventilated rooms, or to the use of rubber pipes or other temporary connections which break easily, or which may be accidentally disconnected.

Even a small quantity of carbon monoxide may prove fatal. When inhaled it combines with the red coloring matter of the blood in such a way that it prevents the absorption of oxygen. One per cent of it in the air will kill a horse in two minutes.

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning are headaches, dizziness and nausea. Persons who sleep in unventilated rooms often wonder why they have some of these symptoms in the morning. Their headaches would disappear if they would throw open the windows of their bedrooms every night.

Gas heaters are often installed in bathrooms without outside connections. And at this season of the year a small gas stove is sometimes set up temporarily to take the chill from a part of the house. When these things are handled carelessly, tragedies may result.

Most towns have fairly good laws governing the sale of gas heaters which are dangerous, but in spite of the regulations, thoughtless persons, women who are too busy to stop to think, and uninformed or irresponsible persons manage somehow to misuse gas as a fuel at a terrible risk of their own and others' lives.

Safety first:

Do not use a gas stove without flue connections.

Be sure that the flue does not get choked up.

Have a "fresh air crack" in the window or door of every room in which a gas heater is burning.

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—By Harry Stahl.

The principal parts of speech are knowing when to cease.

SLIM CHANCE HERE

